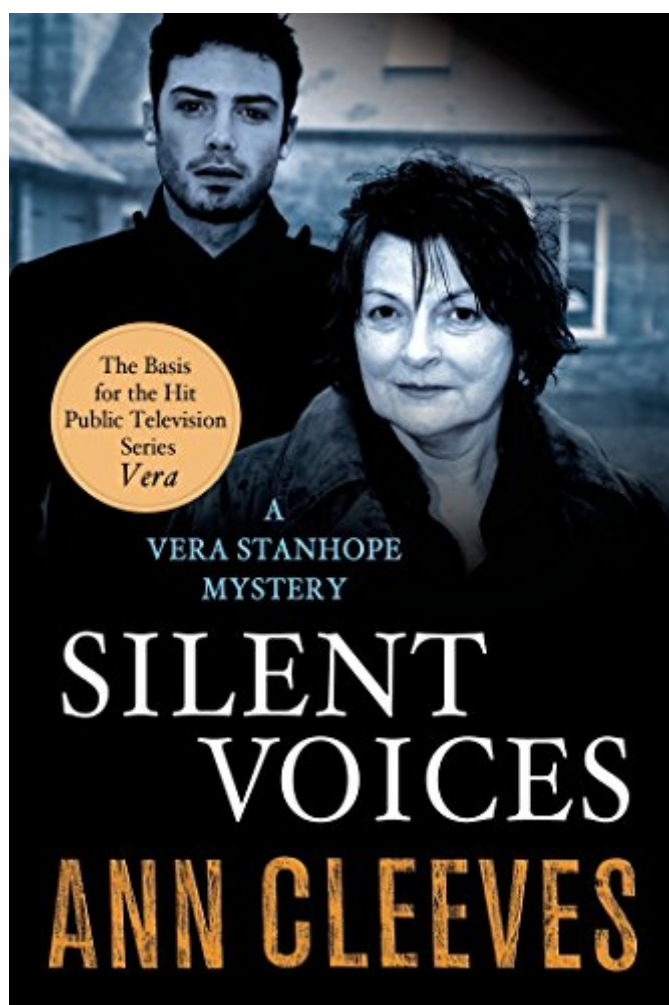


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# Silent Voices: A Vera Stanhope Mystery (Vera Stanhope Series Book 4)



## Synopsis

Ann Cleeves has thrilled readers everywhere with her critically acclaimed mystery series set in the Shetland Islands, which began with the award-winning *Raven Black*. Now, Cleeves is back with another compelling mystery series (set in Northumberland, England). This one features detective Vera Stanhope, the lead character played by Brenda Blethyn on the hit television series "Vera." Destined for the same kind of fame achieved by Colin Dexter's Inspector Morse, the show is a favorite of millions of viewers in the U.K. and is available here on Netflix, PBS, and . When Vera finds the body of a woman in the sauna of her local gym, she wonders briefly if, for once in her life, she's uncovered a simple death of natural causes. But when a closer inspection reveals bruises around the victim's throat, Vera's team start their investigation. Vera and her colleagues soon uncover details in the victim's past that may explain her untimely death. But Vera knows from experience that there's no such thing as a simple case, and this one gets more baffling by the minute. With pitch-perfect writing, a finely tuned mystery, and a protagonist with a complex past of her own, *Silent Voices* is a stand out penned by one of Britain's most successful mystery writers.

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## Customer Reviews

Ann Cleeves is a master of setting; we can breathe the very air of Northumberland. And she fleshes out her characters so clearly that I could sit and drink a pint with Vera but this writer cannot, in any of her stories, bring all the threads together and make a cohesive ending!! It's like she runs out of steam or interest. She's so good that I keep on reading her books but it's disrespectful to her readers who hang on her every word and then get let down with a finale that is never explained. Editors, help her out!!!

I wasn't fond of "Silent Voices.." It was a "lumbering" story, that seemed to go around in circles. Vera Stanhope was not what you'd expect in a British mystery; perhaps some readers would like that; but I didn't. Vera seems to want all of the "glory: for solving the murder case, while her co-detectives are not too bright. The mention of Vera's "dirty feet" were mentioned more than once; I figured that once was enough!! I know that the Vera stories are rated as being good, that's why I read it. I don't think I'll read any more!

Ms. Cleeves is the best and any story about Vera Stanhope is interesting and fun. I love the television series too.

Vera, her team members, and all the important characters are three dimensional, warts included. You have to pay close attention as many players are involved, which can be confusing as they're referred to by either their given or sir names. Best not to put the book down for long. All parts of the mystery hang together logically and the reader sees the clues just as soon as Vera. Idioms must be tolerated, some of which the reader may never decipher, 'arse' for example.

I picked up this book because I enjoyed the Shetland series and a Ramsey novel as well. Although I expected it to be somewhat dark, I found the main character too unlikeable and the others not well enough developed to make up for it.

I love the TV series Vera though I had not read any of the books so when I came across silent voices I decided to give it a try . I was concerned the TV programme may have spoiled it somewhat but it did not at all and I actually loved being able to "see" people in the book. It's a great read and I

would recommend it to crime fans .

I like these stories because they remind me of englands country side I live in Cyprus and the characters are so down to earth .its easy reading I dont want to put the book down.i shall try another in the near future.

Vera is a brilliant character - so strong, so vulnerable. Assistant is great foil. Book has that wonderful small town human overtone and brilliant at addressing human complexities. Glad I read it before I saw it, but well portrayed.

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