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Review

The Silent Girls is Vermont's own *True Detective*...Three-dimensional characters, a moody rural-noir vibe, and a compulsively readable story make this a stunner of a crime novel!

—Steve Ulfelder, Edgar finalist author of Wolverine Bros. Freight & Storage

Eric Rickstad's *The Silent Girls* is a bone-chilling mystery set in one of New England's darkest corners, the kind of place travelers are well-advised to avoid after nightfall. This well-crafted book will have you staying up late, turning pages and afraid to turn off the light.

—Paul Doiron, author of The Poacher's Son

Finely drawn characters, a narrative that beguiles and surprises and stark, poetic writing make for a novel as dark and brooding as its rural Vermont setting. The Silent Girls is both an exceptional detective story and a terrifying meditation on good and evil.

-Roger Smith, international best-selling author of Wake Up Dead, Dust Devils, Mixed Blood and Sacrifices

The Silent Girls is a thrilling ride to very dark places. I kept turning pages, scared of what I'd find but compelled to look. It'll keep you reading all the way up to its shattering conclusion.

—Jake Hinkson, author of Hell on Church Street and The Big Ugly

From the very first, a feeling of dread crept over me and stayed with me until the end, and remains with me days later. *The Silent Girls* is love and terror, a mix of intense feelings that seeps into your heart and does not go away.

—Stephen Foreman, author of the novels Watching Gideon and Toe Hold

About the Author

Eric Rickstad is the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and international bestselling author of *The Silent Girls*, *Lie in Wait*, and *Reap*, novels heralded as intelligent and profound, dark, disturbing, and heartbreaking. He lives in his home state of Vermont with his wife, daughter, and son.

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