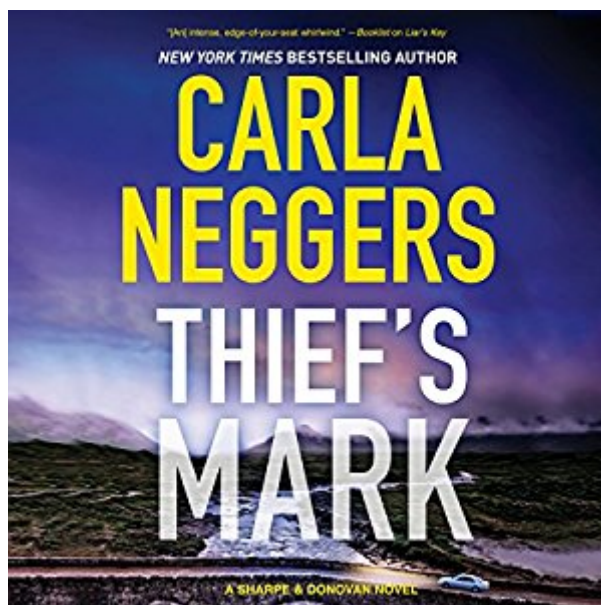


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# Thief's Mark: Sharpe & Donovan



## Synopsis

A murder in a quiet English village, long-buried secrets, and a man's search for answers about his traumatic past entangle FBI agents Emma Sharpe and Colin Donovan in the latest edge-of-your-seat Sharpe & Donovan novel. As a young boy, Oliver York witnessed the murder of his wealthy parents in their London apartment. The killers kidnapped him and held him in an isolated Scottish ruin, but he escaped, thwarting their plans for ransom. Now, after 30 years on the run, one of the two men Oliver identified as his tormentors may have surfaced. Emma Sharpe and Colin Donovan are enjoying the final day of their Irish honeymoon when a break-in at the home of Emma's grandfather, private art detective Wendell Sharpe, points to Oliver. The Sharpes have a complicated relationship with the likable, reclusive Englishman, an expert in Celtic mythology and international art thief who taunted Wendell for years. Emma and Colin postpone meetings in London with their elite FBI team and head straight to Oliver. But when they arrive at York's country home, a man is dead, and Oliver has vanished. As the danger mounts, new questions arise about Oliver's account of his boyhood trauma. Do Emma and Colin dare trust him? With the trail leading beyond Oliver's small village to Ireland, Scotland, and their own turf in the US, the stakes are high, and Emma and Colin must unravel the decades-old tangle of secrets and lies before a killer strikes again.

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## Customer Reviews

I love this book! Emma and Colin are at the end of their honeymoon in Ireland and end up pulled into a murder. Oliver York's parents' murder and his kidnapping when he was 8 years old are a big

part of this story...one I have been quite curious about. M15, Cotswolds neighbors, Balfour family history, Father Finnian Bracken in Maine are among the interesting parts of this book. Most of it takes place in England and Ireland with Maine and Scotland getting some of the action. Even if you haven't read the previous books in this series, you will enjoy this one. Ms. Neggers gives enough background that you will feel like you know the main characters.

This was a really good novel. So glad Colin and Emma got married. They make a great couple. Happy Oliver has found out the truth about his parents murders. And that he has Henrietta in his life again. He has had a tragic life. Well written Carla. Look forward to the next book.

Thief's Mark is the seventh installment in the Sharpe and Donovan series by bestselling author, Carla Neggers. The story begins with FBI agents, Emma Sharpe and Colin Donovan, on their honeymoon in Ireland, stopping off to see Emma's Grandfather, Wendell Sharpe, who runs a private art detective agency. Wendell, in his 80s, has just discovered that his home has been broken into, and appreciates that Emma and Colin are there to assist. However, when the break-in points to an Englishman they are all acquainted with and definitely don't trust, they travel to England to get the facts from Oliver York, who was previously a gifted, brilliant art thief, and who now works for M15. By the time Emma and Colin arrive, a man has been brutally murdered and Oliver has disappeared. The dead man turns out to be one of the men who kidnapped Oliver when he was eight, and murdered his parents. The main characters in this series are well-developed, and likeable. They are a bit different from the norm, in that Emma is an art expert, and worked for her Grandfather's business before becoming an agent. Colin is, of course, the-best-of-the-best when it comes to being on the FBI HIT team, and they work well together. Although Emma and Colin work in the US, and live in Maine, Neggers weaves the heritage of Ireland and Scotland into the stories, which adds charm and makes the books all the more interesting. Neggers is an excellent storyteller, and is adept in building suspense as the story evolves. There is no graphic violence, sex, or language in this novel, making it suitable for almost anyone. However, that doesn't mean that this thriller is less than exciting; rather the emphasis is on the characters, the investigation, and the English backdrop rather than shallow filler. Although it's probably best if readers start with the first and read through this series in order, Neggers adds enough background that it can be read as a standalone. This is a light, fun series, but it is much more intense than a cozy and there are twists and turns as well as a surprise ending. Highly recommended. Special thanks to NetGalley for supplying a review copy of this book.

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