



The Twisted Heart

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Canongate. 1 Paperback(s), 2010. soft. Book Condition: New. Did Charles Dickens's gruesome portrayal of murder in *Oliver Twist* inspire the killing of poor Eliza Grimwood in 1838? That's what modern-day Oxford graduate student Kit Farr wonders, in this literary mystery from the author of *The Swamp of Death* and the Orange Prize nominee *When to Walk*. A London prostitute, Grimwood was brutally butchered half a century before the Ripper murders, and Kit enlists the help of handsome math lecturer Joe Leppard to help her find the truth of young Dickens's connection to the girl. "Singularly convincing and genuinely moving. Twenty-first-century love is laid tenderly but unflinchingly bare in this ultimately strange and lingering novel." *Independent on Sunday (London)* "A genuinely puzzling historical murder mystery linking Dickens to the gruesome murder of a prostitute. Fresh and clever and very funny." *Guardian (London)* 284.



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