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Editorial Review

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This is the third in the quirky, compelling series starring British forensic archaeologist Ruth Galloway, the first of which, *The Crossing Places* (2009), won the Mary Higgins Clark Award. A group of archaeologists are surveying northeast Norfolk beaches for evidence of coastal erosion. Incidentally, the team has discovered a Paleolithic ax, a Roman bracelet, and shipwrecks. At Broughton Sea's End, they discover human remains in a gap in the cliff. The remains are a big find—six skeletons in all. Galloway is called in, along with Detective Chief Inspector Nelson, her married lover and the father of her newborn (things are complicated all around). The bones point back to WWII, the Home Guard, and a long-kept, incendiary secret. Moreover, the WWII vet who lets the police in on only the existence of the secret is found murdered. Solid characterization, believable forensic science, great atmosphere, and a mystery that stretches back decades all make this another winner from the talented Griffiths. --Connie Fletcher

Review

Praise for the Ruth Galloway Mystery Series

"Elly Griffiths draws us all the way back to prehistoric times...Highly atmospheric." —*The New York Times Book Review*

"Galloway is an everywoman, smart, successful and a little bit unsure of herself. Readers will look forward to learning more about her." —*USA Today?*

"Ruth Galloway is a remarkable, delightful character...A must-read for fans of crime and mystery fiction." —*Associated Press*

"Forensic archeologist and academic Ruth Galloway is a captivating amateur sleuth—an inspired creation. I identified with her insecurities and struggles, and cheered her on." —**Louise Penny, author of the bestselling Armand Gamache series**

"These books are must-reads." —**Deborah Crombie, author of the Duncan Kincaid/Gemma James series**

"[Ruth Galloway's] an uncommon, down-to-earth heroine whose acute insight, wry humor, and depth of feeling make her a thoroughly engaging companion." —**Erin Hart, Agatha and Anthony Award nominated author of *Haunted Ground* and *Lake of Sorrows***

"A wonderfully rich mixture of ancient and contemporary, superstition and rationality, with a cast of druids, dreamers and assorted tree-huggers as well as some thoroughly modern villains...A great series." —*The Guardian*

"[An] excellent series...Skillful and engaging." —*The Globe and Mail*

"Griffiths is one of England's freshest mystery writers. Her novels combine a dramatic sense of place with a complicated mystery, and with each new installment, her character of Ruth Galloway becomes more complex and dynamic." —*Curled Up with a Good Book*

"Griffiths does a lot to humanize forensic archaeology and serves up great dollops of historical details in her Ruth Galloway series...Griffiths is great at conveying the archaeologist's passion for finds, forensic or historic." —*Booklist, starred review*

"Griffiths is a true mystery writer." —*Ann Arbor News*

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