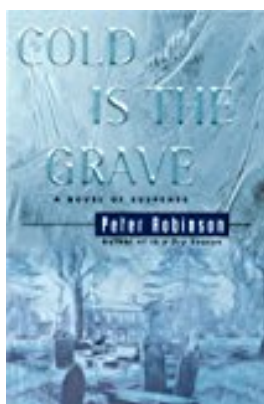


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**Description:**

**From Publishers Weekly** This 11th book about Yorkshire police officer Alan Banks is disappointing after 1999's Edgar-nominee, *In a Dry Season*, but contains enough elements of the familiar formula to satisfy dedicated fans. DCI Banks, his romance with police colleague Annie Cabbot having cooled off, is seriously thinking of asking his wife, Sandra, to end their separation and give the marriage another try. He's also applied to the National Crime Squad to escape his loathsome boss, Chief

Constable Riddle. But just as Banks is packing for a weekend train jaunt to Paris, the wretched Riddle calls to ask a favor. Riddle's nine-year-old son, snooping around on the Internet, has come upon a naked picture of his 16-year-old sister, Emily, who ran away from home and disappeared into the London drugs and smut cesspool. Despite their mutual hatred, Banks realizes what it took for Riddle to ask for his help in finding the girl. Just can't refuse. This part of the story works well; Robinson makes no attempt to soften the nastiness of the stupid, resentful and politically ambitious Riddle or the apparent coldness of Riddle's wife. But things begin to get more complicated and less believable when the powerful London criminal with whom Emily has been living appears to be implicated in murder and business fraud in Yorkshire. Too many plot coincidences and clichés (a man is described as being "bald as a coot" twice) finally work against Robinson's greatest strength: his ability to keep Banks an interesting, realistic and changing human being. Agent, Dominick Abel. 6-city author tour. (Oct.)

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**From** The latest installment in the Alan Banks series, and the sequel to the Edgar-nominated *In A Dry Season* [BKL Mr 15 99], again expands the boundaries of the traditional English village with Robinson's canny exploration of contemporary evil and his wry characterization of a detective who remains a mystery to himself. Chief Inspector Alan Banks, whose children he admits to ignoring until their problems grew too great, finds his domestic situation of estranged wife, rogue son, and rebellious teen daughter looking rosy compared to that of his archenemy and boss, Chief Constable Riddle. Six months after Riddle's 16-year-old daughter, Emily, ran away from a posh boarding school, her younger brother discovers her, naked, on a pornographic Web site. Despite his longstanding detestation of Banks, Riddle begs him to find out what has become of his daughter. Banks must investigate as a private citizen, because of Riddle's fears for his own reputation, complicating his tour of the London high-end drug world that Emily now inhabits. Banks discovers the precariousness of Emily's position in her new life and, more disturbingly, the grotesque truth behind a facade of perfect family life. A cunningly constructed plot, enhanced by Robinson's engaging descriptions and insights. *Connie Fletcher*

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