

The Angel: Act I (An Isabella Rose Thriller Book 1)

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Synopsis

White light. Heat. A drawn-out moment of complete silence. And then the screaming starts. An Underground carriage in London is destroyed by a suicide bomber. The injured and the dead litter the platform. But as a crowd forms at street level, Michael Pope knows that this is only the beginning. Pope, head of top-secret Group Fifteen, is tasked with finding the perpetrators of this atrocity and bringing them to justice, any way he can. He knows that the answers to many of his questions will lie at the end of the money trail, but he also knows that whoever funded and organised the attack will kill again for their freedom. This is an operation that requires a very special kind of agent. Pope needs someone who exists outside of normality. Someone who floats above it, treading softly through a fractured life. He needs the Angel. The Angel is the first part in a continuing story involving Isabella Rose. The story will be continued in Act II, The Asset.

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About the Author Mark Dawson has worked as a lawyer and currently works in the London film industry. His first books, *The Art of Falling Apart* and *Subpoena Colada*, have been published in multiple languages. He is currently writing three series. The John Milton series features a disgruntled assassin who aims to help people make amends for the things that he has done. The Beatrix Rose series features the headlong fight for justice of a wronged mother—who happens to be an assassin—against the six names on her Kill List. *Soho Noir* is set in the West End of London between 1940 and 1970. The first book in the series, *The Black Mile*, deals with the (real-life but little-known) serial killer who operated in the area during the Blitz. *The Imposter* traces the journey of a criminal family through the period; it has been compared to *The Sopranos* in austerly London. Mark lives in Wiltshire with his family.

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What people say about this book

David H. Eisenberg, "Same quality as John Milton series, little more cardboard. I like Mark's books. He probably needs a better editor (no offense) b/c there seems to be at least one glaring mistake per book, although I admit, I notice then ignore them. Some people it will bother though. Personally, I like the John Milton series best. But, I like these a little bit better than the Beatrix Rose short series (Isabella's mother, if somehow you don't know that). It is the same pure action-genre stuff and its not Le Carre either. There are few surprises and characters do what you expect them to do. But, his writing is good, the stories move fast and don't get bogged down and his lead characters are likeable. There's very little sex (thank God - no one writes sex well) and the heroes are not invincible. Isabella's young, so I suppose she has room to grow. Just enjoy them. That's all."

Connie Nelsen, "Mark Dawson has done it again with The Angel. Mark Dawson has done it again. The Isabella Rose series first novel did not disappoint. Kind of picking up the characters in John Milton Series. Full of suspense and lots of action. Characters very well developed. The first part of the book is setting up not only the book but this whole series. The character development revolves around the rapidly movement of the story. I could hardly put it down. Mark Dawson is one of my favorite authors. A style all his own but equal to many of the big name mystery writers. Don't miss this series. I am still reading the series....one after the other as I can't seem to stop. I'm not sure I've ever done this before. Don't wait any longer, get this book and start reading this series."

Lee Pettit, "Another Quality Character and Good Read..... Having read all the Milton series, starting group 15, Beatrix Rose and now Isabella. I've got say Mark Dawson has my complete attention. The stories are well crafted and the adventures are always taking place in real parts of the world which I enjoy learning about as I read, it shows to me an author who does a lot of detailed researching to give his plots legitimacy. Action aplenty, great characters and story.....what more could I wish for ..thanks Mark thoroughly enjoy your work."

Colleen R., "If the author wants 5 stars, each book in series needs to be complete on its own.. While I love the characters, the plot moves along in a clunky fashion. And I don't like the lack of resolution for the the ending. It is just a come on to read the next one. I would read the next in the series and look forward to it even more eagerly if there was an end to Book 1. Instead it appears that Book and Book 2 is just the first book chopped in half. In the Beatrix Rose series, each Book had its own closure. I consider how Book 1 ended to be a cheap trick. I expect more from Dawson. If he wants 5 star reviews for each book, each one needs to be complete on its own."

MoziDogReads, "I strongly recommend reading the Beatrix Rose novels before you embark on I strongly recommend reading the Beatrix Rose novels before you embark on the Isabella

Rose series. To fully enjoy the novels you need to know the backstory. You should also know that there are, at the moment, three novels in the series and the first two end in cliff-hangers. I haven't finished the third yet but I understand, as another is planned, I expect it will too. You will need to commit to all the novels to get to the final denouement. That, for me, is not a chore! As with all Dawson's novels they are action-packed page turners and this and the other Rose novels are quick and satisfying reads. It is good to see a powerful, female protagonist."

Bernadette Bevans, "Fantastic Series of Books. Would Highly Recommend.. This book popped up advertised on my Kindle Unlimited. I thought the idea of the girl being so young in the synopsis seemed interesting and gave it a go, not thinking it would be anything spectacular. I was reading it on a Saturday and found that I kept reading and reading. When it got to the bombs going off in London, I realised that this book was something really spectacular and worthy of note. I could not put it down! It was so gripping, readable with an awesome plot, current and very well written. Not too much bad language which was good, some authors go really over the top with that and it spoils the whole atmosphere and ruins the characters. I liked this book so much I bought it even though I was able to read it for free the first time on Kindle unlimited. Another thing I found just great were the characters, especially Isabella Rose, I was fascinated with her, her story and especially her home in Marrakech; I found myself looking up Riads and the idea of them really gave the book setting a great atmosphere. Michael Pope was my favourite character, so well written, likeable, reliable and honourable too. I have read this book 3 times now which is extremely rare for me. Before going onto the next one I went back in the timeline and I read all of the Beatrix Rose books that I'd never heard of and which were absolutely awesome too. If you want a good read that is gripping, which allows you to become lost in some fascinating and exciting locations then I would definitely recommend this book and this whole series. It's both entertaining and thought provoking too. If I could give more than 5 stars I would!"

Guy, "Book 1 in a 4-book series.. As other reviewers have stated – you should read the "Beatrix Rose" books before you start on this 4-book "Isabella Rose" series. Thus, you get the necessary background to these action-packed thrillers by Mark Dawson. As I said, there are 4 relatively short books in this series and you really need to treat them as a single novel or you will be left rather disappointed as each part ends without a conclusion. Alas, this is becoming a common but disappointing practice among Kindle book publishers. Pope, our co-star, is a government security specialist who tries to unravel apparent conspiracy and deceit by senior people in government. He faces one impossible situation after another as even his closest family get embroiled in the affairs. Isabella Rose proves to be a surprisingly able accomplice - a girl with an intriguing upbringing. The series is well worth the read. I just find having to buy 4 books for 1 story a tad disappointing. Hence, the 4-star rating."

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