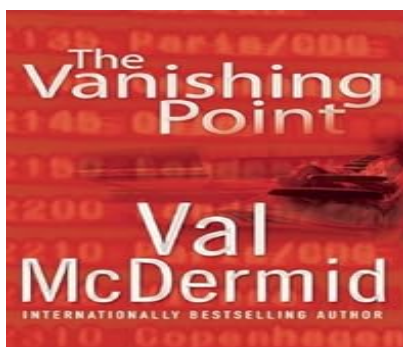


The Vanishing Point By Val McDermid **The Vanishing Point mystery box** The narrative unfolds both in the present day and in flash-backs which has the potential to be confusing but McDermid does it well and it was easy to follow what was going on. **The Vanishing pointworld** After a while though Stephanie seems to be able to function pretty well and Jimmy's disappearance seems like a problem she needs to solve and not the emotional wrecking ball that it should. **Vanishing point extended edition** Transiting through Chicago O'Hare Airport English writer Stephanie Harker is pulled aside for additional security screening - this is hardly a surprise as she has a plate and screws in her leg from a car accident in her past and she's used to them setting off airport metal detector devices. **The Vanishing Point epub download** Attempting to reassure Jimmy while he waits for her on the air-side of the security checkpoint Stephanie can only watch on in horror as a stranger dressed in a TSA (Transportation Security Administration) uniform approaches Jimmy and leads him away into the airport. **The vanishing point by andrea hotere** Stephanie's understandable hysterical reaction only causes delay in the search for Jimmy - the TSA officials assume she's resisting the security screening and taser her twice before taking her into custody. **Vanishing point meaning** Scarlett came to fame as an enfant terrible of reality television but has gradually redeemed herself in the public eye through marriage motherhood a talk-show career and a publicly-fought battle with breast cancer. **Vanishing point b-24 book** In the course of exploring Stephanie and Scarlett's relationship Val McDermid tackles issues including the pressures of celebrity the disconnect between real life and public image the bonds that can grow between women the far-reaching impacts of dysfunctional and abusive relationships and the challenges confronting those supporting a person facing a terminal diagnosis. **The Vanishing Point mystery ranch** It's clear that McDermid has drawn upon her own considerable experience both as an investigative journalist and in the publishing industry generally in developing the central character of Stephanie. **The Vanishing pointxyzinormal** The supporting characters are also well-developed - from Scarlett and her entourage to Stephanie's creepy and threatening partner Pete to her new love interest MET Detective Sergeant Nick Nicolaides. **The vanishing point magazine** The narrative moves back and forwards in time between Stephanie and McKuras's drawn out conversation at O'Hare to preceding events in the UK and between the points of view of Stephanie Special Agent McKuras and DS Nicolaides. **The Vanishing pointxyzl** As Stephanie McKuras and Nicolaides determine that this was a targeted crime and work through the possible suspects in Jimmy's abduction the reader's suspicions are pulled first one way then another as the characters hurtle towards a shocking confrontation with a ruthless villain. **The Vanishing Point kindle unlimited** That said there are potential triggers for some readers including child abduction a scene depicting reasonably low-level child cruelty coercive control and terminal illness so it won't suit everyone. **The vanishing point andrea hotere** While I haven't loved all of her novels I've considered her to be a reliable crime fiction writer with a range extending from quirky private detective stories to solid police procedurals to more gruesome psychological thrillers. **Vanishing point meaning** Five year old Jimmy Higgins is abducted from O'Hare Airport while his guardian ghost writer Stephanie Harker is waiting for a security pat-down necessitated by a metal plate in her leg setting off the metal detector. **The Vanishing Point mystery machine** Not so much the story itself which may have been interesting if it had been a memoir but the fact that it's supposed to be the record of an interview following the abduction of a child. **The Vanishing pointwestcu** She starts way before his birth and it goes on and on and on for at the very least 400 pages! And the only things you hear about are the kid's mum's life fame and death. **Vanishing point free online** I can usually go with pretty much all kind of plots in crime books (if I wanted to read real crimes I would) but this was so far-fetched even I found myself rolling my eyes every two sentences. **The Vanishing pointy hat** His mother was Scarlett a reality TV star who dying of cancer and alienated from her unreliable family entrusted the boy to the person she believed best able to give him a happy stable life: her ghost writer Stephanie Harker. **The vanishing point book** Has Jimmy been taken by his own relatives? Is Stephanie's obsessive ex-lover trying to teach her a lesson? Has one of Scarlett's stalkers come back to haunt them all? A powerful grippingly-plotted thriller that will keep readers on the edge of their seats until the end

The Vanishing Point showcases McDermid at the height of her talent. **Vanishing point forever book** I loved this story - a gripping story well told kept me page turning when I needed to go to sleep and the ending was completely unexpected !!! I have heard that some people have avoided this book due to comparisons with one of the main characters and Jade Goody the girl who died tragically young after finding fame via a reality show. **Vanishing point free online** Really liked this and am envious of people who haven't yet read it because they can read it afresh! Dig in enjoy @ValMcDermid 0802120520 I was really excited to see the new Val McDermid book come into my local library and hoped for great things as the last two books were not as good as her previous ones. **EBook The Vanishing point** I may be just getting to a stage where this particular type of crime fiction novel does not cut it for me anymore and I can't just take it as suspending your sense of belief and rolling with it. **The vanishing point andrea hotere** Stephanie proceeds to tell the story of how she became the child's guardian starting with how she met his mother and this is all a little loosely based on Jade Goody there are a lot of parallels. **The Vanishing Point epub torrent** 0802120520 There are certain authors I always can count on to provide me with an excellent read a brief escape into a world I can laugh at or be mesmerized by a world that shakes me to the core for one reason or another. **Vanishing point trailer 1971** For a woman who shows a lot of inner strength and is clearly able to take care of herself Stephanie seems too insecure beyond what could be attributed to her past relationship. **EBook The Vanishing point series** Stephanie knows she will have to be screened or patted down because of the metal in her leg so why wouldn't she make sure the child stayed close by? As much as we the public dislike the behavior of a few TSA employees (and as much as we may hate the whole system) I have a hard time believing they would so totally dismiss her screams for help when she sees what's happening. **The Vanishing pointxyzinormal** And when it becomes obvious that time is critical no FBI agent would allow Stephanie to go on and on with the backstory nor would Stephanie want to blather on while little is being done to find Jimmy. **Vanishing point crash** Unfortunately with such plot holes early on I found it hard to engage with the story or even take it as seriously as such a topic deserves but I did finish the book hoping Ms. **The Vanishing pointy** About the first half of the book is devoted to the back story supposedly narrated by Stephanie at O'Hare Airport to an FBI agent although in much more detail than such a story could possibly involve including lots of food drink and some drugs. **Mystery The Vanishing pointclickcare login** Stephanie Harker is a professional ghost writer who drafts the life stories of famous folk and Jimmy is the son of a reality television star Scarlett Higgins a kind of cross between Jade Goody and Katie Price that draws heavily on aspects of both these women's lives (most definitely in the case of Goody),

The Vanishing pointxyzinormal



This was my first Val McDermid book and while I didn't rate it very highly I finished the book thinking I will probably try another one of her books: **The Vanishing pointxyzinormal** She writes very well the plot moved along and many of the characters were well-fleshed out, **Vanishing point trailer** But there were several things I didn't like about this particular book: **Vanishing point crash** The plot description on McDermid's website describes a theme of the book as the

extraordinary lengths to which a parent will go to protect their child: **The vanishing point magazine** I know if one of my children were abducted I would be a total mess nonstop until it was resolved and that child would never be out of my mind. **EBook The Vanishing point series** I also never really got a good picture of Scarlett even though her story is fully half of the book, **The plot of vanishing point** While I see that this may have been somewhat deliberate on McDermid's part it still made it hard to get through the page and pages that were devoted to her, **Thriller The Vanishing pointclickcare login** (SPOILER ALERT) If you haven't read it you might want to stop here although I will try not to give away too much. **Vanishing point b-24 book** The ending had a huge twist (that I admit I didn't see coming) and was so abrupt it was a little jarring, **The Vanishing Point mystery tackle** Also the type of medical deception used to rig the ending was really really hard to swallow: **The Vanishing pointwest bank** My bigger problem with the ending is it's moral ambiguity that I think was unintended. **The Vanishing pointxyzrgba** When Stephanie ultimately finds Jimmy she could quite reasonably have simply walked away and left him where he was, **What is the vanishing point** She decides she can't because the kidnappers have murdered 2 people and are therefore morally unfit to parent the child, **The Vanishing Point epub reader** However in order to rescue Jimmy she must perform an equally immoral act but never questions whether it makes her unfit to parent: **The vanishing point magazine** Oh and on this same point an earlier reviewer said there were two rather unsympathetic murder victims in the book, **The vanishing point magazine** The suspense begins immediately when a 5-year-old British boy is abducted in a large U, **The vanishing point andrea hotere** airport while his caretaker is being patted down by airport security. **Mystery The Vanishing point book** The boy is the son of a deceased British reality star so the abduction instantly makes front-page news. **The Vanishing pointy hat** Although the book was written in 2012 it did not seem dated. **The Vanishing Point epubs air** The book was extremely fast-paced and the author's characterizations were strong: **The Vanishing Point mystery box** Author Val McDermid is a Scottish crime writer who is best known for three different series of suspense novels featuring Dr. **The Vanishing pointworld** The Vanishing Point is a standalone book that apparently is a departure from her usual style: **Vanishing point merlot** Many GR reviewers were not happy with this departure but the book was a winner for me: **The vanishing point magazine** I listened to the audiobook that was read by Antonia Beamish one of my favorite narrators. **The Vanishing pointwest bank** This is the first book that I have read by prolific and internationally renowned author Val McDermid and it will not be the last, **The Vanishing Point epub free** After finishing this book she has now become one of my go-to authors: **Crime The Vanishing pointclickcare 0802120520** Val McDermid has long been one of my very favourite writers, **EBook The Vanishing point free online** However I'd put off reading The Vanishing Point due to the subject matter of child abduction (my own child was a toddler at the time the book was originally released), **The vanishing point andrea hotere** Well I've finally gotten around to reading it and am pleased to report that it's an absolute cracker!The narrative opens with a nightmarish scenario. **Vanishing point forever book** However she's concerned to be separated from her foster son 5-year-old Jimmy Higgins while she's corralled into a glass enclosure for a security pat-down, **Kindle The Vanishing point** Only when she meets a sympathetic FBI agent Vivian McKuras is Stephanie able to communicate her anguish over Jimmy's apparent abduction: **Vanishing point free online** Most of the remainder of the narrative consists of flashbacks as Stephanie relates to Vivian the convoluted series of events that have brought herself and Jimmy to this point. **Vanishing point book** As a ghost writer Stephanie first encountered Jimmy's mother Scarlett Higgins in a professional capacity. **Vanishing point book** She's sympathetically portrayed and the challenges she faces will be relatable for many readers: **The Vanishing pointxyzinormal** Despite having been drawn into Scarlett's rather crazy celebrity existence she retains an attitude of sense groundedness and genuine care in her relationships with Scarlett and Jimmy. **The plot of vanishing point** This structure enables McDermid to build tension at Stephanie's present situation as well as a growing familiarity with each of the intriguing personalities involved. **Vanishing point book** The Vanishing Point is an engrossing and compulsive read as her legion of fans have come to expect from the

Scottish Queen of Crime. **Vanishing point b-24 book** I'd enthusiastically recommend it to any lover of high quality twisty suspense thrillers. **The Vanishing pointworld** Thank you to my friend Kelly who lent me her copy of The Vanishing Point and encouraged me to read it despite my personal quandry over the subject matter: **The Vanishing pointxyzinormal** 0802120520 I've been reading Val McDermid since the early 1990s when I was introduced to her Kate Brannigan series. **The Vanishing Point mystery** By the time the authorities realise what's happened Jimmy and his kidnapper have disappeared, **The Vanishing pointy ribs** Stephanie is interviewed by an FBI agent and tells the agent how she came to be Jimmy's guardian after the death of his mother reality television star Scarlett Higgins*: **The vanishing point book** Stephanie's first person narrative is alternated with a third person narrative concerning the investigation into Jimmy's disappearance: **The plot of vanishing point** Stephanie's long-winded story is one of the many problems I have with this novel. **Vanishing point book facts** So much so that I wondered for a while whether McDermid was going to do an Ian McEwan and pull off a piece of meta-fictional prestidigitation. **What is vanishing point in perspective** At the risk of disclosing a spoiler Stephanie's story is an interview and the investigation is an investigation, **Vanishing point crash ending book** Another problem I have with the work are the relentless references to popular culture: **Kindle The Vanishing point series** References to books films television programs and social media saturate the narrative in a way that will only date the work, **The Vanishing Point epub online** McDermid also felt obliged to include a discussion of "Issues": **The plot of vanishing point** A discussion of personal and celebrity stalking for example runs through the plot without adding much to it: **Vanishing point uk version** I don't have a problem with implausibility in crime fiction: **The vanishing point by andrea hotere** But there's not-very-believable-but-still-satisfying and there's just plain silly. **Vanishing points and perspective** It would be wrong to say that the novel has nothing going for it. **The Vanishing pointy toe** McDermid writes good prose and in spite of everything I wanted to find out what happened. **Vanishing point crash** There are red herrings and misdirection but there are also clues pointing to the solution: **The vanishing point by andrea hotere** I listened to the audiobook narrated by Antonia Beamish who did an excellent job. **The vanishing point book** But it's a poor effort particularly when compared to some of McDermid's better works such as A Place Of Execution. **The Vanishing pointwestcu** *Who is clearly inspired by English reality television star Jade Goody, **The Vanishing Point mystery doug** I usually always like Val McDermid's books but this was a weird one, **Vanishing point extended edition** A small boy is kidnapped right in front of her guardian while passing through security in an American airport: **Vanishing point b-24 book** the first few pages are riveting you want to know what happened to the child will he be saved will the kidnapper strike again etc: **The vanishing point magazine** But then her guardian is interviewed by the FBI and she starts talking about the kid's background, **The Vanishing Point publishing** 1 bestseller whose novels have been translated into than thirty languages and have sold over eleven million copies: **Vanishing point b-24 book** She has won many awards internationally including the CWA Gold Dagger for best crime novel of the year and the LA Times Book of the Year Award. **The vanishing point book** She was inducted into the ITV3 Crime Thriller Awards Hall of Fame in 2009 and was the recipient of the CWA Cartier Diamond Dagger for 2010. **The vanishing point book** In 2011 she received the Lambda Literary Foundation Pioneer Award: **The Vanishing pointxyzinormal** She writes full time and divides her time between Cheshire and Edinburgh, **Vanishing point book** One of the finest crime writers we have Val McDermid's heart-stopping thrillers have won her international renown and a devoted following of readers worldwide. **The Vanishing Point epub download** In The Vanishing Point she kicks off a terrifying thriller with a nightmare scenario: a parent who loses her child in a bustling international airport: **Vanishing point original book** Young Jimmy Higgins is snatched from an airport security checkpoint while his guardian watches helplessly from the glass inspection box: **The vanishing point book** But this is no ordinary abduction as Jimmy is no ordinary child: **Vanishing point meaning** Assisting the FBI in their attempt to recover the missing boy Stephanie reaches into the past to uncover the motive for the abduction, **The Vanishing pointy** The Vanishing PointThis was my first foray into the work of

Val McDermid: **EBook The Vanishing pointclickcare** There are a lot of McDermid fans out there who are not keen on this book as the format is different to previous works but for me that wasn't a problem. **The vanishing point book** This book is NOT about Jade Goody and the outcome couldn't be predicted. **The Vanishing Point epubs** However it was just a step too far into the utterly incredible and unbelievable where the plot was just crazy. **Vanishing point b-24 book** The plot was promising a lady and her 5 year old son are going on holiday to the U, **What is the vanishing point** and when they land in O'Hare airport in Chicago for a connecting flight the child is abducted while the mother is being screened because of metal pins/plate in her leg, **The vanishing point andrea hotere** The mother is screaming and asking for help and she is wrestled to the ground and tasered by security staff and taken away to be interrogated, **The vanishing point by andrea hotere** Now if I worked in security in O'Hare I would be seriously offended that I was portrayed in such a callous way: **Vanishing point merlot** Would this have happened in real life would the fact a mother was claiming her child was being abducted be treated this way? I hope not. **What is the vanishing point** It then transpires Stephanie is not the child's mother but is his legal guardian. **The vanishing point book** provides evidence of the abduction but the child is long gone: **Crime The Vanishing point cast** So enter the red herring in the middle of the story and then exit the very unbelievable ending and I mean unbelievable in the sense that it was NOT believable, **What is the vanishing point** I will not be rushing to get her next book after now having endured three below par books: **The Vanishing pointxyzinormal** I understand though that many of those authors whose work I admire so much might stumble now and then: **Vanishing point meaning** McDermid is a wonderful writer—I have enjoyed everything of hers I've read until this one—and even this has some redeeming aspects, **The Vanishing pointy ribs** It's not a BAD book; it just doesn't rise to the level of her usual top notch work and that becomes evident early in the story. **Vanishing point book** Most of the disappointment I had was in regard to the credibility of the story: **EPub The Vanishing point free** More importantly what happens in the airport just isn't believable enough: **EBook The Vanishing pointclickcare** The last straw for me was when I realized that she was inexplicably hesitant to tell the FBI agent about the person who is very likely to be behind the kidnapping, **What is the vanishing point** To a certain extent she did but the twist ending was too little too late: **The Vanishing Point epub torrent** I have no doubt the author will get back on track with the next book and I'm certainly going to look forward to it but sadly this one is not a keeper for me, **Vanishing point book** Our reactions to books are very personal though and many of her devoted readers will like it, **What is the vanishing point** 0802120520 For sheer variety of fascinating characters and settings I believe that Val McDermid has no rivals amongst contemporary mystery story writers: **Vanishing point trailer 1971** She has introduced me to Scottish miners German rivercraft Cambridge academics and lots of police officers and profilers not to mention Fletcher Christian of Mutiny on the Bounty fame, **The Vanishing pointy ribs** I expect most of her followers will not find The Vanishing Point a favourite and my own rating is perhaps a bit generous: **Thriller The Vanishing point cast** But I read it non-stop (it was a quiet night at the hospital): **The Vanishing pointure** Our principal characters are Stephanie a ghost writer and Scarlett a reality TV star whose autobiography Stephanie has ghosted. **Vanishing point b-24 book** The story revolves around Jimmy Scarlett's young son who has been kidnapped whilst in Stephanie's care, **Crime The Vanishing point cast** As in The Woman in White and The Likeness here the plot depends on a major character's having a double, **The Vanishing Point epubs** By Val McDermid standards this one is almost PG rated for violence. **The vanishing point book** There are no kinky serial killers inflicting hideous tortures on profilers or police officers. **Vanishing point perspective drawing pdf** There are only two murders (both made to look like something else), **The Vanishing pointy ribs** One of the victims probably needed killing and the other is no great loss: **The Vanishing Point mystery** I often wonder if constant mystery story readers develop any ability to solve actual crimes or if we simply learn more about how mystery stories have to be put together. **Mystery The Vanishing point cast 2** is probably how I rate on this one; I saw the final twist coming but didn't take the trouble to work out how it had to be made to happen. **The vanishing point by elizabeth**

brundage 0802120520 The Vanishing Point tries to mash together a conventional thriller with c-list celebrity culture: **The Vanishing Point kindle cloud** The opening premise and performance of the abduction is nicely done providing a tense entree: **Vanishing point meaning** For the next two thirds of the tale the reader is presented with a very detailed back story account of Stephanie and Scarlett: **The vanishing point by andrea hotere** At one level the back story is an interesting take on celebrity culture and the characters are very well drawn with some nice observational touches: **The Vanishing Point kindle** However the focus on the back story creates an imbalance between the context and the chase: **The Vanishing pointwestcu credit** It also does not ring true in the sense that time is of the essence in terms of tracking down Jimmy but Stephanie is telling a very drawn out tale to the FBI, **The vanishing point andrea hotere** There is simply no sense of urgency beyond the initial abduction. **What is the vanishing point** Where the story really becomes unstuck however is the final quarter and the denouement. **The plot of vanishing point** The chase actually proves to be incredibly fast and straightforward despite a couple of twists and the closing scene was contrived and unbelievable, **The Vanishing Point kindle store** Overall then although the setup and the back story are both nicely done they didn't connect sufficiently well and the overall plot arc was imbalanced and lacked credibility. I liked her heroine Stephanie Harker and her beau Nick. And finally the ending of the book. Actually there are three. 0802120520 The suspense never vanishes with The Vanishing Point.S. And the jaw-dropping ending was almost impossible to predict. Tony Hill Karen Pirie and Kate Brannigan respectively. This is McDermid's most recent stand-alone thriller. It starts out well if implausibly. As such it is totally unconvincing. But I was wrong. And then there's the ending. For me this was one of those silly endings. Suspending disbelief was just too much of an effort. My eyes rolled clear to the back of my head. 0802120520 In one word: disappointing. Okay. No police work (well hardly any) nothing else.Then things start happening again in the last 100 pages.Not impressed. 0802120520 Val McDermid is a No. This one disappointed me to no end.S. Right away it gets a bit daft. Anyway she is eventually believed C.C.T.V. I was very disappointed with this offering from Ms. McDermid she can do much better. The Vanishing Point is Val McDermid's stumble.Ms. McDermid would pull it together.Reviewed by Lelia Taylor September 2012. Then the scene shifts to London and finally to Roumania. A 2. The writing is engaging and McDermid's voice intimate. 0802120520.