



## READING GUIDE

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# The White Crow

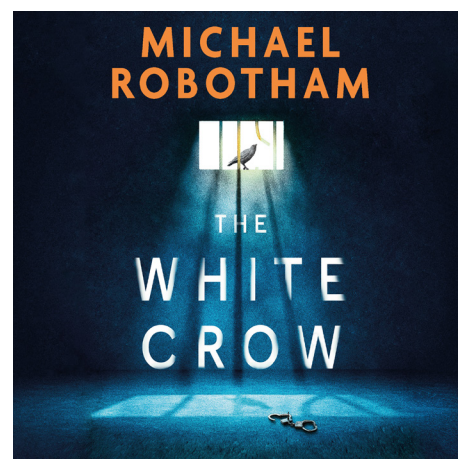
Michael Robotham

### In short

The astounding new thriller from the three-time Crime Writers' Award Winner.

### Synopsis

As the daughter of a London crime boss, PC Philomena McCarthy walks a thin blue line keeping the two sides of her complicated life apart. On patrol one night she discovers a child in pyjamas, wandering alone. Taking Daisy home, Phil uncovers the aftermath of a deadly home invasion, as three miles away a prominent jeweller is found strapped to an explosive in his ransacked store. The crimes are linked, and all the evidence points to Phil's father as the mastermind. Phil's two worlds are colliding, trapping her in the middle of a vicious gang war that will threaten her career and everyone she loves.



### Discussion points

1. How does Philomena navigate her loyalty to her family versus her role as a police officer? Did you sympathise with her choices?
2. Who are the real criminals in this story - Phil's family or the corrupt officers? How does Robotham challenge our assumptions?
3. What does the novel reveal about coercive control and domestic violence, especially within institutions meant to protect?
4. Who did you trust in the story - and who let you down?
5. How did Robotham play with your expectations?

### Next you should listen to

*What The Night Brings* by Mark Billingham

*Wolf Hour* by Jo Nesbo, *Clown Town* by Mick Herron

