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Alcoholic Albie may not be a reliable witness, but his claims might just be true...

When Fran Varady meets a down-and-out who has witnessed a kidnapping, she is soon on the case in *Keeping Bad Company*, the second book in Ann Granger's Fran Varady series. The perfect read for fans of Rebecca Tope and Val McDermid.

'The reader can expect a treat. Fran Varady is as fresh and vital as ever... Lively, different and fun' - *Yorkshire Post*

Buying a coffee for down-and-out 'Alkie' Albie at Marylebone Station is Fran Varady's good deed for the day. But when the grateful Albie takes her into his confidence, Fran suddenly finds herself launched on her second investigation. For Albie, though obviously fond of a drink and none too familiar with soup and water, is absolutely clear about one thing - he claims to be the only witness to the violent abduction of a young girl.

Although the police scornfully dismiss Albie's story as alcoholic hallucinations, Fran is determined to follow it up. And her suspicions seem to be spot on when she is warned off by her old sparring partner, Sergeant Parry, and then approached by a boyhood friend of her late father's, distraught over the kidnapping of his daughter. But this is only the beginning of Fran's investigation - days later, Alkie Albie is found dead...

What readers are saying about *Keeping Bad Company*:

'The characterisations are great - people and places so alive that you feel like you're right there'

'The dialogue weaves in and out of the main characters personalities, whom the author describes in an engaging and detailed fashion'

'Just excellent'

Keeping Bad Company Details

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Jane says

Another good mystery.

Shonna Froebel says

Fran Varady

Terri says

I liked this book just as much as the first one in the series. I am fascinated by the structure of the apartment that Ann is occupying, probably because I've been spending too much time on apartmenttherapy.com and House Hunters International. The mystery is intriguing. Fran's personal experiences are varied. The message of tolerance for different social classes comes through. I can't read number 3 yet because it is checked out, darn it!

Nikki says

Fran Varady is one of the more unusual amateur sleuths I've come across. A would-be actress living mostly on the dole in London, both her hair and personality are spiky. Her friend Ganesh tries his best to keep her out of trouble, but seldom succeeds. In this, the second in the all-too-short series, she buys a cup of coffee for an alcoholic drifter and is plunged into a mystery. Ann Granger is better known for her Meredith and Markby mysteries, which are more traditionally "cozy." The Varady series has many cozy elements but with a young, urban twist that makes it a lot of fun to read.

Tamara says

Really 3.5 stars
