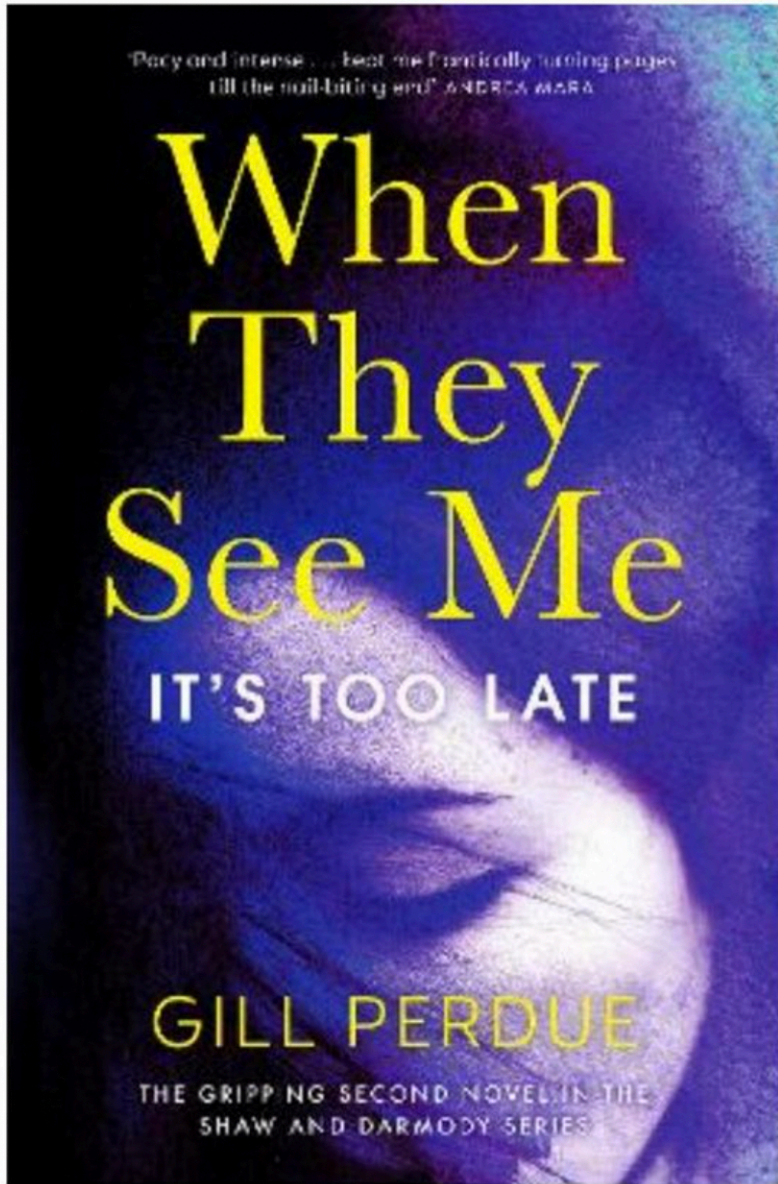


Impressive follow-up: When They See Me by Gill Perdue (Sandycove, £13.99)



This is the second book from detectives Darmody and Shaw and it's a ruddy good one. An au pair has disappeared and when her body shows up, the only witness to the abduction is a two-year-old child. A care for expert witness interviewer Laura Shaw, but she's on maternity leave and is considering leaving her role and her city for the benefit of her family. It's not long since she and her colleague – and close friend – Niamh Darmody were involved in case that almost broke them both. That said, both are struggling without the other being around every day. Their friendship is as strong as ever, but when the case leads to the discovery of another body, they must accept their professional lives are fractured. There's a lot to unpick in this very layered novel but it is excellent. I advise you to read it and the first in the series immediately.