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# Dream Chasers

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**What price will have to be paid to keep  
a young athlete's dream alive?**

One moonlit evening in June, seventeen year-old Lea Kovacev sets out to meet her secret lover by the cliffs of Ottawa's spectacular Hog's Back Falls. Three days later her nude body washes up in the shallows downstream. When no boyfriend comes forward and the autopsy reveals she was dead before she hit the water, the public fears a sexual predator is on the loose. But Inspector Green suspects a more personal connection.

His search for answers draws him into the manipulative world of elite young athletes, drugs and teenage sexuality. Suspects abound, including the secret lover himself, a young hockey protégé on the brink of an NHL career, his hard-working, sports-mad family with their own dreams of wealth and glory, and a supposed friend of Lea's who harbours dubious designs of

her own. Lurking in the background is the player's agent, a swaggering brute who seems to wield an unnatural power and influence over the young people under his wing.

As Green and his team begin to probe the dead girl's social circle, he gets some help from an unexpected source in his own long-estranged daughter. Bit by bit, she reaches across the chasm of hurt between them to give him a glimpse into the teen world of sex, jealousy and power. But with that glimpse Green realizes the vulnerability of teens trying to play in the adult world. Then a social worker who knows too much disappears and blood is found in the hockey player's house. Unless Green can unravel the truth, how many others, including his daughter, will pay the ultimate price for a young man's dreams?

-Sixth book in the Inspector Green series. The fourth book, **Fifth Son**, won the Arthur Ellis Award for best crime novel.

-Bookmarks and posters available.

-The author will tour to promote the novel.

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