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The streets of 1887 Edinburgh seethe with youthful anarchy as two rival gangs of students, Scarlet Runners and White Devils, try to outdo each other in wild exploits. After a pitched battle between them, an old woman is found savagely battered to death in Leith Harbour. Enter Inspector James McLevy, a little more grizzled, but unchanging in his fierce desire to mete out justice. As the inspector delves further he meets up with one Robert Louis Stevenson, author of *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, in the city to bury his recently deceased father.

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Gram says

A fine addition to the Inspector McLevy series. Privileged students battle each other in gangs and break the peace with cruel pranks in various parts of Edinburgh. Meanwhile, the author Robert Louis Stevenson has returned to his native city for the funeral of his father. The student battles escalate and an elderly woman is found, battered to death. McLevy believes there is a link with Stevenson's past as another woman - a former lover - is found dead at the door of the Stevensons' Edinburgh home.

Matt Hamilton says

Victorian Edinburgh, battling students, murders and Robert Louis Stevenson all meet in the latest Inspector McLevy tale. Another fine tale but lacking a certain warmth and soul that make you fall in love with the main protagonist. Sure you're on his side, rooting for him, but that great, all-enveloping warm desire to follow him to the ends of the earth just isn't there. Fits the character though, just slightly mars the entire enterprise. A good solid read though, and I'll happily read the next one.

Donald says

Solid final (so far, as he has switched to a series centred around Jean Brash) entry to the series. Unfortunately I guessed the murderer the second they appeared, but at least the why was a reveal. Unforgivable mistake though, referring to Queen Victoria as The House of Windsor, which didn't exist until her grandson invented it, to avoid anti-German feeling in the First World War, some 15 years, two Houses and Kings later. She was of course the last Monarch of The House of Hanover, her son and grandson briefly ruling as The House of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha...

Bernard says

Scottish style writing, a flavor of Sherlock Holmes. Good read but quickly forgotten...

David Stewart says

I love these books. keep them coming

Simonhackwell says

Love Inspector McClevy

Adrienne B says

David Ashton's stories of Inspector McLevy always have enough drama to keep me interested. It is true that they can sometimes lose me somewhere in the middle for a bit but I always manage to catch up to the characters. I also was intrigued by Robert Louis Stevenson's character in the book and of course had to google a bit more about his life to get a full picture of who he was. His character added a great deal to this novel and I think Robert Louis Stevenson in real life lived such an exciting life. A great series if you like inspector/mystery novels.
