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Ex Detective Sergeant Ben Hood, now a VIP protection operative, finds himself the target of a twisted serial killer when he is sent to protect Far North Australian Socialite, Merinda Jerome. Bodies and body parts are turning up in the deadly and ghostly caverns of Black Mountain. A graveyard is robbed. The killer seems to be two totally different identities. Perhaps he is white, or perhaps black. He is always one step ahead of Police and always too close for comfort. He uses a variety of unusual killing techniques. The man hunt is on, but who is hunting who?

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Mike says

I was most pleasantly surprised at the quality of this 'free' ebook. Mr Lindsay tells a wonderful story with lovable characters, an 'unable to put down' story of intrigue, mystery and incredible violence in Northern Australia. The relationship between the Aboriginals and the whites in that country is evident through the author's writings and brings to mind a quick comparison to the atrocities and bigotry in the treatment of blacks and Native Americans in the U.S. although what is depicted and discussed in this book might be close to worse in many respects.

Drew Lindsay is an author to keep an eye on. The short list of his published work is, I am sure, soon to be taken in a much deeper and glorious direction in a extremely short time.

As write this, I am already half way through another Drew Lindsay mystery! OUTSTANDING!!!

Uwe says

ben hood is down to earth, funny and very special. I really like this character and the storygood book !

Arlena says

Author: Drew Lindsay

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Reviewed By: Arlena Dean

Raven Rating: 5

Blog Review For: GMTA

Review:

"Black Mountain Affair" by Drew Lindsay was a very exciting suspense mystery read. I found it hard to put down until I had finished with this novel. This was definitely a page turner for me. There were so many twists and turns... you really have to keep up or you could get lost. The author did a wonderful job at keeping the reader interested even though he may have repeated a little more than necessary in this long read.....but in the end if you could hold on and stay with it till the end..... it turns out to be a very good read. The Ausee Lingo was somewhat different in reading but I soon caught on.

"Black Mountain Affair" is of a serial killer.. in Cooktown,Australia and Far North Queensland...killing (Aboriginals) and (others) hiding the remains in the Black Mountain. There were lots of detectives involved and even a ex detective...Ben Hood... who really shined in this story. Now you will just have to read "Black Mountain Affair" and find out why the young ladies liked Mr. Hood. Also in your read you will find out who Merinda Jerome(North Australian Socialite) was and why she was an important person in this plot.

Get ready for graveyards to be robbed, police and a doctor... well I will stop and not tell you anymore about

that ... you must pick up the read and find about this intriguing novel for yourself. Just who was this person... was he black or white and why was he able to stay ahead of the Police and what souvenir did the killer take from his victims?

The character's were all very interesting people and their were many...Bobby Gumtree, John & Margaret Quinn, Janice, Beth & Jordan Price, Peter Martin, Binda Specer, Dr. Ruth Cruise, Walter Lund, Mark Leslie, Oola & Koorine Burton, Maurice & Jolanta Keller, Detective Sutcliffe, Merinda, Jerome, Tony Myer, Graham Lupton, Yana Gibson, Ben Hood, Wayne Armstrong, Jiba, Rodney Reids, Les Watson, Dr Vall Dunn, David Porter and I will stop because there are some more for you to read about in this good read.

If you are in for a good detective read... you have come to the right place..."Black Mountain Affair" will be one that you will not soon forget. I found it to be a good mystery novel that I would recommend as a good read

Pamela Gervai says

I really enjoyed this. The story moves along with a good pace. My only disappointment was the grammar but it didn't detract too much. I look forward to reading more Drew Lindsay books.

Lauri says

It was very enjoyable. After I read this free book I downloaded the next book which wasn't free and enjoyed it also. It dealt with the Aborigines in Australia . It is a part of a multi-book series featuring a character named Ben Hood.

Angie says

Had a hard time putting this one down . Good mystery , great characters.
Nice freebie on my Kindle !

Brick O'Neil says

The author, Drew Lindsay, creates and tackles a large body of work, with a many-armed, quite detailed plot. At times, the protagonist, Ben Wood, feels larger than life and I half-expected him to start flying into the air while re-routing hurricanes and seeing bullets bounce off his body, all the while making love with every available female within a one hundred mile radius.

That said, the secondary characters are more down-to-earth and much more believable, with foibles and faults. There is young Binda, the aboriginal-descent detective with Maruce, the hard-bitten detective with a soft spot, the down-to-earth coroner/doctor, Ruth, who tends to everyone's body and soul, and Merinda, the

also aboriginal-descent rags-to-riches maven, whose husband disappeared in a plane somewhere. Now her business partner, was her husbands business partner...see where this is going?

Now add in a much-revered, spooky, religious Mountain in Australia and superstitions with bodies piling up. The story kept my attention, it didn't deviate much from the main storyline and wrapped up nicely.

Overall, I would suggest *Black Mountain Affair* for a good weekend read.

Cats of Ulthar February Weird Fiction says

“Black Mountain Affair” is a riveting, fascinating, mystery set in Far Northern Australia, in a territory once inhabited only by Aborigines, later settled by whites in what was often a bloody and violent confrontation. At sacred Black Mountain, where the fauna is often dangerous, including carnivorous “ghost bats,” two Aboriginal women-mother and daughter-are discovered, brutally murdered, in a cave. Next one of the investigating police detectives is killed while at the residence of a potential suspect. The brutal deaths don’t end here. Out there somewhere is a serial killer with a vengeance, and a hidden agenda the police cannot unravel.

The multicultural foundation of this novel is fascinating, and the author interweaves the socioeconomic conflicts between the native Aborigines and the Caucasian culture.

This is a true page-turner; this reviewer could not set it aside. The author’s perception of the multicultural, socioeconomic, caste, and historical layers of this region of Australia would be worth reading. In addition, Drew Lindsay weaves a taut and compelling, multilayered, and very complex mystery which keeps us guessing throughout.

Robin Jordan says

fun read

Troy Dye says

BLACK MOUNTAIN AFFAIR by Drew Lindsay

A very well written murder mystery. Set in north Queensland, this Australian who done it has very little mystery about the who with one or two little twists. Even the surprises are extremely probable. The heart of the story is how a washed up ex-cop works with the Queensland police and the Aborigines to track down a serial killer. Aussie terms are minimal and fairly easily understood.

Catherine Mihm says

Ben is back in fighting martial art form. He's camera shy after the media beat him up in *Coral Affair*. His lady friend tricks him into protecting Miranda. Ben does have a knack for trouble and he's in the thick of the

Natives' beliefs in this book. Ben doesn't give up and there is danger around every corner. If you like an unorthodox hero, then you'll like this book in the Ben Hood series.

D says

Was a bit leery about reading an ebook with 1100 pages. Thought I would get bored with it half way through but it captured my attention. Before I realized it, I was on page 700 so it reads quickly. The whodunit was easy to solve but the was worth finishing. Will read more by this author.

Joy says

A free book that was quite well done. The highlights are the mystery and the many twists and turns. The author keeps the action moving and is quite blood thirsty. The characters are well drawn and the dialogue sounded fairly real.

The main issue with this book was the editing. There were many issues with verb tense and some typos too. Sadly, they were jarring enough that they distracted from the overall experience.

Angus Mcfarlane says

This one was chosen as part of a winter 'dark tales' Aussie group read, although it could also have been chosen for the subsequent 'select a book by its cover' challenge, since this (along with being Australian and free on iBooks) was the basis for my choice. The story is set in north Queensland and follows the heroic actions of Ben Hood, whose previous ventures were part of a previous story I'd not read. Although the actions of the serial killer are as dark as the cover implies, the overall atmosphere of this book is relatively light, with elements of Cussler-esque humour and romance. The story works fairly well and there are not many grammatical distractions (the difference between a loser and a looser was consistently and incorrectly missed). The resolution was not strongly telegraphed, but did not feel particularly gripping and finishes without much flourish. Not a waste of time but I don't feel much inclination to read the others in the series.

Elvis says

Had a really good plot but I swear why did he make the women that this story was centered around a blubbering idiot plus a slut! She was like oh poor me cry, cry oh boo hoo then can I jump in bed with you I need sex. She sort of ruined what was a good book.
