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Tough love...or torture?

When a tough-love school for troubled teens opens its doors in Trout Run, the locals are thrilled. The North Country Academy promises more jobs and more money flowing into town. But Police Chief Frank Bennett is concerned about the arrival of so many juvenile delinquents on his turf. When an Academy teacher is mauled to death by a bear while leading wilderness expedition, Frank's worst fears are confirmed. Evidence points to sabotage. As Frank investigates, he learns more about the school's controversial techniques: isolation, restraints, and mind control. . He meets students who might be terrified...or might be brilliant liars. And he uncovers disturbing information about the Academy's headmaster. What is more impressive? His track record of putting teens back on the right path? Or his skill in covering up past scandals? When an Academy student turns up dead, Frank must unravel a knot of deceit and revenge whose threads lead right into the heart of the Trout Run community. Frank's pursuit of the truth brings him up against a hard choice every good cop dreads.

Fans of Craig Johnson's Walt Longmire mysteries will enjoy the adventures of this small town Adirondack detective.

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B J Galaday says

Another strong addition

I'm so glad to have found this author, and this story is another hit on the series for me. Small town cop but still dealing with several serious crimes and all tied up by the end
Looking forward to the next one. Recommended highly.

Sue says

This is a well written mystery peopled with lifelike characters and the feeling you might get if you talked with your neighbors more often. The mystery involved a treatment school for teens who failed in previous educational institutions. The treatments given were not designed to work with all, but some improved, others became much worse. I liked the characters because they didn't seem all good or bad and they really presented a cross section of the townsfolk, educators, small town inhabitants and providers of law enforcement

Judith says

This was a good one! Looking forward to the next!

Lynda Kirby says

I thought this story was outstanding. It has excellent characterization and the quirky small town detail woven into a superb plot that is complex and fast paced, with plenty of twists and turns to keep a reader guessing. It is wrapped up with a satisfying resolution. The crimes are serious without the gore that feature in other books. For anyone who enjoys a police procedural, I recommend this series.

Arline Amaducci says

These three books were passed between my daughters and my niece one summer. We all enjoyed reading them!

Hrn1947 says

Each story gets better. Frank is a complicated guy. He doesn't trust many

JoyAnna says

Love this series!!!

Although I read them out of order each mystery stands fine on its own. Frank Bennett a small town cop in the Adirondacks is very likable main character & has a lot of depth. Widowed, bouncing back from that & an old case that haunts him, this job has been a life saver. A couple murders, a tough love youth school in his district and a spark of interest in a local lady all come together at the end seamlessly. What I like about this author is you got some idea who might have done it but it's not till the very end that its tied into a neat little package. Add quirky local townspeople and his assistant Earl who knows everyone and is distantly related to them as well & you got yourself some good chuckles thrown in with a good mystery. My problem with this series is now I must wait for a new Frank Bennett mystery!!!

Brian says

I started to read the first book and by page 3 something happened to me that hasn't happened for quite some time ! I could NOT put the book down ! The story pulled me in and held me hostage past the conclusion, then held my interest steady as I was now pulled into yet another story.

The novelettes then took their turn in grabbing and holding my attention and I see that I read the entire night AND I'm now buying this authors other Frank Bennett mystery series book. Well written, realistic in action and life, though there are a few typos missed by the editor they are very few and far between. I recommend the entire series to everyone including any other books this author has penned !! A skilled and talented story teller of the first magnitude !!!!!! YES !

Jillian Higham says

Another great small town mystery

Good convoluted storyline with lots of twists and turns. Glad it looks like Frank might finally find a lady friend and a lovely touch at the end when Frank finds out Father Bob is really a genuine person. The only thing I don't like about these series is the way the author changes to another scene with no break in the flow of writing. It tends to be confusing.

bonnie kirchner says

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This is a very good series. I am really enjoying it. It is a very good suspense thriller. I can't wait to read the next book in this series. I recommend this series.

Jessica says

Still good

Still enjoy reading her books, definitely some twists and turns! Ready to read the next in the series, and look for more.

Joann says

This is the third Adirondack police procedural (see SWALLOW THE HOOK and TAKE THE BAIT). I've come to really like the main characters, especially Frank Bennett. Frank is a widower and a hard working, intelligent but sometimes politically incorrect officer in the small town of Trout Run. This time Frank is looking into an academy for wayward teens when accidents and other strange things start to happen to the students and faculty. I give this a 4.5 - some grammar issues on the Kindle. A nice clean read.

Susan says

The North Country Academy has opened in Trout with its basic philosophy of tough love. But Chief of Police Frank Bennett is called in when a camping trip with a teacher and students goes wrong resulting in a death. But this is just the start of the problems for the school.

An enjoyable well-written mystery story with some well-developed characters.

Mic Eaton says

Good story with believable plot

Set in a small rural town this author fills his story with humor, murder and lots of memorable characters, both good and bad.

MaryAnn says

S.W. Hubbard has nailed it again with the 3rd in the Frank Bennett Adirondack Mysteries, Dead Drift. This story, like the others, is complex, suspenseful and very fast paced. The characters are amazingly well written and so well rounded that I often feel they could leave the Kindle screen and speak to me.

I hope there are many more of these to come because I love them and I'm hooked. I found the first book in the series just a week ago and now I've read all three! You can't go wrong reading anything written by this author, that's for sure.
