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When a woman is stabbed to death while jogging in Malmö's main park, the Criminal Investigation Squad need to discover who she is before the case can properly get under way. Soon they realise the victim had flown in from Switzerland, and with links to important people in the city, she wasn't everything she seemed.

Meanwhile, enjoying the hot summer away from Malmö, Anita Sundström is on her annual leave and is showing Kevin Ash the sights of Skåne. Their holiday is interrupted by the apparent suicide of a respected, retired diplomat. After a further death, Anita finds herself unofficially investigating a case that has its roots in the 1917 chance meeting of a Malmö waiter with the world's most famous revolutionary. All she knows is that the answers lie in Berlin.

Two investigations that begin and end at Midnight in Malmö – the fourth Inspector Anita Sundström mystery.

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Nancy says

Another good one!

Anita Sundstrom finds her way through another confusing case, with all her real-life strengths and weaknesses. Definitely worth the challenge.

Bruce Miles says

Vacation, spies, and detectives

What a great novel and so different from the other Malmo books! Anita goes on vacation with her new acquaintance from England. They become involved with two murders, and they investigate. The spy story adds depth to this story. Surprise ending...

george burns says

Too Much of a Good Thing

This is the fourth installment in the Inspector Sundstrom series and like the first three, it features complicated plotting, action and surprises. The redoubtable inspector is on vacation when a woman jogger is stabbed to death. She turns out to be something of a mystery woman complicating the investigation. Meanwhile, the Inspector's vacation isn't all fun in the sun. Indeed, she stumbles onto an elaborate conspiracy that does not fit and is hard to take seriously. Still, this book provides plenty of guilty entertainment and we can only hope that number five appears soon and that it features only traditional police work.

Richard says

Sundstrom's stories keep improving

The fourth of this series outshines the others - good plotting of multiple lines, characters developing nicely, and - a lover for Anita! Though it did take police an awfully long time to realize the first victim was a mistake. That seemed evident early to me. Guess reading all these mysteries has finally paid off - even if guessing the killer was impossible.

Karen says

I've rated this 5 because I've rated this against the other books in the series and I feel this one has finally

come of age. Gone are the annoying completely disbelieve-able characters, there was again 2 plots but this time they didn't intersect but still led you up the garden path leaving the surprise until the end. I hope to see more character and relationship building of the central and supporting cast in future books.

Jan Lehman says

Different but good

Is it an espionage story or a mystery or more interesting, a combination of both? Anita is on a holiday, but life goes on, presenting excitement for her and her partner, but also for the police department a home. This gives other characters a chance to blossom. Very entertaining reading. Love this series.

Peg says

Anita is taking a much deserved vacation at the beach after the harrowing events of the last book. In the meantime, her colleages are working just fine without her to solve a mysterious murder of a jogger in the park. Of course, Anita cant just go on vacation without a mystery of her own. I found this side event of hers sort of a waste of time and unfulfilling. But the other mystery was pretty good

Gillian Edwards says

I read all four books consecutively which made for a better read. You can read the books independently but starting with Meet Me In Malmo it builds up a better character picture of Anita Sundstrom (who doesn't seem to eat but drinks a lot of wine), her hideous colleague Karl Westermark and the boss from hell Chief Inspector Moberg who only reads two things, police reports and (his own) divorce papers. Like the other three books, there are enough twist and turns and the end leaves the door open for another story. Brit/Nordic Noir? Not sure if 'noir' could be used here but certainly Swedish crime with an English twist.

Colin Mitchell says

Midnight in Malmo is the fourth in the Inspector Anita Sundstrom novels by Torquil MacLeod set in Malmo, Sweden. Anita is on holiday with her British policeman boyfriend Kevin when the death of an elderly former diplomat and a young local historian occur in what seem to be suspicious circumstances. Meanwhile her team in Malmo are investigating the murder of a prostitute in a local park.

For much of the book these seem to be unrelated, while Anita and Kevin travel to Berlin her son Lasse is in danger. I did feel that the link between case was left almost to the end and the came as almost an afterthought. It did make a tense and gripping ending.

To fully enjoy this book it is a good idea to have read the previous three books as there is a historical link between them and the characters have all appeared before. A lot of sex and too much alcohol show a trend within many current crime novels. Does this reflect our shallow society?

Christine says

I read Torquil MacLeod's Anita Sundstrom series, a while back. I thought it was time to catch up with her. This is crime, with a lovely Swedish flavour and a British author. Seriously pleasurable crime. Midnight in Malmo is the fourth book in the series.

The story takes us to back to Malmo, Sweden. A jogger is stabbed to death in the park, near where Sundstrom lives. Fortunately Anita Sundstrom is on her holidays, with her English boyfriend, Kevin. She misses out on the action. Anita would probably not refer to Kevin as her boyfriend yet though. They are in the early stages of a relationship. We met DS Kevin Nash, in Missing in Malmo. The park murder is left to her keen sidekick, Hakim Mirza, and DCI Moberg to solve. Anita's vacation with Kevin turns into a unofficial murder enquiry. Two of Anita's close friends die in suspicious circumstances. One is a retired diplomat with some longstanding secrets to tell. Anita and Kevin are soon looking for answers in Germany, as well as Sweden. What they discover casts a light on Sweden's neutral stance in the Cold War years.

This was my kind of read. Addictive and puzzling. As usual, MacLeod delivers the kind of novel that makes you want to grab your suitcase and head for the nearest airport to visit Sweden. I remembered exactly why I was addicted to this series. I really am fond of Anita. It is great being back in her world. I am now dying to get hold of the next in the series, A Malmo Midwinter.

Recommended.

Rogue Reader says

Two separate and parallel tracks, not at all converging so nice to have the dual plots and develop another strong female protag. Nice too that Anita finds love! Setting is splendid - the summer cabins on the lake.

Gary Van Cott says

4.5 stars. This is a good book and I am enjoying this series, which I suggest should be read in order. It slowly builds to two climaxes. Read the summary if you want to learn more about the plot. My only criticism is that I think the ending is a bit abrupt. If you like this book you might also be interested in the books of Helene Tursten. Her books have a similar tone.

Thor Larsen says

Another great story!

Like the others of the series, this book kept me engaged until the end. Now on to the next one! :)

Susan says

Anita Sundström is on vacation with her British policeman friend Kevin Ash. So when a woman is stabbed while jogging through the park, her team has to investigate without her. Anita and Kevin have their own inquiry into the apparent suicide of a retired diplomat. He has links to the opening scene of the book in which a Malmö waiter saves a Russian called Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov from an assassination attempt. Interesting characters and a satisfyingly ingenious plot.

Livia says

I liked this one more than the 2nd and 3rd. Mostly because of the personal situation of the main character which was different and much more positive this time. The story itself had the usual surprising twists and was very thrilling and entertaining. I'm really looking forward to number 5.