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Winter in Minnesota can be deadly. George has always plunged into the season with a sense of contentment, but as the snow begins to fly he hits a patch of icy luck. Newly retired, he heads up north to escape his troubles and do some painting. There he meets a young woman who begins pursuing him for more than his art. When she takes him on a wild ride, George isn't surprised to find Detective Nancy Simmons at his cabin door. For Nancy, winter comes with a much harsher reality. She feels the bite as she investigates who dumped a young woman's body in Lake Superior's frigid waters. Maybe George isn't as innocent as he seems.

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Kristen says

I don't know when I won this, but I won a giveaway at some point and my to read pile is pretty much never ending so I've just gotten around to reading it.

The story was ok. At some point near the end, but before it was revealed who the murderer is, I managed to guess who it was. There were a few grammar mistakes and some typos. Nothing too major I suppose, but those things bother me for some reason. Anyhoo, I didn't really like any of the characters. I can't really explain why, sometimes that just happens. The switching of POVs did get annoying though. Most of the time it was every other chapter, and then near the end it added two more people, so that didn't help. Once you got comfortable reading one POV it switched to another that you had to get used to. I mean, that might not bother other people, but it can get a little confusing.

Chris Davis says

Got Me!

First book in ages to capture my interest. I just kept turning pages, wanting to know what happens next! Engaging characters, good plot, and the locations interesting. I never thought Minnesota was appealing until this author set her story there. It's a very good read!

Cheryl says

A very satisfying read...

I thoroughly enjoyed this book and especially the personalities of Nancy and George. I say "satisfying" because I feel just that. Though we know that their lives will continue and play out, I, for one, am satisfied that they "will be alright." A very nicely constructed story!

A cold dreary afternoon in coastal Rhode Island was well spent reading this book! THANK YOU!

Norma Rios says

Great readd

I enjoyed this book. I could not put it down. Great characters and location. I will be looking for more books from this author.

Theresa says

Loved it! I grew up on the shores of Lake Superior, so this story was a good fit for me. And, sadly after I finished this book, there was a murder in Duluth. The person killed was also young and someone my daughter knew-her boss' son! Far too coincidental IMO. Like I said, I liked the book and enjoyed the storyline but what the author said towards the end particularly bothered me. She insinuated that Duluth was kind of the "ends of the Earth-type town," and she couldn't wait to leave it. Before I read that phrase, I thought she could take the place of Brian Freeman's mysteries which have always taken place in Duluth, but reading that changed my mind. If she doesn't like Duluth, then move on. But, I thought she had something going and could perhaps have written a series of mysteries based in Duluth. Brian Freeman has moved on to place his stories in San Francisco and I am not pleased. The main reason I've read his books was because of "place," namely Duluth. But, I digress, here. I enjoyed reading the book because of all the places the story took us, like "The Grind," UofM-Duluth, Canal Park and more. I give this book 4 stars.

Sharon Grim says

Intriguing

I really enjoyed this book. Not a story I've read before, and interesting. Just like a nice vacation with quiet surroundings and characters. I love how the story just kept unloading. Thank you Ms Wenner.

Sharron says

I won this book in a Goodreads giveaway. Great story, easy to follow

Laurel says

Good read

I really enjoyed reading this not so typical murder/mystery. So many emotional ups and downs, I look forward to reading more of this author's works.

Sharon says

Excellent mystery from MN author about Duluth, the north shore and Lake Superior.

Barb says

George is 65 and now retired so him and his wife are deciding what to do when she suddenly dies. George is

so sad so since he always loved to paint, he rents a small cottage in Duluth, MN near his daughter. When the realty sends a young woman to give him the key, she keeps coming back to see his paintings.....then she gets killed.

linda lipinski says

I really enjoyed the book. George after his wife dies goes to rent a cabin on Lake Superior. He paints and contemplates life. Mona has an interest in him

I love the setting of the book and the description of the area and people

A well written book

Lorie says

Highly recommend this book, good mystery

Surprisingly good mystery. From the detailed descriptions of the locale, to the wonderful character facets, I found myself pulled into the lives of these fictional yet wholly realistic people.

It's nice to read about older, senior citizens, the newly retired, rather. So many stories today focus on youth and beauty, it's refreshing to read about normal, every day people...easier to relate to, which I believe was at the heart of this successful novel. Believability and very good mystery, along with self-analysis, makes one think.

Lynn says

Good mystery

Good skills demonstrated in personality development. Would like to see female detective protagonist again in other stories: Really enjoyed background details as someone who lived 100 miles due east of Duluth and remember the beauty and danger of the seasons there: Good read. Highly recommended:

Keith Meagley says

Enjoyed it very much

I read this book from the first page to the last without putting it down. It is Very well written.

Hon. Peter J. Murphy says

Good Story of the snowy Midwest.

A Good yarn about love and life in the snowy Midwest; good plot with a surprise ending. Excellent description of place and character development.
