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A spellbinding campus. A new family of friends. A semester of death.

High school senior Cody's prayers are answered when he's recruited on scholarship to the college of his dreams: a stunning and prestigious school tucked high in the Tennessee hills.

But the dream turns living nightmare when his classmates start to die off mysteriously. Is it Cody's imagination, or are his friends' tragic deaths a sinister legacy handed down through the generations? And is he next on the roll call?

A coming-of-age, paranoid thriller in the vein of Ira Levin, "S'wanee" weaves psychological suspense with dark humor in its brutal descent to a shocking climax.

S'wanee Details

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Sarah says

It was OK, what more can I say? I found that I read the book to some extent because I wanted to know what was going on, but mainly because I don't like abandoning books. I borrowed this from the kindle lending library as part of my prime membership and I'm glad that I didn't pay for it otherwise I would have been more disappointed than I am with it.

I didn't like the ending, I expected to have answered to my questions, but I felt I still had questions at the end of the book and I prefer to end the book with all questions answered. This book just wasn't for me, I didn't feel the suspense that I have come to expect with a thriller. The plot had the potential to be really good, but I felt like there was a lot of padding that wasn't necessary and not enough working towards building the suspense.

Jackmaz says

Unsettling in the best way. I love when I bite into a book expecting one thing based on the setup and it turns into something completely different. The author brought me along on the main character's journey and I started to accept the things that he was accepting, when we definitely shouldn't have! The tension builds and builds - just like it should in a great thriller.

Debbie says

I received this book free in exchange for a review.

Life as a college freshman can be scary and strange. The same is true for Cody. A senior in high school debating whether to go to Rutgers or a relatively unheard of college named "S'wanee". After a mix up at S'wanee, Cody goes to Rutgers, but only for one day. He is accepted by S'wanee. That's where the mystery begins.

This book was very well written and held my attention throughout. Some of the events are a little confusing, but they are all sorted out in the end.

I would highly recommend this book.

Kimberly says

I knew when I first started reading this book, it would be an interesting read. The plot held me out through the end of the book. The only character I could relate to was Cody. I was continuously confused about who the other characters in the book were. On a positive note, I love a good thriller and I think S'wanee was exactly that. I also loved that I didn't know who was doing the killing to the very end. It took me by surprise,

and I like that the author chose to go in that direction. Some parts were a little confusing and I had to re-read them. However, in the end, I like the plot and like the way the author tied everything up and didn't leave the reader hanging.

Donna Cavanagh says

This book will make you glad you are not starting as a freshman at a new college far from home. The term paranoid thriller truly fits. Great story; great characters and great twists and turns. Highly recommend this book!

Shannon Thurman says

Since the setting is Sewanee, I figured the local color would be fun, plus the thrill of a read likened to "Rosemary's Baby." Well, sorta.

The story is interesting, and the main character is likeable and we want him to succeed and figure out the odd happenings at S'wanee. For sure, the mystery itself, when revealed, is pretty shocking and I suppose worth the price of the book. However, the dialogue nearly killed me. When every character says "Dude" to begin a conversation, your eyes begin to roll back in your head.

So, the dialogue is banal and somewhat stilted and unbelievable. However, as I said, maybe the thrill of the climax is worth the price of the book. It's certainly memorable.

Is this a beach read? Yeah, you could polish it off in a day and a margarita might deaden all the "dude's."

Wanda says

Kudos to Don Winston on a job well done!

When something seems too good to be true, trust your gut instinct and run...run away...far away!

I enjoy trying to figure out the plot twists and was pleasantly surprised.

Jerry Dougherty says

This is not the typical type of book I read but I found it to be a great read I was able to relate to the character in different ways one being from Jersey and having lived in Tennessee and also because I moved around a lot growing up. The plot kept me wanting more the plot twists were good too. I did find certain areas of the book a little jump aroundish and a little confusing but all together I really enjoyed the book. Thanks for the chance to read.

Kristine says

I stumbled upon this book from my group in goodreads. Winston was looking for reviews for this self published masterpiece. I gladly took him up on his offer since the synopsis really peaked my interest. I began reading and it kept me up hours later then I usually stay up for, rough morning the next day did not stop me from reading for hours on end until I had finally devoured the book entirely. The fact that I had such a hard time putting this book down, and the fact that I was completely interested throughout the whole book, is the reason I have no choice but to rate this with five stars.

My only complaint with this book was that there was too much description at times. That being said, this book was still amazing. It is a story about Cody, a high school student on his way to university. He has it all planned out until mysteriously an offer from S'Wanee makes him question his plans. Eventually he ends up registering for S'Wanee and begins his freshman year on the beautiful grounds of S'wanee. It begins slowly, and gives you time to get to know several other characters and Cody's routines. All of a sudden everything goes haywire and the mystery begins. It kept me on my toes and guessing the entire time. It made me laugh, it made me frustrated, and it made me constantly question Cody's surroundings.

I was not expecting the ending and I would have loved to see something different happen. However, the ending was still great and the storyline flowed smoothly to make it all acceptable.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book and I WILL be recommending this book to any mystery, thriller, and adventure readers. Great book Winston!

Abby says

I was given this book to read and review

I think this book was really good and the ending was incredible. My only negative comments on the book is that the beginning was way too long. I didn't like how it took about 30 percent of the book up with just him and his mom in their everyday Jersey life. I think they should have just gotten right into life at S'wanee. Another thing was that some parts were a bit confusing to understand but its ok because it is all explained in the end.

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I really did not understand why Beth did not want to go to the dorm room of Cody. Did she know she was going to die, or what was that all about. And they never really elaborated on the dorm she was in. Was it real? When I found out that everything was a simulation my brain was mind blown. And the mom was in on it? Like WHAAAAAAT? Did not see that one coming. The last chapter was a bit confusing but now he works for them? Um, how did that happen. Did they make him since they can control his brain. This book was so intense at the end. And not to mention Elliot, I guess he realized that is was all wrong and ended up being killed. I still can't get over the fact that the whole university was fake and EVERYONE but Cody was in on it.

Besides the beginning and the parts that really just made me confused and question what was happening, it was just amazing.

David Mullen says

I enjoyed the indy feel of this book. While it ended rather abruptly, until that point I felt the writing was very believable. Being from the area, Swannee is just about an hour from Nashville, I can attest to the authenticity of the settings and locale. All in all a fun read, especially if you live in the SE U.S.

Pat says

If you like psychological thrillers this is certainly ONE NOT TO MISS. Once started you are well and truly hooked. This spinechiller will scare you, have you holding on to the edge of your seat and keep you awake but you won't want to put it down so be prepared for a late night. Cody registers for Swannee and so it all begins. You will never be sure what's real or not- nothing is what it seems.

I won't say anymore to spoil your read. Go buy it, it comes highly recommended.

Terry Bonner says

Being an alumnus of both the Academy and the University, I was anxious to read Winston's book.

It wasn't difficult. The prose was simple and flowing, the characters straightforward, the dialogue uncomplicated. I was finished within an hour.

I'm never going to have that hour back now.

One would think that a pretentious old sandstone campus modelled after Oxford, where students still wear academic gowns and ties to classes and attend convocations in the Gothic chapel at the very heart of the academic quadrangle, would furnish enough material for any writer. This was, after all, the community which rejected Tennessee Williams but greedily received his bequest, and lent sanctuary over the years to unrepentant secessionists like Allen Tate and Walker Percy.

But Winston seemed to overlook all that, opting instead for the kind of simplistic paranoiac thriller which would work its juvenile magic in almost any more contemporary setting.

It was obvious to me that the author either knows Swannee intimately, or else has a damned good research assistant. Of course, this made the book even doubly disappointing.

I suppose I've simply outgrown the days when I found entertainment in negotiating the interplay between delusion and reality in the pathological mind. There are entirely too many credible, straightforward and routinely grievous sins afoot on the University domain at any given moment for some nebulous schoolboy delusion of persecution to compete.

The book had potential, and in its first quarter completely captured my imagination. The final three-quarters,

however, were as tedious as an anthology of Ayn Rand's love poetry.

Pass it over.

Holly says

This book is truly incredible. The protagonist, Cody, came to life, which the mark of excellent writing. I thought I had the story totally figured out, but I continued reading because I still very much enjoyed the story. As I read the last few pages, I realized I had figured out a minuscule part.

"S'wannee" is well written, intriguing and disturbing in the best way. I am (im)patiently awaiting Don Winston's next novel, which is due out in November!

Brenda says

Cody Marko lived with his mother Marcie in a small apartment. It had been just the two of them forever – Cody didn't know his father, but his mother more than compensated for his absence. They were very close, and now that Cody was seventeen and working, he admired his mother's fortitude, and looked out for her. He wished she would stop smoking, and that she would meet a man who could be a permanent presence in her life. She worked at Macy's department store, while he worked in IT at the local Apple shop. He was brilliant with computers, and had no trouble with the troubleshooting he did for their customers.

Applying for college found him being approached late in the running by S'wanee, a school no-one had heard of. But the scholarship they offered him, plus the sound of the prestigious campus - it was irresistible and struck him as perfect. After being initially refused admittance, he was contacted by a person named Ross, who said the administration side of S'wanee had messed up, and he had been accepted. He was very happy, little knowing that right there, right when the decision was made to accept was the catalyst to a future he could never have foreseen.

My thoughts on this book are mixed. The first half of the book was way too long, filled with non-information, with Cody and Marcie's lives together the sum total of almost 50% of the story. At approximately 53% we moved to the campus where events very slowly began to occur. I can see where this could have been a brilliant story, but the execution was done in a way that just didn't work for me.
