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Editorial Review

Review

“[A] satisfying job in the P. D. James manner.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

“A triumph.” —*The Literary Review*

“The creation of that most likeable policeman, Detective Inspector Luke Thanet, and his sidekick, Mike Lineham, was a stroke of genius.” —*Yorkshire Post*

Praise for Dorothy Simpson

“A modern-day version of Agatha Christie [who] just keeps turning out solid, cleverly crafted mysteries. Like Christie, Simpson has an uncanny grasp of what makes people tick, but her stories are less in the British cozy mold and more of a combination police procedural and psychological suspense thriller.” —*Booklist*

“Simpson’s mysteries are beautifully crafted and turn on character and psychological insight.” —*The Washington Post*

About the Author

Dorothy Simpson (b. 1933) was born and raised in South Wales, and went to Bristol University, where she studied modern languages before moving to Kent, the setting for her Inspector Thanet Mysteries. After spending several years at home with her three children, she trained as a marriage guidance counselor and subsequently worked as one for thirteen years before writing her first novel. Says Simpson, “You may think that marriage guidance counselor to crime writer is rather a peculiar career move, but although I didn’t realize it at the time, of course, the training I received was the best possible preparation for writing detective novels. Murder mysteries are all about relationships which go disastrously wrong, and the insights I gained into what makes people tick, into their interaction and motivations, have been absolutely invaluable to DI Thanet, my series character, as have the interviewing skills I acquired during my years of counseling.”

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Inspector Luke Thanet becomes involved in solving two murders he suspects are interrelated despite a lapse of twenty years. Bruce Montague uses his repertoire of voices for the myriad characters. Some "stock" voices are used, but for the main characters Montague uses unique vocal accents. Montague's reading pace could have been a bit faster, but basically, this interesting plot's well done. P.A.J. (c)AudioFile, Portland, Maine

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