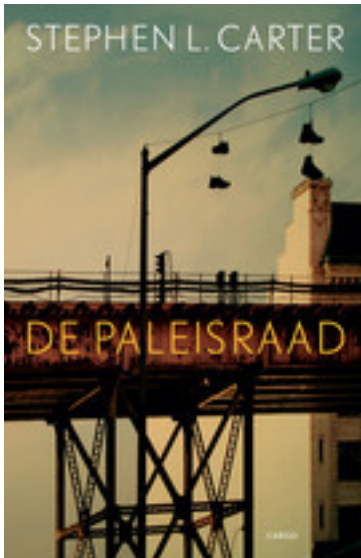

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Description

Eddie Wesley, een jonge veelbelovende zwarte schrijver, stuit in een park op het lichaam van Philmont Castle, een rijke advocaat. Wesley beseft dat hij beter kan doorlopen, maar raakt gefascineerd door het gouden kruis dat Castle in zijn hand houdt. Wanneer hij weken later eenzelfde kruis om de hals van een vrouw ziet hangen, raakt hij onverwacht betrokken bij een internationaal complot. Samen met Aurelia Treene, de vrouw van wie hij houdt, wordt hij meegezogen in een zoektocht naar een geheim genootschap met grootse plannen. Dan verdwijnt Eddies zuster June en wordt duidelijk dat bepaalde personen alles op alles zetten om zijn zoektocht te dwarsbomen.

Insightful reviews

Estibaliz79: Dos hechos innegables sobre Stephen L. Carter, fácilmente deducibles al leer cualquiera de sus novelas:

- 1- Carter es un hombre sumamente inteligente... y, sí, resulta que es profesor de derecho en Yale.
- 2- Carter es negro... o, como diría el protagonista de esta novela, Eddie, miembro de "la nación más oscura".

...y, claro, eso se nota en sus obras de ficción (en las de no ficción seguramente también, o puede que incluso más, pero, como de costumbre, no suelo hablar de lo que no conozco), que se caracterizan por presentar unas tramas elaboradas e inteligentes, pero sumamente amenas, que muestran una perspectiva original y enriquecedora de la Norteamérica negra: una en la que sus protagonistas de color son profesionales destacados en su ámbito laboral y eminentes miembros de la sociedad, lejos de esa otra visión tan extendida de marginación y pobreza.

Si hay que ponerle una etiqueta a sus novelas, sin duda Carter domina como nadie el 'thriller' en este caso con una compleja trama que se extiende a lo largo de dos décadas ricas en sucesos y personajes históricos relevantes, algunos de los cuales se pasean por estas páginas, como son las de los cincuenta y sesenta, y buena parte de los setenta. Sus personajes centrales gozan del carisma habitual, y la historia se lee con gran facilidad, haciendo que sus 600 páginas parezcan bastantes menos. Recomendable para amantes del género.

Sarah: This is definitely an entertaining read--it kept me up an hour later than I intended at the close--but I never could suspend my disbelief fully. The protagonist has a little bit of a Forrest Gump tendency to land right in the midst of major historical events which felt contrived. And I don't know if Carter is just a lot smarter than me, but I tend to leave his mysteries going. "Wait. What just happened?" I'm never entirely clear about whodunit.

Stephen Burns: Carter has a peculiar style, in that he tells more than he shows, but he's a good storyteller. Palace Council isn't his best work, but it is interesting. Unfortunately, the last audio disk from the library didn't work. I have the book on order from the library, so no, I don't know how it ends yet.

Scott Rhee: one other first-class secret from Stephen L. Carter, "Palace Council" tells the tale of the turbulent Sixties throughout the eyes of Eddie Wesley, a tender black guy from upper-class Harlem, and Aurelia Treene, Eddie's first and in basic terms love. at the evening of her marriage ceremony (to one other man), Eddie will get embarrassingly inebriated and is booted from the reception. Stumbling during the park at night, he journeys at the physique of a widely known lawyer. Gripped within the man's hand is an inverted go with a cryptic message engraved on it. Months later, and probably unrelated at first, Eddie's more youthful sister disappears with out a trace. therefore starts off an almost 20-year-long research that leads Eddie to the top degrees of Washington, D.C. and the main risky war-torn sections of Saigon. because the years move by, and Eddie's occupation as a author flourishes, he inadvertently turns into entangled within the historical past of the United States, from the formation of militant teams comparable to the Black Panthers and the Weathermen, the assassinations of J.F.K., Bobby Kennedy, and Martin Luther King, the ripple results of the Vietnam War, to the Watergate scandal. As always, Carter tells a well-plotted mystery, one who unravels slowly through the years yet consistently in unforeseen directions.

Zach: if you can't get into the characters in the first few pages, you'll now not get pleasure from this because the plot isn't as attractive because it may possibly seem, and the focuse of the ebook is to work out how the characters interact/develop. different studies the following on the website are rather accurate. Stephen L. Carter is a wonderful writer his characters are good drawn, genuine and simple to develop into in. Also, the subject material of the small, yet frequently influential African American higher category of the 50s'-60's is attention-grabbing and obviously good researched. The plot fast increases the reader's curiosity--but WARNING--as others have famous there's not rather an "Aha!" moment--questions that have been raised with such fanfare previous on are disposed of in an offhanded way, and aren't particularly explained--as in the event that they not rather matter. This frequently leaves the reader feeling disappointed. back Carter is obviously a proficient author. although this is often the 1st publication of his i've got read, i glance ahead to analyzing more.

Bookmarks Magazine: Oh critics, how ye disagree! Many stumbled on Palace Council overly lengthy and complained that the "thriller" elements got here and went at random. it is also a nasty sign up a style that is determined by flash/bang finales if the finishing is taken into account weak. On a separate note, Edward and Aurelia witness extra historic occasions than Forrest Gump

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