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Description

Het lichaam van een student wordt gevonden in de streng afgesloten militaire academie van Venetië. Het is de zoon van arts en voormalig parlamentslid dokter Moro, die een smetteloze reputatie heeft. Dokter Moro en zijn vrouw weigeren te geloven dat hun zoon zelfmoord heeft gepleegd. Toch zijn ze niet erg bereid mee te werken aan het onderzoek. Commissario Brunetti ontdekt verontrustende feiten die angstvallig stil worden gehouden door de machtige elite van zijn land in het algemeen en door het echtpaar Moro in het bijzonder.

Insightful reviews

Sara: The saddest ending and the most ironic title.

Shuriu: Paola had brought home ravioli di zucca and had prepared them with salvia leaves quickly sautéed in butter, then smothered them with Parmigiano. After that, she had switched to fennel, serving it interspersed with pan-fried veal pieces that had spent the previous night in the refrigerator, marinating in a paste of rosemary, garlic, fennel seed, and minced pancetta. (p. 158)

"I think part of it comes from your resentment -- not that some people have more than others, but that they don't realize or don't want to admit that their money doesn't make them superior or give them the right to anything they choose to do.... And from their refusal to consider the possibility that their greater fortune is not anything they've earned or merited.... At least I think that's why you dislike them as much as you do." (p. 162)

He turned and looked across the still waters at the disorderly domes of San Marco and the piebald walls of Palazzo Ducale, and thought of the peace their beauty brought him. How strange it was: nothing more than the arrangement of lines and colours, and he felt better than he had before he looked at them. (p. 189)

Lorraine: Uniform Justice is the 12th in the Inspector Brunetti series and was published in 2003. This is one of the darker books in the series. The story centers around the apparent suicide of a 16 yr old cadet at an exclusive military school in Venice. It is largely attended by the children of previous attendees. In this case, the cadet is the son of a prominent oncologist and former member of parliament known for his absolute honesty in a country where political corruption is a foregone conclusion. Neither of the boy's parents are willing to cooperate although both don't believe it is suicide. However, it soon becomes obvious there is much more to this case than meets the eye. It affects Brunetti deeply since he has a son the same age as well as a daughter a bit younger. As a result he feels driven to find out exactly what happened. Leon conveys the emotions of a loving father who feels the parents' pain probably more deeply than he should. However, there is still plenty of the author's signature wit, irony as well as the deep affection she has for a city in which she has lived for many years.

Judy: Love this series. have no idea which booklet this can be within the sequence as i discovered in locally lending library right here at our domestic clear of domestic in AZ. This tale

is a secret of the demise of a scholar at an army academy whose father had alienated govt officers along with his "truthful" document of army spending. Commissario Brunetti investigates the questionable taking pictures of the student's mother, the lacking sister. the army scholars are opposed and arrogant, giving no assistance. those scholars also are the sons of military officials and govt lobbyists, etc. giving concept to attainable purposes the scholar died - suicide as proposal or homicide as a result of father's activities. Brunetti is a truly likeable and expert policeman who sees good looks in all components of his life, the town of Venice, his family, food, art, books; he does not particularly appear to belong with crime, murder. He works round his energy hungry boss that's really comical at times. The final bankruptcy is a bit varied and should hold you till the end.

Claude: i believe this is often my favorite e-book within the sequence as much as now, with possibly the exception of homicide on the Fenice and Acqua Alta. rather a gloomy novel, during which justice isn't served.

Richard Thompson: Our first Donna Leon read-aloud. We like Brunetti as a personality and Venice as a setting. different strong characters contain Brunetti's wife, and the hyper-efficient Signorina Elettra. We ask yourself (suspect) that those novels may have the a few of the similar demanding parts that we do not like in Russian novels: murky history energy relationships and intrigues that bog down the police work, and impotence of our investigator within the face of strong and well-connected wrong-doers. This story, if is typical, has a tendency to verify that suspicion. A few questionable plot issues in my mind. The murder? suicide? accident? occurs at an unique army academy. The sufferer is the son of a trendy liberal politician. Surely, the 1st query is: why used to be he on the college at all. not anyone will get round to asking that query until eventually the ultimate few pages of the book. (Third street is the Grand Canal. Crossing at the Rialto Bridge from the Dairy Queen to the Fichtner Apartments. There swaggering younger males in fancy UNIFORMs block the bridge. I knock one among them into the canal... ah JUSTICE.)

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