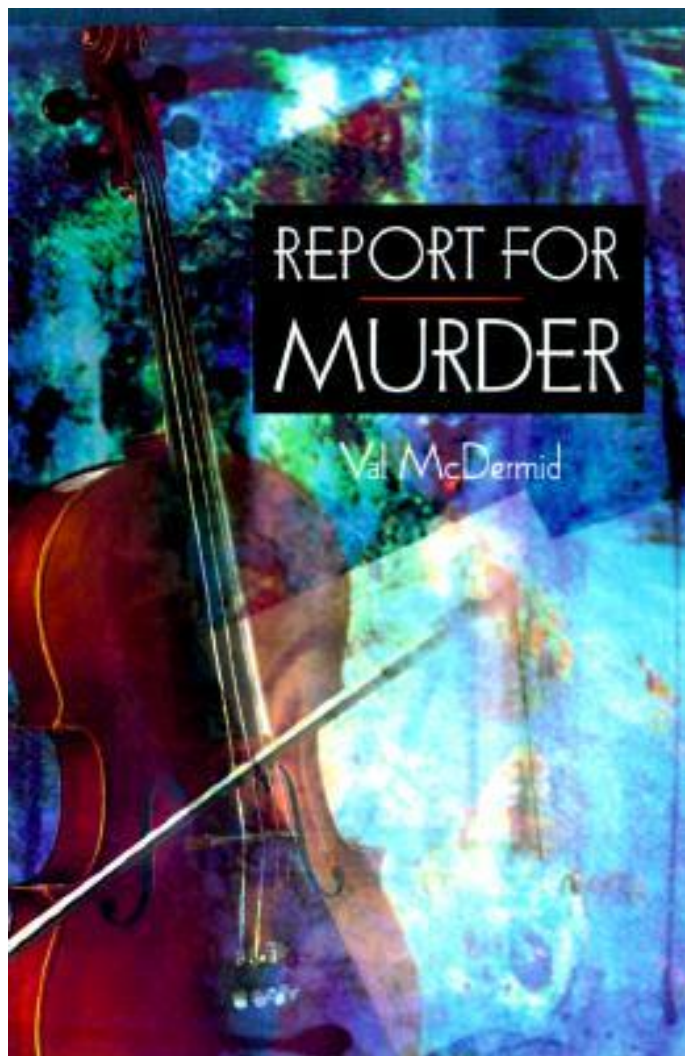

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Description

Fiction. Gay and Lesbian Studies. Lindsay Gordon, self-proclaimed cynical socialist lesbian feminist journalist is less than overjoyed at the prospect of spending a weekend at a posh girls' boarding school. Tensions are running high over the school's financial problems; the fact that school alumna and reknowned musician Lorna Smith-Couper, will return to the school to perform at a benefit concert only exacerbates anxieties. When Smith-Couper is found strangled with her own cello string right before the concert, Lindsay and Cordelia find their new relationship tested in unique ways as they seek to find the murderer among a long list of suspects. ...a clever mystery, a good read, and a heroine who is my kind of woman: Lindsay Gordon is smart, tenacious, daring, lusty, loyal, and class-conscious to the bone --Barbara Neely, author of the Blanche White series.

Insightful reviews

Lynn: I could see the future author in parts of the book. Otherwise, it was pretty slow reading for me. I shall continue reading McDermid because her good books that I have read greatly outnumber the okay books.

Crystalanya Changstal: Finishing this book gave me the opportunity to see how Val McDermid has grown as an author. I believe I read this a long time ago in the early 90s (young queer girl searching for anything to read) but really discovered McDermid with 'The Mermaids Singing'. This is the perfect airplane book. Finished it and others in an entire plane ride. It's entertaining and the characters still have surprisingly depth for such a short book. If you forget or overlook it's context--this was written during the Thatcher area--some of the characters' details seem odd or not as relevant when put back into its context.

Myladyisdain: Not as good as her Tony Hill series, but I liked this. Definitely can tell it's an earlier one of her novels, which is a negative because she's definitely improved as a writer in the past 20+ years, but also a positive because there was a neat political tonal difference that was fun to explore, the POV being a lesbian journalist in 1985. The more things change...

Mystery was decent, cared more about the characters than whodunnit by the end.

Tyrannosaurus regina: Everything's higher with lesbians. Fact. Otherwise, this publication is usual bordering on unpleasant. i could have got a few metaphorical whiplash from Lindsay and Cordelia's cold and hot conversations, and never visible the place the slightest little bit of charm got here from except physical, however it was once an unsensationalised lesbian dating in a modern booklet from the eighties and that is something. And the homicide secret used to be either a bona fide homicide and an enough mystery, that's greater than i will be able to say for many what i have learn lately.

Abra: i believe i have learn ONE (or probably two) or Val McDermid's early mysteries that includes Lindsey Gordon, a Brit lefty lesbian journalist within the Nineteen Eighties (I may possibly virtually use the 'historical mysteries' tag now). now not this one, though, and never the

subsequent one i'm approximately to review. it truly is fascinating to me how this compares in tone and in ancient believe to the yank equivalent, that is the trilogy by way of Barbara Wilson that begins with homicide within the Collective. That booklet is like crack for me, since it so effectively displays the yank feminist left of the 1980s, with team spirit with crucial the United States politics, lesbian popping out love stories, and so on. The Brit model lower than Thatcher, which I additionally skilled first hand in 1984 after which 1986-7 is competently mirrored in those books via McDermid, however it is not as resonant for me, and i'm uncertain why. The surroundings (especially of the second one one, that is a thinly disguised Greenham Common, a protest encampment I nearly visited in the summertime of 1984 whereas on a 2 hundred mile protest march people missile bases in Britain) is perfect; the Brit vernacular is exact... almost certainly I simply do not care that a lot for Lindsey Gordon, the place i used to be totally into Pam Nilssen, the sleuth and lesbian in Wilson's books.

Celeste: strong mystery Interesting story, well-developed major characters. i glance ahead to the advance of the connection of Lindsey and Cordelia and the subsequent book.

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