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Sergeant Logan McRae is in troubleâ€¦

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His missing-persons investigation has just turned up a body in the woods â€” naked, hands tied behind its back, and a bin bag duct-taped over its head. The Major Investigation Team charges up from Aberdeen, under the beady eye of Loganâ€™s ex-boss Detective Chief Inspector Steel. And, as usual, she wants him to do her job for her.

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But itâ€™s not going to be easy: a new Superintendent is on her way up from the Serious Organised Crime Task Force, hell-bent on making Loganâ€™s life miserable; Professional Standards are gunning for Steel; and Wee Hamish Mowat, head of Aberdeenâ€™s criminal underbelly, is dying â€” leaving rival gangs from all over the UK eying his territory.

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There's a war brewing and Logan's trapped right in the middle, whether he likes it or not.

This is a superb addition to what is a stellar series. We are in Aberdeen, the weather can be relied on to be atrocious and there are bodies with their heads covered with bin bags that have been tortured and killed. So begins a twisted trail for the dynamic duo of the hard working put upon Logan McCrae and the iconic DCI Steele. Logan attends two funerals, the local gangster that is Wee Hamish Mowat, who bequeaths Logan his criminal empire and much of his fortune and a litany of problems. The se This is a superb addition to what is a stellar series. We are in Aberdeen, the weather can be relied on to be atrocious and there are bodies with their heads covered with bin bags that have been tortured and killed. So begins a twisted trail for the dynamic duo of the hard working put upon Logan McCrae and the iconic DCI Steele. Logan attends two funerals, the local gangster that is Wee Hamish Mowat, who bequeaths Logan his criminal empire and much of his fortune and a litany of problems. The second funeral is that of Logan's girlfriend in a coma, Samantha, whose life support he has to switch off.

The murderous psycho that is Reuban is continually trying in to kill Logan and pushes him into doing things that are outside his comfort zone and his character. The relationship between Logan and Steele is a sight to behold and cherish as it veers from hate to loyalty and affection which is a badge of dysfunctional families. Talking of families, an unexpected family member is revealed to Logan. The trail of the murders is a dangerous one that takes its toll on the police team. And oh yes, Logan is pushed to investigate Steele by Professional Standards. The black humour and comic timing is spot on although the slapstick comedic touches also work a treat.

What can I say? Stuart MacBride's other books and Ash series are merely okay. However, he makes up for all that in the magnificence of the Logan and Steele series. Here, he is nothing short of a genius and I am shocked that no-one has yet made a TV series of the books. If you haven't got round to reading this series, you are missing out. Can't wait for the next book in the series. ...more

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This is the tenth book in the Logan McCrae series by Stuart MacBride.

I have read all the previous nine books in this series and found them to be quite a mixed bag. I really enjoyed the early books but of late found the books a little bit stale and predictable. This one however was back to the series at it's best. The main characters are funny in places and so well developed throughout the series that you can easily picture them in your mind as the story is told.

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In this book bodies are found with their heads covered with bin bags, having been tortured and killed. Logan McCrae and the very funny DCI Steele investigate but they both have their own troubles. Logan attends the funeral of local gangster Wee Hamish Mowat, who has bequeathed his empire of crime and over 600k to Logan, which gives Logan severe problems to not only his safety but also to his moral conscience. This is all going on at the same time as is girlfriends life support is t be switched off. Logan's problems are not eased by the murdering psycho Reuben who is determined to kill Logan. There are so many other subplots that it is almost impossible to mention them all without writing a short story. Needless to say this book is full of laughs and crime and great comedy interaction between the characters. So glad I kept reading this series when I was beginning to doubt whether to carry on or not. Looking forward to the next one. ...more

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Of course the best part of these books is the relationship between McCrae and DCI Steele. She is truly an original and their dialogue is really funny. I was surprised at how things ended between them in this book and wonder how they are going to come back from what occurs. And if McCrae does what I think

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he is going to - well the mind boggles!

Anyway Stuart MacBride has got us this far. I am sure I can trust him to take things onwards. I am very much looking forward to the next book. ...more

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In The Cold Blood

DNF at 35%. I'm not sure if I'm in the right state of mind for this book this year or if the repetitive humor isn't working for me anymore. It's getting a bit same same.

I've read all the other books in this series and liked them so I'm not sure why this time, it's just not working for me.

Hope to revisit this book in the future.

What can I say? This book is absolutely flippin' fantastic - I missed bus stops reading it. With no doubt at all, the best crime fiction I've read this year, quite possibly in years. Even better than The Missing and the Dead - how is that possible?

In The Cold November Rain

Another fantastic volume in the DS Logan McRae series!

Stuart MacBride leaves nothing out in this gritty missing person mystery, and while the mystery itself is engaging, the personal story of Logan is what drives this one. He has to deal with the death of crime boss Wee Hamish Mowat, who has tagged Logan to take over his crime family. He has to deal with Reuben the Beast, who has been waiting to take over Mowat's crime syndicate, potentially setting off a turf war in Aberdeen with Malk the Knife. Another fantastic volume in the DS Logan McRae series!

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As I write this out, it sounds like a really bad soap opera plot, but trust me, you WANT to read this!

There were some real surprises in this book, some that I never would have guessed in a million years. Logan is a good man who just can't seem to win, and yet, he's always able to scrap his way out of trouble, solve the crime/mystery, and live to see another day. Except this time, the book ends on a multi-point cliffhanger! Did he or didn't he? And what happens to Steel? (I did NOT see that one coming!)

Stuart MacBride is one of the few authors that's willing to do anything to keep his characters fresh, from promotions (and demotions), writing events in their lives that are so very heart-wrenching, and allowing plot points that actually hurt the characters both physically and emotionally. DS Logan has gone through so much over the years, one has to wonder how much more he can take.

One question that needs answered RIGHT NOW: When is the next book in this series being released?!

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Fantastic read as always. Can't fault Stuart MacBrides storytelling and who doesn't love Inspector Steel?!

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