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As many of you will know from reading my blog, I am a huge fan of historical fiction. I think, if done well, the genre is one of the most entertaining and enigmatic fields you can spare the time to read. Pastor has created a fabulous mystery, tied in with a time in history I don't know a lot about. You do more than read this book- you invest yourself in it, allowing your mind to be swept up in the lives of the characters. The characters were incredibly well thought out. Although not the first Martin Bora book in the Bora series, this book can be read as a stand-alone novel (I love that!), yet when reading Martin's third-person account, I connected with his gritty persona early-on. Bora is logical, rapid, and focused- but there are times when he can be sporadic and askew, leading the reader to question his ideas and motives. This gives the novel tension and inviting the reader to further devote their time to solving the murder, in partnership with Bora himself.

With the back-drop of war draped over the story, and in a time when WW2 is on the brink of starting, the novel represents a historical narrative yet looks into the characters' individual stories and their lives. Oh, and one big factor- murder. The added crime element which brings the story full circle develops the plot-line quickly and leaves the reader wanting more.

Recommendation

Anyone who is a fan of reading murder mysteries, war drama, or the overall umbrella of historical fiction will enjoy this book. It is incredibly well researched and has a lot of informative structures which is brilliant as I feel as if I have not only read the book, but have learned something from it too.