



“Liar Moon” is the second book in the Martin Bora series.

Bora is a Wehrmacht Major who two months after surviving a grenade attack in which he lost his left hand and nearly his leg, is back to work and tasked to investigate the murder of Camerata Vittorio Lisi, a well known Fascist and cripple. The Wehrmacht has zeroed in on Lisi’s very young widow Claretta as the prime suspect and with the help of Police Inspector Sandro Guidi, Bora must find evidence to either convict Claretta or find the true killer. Lisi--as it turns out--was a womanizer preying on his servant girls and the wives of other men. As a result, he had amassed a long list of enemies that included the recipients of large high interest loans.

Bora and Guidi are not only working on the Lisi case but are combined in their effort to catch a serial killer amongst the raging war between Italy and Germany. The serial killer has a calling card of sorts: he leaves shoes as clues and walks away barefoot from the scene. Working the parallel cases, the men follow up on leads that take them from underground abortion clinics to the fields of Verona chasing the elusive serial killer.

Both men have their demons to contend with, Bora from his opposition to the SS and their policies toward the treatment of Jews and Guidi with his ever growing feelings for Claretta who has now been jailed for the murder of her husband. They must put aside their personal demons and focus on the cases, which inevitably throw them into dangerous situations and chases to catch the killers.

Ben Pastor is the author of several very successful novels. She has won the prestigious Premio Zagaroza for the best historical fiction and is considered one of the top in her field. The second of the series has the reader engaged, following the lives of the very believable characters and hoping Pastor will continue the series.

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