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In a remote community off the west coast of Ireland, residents inclined to gossip speculate why reclusive Clement Ford, the "Sea Wolf," has become such a generous benefactor to his neighbors. Then one night, a mysterious figure from Ford's past arrives on the island, and by morning three people are murdered and Ford has disappeared. In the wake of the tragedy, Chief Superintendent Peter McGarr, and his intuitive wife, Noreen, along with his trusted staff from the Murder Squad, must piece together the deadly evening's events and answer the questions: Who really is the enigmatic Sea Wolf? And what does he have that is worth killing so many people for?

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Cd Rodden says

20 years old and a good book is still a good book.

This was more of a character study than it was a mystery. It began slowly. What little action sequences existed were just as well described and written as the historical information.

It was a good story filled with good characters. I liked it.

Eric_W says

I am really liking Bartholomew Gill. The Peter McGarr series so far have all been excellent and this one is no exception.

Clement Ford, the man who controls a trust very beneficial to the inhabitants of an island off the Irish coast, but who lives very modestly, has been watching the sea for a quarter century, fearing that Angus Rehm and his past might have caught up to him. When Rehm does turn up, he secrets the information about the trust with a neighbor and plans to flee. Before he can, Rehm and his children arrive seeking vengeance, leaving several dead in his wake. Ford escapes and Rehm must now ferret out the secret even though the police are swarming over the island, especially given that one of the dead was a retired cop.

Gill does a wonderful job portraying the distrust of the old Irish for newcomers and those from the mainland, especially after the EU loan to Ireland that resulted, so the old-timers say, in the GUBU (Grotesque, Unbelievable, Bizarre, Unprecedented) corruption and scandals that resulted. “The likes of foreigners and scuts, like you. Yeh’ve ruined this country, this island, and now my son [the father of the dead cop is speaking to McGarr]. Frauds and gobshites [love that word] all of yiz. Mots, bowsies, and gurriers.” Lovely.

E says

Decent mystery set on Clare Island, Ireland. Bonus points for historical intrigue, and getting me attached to characters early on in the story. Minus points for what felt like an abrupt ending.

John says

A great mystery set on an island off the west coast of Ireland. A great read.

SraKathy says

Gill was a great writer. I love this series of Chief Superintendent Peter McGarr. He and his Garda squad leave Dublin to solve crime on Clare Island.

Donna says

I found this book in the back of my bookcase and I'm really sorry I did not find it sooner. Wonderful setting on a remote island off the coast of Ireland. It is a mystery within a mystery, part police procedural with Insp McGarr investigating a number of murders and missing persons and the big question - Who really is/was Clement Ford?

Beth says

Reminded me a lot of The Usual Suspects.

Tara says

Not bad; a decent mystery with a fast pace. Not my usual fare but you've got to go outside of your comfort zone every so often. I can't compare this to Gill's other novels because this is the only one I have read. I noticed some of the other reviewers thought this book was weak compared to his others.

Ric says

exciting, action packed mystery...one of those you already know who dunnit...but you watch the detectives work it out...plus you get the background as why....now staying in Ireland we move on to a Christmas gift...Tana French's....Faithful Place

Ellen says

A brutal murder on an Irish island with equally brutal weather brings some of Gill's recurring characters to investigate. Because of the insular culture of the island, their work has to be done with a light touch despite the danger. The intriguing characters, the suspense and the island held my interest despite the brutality.

linda says

I had such high hopes for this book, a real page turner at first and then I'm not sure what happened. I had to slog through until the last 50 or so pages.

Coalbanks says

Supposedly the best of McGarr's work but I prefer others which stick closer to the police procedural than this which is too close to Ken Follett, Tom Clancy & George Higgins. A good, quick read with good characters, a decent plot, an interesting twist in the personal life of one of the team that will develop into an on-going storyline & provide some tension within the team in a later book, I'm sure & some weak areas which would have taken too much time & focus from the main story to correct.
