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What happens when a child from a violent home is not safe in the hands of those assigned to protect him? For Timmy Watts, the answer is death. Timmy is found in a park, brutally stabbed yet carefully wrapped in a blanket. The case goes to DS Joe Burgess.

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J. says

Great book

This is my second Joe Burgess book. Real, gritty and brutal at times, the plot pulls the reader in and leaves them feeling as if they were standing in the middle of a crime scene. Two books down...time to sink into the third!

Stephen Dorneman says

Joe Burgess is dedicated to his work - perhaps too dedicated, as when an innocent child is killed on his Portland beat, he takes justice for that victim as an all-too-personal quest. A police procedural with heart (and blood, and the dog shit reality of the street), with an unforgettable cast of characters both in and out of the precinct. Recommended.

Sara says

I like this one even better than Playing God. Det. Joe Burgess is really growing on me as a character. I keep drawing parallels between him and Preston/Child's Lt. Vincent D'Agosta, although you get to know Burgess much better than D'Agosta because the writing is 100% from Burgess' perspective. Police procedure is very realist. No - "Look! the bad guy conveniently popped up at the last minute and asked me to arrest him! All in a day's work..." like some detective novels.

Kathryne says

Joe Burgess is good company. Nice to know he's there to battle on keeping the world a little safer

Mary Garrett says

Who You Gonna Call?

The world needs more like Joe Burgess in Kate Flora's THE ANGEL OF KNOWLTON PARK, conscientious, principled, and determined to bring justice, no matter what. He's an amazing, strong, real character, and if I needed someone to watch my back or save me from a monster, he'd be my first choice. I'd even order pizza for him afterward, or rather, for them. Burgess said it was the team, good people acting together.

Vacation plans dropped, girl friend has to understand, injured knee iced and wrapped, wounds stitched . . . and he just keeps going. Clues are found, confusions interfere, but justice promised must be delivered. This is not an easy book, well-written but not easy. There are dark places, but good people bring some light. I

have already requested the next book in the series. I wish Burgess could clean up the world.

A few favorite quotes:

“Crime scenes spoke volumes . . . It was his job to figure out what they were saying.”

“hard winter and spring . . . visions of that peaceful lake . . . It was hard to let those visions go. But Timmy Watts was dead and for now his attention needed to be here.”

“A diamond in the rough . . . full of wonder and curiosity. He was so needy it broke your heart . . . natural generosity.”

“Not hoping for pain free days, but simply for less painful ones.”

Hope is made of small things.”

Judy says

I have just finished 3 books in this series. The mystery cases are very good but it is overkill (no pun intended) with the information about being a policeman. I would recommend beginning with the first one but read some other books before you read the second, etc.

Barbara says

Detective Joe Burgess is a crusty and tough, yet caring, often kind member of the homicide team in Portland, Maine. They are confronted with the senseless murder of a beautiful eight year old boy. His family members include thieves, drug addicts and dealers, prostitution and many other senseless heinous crimes. They live in indescribable squalor. The child has lived with extreme neglect, but had somehow managed to be an appealing boy. In addition, he usually had to seek out kind neighbors for food.

This case is filled with frustrations and brutality for the team. The family and most of the neighbors deny having seen anything or knowing anything to assist with this frustrating case.

Flora has written this story vividly, with a careful eye for details. She has imparted the sense of determination of these policemen to solve this horrifying crime.

Sara Spaulding says

Blue Lives Matter

Kate Flora didn't have to buy she brought to life what it means to be a policeman. Joe Burgess, the meanest detective on the force, is also the one who can solve this case and he does it even after being taken off the case.

Kate Flora uses this opportunity to teach us all about the humanity of a police officer. So glad I read this book.

Terry says

This one captured me from the get-go. Compulsive reading, but dark. Normally I don't go for stories

involving crimes against children, but this one worked. Set in Portland, Maine, Flora's protagonist, Detective Burgess, is utterly sympathetic and he exudes dogged determination. Clearly, police procedurals are my go-to reads right now. Compare with William Kent Krueger, Brian Freeman, and P.J.Tracy.

Carol says

This is #2 in the Joe Burgess Series, and he is still driving himself so hard that he's really a bit of a masochist. It's still annoying. But the story is carefully plotted, and the timeline is seamless. I devoured it in spite of (not because of) the ongoing litany of Joe's knee pain, lack of sleep, lack of decent meals, etc, etc. Somehow he is stuck into my psyche and I really love these mysteries/police procedurals. The stories take place in Portland, Maine, which becomes a character in its own right. Recommended.

Jann says

It is hard to say I liked a book when the subject is so dark. An eight year old boy is brutally murdered and the entire book is a police drama detailing their efforts to solve the murder. The book is well written and you get a sense of the teamwork and sometimes luck it takes to solve such a crime. Joe Burgess (detective and main character) is a hard working and likeable guy. I will read another of the Joe Burgess novels just to keep up with him.

Frances I. Guempel says

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I have already bought book three in the Joe Burgess series. You really feel for these detectives as they work their way through cases. GP and their own boss in their faces all the way.

ctrothschild says

Thanks Kate!

Best cop story in a long time! The in's and outs, day in day out struggles of murder detectives are truly overlooked sometimes by us all. The determination and dedication to their jobs is what us citizens never see.

John Fossett says

I like Joe. He takes a lickin' and keeps on tickin'. There's a certain charm to his persistence, to his Sisyphean task of trying to navigate the bureaucratic bullshit to solve the case and to his ability to make sure his personal life does not come before work. And Joe develops a little more each book. Kinda feel like I know his pain points as well as his pleasures, what few he allows himself.

In spite of the cliché I like the way Flora uses her straight-forward storytelling to make and keep it interesting. She keeps it moving along with enough the detail to get the timber and temper of the place. I get a sense that I'm doing a ride-along with Joe's and the team.
Just started Joe Burgess #3 this morning :)

Kathleen Hagen says

The Angel of Knowlton Park, by Kate Flora, a-minus, No. 2 in the Detective Joe Burgess series. Narrated by Terry Rose, produced by Books in Motion, downloaded from audible.com.

This series takes place in Portland Maine, and they are police procedurals. We have the traditional outspoken driven cop, Burgess, and his team, and the Deputy of the Department who hates him and is always trying to get him fired. In this book, Burgess is just ready to go on vacation, when his immediate supervising lieutenant says he can't go on vacation because an eight-year-old boy, Timmy, has been found in the park. He has been brutally murdered. Joe Burgess has a gift for investigating child murders, but that is in part because he is still tortured by the murderer of a child he wasn't able to put away. As he investigates, he finds that Timmy was a member of a family with seemingly no redeeming characteristics. The family is into all kinds of crime, including one brother into pedophilia. As Burgess and his team investigate, things become quite complicated with more children put in danger, and the Deputy of the department is trying to find ways to get Burgess discredited so he can fire him. This is an action-packed book. I'm not fond of the narrator. In both of these books by Kate Flora, this narrator seems to have a limited range of different voices to use, so he uses voices which sound quite silly, almost cartoonish, to increase the variety of voices. It would be better if he didn't try to do different voices because many of the ones he creates are extremely irritating. However, the book itself is so good that I finished it despite my irritation.
