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Book Review

Title: The Washashore

Author: Christopher Mirabile

Genre: Fiction - Crime



Review: Reviewed by Carol Thompson for Readers' Favorite

The Washashore by Christopher Mirabile opens on a storm-lashed morning in Provincetown, where newly appointed police chief Silas Lopez responds to a foundered boat before dawn. The uneasy calm shatters when a body is discovered near Town Hall, brutally injured in what first appears to be a hit-and-run. As Silas assesses the scene, inconsistencies trouble him. The victim, Timothy Perkins, was married to Blake Stevenson, a local real estate agent. Neighbors say their relationship was strained by frequent arguments. When Blake claims he stayed home all night, a witness contradicts him, placing his car on the road around three in the morning. Blake later admits he drove to the home of Timothy's former partner, Alexander Bernardi, driven by jealousy and suspicion. As Silas balances procedure with instinct and navigates his role as an outsider in a tight-knit coastal town, the case deepens beyond a simple traffic fatality into something far more deliberate.

Christopher Mirabile writes with a steady narrative hand, guiding readers through police procedures without slowing the momentum. The pacing mirrors the rhythm of an unfolding investigation, alternating between methodical interviews and bursts of revelation. Dialogue carries much of the tension, revealing the characters through hesitations, deflections, and small slips of language. Silas emerges as a thoughtful, observant lead, a man shaped by his Western roots yet adjusting to Cape Cod's unique culture. The inclusion of Bandit, his blue heeler, offers moments of warmth that balance the darker elements of the plot. Mirabile's portrayal of Provincetown is textured and atmospheric, grounding the mystery in a vividly drawn community. Readers who enjoy character-driven crime fiction with a strong sense of place and careful attention to investigative detail will find much to appreciate in The Washashore.