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Just another murder in a country where killing is a national pastime . . .

Wealth insulates Michael Lane and his family from South Africa's violent crime epidemic until trouble comes from within the high walls of their Cape Town mansion one night when his teenage son commits an act of unspeakable savagery. Lane, joining his wife in a desperate lie to protect their boy (a lie involving the sacrifice of an innocent) encounters no opposition from cops and courts burdened by chaos and corruption, but he sets in motion a bloody train of revenge and retribution that threatens to destroy him and everything he loves.

Praise for Roger Smith

"Smith writes with the brutal beauty of an Elmore Leonard in a very bad mood. " The Washington Post

"Smith has a unique ability to plunge readers into his nightmare visions." The Times

"If you are a fan of George Pelecanos or Dennis Lehane, give Roger Smith a close look." Bookpage

Roger Smith's thrillers *Sacrifices*, *Capture*, *Dust Devils*, *Wake Up Dead*, *Mixed Blood* & *Ishmael Toffee* are published in seven languages and two are in development as movies. He also writes horror under the pen name Max Wilde. Website: rogersmithbooks.com

Sacrifices Details

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Rose says

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So much action, you have to keep reading in order to find out what is going to occur next. This book was hard to put down.

Tricia M Thedford says

Great twists..

Great twists throughout. Just when i thought something was going to happen it was something different. Held my attention. I would recommend it.

Richard says

Sacrifices follows two South African families of opposite social classes: the rich, white, and privileged Lanes and the less-privileged family of their black maid, Denise Solomons. We witness the disintegration of these families after Michael Lane and his wife witness their son commit a brutal crime in their home.

It's a grim, violent, and riveting piece of work where author Roger Smith uses his tale to not only comment on the prevalent crime in Cape Town but also the racial and socioeconomic conflicts that still cripple the area. I was really impressed with Smith's writing this time around too, the prose in this book (his 7th I believe) even more propulsive and assertive than in his first novel *Mixed Blood*. It's a real surprise that Smith isn't more popular in the mainstream; one could easily compare his writing to the likes of Lehane and Pelecanos.

There's a review that called Smith "the crime genre's greatest tragedian." Among the three books I've read by him so far, this one supports that claim the most, showing the fall of these desperate individuals and their families with a scope that is fully Shakespearean. And it's gripping to witness the characters, even though each is the cause of the other's destruction, gravitate to one another because they have nowhere else to go. That makes it even more tragic.

CARLEEN says

I LOVED THIS BOOK!

This story has brought about so many emotions. It's a story that includes sadness, weakness, strength, hate, lust, psychotic chaos, murder, revenge and the ultimate want and need for closure. ALL of the characters seemingly got what they deserved and I LOVED EVERY moment of it.

This was my first Roger Smith read and now, I am a Roger Smith fan.

Mary K Kohl says

Murder

I finished the book but found it to be a rather disappointing read. Just wasn't believable. And the ending was very irritating.

Jenna Golik says

Spell binding ,a mesmerizing story you can not stop reading. It keeps you totally

Engrossed by what goes on in South Africa. The story itself and as the plot develops. I liked it very much.

Vivian says

Christopher was always a bully. Tall and sinewy, he hovered over his peers like an ogre. That's how his parents found him; hovering over a girl as he pelted her with a 10-pound weight. Beverly, his mother, immediately taking charge to cover for her precious son. She always has. His father, Michael, shaken and physically sick, cannot fathom what he sees. He cannot take this any longer. A punishment for his own crimes is what he feels his son is; guilt and shame for the horrors that occurred 20 years earlier.

Beverly is on the ready. Setting up a scrawny meth-head for her son's crime. Louise, the boy's sister, knows something isn't right. She is determined to find out what it is. Michael Lane is in a battle with himself over all of this. Can he continue to cover up for his son?

Macy says

Brutal

Horrible people doing horrible things to each other.... I couldn't put this book down. The Lanes are wealthy sociopaths. The Solomons are by products of systemic racism and institutional poverty. No one deserves sympathy in this book, not even the THOT-ish pregnant girlfriend.

I need to read a cat or dog detective story after this.

Gloria Vanier says

I've found a new favorite author!

I must admit I had never read any of this authors work before, till i got bored one night and started reading Capture. Well my boring night was over and I started downloading every book of his i could find, and Sacrifices was just as great! Mr Smith writes with an earthy quality that brings his characters to life and leaves you hanging in anticipation of what they will do or say next, while the suspense builds with every sentence! Very happy new reader starting her next Roger Smith book, Nowhere, as soon as I finish writing this. I dare you to read one of his books and not enjoy every single Afrikaans or English word of it, while being shocked at the post apartheid world of South Africa!

Theresa Diedrich says

Wow

Different country, different way of life. Very descriptive extreme spectrums of foreign ways of living from the richest to the poorest. Fast paced plot kept me turning the pages.

Galem says

Good read

Not as action filled as I'm used to reading. But held my attention. And I found myself wondering what's happening next.

Donna says

Disturbing Psychological Thriller

A well written and disturbing tale filled with love, hate, and every emotion in between. Colorful descriptions paint this tale and bring the characters to life and death.

Katrina Brown says

Whew!

What a book! Back and forth! No one wins or do they? Don't know if I can take another of this authors. There's the upperclass and the underclass and each share their claws. Little redemption allowed.

kenneth h. robinson says

Character Driven Plot

The folks in this novel are very much the product of their character. Placed in South Africa the events clearly show how the different parts of that society .

Domino says

Lies

Great story

Poor rich advention. Keeping you reading until end. Will recommended to others.n. strong characters. Great story.reading takes you away.
