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Joe O'Connor says

Very Good; Continuing character: Steve Martinez; a series of deaths over a two year period attributed to antique weapons leads a group of law officers, including Martinez that more than accidents and suicides are afoot

Cat. says

Read this in one day (helps that I was home sick) and don't need to read any more of the series. Too bad, really, since it takes place in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and has a great deal of promise in characters and story. But there was a whole lot of editing that needed doing and I literally had the whole "whodunnit" part figured out by page 75. It just didn't work for me. If the author could find a good editor that would work on tightening up plot and rewording some extremely repetitive tics, this could work as a series. C'mon, Gale/Cengage, you can do better than this!

Susan says

Porcupine county sheriff Steve Martinez realizes that the death at a reenactors' encampment is probably an accident, but something about it bothers him. And his hunch becomes more acute as several more accidents, all involving muzzle-loaded firearms, occur in the same area over a span of a few years. Finally there seems to be enough evidence to indicate that there is a serial killer on the loose--but now he and other law offices must determine who is the guilty party.

Ron Ratchford says

A very suspenseful story in a haunting setting. The upper peninsula of Michigan is the location of the story and the setting alone could chill the blood. The sense of a primitive place with a long history is presented. A group of gun lovers are in the woods recreating the life of the early frontier. They are armed with front loading guns that are pre rifling. A death of a woman brings the investigator into the wild and we are introduced to a variety of people who come from differing backgrounds but share the common interests of hunting and guns. One of them is a killer.

This book does for this location of the northern isolated area what tales of Count Dracula did for Bohemia. You will never look at the shape of Michigan with the same passive gaze. There will be a twinge.

Bill Johnson says

I really enjoyed this book. The mystery was engaging and even though the story was told from the point of

view of both the protagonist and the killer, the identity of the killer was still anyone's guess till the book was reaching its climax. I liked this book for several reasons: I like the author, I followed his columns religiously when he was the book editor for the Chicago Sun-Times, I like stories set in the part of the country where it takes place (Upper Peninsula of Michigan), I also like stories set in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois. Anywhere in the Great Lakes region, really. Finally, I like the story because it featured muzzle-loading weapons, particularly flint lock rifles and percussion cap pistols from the Civil War era. I had an interest in these types of guns when i was much younger and single. I even went so far as to purchase a Colt Navy replica (which I no longer own) and a replica Kentucky-style rifle (which I do still own, but it has never been fired. I wouldn't trust myself to have black powder in the house). It looked great over the mantle of my fireplace though. It also made a great prop when I would portray Pierre LeBeau, contemporary of the French fur trader, Du Page.

If you like your mysteries set in the north-woods of the Great Lakes, then this is the book for you.

Kevin says

If you have enjoyed the previous Steve Martinez novels in this series by Henry Kisor you will enjoy the latest installment even if you had to wait a long time for it (the last one came out in 2007 I believe). Like previous Kisor novels, this is not a fast paced thriller but a mystery where the characters and setting of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan are as important as moving the plot along. If you find the characters and settings interesting and engaging then you will enjoy reading as the plot unfolds and the characters react to the unique circumstances they find themselves in.

One thing that I found interesting about this one was how the reader sees the killer's perspective from the beginning but doesn't know the identity. So you read as the Martinez works to put the case together and figure out what is going on (and wrestle with hunches and intuition versus facts and clear motives) even as you understand what the killer is up to.

But then Kisor throws in a unexpected twist and the story ends with more pace and action. It was fun to reconnect with Porcupine County and its residents. It even made me want to visit the real UP again soon.

Suzanne says

I love this series and was very excited to see a new installment! The mysteries are always good but I think I'm more drawn to the characters and the setting. I hope more are coming!!

Eric_W says

I have read all the previous books in the Steve Martinez series. Steve is a Lakota Indian working as a deputy sheriff (now sheriff) in the Upper Peninsula. I've also read all of Kisor's non-fiction books and I've enjoyed everything immensely. This one seemed a bit off to me. Perhaps it was the absence of Gina, or the potential relationship with Sue, or that he is now in charge, I don't know. It's still very entertaining. It concerns the murders of several people, some apparent accidents, using relic smooth bore rifles. The killer is expert with the antiques and we get to see into the mind, such as it is, of the religious zealot, but her motivations are never very clear to me. Still, I liked the sense of place and the prosaic nature of the investigations. On to the

next in the series.

Sarah Alawami says

A good read. What a plot.

John Bohnert says

I've now read the first four novels in this police procedural set in Michigan.
