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For Every Crime There's a Secret

Boston attorney Brady Coyne is devastated after receiving a call from his old friend Jake Gold. Jake's son, Brian, and the boy's girlfriend were involved in an accident that plunged their car into the depths of a local river. The girl was dragged up with the wreckage, DOA. Brian is still missing-most likely swept away by the frigid February currents.

For Every Secret There's a Lie

Brady already has unanswered questions, and with a personal interest in the case, he can't help but look beneath the surface of the watery grave in what he suspects was more than a tragic accident. Then when Jake disappears, and local authorities are loath to investigate, Brady's convinced that very little in the rural suburb of Reddington is what it seems.

For Every Lie There's a Victim

But finding his friend, Jake, is only the first piece of the puzzle. The trail leaves Brady to wonder who he can trust, who else is in danger, and how he can hope to survive a shocking small town secret that's taking no prisoners-and leaving no survivors.

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Bonnie says

I like ALL of Tapply's books. He's a wonderful writer

Brian O'Leary says

Excellent Brady Coyne book, it is a great series.

Steve says

April 2017 - First time reading this story..... Over-lying theme a heavy one that was always the "elephant in the room" throughout the story. Well written!

Terry says

See previous comments.

Barb says

easy to read, passes the time

Joe O'Connor says

Very Good; Continuing character: Brady Coyne; when a client's son is presumed dead in a car accident that ended up in a river, Coyne starts out as a comforting friend, but as the mystery deepend he starts digging into things and finds all kinds of secrets in the small town

Chana says

Nice details and reads well, but the underlying plot is predictable. Some funny lawyer lines, the main character is well developed as a character and is likeable. The author writes tense scenes well. Without giving plot away, there is a scene in this book in which a surprise takes place and I really enjoyed that. It was well written and funny.

James Thane says

Scar Tissue is among the best of the books in William G. Tapply's series featuring Boston attorney Brady Coyne, largely because it features one of the best plots that Tapply ever developed for the series. Coyne has a small, one-man practice, and focuses mostly on writing wills and doing other such mundane tasks for a small group of generally very wealthy clients.

In line with the personal service he provides, Brady has become close friends with a number of his clients and, as a friend rather than as their lawyer, Brady rushes to the side of Jake and Sharon Gold when their son, Brian, is involved in a fatal traffic accident. Brian was riding in a car driven by his girlfriend, when the car veered off a slick highway in the middle of winter and plunged down the bank into an icy river. The girlfriend was killed immediately; Brian, who was not wearing his seatbelt, was apparently thrown from the car and swept away.

The Golds live in the small town of Reddington, an hour or so away from Boston, and the accident occurred on the outskirts of town. Brady sits with the Golds while waiting for Brian's body to be recovered, but his curiosity gets the better of him and he decides to examine the site of the accident for himself. He also talks to the local police chief and gets the distinct impression that the chief does not want him to be interfering with the investigation.

Of course, as any reader knows, you should never tell the protagonist in a book like this to butt out of your business, and sure enough, Brady continues poking around. Almost immediately, the wheels start turning, and Brady had better be looking over his shoulder for the trouble that is about to rain down on him.

As I've said in earlier reviews, Brady Coyne is an engaging protagonist and this is a solid regional mystery series. In and around his investigation, Brady's personal life continues to develop, and no one who enjoys the series will want to miss this entry.

Ed says

#17 in the Boston attorney Brady Coyne series.

Boston attorney Brady Coyne series - When Brian, the 15-year-old son and only child of Jake and Sharon Gold, is apparently involved in a fatal auto accident, Brady rushes to their home in suburban Reddington, Mass., to lend his support. The local police, headed by Chief Ed Sprague, have fished the body of Brian's girlfriend out of a car that plunged through a guardrail into the frozen river below. The two were inseparable, so the search goes on for Brian somewhere beneath the ice. Brady, however, soon suspects the boy is alive. Then Jake, after sending Brady a sealed envelope for safekeeping, asks that they meet at a motel outside Boston. When Brady enters the room rented by "John Silver," he finds not his friend but Chief Sprague, shot dead. Jake turns up later in Sprague's barn, his corpse showing signs of torture. The plot gets even thicker when Brady finds hundreds of dollars torn into shreds hidden in Brian's room. The tension mounts as Brady comes under pressure from politically ambitious DA Gus Nash and cynical detective Roger Horowitz to reveal what he knows.

Eric_W says

Another good Brady Coyne novel. Brady gets a call late one night from Jack Gold, a long-time friend and client who reports that his son and girlfriend have been in a car accident. Jenny, Brian's girl friend, had been driving and their car left the road on a curve and crashed down a hillside into a frozen river. Jenny's body has been recovered but there is no sign of Brian. Brady travels up to their house to console and has a conversation with the highly respected local police chief. But things start to go awry (here I have a minor problem with the way Tapply handles the timing, but it had me turning pages back several times to try to figure out an apparent time lapse.) Brady gets a call from Jack, who has split up from his younger wife Sharon, who is unable to reconcile with the apparent death of her son. He has some important information that he wants to show Brady. When he doesn't show for the appointment, Brady becomes concerned and tracks him down to a seedy motel where no one answers the door. When police are summoned, they discover the body of the police chief.

Anything more would be a spoiler. Solid mystery. Tapply is consistently enjoyable. My favorite character is Horowitz.
