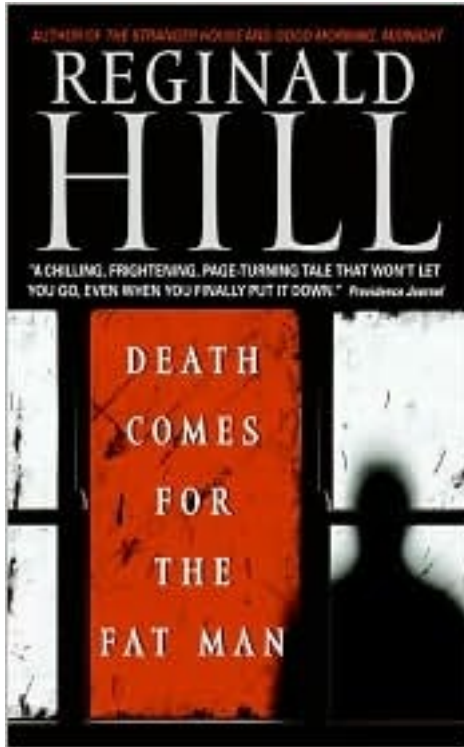

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Description

Not for a second did Pascoe admit the possibility of death. Dalziel was indestructible. Dalziel is, and was, and forever shall be, world without end, amen . . .

Chief constables might come and chief constables might go, but Fat Andy went on forever.

Barreling his way into an investigation of possible terrorist activities, Superintendent Andy Dalziel is caught in the blast of a huge explosion at a video shop—and only "Fat Andy's" considerable bulk prevents his colleague, Chief Inspector Peter Pascoe, from suffering a similar fate. Now Dalziel lies on a hospital bed barely clinging to life, while Pascoe remains determined to find those responsible.

But the truth is not always cut-and-dried, and sometimes those who are sworn to terror's destruction are even more dangerous than the foe they wish to annihilate.

Insightful reviews

rabbitprincess: Come for the plot, stay for the characters. While the plot of this novel is somewhat interesting (and topical), dealing as it does with terrorist hideouts, counterterrorism units and East/West tensions, it is the characters that really make this novel. At the start of the book, Dalziel and Pascoe are caught in an explosion at a suspected terrorist house. Pascoe, being sheltered by Dalziel's massive bulk, gets off much more lightly than does Fat Andy, who spends most of the book hovering between life and death. The remaining characters thus have to grapple with the possibility of Dalziel leaving them forever -- someone likened it to a mountain being removed from a landscape. Pascoe seems to adapt to Dalziel's absence by becoming more like him: being gruff with others, uttering rather colourful similes, and most memorably, telling a couple of members of CAT who have just complimented him profusely for his service with them to "get fucked".

Another really interesting bit in the book was the interludes with Dalziel hovering between life and death, having an out-of-body experience and engaging in several conversations with an ethereal Presence over whether or not he should pass to the other side. But through it all he is still his usual self -- he decides that he's still alive because "dead men don't fart". Only Dalziel!

And I must say that the bottom still fell out of my heart when Wioldy told the Pascoes and Kentmore that Dalziel was dead, even though in my mind I knew he had to survive. Hill just sweeps you along and you have to trust that the story will resolve itself as it will.

Finally, the mystery itself was very good, and I think it was laid out fair enough for the reader to deduce things about the same time as Pascoe did. A very solid entry in the D+P series.

Sskous: half way through. good beach reading. my prediction: it's gonna be the good guys who are the bad guys.

yep. i'm done. and it was the good guys who were made to be the bad guys. I'm tired of this nonsense; we ought to get warning labels: Warning, a politically correct novel: all Moslems are good guys; all Christians/soldiers (whatever) are evil. Just tell me up front. Hill just got my last dollar. Note: it's not that there are not bad guys among us; there definitely are! it's helpful to remember that the goal of political correctness is to indoctrinate contrary to fact. The inescapable result is that you lose your edge. if the goal is to portray Christian western Europeans or Americans as evil while singing the praises of all those peaceful Muslims (like the ones in Malmo, Sweden?) ~ well, just label it. I don't spend my money for junk. Even the Muslims he wanted us to like were too surface to really care about. Sad lack of ability to fully characterize; not at all in Hill's former class. too bad.

Laura Parsons: I adore Andy Dalziel. I had to slow down on this book because I did not want it to end. Andy's comatose thoughts were PERFECT Dalziel - funny...vulgar...sweet...unbelievably touching.

Shonna Froebel: The twenty second within the Dalziel and Pascoe sequence brings within the component of terrorism. whilst a police officer thinks he is obvious a gun in a video shop, help is referred to as in. Dalziel is on responsibility and Pascoe is named from domestic in case it's a hostage scenario the place his negotiation talents could be needed. while the store explodes, Dalziel is hit badly, yet Pascoe has much less serious injuries. With Dalziel in a coma, Pascoe is decided to determine what used to be in the back of it, yet sees intrigue and suspects everywhere. The lifestyles of an anti-Arab workforce referred to as The Templars which could have aid in excessive areas provides extra hazard to his look for answers. this can be a genuine pageturner.

Clare: this can be my 3rd booklet by way of Reginald Hill. His books have plenty and many characters. In studying this one, i really stored tune (on paper) of the entire assorted characters as they have been woven into the plot. once more (as with others of Hill's books) the plot is sort of complex. Even on the end, I had fairly a time understanding precisely who did what. This ebook is in case you fairly take pleasure in a very good mystery, one with plenty of characters who may need "done it." Andy Dalziel, the "Fat Man" of the name is fascinating to imagine about. I saved considering who i'd selected to play him in a movie. it is going to need to be somebody obese yet happy with himself and extremely self confident. Any ideas?

Alice: i love this sequence very much, and this can be a quite nuanced, wealthy example. i admire the colourful Yorkshire characters and naturally fats Andy, even if he's not rather present, is a actually greater than existence personality. splendidly plotty. i like it that Dalziel spouts literary quotations the entire time.

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