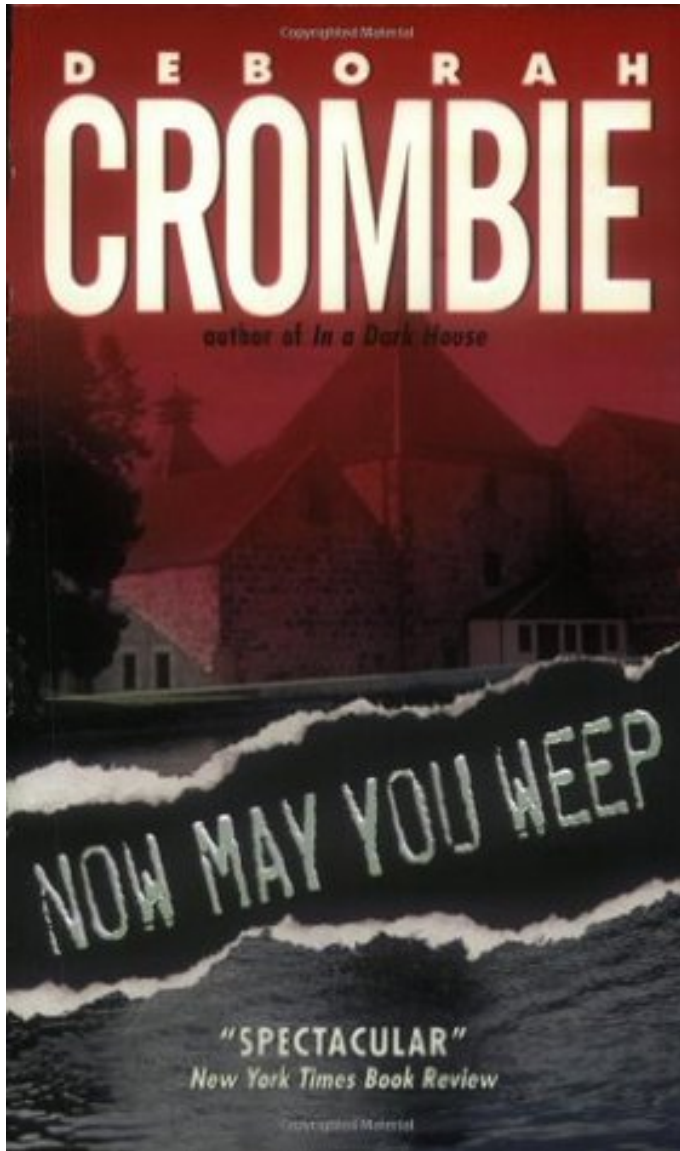

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Description

Newly appointed Detective Inspector Gemma James has never thought to question her friend Hazel Cavendish about her past. So it is quite a shock when Gemma learns that their holiday retreat to a hotel in the Scottish Highlands is, in fact, Hazel's homecoming -- and that fellow guest Donald Brodie was once Hazel's lover, despite a vicious, long-standing feud between their rival, fine whiskey distilling families. And the fires of a fierce and passionate affair may not have burned out completely -- on Brodie's part at least, since he's prepared to destroy Hazel's marriage to win back his "Juliet." But when a sudden, brutal murder unleashes a slew of sinister secrets and long-seething hatreds, putting Hazel's life in peril, Gemma knows she will need help unraveling this very bloody knot -- and calls for the one man she trusts more than any other, Duncan Kincaid, to join her far from home ... and in harm's way.

Insightful reviews

Nancy: Another good book in this series. like the change in scenery...

A gripping story of family rivalry, romance and sinister deeds, set in the haunting Scottish Highlands. When Detective Inspector Gemma James is persuaded by her friend, Hazel, to take a trip to the Scottish Highlands, land of mists and fine whiskey, she jumps at the chance. But Gemma soon learns that Hazel has ulterior motives, and that her friend has concealed more than one dangerous secret. At their remote B&B, Hazel encounters her former lover, Donald Brodie, now the owner of a well known local distillery. Their relationship had ended abruptly years before, when they had been driven apart by their parents. Now he is determined to win her back. But the lovers' reunion yields shocking - and mortal - consequences. Suddenly all too aware of the distance between her and Kincaid, Gemma must come to terms with what she has learned.

Carolyn Hill: Three and a half stars. I always enjoy Deborah Crombie's Gemma Janes/Duncan Kincaid mysteries and this one was no different, though I did feel it wasn't as good as some of her previous ones in the series. *Now May You Weep* starts off slowly - the murder doesn't happen until we've gotten to know the characters and situation. The pace eventually picks up and I did end up staying up late to finish it. This has Gemma James going off with her friend Hazel to a cooking weekend at a B&B in Scotland. The inn is close to a distillery and its history and owner play a large part in the story. Crombie likes to convey the particular history of a place or explore a distinctive kind of craft or business. In other books she's taken us to mystical Glastonbury, shown us how tea is blended, and explored London's Docklands and Portobello Market. In this one we get the whiskey distillery tour, and it's very thorough. I enjoy vicarious sightseeing in the British isles, but this one got a bit bogged down and the tension lagged. I was able to guess the murderer - I think I'm getting a good feel for Crombie's set-ups, but it wasn't obvious and I did second-guess myself a few times. Gemma and Duncan don't spend much time together in this outing - it's mostly Gemma's story. She is frustrated to be on the site of a murder and not be able to orchestrate the investigation, much to her annoyance, as well as that of the local inspector, whose toes she steps on. This lessens the police procedural aspect while there's much more emphasis on the entangled relationships of the characters. Gemma is

shocked to find that the marriage of her friend and confidante Hazel is not as wonderful as she thought. The readers of her series are, too, because Hazel's calm, ordered household was held up as a paragon of domestic bliss where the children (usually including Gemma's boy Toby) were bathed and ready for a story while a delicious dinner was bubbling in the oven and soft music played on the stereo when Gemma would come by inevitably late from work. And Hazel, a psychologist, is perceptive, kind, understanding, a wise counselor, and always 'together.' Until her world falls apart in this book. I don't remember any foreshadowing in earlier novels, and I wondered how Crombie decided on Hazel as the lynchpin of the story. Hazel's husband Tim seems a totally different character here than in the earlier stories, though he wasn't often mentioned, and this seems like the author manipulated the character for the plot. True, we had only seen him through Gemma's eyes. As Gemma and Duncan have too often found in their detective work, alas, all is not as it seems.

Violet: Another excellent story ... actually, two stories (the only author that I know of who does a back story in every book) ... and one wonders why until they come together and all comes clear in the end. The problems between Hazel and Tim remain unresolved, but maybe their story will continue in another book ? Also, Kit's situation is still up in the air ... to be continued.

Matt Schiariti: Crombie simply turns out to have a bottomless good of principles and the power to spindle them right into a marvelous and addicting read. This novel virtually jogs my memory of a proportion In Death, the booklet that begun this remarkable series. a vacation long past wrong, Gemma is invited to her good friend Hazel's previous place of origin in Scotland for what seems an blameless weekend of cooking institution with a few of Hazel's outdated formative years friends. What it's in fact, is Hazel's excuse to revisit an outdated lover, one she approximately married sooner than an outdated relations feud (Hazel's and Donald's households either got here from a whiskey making tradition) tore them apart, inflicting Hazel to depart her cherished birthplace and movement to London, get married and feature a family. Gemma by no means knew her pal in addition to she idea it sounds as if since it seems Hazel's been unsatisfied in her existence for rather a few time. In fact, she could by no means were chuffed at all, constantly seeking to the earlier and Donald Brodie, the Scotstman lover who bought away. Gemma is incensed to discover all this out of course, feeling betrayed and used as an excuse so Hazel may perhaps possible stick with it an affair at the back of her husband Tim's back. yet that is not the least of Gemma's worries. One bump within the highway becomes many as Hazel's past love turns up shot useless within the woods and the top suspect is none except Hazel. This is basically a Gemma James book, and an excellent one at that. to not say Duncan's now not in it. he is received his family difficulty to house again in London within the kind of his son Kit, however the concentration is on Gemma. Also, as has develop into a staple during this series, the radical flashes back, giving perception on what occurred earlier than any of the characters have been even born. The flashbacks are a secret inside of a mystery, laying off mild on what lead as much as the kinfolk feud. This is simply an exquisite mystery, undeniable and simple. The characters are rich, the atmosphere is shiny and Crombie does a superb activity of maintaining you guessing. As usual, numerous humans have causes however the reason and felony are by no means what and who you expect. one other welcome addition to this stupendous series.

Kimberly: I bought this ebook in alternate for a decent review This used to be my first James /

Kincaid secret that i've got read. However, i will be able to inform i'll be interpreting a lot more! This booklet is simply my style; full of attractive surroundings (Scottish Highlands), good built characters (Gemma and Hazel), and a real "Whodunit" in Agatha Christie style. I will not regurgitate the full novel as there are numerous different studies you could learn for that. i'll easily supply my viewpoint as a primary time reader of this series. I cannot converse to the inconsistencies of the previous novels as i have never learn them. I despite the fact that loved the hyperlink among Hazel and Livvy. However, I admit, I did remedy that exact secret particularly early. -- ok I solved them either relatively early. yet i'm that stressful one that can resolve a secret at the television tube within the first 5-10 minutes. All in all, an stress-free snowy day spent bundled up w/ a cuppa and an exceptional book. (Yes, it's a very fast read.) i'm going to certainly be trying out Ms. Crombie's different novels.

Carly Thompson: British secret within the vein of Elizabeth George (but now not as good). i have not learn different books within the sequence and jumped within the center and did not have any difficulties understanding relationships even though my event could have been deeper if I had the characters via numerous books. Gemma James, a Scotland backyard detective, is going on vacation to Scotland with a friend. Her friend's former lover is murdered and Gemma investigates. again in London, Duncan Kincaid, Gemma's romantic accomplice copes with unsettling custody advancements round his son. I came across the scenes with Duncan and his son, Kit, the main attention-grabbing a part of the ebook and notion the secret was once simply so-so. i actually did not care in any respect concerning the Scottish characters and the flashbacks to the feud among households on the finish of the nineteenth century didn't upload a lot to the story. lovers of British secret sequence (Elizabeth George, P.D. James) will most likely get pleasure from this series.

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