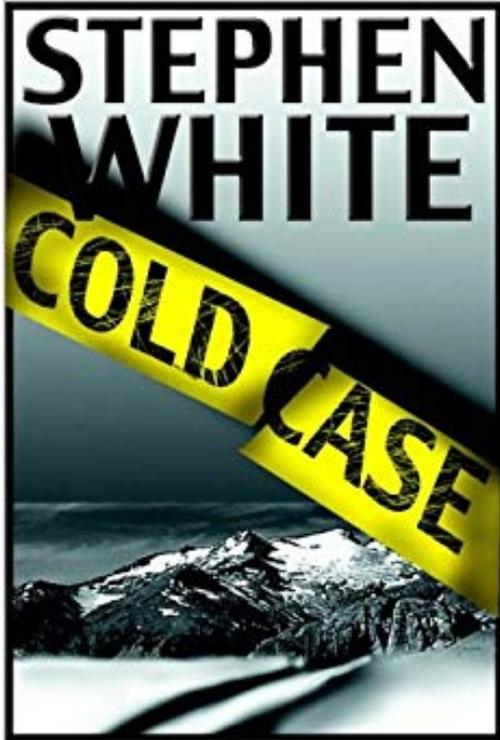


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A decade after the grisly murder of two teenage girls, an organization calling itself Locard - an elite group of prosecutors, federal agents, forensic specialists, and others - is reopening the case. One of its members has just summoned clinical psychologist Alan Gregory to join them. Reconstructing the girls' lives, Alan finds they had been shadowed by secrets. What began as an exercise in psychological detection evolves into a dangerous game of cat and mouse between Gregory and Dr. Raymond Welle, a therapist turned U.S. Congressman with a damning connection to one of the victims. When someone investigating Welle's campaign contributions is killed, Alan steps up his own search for answers. When the facts begin to emerge, the truth is that Gregory may not survive them.

"Stephen White writes thrillers of the first order." (Nelson DeMille)



Reviews of the *Cold Case* *by* Scott Brick, Stephen White

Golkree

Possibly, it was Scott Brick narrating the audio book that made this book somewhat enjoyable. I swear that man could read the instructions on an aspirin bottle and it would sound good.

The author had a tendency, no more like a passion to repeat himself over and over again. We the reader easily catch on that his wife has MS and is pregnant, he didn't have to mention it every time his wife appeared in the story.

Was it necessary to know he had been married before? Possibly in another book but not this one. It seemed as if the author was intent of filling the pages with information that wasn't necessary and necessary information was assumed.

And it would have been nice if he spent some time on the rest of the team, at least once in while just a reminder that they were there.

A good deal of editing would have helped, cut out a lot if not all the sections about the boy across the road and the dog, not needed did nothing to move the story on and Allan and his wife's speculations on the neighbor's lover sex, also not needed.

Characters were not bad, nothing memorable but nothing so terrible you wanted to roll your eyes, stereotypical yes but not truly bad. I must admit, the choice of careers of some of the characters could have been different since they've been done to death. Using a politician lack imagination even making him a politician - psychologist.

One thing that bothered me is when the author writes that a character leaves a terse message for Allan. Why doesn't he go into why she was terse you wonder. Why didn't that strike Allan as being strange? He called but when he was told that that character wasn't able to come to the phone, he never inquired out why she was upset with him.

I found that the author would begin an idea but failed to finish it.

Now comments on other reviews, sorry maybe I'm naïve by I was unaware of any left-wing liberal politics, or hatred towards republicans or arrogance on the part of the author.

Would I recommend the book? The Audio version maybe. Printed format? Probably not.

Final thought. Where have all the editors gone??

Nilabor

My normal reading pattern is one nonfiction, then one mystery to clear my head for the next nonfiction. Mysteries entertain me more than any other type of book and this is the first Stephan White I have encountered -- I will search for more. I even bought a copy for my wife (I listened to mine on a road trip) as she loves mysteries, too. The story will keep you gled to the book until you think you have it figured out, then it will hit you with the truth. Great book! Can't wait for the next one.

Rainbearer

Follows his progression through the series. I enjoy his humor and his way of unfolding the story together with his own personal life story. Much fun for anyone who lives in the Denver/Boulder area as you can imagine the scenes as they unfold.

Nikok

The words "Great author" comes to mind. Master storyteller. Weaver of words. This is the first book I read by Mr. White and my only complaint is that I didn't read his Alan Gregory novels in the order they were written. "Cold Case" is a masterful story from beginning to end, detailing the investigation of two murders that are several years old. There are several twists in this story (one or two you can see coming, but what can you do?)

I highly recommend this book, but I recommend it after having read the others in the series first!

Very Old Chap

I picked up a later Alan Gregory/Stephen White book at a fair, and then started reading all of them from the beginning. I get a little tired of the wife - being ill doesn't automatically make a person interesting - but the stories keep me turning pages.

Ginaun

I enjoy the Alan Gregory series and find characters are well-written and plots not repetitious. I wanted to complete my series and was glad to find them at Amazon as used books. The condition is accurately given by vendor and delivery is on time.

Dugor

An interesting beginning. A little action toward the end. The rest of the story is filled with mind numbing details. Do we really need to know how Satoshi eats her yogurt? Sometimes these little details add color to a story, but when they constitute a large portion of the tale, they slow the pace and are very annoying. There is a big mistake on page 81. White refers to crime scene tape setting up a second perimeter and denying access to the body. There is no body. The character is missing. I have enjoyed all of White's previous novels, but he misses the mark with this one.

I love this series I used to live in Boulder and miss it ...he does a great job describing the area and the boulder attitude.

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