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Tahoe Avalanche (An Owen McKenna Mystery Thriller Book 6)



Synopsis

Texas nightclub owner Bill Esteban let his nephew March Carrera live at his house in the Tahoe Keys while March was figuring out what to do with his life. But when March went missing the same night a monster avalanche slid down to Emerald Bay, Bill had a sickening hunch that March was killed by the slide. When Detective Owen McKenna is approached by Esteban, he senses that the man's hunch is driven by something more than worry. McKenna brings in a professional avalanche rescue dog to search the slide area. As the dog alerts and starts digging, another avalanche comes down on the East Shore of Lake Tahoe, claiming another victim. McKenna realizes he won't figure out the murderer's identity until he knows the motive, but the people who can help him keep turning up dead, buried under the snow. When McKenna learns how the deaths are related, he realizes that the last person to die is up on Tahoe's highest mountain. McKenna tries to get there on skis before the killer strikes again, but a ferocious storm is approaching the Sierra. And there is one more avalanche coming to bury a secret forever...

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Customer Reviews

Love me some Owen McKenna. And Spot, and Street, and Diamond, and Jennifer Salazar, and ...Okay, so I love this series of books, and Avalanche is right up there with the best of them. The premise of this one is pretty cool, and when you find out the deal, you are satisfied that it fit with the plot of the book. One thing I really like about Borg's books is the obvious research he does. I learn something from every book of his that I've read. It may be something about pop culture. In this book it was something about mountaineering and avalanche science. Although I am not a mountaineer, and middle Georgia is about as far from avalanche country as you can get, I still found it interesting. I love the Tahoe area as described in his books, too. I feel like I could fly out and find my way around based on everything he's said in his books. These books are a great value and they are exceptionally entertaining. Do yourself a favor, grab *Tahoe Deathfall* (An Owen McKenna Mystery Thriller Book 1) for free on Kindle and read it. You'll be hooked. Then get this one, along with all the others, and go on vacation to the 8th deepest lake in the world ;-)

Being a California native and having spent my whole life around the Tahoe area, an added bonus to reading Todd's books - in addition to their riveting story lines that keep me on the edge of my seat from the first page to the last - are all the local landmarks sprinkled through his stories of places that I am familiar with. It's hard not to blast through them because of wanting to know the outcome but I also want to savor every book that Todd has so carefully and thoughtfully put together. His knowledge of the area is evident. He also makes a great effort to be accurate with specific situations of the characters he deals with (i.e. - autism, domestic abuse, police procedures, medical and forensic procedures, etc.). He's the best thing to happen to Tahoe since Heavenly Valley Ski Area!

Borg has a strong sense of purpose writing about his local hangouts. Using his dog and the same characters with a scattered few bad guys is excellent. His special friend Street plays an important role in his life and crime fighting escapades. Every book he has written so far has a lesson of art and some scientific or historical facts. He apply addresses the science of snow avalanches in this book. I have wandered the quiet shores of Lake Tahoe out of sight of man and beast and his descriptions is like he was standing beside me seeing the same things I do as he weaves his story line. As a published author, I find it refreshing to find a dedicated author that leaves the world of high finance, money driven sex and gangs behind. His cast of characters adds that special style that make you want to turn the next page and read his next book to see how the good guys win and the bad guys lose, not unlike Zane Gray who was a master of characterization. L Lee Parmeter Author

"Was Stories and Little White Lies."

I like anything he writes with Owen McKenna. I had know Idea who was the bad person. Also he explains a lot of the in's and out of Tahoe's areas meant for tourists and some of the dangerous areas that should not used by the novice. It's a different type of life style.

You would think that after six books in a continuing series, the plots might be getting a little stretched and the characters might be getting repetitious...not so with Todd Borg's Tahoe books. This one is just as good as the others and at this point in the series, I don't even bother to read the reviews before purchasing the next book...I just buy it because I know I'll like it. Avalanche didn't disappoint at all, I was just as captivated by the storyline although I did worry about Spot traipsing around in all that snow. One great thing about Todd Borg's Tahoe books that I've read is that he sneaks a little education into the stories. You really don't know that you're learning something but you really do. For instance, in Tahoe Silence, I learned a great deal about autism (and discovered everything written in the book about it was absolutely true) and in this book, avalanche control and snowfall patterns were part of the story. Again, it's not overt at all - the information is cleverly woven into the story but when you're done with the book, you clearly know more than when you started...and you get a great story at the same time. I just really have enjoyed the Tahoe books and I've actually tried to slow down reading them a little. I don't want to NOT have a Tahoe book to read. When that time comes and it will, I guess I'll just have to start over.

I really enjoy the Owen McKenna Mysteries. The stories progress at a good rate, the characters are well developed, and the suspense builds (I didn't want to put it down at that point). Todd Borg has a real winner with this series. I especially like the Tahoe series since I'm familiar with that whole northern California area. I can visualize his jeep, the great dane (Spot) and the splendor that is Tahoe. I bought the whole series and wish there were more!

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