

Mist: The Path of a Killer by Jason Instrell

3 stars

Good start for a new author

DI John Miste has a gift for detection but he is a troubled man. Affected by his childhood after his brother Mark went missing, and with his wife Claire becoming one of the victims of the serial killer known as the Wolf, it is not surprising that he is haunted by voices and visions and converses directly with them. Neither is it surprising that he is on tablets – when he remembers to take them!

What is surprising is that he is allowed to remain on and investigate the Wolf. This is one of a few problems that I felt this debut book by Jason Instrell suffered from. I have no doubt that in policing today he would immediately have been withdrawn from the case.

However, the plot advanced well and the character of Miste was painted competently.

There were one or two spelling errors that had clearly escaped the proof reader such as 'his mind wurling at what the DI ...' and 'banged under there skirting covers.' There was also a continuity problem with John smashing his whisky glass on one page only to re-fill it on the next!

All in all, a good first book and I look forward to the next in the series, hinted at by 'Vol 1' in the title and 'To be continued' at the end!

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