

Night in London by Casey Christie

5 Stars

Another excellent story by this author!

Michael Night and his police squadron teammates, Daniel Shaka (aka Zulu), Kalahari and General Amos Arosi's bodyguard, Tony Tshabalala, had been sent to Umhlanga Rocks, Kwa-Zulu Natal, for some well-earned rest and recuperation after their last mission. Unfortunately, these few days of rest are interrupted when Tony gets a call from Amos Arosi asking that they return immediately. Arosi had arrived at the home where his ex-wife and twin daughters lived, to find them tied up. The gang had broken into the home days earlier, holding his wife and children hostage knowing that he would arrive at some stage. They were hoping that Arosi, on seeing his wife and young daughters raped, would disclose where the Gaddafi millions had been secured. Arosi was able with the help of the local police to thwart this crime. However, it becomes evident that the English man they know to be behind this plan to steal the money is not going to give up easily. Arosi and his team (better known as the Black Bastards) must find him and finally destroy him before more lives are lost.

The camaraderie among the group is everything as without this they would not be able to operate at such a level of efficiency. This bond shines through the book, e.g. Zulu desperate to save Michael Night's beautiful dog Wamba after he'd been poisoned. He insists and in fact makes Michael "kidnap" his dog from the veterinarian who has been looking after him, as he is adamant that only his own Zulu "muti" will restore him to full strength once again.

There are some ferocious crime scenes, mainly the cash in transit robberies, the gang rape of a young girl and the subsequent "kangaroo court" justice for two of her attackers, so reading the book will give you some idea of what the South African police must face every day as they go out on patrol. What the book highlights is the dedication of the police and that they are trying to restore order.

Casey Christie knows how to keep his readers happy. There's a lot of action, but there's also a lot of humour. Some of the scenes, especially those with one of the trainee constables, had me laughing very loudly. There are also some very sad scenes. Unfortunately, you can't be part of this police force and making enemies without serious consequences.

If you want to know about how camaraderie works among dedicated police, then this is the book to read. Scrap that, if you want a really good book to read, then get this!

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