

The Western Wind by Samantha Harvey

3 stars

A Cadfael type mystery.

15<sup>th</sup> century Oakham, in Somerset, is cut off by a big river. A man is swept away and an explanation is needed. It is up to the priest, John Reve, to investigate and unravel the mystery of why the victim, Thomas Newman, the wealthiest man in the village, would have been near the river and why and who killed him, if indeed he was murdered.

This book is written backwards. It starts with the body and goes back to how the body came to be where it was found. Totally and ridiculously awkward. I just could not get to grips with it. I had to push myself to continue reading so I could review it.

The characters were overly complex and Reve, with his secrets, just padded out the book. I have given the book 3 stars because the writing and editing was ok and I liked the cover.

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