

Worst Fear by Matt Hilton

4 stars

Another good, solid crime thriller in the Grey and Villere series

A young woman, Chelsea Grace, falls to her death from a cliff in what appears to be a suicide, but she is terrified of heights. Chelsea left a social network note requesting Tessa Grey, her university roommate, contact her on her death. Tess has lost contact with Chelsea and so begins to investigate why such a note was left. Tess and her partner Po find that other old university friends of hers have also met untimely deaths and they fear that Tess herself could be in danger.

This is the fourth book in this series and they have all been very satisfactory without necessarily hitting the heights. Both Tess and Po are characters that I can associate with, like a comfortable pair of slippers. The story does get bogged down a fair bit, just after the start, but does pick up again all the way to an excellent and unexpected ending. I have read similar story lines before but this one did keep me guessing most of the way through.

I did prefer Matt Hilton's earlier standalone stories and I hope that he does write one or two more outside of this series. Having said that, I find myself looking forward to the next instalment of Tess and Po's private investigative and also romantic shenanigans. Tess is an ex-cop and Po is an ex-convict and so they bounce ideas off each other which always makes for interesting reading. As per my title, this is good, solid crime writing with an exciting story at its heart and I commend it. There are quite a lot of throwbacks to the previous three books in the series and so I suggest that at least one, if not all of these books are read before tackling this one.

Digger 95

Breakaway Reviewers received a copy of the book to review.