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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

Can an avalanche be used as a murder weapon? When March Carrera is buried in a monster avalanche at Emerald Bay, Lake Tahoe, Detective Owen McKenna is hired by the young man's uncle to inquiry into event. McKenna and an avalanche rescue dog do a search of the slide area and dig up more than they expected as more victims are found embedded in the snow. From the mansions of the upper class to the dark world of Chinese mobsters, McKenna finds himself having to deal with a 140 year-old secret and trying to save another victim of an avalanche doom. "Tahoe Avalanche" is the sixth in a highly recommended series showcasing Todd Borg is a superb storyteller whose previous Owen McKenna mysteries have established him as a master of the genre. Now "Tahoe Avalanche" continues to add to his literary legacy which also includes "Tahoe Death"; "Tahoe Blowup"; "Tahoe Ice Grave"; "Tahoe Silence"; and "Tahoe Killshot".

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 While Lies."

I've read all the series so far and though good it's not the best. There seemed to be some really big leaps at times in what was happening and how things were achieved. Some of the goings on were a bit of a stretch at times. Keeping track of some of the sub characters is not easy and then later when the subs become primary you find yourself trying to remember just who was who. I'll keep working through the series but hoping for improvement in a tad more reality to some of the exploits.

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 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.

I have read eight of the Tahoe s Eric's by Todd Borg and have yet to figure this author out. Just when I know who the bad guys are the story takes a surprise turn. Each of the eight novels have been fast pace with lots of surprises. I'm working on Tahoe Hijack now. Of course I think I know how it will end, but my money is on that I don't!!! Todd provides champagne entertainment at beer prices. I hope he keeps turning out more adventures with Owen, Spot, and Street.

Todd Borg did it again. I get sucked in, and read like mad for three nights, and fall to sleep thinking about Spot, the amazing dog that has stolen my heart. This installment is excellent, fast paced, and has a well planned plot.

A pretty good story but more of a Lake Tahoe geography lesson. Not one of Borg's better stories. Dragged a bit in the middle and sped up too quickly at the end. The last part of the book seemed unreal and impossible to believe for someone injured as bad as McKenna appeared to be.

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