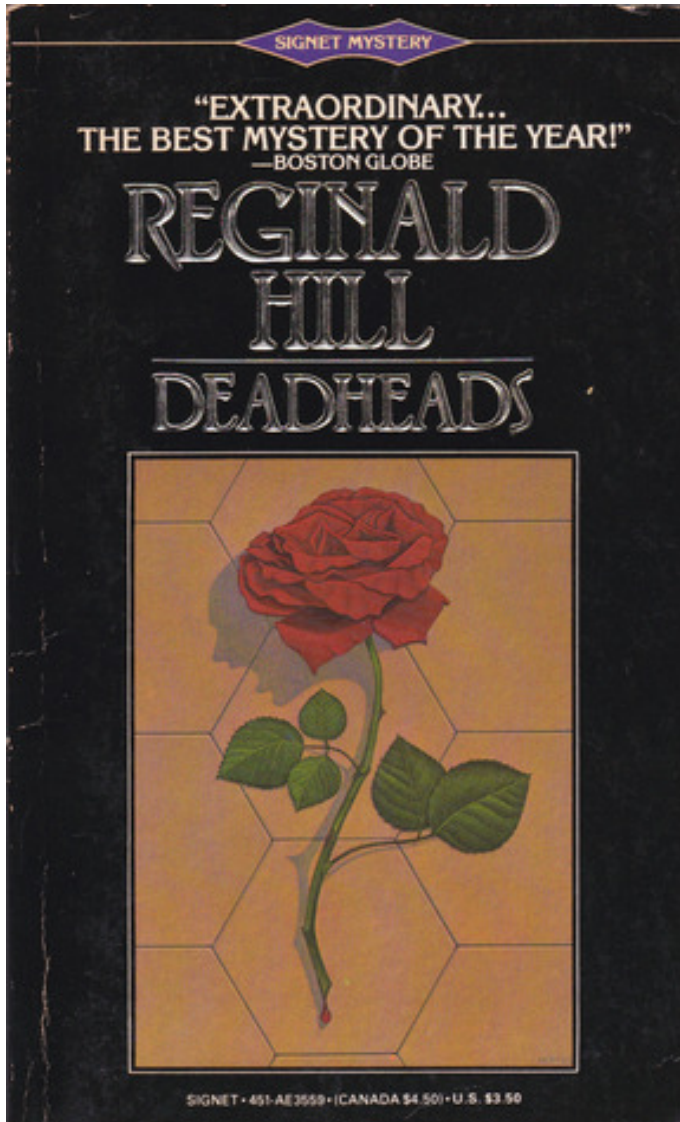

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Description

Patrick Aldermann, an accountant with a company that makes toilets, is passionate about his roses, which he prunes ruthlessly, 'deadheading' any blossoms a minute past their prime so as to make space for the younger blooms. Not much of a gardener, Dalziel views Patrick as a strong contender for the title of Most Boring Man in Yorkshire. Pascoe, though, has noticed that senior executives at the toilet company 'gentlemen, you might say, just a minute past their prime' have an unlucky habit of dying. And when they do, it's all but inevitably Patrick who, like a lucky young bloom, is poised to take their place.

Insightful reviews

Lynne: Hill is another author I buy in hardcover. He began many years ago as an ordinarily good Brit detective writer and through the years, he has developed more than anyone I can think of in the genre. He has experimented and developed and delighted. I chose this one to comment on because it's one I have read several times for its interesting characterizations. Hill would be a top writer in any genre. He just happens to use policemen as his protagonists. And Fat Andy is one of the best---love him.

Paul: Typically engrossing thriller from one of England's best, with a nice final twist in the whodunit department.

Kirsty Darbyshire:

A bit of an odd story; not really a mystery but that's not really a complaint. Although there's not very much of a central core to hold the book together it does have a decent degree of focus and is captivating enough. Not one of this series that I'd recommend really, but quite an interesting departure from the run of the mill.

{this is book 7 in the dalziel and pascoe series)

Carolyn Rose: Love the rapport among Dalziel and Pascoe and enjoyed how this stored me guessing and second-guessing after which left me hanging.

Surreysmum: [These notes have been made in 1988, and replicate my first stumble upon with Dalziel and Pascoe:]. a true chiller of a mystery, the extra so because the villain will get away with it, regardless of the easiest efforts of a few fairly clever and sympathetically drawn police. The name is a metaphor drawn from rose-gardening, that's the obsession of Patrick Aldermann. It refers back to the perform of ripping off outdated blossoms in order that teenagers can survive. And throughout Aldermann's life, inconvenient humans have had comfortably deadly accidents, with the end result that he has thrived. ultimately even the clever Pascoe, the bigoted yet clever Dalziel, and the dogged and secretly delicate Wield can't truly turn out that Aldermann is accountable for all or any of the injuries - even if the guy (Elgood) who introduced the

enterprise to their cognizance himself dies a terrible demise (chemicals within the shower). Hill brings in numerous events of curiosity - not likely dynamic or mammoth adequate to be sub-plots, extra like small pursuits in character. the sort of is the not likely friendship that develops among Aldermann's higher middle-class wife, Daphne, and policeman Pascoe's cheerily left-wing spouse Ellie. clearly enough, this friendship comes below significant pressure while Pascoe begins investigating Aldermann. one other state of affairs of curiosity is that of the younger police cadet Singh. not just does he need to care for regimen & inconsiderate racism in the force, and with the shift in loyalties clear of his working-class, fringe-criminal schoolfriends, yet he's additionally in a kingdom of substantial doubt approximately his suitability for police work. That doubt is exacerbated by means of the gruffness and demanding perspective of his quick superior, Wield. What Singh has no manner of understanding is that Wield is a closet gay and his gruffness is an try to atone for the charm he feels in the direction of the younger man. not anything comes of the attraction, yet within the quiet of an in a single day stake-out, Wield manages to persuade Singh that he's correct to stick within the police force. I beloved this book.

Namiko: something i do not like approximately this publication is the ending. it's effective if the assassin is stuck or not, however it isn't reliable that how the assassin did murders. i do not care if the folk within the tale comprehend the truth, yet i would like to understand it. i need to grasp how they did such things as it kind of feels be very unlikely to do.

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