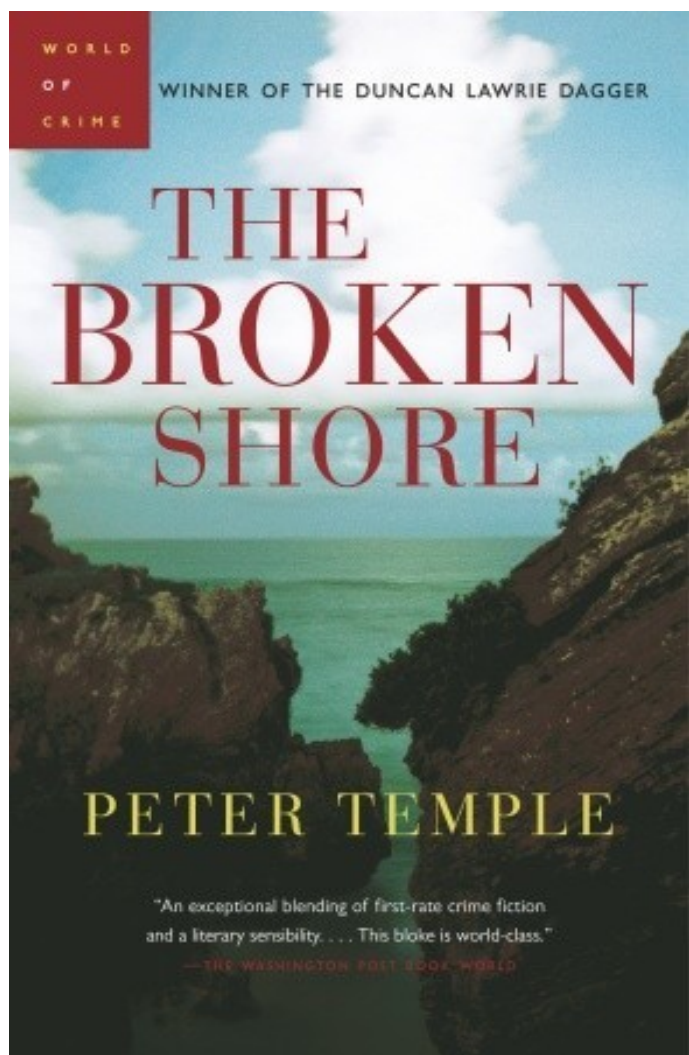

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Description

Winner of the Ned Kelly Award for Crime Fiction (Australia)

Joe Cashin was different once. He moved easily then. He was surer and less thoughtful. But there are consequences when you've come so close to dying. For Cashin, they included a posting away from the world of Homicide to the quiet place on the coast where he grew up. Now all he has to do is play the country cop and walk the dogs. And sometimes think about how he was before.

Then prominent local Charles Bourgoyne is beaten and left for dead. Everything seems to point to three boys from the nearby Aboriginal community; everyone seems to want it to. But Cashin is unconvinced. And as tragedy unfolds relentlessly into tragedy, he finds himself holding onto something that might be better let go.

From the Hardcover edition.

Insightful reviews

Jon: Experienced readers of mysteries will find no big surprises in this Australian detective novel--every plot device has been done many times before, but never (that I recall) with such force and conviction. The detective is recovering (both physically and mentally) from a bad mistake which cost lives and nearly cost his own. Like Hamlet he is indifferent honest, but he is surrounded by corrupt (and possibly corrupt) cops. He lives alone outside a small town, and he has two wonderful dogs. There is an attractive and hostile female attorney whom he worshiped when they were in high school together. A person who supposedly died long ago turns out to be alive. Etc. But the writing is so immediate and earnest, that it all seems new. I did not know what to expect from this author, so I was irritated when he introduced 33 (I counted) named characters in the first 36 pages; I was afraid I'd have to remember them all as possible suspects. But the story didn't move that way, and the writing was so good that I quickly forgave him. There is a very helpful glossary of Australian slang in the back, in case you don't know a blow-in hoon from a chook sanger. I will definitely be reading more of these.

Michael: I was expecting a typical American style pulp mystery crime novel a-la Coben or Patterson. What a pleasant surprise. This book is a complex, intelligently and stylishly written murder mystery set in a small town along Australia's southwest coast. It was remindful of the best in American noir style mysteries such as *The Big Sleep*, *Maltese Flacon*, or *The Glass Key*. Peter Temple mixes excellent dialogue, interesting characters, and complex plot lines while not over explaining things as you go. What a nice treat to not have it all laid out for me that I have to imagine why characters behave as they do.

Joe Cashin is a damaged police detective sent to his small home town for emotional and physical recovery from some previous case that went bad only to get involved with another one. What seems like a straight forward murder/robbery of a local prominent citizen, presumably by some wild aboriginal delinquents, turns into something far more complex. I found this book to be

well above the cut of most current American crime mystery books which have become too formulaic and written to the mass market for maximum gore and titillation. Why is it that the most interesting crime books seem to be coming from other countries like Sweden, Norway, and now Australia?

I'm looking forward to reading more of Peter Temple's books if they are anything like this was.

Lyn (Readinghearts): This book was recommended to me by one of my GR friends (thanks Cam) and it was well worth it. It is the story of an Australian police man who has been re-assigned to what is supposed to be a sleepy backwater where he grew up so that he can recuperate from injuries. Instead, he becomes involved in a murder in the area. The novel has what all good cop mysteries have, interesting characters, plot twists, a little romance, political undertones, and a great story line. AND if you are like me (not Australian) you get to learn a new vocabulary. The American version of the book that I checked out from the library had a glossary of Australian terms in the back, thank goodness, which was very helpful. I really enjoyed the story and the characters were interesting. I am currently looking forward to reading more from this author.

Trish: Australia indicates up strongly in those pages, within the characters, within the vernacular. Detective Joe Cachin has visible a section too much, yet nonetheless has room in his center for undesirable young ones wrongly charged. while he pursues an open-and-shut case he uncovers horrors a small city has hidden a lifetime. numerous lifetimes, it turns out. The clipped sort of brief sentences and scraps of inspiration paintings good right here with a busy, distracted guy permitting the case to construct itself. issues visible and heard out of context start to tackle new that means because the bits of knowledge accumulate. under I offer you Peter Temple speaking approximately his work, and American influences: "I like American writing, in general. i am an fanatic for [Don] DeLillo, John Updike, Cormac McCarthy. and that i grew up on James Hadley Chase, [Raymond] Chandler, Ross Macdonald. i have regularly enjoyed the plots, the curiosity within the unveiling of secrets and techniques from the previous and within the intricacies of families, that is distinctively American, invented by means of American writers. [I love] the sluggish unearthing of items and the plodding from something to a different that these writers, Macdonald in particular, did so well. And also, of course, there's the culture of loner heroes, dysfunctionals who do not attach absolutely with society, who do what they do or they would not wake up within the morning." the entire article could be learn here. Peter Temple isn't really recognized within the United States, yet he has lengthy sought a much broader audience. it sounds as if his editors advised him his paintings used to be "too Australian." i'm the following to assert that could by no means be the case--the distinction is the cache, particularly during this time of interconnectedness. If mysteries are your thing, and you have got questioned approximately Australia, do that terrific addition to the genre.

Cherie: i'm stymied approximately what i would like to claim approximately this book. I in simple terms gave it 3 stars, and perhaps it's going to be four, but if I examine it to my different 4 megastar books, i cannot make myself bump it up. I cherished the tale a lot. I beloved the characters, such a lot of them, yet a few of them have been simply shells. physique yet no substance. i will not inform if the reason is, there were/are going to be extra books and i'm going to get to grasp extra approximately them later, or they have been simply there for the instant

and that i have to no longer allow it hassle me. i do know there's one other book, however it appears like it would be approximately what occurred "before" the motion during this e-book takes place. Good. i would like to grasp approximately who this Rai man is and what occurred to Cashin. The discussion during this tale is definately written in "Aussie lingo". the writer provides a short glossary of terms, which used to be helpful, yet a lot of the language was once very terse and that i felt like i could have neglected issues within the translation. while you're Australian, i'm definite it will likely be a neater learn for you. If not, and you're going to proceed interpreting Aussie books during this variety - will probably be a brand new language. What i actually appericiated approximately this publication have been the descriptions of the elements and landscape. The wind and rain are characters during this tale up to the people. i used to be chilly the full time! i do not believe i'll survive the coast, it doesn't matter what continent it is.

Tim Howard: The damaged Shore is significantly bland, like a "gritty" episode of Blue Heelers. The neighborhood press make loads of fuss approximately Temple "transcending the genre"; in reality what he does is garnish his tepid crime tale with components of both tepid mainstream "literary fiction". Temple can write - his descriptions could be fine, his discussion sharp and a laugh - yet his expertise is utilized right here to stultifying ends. I are looking to point out the experiences quoted on my version (2009, Text), a few of which achieve new heights of hyperbole. The SMH reviewer reckoned The damaged Shore is "One of these watershed books that makes you reconsider your principles approximately reading." i might like to learn the entire overview to work out if the writer multiplied upon this statement. Even taking into consideration taste, there's not anything approximately TBS that defies expectations; it's written in an easy variety utilizing the time-honoured trappings of realism, lots of the characters are out of the massive ebook of Smalltown Stereotypes, the tale is advanced yet infrequently challenging. What precisely is it approximately this ebook that "makes you reconsider your rules approximately reading"?

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