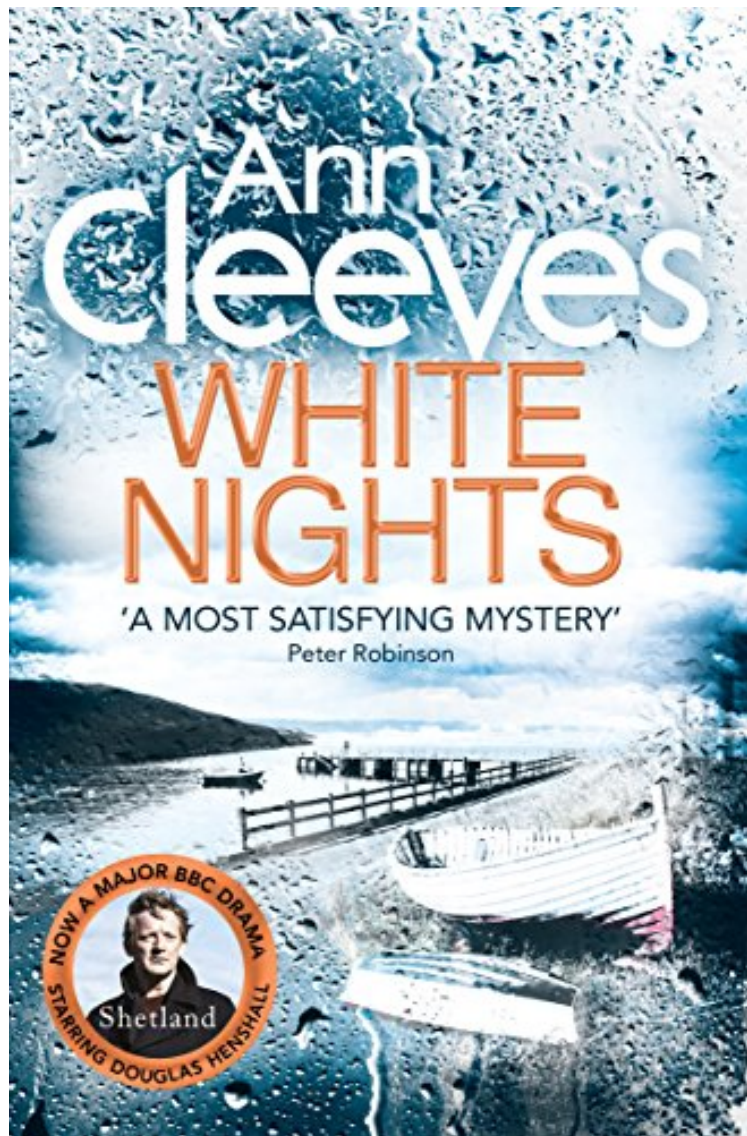


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*Von Ann Cleeves*

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**Von Ann Cleeves : White Nights (Shetland)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised White Nights (Shetland):

Kurzbeschreibung Following on from the award-winning *Raven Black*, *White Nights* is the second title in Ann Cleeves' popular Shetland crime series featuring Detective Jimmy Perez. When Shetland detective Jimmy Perez finds a body in a hut used by fishermen it seems to be a straightforward case of suicide. He recognizes the victim - a stranger with amnesia who had disrupted a local party the night before his death. Yet this is no desperate act of anguish, but the work of a cold and calculating killer. As Perez investigates, he finds himself mired in the hidden secrets of the small Biddista community. Then another body is found. Perez knows he must break the cycle before another death occurs. But this is a crazy time of year when night blurs into day and nothing is quite as it seems . . . From Publishers Weekly In Dagger-winner Cleeves's uneven second installment in her Shetland Island quartet (after *Raven Black*), Insp. Jimmy Perez sees a stranger sobbing in front of a painting at an art exhibit featuring the work of Perez's new girlfriend, Fran Hunter, and mythic local painter Bella Sinclair. Claiming to be suffering from amnesia, the unknown man disappears before Perez can question him further, but turns up dead that same night, hanged in a fishing shed. In his investigation, Perez focuses on Bella, whose talent is matched by her penchant for drama and extravagant parties. When another body turns up, Perez must sift through generations of closely guarded island secrets to find the truth. Despite characters as vivid as those in *Raven Black*, Cleeves struggles to sustain a suspenseful plot, which slows to a crawl in the middle and packs too much action at the end. Still, this slight misstep shouldn't deter fans of the introspective Perez from looking forward to Cleeves's next thriller. (Sept.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Pressestimmen Unanimous Acclaim for the Shetland Island Thrillers "A riveting read." - Val McDermid, author of "The Grave Tattoo" "Chilling . . . enough to freeze the blood." - Marilyn Stasio, "The New York Times Book" "A pleasure to read. Interesting characters, great setting, intriguing plot. . . . And the bonus when we finish it is that we know we've got two more to look forward to." - Reginald Hill, author of "Death Comes for the Fat Man" "Taut, atmospheric . . . will keep readers guessing until the last page." - "Publishers Weekly" (starred review) "A most satisfying mystery. Jimmy Perez is a fine creation." - Peter Robinson, author of "Friend of the Devil" "In true Christie fashion, Cleeves once more pulls the wool over our eyes with cunning and conviction." - Colin Dexter, author of "The Remorseful Day" "Deserves the top crime writer's prize in the United States this year. Don't miss this standout." - "Rocky Mountain News" "" ""