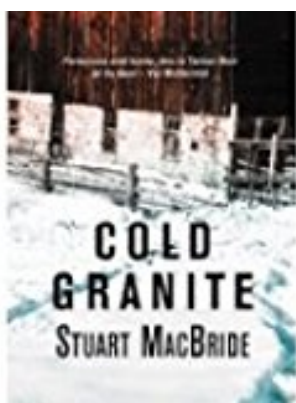


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Description:

From Publishers Weekly Starred Review. Relentless rain reflects the tormented mood that permeates MacBride's impressive debut set in Aberdeen, Scotland. Det. Sgt. Logan MacRae, back from a lengthy convalescence caused by a crazed suspect's knife attack, is plunged straightaway into the investigation of a brutally murdered child. To make matters worse, the victim's family learns of the death from a reporter before the police have a chance to inform them. Angered and embarrassed by the press leak, Logan, aided by WPC Jackie Watson, vows to expose the source within the precinct. Enter Colin Miller, flashy journalist, who befriends Logan, causing suspicious stares from Logan's superiors. More children go missing, and soon the populace of Aberdeen is screaming for

blood. Further inciting the rabble, a notorious defense attorney earns acquittal for a habitual child molester. As a result, a hapless, ruined scholar-turned-street sweeper becomes a scapegoat for the chilling fear that grips the community. Logan must eliminate the distractions caused by the sensational publicity and summon his barely restored strength to anticipate the killer's next move. MacBride allows his characters their humanity, while weaving intriguing subplots in this edge-of-your-seat page-turner.

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From *Starred Review* One year after being stabbed in the line of duty, Scottish Detective Sergeant Logan McRae returns to his Aberdeen beat to tackle a case that makes even his most callous colleagues cringe: the strangling and mutilation of a four-year-old boy. Fears of a pedophile serial killer are confirmed when more children turn up missing and, then, dead. To make matters worse, someone is leaking privileged police information to a member of the press. DS McRae digs in his heels, doing his best to ignore the dirty looks of ex-girlfriend Isobel, the forensic pathologist on the case. MacBride's impressive first outing has plenty of atmosphere, subversive humor, and a sinuous plot reminiscent of fellow countryman Ian Rankin. Among his memorable characters: an overeducated schizophrenic with a secret cache of roadkill and a grumpy detective inspector forever gnawing on fruit pastilles. Dubbed "Granite City" for its stark, stone edifices, Aberdeen is a place of social misfits and surly moods, where gunmetal gray clouds dump endless buckets of icy rain. "Everyone looked murderous and inbred," writes MacBride. "The whole city looked like a casting call for *Deliverance*." Newcomers to the police procedural, take note: MacBride's deft debut is more macabre than most. *Allison Block*

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