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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

When the body of 15-year-old Angela Cashell is found straddling the border between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland in McGilloway's assured debut, Garda inspector Benedict Devlin takes charge of the case because he recognizes the victim as a resident of his part of Ireland. The only clues are a gold ring Angela was wearing but no one in her family can identify and an old photograph Devlin discovers amid the flowers left by mourners. Though Devlin and his team first suspect teenage Whitey McKelvey, a member of an itinerant group known as travellers, another body soon turns up along with the same photograph, and Devlin realizes that the case runs much deeper. McGilloway skillfully weaves Irish politics—from the shadow of the IRA in the North to the tensions between the travellers and locals in the South—into his multilayered story. A keen observer, Devlin has just enough flaws to make him an empathetic hero. (*Sept.*) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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Starred Review The week before Christmas, a teenage girl is found dead, nearly naked and sprawled half across the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland—technically an international boundary. Tensions between North and South have cooled considerably since the days of the Troubles, however, and both police forces work together when crimes cross the seemingly arbitrary boundary. Small-town inspector Ben Devlin has never investigated a murder before, and his progress is hampered by the trust he wants to place in his colleagues and neighbors, even as these same acquaintances seem increasingly likely candidates for murderer. But Devlin perseveres, and with the help of the police in the north, he gradually focuses in on the murderer, even as the winter weather bears down and his family is threatened. Devlin may work slowly, but the pacing of the book never falters, and McGilloway builds suspense gradually but inexorably, as the reader and Devlin race to uncover the murderer's true identity before more people are killed. With a mood and investigative style reminiscent of Hakan Nesser's Inspector Van Veeteren series, and a backstory paralleling the mostly happy home life of Helene Tursten's Detective Inspector Huss, this is an excellent new procedural series, especially notable for its realistic and sensitive portrayal of life in modern Ireland. Essential for mystery collections. --Jessica Moyer

Review

"'Borderlands' has me, dare I say, green with envy. It's rare I'm jealous of a debut novel but I'm ferociously so of this stunning work. Devlin, the main character of this new series, is going to join the ranks of Rebus, Resnick, Davenport, and Scudder as one of the reference points of character series. Not only is the writing a sheer blast of dark lyricism but the plot is utterly compulsive. Dammit,'" I muttered, it can't be this good, it is . . . and better. This is not only a wondrous addition to the growing canon of Irish mystery writing, it's a terrific bonus to mystery writing as a whole." ---Ken Bruen, author of "Once Were Cops" "Brian McGilloway's command of plot and assurance of language make it difficult to believe that "Borderlands" is his debut." ---"The Times" (UK) "A mystery of labyrinthine complexity." ---"Sunday Telegraph" (UK) "McGilloway evocatively describes the landscape of the border area . . . and captures small-town rural Ireland. Ben Devlin is an appealing character . . . and the supporting cast are well drawn." ---"Times Literary Supplement" (UK) "Brian McGilloway is a name to keep in mind. He has written a taut, well-paced story with strong characters and an ingenious plot that seizes the reader's attention from page one and holds it to the last sentence." ---"Irish Independent" "McGilloway conveys a believable portrait of a real, troubled, and coping-as-best-they-can population in the new Ireland, with all its contradictions and complexities." ---"International Noir Fiction" "This is an impressive debut, the writing is tight, the plot is complex but well paced, the characters are well drawn...and the resolution was surprising."---"ReviewingTheEvidence.com"

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