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The Big Fear (Hollow City Series)



Synopsis

It's August in New York, and the steaming garbage littering the streets isn't the only thing that stinks. Civilian investigator Leonard Mitchell can keep his job as the new head of the Department to Investigate Misconduct and Corruption only by successfully prosecuting veteran cop Ralph Mulino. Mulino shot an armed man on a dark night; he didn't know the man was a fellow cop. Now, to keep his badge and his freedom, he has to make his case to the investigator. But the gun Mulino saw in his victim's hand has disappeared. As Mitchell digs deeper into Mulino's claim, it becomes clear that the misconduct and corruption infecting New York City go far beyond the actions of one allegedly dirty cop. Murder and sabotage force Mulino and Mitchell into an uneasy partnership to uncover the truth and protect the city they are both sworn to serve. Assuming, of course, they can stay alive |

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Customer Reviews

UPDATE: I've not seen this before, but it tends to confirm my point - each of the six Kindle First selections this month is in one of the top six positions of Kindle Bestsellers. The Big Fear is number

one as I write this. Remarkable accomplishment to each of the six writers!:I had a great challenge in choosing my Kindle First read this month. Nearly every title appealed to my interest, tugging at me just as a little pup or kitten at the nearby shelter gives me those eyes and whimpers of, "Pick me, pick me." • Ultimately, though, I ruled out the fantasy novel, in part because the current Presidential Election campaign is plenty fantasy for me. I finally chose *The Big Fear*, because it seems to be rooted in the issues of our time and takes place with two, seemingly, great characters. Yet, when I found it available, its sales rank was dismal. A paltry ranking of 1,040,314. Frankly, thought I, despite professional rave reviews, perhaps this is going to be a dud. So, did it whet my appetite for suspense and drama? Did it have the feel of authenticity that evokes my deepest emotions and political interest? ---- Yes, but read on to learn more if you like. Length: Print, 274 pages; Audible, 8 hours 25 minutes. Q - Target Audience/Genre: A - This is a Suspenseful Police Procedural. Q - What was the Rank on the date this review was published? A " 637. Q - How was this book obtained? A " Kindle First purchase using my Prime account. A great way to get a book a month before it releases and for free. Q - Is this a book that I can read without having to read others first? A " Yes. It is a debut novel.

I don't normally heap praise on first time novelists or their efforts. In this case though, Andrew Case deserves the accolades. Mr. Case has plenty of experience, being a very successful writer for stage and screen as well as a recognized expert on law enforcement oversight and misconduct. So, in deciding to read this debut novel, I felt confident that the writer's effort would yield a very workmanlike book. I was, however, more than just a little surprised when I realized that this effort was one of the best "debut" novels I have ever read. That said....NO SPOILERS HERE!!! I am a fan of police procedurals as well as intriguing mystery, and suspense novels. This effort starts out like so many others, with multiple plot twists that send the reader off on tangents, often times in a direction that leads nowhere. But then it becomes more... much more. Dark, gritty, suspenseful. The characters are well developed and the plot is tightly woven around them. Two grown men who you would think would be able to work together toward a common goal, instead are somewhat naturally averse to doing so. This seems a reasonable position when you realize that they are adversarial by virtue of their respective job descriptions. Where most police forces utilize an internal review process that involves members of the force tasked with monitoring and investigating possible criminal misconduct (Internal Affairs..), this police force uses a civilian investigative team. When Mulino (a very experienced officer 53 years of age..) is subject to an investigation, his path inevitably crosses with Mitchell, the civilian lead investigator.

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