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Rick Cahill was never convicted of his wife's murder, but he was never exonerated either. Not by the police. Not by the media. Not even by himself. Eight years later, police suspicion and his own guilt remain over his responsibility in his wife's death. When he meets Melody Malana, a beautiful yet secretive TV reporter, he sees a chance to love again. When she is arrested for murder and asks Rick for help, the former cop says no, but the rest of him says yes and he grasps at a chance for redemption. But Rick's attempt to help turns terribly wrong, and he becomes a suspect in the murder and the target of a police manhunt. On the run, Rick encounters desperate people who'll kill to keep their pasts buried. Before Rick can save himself and bring down a murderer, he must confront the truth about his own past and untangle his feeling for a woman he can never fully trust.

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Judy Collins says

Matt Coyle delivers an intense new crime thriller series **YESTERDAY'S ECHO**, (*Rich Cahill #1*), with a flawed main protagonist who seems to find trouble around every corner; however, his tenacity and drive, keep him fighting to the bitter end in search for redemption.

If Rick Cahill is not enough trouble, it soon begins to intensify. Rick has been left with little choices, as former young hotshot cop in Santa Barbara. Someone murdered his wife and fingers were pointed at him. Charges were dropped, but he lost his job and out from jail, has began working at a bar/restaurant, he hopes to own one day (Muldoon's Steak House). Now he finds himself tangled up with a reporter and a dark past and dangers are lurking from everywhere. Of course, it turns into a high profile case. His dad was also a former cop and a corrupt one. Not a stellar view from the La Jolla PD.

Presently, eight years later, he is still haunted by his wife Coleen's death, as the media was all over it, and now he meets manipulative Melody Malana, a reporter who knew him from his earlier days. He finds himself in her bed and soon thereafter in the middle of another murder investigation. He always finds himself in a lose-lose situation; however, is determined to dig his way out. There is more than one person after her.

Melody is arrested for murder and asks for Rick's help. His first indication is to stay clear; however, Rick does not understand the word "NO". Anything involving danger and obstacles, he is in the center with guns blazing.

In the midst of doing so, he now becomes a suspect and target. The bad guys come after him and the only two things he has left, his bar job, and his beloved dog, Midnight are now threatened. Someone wants their past to stay buried and Rick is trying to uncover, putting himself in even more danger.

From sex, crimes, a dark past, politics, corruption, and videos, Rick risks his own life and reputation for a woman who is hiding from a past for a roller coaster ride and a whodunit crime mystery.

Matt Coyle is an author to follow, with a superb kick-ass series! After receiving an ARC of *Night Tremors*, I immediately purchased the audio of *Yesterday's Echo* (Rick Cahill #1), narrated by *Nick Podehl*, delivering an intense and suspenseful performance, prior to reading the second.

NIGHT TREMORS (6/2/15) *Matt Coyle*, returns with his engrossing and complex second installment of crime thriller (Rick Cahill #2), a fierce comeback, with grit, tenacity, suspense, and intensity --with a flawed hero with his own demons; one you will you will root for, every step of the way. Recommend reading both in order. An unstoppable main character, leaving you anxiously awaiting the next in this exciting noir crime series. (love the California setting)!

Fans of classic hard-boiled PI detective novels will enjoy this one. As related to the hard-boiled genre, the main protagonist goes from victim, suspect, perpetrator, and always in self-destructive mode. As typical of Noir fiction, Rick seems to always be in the middle of something illegal, dirty cops, or political corruption, on a daily basis--*as you will find true to form, in the next book.*

Carol says

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Rick Cahill series Book #1

4.5★'s

This is an author that bears watching. If [Yesterday's Echo] is any indication of what Matt Coyle is capable of then the Mystery & Suspense readers have something to celebrate.

Coyle has presented us with ex-cop Rick Cahill...a tarnished character that is battling more than his share of demons. Accused of his wife's murder but not convicted because of lack of evidence, Rick moves to LaJolla to manage a restaurant for a friend. Everything is going well until a woman who had been in earlier with a man that she was arguing with...returns and asks for his help. Things just never go right for him after he tries to be the good guy. I'm not going to say much more about the story but I will say that if you want an captivating read that you won't want to put it down, and you don't want to end...try this talented new author...Matt Coyle

Amy says

Reviewed for Library Journal.

March 15, 2013

"The first time I saw her, she made me remember and she made me forget." This delectable opening line sets the tone for Coyle's hard-boiled crime series debut, which introduces Rick Cahill, a former cop whose wife was brutally murdered eight years ago. Rick was accused of the crime but never convicted. Unable to fight the media maelstrom, he retreats to La Jolla, CA, to help run a restaurant with his best (and only) friend. It isn't much of an existence but Rick is slowly regaining control of his life. Fate arrives in the figure of Melody, a gorgeous Filipina who embroils Rick in a lethal entanglement. Before too long, the protagonist finds himself back in the crosshairs of the media and the police, who remember all too well the cop that got away with murder. VERDICT: Coyle does a superb job of drawing the reader in and keeps a steady pace of action along with solid character development. This celebration of the crime noir novels of old with a modern sensibility in Rick Cahill as hero will strongly appeal to fans of classic hard-boiled PI novels.

Pat says

3.5 stars.

I enjoyed this story, Matt Coyle writes well and there were elements of humour which I also liked. I took off half a point though because I think the chief protagonist, Rick Cahill, made a few too many bad decisions. Chief among them not seeing Melody for what she really was.

Anyway, it was a fast paced thriller where our hero is cornered time and time again yet manages to escape by the skin of his teeth, only to get tricked/trapped yet again and so on.

A fun romp laced with sex and corruption and murder and blackmail, in other words a great start to a series!

Doug says

Rick Cahill, disgraced S CA cop, is dragged into a complex tangled world of politics, sex and people who can and do kill to keep the past buried. Yesterday's Echo by Matt Coyle carries this mystery through a very tricky path to a very reasonable conclusion.

If you enjoy sort of traditional mysteries with cops, some sex, heroes and shady characters, this is a good story for you.

Dave says

First Book in the Series

Yesterday's Echo is the first book in Coyle's Rick Cahill crime thriller series and probably a good place to start. Here, Cahill is an ex-police officer suspected years earlier of murdering his wife and back in his hometown of La Jolla tending bar and managing a restaurant. A mysterious woman, some hard types following her, and an enigma of a mystery flips around Cahill's self imposed retirement from excitement. This is a very solid action-packed thriller that really doesn't have any letup in the action ever. All in all, a pretty good series.

Lindley says

The mystery portion of this story was well done--I enjoyed the twists and turns on the way to solving the story's central question. I also enjoyed the fast-paced nature of the plotting. However, I found other portions of the story frustrating. For a former cop, Rick proved himself to be a pretty poor judge of character in a number of key scenes, yet would make brilliant deductions just a few scenes later. I also couldn't buy his Superman complex when it came to Melody, a woman he'd just met. Throughout the entire novel, the death of Rick's wife is teased, only to be revealed quickly at the very end of the story. From the way Rick reminisced about his wife's death through the whole novel, I thought his revelation would end up being more central to the story than it ultimately was, and I ended up a little letdown when he finally explained the mystery behind her death.

David says

A fun read from debut author Matt Coyle!

Kmalbie says

Audio -Slow start, noir type dialogue with some weird metaphors, but a good read. Will read another in the series.

Maureen DeLuca says

I'm giving this book a 3 star read and I am adding another 1 star for the potential of a very good series. The main character, Rick Cahill I really liked, but there was more than one time were I got totally frustrated by him. Being an x-cop there were many times where he was in such poor judgement of the situation, and then other times he was brilliant. I'm curious to see how his character develops in the next book in the series.

While reading this book, a few times I just wanted it to move on-there were quite a bit moving parts throughout the story. Having said that - it really did leave a nice layout for a potential great series.

Read the book with an open mind- getting to know Rick and his backstory. I am hoping for a really good series!

Suze says

YESTERDAY'S ECHO

Rick Cahill is a restaurant manager leading a very quiet life, and constantly kicking himself for his past mistakes. He gets himself involved in a murder, and there goes his quiet. Good book, well worth the read.

James Thane says

Rick Cahill is a former cop from Santa Barbara who left the force under a cloud when his wife was found murdered. The detective investigating the crime believes that Cahill was guilty of the murder, but did not have enough evidence to make the case. The cloud of suspicion has followed Cahill for the last eight years, even down to La Jolla, the beautiful seaside community that exists within the city of San Diego. Cahill is now the managing partner of an upscale restaurant there and is attempting to maintain a low profile while he builds his life anew.

That's easier said than done, because Cahill is one of those guys who simply seems to draw trouble like a magnet. One night the wife of the mayor of San Diego gets obnoxiously drunk in the restaurant. Her husband is making a run for the California governorship, and Cahill attempts to get the woman out of the restaurant without creating a scandal, either for her or her husband. He puts her in a cab and sends her home.

That same night, a beautiful TV reporter named Melody Malana shows up, perhaps in pursuit of a story about the governor's wife. Melody winds up in Cahill's bed that night, and he thinks this could be his chance to find true love again. But then a murder occurs and Cahill gets tangled up in an awful mess. It's like deja vu all over again, and Cahill finds himself a principal suspect.

This is one of those novels in which a man is trapped in a bad situation by circumstances beyond his control and in which he can't trust anyone other than himself. The only way to salvation is for Cahill to unravel a very tangled web of deceit, but very clever and deadly forces are arrayed against him. It will take all his wits and a lot of good luck if he's to avoid winding up either dead or in jail this time around.

This book moves along at a breakneck pace, and the character of Rick Cahill is gradually revealed as the story unfolds. He's an interesting guy and you feel for the situation in which he finds himself. That said, I had a bit of trouble buying into the story because Cahill continued to make decisions that I found questionable. Still, it's an entertaining novel--the first in the Rick Cahill series--and if you can suspend disbelief, it's quite a ride.

Tania Wells says

I loved this book! If you're a San Diego, CA native... it's fun to read about your own city. The story takes place in La Jolla, CA. Police procedural, easy reading. The main character aggravated me, made me anxious but I felt the author gave me his back story as needed to explain the character's thought process, decision making.

I'm looking forward to his next book where he writes less about the La Jolla, north Clairemont area & takes us down into OB.

Rebecca McNutt says

This book was sad and suspenseful at the same time, and its main character is easy to sympathize with and gripping to follow along with as he finds himself trying to be a nice guy but getting caught up in something bigger than he can handle.

Karl says

Rick Cahill, the manager of Muldoon's Steak House, in La Jolla, California, is a tarnished ex-policeman who battles internal and external demons. Cahill, now eight years after the death of his wife, who he was once accused of murdering, is working the night shift when he needs to rescue a damsel in distress, TV reporter Melody Malana, from a guy who was about to assault her.

So, for her safety, Cahill takes the captivating Melody home to his place, where they of course fall naked onto his couch (repeatedly). Melody disappears the next morning. Later that day a pair of thugs appear at Cahill's door and beat Cahill up because they are sure he knows her whereabouts and want him to tell them. Cahill's attempt to help Melody turns terribly wrong, and he becomes a suspect in the murder in a nearby motel of a man overdosed on heroine and the target of a police manhunt.

Told in the first-person, Mr. Coyle's flawlessly executed debut novel, "Yesterday's Echo" is a crime noir teeming with memorable characters and unexpected plot twists, which include sex, drugs, and hidden secrets.

"Yesterday's Echo", won the Anthony Award for Best First Novel in 2014, The San Diego Book Award for Best Mystery, the IBPA Ben Franklin Silver Award for Best New Voice in Fiction, and was a Macavity

Finalist for Best First Novel.
