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Detective Inspector Jack Frost, Denton Division, is not beloved by his superiors. In fact, he's something of a pain in the brass: unkempt and unruly, with a taste for crude humor and a tendency to cut corners. They'd like nothing better than to bounce him from the department. The only problem is, Frost's the one D.I. who, by hook or by crook, always seems to find a way to get the job done. It's a high price to pay for a pak of smokes when Frost interrupts his vacation to filch some of Commander Mullett's cigarettes and finds himself pressed into emergency duty. Denton Division is shorthanded after a car crash involving several tipsy high-ranking cops, and on Guy Fawkes night there's more mischief abroad than just a few children making the rounds begging for pennies and lighting firecrackers. In the next few days, Frost will deal with a parade of miscreants, including a blackmailer, a shifty businessman, a not-so-greiving widow, a sexual pervert or two, a crazed housewife, and a cold-blooded kidnapper. The clock is ticking, and Frost is perilously short of clues...

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Atsuko Matsumoto says

This novel is so well written that I couldn't sleep. Frost makes me laugh with "Oh?" and "Eh?". I learned an expression 'Who *** does she think she is?' used by Police Sergeant Wells.

Sandi says

The Denton police division is shorthanded after a car crash involving several tipsy policemen so Inspector Frost is called in early from his vacation and has to cope with, among other things, blackmail, dead bodies, and a kidnapper. I always enjoy the books in this series and while Frost is not the most likable character he does get the job done even if it takes a few tries.

Colleen says

Love all the Frost novels!

Jen says

This was a terrific detective novel set in England in the 90s. Definitely creepy, but the humor and wonderfully painted Inspector Jack Frost tempered the heeby-jeebies. I think I will have to lay off crime for a while because it messes with me. If you want a good thrill, check out this series!

Eric_W says

It's a shame Winfield wrote as little as he did in the Frost series. I have read all of them now and liked each. Frost is such an interesting character: slovenly, cynical, not afraid to bend the rules if it serves to benefit the less fortunate. And his responses to Mullet, his Superintendent, are often laugh-out-loud funny. Listened as an audiobook. Very entertaining.

Nick says

Truly excellent.

Thejelman says

The main problem with the Frost novels is that echoes of the plot are brought to mind by the extremely successful ITV television series starring David Frost _ so occasionally a character pops up and you think “ah, yes, this guy’s a villain”. In this story our crumpled hero (as is usual) finds himself in the middle of a raft of difficult cases and on this occasion has not one but two junior colleagues who are antagonistic towards him. And then there is Mullett... More grim material handled with a light touch as always by Wingfield.

P.F. Gregory says

“This book probably has had the greatest influence on my writing” said the review in Writing Magazine, by an established crime author...and so I tried it. I agree better than the TV adaptations of Frost and I now see why David Jason was so enjoyable to watch on the small screen. The plot, coincidences, red herrings and dialogue are all superb. Thoroughly, thoroughly enjoyed this!

Brandon says

For a town with so much crime, they certainly have a hard time staffing their police force. This time around, Denton is subject to some gruesome occurrences. Detectives are trying to track down a missing child believed to be the bait in a blackmail scam while elsewhere, infants are being stabbed in the comfort of their own cribs. If that wasn’t bad enough, a deranged mother has murdered her three children and then leaped to her death in front of an oncoming train.

Just like in previous Inspector Frost novels, Wingfield has Frost doing the work of many. This could be due to the fact that the Denton Police Department is so wretchedly understaffed or it could be that Frost simply has nothing better to do. For a man that seems to hate most of the people he works with, he can rarely be found doing anything else. The brief amount of time he does designate to himself are mainly just to sleep and even when he’s done that, he’s right back at his desk.

In the first three books, Frost was insufferable to say the least. He disliked most of his co-workers and worked hard to make life miserable for his boss, Chief Superintendent Mullett. This time around, he not only annoys all of those around him but he also succeeded in irritating me.

I understand that Frost is written in such a way to come across as abrasive and short with both those he works with and those he investigates but I’m starting to wonder why Mullett even keeps him around. Sure, he eventually gets the job done but is the aggravation worth it in the end? I’ve got to think it isn’t. In today’s day and age, Frost probably couldn’t get away with half of his comments or even a portion of his actions. He’d have so many sexual harassment lawsuits thrown his way he wouldn’t know what to do with himself.

I don’t want it to seem like I suddenly have an issue with the character. Frankly, he’s always been crass. I just can’t understand why Wingfield decided to turn him up to eleven this time around. Hopefully in the next 3 books he isn’t so ridiculous and returns to his drier, more subtle style of humour that originally brought out his charm.

Cross posted on Every Read Thing

NancyHelen says

I'm a fan of the TV series of Frost, mainly because I love David Jason. And this book certainly lived up to my expectations in terms of the complexity of the crimes and the difficulties faced by Frost in solving them. A young boy is found murdered, a teenage girl is picked up, naked, by the side of the road after a kidnapping, a family of three children and their mother are found dead and Frost is facing the normal amount of adversity as he tries to bring each case to its conclusion.

However, there were two things I was disappointed with which I had perhaps been spoilt by with the TV series. The first was Frost himself. Although he's a bit scruffy and he doesn't follow the rules, David Jason's Frost still has something gentlemanly about him. The Frost in the novel is frankly disgusting. I know he is a product of his time, but his clothes went beyond scruffy to utterly filthy, I can only imagine how he smelt what with the amount of cigarettes he smoked (and butts he carried with him) and how little he seemed to go home and actually wash, and I thought his manners and jokes were usually offensively inappropriate. As such, although I love Frost, I didn't love this one.

Secondly, I found myself getting utterly exasperated with the back-stabbing, one-upmanship, self-aggrandisement, hatred, resentment and discord which seemed to be the daily bread and butter of the Denton police. How on earth they ever managed to solve a case is completely beyond me as most characters seemed more interested in themselves than anything else. Perhaps I'm naive, but to me, without at least a modicum of teamwork, very little is ever going to be achieved, and I don't think a single character, except perhaps Frost in a few instances, gave a damn about trying to work as a team. As such, it felt unrealistic. I don't deny that politics exists in every organisation (I defy anyone to tell me one where it doesn't) but this descended into kindergarten playground tactics more often than not.

Personally, I think I'll go back to David Jason.

Michael Rumney says

This novel would have been improved with some serious editing, especially where Frost is being a pervert and he and other characters sexist. Set in the 1990s you may expect this, but Wingfield over eggs the pudding and it becomes boring and distracting.

The book's saving grace is the plot which has many strands, from murder to child kidnap and shows how the police don't just work one case at a time how overworked and short of man power they can be.

There is tension between various police officers and departments and I kept asking, why don't they work together?

Gritty in tone it shows there are more ways to get results than by the book, as a character Frost isn't likable but that doesn't mean he isn't developed.

Plum-crazy says

I've read this book (& seen the TV series) soooo many times I can't be critical of it. I simply adore these books & as the blurb says the book is "*Darker, funnier & more violent than the TV adaptation*"

It's an excellent crime novel & if you've never read a Frost novel, or indeed seen the TV series, you're in for

a treat.

Nanosynergy says

Inspector Frost is much disliked by his boss Commander Mullett who would be very pleased to see him transferred elsewhere. But the crude, insubordinate Frost solves the crimes - not that Mullett would like to openly give him the credit for. In *Hard Frost*, Frost investigates the murder of three children, apparently by their mother, who then kills herself. But is this what really happened?

Bill says

I've now read three books in the DI Frost series and have enjoyed them all very much. Frost is a bit of an anachronism, a throwback who relies on his gut-instinct more than fancy technological investigative techniques. His boss, Mr Mullet, who is shallow and sychophantic, hates Frost, hates his scruffiness, his off-colour humour and his laziness towards doing paperwork and his habit of bending the rules, will do anything to get rid of Frost. But Frost has this habit of coming out on top each and every time, seeming to stumble into the solutions to his cases. And Frost is well-loved by the rank and file in the Denton police station. In *Hard Frost*, Frost is supposed to be on vacation. But he comes in to the station to steal some of Mullet's fancy cigarettes and due to various circumstances ends up deeply involved in a number of cases occurring at the same time; a kidnapping, breaking and enterings, a missing boy. Due to manning shortages he must also cope with an Acting DI who is brought in from another division, a man with a deep grudge against Frost. But through it all, Frost stumbles on, working every case, getting no sleep, offending Mullet and in the end.. well, you'll have to read to find out in the end.. Excellent story. I will have to find the remaining books in this series, it's been most enjoyable.

Jenn says

I love me some Mr Frost. What a shame there were so few books completed before Wingfield passed away. Frost is a most enjoyable character. He's like a raunchy Columbo from England.

This time there seemed less mysteries and murders to solve but somehow he manages it. It must be partly due to his excellent team. And partly to dumb luck.

On a different note, I swear the baby picture on this cover is used in the beginning cast roll call for *Call The Midwife*.
