Kittyhawk Down (Inspector Challis Mysteries) by Garry Disher

A Brief Review Of Kittyhawk Down

“A police procedural . . . featuring a squad of interestingly flawed homicide cops … working multiple cases that feature multiple puzzles and a pool of incisively well-drawn murder suspects. . . . First rate.”—The New York Times Book Review

“Gripping. . . . As the story neatly advances from the viewpoints of characters both major and minor, Disher artfully employs misdirection. . . . Fans of [Peter Robinson or Ian Rankin] will find much to like in this dark whodunit.”—Publishers Weekly

“Procedural fans looking for something a little different will devour this one.... Enough dark overtones to elevate the series into the Ian Rankin league.”—ALA Booklist

The once-peaceful beach resort of Bushrangers Bay, not far from Melbourne, is the site of multiple crimes that must be investigated by Homicide Squad Inspector Hal Challis of the Mornington Peninsula Police Force and his staff. A toddler is missing; an unidentified corpse has been fished from the sea; cars are being stolen and torched; letter boxes are being burned. And then one of Challis’s own friends, Kitty Casement, who runs an aerial photography service and flies a Kittyhawk, is murdered. Figuring out the connections and identifying the criminals absorbs all the energy and intelligence of this cast of sympathetic but complicated policemen and women.
I checked this book out of my local library via the Kindle, same as the first in this series, and I didn't really have any issue with the storyline itself--except that it is perhaps rather busy as it follows several of the police personnel in the station and switches points of view frequently. However, I very much enjoy the atmosphere and the diverse and interesting characters.

My issues with this and the first book are the horrible formatting for Kindle. The spacing is way off, with mostly double spacing, sometimes random bigger spaces and single sentences looking like paragraphs, and other times having paragraphs run together, switching points of view with no space at all, just one big run-on glob of prose. Often you have to stop to think and realize that the story is about someone else now, not the person who's been the center of attention for the last five pages. There are hyphens in the middle of longer words in the middle of sentences (on the Kindle) that I assume are leftover from the print version where a word didn't fit on a line and was carried onto the next. I also found a few outright spelling errors or use of the wrong form of a word both in this and the first book in the series. This is extremely distracting at least to me, pulling me out of the story time and again. If I had actually purchased this book rather than borrowing from the library, I would have been complaining very loudly and asking for a refund. I don't know whose job it is to handle the formatting from print to Kindle, but whoever it is, they fell down on the job badly. It's too bad, because as much as I enjoy the actual story in the books, I think it will be quite some time before I read the next unless I can find it in print.

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