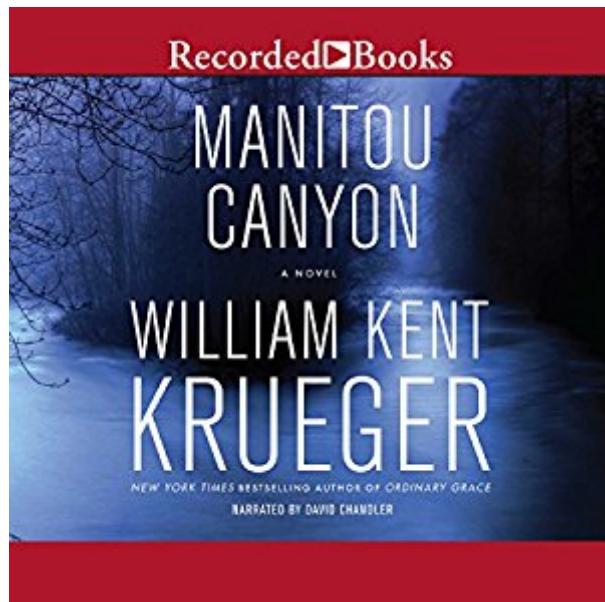


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Manitou Canyon: Cork O'Connor Mystery Series



Synopsis

"One of today's automatic buy-today-read-tonight series...thoughtful but suspenseful, fast but lasting, contemporary but strangely timeless." (Lee Child) In the extraordinary new Cork O'Connor thriller from New York Times best-selling and Edgar Award-winning author William Kent Krueger, the lives of hundreds of innocent people are at stake when Cork vanishes just days before his daughter's wedding. Since the violent deaths of his wife, father, and best friend all occurred in previous Novembers, Cork O'Connor has always considered it to be the cruelest of months. Yet his daughter has chosen this dismal time of year in which to marry, and Cork is understandably uneasy. His concern comes to a head when a man camping in Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness goes missing. As the official search ends with no recovery in sight, Cork is asked by the man's family to stay on the case. Although the wedding is fast approaching and the weather looks threatening, he accepts and returns to that vast wilderness on his own. As the sky darkens and the days pass, Cork's family anxiously awaits his return. Finally certain that something has gone terribly wrong, they fly by floatplane to the lake where the missing man was last seen. Locating Cork's campsite, they find no sign of their father. They do find blood, however. A lot of it. With an early winter storm on the horizon, it's a race against time as Cork's family struggles to uncover the mystery behind these disappearances. Little do they know, not only is Cork's life on the line, but so are the lives of hundreds of others. A taut, suspenseful thriller, Manitou Canyon features everything readers love in a Cork O'Connor novel: a dramatic Northwoods setting, an intriguing view of the Ojibwe culture, an enigmatic crime, masterful storytelling, and more than a few surprises.

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Customer Reviews

As William Kent Krueger fans know, the author has been wrestling with his writing and has fallen a bit behind on his schedule. After a two-year break in time, Cork O'Connor is back and Manitou Canyon is a solid contribution to the saga of his life and works. The dust jacket blurb reads as follows: "A taut, masterful thriller, Manitou Canyon features everything readers love in a Cork O'Connor novel: a dramatic Northwoods setting, an intriguing view of the Ojibwe culture, an enigmatic crime, brilliant storytelling, and a profound understanding of the natural world." If I might editorialize on that statement . . . the Northwoods setting (principally in the Boundary Waters and points north) is superb; the exploration of Ojibwe culture is more extensive than it is in the standard Cork O'Connor mystery. We learn more vocabulary and hear many words of wisdom from Henry Meloux. The view of the natural world (particularly its geology) is expert and fascinating. The crime itself, however, is not terribly enigmatic. The storytelling is most impressive, because WKK is working with fairly small materials. A wealthy man known to Cork in his youth has gone camping and disappeared. The local officials (and Cork) have been unable to find him. Cork is hired by his grandson and granddaughter to give it a second shot and he (with the granddaughter) promptly disappears. The general outline of the "mystery" is telegraphed fairly early and the thrust of the narration is twofold: Cork struggles to understand the underlying story's details and the folks back home worry about him and try to find him. These novels always carry a strong family subplot, one reinforced by the fact that WKK is willing to see his characters' lives develop and change (and, even, end).

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