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One year after witnessing the tragic traffic accident that claimed his beloved wife and unborn child, accountant John Allen Harper seeks to remake his life. When he accepts a position with the Mississippi Choctaw Nation as their cultural liaison, he is tasked with one job: to track down and reclaim the tribe's stolen artifacts dug up from sacred ground and sold on the black market.

John Allen's investigation leads him to crooked publisher Winston Walker, who's using these priceless antiques to prop himself up after a wealth-wasting divorce. Racing against time, John Allen finds a cache of treasures stolen thirty years ago that may hold the key to an unsolved murder and mysterious disappearance. Along the way, he teams up with FBI agent Emma Haden, who is also investigating Walker and who stirs unexpected feelings in John Allen.

But the desperate Walker won't go quietly, and the closer John Allen gets to the truth and the proof that will put Walker away, the closer he may come to being buried himself.

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Dee Arr says

Disclosure: I received a complimentary copy of this book from NetGalley.

Fans of uncommon detective stories will find “Silent Approach” by author Bobby Cole to be a good choice. The main character is not your normal hero, and while he could be considered a detective, at the end of the day that word doesn’t quite fit his job description.

John Allen Harper has used his connections with the Mississippi Band of the Choctaw Indians to secure a job as an agent. He is tasked with recovering artifacts, most of which have been illegally excavated and then sold. While John Allen finds his new job exciting, there is an element of danger. At times he is dealing with people who are not only criminals, but dangerous men. As he well knows, the last man to hold his job disappeared and no one knows what happened.

Mr. Cole is usually sparing with his descriptions, and pages uncluttered with an excess of descriptions help to make this a fast read. A love element is introduced, but the author doesn’t allow it to overwhelm the story. The story moves at a steady pace, and picks up and races toward the climax. The dialogue flows naturally, and the plot is extremely believable (and the author’s notes at the end reveal that the tale is loosely based on some real-life facts). For those who wish to know, there are some vulgarities, but they are not used excessively.

During the last ten minutes of the book, I almost felt as if a different author had sat down at Mr. Cole’s typewriter. One sentence details an FBI agent introducing his partner to all the police officers as “...a distinguished agent for the FBI.” While the word distinguished may describe her, it is not reflective of the realism that flowed through the earlier pages of the novel. The melodramatic “With the courage that propels law-enforcement officers into the teeth of trouble...” also didn’t mesh with the earlier chapters, and some of the dialogue didn’t hold the same crispness and genuineness I had come to enjoy.

But no matter. This is a good book, and a few missteps at the end pale in the light of the many chapters that had proceeded them. If you like a good, well-told story with a mix of detective and thriller elements, you will enjoy this one. Four stars.

Patricia says

I definitely liked the premise of this book but, as with so many books over the last several years, it suffered from not landing in the hands of a good editor. Both characters and plot were flat. I think an editor might have encouraged the author to flesh the story out a bit more, and add some depth to his characters. If you read this one, you might want to borrow, rather than buy. The overuse of the main character's name, John Allen (never just John), also became annoying very early in the book. It really IS ok to use a "he" or "him" occasionally.

Johnette says

Couldn't put it down!

This was an action packed crime story with history and romance along with a side of mystery. A work of fiction with true details about Native American artifacts. It will make a lot of sense to those living in tribal areas and an interesting read for those who don't.

Patty Arledge says

Another great book!!! Bobby Cole books are so easy to read. The stories are so real especially if you live around these areas.

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Peggy Windham says

Mississippi stories

I love to read Bobby Coles stories! I'm constantly surprised and thoroughly enjoy each of his books I look forward to the next one!

Megan Ward says

Decent to pass the time

This book was ok to pass the time, the writing is passable and the characters are predictable. It had a strong start and went downhill. A reader can easily skip paragraphs without missing anything important.

Maryfbruce says

Very entertaining. I like the main characters and I was surprised to learn about how prevalent the theft of Native American artifacts was.

Kendra Morgan says

Not bad

The storyline of Silent Approach is good. The pace needs some work. Many places the story drug on and on and on. Other places, it went so fast I had to reread it.

Beth says

John Allen Harper has left his old life behind after witnessing the fatal accident of his wife and unborn child. He is hired by the Mississippi Choctaw Nation to recover stolen artifacts being sold on the black market and crosses the path of a sinister conman who is linked to unsolved murders, theft of stolen ancient artifacts and crimes leading back 30 years ago. John finds himself in a very real life threatening situation as the story unfolds.

Beginning with the first page I was immediately drawn into the story. Bobby Cole is an amazing writer and I'm anxious to read his other books.

MsONeal says

Suspenseful and interesting.

J Terry Sides says

I've read every book Bobby Cole has written and I don't lay one down once I start reading

He grabs you from the first page and won't let go. I can't wait for the movies to start being produced.

sean says

Another great read

Couldn't put it down till I was done. Can't wait for the next book . Bobby Cole and C. J. Box two of the best .

Robert P. Morris says

Fantastic Story!

Bobby Cole spins the story well. I was thoroughly enthralled and entertained by the easy way he leads you through the book. You can see what happens as clear as if you are looking at the action in real life. I can't write more, as I must go buy his next book!

Sharon says

Enjoyed reading this book
Good plot
