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Synopsis

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The Body on the T is the second book in the Windflower mystery series and it follows up on the highly acclaimed premiere, The Walker on the Cape. The story begins when a body washes up on a beach near Grand Bank, Newfoundland. There is no identification on the body and few clues to identify who the person was or where they came from. The case becomes the responsibility of Sgt. Winston Windflower of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and his trusted side-kick, Corporal Eddie Tizzard.

But this is just the beginning. There is also a devastating accident on the highway and another suspicious death to deal with. Throw in a rogue police officer and an international drug ring operating in the waters off the coast and Windflower's peaceful world is turned upside down. This time Windflower's adventures take him to the scenic town of Burin where Captain Cook once patrolled the waters looking for French mercenaries. And to historic St. John's where he faces down an armed suspect on a parking garage rooftop in the midst of a busy downtown evening.

Along the way Windflower also continues to enjoy the food and home-style hospitality of this part of the world. Cod tongues, pan seared scallops and even figgy duff become part of his diet, and his long list of favourite foods. Windflower may be a long way from his Cree home in Northern Alberta but he has found a new place to love in the fog and mist of Newfoundland.

The Body on the T Details

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Karen says

One of the neat things about this series is that Windflower doesn't solve the case single-handed. He's part of a team; a valuable part of a team but still a team. His perspective because of his background and personality are an important contribution. Also he has to deal with juggling a crisis in his personal life as well as his job. I love the local color too.

Patty says

I received this book free through Goodreads First Reads. This the first time I have read this author. This book is the second in the Sgt. Winston Windflower series, but was very easy to follow. Very detailed descriptions of the area and food. Interesting characters and dialogue. Light and easy read. I rather enjoyed it and would recommend it.

Margritte says

It's brainy and brawny; a cod drill on the grill

Grand Bank, southeast coast of Newfoundland Canada.

This is the little part of heaven where RCMP Sergeant Winston Windflower, his girlfriend, Sheila Hillier, his sidekick , the incessant chattering Corporal Eddie Tizzard and his other interesting friends get to spend a quiet uncomplicated life.

Their days are filled with culinary delights, chess- and card games and generally as little trouble as possible. But that was before a body is discovered on the T and a fortune cookie promises him exciting times ahead. With the cod fish industry going belly up, a few people in town have to find other ways of keeping the peanut-butter cheesecake affordable and on the menu for many, and their conduct promises to give a totally different meaning to the concept of exciting times...

For some people, trouble is their comfort zone, and where there aren't any, they create it in any which way they can. After all, a little bit more trouble can bring a little bit more monetary cushioning in their lives. They are a bunch of characters that would stir the pot considerably for Winston Windflower: people such as Claude Lapierre; Roger Buffet; and Ernie Daley, the slime bucket, who does not mind the "hoccupational azzards" his aspirations would incur; and the mayor, Francis Tibbo, waddling in on the action, sputtering "*What is going on in this community, Sergeant? Dead bodies being found by children as they play on the beach? A well-known community member dragged out of the water? People want answers, I want answers!*" *His attempt at righteous indignation came across as shrill and fatuous. Francis Fatuous.* It fits indeed.

From then on, not only the cod tongues gets steamed up, or fried, with scallops on the side, dished out with a rosé sauce made of tomatoes, fresh, cream, black pepper, onions, and some Parmesan cheese. Like the cod and vegetables forming a scrumptious community on the plate, the people of Grand Banks are in for a

serious drill on the grill of bad intentions and good guys stepping in to save the day in a thrilling adventure along the beautiful coast lines of Newfoundland. Nothing will ever be the same.

Like the sauce, the story promises to be just as tart and tangy. Exhilaration and drama drives this easy, decent read. It is a fast read, yet slow enough to include a complete image of life in Grand Bank Newfoundland. The detailed scenery, the history, dialects, recipes and many more information in the plot- building, ensure that this is undoubtedly a feel-good read.

I recommend this book to the reader who enjoys a good story that would not spread gut and gore all over the ocean floor. It is clean, fresh and perfectly spiced.

Reviewed as member of the Kindle Book Review Team

Tara Kolsrud says

This is an entertaining mystery with other elements to keep any reader entertained. From my review at <http://www.obviouslyopinionated.com/b...>

Philip says

I've had a hard time deciding what I really felt about this book. After my disappointment with the first book in this series I finally decided to try another as I was looking for a serious crime novel set in eastern Canada and preferably by a male author and with a male protagonist. Also having a quite large balance in gift cards on Amazon.com was a bit of a factor in the choice as well. First of all this is not a bad book and I had no trouble finishing it and it seems to be a bit better technically than book 1 but I really don't know in what genre this fits. I guess it's a police procedural romance if there is such a thing. It has a couple of murders which eventually get tied to a big and highly organized drug smuggling operation and an equally big RCMP operation to take down the drug runners but all that gets lost in Windflower's love life and the Sheila accident plot appears to take over as the main plot. Some quite well written characters with Eddie Tizzard a standout but again there's lots of tell not show, lots of driving around rural Newfoundland in the fog, many hours in hospital visits, a very convenient happily ever after end to the LaPierre sub plot and I have no idea of why the great commendation of Windflower's part in the Control Room for the Mounties drug bust when I thought he contributed very little and slept a whole lot. Oh, and BTW, just because the kid under 20 won't be able to get a driver's licence until he's 25 doesn't mean he'll be off the roads until then because we all know, unfortunately, that that's not how it works in real life. I guess this series is just not for me while I realize many readers will really like it. At least I won't be wasting any more of my gift card balance and precious reading time on these books.

Missi Stockwell says

The Body on the T is the second book in the Sgt. Windflower mystery series and boy is it a GOOD one !!! If you have read The Walker on the Cape, the first book in this series, you have met Windflower and have gotten to know him and his little town. If not, that is okay. Mike Martin brings you up to speed rather quickly....hee hee.

In The Body on the T you are introduced to a dead body right away....unfortunately who the person was is not known immediately as they have no identification or recognized as a local. Before Windflower can identify the body, it is transferred out of his jurisdiction. Windflower is also asked to leave Grand Bank for a few months to work on a case in Marystown that has to do with the Harvey Brenton case that we read about in the first book.

While Windflower is getting things ready in Grand Bank for his temporary move to Marystown, he has to suspend one of his Constables, Claude LaPierre, another body is found floating in the harbour and his girlfriend, Sheila, is in a head on collision. One "good" thing is that they know that the body found floating is Roger Buffet, a heavy drinker who owed Brenton a lot of money.

Windflower leaves everything in the capable hands of Corporal Eddie Tizzard who seems to know a little bit about everything which can be good and bad but he always seems to come out on top.

Once Windflower is settled in Marystown he finds out that the dead body found on the T that was transferred is Jean-Marc Guibert who was working for Brenton but recruited by the drug enforcement team to provide inside intelligence and he also learns that LaPierre is involved in the drug distribution network and the case that Windflower was brought in for.

Windflower has a lot on his plate with the case and Sheila's accident. Sheila is transferred to a hospital closer to Marystown which is good for Windflower, he is able to visit her daily.

There is so much more that I could tell you about the case, Windflower, Sheila, Tizzard, LaPierre and the offer that Windflower gets later in the story (tiny spoiler) but to read it in its fullest is the best way to do it !!

I will tell you that you will LOVE the growing relationship between Windflower and Sheila, you will wish you had Tizzard's energy and you will love the person that Windflower is, as a Mountie, a boyfriend, a friend, and as just a good human being. And the devotion he has to the job and Sheila will warm your insides

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So grab a cup of tea and a biscuit, settle in your comfy chair and take a little trip and hang out with Windflower and enjoy the ride.....

Ross says

An east coast mystery with the focus on the characters and no gratuitous violence, this slice of Canadiana would be an ideal candidate for a CBC television series.

Mike Martin says

New Review from Denise Z

"Cozy Newfoundland Mystery

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With the lousy publicity the RCMP has been attracting in recent years, it might consider an ad campaign built around Sergeant Winston Windflower of the Grand Bank, Newfoundland, detachment. Windflower is the most conscientious Mountie since Dudley Do-Right and quite a bit more alert. He's diligent, loyal, diplomatic and a Cree by birth. In Martin's second Windflower novel, the principal police business puts our hero up against a gang of drug smugglers. But the book draws its most tense and poignant passages from a crisis in Windflower's personal life that tests his Mountie mettle.

Jack Batten's Whodunit column appears every second week.

From New Perspectives on Canadian Literature

The Body on the T by Mike Martin

Reviewed by Ian Thomas Shaw

If crime and cod tongues, down-home romance and East Coast hospitality are your thing, well Mike Martin's

second novel The Body on the T is for you. Martin, a native Newfoundland, has a real flair for bringing out the charms of The Rock in the sea. The novel is also a good guide to what is happening in contemporary Newfoundland society since the collapse of the cod fishery and the advent of offshore oil.

The Body on the T is a sequel to Martin's first novel, Walker on the Cape. In both novels, his main character is Sergeant Winston Windflower of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. But Martin's novel are much more than the Mountie always get his man story. Windflower, a Cree from Northern Alberta, sees Newfoundland's society from quite a unique perspective and falls in love with the small town of Grand Bank, as well as with the stunning owner of the Mug-Up café, Sheila Hillier. His idyllic existence in running the small RCMP detachment is disturbed by two drug-related homicides. Windflower is soon pulled into the intrigue of the bigger picture by Inspector Arsenault, who recruits Windflower to put an end to the largest drug-running operation on the Eastern seaboard.

Don't expect though a fast-paced Body mystery thriller in Body on the T. That is definitely not Martin's style. Instead, just sit back and enjoy the author's ability to endear his main characters to his readers and teach them just a smidgeon more about Canada's most colourful province. With two books to his credit, Mike Martin is well on his way to establishing himself firmly in the company of Louise Penny and other Canadian crime writing heavyweights. Oh by the way, if you are wondering what the "T" is, you will just have to buy a copy of the novel and turn to page three to figure out that bit of Newfoundland trivia.

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From The Mystery Site

Mystery Books – Mike Martin – The Body on the T

The Body on the T A Sgt. Windflower Mystery Mike Martin Baico Publishing 2013

The Body on the T is the second Sgt. Windflower Mystery by Mike Martin. This is an easy to read and entertaining novel. This is a police procedural about an RCMP officer in Grand Bank, Newfoundland. This mystery proved a very welcome change of pace from heavier thrillers with nefarious villains, complicated plots, numerous characters, and a larger-than-life hero. The Body on the T is the perfect mystery if all you want to do is kick back and enjoy a good read. Available at author's website

Sgt Winston Windflower is enjoying his posting in Grand Bank. He has a growing relationship with the owner of a local diner, a few good friends in the community, and very much enjoys the Newfoundland community where he has been posted. Things become a little less idealistic when a body is found on the beach, there is a second murder, and Windflower is asked by his boss to help bring down a drug smuggling operation. When tragedy hits close to home, Windflower has to carefully balance his personal and professional life.

The Body on the T is an excellent, lightweight mystery. This may sound pejorative to some but it is certainly not. The story is told in a straightforward, economical way that allows the reader to just enjoy the experience. Sergeant Windflower is an original and interesting character and Martin has surrounded him with a supporting cast that is just as interesting. The many little moments of local colour and history not only add to the flavor but also make a reader want to go and visit Newfoundland or buy the first book in the series.

Richard Lanoie

Other Mike Martin Reviews

The Walker On The Cape: When Elias Martin drops dead on his favourite walking route it looks like a heart attack but a closer looks puts Sergeant Winston Windflower and his Constable with the unlikely name of Eddie Tizzard into full investigation mode

<http://www.themysterysite.com/showrev...>

Janice Spina says

This is the first book I have read by this author. By the time I realized that it was book 2 of this series I was well into the story and hooked. This author has an easy flow to his writing that makes for a quick read and interesting dialogue with well defined characters. The main character, Winston Windflower an officer in RCMP, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, is a strong and resilient character who stands by the love of his life after she is in a terrible car accident. There are good friends who help round out Winston's life that keep the story well-rounded.

There are problems within the RCMP and Windflower is enlisted to head a force to round up the suspects in a drug related matter and a death or two. Windflower Is an interesting and captivating character in this series. I look forward to reading Books 1 and 3.

I was given this book for an honest and unbiased review. I found this author to be a talented writer and storyteller who is not afraid to show a sensitive side to his writing. I highly recommend this book.

Don Halpert says

I am enjoying this series. Sgt. Windflower is enjoying his assignment in rural Newfoundland. The happenings in town and the characters are interesting and likable. The stories are local and Sgt. Windflower always gets his man. I am looking forward to the continuing saga.

Kristine says

This THREE STAR mystery read begins right away with an unknown body discovered in the water. It ends up being a special case that ties this book to the first book within this series. It is a good quick mystery read.

"'You are correct as usual, Sergeant, I think your patient is dead,' said the doctor."

I found that the recap of the first book was short and right to the point. I find lengthy recaps annoying and this one recapped perfectly. The novel begins quick, however, it does seem to lull at some points and then once again, picks up speed and momentum as it goes.

I found that the romance within these pages was much better than the first book. However, it still seems a

little too perfect and a little too written at times.

"The other thing his grandfather had told him was to enjoy the moment, because that was all we had. The past was just memories and the future was not here yet. Enjoy the moment and leave the worrying to other people."

-I LOVE LOVE LOVE this quote as it is a quote that has helped me through my rough times and it was interesting seeing it within these pages.
Wonderful words of wisdom.

The book was sometimes predictable, however, there were several 'I didn't see that coming' moments as well. I found that the mystery part of this book was extremely slow to develop. Also, I think the author may have a food fetish as food is mentioned WAY to often.

I found some errors within the pages, however, if you can look past those, I would recommend this novel to any readers looking for a short mystery read.

Denise Zendel says

Dodging moose in the road and the occasional reckless teen driver are the highlights in Sgt. Winston Wildflower's day until a tourist family finds a body at the beach. Winston gets pressure from the waddling mayor to solve the case because dead bodies generally aren't good for the economy.

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Cheryl says

It's not a bad book and I did enjoy reading it. It could have done with a bit more editing, fleshing out the characters and giving it a bit more oomph, but overall the slower pace of the novel does accurately reflect the

atmosphere of smalltown life in Newfoundland.

full review on my blog : <http://madhousefamilyreviews.blogspot...>

Cathy Ryan says

Sergeant Winston Windflower's peaceful days and straightforward police work 'dodging moose and reckless teens' comes to an end when an unidentified body is washed up on the shore of the interestingly named 'T' near Grand Bank. As he and Corporal Eddie Tizzard begin their investigation it's soon apparent the case is much more involved than first thought, especially when thousands of dollars are found sewn into the dead man's jacket lining. And to make matters worse Windflower has to suspend one of his officers. On the plus side his relationship with Sheila from the Mug-Up café has progressed and they are a solid couple.

When Windflower is recruited by Inspector Arsenault of Marystown for temporary special assignment to his drug task force team to stop a huge drug running operation. The situation is further complicated by the discovery of a second body which points to a continuation of the drug related crimes in the first book. Windflower leaves Tizzard in charge on Grand Bank while he works out of Marystown. If all that wasn't enough Windflower has to divide his time in order to manage a critical situation in his personal life.

There are several short references to the first book that only add to the story and don't confuse or detract, if you haven't already read *The Walker on the Cape*.

I like Windflower as a protagonist very much and although there was a little more mention of his native Cree culture and traditions I felt these could have played a bigger part, perhaps more so than knowing what he ate for every meal. I did enjoy the setting very much, and the vivid scenic descriptions of the area. Also the fact that Windflower is enjoying his job running the RCMP division in Grand Bank and has become an integral part of the community.

The narrative itself is very straightforward making for an easy read. The police procedural develops at steady pace, along the lines of a cozy mystery. I love the cover image, it looks like a photograph and makes me want to visit.
