

WARNING

Graphic Sexual Content

(Extra Note from the Author)

I encourage you to take seriously the third paragraph of the Author's Note at the beginning of the book. The story contains graphic sexual content that absolutely will not be suitable for some readers. Some will not like the content by choice; others should not read it until they get a little older. During the editorial phase, a friend of mine gave the manuscript to an older gentleman to read, and he reacted to it, shall we say, strongly, in part writing in a note returned with the manuscript:

Your attempt at mystery fiction . . . end[s] up with a dirty little pornographic story that has no rhyme or reason. I looked for a plot but could not find one. Just dirty words and confusion. A publisher would never print this. If I were you I would burn what I have and start over.

Now, I can't say how strongly I disagree with his evaluation, because I think the book actually tells an excellent story. It's just not the mystery he was clearly expecting. It's a road trip. The reason I relate his note—clearly not an endorsement—is to show how distress over the sexual content distracted him from the story in and meaning of the book. He quit reading three-fifths of the way through.

So, if graphic sexual content generally detracts from your enjoyment of books or other media, I would really like you to consider taking a pass on my book. If the sex is all you can see—and granted, it sometimes occupies a central role—you will miss the larger message of the book, and I suspect share the feelings of the disappointed gentleman above. That said, if you

enjoy watching *Game of Thrones* or any other premium channel series that has explicit content as a part of its narrative, I don't think you would have any problem with the content of my book.