



From the Stacks



review by Mary Emrick

***POINTS OF ORIGIN* by Darden North, M.D.**

Deceit, greed, affairs, death, love, guilt, and revenge—you cannot have a great mystery adventure novel without some of these ingredients. Darden North, M. D., has included all of these components to create the perfect mix in his new novel *Points of Origin*. I agree with others who have reviewed this second North novel and claim, “It is even better than his first—House Call.”

Set in the fictional, but typical, small Mississippi town of Larkspur, *Points of Origin* will keep you intrigued until the last page is turned.

But I must warn you—this is not a book for speed readers. If you skim the surface of this book, you will probably miss some very important information, and you may not understand how Darden North’s myriad characters and subplots merge into one great story with what I consider to be a just conclusion.

Sheridan Smith Foxworth III has a life that is envied by his peers. Sher is a handsome young man who serves as quarterback for the local private school, makes good grades, and has a plastic surgeon father and an attractive, doting mother. His

story of one fire and its beginnings? The reader will learn more about pyrotechnology than hopefully he will ever need. An unnecessary detour in the novel’s plot takes you to Montclair, the setting of North’s *House Call*. I guess it is hard for an author to part with characters they know so well from the past. Dr. North has improved his writing style with his second book, and it flows together to a superb ending that will satisfy all who are proponents of tort reform.

Author Darden North is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist who practices medicine in Jackson,



grandparents are his biggest fans, and they are spoiling him with their wealth. The first fifteen years of Sher’s life were storybook perfect, and he starred as the invincible prince. Just as we all learn from life, when circumstances are at their best, they have no where to go but down, and that is just what happened to Sher. His life plummeted.

Wanting to improve her daughter’s life, Charity brought her daughter Flowers to see Dr. Sheridan Foxworth, Jr., for “routine” plastic surgery. Everything

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appeared to go well; but due to an undetected genetic blood disorder, Flowers died a week later from a blood clot. Tort lawyer Cordell Pixler won a malpractice suit for the grieving mother that was the largest settlement awarded in Mississippi. The death not only took a hopeful girl’s young life but also took the life out of Charity, Dr. Foxworth, and the doctor’s family. It was a tragedy for all concerned.

Points of Origin, as the title indicates, is the story of several fires and how they began—or is it the

Mississippi, where he lives with his wife and two children. North said that the fictional storyline of his second novel *Points of Origin* was born prior to completion of his first published mystery work and that a third novel is in the works.



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