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When a murder occurs in an exclusive swingers' club, DI Wednesday and DS Lennox find themselves immersed in a murky world of sex and secrets. It doesn't take long for the members to turn on one another, and for their clandestine affairs to come crashing into their everyday lives. As Wednesday experiences the pressures of work and caring for her mother's mental illness, and Lennox's ex-wife has him worrying about the sustainability of his role as a father, their case brings about questions of personal freedom and they begin to wonder if we are all, in fact, owned in one way or another.

Rightful Owner Details

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Joey Paul says

The second in the DI Wednesday series and it takes place not that long after the first book with Wednesday and Lennox called to solve the murder of a woman in a sex club. Martin has a way of setting up lots of threads that leave the reader guessing as to which might be the right one, and then easily connects them to present the killer. I loved that it was hard to guess and surprised me throughout the whole book. An excellent story and very much recommended!

Lorraine Carter says

I loved this risky take on the traditional murder mystery with the pseudo erotic element. It brought a nice change of pace to the normal procedural based mysteries I usually read and it had me gripped from first to last page. A welcome addition to my book collection I will definitely be exploring other books by the author in the near future.

Jessica says

I enjoyed the unusual setting of this crime. I was again unable to fully guess the outcome which was good. The further development of Wednesday and Lennox is what kept me hooked and I moved straight on to the next in the series after finishing this!

Lisa says

I really loved this book. I wanted to read something that wasn't erotica as I tend to avoid that genre while I'm writing.

This book revolves around a murder at a swingers club, but sex isn't even secondary to the story which is something I loved.

The story had so many twists and turns that you never really knew what was going to happen next and you couldn't help the feeling of being in a cluedo mystery.

Very well written, great depth to characters and a lot of attention to detail.

I will definitely be reading more from this very talented author

Emma White says

Well I was kept right to the last page trying to figure out who done it ?? lol
I love this series looking forward to the next one

Emma says

Another great book from Hemmie Martin can't wait to start reading The Divine Pumpkin, Hemmie Martin was born to write! !

Louise White says

This is the second book in the DI Wednesday series, although I feel that you could read it as a stand alone.

A death has happened and not everything is as it seems. Whilst reading this I had no idea who could have done it. Everyone had secrets and lies, I felt the frustration of Wednesday and her partner as they tried to solve the crime.

There are several things that I'm enjoying about this series. It's clear that the author has researched forensics and I'm really enjoying getting back into the genre of crime and mystery. We also get to see behind the scenes, Wednesday has to step in and help her mentally ill mother and the constant worry and fear that either her sister or herself will suffer the same fate.

Whilst Wednesday's personal life is a progressing story line, so far each crime has been individual to the book. So no cliffhangers, but plenty of mystery.

Lou Wooten says

loved the book !!!!! i'd read it again!!!!!! i know i'll read more books by Hemmie Martin in the future

Ashley says

Rightful Owner by Hemmie Martin is the first of the many books I will hopefully be reviewing for AuthorAmp.com. Rightful Owner was good and I gave it a 4/5 stars. While it took a few chapters to have me riveted, it later kept me on the edge of my seat. No matter how cliché that sounds. It was exciting and I had multiple theories for who was the killer and I was completely wrong, which I loved!

I liked how Martin wrote about a murder surrounding a swinger's club, but it was not all about sex. In fact, Martin suggests it but does not go into detail. I found this refreshing. I also liked her character development and how her characters did not fall flat. I liked how she also brought up some issues like mental problems, rocky relations with ex-wives or sexy relations with your partner's sister, who happens to be a journalist even if it was more of a side note to the main plot.

The one thing that bugs me was that I read the second book in the series before the first. All well I'll just have to read the first one now! Which is definitely not a problem for me as I want more from DI Wednesday and DS Lennox, who have awesome names by the way.

So before I leave you with goodbye, I recommend that you guys, girls, and everyone in between read it Rightful Owner if this is the genre you like or read it even if you do not usually read this genre because it was definitely enjoyable and well written! Also I would like to thank Hemmie Martin and AuthorAmp for letting me read this in advance of the publishing date.

Michael DeStefano says

An author must convincingly master the magician's delicate art of misdirection to weave a riveting mystery. And invariably, the most obvious suspect can't possibly be the culprit. Or could they be?

Author Hemmie Martin certainly weaves her magic in this fast-paced, tightly crafted work. A plethora of diverse characters and well drawn-out red herrings add to the "erotica" element, which is tastefully done and provides the setting where the crime and subsequent investigation takes place.

Similar to the erotica element of the movie Dragnet, DI (Detective Investigator) Wednesday and her partner DS (Detective Sergeant) Lennox, a Pep Streebeck-styled lothario, are thrust into a murder investigation centered around a private upper-class swingers association known as, The Sapphire Club. The club is the brainchild of Oscar and Daphne Mason, who manage to operate it within their exclusive, highbrow estate with a name of its own. It's called, The Ridings (of course it is).

Martin skillfully navigates the twists and turns of the plotline to prevent the reader from solving the puzzle until she decides the time is ripe. And while not germane to the plotline, the subplots surrounding Wednesday's and Lennox's personal lives strike the appropriate level of character synergy and believability.

Wednesday's and Lennox's style of 'serious verses playful' interaction is uncannily reminiscent of Dan Ackroyd and Tom Hanks' Friday/Streebeck partnership. And the similarities between this novel and Dragnet don't end there. A discernible, rapid-fire dialogue peppers the exchanges between investigators, Wednesday and Lennox, and their witnesses and suspects.

Martin has created a genuinely memorable character in DI Eva Wednesday. Something tells me we've not heard the last from this doggedly dedicated detective. And the readers will be glad of it.

Alex Prosper says

Rightful Owner is an excellent whodunit worthy of Agatha Christie -- though I'm not sure I can picture Dame Agatha in a Cambridge area swingers club! Martin skillfully unwinds a page-turning procedural for a murder that happens while couples are swapping partners at an exclusive gathering, and it turns out to be a brilliant backdrop for secrets, lies, and mayhem of all sorts. The crimes get worse before all is solved, and this makes for a riveting plot.

What is exceptional about this novel is that Martin shows the story from all points of view. We have a detective team to follow, and they are great characters in a complicated relationships of their own. We got to know the thoughts, and reluctance to swing, of the murder victim from her point of view, and throughout the procedural part of the novel we saw various convos between the party goers from their points of view. Telling this story in this way made it all the more tantalizing, because we weren't only privy to what the detectives knew, and we often knew when suspects were lying to each other and in the investigation.

It all came together fabulously at the end, well-paced and smartly done, and it's possible to solve the mystery with all of the facts present but not everyone will because it's juicy and layered with secret agendas. Nothing is more rewarding than that!

Kevin Tye says

This is my second Hemmi Martin / Eva Wednesday novel and like the first it did not disappoint. Hemmie has again immersed her readers into a seedy world full of superficially successful popular people who have a pass time of which they would rather their peers are kept ignorant. As the story unfolds, and we get to peek into the backgrounds of these couples, we find little to like in these people and much to despise. Enter then DI Eva Wednesday and DS Jacob Lennox as the pair of detectives tasked with digging into the sordid relationships between the members of the elite group to try and solve the murder of one of them. Wednesday and Lennox are not perfect by any stretch of the imagination, both having their demons and flaws, however Hemmie has built upon their characters in such a way that I found myself liking them all over again. When she adds the slightly unbalanced but devastatingly beautiful Scarlet, Eva's half sister, to the mix so that she can continue her pursuit of Jacob Lennox, you have a recipe for fireworks, where Hemmie lights the blue touchpaper and we as readers get to see the display.

All in all I would recommend Rightful Owner as a great read and a superb insight into the less pleasant side of the human psyche. Another winner Hemmie.
