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In the peace and tranquillity of the woods at Pinehills on a Saturday afternoon, a mobile phone begins to ring. The phone belongs to DC Smith and it isn't unusual that the call is from Kings Lake Central police station; what is unusual is the fact that he seems to be the subject of an investigation rather than taking part in one. What can the links be between a prisoner's violent death in another county, the disappearance of two teenagers and the highest profile case in Kings Lake for many years? As Smith and his team begin to untangle the threads, one thing becomes clear – they are dealing with some of the most dangerous people that they have yet encountered.

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### Deborah says

#### A compelling read!

I have been binging on books by Peter Grainger. A wonderful time. Enjoy the Smith series. You won't regret it!

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### Snorre L says

Love these British crime novels.

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### Carlin says

"He said, 'I like the autumn here – a fine, clear, still day in the early autumn. That sense of an ending, it sharpens the appreciation of what you have left, I think – makes you value every minute of it. In the spring there is almost too much still to come, so much you can sort of waste it... if that doesn't sound too daft.'"

It was so good to get back to my new favorite philosopher detective DC Smith of the Kings Lake PD in Norfolk, England. I truly savor these books by Peter Grainger. I only wish they were better edited....quite a few missing words. But it only slightly detracted from my enjoyment of the fourth book in this police procedural series that also emphasizes and develops the familiar characters into people I would like to know.

The case took awhile to get going because, as usual, DC is more concerned with the kidnapping of two teenagers than the big picture, i.e., a large-scale drug operation which his separate investigation may jeopardize. As usual some of the "bad guys" are not all bad and have family they care about. DC understands this and is therefore trusted enough to both find out more information and put in a good word for them in the end.

As he says while looking into a murder in prison that may in some way involve him, "...the only reason he did not favour the death penalty for the worst of them was because he knew only too well that policemen themselves are fallible, that judges and juries makes mistakes, that the system never has been and never can be perfect." He has seen enough of the dregs of society, musing "...at the bottom of this heap, were the inadequate, the addicted, the homeless, the mentally ill who would all spend time here [in jail] in the end if society could find no other answers for them." As a social worker turned lawyer, I so relate to DC!

I'm definitely looking forward to the next book.

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### Kaye Stambaugh says

#### Love this series

I'm always delighted to find a new mystery/detective series with smart, witty and believable characters. After reading the first book, 'An Accidental Death', I was hooked.

D.C. Smith, an English police detective is short, dresses a little shabby but as you read through the series, more backstory is introduced. If you don't love him immediately for his wit (I did), the more one learns about Smith's skills and talents, so grows the respect for this police sergeant. My own tea making skills are now improved as Smith is very particular about his tea!

A number of the other recurring characters create a diverse cast. Each story line has been believable and interesting. Smith uses wit and experience to solve cases, and as he teaches the rookie, Waters, he's teaching the reader as well.

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### **Robert Nisi says**

My first of the series, and maybe that's the problem, but I did not enjoy this book. I believe there's a good read in there somewhere, but I didn't have the patience to find it.

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### **Kathy says**

I continue to enjoy these books. This one has a major drug bust in focus with kidnapping on the side - Smith's focus to protect the two young people who had been snatched. These self-published books do have missing words or incorrect words here and there, but the content, action, characters win the day.

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### **Michele says**

I listened to Persons of Interest on audiobook. I had listened to the first three titles in the series and quite enjoyed them. When I tried to find the subsequent entries in the series, I couldn't get them at the library or on Amazon. Weird. Luckily I happened to check on Hoopla and two more audio books appeared.

The actor who reads these, Gildart Jackson, is excellent. He voices the detective, DC Smith, perfectly. These are very clearly plotted mysteries. Sometimes when I finish a mystery, I'm not sure who did what and why. These are definitely police procedurals, great examples of that sub-genre. There's just enough suspense mixed with the everyday routines of police work. DC Smith is a fascinating character, with lots of facets and levels.

I look forward to listening to more DC Smith mysteries.

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### **Amy Peck says**

#### **Incredibly good book and series!**

The DC Smith series is one of the best British police procedurals series I've read, and I've read an awful lot of them. Mr Grainger is at the top of his game - a superb, intelligent writer and storyteller. I anxiously look forward to the next DC Smith book.

If you enjoy this genre, then this entire series (to be read in order) is a must.

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## **Mainer207 says**

I can't get enough of DC Smith! I love these books, and these characters, and Grainger's writing, and Jackson's narration. Simply perfect.

This starts at a prison. There's an interesting link to Smith that sets a whole mess of things in motion. In his inimitable way, Smith irritates some and inspires others as they work through a drug investigation and a kidnapping. Great stuff.

And of course there's the interpersonal relationships among the team which I find to be a big part of this series. What decision will Chris make? Will Smith get along with the new RSCU people? Will he be recruited by them? And what about Jo?

Grainger tells this story with the subtle humor that marks each book in this series. I'm glad I can start the next one immediately.

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## **Rune says**

After facing the past head on, Smith has to face the present - when he is under investigation after being mentioned in an ongoing case. Grainger takes out his big search light, and shines it on the nasty business of grooming. This is as good as it gets. If you enjoy DCI Banks and/or Rebus... then D.C. Smith is your new best friend.

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## **P. says**

More interesting than the others I've read in this series - it's less 'all about him' ie the lead DC Smith than the first few. Not that he's bad he's just a bit much really which leaves a good deal less room for the other characters to make an impression. Some of the others aren't interesting or maybe I mean believable - Serena comes to mind - but a few might be nice to get to know a bit better. Frankly, whenever Smith plugs in his guitar, I skip pages.

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## **Kathleen King says**

This book just irritated me - the bad grammar, omitted words, spelling or lack thereof and then the ridiculous long segues about nothing.

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## **Ray Melville says**

Very tense! Not like the others in the series, this is more of a thriller than a police procedural. Excellent though.

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### **Cindy Rollins says**

3.5. Not the best in the series, maybe, but I love the audio voice of the narrator and immediately downloaded the next in the series for a car trip.

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### **Pat Grady says**

**The world as seen through the eyes of D C Smith is a far richer one than that of your average police procedural... Read all the available cases in two days, and I look forward to more! Rare intelligence, humor and great writing; you can't ask for more than that. This is the first time in a long while that I've felt compelled to write a review: Smith's cases make for great reads!**

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