

The Drift by C J Tudor

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My latest book recommendation is ‘*The Drift*’ by C J Tudor. It is a truly spine-chilling thriller which, coming on the back of the recent pandemic, maybe a little too close to home.

MY REVIEW

As one reviewer of this novel commented, ‘*The Drift*’ is basically three thrillers in one, with all three storylines eventually merging into one final devastating ending.

Firstly, an overturned coach full of students lies partially buried in a snow drift, trapping everyone inside. As they struggle to escape it soon becomes apparent that the crash was not an accident. Secondly, a cable car full of strangers hangs precariously from its cables halfway up a mountain, stranding everyone inside while a snowstorm rages outside. One of them is dead, and he will not be the last. Thirdly, inside an isolated chalet on top of the snow-covered mountain, a group of friends are trying to survive the storm, but as time passes suspicion and fear begin to turn them against each other. Inside each group a killer is lurking, but that is not their only problem.

Right from the start, it was very clear to me that this novel was not going to be an easy ride. However, despite the gruesome nature of the story, I was totally gripped throughout. Although basically a thriller, it could happily sit among the likes of Stephen King and others of his ilk. Either way, it is cleverly written and difficult to put down.

As the story progresses, three questions demand to be answered. What are each group trying to escape from? Why is nobody trying to rescue them? And finally, who are the terrifying ‘Whistlers’ outside in the snow? It is only towards the very end that all these questions are answered, and the truth finally revealed. The ending will take your breath away.

THE AUTHOR

C. J. Tudor’s love of writing, especially the dark and macabre, started young. When her peers were reading Judy Blume, she was devouring Stephen King and James Herbert. Over the years she has had a variety of jobs, including trainee reporter, radio scriptwriter, dog walker, voiceover artist, television presenter, copywriter and now author. Her first novel, ‘*The Chalk Man*’, was a *Sunday Times* bestseller and sold in thirty-nine territories. Tudor lives with her partner and young daughter.

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