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On Spain's Costa Brava, passion and intrigue are everywhere- especially in the hearts of those who dwell there. As the dictator Franco teeters on the edge of overthrow, two couples are entwined. One is a husband and wife bored with the existence they have drifted into, the other a passionate, combative pair who relish every moment of life. Into this potent mix comes a young American seeking his missing lover-bringing a shadow of danger into the machinations already at work. Soon, loyalty will be tested and blood will be shed as the country of Spain prepares for revolution. And none of them-lovers, fighters, man or woman- will ever be the same.

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John Lyman says

Started slow, got better. Seems Lescroart was trying to be a new Hemmingway when he started out. I enjoyed it, although it was a little strange.

Marti says

It was okay, but I prefer his usual cast of characters--Dismas, Franny, Abe, etc. It was somewhat interesting, with some twists and turns, but on the whole rather down and morose. The characters were well portrayed, but in a place that could have been a paradise, the people were mostly unhappy.

Carmen says

This was John LesCroart's first book. Read it yesterday, on a rainy gloomy day. Funky characters but 'real'. The best part is most was set in Spain. I have a friend who lives in Spain, who describes the atmosphere the same as he does.

People seem to socialize and celebrate day to day life in a way that makes each day an event. We can learn from this.

Don't get the wrong impression. Some of it is intensely sad.

Shaunda says

Since this was his 1st novel, and it was a reissued edition. I'll give it a pass. I didn't care for the story being told in the third person at times

That was confusing to me at first, then I went along with it. I liked the theme, but I thought something more would happen once Franco died.

I mean something did happen, but not what I thought would. Sean accidentally hangs himself. Lea goes gallivanting to Marseilles after Mike. Doug goes on a ship to the Canary Islands. Berta gets Sean's house, & Kyra gets some money.

It was an ok read. Looking forward to reading another of his novels, Rasputin's Revenge.

So you already know your gurl is gone leave
an honest review, and there you have it. But read it for yourself & leave your thoughts.

Until next time, Ciao!

Pmcdnld2 says

Lescroart is best known for his Dismas Hardy legal thrillers; this was his first novel in 1981 recently reissued. Set in Spain as Franco is dying, 2 couples: one married and bored, the other passionate and combative. A young man's visit for dinner changes everything. I found it interesting and a good read

Chick Marks says

I really didn't expect a non-mystery novel, but everybody has to start somewhere.

Donn Lorber says

Set in Franco's Spain a love and hate story. set against the revolution, serves all sets of triangles

Jeanne says

This is John Lescroart's first book and I'm glad it wasn't the first of his books I'd read because I didn't think this was very good. It reminded me of The Great Gatsby which I didn't like.

Scott says

Wow, worst effort ever by Lescroart. I read pretty much everything he writes and this missed the mark big time.

Sharon says

Had this been the first book by this author that I'd read, I wouldn't be enjoying his other books. This was his first novel and it feels like he was attempting the great American novel, a la Hemingway. I wanted to listen to this because it was also the first book for the narrator, Luke Daniels, who has become a favorite. I'm so happy Mr Lescroart found his voice, because I really enjoy his other novels

Debby says

Originally published in 1981 and out-of-print for many years, Lescroart "tweaked" the book and it was published again in 2008/2009.

Lescroart's intro to this new edition was so intriguing I had to read the book. Would I get to the last page and shed tears? Hmmm....a challenge! I'm not saying if I did or not; however, I will say the book is really good.

Cliff Jackson says

Chose not to finish after reading 2/3rds of the book, with a different cover (the bodice ripper style cover shown with this listing would have been a big clue). Just could not bring myself to care about the characters enough to deal with the truly tragic storyline. Fortunately I have already read most of the Glitsky/Hardy books. Had I not, I might have passed on them; that would have been an even bigger tragedy. Do not judge the rest of John LesCroart's novels by this one. He's one of my favorite writers. Glitsky and Hardy are awesome.

Trudy says

I have read all of his books and this was his all time worst in my opinion.

Joyce says

This was Lescroart's first book and reads like it. My gut reaction was that he was rewriting *The Sun Also Rises* and attempting to be as Hemmingwayesque as possible. Thank heaven he moved on to his own genre and way of writing. I appreciate the Hardy novels much more now.

Leah says

This is a very different book than what we are used to from the author. And it is his first novel. It is an adult tragedy/coming of age story. Overall, not bad!
