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They said, "He's a nobody."

They were dead wrong.

When reporter Hudson Ambrose hears an early morning call on his police scanner about an injured person at a bus stop on Las Vegas Boulevard, he rushes to the scene to get the scoop.

His world is blown off its axis when he discovers a murdered homeless man with a bankbook in his pocket showing a balance of almost one million dollars. Should he wait for the police, knowing the case will get lost in reams of red tape, or swipe the bankbook and take the investigation—and perhaps a chunk of the money—into his own hands?

With sirens bearing down on the scene, Hudson makes an impulse decision that whisks him on a frantic search for answers, not only about the mysterious dead man, but about the lost soul lurking within himself.

Uncovering bizarre links between a plane crash, a Las Vegas pit boss, a dirty cop, and a widowed Atlanta business mogul, Hudson is forced to find out: who was Chester Holte, what was he doing on the streets, and why are his homeless friends convinced he was an angel in disguise?

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Voni Harris says

Creston Mapes' idea for "Nobody" is intriguing. How do we, as a society, view the homeless? When reporter Hudson Ambrose discovers a homeless man murdered, he sets off a powerful set of events when, instead of waiting for police, he steals a bankbook and a safebox key out of the man's pocket. Mapes weaves "Chester's Favorite Poem" skillfully throughout the story...a poem about standing near the door to heaven so as to help others enter. Thought-provoking. To my shame, I, too, have thought of homeless as "Nobody."

My main "complaint" with Mapes' work is technical in nature. It is written entirely in first person, each chapter from the point of view of one of the main characters. This is okay, and could actually be an interesting way to tell this particular story, and he handles POV well. Where the storytelling sags is that the different first-person points of view all sound the same. Several times, it took a paragraph or two for me to discern which character was speaking. The characters need to be drawn more distinctively. They would talk differently than each other, act differently, think about the homeless differently, and I think we should have been able to see those differences more clearly.

That said, Hudson Ambrose's internal journey was clearly drawn. It is one we should all consider taking ourselves. The journey from selfishness to forgiveness and love--helping others put their hands on the latch of the door into heaven--is the journey to true Christlikeness.

Blessings,
Voni

Cristal Case says

This was one of the best books I have read in a long time. I could not put it down! And it was free on Amazon.com. I am going to check out other books by this author!

Phil says

Wasting my time on this one really ticked me off, even though it was free. Nothing I saw in the description of it or blurbs about it said it's a Christian book. It is. Are Christian books "bad"? No. But if I want to read one, I want to choose to do so. I'd think the least a "Christian author" could do would be to make sure someone buying/getting the book knows it's a Christian book. Maybe I'm expecting too much honesty? Maybe.

I've chosen to read some Christian books in the past. Also some Buddhist and Jewish ones. But at least the authors and book descriptions told me the type of book I'd be reading. It'd be great if this "Christian author" could live up to that standard.

I didn't finish this one. After I got one-third or so of the way through it and realized it was preaching at

me...and doing more so as the story went on...I chose to trash it. Well, at least the Kindle version of trashing it.

P.S. I received a Goodreads message from the author. He said that until recently, the book was sold mainly through Christian bookstores. The book description and words of praise for the book went with the book to Amazon. I hope the author will make a diligent effort to properly describe this book on Amazon.

Sab1969 says

I learn so much from this book, I would have to write a book to express the profound effect it has had on my life. To sum it up I will say this "God is in control" He does work all things together for good. Peace and true life come when we can put our life into God's hand and strive to have a relationship with him and not trust our salvation to "good works". It reminds me a little bit of a poem I read once that God is making a tapestry out of our lives. He is weaving the threads in and out to make a thing of beauty but most of the time our perspective is narrowed to underneath the tapestry and all we see are loose threads and chaos.

Donita Corman says

This book was full of action. What started out for reporter Hudson Ambrose, as a search for answers to a homeless man who was murdered, ended up as a search for God. Dirty cops, homeless, murder and mayhem play parts in this story. I did have trouble following who was talking a few times so I gave it 4 stars. It's a great book though.

Lilli says

Very good story. I had no idea that the book's theme was Christian-based and was pleasantly surprised. It's nice to read a book from an author who doesn't find it necessary to use foul language and explicit sex scenes.

Olivia says

When I started this I expected it to be the usual mystery story with a few mentions of God. But I was amazed how much Christianity was in the book. It was definitely uplifting and encouraging. The mystery kept me fascinated and I couldn't put it down.

There were a couple little things I didn't like (like Holly staying at Hudson's house a couple times...nothing inappropriate happened). The first couple pages I felt a little sick with the descriptions of the blood. It could have bothered me a little more just because my stomach was already feeling sick before I even started the book.

It was pretty neat how much the homeless man effected people's lives. Of course that was because God shone through him. And even after his death, people came to know God. That is certainly the kind of legacy we should all want to leave behind!

A book worthwhile reading...especially if you like a good, clean Christian mystery.

*I haven't read any other books by this author, so that means I might not recommend everything he has written.

LeReese says

So far it is very interesting. A seemingly homeless man who is not really homeless but dead. Now his body has disappeared. This book was really good and I loved the Christian aspect in the book. It was a well written.

Deb says

Reporter Hudson Ambrose is the first on the scene of a murder--of a man who looks to be homeless. But Hudson discovers a bankbook and key that indicate the man was really a millionaire. Why would a man who had so much money be out on the street? As Hudson investigates he finds some surprising answers--and some new friends.[return]This was a good solid suspense story, it also deals with the issue of how we treat the homeless. An enjoyable and uplifting read.

Amanda says

I love a good mystery although this isn't what I'm used to reading I actually enjoyed it. I have never read a mystery that was Christian based, someone on here they didn't think it would change anyone to Christianity I don't think that was the authors intentions, maybe he just wanted people to think about what it is even those who call themselves a Christian. My opinion it was a job well done.
