

What a **Masterpiece!** This thriller is a very fast-paced tale triggering numerous images, sensations and emotions, challenging your brain constantly. Knitted around a back-bone of genuine historical facts about Québec's geology and history, land/coast erosion and the Canadian Horse breed, characters evolved through love, compassion, fear, hostility, envy and greed. So many twists and turns, I felt like I was watching a multitude of very short movies projected on huge screens at a very fast speed. Generously surrounded by a myriad of lovely details, you believe that you are part of the plot, that you are living in the middle of it.

Many times, the author delights us with some Québécois expressions and entertains us with her wonderful sense of humor. Luckily for us animal lovers, she presents only a few dark scenes; unfortunately, those reflect what is happening in the real world regarding horse slaughter and animal cruelty, but on a much bigger scale ...

Horse people among the readers will have a few more laughs as a bonus as she makes a few «*clins d'œil*» (inside jokes) about the horse world. Some scenes will remind one of a horse in particular or a situation he had observed with one specific horse or a herd. As this is indeed not fiction, horses do communicate with each other and with humans, sadly many either don't pay attention or don't understand what the horses are saying. Like human beings, each horse has his own personality, specific strengths and weaknesses as portrayed in the book.

Finally, her business background is put to good use by providing the reader with sections rarely seen in novels such as Cast of characters, Acknowledgements and Sources (with references for those wanting to further their knowledge on the topics discussed in the book), Interview with the author and a Glossary of Québec French.

Cynthia's eloquent writing style is very lively and she keeps you hooked from the beginning until the end. All in all, despite being a new author, Cynthia D'Errico has nothing to envy in Dean Koontz, Mary Higgins Clark, Kathy Reichs and the likes. It is the best page-turner I have had the pleasure to read in a long time !!!

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