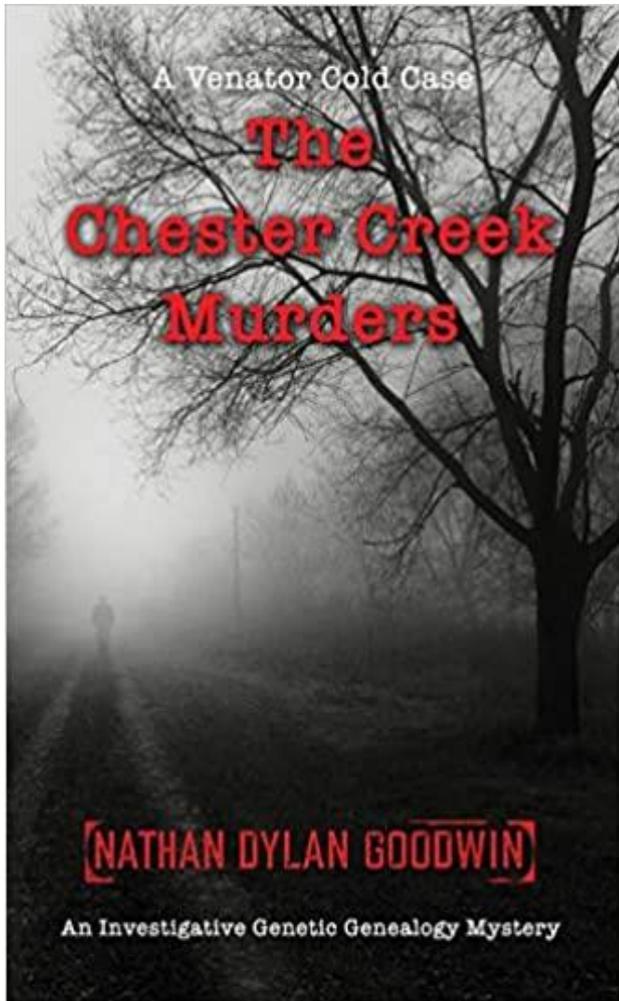


A Venator Cold Case
The Chester Creek Murders
by Nathan Dylan Goodwin

An Investigative Genetic Genealogy Mystery
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"Nathan, Nathan, Nathan....It isn't a good sign to start a book review with a criticism but here goes. This book is at least, 500 pages too short. For goodness sake! What happens next? I'm getting older by the minute you know and I can't hang round waiting for another year to pass before I know what happens to your fabulous characters.

As you know I'm very fond of the Morton Farrier books but you have really raised the bar with this book. It is very sophisticated..... even organic if I knew what that actually meant. I found the characters to be very engaging. Their backgrounds anchored the plot, making it a page turning delight. I know everyone says I couldn't put it down but that is exactly what happened.

Maddie with her missing husband, teenage kids, sick mum, handsome detective. Kenyatta with her family breakdown and homeless friend; Hudson with his live case dilemma; Becky's suspicions about her dad, all add depth to the book. Love Detective MacRoy though !!!!

I thought I wouldn't really be able to follow the scientific aspects of the DNA stuff although I have discovered some rather interesting family tree members myself...two at least who were trying to populate Australia singlehandedly with not very creative made-up names. However, I followed it really well. The idea of the regular team reviews, digital white boards and generations with coloured stickers really painted a great visual aspect and reinforced the plot.

The plot though flowed so well. At no time did it feel like a checklist of different skills and tools. It included new social media sites, different websites, google maps, newspapers, school class books, prison records, death certificates and DNA stuff etc, that all added depth to the investigation. The fact that the book jumped back to the actual crimes in the 1980s made it feel so pressing that the murderer be found. Nothing like being anxious to make a book so gripping. Very clever indeed.

This is the first book I have read that includes the coronavirus....and I have read many books lately just to escape housework.....Well done.

Much of the book involved such complex issues and skills to solve these awful crimes but I was delighted that gut feelings, team work and good police work were also valued.

This is a fabulous book Nathan. My favourite by far. Please shake a leg and get the next one written. My biggest problem is that it takes so long to get the books on order. Any chance you can speed up delivery? Surely Perth isn't that far away!!!

If I was you Nathan I would be very proud of this great book. It was a joy to read."

Mim Regan