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Nothing But Trouble Movie

Santa Fe Police Chief Kevin Kerney is back in the tenth and most entertaining novel in Michael McGarrity's acclaimed mystery series.

Nothing But Trouble Twins

After years away on the pro rodeo circuit, Johnny Jordan struts into Santa Fe to ask his boyhood friend, Santa Fe Police Chief Kevin Kerney, to serve as a technical advisor on a contemporary Western movie to be filmed along the Mexican border. Kerney agrees and plans a working vacation on location, in a remote area of the state known as the Bootheel, with his wife, Lt. Colonel Sara Brannon, and their three-year-old son, Patrick. But, a dead man on the road near an isolated border crossing, a federal undercover investigation into immigrant smuggling, the search for a fugitive from military justice hiding somewhere in Europe, and Johnny Jordan's troublesome behavior all ensure that nothing goes as planned.

Nothing But Trouble Cast

As separate investigations embroil them in circumstances that will forever change their lives, Kerney must care for Patrick while Sara plays a dangerous game of Pentagon politics. Packed with family secrets, international intrigue, and memorable characters, this is McGarrity's most ambitious and involving novel to date-- traveling an accelerating arc from Santa Fe to the desert grasslands and mountains of the Bootheel, to the most secret levels of the Pentagon, to a resort town on the coast of Ireland, and back to an adrenaline-charged climax on a desolate landing strip a few miles north of the Mexican border.

When local boy made good comes back to town, he brings an opportunity for Kevin Kerney, but also a whole lot of trouble.

Former rodeo star now business man comes to town, offering to hire Kerney as a consultant on a movie. The rodeo star is a real troublemaker, always about a half step ahead of the law. There's a dead body on set, and things start to get real, and the pentagon gets involved.

Not bad, but I don't think it held together. There's just too many moving pieces.

Nothing But Trouble Lyrics

This novel was sure titled correctly. An honest to goodness dud from iconic author Michael McGarrity. Written in 2006, protagonist Sheriff Kevin Kerney just months away from forced retirement from he Santa Fe P.D. is looking forward to a future with wife Lt. Colonel Sara Brannon and young son Patrick. A not so friendly face from Kerney's childhood past pops into Kevin's life with the deal of a lifetime. Irresponsible Johnny Jordan has a hair brained scheme to shoot a western on this parent's old and dying ranch. Johnny wants to hire Kevin to be a police consultant and give technical advise on the shoot. Of course Kevin is very weary of Johnny's possible motives. Even Sara is looking forward to taking a long New Mexico vacation and bond with Kevin and son Patrick. This book falls off a cliff with the Pentagon decides to step in and sends Sara to Ireland on a secret case that will for so many chapters. Plus, the Sara in Ireland arc really gets no resolution. The last 100 pages are then rendered moot because the plot has totally fallen apart. A real disappointing Keven Kerney tale to be sure. I have a few more of McGarrity's Kerney's books to yet read. I'm counting on a large bounce back with the next book up. ("Death Song"). I'm a huge Michael McGarrity fan having met him several times at the Tucson Festival Of Books. However, "Nothing But Trouble", only gets two stars out of a possible five stars. Skip this one. ...more

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In this volume Kearny is visited by a high school buddy - a black sheep then and a black sheep now, which the author repeatedly points out to the reader - who is now a movie-maker and hires Kearny as a

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law-enforcement consultant for the picture he's shooting locally. While traveling to the movie set our hero stumbles across a dead body alongside the road and becomes tangentially involved in the investigation of a possible illegal alien smuggling operation.

That's it - there's your plot. There are some very dry travelogue descriptions and a lengthy but superficial take on movie-making, but not a whole lot of story. As stated earlier, Sara's "case" - the 50-60 pages of it - is really the only interesting part of this 370 page book.

All of the things that made the earlier books work - Kearny's fellow police officers, their investigative work and a cast of colorful bad guys - are all strangely and inexplicably missing in Nothing But Trouble. This is a solid police procedural series so don't be put off by this book, just read one of the other nine volumes. ...more

Nothing But Trouble Tupac

NOTHING BUT TROUBLE (Police Proc-New Mexico-Cont) â€” DNF

McGarrity, Michael â€” 10th book

Onyx, 2005- US Paperback â€” 0451412281

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This was the first McGarrity book I read and had my head spinning afterwards. After reading other McGarrity books and looking through some of the reviews I finally know why. You've got to read the Keven Kearney books in chronological order, otherwise they won't make sense to you as the characters develop through the series.

When I read this book, thought the Sara subplot was very strange. It got introduced fairly well but the subplot didn't end. Now I know that it will probably end with the next KK book. When I read the "prequel" to this book "Slow to kill" I was wondering at the way the book finished abruptly but now I know it was just to be continued.

I still gave this book high marks because McGarrity's style is easy to read and I'm familiar with the characters, they're like old friends. You've got to get used to his rushed endings though.

The best things for me are the way he details police procedure during the investigations. Some reviews find them boring, but I find it relaxing to read. To each their own. You either like these books or you don't, and the books are so formulaic that you'll find out within 1 book whether you like them or not.

I got this as a free ARC. ...more

Nothing But Trouble Trailer

Nothing But Trouble, 2 stars.

I probably rate this a 2.5-star novel, but it left me unsatisfied and more than a little peeved so I'm rounding down to a 2. The problem is that the novel has too much going on. There are two major plots and no less than 3 minor ones. You can't say that any of them were truly resolved.

I found that I enjoyed the international manhunt/Pentagon politics bit more than the one targeting a smuggling operation. Either would have been better than constantly bouncing back and forth between the two. The rodeo/movie subplot was interesting but equally unresolved. To sum it up, McGarrity raised a lot of questions but answered only a fraction of them. Endings do not seem to be his strong suit.

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I've read the nine previous Kevin Kerney novels in this series, and I've more or less liked them. Kevin Kerney, the police chief of Santa Fe, NM, is a fairly standard protagonist, his current job is to be the Police Chief of Santa Fe, New Mexico. I like the series primarily for the descriptive rendering of the New Mexico countryside and for the interesting crimes that Kerney and his colleagues must solve. McGarrity is okay but not as good as Craig Johnson and certainly not as good as the great Tony Hillerman at setting a scene. ...more

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Triggers: Cops and police situations, there are rapes, homicides, and crime.

Reluctantly working as a technical adviser for a western being filmed in New Mexico, Santa Fe police chief Kevin Kerney finds the murdered body of a young man near an isolated Mexican border crossing and discovers that a large-scale drug-smuggling operation may be responsible.

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Nothing But Trouble Judge

Very entertaining. Mr McGarrity redeemed himself IMHO after leaving me hanging in the last volume. Perhaps he is writing more of a serial series now. I realize the Kevin Kerney series was more or less a serial type story, but until last book he had solved most of the cases before moving on to the next tome. There is nothing wrong with that approach. Although when it is new in the series it leaves you unfulfilled.

Thankfully he has not done that with this novel.

This has been my least favourite book so far in the series. It did seem to be trying a little too hard.

I was a bit put off by Sara seemingly having to tell the Irish Inspector every step to take as if he didn't have any experience of his own.

And the whole childcare/parenting set of problems was just too sad, though I know there are many parents who face similar trials.

Otherwise a good book in a good series.

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Another great entry in the Kevin Kerney series. Parallel mysteries going on with Kevin trying to unravel a smuggling operation and Sarah trying to close out an old crime that takes her to Ireland. Both mysteries are good; however I got more pulled into Sarah trying to catch her crook. Fast paced and fun from a talented story teller. If you like C J Box, I think you will enjoy McGarrity.

This one seemed a little bit all over for me, with Kerney not necessarily the main focus, which was a tad disappointing. However, if the foreshadowing is heading where I think it is...OMG!
Still enjoying the series.

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I guess I just have to get used to these books not having actual endings... great stories but no wrap up - argh!!

Kerney takes over parenting while Sara is on an assignment in in England--where things go very wrong. He is consulting on a movie, as well as pursuing bad guys. Good read for the murder mysteries.