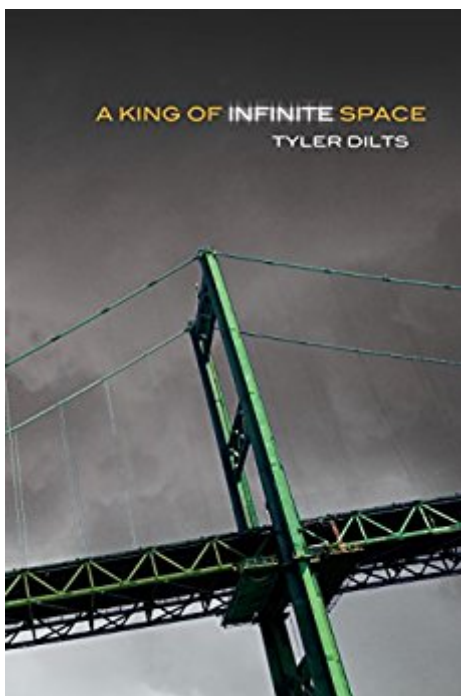


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Synopsis

Long Beach, California, homicide detective Danny Beckett is pouring the weekend's first shot of vodka when the call comes in: Elizabeth Williams, a teacher at nearby Warren High School, has been brutally murdered in her classroom. When Danny arrives at the school, the blood-spattered crime scene turns even his veteran stomach. What could this young woman have done to make her the target of such a violent attack? And what is the significance of the victim's left hand, taken by the killer as a grisly trophy? Beckett delves into the case with his usual tenacious cool, yet as he pieces together the facts, long-suppressed anguish from his own past rises up with stunning force. His hunt for the murderer soon morphs into a personal quest for atonement as he struggles to come to terms with the loss of his wife and family. *A King of Infinite Space* is a riveting crime novel that serves as a memorable introduction for Danny Beckett to the ranks of fiction's favorite hardened detectives.

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Customer Reviews

The writing was fine. Characters were developed - not fully three dimensional but they had

substance. I did however have a problem with the plot. It's not bad, but it followed a very typical whodunit outline. Tortured detective on the case, brutal murder, suspect 1, suspect 2, both cleared but shakily, case goes bad, tortured cop MUST solve this!, criminal caught, the end. I read any and all crime novels so maybe I've just become too used to the genre but it was too predictable. And the author dropped some major HELLOOOO clues when they introduced the murderer. I knew within seconds of meeting the character who it was. SPOILERS ALERT DON'T READ FURTHER. I mean, the woman was murdered with an asian specialty blade or machete, they walk into the son's room and notice an abundance of crime novels, bordering on the line of obsession and his screen savor is a knife welding samurai. GEE I WONDER WHO DID IT.

I have always had a fondness for ongoing character series, if they are well written and strike a chord with me. This one does that for sure. I already can't wait to see what else life has in store for Danny and his fellow detectives. Very good, straightforward story with realistic characters. I'm hooked!

Even though I knew who the murderer was and why, I couldn't stop reading. I had read *The Pain Scale* first so I had an inkling how it would end, this novel was exciting to the finish. Love the characters. Keep them coming!

I enjoyed this who done it very much. The characters are fully real and true to life. We have our hero, the flawed detective and his exceptionally talented partner. And a supervisor that is slightly off but supportive with a room full of teammates. Female a little like TV's "The Closer" or maybe "The Killing". Recommended for you and I will be getting and reading more in this series.

Fairly by the numbers mystery. Throw in some red herrings and enough suspects so any of them could be the killer. A fast read. I'll give Dilts another opportunity to raise my score for him.

After reading the deliciously rich Sheldon Siegel books, this one didn't cut it for me. It wasn't even a particularly good story. It was ok, but not something I'd recommend that you run out and buy...

This is a straight-forward detective crime story involving the murder of a young teacher and the efforts of a male/female detective team to solve the mystery. What I liked: 1. It's well written and nicely paced -- the plot is well defined and outlined. 2. The characters are well defined and described. 3. The story is relatively engaging and interesting. What I didn't care for: 1. Meandering

parts -- there is some character introspection that really doesn't lend it self to the storyline. I realize it's there to flesh out the characters. It just wanders a little aimlessly.² The plot is okay but a little dull at parts -- the investigation just plods along. Moreover, once the key evidence is found and the primary suspect arrested, I knew right away it wasn't quite resolved and the real culprit was still at large. The resolution of the investigation is adequate.³ The title -- no idea about the relevance here. Overall, the solid writing carries the author's first effort here -- I enjoyed it and found it to be a good value for the money.

If you're a fan of the detective/PI-typed mystery, I highly recommend that you read Tyler Dilts' *The King of Infinite Space*. If you follow my book reviews, you know this is a genre I tend to read a lot of, so I'm pretty particular about this type of book. And after reading the entire book in a day (thanks, insomnia) I am shocked that this is Dilts' first book. Beth Williams, an English teacher, is brutally murdered one night in her classroom. Long Beach Detective Danny Beckett and his partner, Jen Tanaka, begin investigating the crime that doesn't seem to have any suspects, until suddenly, a number of possible murderers materializes. Beckett and Tanaka try to figure out what happened to Beth while Beckett is struggling with his own personal demons, and Tanaka is trying to keep one of her martial arts students on the straight and narrow, which isn't proving too easy. I really enjoyed the main characters in this book. The dialogue seemed authentic; sometimes books try to throw too many police procedural terms into the mix to prove their authenticity but wind up seeming fake. I worried that Beckett's personal issues might prove too overwhelming for the plot, but they served as an intriguing counterpoint to the action, and deepened the dimensions of the character. While ultimately I figured out who done it, it was tremendously interesting the way the discovery of the murderer unfolded. I hope Dilts intends to write more books, especially those featuring Beckett and Tanaka. Seriously, read this book.

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