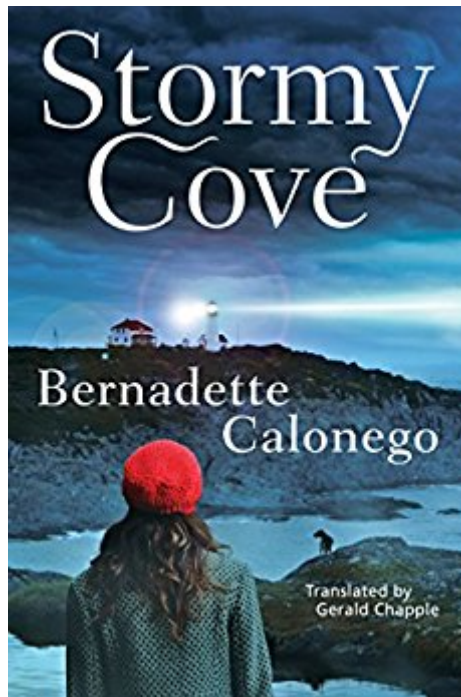


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Stormy Cove



Synopsis

As a globe-trotting freelance photographer based in Vancouver, British Columbia, Lori Finning has seen just about everything. But when she lands an assignment on the barren, snow-swept island of Newfoundland, she finds herself in harsh and unfamiliar territory. During the long, dreary winters in the isolated fishing community of Stormy Cove, gossiping is the primary pastime. So Lori is surprised when she learns of a crime the locals have spent twenty years not talking about: the strange, unsolved murder of a teenage girl. As she delves deeper into the village's past, she'll discover dark family secrets, unexplained crimes, and an undeniable attraction to Noah, a taciturn local fisherman who just might hold all the answers.

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Customer Reviews

4 1/2 stars Stormy Cove by Bernadette Calonego and translated from German by Gerald Chapple is an evocative page-turner in which the setting of Stormy Cove in Newfoundland reflects the moodiness of the novel's actions and characters. Lori Finning, a Vancouver-based photographer, comes to remote Stormy Cove to take pictures for a coffee-table book for Mona Blackwood, a publisher in Calgary. Lori understands right away that this is an unusual request and that Mona may

have an underlying motive, but takes the job which will have her residing in Stormy Cove for a year documenting the daily lives of the fishermen and other inhabitants. Immediately Lori finds that the people of Stormy Cove, although close-knit, are welcoming and eager to help her. They invite her into their lives. One fisherman, in particular, Noah Whalen, mysterious and handsome, offers to take her around on snow-mobile and his fishing boat. The death twenty years ago of one of Stormy Cove's own, Jacinta Parsons, still hovers over the town and its people. Lori's curiosity takes over and she probes into the murder along with the disappearance of Una Gould, whose house she is staying in. It soon becomes apparent that although the residents of Stormy Cove are congenial, they have their own secrets that they don't share and they may even be misleading Lori. And, then there's the mysterious Isle of Demons where a strange, pained howling can be heard. No one knows why this howling occurs and there seems to be no natural reason for it, but once heard, it stays forever with a person. As Lori's life becomes entwined with Stormy Cove's residents, another murder occurs, seemingly linked to Jacinta Parsons. Who can be trusted now? And, what exactly is Lori capable of?

Although initially, I was not sure what I would make of Stormy Cove, a tale about a small fishing village in Newfoundland, I found the book very well written and the characters and plot captivating. Lori Finning, a free-lance, globe-trotting photographer based in Vancouver, lands a job to produce a coffee table book about vanishing communities in Newfoundland. Thus, Lori finds herself in Stormy Cove, one such fishing community. The villagers are a closely knit bunch, but welcome Lori and become interested in and ready to help with her project. However, this small community has a dark secret it hides and will not readily speak about: the disappearance and death of a young girl as well as of a young married woman and the subsequent suicide of this woman's husband. Almost immediately after arriving, Lori is befriended by a strong, silent type fisherman, Noah. While working on her book, Lori delves into the community's past, trying to piece together what exactly happened and how or if these three events are tied together and to the town. Noah will help her bridge the gaps between her own life and perceptions and those of the townsfolk. This is a well written, fascinating book. It grabbed me almost from the start and held my attention throughout. Lori's and Noah's characters are well developed, as is their growing friendship/relationship. The town population is like any other in any other small town, interested and filled with town gossip and speculation, knowledgeable about almost everything that goes on in the town practically before or while it happens. Sometimes Lori hits a dead end in her search or is thrown a red herring, but, throughout it all, Lori perseveres looking for the information she needs while continuing to work on

her coffee table book.

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