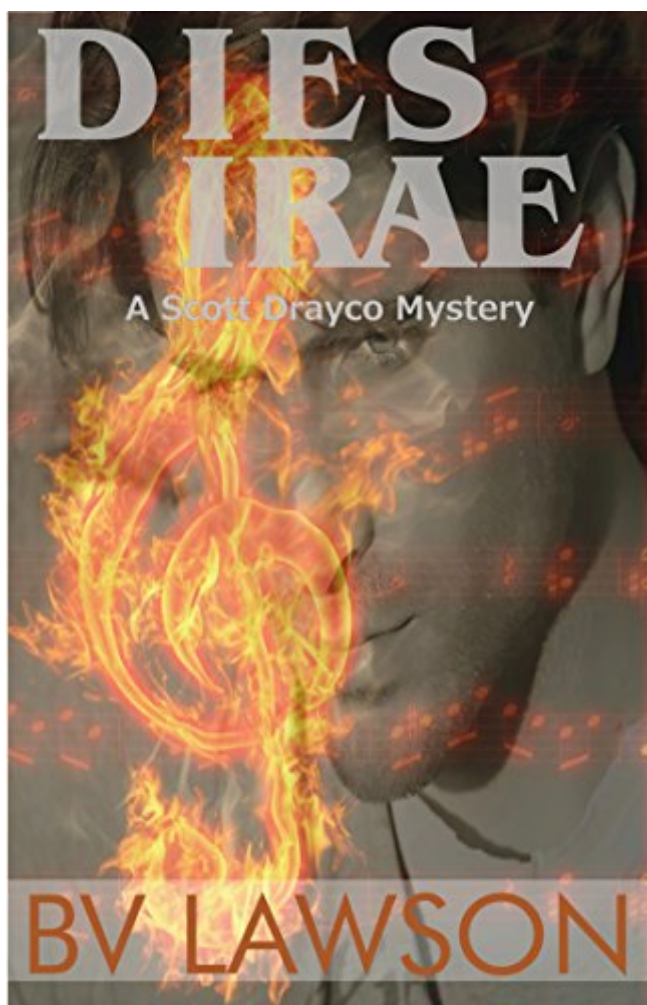


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Synopsis

The third installment in the Shamus-nominated Scott Drayco series and a Silver Falchion Award finalist. A mysterious music puzzle. A murdered co-ed. Sinister secrets. Three years ago, Scott Drayco left the FBI after an incident involving his partner, Mark "Sarg" Sargosian. Now a freelance crime consultant, Drayco often helps law enforcement on cases, but he never imagined his estranged former partner would turn up on his doorstep, pleading for Drayco's help. A co-ed at an elite Washington, D.C., private college has been murdered, and the victim's friend - Sarg's own daughter Tara - might be the next target. The killer left behind a puzzling music code at the crime scene, and Drayco soon learns he has two things in common with the murdered girl - a music background and synesthesia. The case takes an even stranger turn after a second murder and a second music code, with signs pointing toward a possible ritualistic killing. Then, Drayco himself starts receiving coded messages and finds himself locked in a deadly game with a madman where only one of them may come out alive. Want to read a Scott Drayco novella for FREE? Sign up for BV's Mysteries in Crimetime newsletter at bvlawson.com and receive a FREE copy of "The Maltese Moon Rock"! Scott Drayco Thrillers in order: PLAYED TO DEATH (A Shamus Award Finalist and Best Mystery, Next Generation Book Awards) REQUIEM FOR INNOCENCE DIES IRAE ELEGY IN SCARLET Praise for BV's Mysteries in Crimetime: "Lawson uses the gothic features of the abandoned Opera House to great effect, creating an atmospheric background for the crimes and the solving of them, all of it accompanied with music that's almost like another character. The pace never sagged and it kept me enthralled." - Long and Short Reviews "Lawson's book was so good, I read it twice from beginning to end... The citizens of Cape Unity are as diverse and multi-layered as any person living in the large cities, and Lawson portrayed them splendidly." - Reader's Favorite Reviews "The storyline here is nicely structured, and creatively ties together two murder mysteries, which occurred decades apart. The small town setting is ideal, the lead character engaging, and the supporting cast interesting and diverse. Overall, a solid start to this series." - Omnimystery News "A nice tight mystery in a realistic setting. Totally enjoyable." - Terrie Farley Moran, national bestselling author of the Read 'Em and Eat Mystery Series "Now this story was close to brilliance... The plot was fast, dark and thrilling." - IHeartReading.net All in all, an excellent read for lovers of quality mystery fiction." - Jacqueline Seewald, author of The Inferno Collection

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When Scott Drayco's old partner from the FBI shows up at his front door, he knows trouble follows. They have not spoken to one another in over 3 years after "the incident" that had Drayco resigning from the force. But Mark "Sarg" Sargosian needs Drayco's special talent to help solve a murder at the college where his daughter goes to. A very prestigious college. The girl murdered was an opera singer, so Sarg needs Drayco to use his synesthesia abilities to figure out the messages that the girl was getting before she was killed. After all his own daughter was friends with her and could possibly be the next target. Can Drayco figure out the messages and the reason the girl was killed before anyone else gets hurt or killed? Can Drayco and Sarg mend their ways after all this time? Read this fast paced, thriller to find out. I was provided a complimentary copy of this book so I could give an honest review.

Kept me interested the whole time I was reading. Looking forward to next book. Love your lead character, Drayco. Keep on writing!

Oh my just finished this one. Totally Awesome!!!! My favorite of the three.. But I loved all of them. Scott Drayco -- my new hero. Loved the name that Tara gave him. (Not telling -- you read it to find

out).. Very exciting read, was bouncing on edge of my chair as I read the ending.I will not critique a story. If I like it Which I do!!! Then I will encourage you to read it. You will not be disappointed..

Well written. A good mystery.

The third in the series is just as intriguing as the first two. Well written and thought out plot makes for a fast moving and logical story. I cheated and read four books, but out of sequence. It made no difference. Each stands well on it's own. Waiting for a fifth story.

I have read the first three of these novels, and enjoyed them all. Interesting plots and character development. Recommend reading them in sequence as a result. Some knowledge of classical music and the Mid-Atlantic coast will only add to the enjoyment.

Just finished this book and wanted to write a review right away. Love the Drayco books. Have read them all and am fascinated by Scott Drayco. Was very glad to see a reconciliation of sorts in this book. Read to understand what I mean. Don't want to give anything away. If you like good mysteries with a very good hero, these are the books for you.

The author is definitely getting better over the course of writing for this lead character. Scott Drayco gets more complex with every book and the story is more twisting and turning. I was surprised at regular intervals right up to the end.

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