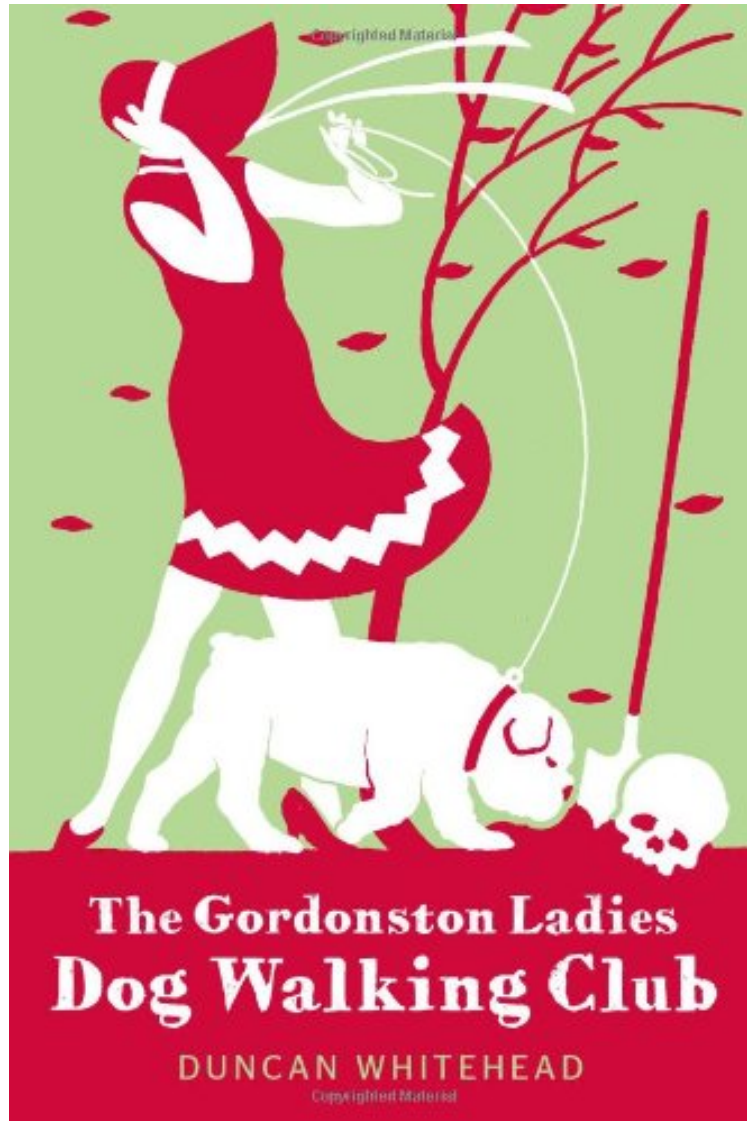


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Duncan Whitehead : The Gordonston Ladies Dog Walking Club before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Gordonston Ladies Dog Walking Club:

14 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Do You REALLY Know Your Neighbors? By Carla This was without a doubt, one of the most enjoyable reads I've encountered in the last year. Duncan Whitehead proved to be a Master of surprise twists and turns and making the bizarre, believable. This engaging tale of a diverse ensemble of

neighbors in what seems to be a sedate, upscale neighborhood evolves into an ending that is totally unpredicted. The first pages let you know right upfront that someone will meet a grim and unexpected demise but the "who" and the "why" elude you. I mean, how can anything truly sinister be unfolding in the quintessentially quaint and quirky coastal city of Savannah, Georgia? You soon find out jealously, deception, greed and a myriad of evil intentions lurk behind harmless looking closed doors and fake faces. Skillfully written and full of intrigue. If you like mysteries that keep you guessing and then throw you a curve at the very end, you'll love this - as I did! 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. *Agatha Christie in the Garden of Good and Evil!* By Kindle Customerwell, while it's NOT really Agatha Christie, and she didn't actually visit the legendary Garden of Good and Evil, this book read like it! I found the plot interesting, the twists surprising, and the fact that it all wound up, tightly wrapped up, in the end, with a large fluffy bow was perfection! I wasn't looking for a serious, somber read, I wanted something like - pie... lemon meringue pie, which melts in your mouth and engulfs your senses, and this book did just that! It read like a proposal for a movie or TV series, and I have to say that I'd gladly watch it, if it were developed in that direction. And, I'd dearly love to read a sequel (or two, or three). One note, some reviewers were annoyed that the point of view kept changing - character, time, location... I actually enjoyed it more for all that. The chapter which repeats is a similar vehicle to the scene which repeats in 'Fried Green Tomatoes' (the movie)... it serves to anchor the piece, and let you know that, finally, you're caught up on all the back stories and can proceed to the conclusion. 136 of 141 people found the following review helpful. *A Brilliantly Plotted Page-Turner* By Mary Fan *The Gordonston Ladies Dog Walking Club* opens on a lovely morning in Savannah, Georgia, with your friendly neighborhood contract killer preparing to execute his latest job. Rewind the clock by about a week. The Gordonston Ladies Dog Walking Club, a group of older women with a shared fondness for canines and cocktails, sigh about the impending death of one of their own. Thelma is on the verge of succumbing to cancer. Two of the ladies, former Vegas showgirl Carla and wholesome housewife Cindy, already have their eye on Thelma's soon-to-be widower, mayoral candidate Elliott. We are also introduced to the club's queen bee, an eighty-something-year-old named Heidi, and to several of their neighbors, including Kelly and Tom--a young couple with Hollywood good looks--and newlyweds Veronica and Doug. And then there's the neighborhood villain: an old man who fails to clean up after his dog during his walks in the park. Each member of this idyllic suburban neighborhood harbors a dirty little secret. Or, if they don't at the beginning of the novel, they do by the end. The Gordonston Ladies Dog Walking Club follows each member of the community through their intertwining lives. Picture perfect on the outside, not so much behind closed doors. One of them is the contract killer's victim, and one of them the employer. But who? And why? With everything that's going on in Gordonston, everyone is fair game. Whitehead successfully employs the third person omniscient perspective in his novel to give the reader insights into each character's thoughts and motivations, often within one scene. In an era where first person and limited third are in fashion, using the omniscient voice is a daring yet highly effective move. Although Whitehead writes with a distinctive lilt, the narrator for the most part seems invisible, a mere camera through which the reader watches the characters, none of whom is exactly what they appear. Whitehead wastes no words, somehow keeping the prose fluid and tight at the same time. As a result, the pages fly by while at the same time allowing a reader to become immersed in the language and descriptions. Honestly, this book contains some of the finest examples of the omniscient voice I've seen in contemporary literature. Whitehead seamlessly integrates the various intertwining storylines. The cast is large, yet each character is so unique that it's easy to keep track of who is who. Whitehead deftly guides the reader through the secrets, mysteries, and multiple plots, making *The Gordonston Ladies Dog Walking Club* an easy, relaxing read. There is so much going on, and yet everything feels straightforward with the way Whitehead tells it. In addition to his plotting abilities and knack for creating memorable characters, Whitehead also possesses a real talent for descriptions. It's easy to picture the locations described in the novel, be it a town in Argentina or the luxuries of Paris. His writing style is mesmerizing, hypnotic even, and it's easy to get lost in the locations and the lives of the characters. My one criticism would be that he doesn't always let the reader know where in the timeline they are (for instance, there's no indication that the first chapter, with the hit man, actually takes place after the bulk of the book until you get close to the end). *The Gordonston Ladies Dog Walking Club* is a garden of irony, a brilliant suburban satire on par with the popular American TV show *Desperate Housewives*. Part thriller, part drama, the multitude of questions hanging in the air make it a gripping page-turner, especially toward the second half, where the plot really thickens. It's a relatively short book, and I ended up reading the whole thing in a single day. With all the juicy details and shocking revelations, I just couldn't put it down.

Little is what it seems to be in a leafy Savannah neighborhood as members of an afternoon cocktail and dog walking club mourn a neighbor's death. Jealousies surface when friends vie for the widower running for mayor. An old woman with an infamous uncle plots to avenge a wrong. Memories haunt a once successful children's writer. And a model has won the trip of a lifetime. But a killer lurks and secrets unfold, as does a web of deceit. Is anyone really who he or she seems to be? A mysterious South American, a young Italian count, and a charitable nephew add suspicion and intrigue, as do an enigmatic organization linked to organized crime, a handsome firefighter, and three widows with hidden agendas. What's a retired accountant's secret, and why did a former showgirl really have plastic surgery? The

plot thickens, the Georgia temperature rises, and someone is destined for an early unmarked grave. The truth contorts to a climax that leaves readers breathless.

Winner of the 2013 Reader's Favorite International Book Award and Gold Medalist "A real page turner that is perfect for anyone who enjoys a story filled with secrets, mystery and devious characters. Even though I loved the ending I can only hope that Mr. Whitehead will continue this story with a sequel; after all there are three more jobs to be completed! On a scale of one to five I would give this book a six because it is just that good!" —Readers Favorite "Doggone it, whodunnit? Readers of The Gordonston Ladies Dog Walking Club will just have to read to the end of the novel to find out. The thriller was written by Duncan Whitehead, who seems to have more in common with Ian Fleming than his idol, Agatha Christie. —The Savannah Morning News

About the Author
The life of Duncan Whitehead, winner of the 2013 Reader's Favorite International Book Award and Gold Medalist, is as quirky as his works. Born in 1967, he served in the Royal Navy in embassies across South America and was an amateur boxer. He worked as a purser on some of the world's largest super yachts and visited many exotic places. He's also an instructor of English as a foreign language, fluent in Spanish, and a children's soccer coach. Duncan retired to Savannah, Georgia, to pursue his passion—writing. Mindful that we all harbor secrets and inspired by the locale's odd characters, he wrote *The Gordonston Ladies Walking Club*, a dark comedic mystery. In 2011, Duncan spent six months in Brazil before settling in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. His interests include cooking, the Israeli self-defense art of Krav Maga, and Dim-Mak, a pressure-point martial art. He has written over two thousand comedy news articles for US and UK websites, and *The Reluctant Jesus*, a comedic novel set in Manhattan.