

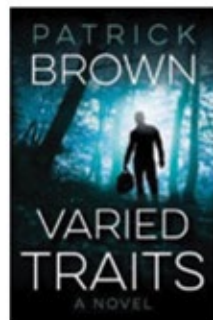
They laid into Ron and Yosemite pretty hard, but were told in no uncertain terms that if they didn't like it, Ron would take them back where he picked them up and they could "go forth and procreate." Well, that's what happened, and then they called the cops.

If there is ever a good time to get a call from TIPD, it's not on Pirates Fest Saturday Night. I went to see what was going on. They were not pleased and may I say, it was not our finest moment. But wouldn't you know it, the responding officer was the very same one whose wallet I had returned the previous night. Talk about living right! He told the tourists that we did the guy a favor, because we should've brought him to the police station where he would've been booked for public intox. He told them to mind their own business and go home. He told me Happy Autumn, and we went home (and procreated!).



BOOK REVIEW

By Nell Klein



Varied Traits

By Patrick Brown

This book was being sold at a Tybee business, so I assumed that the story took place on Tybee or Savannah or that the author was from Tybee. None of the above. The author is from Atlanta, and the story

takes place totally in and around Atlanta. I know we have residents from Atlanta that would appreciate the local references so I thought this would make a good book review. I really enjoyed this book, but I warn you, there are a few parts of this book that are not for the faint of heart. It's described as a "gritty, urban thriller" but I think "smutty, urban thriller" is more like it. It has a few graphic and dark scenes that I found disturbing, but I couldn't quit turning the pages!

Salem Reid, a seasoned war veteran, returns to his hometown of Atlanta after 2 tours of duty in Iraq to open a security/limo business in Buckhead. All is quiet until an old high school buddy, Joey, calls Salem for help after a depraved night out on the town. They find a prostitute named "Velvet" (who Joey had been with the night before) overdosed in his home. Turns out that "Velvet" is actually Sarah, an old girlfriend of Salem's that he hasn't seen in 15 years. Salem is convinced that Sarah did not kill herself and is determined to find out what happened to her. His investigating takes us on a whirlwind ride through the seedier side of prostitution and adult entertainment.

All that sounds pretty dismal, but on the contrary, Patrick Brown tells a really great story with characters that are so likeable that you can see their strengths and not be bothered by their flaws. Salem is a real problem solver who ultimately tracks down the bad guys. The story is fast paced with all kinds of excitement and surprises to keep you guessing right up to the end.

I give this book 4 roses because I couldn't put it down, but I have to give it one dandelion for the disturbing scenes that I could have lived without. But, all in all, this was a really great read and worth passing on. We have a copy at the Wind Rose for your reading pleasure.

Until next time, read a book. If it's a good read, pass it on to a friend.

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