



Lake of Lies by C. G. Haberman

Southeast Lincoln had changed since his departure for Washington eight years past. New housing enveloped once familiar acres that produced corn and alfalfa south of the old neighborhood. His house south of the golf course disappeared in a maze of streets, townhouses, and six-figure homes that approached the half-million-dollar tag. Children rode bikes up and down the road, shot hoops in the drive, and strung lights in preparation for Christmas. The meaning of Thanksgiving all but forgotten, lost by the commercialized frenzy day, black Friday. The house where he lived and helped raise Meaghan sat between two larger homes within a small cul-de-sac. He parked his gray Jeep at the entryway, stared at the neighborhood, and purged one demon.

While sipping a scotch and soda, the previous evening, at the restaurant south of the motel, he had decided to the walk the same path to the lake that he and Marnie had strolled many times. There they spent hours talking and planning their future.

From the parked Jeep, his journey meandered by houses and townhouses. Revisiting this past made him apprehensive. He knew it must and had to happen.

It took him thirty minutes to reach the top of the dam's south end. He looked west-northwest toward the state capitol building as he drifted in a semi-daze across the Antelope Creek barrier. The walking path on the north lake shore was the one he and Marnie had spent hours discussing their marital life. All the time he felt they had a great future. Marnie talked of growing old together, looking out for one another. Another demon expunged.

He found a comfortable spot where it overlooked the entire lake, from the inlet to spillway. CJ sat on a small bench, staring at wind-created ripples. The shaded shoreline held thin ice remnants. Across the water, several boys cast lines with hopes of catching a catfish or two from the cold water.

His nostrils flared as he inhaled. The sunlight glistened off the water surface, a scene of serenity. He sat forward and muttered out loud, "Lies, all of it ... a lake of lies." The anger swirled around him. Bile surged into his throat. His jaw clenched until the muscles ached.

The cell phone felt heavy. "Hi," CJ said when Donette answered.

"Hi to you," Donette said. "You sound odd. Are you okay?"

"No."

"CJ, where are you?"

"Lincoln," he answered.

"You're in town? I must see you. Can we meet?"

"Yes," he muttered.

Book Description

Lake of Lies: A CJ Hand Novel (Volume 4) by C G Haberman

Two teenage boys on a deer hunt in northwest Iowa watch as a trophy buck flees before either can release an arrow. Something in the crumbling cellar frightened the animal. Curious to know what disturbed the deer they open the shelter door and hell erupts. The sudden failure of an outstanding student, his fiancée's new job opportunities, and a personnel action weigh on CJ Hand. His daughter calls with news of his former wife.

A disturbing past leads him back to Lincoln, Nebraska to confront demons. At semester's end on an icy and snowy morning, his life would change once again. Dr. Trisha Baker becomes the hunter with the intent to destroy a predator. The revenge is for her friends and herself, and to erase the painful memory of losing her fiancé.

Cold Coffee/Book Marketing Global Network 5 Star Review

'Lake Of Lies' is just one of four, hard to put down, CJ Hand Mystery Novels written by C. G. Haberman.

Main character CJ Hand uses his love for, comfort of and the serenity of the back roads from Iowa to South Dakota to capture its breathtaking beauty through his camera photo lens which illustrates lessons that he shares with his ecology and botany students.

Intuitive moments and detailed memories have become part of his life since working for the Department of Justice. While forcing himself to move forward, CJ's past is never far behind. The news hits him hard when the parole board releases Tom Vaughn and he knows someone must warn Tom's wife Donette to stay alert.

A call from his daughter Meaghan stirs some of the personal demons that haunt him. A trip down memory lane brings him back to the lake where he and his wife Marnie had spent countless, glorious hours together. He sits and stares out across the lake to the shoreline where the shadows still hold remnants of ice and watches as several boys cast their fishing lines into the cold water with hopes of catching a catfish. The ring of his cell phone brings him back to the present.

His life with his fiancée Dee, his many influential friends and co-workers find their world mostly centered on the Mill Creek State University and the surrounding communities. CJ reluctantly confides in psychologist Dr. Adriane Peterson. Like all psychologists she asks a lot of questions, like “You said there were other students, especially female nontraditional students with sudden grade drops, correct?” He nodded. “The question is: why the focus on Tammy Day?”

Two boys brave the frigid temperature at the southern edge of an abandoned farmstead in hopes to “get the biggest damn buck you ever did see.” Hiding in silence they hold their bows taut with arrows when the approaching deer notice something and their heightened awareness and instincts cause them to bolt. Understandably upset the boys strike out on a new hunt for the source of the hunting debacle and what they discover makes them gag.

It is more than Dr. Trisha Baker who works at Mill Creek State University in the Psychology Center can stand. She sets out to seek revenge for her fiancé, friends and most importantly to “destroy a predator”.

I endorse ‘Lake Of Lies: A CJ Hand Novel’ by C. G. Haberman. Each book in this crime, fiction, mystery series stand alone. I also have the privilege of reading and reviewing ‘Deadly Circles: A CJ Hand Novel (Volume 1)’. Dead Man’s Run and Mill Creek Malice are a couple more novels in the CJ Hand series.

I encourage you to read these four CJ Hand Novels sold in both print and e-book. Enjoy the written mastery of author C. G Haberman. Review by Cold Coffee/Book Marketing Global Network.

Genre: Mystery, Thriller & Suspense, Spies & Politics, Assassinations, Crime Fiction

About The Author

C. G. Haberman was born and raised in south-central Nebraska. For ten years he taught the biological sciences in two Nebraska high schools. He left education to take a position with the Nebraska environmental agency and over the next ten years moved through the ranks. His positions took him throughout Nebraska while working on surface and groundwater quality issues, wetlands, and a uranium mining proposal.

After Nebraska, C. G. worked in Washington and South Dakota, expanding his environmental work into the areas of enforcement, air quality and hazardous and solid waste. Before retiring he returned to teach for ten more years as a community college instructor and as an adjunct at a liberal arts college in Hastings, Nebraska. Using his education and experience, he involved students by presenting real-life issues through Problem-Based Learning and hands-on field experiences.

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