

RAYNE'S SUMMER REVIEWS

Rayne's Summer is a tale of a nine-year-old lad growing up in a small town on the English coast. Set in the 1950s with a backstory of the Korean War. Young Rayne is thrust into a whirlwind of events with meanings beyond his years.

Margaret M. Ford spins a web of vastly different conditions of Vinnie's two mates who returned after service, to the murders of two youngsters. She throws character after character at us that quickly form a picture of the evolving tale. They are beautifully described people who morph into classic Sherlock Holmes cast members before our eager eyes.

What appears to be a loving family becomes a tale of secrets that we follow through the eyes of the boy. Rayne, as the layers are peeled back one by one. Margaret has created a masterful story of loving relationships and edge of your seat dangers and threats that will keep you involved from beginning to the end.

In Rayne's Summer, she has condensed a classic mystery into a single summer, masterfully blending aberrant behaviour with quixotic searches for answers. It is hard at times to see Rayne as a nine-year-old, but Margaret Keeps bringing us back to his innocence amid his fetchingly precocious probes into the adult behaviours.

Ford is able to Keep a long list of identifiable characters in perfect focus for us as she introduces them and blends them into the tale. This is a brilliantly crafted book that will draw you in early and keep the pages turning. I highly recommend Margaret M. Ford's Rayne's Summer. A deliciously brilliant work!

— **Tom Gauthier Readers' Favorite awarded 5-star rating.**



I don't usually read period novels, but I enjoyed Margaret M Ford's crime novel Lament for The Dead so much that I bought Rayne's Summer as soon as it was published on Amazon, and I'm glad I did. I thoroughly enjoyed it. It's a crime mystery set in the 1950s. The characters seem so real and the dialogue true to life. She writes in a style that is sometimes quirky and refreshingly different. I can't wait to read her next novel.

— **Terry Holden on Open Book Review.**

Rayne's Summer This tale of a nine-year-old boy growing up in a remote English seaside town in the mid-1950s is quite unusual and has much to commend it. It adequately captures the atmosphere of that decade following the war in Korea, and the story's lasting and intriguing air of mystery adds to the readers' pleasure.

— **Norman L. Price Manuscript Appraisals UK.**