

Nine Man's Murder

You survived Ten Little Indians. But will you survive...

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Nine graduates of Damien Anderson's Detective Training Agency assemble at an isolated vacation home for a class reunion, but their host remains elusive ... until he is found dead in a closet. Soon thereafter, the murders begin. One by one, the graduates are eliminated by a mysterious person who has decided to pit his or her wits against the guests'. As a snowstorm traps the party, the survivors realize that the murderer must be one of them. Yet the killings continue, despite locked doors and windows. What is the killer's motivation? Is an old grudge at work? Could the explanation be related to a series of mysterious accidents on the set of a film titled Nine Man Morris, which the classmates had investigated fifteen years earlier?

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Eric Keith is a former game and puzzle designer for a company that created logical games and puzzles. His experience devising devious twists and turns of logic have helped him create fiendishly challenging, intricately plotted murder mysteries. Featured here with him is his dog (and, some speculate, co-author), Pamplermousse. (The dog is the one on the left.)

You can visit Eric Keith (and test your skill as a detective by solving a logical mystery) at his website, www.MysteriesWithTwists.com, or contact him at erickeith@MysteriesWithTwists.com.

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评论

自从阿婆创立无人生还模式以来，就成为后来各种推理作家争相模仿的体裁，但是毕竟珠玉在前，无法超越，单纯模仿只能显得拙劣，因此只能在模式基本一致的前提下在谜题和解答方面下功夫，因此无人生还模式想要写好可以说难度极大（尤其如果不用叙述性诡计）；但是Eric Keith的这部作品却大大超乎我的预期，谜题，动机的设置和最后的解答都非常出色，但是最出彩的是大量线索可以说隐蔽至极，到解答篇全都收回来而且只有到这个时候才会发现作者的误导功力很强大，早就被红鲱鱼牵着鼻子走但是完全没有意识；稍微有点遗憾的是气氛渲染有些过于苍白，人物也是完全二维，而且稍微有点啰嗦，如果能少50页估计就给5星了。书2011年出版，这个年代英美还能有这样扎实优秀的纯本格推理，作为读者感到十分幸运

直接跳过爱恨情仇的动机部分去看诡计，密室部分只是点缀，核心诡计确有创新，我大概也猜出致敬的是谁了。简介：<http://www.douban.com/note/474817205/>

纯诡计流完全没有人物刻画(完全不灌水!)，细节安排很出色，密室解答中规中矩，无人生还模式有小突然，个人私心评价四星半

本书的主要看点就是“无人生还”，作为核心诡计，解答中规中矩，无甚亮点。不过有几条线索支撑，合理性也令人信服。主诡计之外还辅以多个密室诡计，只是解答均毫无新意。本书情节进展十分迅速，几乎没有灌水，缺点则是人物刻画太粗糙，动机的引入也有些勉强。

核心大梗还可以。文章清汤寡水。

(师兄你的民翻坑还填不填了……) 优点是短小精悍不灌水，开篇就直接进案子然后砍

人，群像和感情戏写的也挺好，有点类似之前看过的浦贺和宏老师。缺点是诡计太弱，密室和无人人生还分别用了两个无聊的解法，伏笔埋的还不错（结尾把整体水平从三分拔高到四分），拍成电影倒应该会很好看。总体来说不如隐形圈。

3星半，核心大梗的缺点就是所有人都太熟悉了，经不起推敲，凶手自述部分并不好，密室解答非常平庸。比较出色的最后许多伏线让人觉得埋的比较巧妙。

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书评

9位前侦探培训班的成员受邀再聚于一间别墅。然而他们抵达这间与世隔绝的别墅时，却发现别墅主人——当年的教官却姗姗来迟——而且还是以尸体的形式。接下来便是喜闻乐见地电话线被割断，手机没信号，唯一的桥被破坏。九人之中是否存在一个动机不明的杀手？又是否有人能生还？ ...

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