

Dooley Takes the Fall

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Quintuple winner of the Arthur Ellis Award Norah McClintock profiles a teen struggling and failing to regain normalcy after incarceration for burglary and assault in *Dooley Takes the Fall* (Red Deer Press, 978-0-88995-403-8). Dooley is an immediate suspect as sole witness to the death of a boy he once fought. The cops notice an unsympathetic reaction: "He knew he should feel sorry for the kid, but the truth was, he didn't. What goes around comes around, he thought." Did the boy jump from the bridge fueled by despair, or is a killer about? When a second death compounds suspicion, Dooley's freedom appears to be fleeting. His tough-love uncle, a former policeman, could shield the delinquent or hand him over if Dooley can't figure out what's happening.

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