



Mystery

Knife Music

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Impressive is the debut of David Carnoy with the surprisingly complex and sophisticated *Knife Music* (ParkMadison Press, 978-0-615-24325-2). Its a combination legal/medical novel, so neatly plotted it seems the first-timer might have over-reached. Yet Carnoy resolves everything with enough originality to deliver a satisfying jolt.

The main character is a doctor accused of having sex with a teenage girl who commits suicide. Credit the author not only for making the medical stuff believable, but for writing convincingly of the teenager and others in and around her generation. If the police detectives and their routines aren't quite as convincing, it doesn't detract from the narrative.

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