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Review

"Ernest Elmore, under the pseudonym John Bude, takes readers to the Cornish village of Boscawen where the vicar, Reverend Dodd, a reader and fan of mystery stories, finds himself in the middle of an actual mystery. When Julius Tregarthan is found shot in the head, the local police are completely puzzled and are unable to find any clues in his house. Fortunately, they have Reverend Dodd to help them solve the mystery. Vivid descriptions of the Cornish coast, a realistic cast of characters, and a mesmerizing plot make this a timeless story that exhibits all the characteristics of a cozy mystery as appealing today as it was when originally published in 1935."

(Publishers Weekly)

"The British Library has an interesting sideline in republishing neglected books by forgotten authors. This is the first of thirty detective stories by John Bude, a crime novelist not so much forgotten by contemporary readers as never heard of in the first place, which is a pity, because his books are good examples of the straightforward murder mysteries from the so-called 'Golden Age' of crime writing. . . . Bude's books . . . are easy-reading period pieces that deserve to be revived."

(Literary Review)

"A very entertaining mystery, a fairly quick and enjoyable read. . . . It is good to have Bude's work brought back into print."

(Classic Mysteries blog)

"John Bude is a welcome addition to an exciting explosion of classic crime reprints from a variety of independent presses and the British Library seems to be leading the way in discovering forgotten writers well worth reading. You'd do well to acquaint yourself with his entertaining mysteries."

(Pretty Sinister Books)

About the Author

John Bude was the pseudonym of Ernest Elmore (1901–57), who wrote thirty crime novels, all of which are now very rare. He was cofounder of the Crime Writers' Association and worked in the theater as a producer and director.

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