

BOOK REVIEW

By David Carter

Ever gone to sleep and woken up in a different place? What would you make of that? This is the fate of teacher Gareth Oakley, and that is just the beginning of his problems...

Gareth Oakley is a primary school teacher with problems. He is fighting the demon drink and no doubt the mood swings that come with it. He is still pining over his lost true love, now departed. He goes to bed alone in the small house they once shared, a house full of memories of happier times.

When he awakes he has a massive hangover, but that can't be right for he hasn't fallen off the wagon. He hasn't touched a drop. How strange. He opens his eyes and focuses on the ceiling. It's not his ceiling, it's not his house. So where is he? And more to the point, how did he get there? He soon finds that he is not alone, there are many others there too, and the inevitable rivalries rapidly fall into place.

So begins "abducted The Awakening" the first in a promised series of mystery novels from the young Welsh based writer, Lee Cambule.

The book quickly hooked me and I wanted to know more. It is well written throughout and has been scrupulously proof-read, something that publishers large and small could do with spending a little more time and money on. Not here though, for I found nary a spelling mistake or typo anywhere in the work. There isn't a single swear word either, and that made a pleasant change and certainly did not effect the immediacy or power of the book.

There are lots of twists and turns and hooks aplenty to keep the reader interested and guessing. The chapters are nicely spaced and keep the reader wanting to turn the page. Included are a couple of nods to J R R Tolkien and I also found it in places reminiscent of Dan Brown's work.

This book will appeal not only to Sci Fi fans, but also to anyone who enjoys a good mystery or thriller and is suitable for teenagers and upward. It leaves many questions unanswered that no doubt will be addressed in the next of the series "abducted The Betrayal".

This is a very promising debut novel and I certainly enjoyed it and would recommend it to anyone who enjoys a good mystery. Mister Cambule can certainly write, but more importantly, he has something to say.

You can find out more about Lee Cambule and his writing by checking out his excellent website at www.leecambule.co.uk