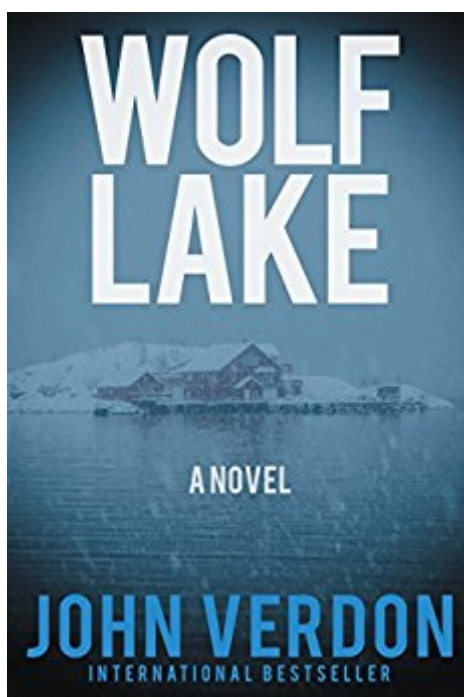


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# Wolf Lake: A Novel (Dave Gurney)



## Synopsis

Could a nightmare be used as a murder weapon? That's the provocative question confronting Gurney in the thrilling new installment in this series of international bestsellers. The former NYPD star homicide detective is called upon to solve a baffling puzzle: Four people who live in different parts of the country and who seem to have little in common, report having had the same dream—a terrifying nightmare involving a bloody dagger with a carved wolf's head on the handle. All four are subsequently found with their wrists cut — apparent suicides — and the weapon used in each case was a wolf's head dagger. Police zero in quickly on Richard Hammond, a controversial psychologist who conducts hypnotherapy sessions at a spooky old Adirondack inn called Wolf Lake Lodge. It seems that each of the victims had gone there to meet with Hammond shortly before turning up dead. Troubled by odd holes in the official approach to the case, Gurney begins his own investigation — an action that puts him in the crosshairs of not only an icy murderer and the local police but the darkest corner of the federal government. As ruthless as the blizzard trapping him in the sinister eeriness of Wolf Lake, Gurney's enemies set out to keep him from the truth at any cost — including an all-out assault on the sanity of his beloved wife Madeleine. With his emotional resources strained to the breaking point, Gurney must throw himself into a deadly battle of wits with the most frightening opponent he has ever faced. Wolf Lake is the page-turning new work by a writer hailed by the New York Times as "masterly" — and it furthers the adventures of Dave Gurney, a detective reviewers have compared to Sherlock Holmes.

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## Customer Reviews

This book was really good. Dave Gurney, retired detective, and his wife Madeleine, are on their way to Vermont for a vacation. They end up at Wolf Lake and are quickly embroiled in a murder mystery. The supposed guilty party is a hypnotherapist who somehow hypnotized four people and convinced them to kill themselves. Richard Hammond insists the police are barking up the wrong tree. First of all, he hypnotized the victims for something entirely different and what the police are saying Hammond did just isn't possible. As Gurney begins looking into things, he's faced with awful weather that hinders him at times and he discovers his wife has a secret, something she never told him before that includes the fact she'd been to Wolf Lake previously. I have been enjoying this series mainly because of the main character. Gurney basically retired in order to save his marriage. He misses the job so he's now a private investigator. I particularly liked the fact Madeline plays a bigger role in this book. Her relationship with her husband is a work in progress now that he's off the force and he often uses her as a sounding board and finds she has good insight into his cases. She sees things from a different perspective, bringing up possibilities he hasn't considered. If you haven't read John Verdon you don't know what you're missing. When I finish one book I can't wait to get into the next. I've yet to be disappointed in his work.

John Verdon has delivered another engaging and very wonderful installment in the Dave Gurney series. Very simply, I just love these characters and this author! Great storytelling as usual, this time in a bleak, cold, and moody setting. Rich in atmosphere and haunting to the end! So good!

I believe that Davey loves his wife, but is tempted by another. Worse yet, the temptation is a work colleague. All the while in danger from a snooping, moralistic, and psychotic monster. Loved the storyline and plot. A great read that I couldn't put down.

Quite a murder mystery, with an intriguing locale, and realistic characters. This was my favorite of the Dan Gurney series. Hope another will be published sooner than later

A complicated plot with many twists and turns. Some hard to believe parts of the story but overall entertaining and ultimately brought to a welcomed end

I especially liked that the setting differs from his previous Gurney novels; it offers a chance for the characters to react to a different location/atmosphere and thereby develop in new ways and in new relationships.

a good solid mystery . to some it would be a bit predictable

I love these Dave Gurney mysteries. Lots of pieces to try to put together order to figure out who done it.

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