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Book reviews

TITLE: The Blackhouse
AUTHOR: Peter May
PUBLISHER: Quercus (Pan MacMillan), \$32.99

REVIEWER: Scott Nicol
A BRUTAL killing takes place on the Isle of Lewis in the wild and woolly Hebrides off Scotland's west coast. Just the setting, given my Scottish heritage, was enough to entice me to tackle this murder mystery.

Detective Fin Macleod is despatched from Edinburgh to handle the case and for the Lewis-born policeman his return is both a challenge for his detective skills, but also because he must revisit a horrific memory from two decades earlier.

The memory is equally fresh in someone else's mind, and that someone is determined to ensure Detective Macleod never leaves again.

The hunter has become the hunted.

Peter May's writing is quite minimalist, which suits the stark and simple Hebridean lifestyle, but it does get a little stodgy in places.

A fair read for those with a dash of Gaelic blood in their veins.

TITLE: Dog Logic – A Pooch's Guide to Dogs Behaving Badly
AUTHOR: Robyn Osborne
PUBLISHER: Big Sky Publishing, \$19.99

REVIEWER: Scott Nicol
GYMPIE author Robyn Osborne has joined with her dog Sox to produce a great "Dog Care For Dummies" book, which will leave owners no excuses for not caring for their canine friend.

Dog Logic, as the title suggests is what your dog would tell you it wants when it comes to optimum love and care.

Every dog has a book inside them, and Robyn says she was just the copytaker for this effort.

The 165pp book covers every topic from which dog to buy, what to feed them, how to groom them, behavioural training (and vice versa), breeding, how they communicate, playtime, travelling with your dog, getting older and a host of other information.

It's very easy to read and should be a

mandatory purchase whenever buying a dog for yourself or giving one as a gift.

