

Author:

Krueger, William Kent

Adult Fiction

Description:

Anthony Award winner **William Kent Krueger** is a self-described "regional author" – his loving descriptions of rural Minnesota are there to ground the action of his stories, which are shaped by those beautiful and dangerous surroundings. **Krueger** has written both mysteries and political thrillers, and is best known for his long-running Cork O'Connor mysteries. **Krueger's** stripped-down prose belies the richness of his character-driven stories, which ground his protagonists' lives in their relationships with others and in their work, and mix social examination with regional history, particularly that of local Native American communities. Start with: Iron Lake.

Book Appeal Terms: Definition of Appeal Terms**Genre:** Mysteries**Character:** Culturally diverse**Storyline:** Intricately plotted**Tone:** Atmospheric; Bleak; Menacing**Persistent link to this record (Permalink):**
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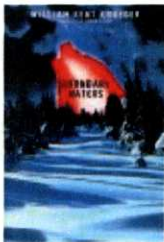

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**Iron Lake** (Sep 1998)**By:** Krueger, William Kent

Cork O'Connor loses his job as sheriff in small town Aurora, Minnesota, after being blamed for a tragedy on the local Anishinaabe Indian reservation. But he must set aside his personal demons when a young boy goes missing on the same day a judge commits suicide--and no one but O'Connor suspects foul play.

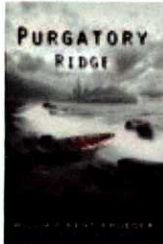
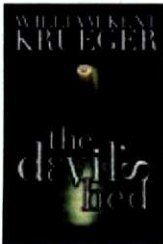
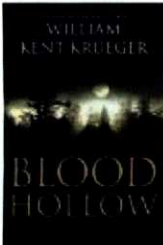
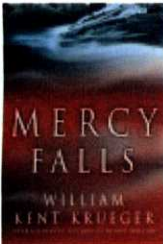
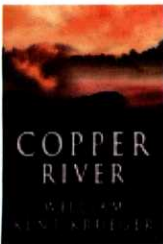
Series: Cork O'Connor mysteries, 1**Accelerated Reader:** IL: UG, BL: 4.9, AR Pts: 16**Popularity:** ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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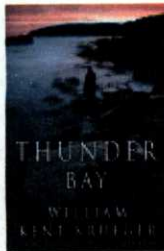
**Boundary waters** (May 1999)**By:** Krueger, William Kent

When a famous young country singer vanishes in the Quetico-Superior Wilderness on the border of northern Minnesota and Canada, her father joins Cork O'Connor, a pair of FBI agents, an ex-convict, and a young boy on an expedition to find her.

Series: Cork O'Connor mysteries, 2**Accelerated Reader:** IL: UG, BL: 4.8, AR Pts: 14**Popularity:** ★★★★★☆ Adult Fiction

3.  **Purgatory Ridge: a Cork O'Connor mystery** (Mar 2001)
By: Krueger, William Kent
 The local Anishinaabe Indian tribe is furious to discover that Karl Lindstrom's lumber mill is after a grove of trees sacred to tribal lore. So when the mill gets bombed, killing a man, the tribe is blamed. But ex-sheriff Cork O'Connor has a different theory.
Series: Cork O'Connor mysteries, 3
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
4.  **The devil's bed** (Feb 2003)
By: Krueger, William Kent
 With her husband up for re-election, First Lady Kate Dixon returns home to care for her father, accompanied by Secret Service agent Bo Thorsen, who suspects that Kate has been targeted by escaped mental patient David Moses and by dark forces within the federal government.
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
5.  **Blood hollow** (Feb 2004)
By: Krueger, William Kent
 Dismissing circumstantial evidence that incriminates a young man in the murder of his girlfriend in Aurora, Minnesota, former sheriff Cork O'Connor confronts local bigotry and bureaucracy in order to find the true killer.
Series: Cork O'Connor mysteries, 4
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
6.  **Mercy Falls** (Aug 2005)
By: Krueger, William Kent
 Still troubled by an ambush that leaves his deputy lingering near death, Sheriff Cork O'Conner must investigate the mutilation murder of a Chicago businessman. Soon Cork finds himself distracted by the lovely female shadowing him and the handsome man stalking his wife.
Series: Cork O'Connor mysteries, 5
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
7.  **Copper River: a Cork O'Connor mystery** (Aug 2006)
By: Krueger, William Kent
 On the run from hitmen, sheriff Cork O'Connor hides out at an old resort, owned by his cousin Jewell DuBois, on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.
Series: Cork O'Connor mysteries, 6
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

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Thunder Bay: a Cork O'Connor mystery (Jul 2007)

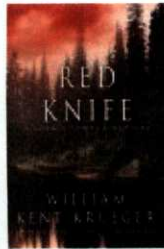
By: Krueger, William Kent

Leaving behind a stressful law enforcement career to become a private investigator in his small Minnesota hometown, Cork O'Connor is asked by an Ojibwe healer to help him find the son the man fathered years earlier, a case that culminates in an attempt on the Ojibwe's life.

Series: Cork O'Connor mysteries, 7

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

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Red knife: a Cork O'Connor mystery (Sep 2008)

By: Krueger, William Kent

Settling into a part-time investigating stint in the off-season, Corcoran O'Connor is caught in the middle of a gang dispute between the Aurora Anglos and the Ojibwe Reservation Red Boyz, a situation that turns deadly when the Red Boyz leader and his wife are found murdered.

Series: Cork O'Connor mysteries, 8

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

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Heaven's keep: a Cork O'Connor mystery (Sep 2009)

By: Krueger, William Kent

When a charter plane carrying Cork O'Connor's wife, Jo, goes missing in a snowstorm over the Wyoming Rockies, Cork must accept the terrible truth that his wife is gone forever. But is she?

Series: Cork O'connor mysteries, 9

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

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Vermilion drift (Sep 2010)

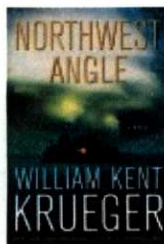
By: Krueger, William Kent

Assigned to protect security at a mine where protestors are trying to prevent the storage of nuclear waste, Cork O'Connor discovers the bodies of five long-missing people and a recently murdered sixth victim who was killed with Cork's own gun.

Series: Cork O'connor mysteries, 10

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

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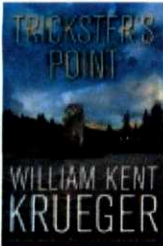
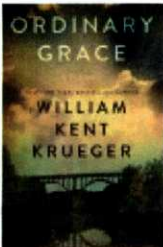
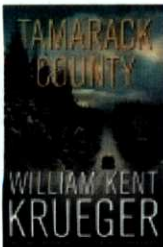

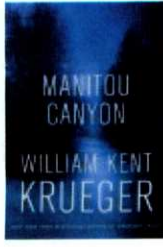
Northwest Angle (Aug 2011)

By: Krueger, William Kent

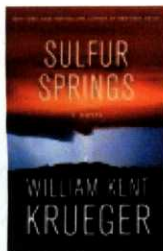
Discovering a murdered teen while stranded by a gale on the remote Lake of the Woods, detective Cork O'Connor and his daughter, Jenny, also discover a mysterious baby boy whose life is threatened by powerful adversaries.

Series: Cork O'connor mysteries, 11

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

13.  **Trickster's point** (Aug 2012)
By: Krueger, William Kent
 Discovering that he has been set up when Native American Governor-elect Jubal Little is murdered with one of Cork's bow-hunting arrows, Cork O'Connor recalls his complex relationship with Jubal while struggling to clear his name and find the real killer.
Series: Cork O'Connor mysteries, 12
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
14.  **Ordinary grace** (Mar 2013)
By: Krueger, William Kent
 Looking back at a tragic event that occurred during his 13th year, a man explores how a complicated web of secrets, adultery and betrayal shattered his Methodist family and their small 1961 Minnesota community.
Popularity: ★★★★★★ **Adult** **Fiction**
15.  **Tamarack County** (Aug 2013)
By: Krueger, William Kent
 Faced with a series of dark occurrences that are linked to a 20-year-old murder, private investigator Cork O'Connor, the ex-sheriff of Minnesota's sleepy Tamarack County, must stop a vengeful force before his family and friends pay the ultimate price for the sins of others.
Series: Cork O'Connor mysteries, 13
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
16.  **Windigo Island** (Aug 2014)
By: Krueger, William Kent
 When the body of a year-missing Ojibwa girl washes up on a Lake Superior island, rekindling Native American superstitions about mythical monsters, Cork O'Connor struggles to obtain information from reluctant witnesses to a brutal sex-trafficking operation.
Series: Cork O'Connor mysteries, 14
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**
17.  **Manitou Canyon** (Sep 2016)
By: Krueger, William Kent
 In the long-awaited new mystery featuring Cork O'Connor, the lives of hundreds of innocent people are at stake when the private detective vanishes just days before his daughter's wedding.
Series: Cork O'Connor mysteries, 15
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

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Sulfur Springs (Aug 2017)

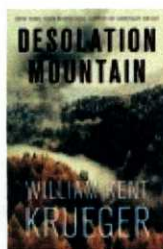
By: Krueger, William Kent

A search for a missing man in the Arizona desert puts Cork O'Connor and his new bride at the center of a violent power struggle along the Mexican border.

Series: Cork O'Connor mysteries, 16

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

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Desolation mountain (Aug 2018)

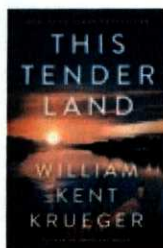
By: Krueger, William Kent

Cork and his son, Stephen, investigate a plane crash that has killed a senator, a case that is further complicated by the baffling disappearances of several first responders.

Series: Cork O'Connor mysteries, 17

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

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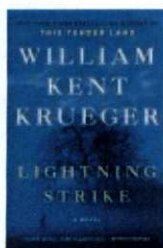
This tender land (Sep 2019)

By: Krueger, William Kent

Fleeing the Depression-era school for Native American children who have been taken from their parents, four orphans share a summer marked by struggling farmers, faith healers and lost souls.

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

21.



Lightning strike (Aug 2021)

By: Krueger, William Kent

In this prequel to the acclaimed Cork O'Connor series, 12-year-old Cork stumbles upon the body of a man hanging in a tree -- the first in a series of events that cause him to question everything he took for granted about his hometown, his family and himself.

Series: Cork O'Connor mysteries, 18

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Adult** **Fiction**