

Stain of the Berry, by Anthony Bidulka, Insomniac, 287 pages, \$21.95

If you've missed the previous three novels set in Saskatoon and featuring gay sleuth Russell Quant, you'll want them first. They lead up to the central mystery of this book's opening: Sereena is missing. Russell is fretful. That leads to a chase that makes this the best of the series.

There's a midnight call from a frightened woman. Then Quant is hired to find the truth behind the apparent suicide of a local woman. The trail leads west, but strange things are happening and Quant can't decide what's real and what's fake. All he knows is that women are dying, scared to death by something or someone called the Boogeyman.