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Bones Of Betrayal Summary

Forged in the crucible of World War II, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, was a top-secret military installation—the linchpin of the Manhattan Project. Brilliant careers were born and dark secrets buried in the desperate race to build the Bomb. Those secrets begin to emerge when the body of a renowned physicist is discovered facedown in a frozen swimming pool.

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Forensic anthropologist Bill Brockton, founder of the Body Farm, is shocked when an autopsy reveals the cause of Dr. Leonard Novak's death: a deadly radioactive pellet inside the elderly scientist's body. Who would commit such a horrific crime? Is it related to Novak's role in creating America's deadliest weapon? The answers may lie with the victim's aging ex-wife, Beatrice, a captivating yet utterly unreliable storyteller. Careening between history and fantasy, dementia and lucidity, Beatrice draws Brockton into a maze of memories, leading him to darker truths than he could have imagined.

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Now I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds.
â€”Robert Oppenheimer

Bones of Betrayal is the fourth book in the Body Farm series by Jefferson Bass.

I really love this series as the forensic anthropology is based on the groundbreaking forensic science that has been learned from the real life University of Tennessee's Anthropology Research Facility nicknamed the "body farm". The characters and the reality of the forensics in these novels is why this is one of my favorites and why I'm reading them for a second time. It's been a very long time since the first go around and I can't remember how the books end so they're just as riveting and shocking as before!

The story about the death of the physicist by radiation poisoning is of course fictional, but the facts surrounding the history of the Manhattan Project and the toxicity effects on the body of this particular source of radiation is based on fact, making it especially terrifying and exceptional concept for a crime mystery. I was born and raised in Los Alamos, New Mexico so I can relate a little bit to the history of the mystery.

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I can't wait to read the next one in this series, [The Bone Thief](#) ...more

Bones Betrayal Fanfic

In book 4 of the Body Farm series, forensic anthropologist Dr. Bill Braxton is asked to help retrieve a body that has been found frozen in ice at an abandoned hotel's swimming pool. He and his assistant / grad student Miranda take the frozen block of ice, with body intact, to the morgue and set it on a gurney in the autopsy suite to thaw. When they return for the autopsy they get more than they bargained for. The dead man was a long-retired scientist with the Manhattan Project, working at Oak Ridge TN. Before they can even complete the autopsy the FBI gets involved.

This is typical Body Farm work - fast-paced, informative, showing good character development and a little love interest to humanize Dr Braxton. I liked how Bass incorporated so much history into this novel - taking the story line back to World War II and the work being done to develop the atom bomb. While the central characters in the plot are all decidedly fictitious, the back story includes many historical figures and their contributions to the Manhattan Project.

I did think the plot got a little too complicated and perhaps there was one body too many, but I was still entertained and engaged from beginning to end. A solid mystery thriller.

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Bill Brockton, who usually spends most of his time at his Body Farm, spent much of this book in Oak Ridge, a company town if there ever was one. Virtually everyone living there is involved in the nuclear business, or left over the building of the bomb. We learn a fair amount of the history of the place. Everyone is suspicious of everyone.

This is the fourth in the series. We have followed Bill Brockton as he got over the death of his late wife,

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fell in love with Jess, lost Jess and here he appears to be falling for another woman. But she apparently looked a lot like Jess. So it's questionable whether he was really falling for her or just looking for a replacement Jess. His lab assistant, Miranda, tells him, finally, that he has just got to get over Jess and let her go.

Each moment of your life is the sum total of all the prior moments. There's not a single thing that happens to you that doesn't leave its mark; doesn't redirect your course somehow; doesn't make you more fully who you are. It took every single step to put you exactly where you are.

Maybe I wasn't paying attention, but there were a startling developments here. And I didn't have it figured. ...more