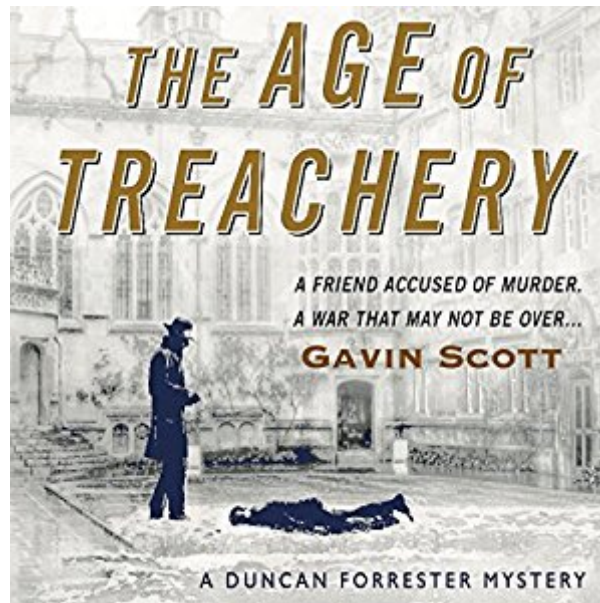




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The Age Of Treachery: Duncan Forrester Mystery, Book 1



Synopsis

It is the winter of 1946, and after years of war, ex-Special Operations executive agent Duncan Forrester is back at his Oxford college as a junior ancient history fellow. But his peace is shattered when a much-disliked fellow is found dead in the quad, stabbed and pushed from an upper window. A don is suspected and arrested for the murder, but Forrester is not convinced of his friend's guilt. On the hunt for the true killer, he finds himself plunged into a mystery involving lost Viking sagas, satanic rituals, and wartime espionage.

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Customer Reviews

It's an interesting comment on our own turbulent and often ugly era that this page-turning, literate thriller, set in the grey aftermath of World War Two, reads as the best kind of escapist literature. A newly minted Oxford don struggling to re-invent a normal life for himself, Duncan Forrester is a young ex-Intelligence officer with a touch of PTSD, so immediately thoughtful, endearing, and sympathetic a lead that his subsequent, occasionally aggressive efforts to clear a friend of a murder charge provides constant surprises: over the course of his most unwanted adventure, Duncan's days can veer from tutoring a former comrade in the classics to dodging assassins in London, Berlin, and Scandinavia. The complex 1946 environment in which Duncan operates includes cameos with several non-fictional future luminaries, among them detail-obsessed academic colleague J. R. R. Tolkien, fretting over his first "Lord of the Rings" manuscript, a helpful and highly festive Ian Fleming, and future theatrical luminary Kenneth Tynan, whose creative skills assist

Duncan in ultimately re-creating the scene of the crime. Though intended as entertainment in the spirit of Agatha Christie, "The Age of Treachery" also pays more than passing attention to the toxic effects of ambition and extremist politics, both from lingering Nazism and the dawning of the Cold War. Best of all, the quietly romantic Duncan ultimately meets the right woman, who shares his passion for a more honorable vision of history. I can't recommend this book enough, but take comfort in the rumor that a sequel is in the works.

A great discovery! Clean, literate prose, realistic dialogue and taut pacing kept the pages turning. I can't say enough about how much I enjoyed meeting Duncan Forrester, a former military operative trying, along with the rest of England, to regain the momentum of an interrupted life and recover from the war, while exploring the shadowy fallout of enemy and allied spy agencies. A friend who knew of my love of Dorothy Sayers passed this book on to me. It did not disappoint. Lots of suspense and fascinating characters. I loved the portrait of a wintry Oxford; the academic infighting is hilarious. But mostly I wanted to know more about the accidental detective and what happened to him during the war. I'm looking forward to the next installment.

A fast paced page turner from the first page. I thoroughly enjoyed the book and how the inclusion of many historical figures i.e. J.R.R. Tolkien, C.J. Lewis, Ian Fleming, were incorporated into the action. The story had believable graphic descriptions. A fun read and I look forward to the next Duncan Forrester book by Gavin Scott.

If you're a fan of intrigue, of all things high-quality, at the Masterpiece Theater level, if you long to discover new, fascinating places and enjoy your mystery, interwoven with world-history, Gavin Scott's 'The Age of Treachery' and 'The Age of Olympus' should most certainly be on your, 'must buy' list for this summer's reading. Have not enjoyed great reads like these, in quite some time.

This is a fabulous read full of dynamic twists + turns and a truly lovable protagonist. Truly engaging subject matter and tons of adventure as Duncan Forrester adventures throughout Europe trying to uncover the murder mystery. A brilliant way to escape and lose yourself, definitely recommend this to all!

A good old-fashioned thriller, with the added twist of including real-life characters, woven in really skilfully/ Post-war England was delightfully described, and overall the characters were likeable, and

the guilty came from an unexpected source. An enable read, particularly if you can identify with the period, and the real characters described therein.

Gavin Scott has written a John Buchan-style novel, loaded with suspense, pace, mystery and wit. I read it in one sitting and loved it. Now I'm looking forward to Duncan Forrester's next outing.

Scott shows us a dark, intriguing picture of deception and reckoning in the rubble of post-war Europe. Strangely, it's a world you'll be sorry to have to leave. Luckily there's a second book in the series -- and hopefully many more to come.

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