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Accused of gutting a vacant old house and robbing it of its balustrades, moldings, and wallpaper in order to augment his inventory, antiques dealer Lovejoy investigates and discovers that his friend may be involved in an antiques scam. 20,000 first printing. \$12,000 ad/promo.

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Jeff Stanger says

Some familiar faces are missing (Tinker) but others are around (Mel & Sandy). Overall a good Lovejoy suspense.

Angela Garenani-marshall says

It was a good mystery. I liked seeing it all come together in the end, but i'm still wondering about a few threads. Overall, I'd recommend to a mystery lover who easily reads dialects.

Nd says

It takes a bit to become accustomed to the lingo in Jonathan Gash's hilarious Lovejoy books, but the time is well spent. This is my third or fourth Lovejoy book. I love the way his schemes and illicit ploys always work within and around the unscrupulousness of others, have a commendably higher purpose, but nevertheless remain scams. It doesn't necessarily make me want to go out and buy antiques, but it's quite an education into the British origins of the business.

Nicholas Whyte says

<https://nwhyte.livejournal.com/2926550.html>

Lovejoy himself is still very annoying, but I felt that the author was pointing and laughing at him, perhaps more than in some of the other books, and that his revolting behaviour led to visible consequences. The plot is a decently intricate murder mystery, resolved by Lovejoy with minimal help from the police, against a background of seedy local politics around the river Deben.

Megargee says

So many books, so little time. I gave up on this after a chapter or two. Despite having lived in London a couple of years, I couldn't follow the slang. I am also ignorant regarding antiques. The choppy style was another turn off.

AndreaH says

Lovejoy takes on a new apprentice, who happens to be lovely, lively, clueless about antiques, and the mayor's wife.

While teaching her the tricks of the trade, Lovejoy stumbles onto a giant antiques scam, er, buy. But when he seeks to join in, the trails start leading to dead dealers, and fewer antiques.

As always lots of antique lessons (you may never buy one again!) and English slang.

As always Lovejoy is good, but an acquired taste.

Michael Pryor says

Loose, meandering, gap-filled.

Danoota says

My favorite of the Lovejoy series. Harmless veg-out fun, and you can learn quite a bit about the antique trade from someone who was once immersed in it.

Jean says

Almost written in cockney--hard to understand the vernacular sometimes. Good book so far.
