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In the summer of 1302 the famous Robin of Locksley, popularly known as Robin Hood, has gone back to his outlaw ways in Sherwood Forest where he battles against royal authority, culminating in the barbarous massacre of royal tax collectors and the mysterious murder of Sir Eustace Vechey, one of the sheriffs of Nottingham.

Corbett and his two faithful servants Ranulf and Maltote are sent to Nottingham where they find fresh mysteries: why are three arrows shot into the air above Nottingham Castle on the 13th of every month? Who is the traitor in Nottingham Castle? And why have the French despatched an agent to assassinate Corbett?

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Cherie says

I like Doherty's books because of the historical detail in them. It was pretty obvious that Robin Hood was killed and someone was acting in his place. It wasn't obvious who the person was. That kept me guessing.

Maura says

The characters were just really flat to me - I wonder if starting at the beginning of the series would have helped with that, but if so, that would be sorta lazy writing/editing. And since I wasn't being engaged by the characters, I really noticed just how much the author was avoiding using the word "said" -- people "shouted" and "snapped" at really strange times. So yeah, the writing didn't do it for me, but the take on the Robin Hood legend was interesting.

Andrew Doohan says

Another ripping yarn from the pen of Paul Doherty, drawing our eponymous hero into murder, intrigue, and the stuff of legends.

Forced to go to Nottingham by his king, Sir Hugh Corbett, senior clerk in the Royal Chancery and Keeper of the Secret Seal, is charged with uncovering why the legendary Robin Hood, the pardoned outlaw of Sherwood Forest has returned to his criminal ways with a vengeance. Solving a few murders along the way, the outcome of this particular mystery is a surprising one, yet one that has overtones of contemporary socio-political realities.

Another masterful knitting together of historical realities with masterful narrative, this book is a wonderfully engaging read.

John Lee says

I have really enjoyed returning to this author and the Hugh Corbett stories and I have another three on my bookcase. This one is an interesting reworking of an old story into which Doherty has skillfully inserted a "locked room mystery" in best Agatha Christie fashion.

The clues are all there for the keen sleuth to find.

As an aside, I was amused to compare the old Morecambe and Wise never-told-joke which started "There were two old men sat in deckchairs and" with the tale of the "lecherous clerk, the miller's daughter and the miller's wife"

A thoroughly enjoyable page-turner and my first 5* for a while

Tracey Allen at Carpe Librum says

This is another of the medieval mysteries featuring Hugh Corbett and I'm happy to say the books are improving as the series progresses.

This one is set in 1302 and includes a plot featuring Robin Hood. In the acknowledgements the author clarifies the true events the book is based on, and his research appears to be extremely thorough, referencing Folio Numbers from the British Library and records from the Public Office. His level of research and detail is precisely the reason I'm enjoying this historical fiction series so much.

Rosalind Hoenig says

Odd sort of twist on the Robin Hood legend. All in all not too bad.

Avradeep Sinha says

A nice mix of medieval folklore/setting and murder mysteries. The book is historical based detective fiction and it was quite engrossing to read from start till finish. It also has a nice locked room mystery thrown in as well. Sir Hugh Corbett is a fascinating sleuth of those times and I'm eager to check out the other books featuring him. If you like mystery thrillers/detective fiction like Christie, Doyle then this is worth checking out.

S Quinn says

I love every book written by Paul Doherty (that I have read).

Crissy Brounce says

Very interesting take on the traditional Robin Hood legend. I absolutely love this author and am thrilled that there are still so many of his novels I haven't read. If the other series are as good as Hugh Corbett, then I'm set for a very long time! Though each book of this series works as a stand alone, you will enjoy it much more reading in order as the characters continue to develop. The first 3 or so novels are good but with the 4th novel, the mysteries themselves actually get much better. Really enjoying this series.

Laszlo says

Well said tail of Robin Hood, a sad end,...but new opening for fairytales !

Fascinating historical enrichment for our history buff mind!
Thanks for the enjoyment!
Laszlo

Lorraine says

Robin Hood is one of my very favorite characters, and when I saw P C Doherty's The Assassin in the Greenwood, I knew my Robin would be in this story some way. Thus, I decided to read it, and I am glad I did! I cannot relate very much without giving the story away. Suffice it to say, the locales of Sherwood and Nottingham are present; the sheriff of Nottingham is also included; Guy of Gisborne shows up; Will Scarlett and Little John are in the story as is Maid Marion; and outlaws, lots of outlaws. Dr. Doherty received his doctorate from Oxford, and he is very into history which he brings into the story - well-researched history which Dr. Doherty weaves through the story. I definitely enjoy and like his work very much.

Graham says

New author, new series, book from Weeke charity shop. Thoughts? Mediaeval, good atmosphere. Builds a sense of place. Some bits more authentic than others: good with peasants, less convincing with banquets. Intriguing code that needed breaking. Writes priests well, but dialogue lacks colour: it all sounds the same, with different people speaking the same way; hence only three stars. It's an easy read, though; untaxing, and adds more to the (already heavy) sack of Robin Hood myths.

Joan says

Fast paced and engaging but with a lot of violent death.

henrys-axe says

Doherty continues to integrate his meticulous research of events in England, France and Holland as Hugh Corbett is sent to investigate the outrageous attack on the King's men as they transport tax revenues through the forest..Sherwood Forest. Doherty does a wonderful job of spinning the legendary Robin Hood into the story, exacting royal justice upon the outlaws roaming the Nottingham area. Another top notch read from one of the top notch writers in the genre.

Alain says

Une nouvelle ?nigme pour Corbett, clerc du roi Edouard Ier d'Angleterre. Il doit ? d?coder un message secret ?crit par Philippe le Bel pour savoir ? quel endroit le roi de France va attaquer la Flandre. Parall?llement il doit mettre hors d'?tat de nuire le fameux Robin des Bois qui attaque les collecteurs d'imp?ts du roi. Mais rien n'est impossible pour ce clerc anglais particuli?rement avis? !

Un livre agr?able ? lire, divertissant, o? rassurez-vous, les Anglais gagnent toujours ? la fin :)
