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HINDRANCE THAN A HELP AS HE FACES THE MISERY OF HEARTBREAK LADY ANGELICA THE WOMAN HE INTENDED TO MARRY HAS BEEN WHISKED AWAY TO A CONVENT BY HER TYRANNICAL AND DISAPPROVING FATHER IT SOON BECOMES APPARENT THAT ONLY WHEN THE LOVERS ARE REUNITED WILL ANY PROGRESS BE MADE IN THE MURDER INVESTIGATION IN THE LATE AUTUMN OF 1380 BROTHER ATHELSTAN IS BUSY ENOUGH HE AND HIS PARISH COUNCIL ARE PREPARING FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MYSTERY PLAY WHEN A SERIES OF BRUTAL MURDERS OCCUR AT A SOUTHWARK TAVERN TWO YOUNG WHORES ARE FOUND SLAIN BUT THEIR DEATHS ARE ONLY THE BEGINNING OF A SERIES OF GRUESOME KILLINGS WHICH OCCUR AROUND THE PARISH OF ST ERCONWALD S A WHOLE HOST OF MYSTERIOUS CHARACTERS ASSEMBLE TO THIS PAGEANT OF MURDER THE MISERICORD MASTER THIEF AND CUNNING MAN THE JUDAS MAN A BOUNTY HUNTER WHO TRACKS DOWN OUTLAWS AND WOLFHEADS AND FINALLY THE KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN FALCON WHO ASSEMBLE TO CELEBRATE THEIR ANNUAL REUNION BROTHER ATHELSTAN AND SIR JOHN CRANSTONE HAVE TO RESOLVE NOT ONLY THESE GRISLY DEATHS BUT ALSO THEIR SOURCE THE GREAT ROBBERY OF THE LOMBARD TREASURE WHICH OCCURRED IN SOUTHWARK SOME TWENTY YEARS EARLIER AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF THREE SAVAGELY MURDERED BODIES IN HIS PARISH BROTHER ATHELSTAN FINDS HIMSELF INVOLVED IN THE HUNT FOR A DANGEROUS KILLER IT IS CLEAR THAT TWO OF THE VICTIMS A WHORE AND A PREACHER SURPRISED AN ASSASSIN WHO WAS THEN FORCED TO KILL THEM BUT WHO THE THIRD VICTIM IS AND WHY SOMEONE HAS GONE TO SO MUCH TROUBLE TO KILL HIM REMAINS A MYSTERY AND CAN IT REALLY HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH SIR JOHN CRANSTON S ATTEMPT TO SAVE A WOMEN UNJUSTLY ACCUSED OF STABBING A CLERK 1380 AS THE KING S PARLIAMENT DEBATES WHETHER TO GRANT MONEY SUPPLIES TO THE REGENT FOR HIS WAR AGAINST THE FRENCH JOHN OF GAUNT ORDERS SIR JOHN CRANSTON AND BROTHER ATHELSTAN TO INVESTIGATE THE MURDER OF THE SHREWSBURY REPRESENTATIVES AS THE ASSASSIN MUST BE CAUGHT BEFORE PARLIAMENT SUSPECTS THE REGENT HIMSELF UNFORTUNATELY SIR JOHN AND BROTHER ATHELSTAN HAVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS 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MURDER MOST HOLY

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ANGER OF GOD

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PIONEERING AND INTERDISCIPLINARY IN NATURE THIS BIBLIOGRAPHY CONSTITUTES A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF REGIONAL FICTION FOR EVERY COUNTY OF IRELAND SCOTLAND WALES AND ENGLAND OVER THE PAST TWO CENTURIES IN ADDITION OTHER REGIONS OF A USUALLY TOPOGRAPHICAL OR URBAN NATURE HAVE BEEN USED SUCH AS BIRMINGHAM AND THE BLACK COUNTRY LONDON THE FENS THE BRECKLANDS THE HIGHLANDS THE HEBRIDES OR THE WELSH BORDER EACH ENTRY LISTS THE AUTHOR TITLE AND DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION THE GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE IS

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MURDER MOST HOLY

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RED SLAYER

1992

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2017-03-02

IN THE SUMMER OF 1380 A FRENCH CAPTAIN IS MURDERED IN HAWKMERE MANOR A LONELY GLOOMY DWELLING PLACE OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DEVIL S DOMAIN WHICH IS USED BY REGENT JOHN OF GAUNT TO HOUSE FRENCH PRISONERS CAPTURED DURING THE BLOODY BATTLES WAGED BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND THE ENGLISH ON THE NARROW SEAS SIR JOHN CRANSTON AND BROTHER ATHELSTAN ARE SUMMONED TO INVESTIGATE THE MYSTERIOUS DEATH BUT THEIR PATH IS RIDDLED WITH OBSTACLES HOW COULD THE MURDERER HAVE ENTERED THE FRENCHMAN S CHAMBER WHEN THE ROOM WAS LOCKED FROM WITHIN THEIR AIDE SIR MAURICE MALTRAVERS IS MORE OF A HINDRANCE THAN A HELP AS HE FACES THE MISERY OF HEARTBREAK LADY ANGELICA THE WOMAN HE INTENDED TO MARRY HAS BEEN WHISKED AWAY TO A CONVENT BY HER TYRANNICAL AND DISAPPROVING FATHER IT SOON BECOMES APPARENT THAT ONLY WHEN THE LOVERS ARE REUNITED WILL ANY PROGRESS BE MADE IN THE MURDER INVESTIGATION

HOUSE OF THE RED SLAYER

2011-11-21

IN THE LATE AUTUMN OF 1380 BROTHER ATHELSTAN IS BUSY ENOUGH HE AND HIS PARISH COUNCIL ARE PREPARING FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MYSTERY PLAY WHEN A SERIES OF BRUTAL MURDERS OCCUR AT A SOUTHWARK TAVERN TWO YOUNG WHORES ARE FOUND SLAIN BUT THEIR DEATHS ARE ONLY THE BEGINNING OF A SERIES OF GRUESOME KILLINGS WHICH OCCUR AROUND THE PARISH OF ST ERCONWALD S A WHOLE HOST OF MYSTERIOUS CHARACTERS ASSEMBLE TO THIS PAGEANT OF MURDER THE MISERICORD MASTER THIEF AND CUNNING MAN THE JUDAS MAN A BOUNTY HUNTER WHO TRACKS DOWN OUTLAWS AND WOLFHEADS AND FINALLY THE KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN FALCON WHO ASSEMBLE TO CELEBRATE THEIR ANNUAL REUNION BROTHER ATHELSTAN AND SIR JOHN CRANSTONE HAVE TO RESOLVE NOT ONLY THESE GRISLY DEATHS BUT ALSO THEIR SOURCE THE GREAT ROBBERY OF THE LOMBARD TREASURE WHICH OCCURRED IN SOUTHWARK SOME TWENTY YEARS EARLIER

HOUSE OF THE RED SLAYER

2012

AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF THREE SAVAGELY MURDERED BODIES IN HIS PARISH BROTHER ATHELSTAN FINDS HIMSELF INVOLVED IN THE HUNT FOR A DANGEROUS KILLER IT IS CLEAR THAT TWO OF THE VICTIMS A WHORE AND A PREACHER SURPRISED AN ASSASSIN WHO WAS THEN FORCED TO KILL THEM BUT WHO THE THIRD VICTIM IS AND WHY SOMEONE HAS GONE TO SO MUCH TROUBLE TO KILL HIM REMAINS A MYSTERY AND CAN IT REALLY HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH SIR JOHN CRANSTON S ATTEMPT TO SAVE A WOMEN UNJUSTLY ACCUSED OF STABBING A CLERK

DEVIL'S DOMAIN

2012-07-01

1380 AS THE KING S PARLIAMENT DEBATES WHETHER TO GRANT MONEY SUPPLIES TO THE REGENT FOR HIS WAR AGAINST THE FRENCH JOHN OF GAUNT ORDERS SIR JOHN CRANSTON AND BROTHER ATHELSTAN TO INVESTIGATE THE MURDER OF THE SHREWSBURY REPRESENTATIVES AS THE ASSASSIN MUST BE CAUGHT BEFORE PARLIAMENT SUSPECTS THE REGENT HIMSELF UNFORTUNATELY SIR JOHN AND BROTHER ATHELSTAN HAVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS TO DEAL WITH THE CORONER IS PUZZLED BY A THIEF STEALING CATS FROM CHEAPSIDE WHILE ATHELSTAN IS CONCERNED BY CLAIMS THAT A DEVIL IS PROWLING HIS PARISH AGAINST A COLOURFUL PAGEANTRY OF MEDIEVAL COURT LIFE AND THE DARK SLUMS OF LONDON SIR JOHN AND BROTHER ATHELSTAN PIT THEIR WITS AGAINST A BLOODY MURDER AND THE ASSASSIN IN THE HOUSE OF CROWS

HOUSE OF SHADOWS

2012-08-01

A FURTHER VOLUME IN THIS SERIES THIS YEAR DISCUSSING NOT SO MUCH FOOD OR ITS PREPARATION AS ITS PORTRAYAL IN ANY NUMBER OF ART FORMS SUCH AS POPULAR MUSIC CRIME NOVELS FILM THEATRE LITERATURE AND FINE ART THERE ARE ALSO SOME PAPERS WHICH CONCENTRATE ON THE ART OF FOOD OR ART RELATING TO FOOD AN INSTANCE IS THE ART OF TISSUE PAPER ORANGE WRAPPERS A RECONDITE BUT RIVETING ITEM MY IMPRESSION WHEN THIS SUBJECT WAS FIRST MOOTED WAS THAT ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD REVOLVE AROUND PAINTINGS AND HIGH ARTS I WAS MISTAKEN THERE IS A REMARKABLE SPREAD THE ARRANGEMENT OF 18TH CENTURY DESSERTS COOKERY AND THE CUBAN SANTERIA RELIGION DRINK IN 19TH CENTURY ENGLISH FICTION FOOD IN FILM NOIR THE COOK AS ARTIST IN 18TH CENTURY ENGLAND ARCHITECTURAL FOOD DESIGN IN FRANCE AND ITALY POPCORN POETRY FOOD AND EATING IN BRONTE NOVELS AND MUCH MORE THESE VOLUMES ARE SOMETIMES INDIGESTIBLE FRICASSEES IF SWALLOWED AT ONCE BUT THINK OF THEM AS PLATTERS OF OYSTERS EACH MAY CONTAIN A PEARL BY THE FINISH A BRACELET AT LEAST PERHAPS A NECKLACE IS THE CONSEQUENCE

FIELD OF BLOOD

2012-07-01

AN INTRIGUING MEDIEVAL MYSTERY FEATURING BROTHER ATHELSTAN FEBRUARY 1381 LONDON LIES FROZEN IN THE GRIP OF ONE OF THE BITTEREST WINTERS ON RECORD THE EVER RISING TAXES DEMANDED BY THE REGENT JOHN OF GAUNT ARE CAUSING INCREASING RESENTMENT AMONG THE CITY S POOR WHEN THE SEETHING UNREST BOILS OVER INTO A BLOODY MASSACRE AT A SPLENDID SOUTHWARK TAVERN THE CANDLE FLAME IN WHICH NINE PEOPLE INCLUDING GAUNT S TAX COLLECTORS THEIR MILITARY ESCORT AND THE PROSTITUTES ENTERTAINING THEM ARE BRUTALLY MURDERED THE FURIOUS REGENT ORDERS BROTHER ATHELSTAN TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE MATTER FOR NOT ONLY HAS GAUNT S TREASURE TROVE BEEN STOLEN HE HAS REASON TO BELIEVE A FRENCH SPY IS ACTIVE ALONG THE THAMES CAREFULLY RECORDING FOR HIS MASTERS IN THE LOUVRE THE STATE OF ENGLISH WAR COGS AND A PROFESSIONAL ASSASSIN BEOWULF WHO HAS SWORN VENGEANCE AGAINST GAUNT AND HIS MINIONS ALSO STALKS THE SHADOWS ONCE AGAIN ATHELSTAN MUST ENTER THE MURKY WORLD OF MURDER WHERE THE DARKNESS CONSTANTLY SHIFTS AND NO ONE IS WHO OR WHAT THEY SEEM

HOUSE OF CROWS

2012-06-01

AN INTRIGUING MEDIEVAL MYSTERY FEATURING SLEUTHING MONK BROTHER ATHELSTAN FEBRUARY 1381 A RUTHLESS KILLER KNOWN AS THE IGNIFER FIRE BRINGER IS RAMPAGING THROUGH LONDON BRINGING AGONISING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN HIS WAKE HE APPEARS TO BE TARGETING ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE RECENT TRIAL AND CONVICTION OF THE BEAUTIFUL LADY ISOLDA BEAUMONT BURNED AT THE STAKE FOR THE MURDER OF HER HUSBAND AS THE LATE SIR WALTER BEAUMONT WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE REGENT JOHN OF GAUNT ORDERS SIR JOHN CRANSTON AND BROTHER ATHELSTAN TO INVESTIGATE IN THE DEAD MAN S POSSESSION WAS A COPY OF THE MYSTERIOUS BOOK OF FIRES CONTAINING THE SECRET FORMULA OF A DEVASTATING WEAPON THE SO CALLED GREEK FIRE THE MANUSCRIPT HAS SINCE DISAPPEARED AND GAUNT IS DESPERATE FOR IT NOT TO FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE UPRIGHT MEN WHO ARE BUSY PLOTTING THE GREAT REVOLT WAS ISOLDA REALLY GUILTY OF MURDER WHO IS THE TERRIFYING FIRE BRINGER AND WHAT DOES HE WANT BROTHER ATHELSTAN IS ABOUT TO TACKLE HIS MOST CHALLENGING AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS CASE YET

FOOD IN THE ARTS

1999

IN A CITY SEETHING WITH DISCONTENT AN ANCIENT GRUDGE IS ABOUT TO BE SETTLED DECEMBER 1377 AS LONDON PREPARES FOR CHRISTMAS A GREAT FROST HAS THE CITY IN ITS ICY GRIP EVEN THE THAMES IS FROZEN FROM BANK TO BANK THE CONSTABLE OF THE TOWER OF LONDON SIR RALPH WHITTON IS FOUND MURDERED IN A COLD BLEAK CHAMBER THE DOOR IS STILL LOCKED FROM THE INSIDE AND GUARDED BY TRUSTED RETAINERS SO HOW DID THE ASSASSIN GET IN BROTHER ATHELSTAN AND SIR JOHN CRANSTON ARE ORDERED TO INVESTIGATE THEY SOON DISCOVER THAT THE MURDER IS ONLY THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF MACABRE KILLINGS WHICH HAVE THEIR ROOTS IN A TERRIBLE ACT OF BETRAYAL A VIVID BLOOD CURDLING PORTRAYAL OF MEDIEVAL LONDON THIS IS HISTORICAL MYSTERY WRITING AT ITS BEST PERFECT FOR FANS OF C J SANSOM AND S J PARRIS PRAISE FOR PAUL DOHERTY A VIVID INTRICATELY CRAFTED WHODUNNIT PUBLISHERS WEEKLY PAUL DOHERTY HAS A LIVELY SENSE OF HISTORY NEW STATESMAN

A CATHOLIC HISTORY OF ENGLAND

1849

A STRANGE AND OMINOUS ARTIFACT COULD HOLD THE KEY TO EVERYTHING DECEMBER 1380 WHEN THE CORPSE OF SIR ROBERT KILVERBY IS DISCOVERED IN A LOCKED ROOM BROTHER ATHELSTAN ACCOMPANIES THE KING S CORONER TO INVESTIGATE SIR ROBERT HAD IN HIS POSSESSION A PRICELESS RELIC A SACRED BLOODSTONE WHICH HAS NOW DISAPPEARED DID SIR ROBERT DIE OF NATURAL CAUSES OR WAS HE MURDERED ATHELSTAN IS SCEPTICAL OF RUMOURS OF A CURSE HANGING OVER SIR ROBERT BUT WHEN IT IS DISCOVERED THAT A SECOND OLD SOLDIER HAS BEEN GRUESOMELY SLAIN ON THE SAME NIGHT THE RUMOURS NO LONGER SEEM SO FAR FETCHED A SCINTILLATING MURDER MYSTERY WITH TWISTS AND TURNS THROUGHOUT PERFECT FOR FANS OF C J SANSOM S J PARRIS AND MICHAEL JECKS PRAISE FOR PAUL DOHERTY THE BEST OF ITS KIND SINCE THE DEATH OF ELLIS PETERS TIME OUT IF YOU LIKE INSPECTOR MORSE YOU LL LOVE BROTHER ATHELSTAN PRIMA EVOCATIVE AND LYRICAL DESCRIPTIONS NEW STATESMAN

CANDLE FLAME

2014-07-01

MEDIEVAL MYSTERY FANS HAVE CAUSE FOR REJOICING WITH THE RETURN OF BROTHER ATHELSTAN BOOKLIST ON BLOODSTONE JANUARY 1381 AS GUESTS OF THE REGENT JOHN OF GAUNT BROTHER ATHELSTAN AND SIR JOHN CRANSTON HAVE BEEN ATTENDING A MYSTERY PLAY PERFORMED BY THE STRAW MEN GAUNT S PERSONAL ACTING TROUPE IN ST JOHN S CHAPEL IN THE TOWER OF LONDON WHEN THE EVENING S ENTERTAINMENT IS RUDELY INTERRUPTED BY SUDDEN VIOLENT DEATH WHO WOULD HAVE THE AUDACITY TO MURDER TWO OF GAUNT S VIP GUESTS AND THE WHEREWITHAL TO STRATEGICALLY POSITION TWO SEVERED HEADS ON THE STAGE WITHOUT BEING NOTICED THE REGENT ORDERS ATHELSTAN TO FIND OUT COULD THERE REALLY BE A SPY AT THE HEART OF THE ROYAL COURT COULD IT BE THE WORK OF THE UPRIGHT MEN THE BAND OF REBELS LED BY WAT TYLER COULD THERE BE A CONNECTION WITH THE MYSTERIOUS FEMALE PRISONER GAUNT HAS LOCKED

UP IN THE TOWER WHOSE ARE THE SEVERED HEADS AND WHAT IS THEIR SIGNIFICANCE ATHELSTAN IS ABOUT TO TACKLE HIS MOST BAFFLING CASE YET

THE BOOK OF FIRES

2015-01-01

WINTER 1379 AND A SEA OF TROUBLE IS BESETTING ENGLAND FRENCH PRIVATEERS ATTACK THE SOUTHERN COAST ON A PATH TO THREATEN LONDON ITSELF IN RESPONSE AN ENGLISH FLOTILLA OF WARSHIPS INCLUDING GOD'S BRIGHT LIGHT DROPS ANCHOR IN THE THAMES DURING THE NIGHT HOWEVER THE FIRST MATE AND TWO OF THE SHIP'S CREW DISAPPEAR WITHOUT TRACE SUMMONED TO RESOLVE THE MYSTERIES ON BOARD SIR JOHN CRANSTON AND BROTHER ATHELSTAN FINDS THEMSELVES IN THE THICK OF A BLOODY BATTLE ON THE THAMES AS SCANDAL TREASON AND MURDER RULE THE DAY

THE FIELD OF BLOOD

2000

COMBINING ELEMENTS OF MEDIEVALISM THE HISTORICAL NOVEL AND THE DETECTIVE NARRATIVE MEDIEVAL CRIME FICTION CAPITALIZES UPON THE APPEAL OF ALL THREE THE MOST FAMOUS EXAMPLES BEING UMBERTO ECO'S THE NAME OF THE ROSE ONE OF THE BEST SELLING BOOKS EVER PUBLISHED AND ELLIS PETERS' ENDEARING BROTHER CADFAEL SERIES HUNDREDS OF OTHER NOVELS AND SERIES FILL OUT THE GENRE IN SETTINGS RANGING FROM THE SO CALLED CELTIC ENLIGHTENMENT IN SEVENTH CENTURY IRELAND TO THE RUTHLESS INQUISITION IN FOURTEENTH CENTURY FRANCE TO THE MEAN STREETS OF MEDIEVAL LONDON THE DETECTIVES ARE AN ECLECTIC GROUP INCLUDING WEARY EX CRUSADERS FORMER KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ENTERPRISING MONKS AND NUNS AND HISTORICAL POETS SUCH AS GEOFFREY CHAUCER THIS BOOK INVESTIGATES THE ENDURING POPULARITY OF THE LARGELY UNEXAMINED GENRE AND EXPLORES ITS SOCIAL CULTURAL AND POLITICAL CONTEXTS

THE HOUSE OF THE RED SLAYER

2020-04-27

CAN HE CRACK THE CODE BEFORE THE GREAT REVOLT BEGINS MAY 1381 AS THE GREAT REVOLT DRAWS EVER NEARER REBELS OPENLY ROAM THE STREETS OF LONDON WAITING FOR THE VIOLENCE TO BEGIN THEIR MYSTERIOUS ENVOY THE HERALD OF HELL APPEARS AT NIGHT ALL OVER THE CITY STRIKING TERROR INTO THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE THEM BUT WHO IS HE WHEN HIS CHANCERY CLERK IS FOUND HANGED IN A NOTORIOUS SOUTHWARK BROTHEL THE RUTHLESS THIBAULT JOHN OF GAUNT'S MASTER OF SECRETS SUMMONS BROTHER ATHELSTAN TO INVESTIGATE DID AMAURY WHITFIELD REALLY KILL HIMSELF FOLLOWING A VISIT FROM THE TERRIFYING HERALD OF HELL ATHELSTAN IS UNCONVINCED IN THE DEAD MAN'S POSSESSION WAS A MANUSCRIPT CONTAINING A GREAT SECRET WHICH HE HAD BEEN STRIVING TO DECIPHER IF HE COULD ONLY UNLOCK THE CIPHER AND INTERPRET THE MESSAGES BEING CARRIED TO THE SO CALLED HERALD OF HELL ATHELSTAN WOULD BE ONE STEP CLOSER TO CATCHING THE KILLER BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT AN UTTERLY ENTHRALLING MEDIEVAL MYSTERY PERFECT FOR FANS OF D V BISHOP D L VALENTINE AND ANTONIA HODGSON

BLOODSTONE

2020-10-26

JUNE 1381 SUMMONED TO THE MONASTERY AT BLACKFRIARS TO INVESTIGATE THE MURDER OF A FELLOW PRIEST FOUND STABBED TO DEATH IN HIS LOCKED CHAMBER BROTHER ATHELSTAN LEARNS THERE MAY BE A CONNECTION WITH THE FATE OF THE KING'S GREAT GRANDFATHER EDWARD II MURDERED 54 YEARS EARLIER MEANWHILE THE REBEL ARMIES PLOT THE PRESENT KING'S DESTRUCTION

STRAW MEN

2013-03-01

IN AUTUMN 1379 THE POWER OF THE BRITISH CROWN IS INVESTED IN JOHN OF GAUNT AND THE KINGDOM IS SEETHING WITH DISCONTENT THE FRENCH ARE ATTACKING THE SOUTHERN PORTS AND PEASANTS ARE PLANNING A REVOLT ORGANIZED BY A MYSTERIOUS LEADER WHO PROCLAIMS HIMSELF IRA DEI THE ANGER OF GOD MEANWHILE GAUNT S TENUOUS PLANS ARE PLUNGED INTO CHAOS BY A SERIES OF BLOODY MURDERS IN LONDON IN DESPERATION GAUNT TURNS TO SIR JOHN CRANSTON TO CATCH THE KILLER AND RECOVER A VANISHED KING S RANSOM IN GOLD TOGETHER WITH HIS ALLY BROTHER ATHELSTAN CRANSTON MUST FACE THREATS FROM THE MOST POWERFUL CLASSES AS WELL AS ATTACKS FROM THE SEEDY UNDERWORLD ALONG WITH A CHILLING EXORCISM IN ORDER TO BRING A SUBTLE MURDERER TO JUSTICE

BY MURDER'S BRIGHT LIGHT

2012-06-01

THE NEXT BLOODY AND THRILLING INSTALMENT IN MJ PORTER S THE BRUNANBURH SERIES CAN THE NORSE AND THE SCOTS EXACT THEIR REVENGE OVER THE MIGHTY KING ATHELSTAN OF THE ENGLISH AD937 AFTER THE SLAUGHTER FIELD OF BRUNANBURH A DEFEATED OLAF GOTHRFRITHSON OF THE DUBLIN NORSE AND CONSTANTIN OF THE SCOTS NARROWLY ESCAPED WITH THEIR LIVES IN THEIR KINGDOMS FAILURE HAS LEFT THEM DEMORALISED AND WEAK OLAF LICKS HIS WOUNDS IN DUBLIN WHILST CONSTANTIN AND THE WELSH KINGDOMS WHO DEFIED KING ATHELSTAN ARE ONCE MORE FORCED TO BEND THE KNEE AS ATHELSTAN S REPUTATION GROWS STRONGER DAY BY DAY THEIR NEED TO EXACT REVENGE ON THE OVERMIGHTY AND TRIUMPHANT ATHELSTAN HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER OLAF SETS HIS SIGHTS ON RECLAIMING THE LOST KINGDOM OF JORVIK ONLY FOR TRAGEDY TO STRIKE AT THE HEART OF ENGLAND AND A RELUCTANT NEW KING EDMUND STEPS IN THE FRAY WHILE ENGLAND MOURNS THE DEATH OF THEIR WARRIOR KING HER ENEMIES GATHER ON HER BORDERS AND ENGLAND STANDS ALONE AGAINST THE MIGHT OF THE NORSE WELSH AND SCOTS CAN THE NEW KING BE VICTORIOUS AND BANISH HER ENEMIES ONCE AND FOR ALL OR WILL ENGLAND AND ITS KING LOSE ALL THAT S BEEN GAINED AND SUCCUMB TO A NEW PRETENDER AN EPIC TALE OF KINSMANSHIP GREED AND POWER PERFECT FOR THE FANS OF BERNARD CORNWELL S THE LAST KINGDOM SERIES PRAISE FOR THE BRUNANBURH SERIES AN EPIC TALE OF THE BIRTH OF A NATION TRULY MESMERISING GAME OF THRONES MEETS THE LAST KINGDOM GORDON DOHERTY MJ EFFORTLESSLY DRAWS YOU INTO EARLY MEDIEVAL ENGLAND WITH THIS FASCINATING TALE DONOVAN COOK A VERY GOOD READ AND MJ PORTER IS AT HER BEST BRINGING FLESH TO THE FACTS AND GIVING THE MAIN PLAYERS PERSONALITIES GREAT WAY TO READ ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THIS TIME ENJOY GOODREADS ANOTHER OF THIS AUTHOR S BRILLIANT BOOKS A GOOD READ AND EXCELLENT CHARACTERISATION OF THE MEN INVOLVED NOW ONTO THE NEXT BOOK READER REVIEW COMPLETELY COMPELLING READ SET OUT TO COMBINE ALL THE MAIN CHARACTERS STORIES IN AN FREE FLOWING STYLE INTERESTING HOW THE CHARACTER OF EACH CHARACTER IS DEVELOPED THROUGH THE NOVEL READER REVIEW ANOTHER BRILLIANT TALE OF OLD ENGLAND MJ PORTER TELLS AN INTREGUING TALE OF KINGS AND WARRIORS WHEN AGE OLD RIVALRIES ARE TEMPORARILY SETTLED I PRESUME THAT THE TALE OF OLD ENGLAND WILL CONTINUE I HOPE SO READER REVIEW

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