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War has come again to the March of England and Wales. An army under Prince Edward is massing at Ludlow to subdue the Welsh after their invasion of the autumn of 1262, which caused so much devastation and suffering in England.

Stephen Attebrook, the deputy coroner, wants more than anything to be part of that army, despite his maimed foot, hoping for a stroke of luck that will bring him to the attention of some magnate and free him from the poverty and the lack of prospects of his dead end position.

Yet Fate conspires against him. His infirmity will not be overlooked. Moreover, other matters are forced upon him — the body of a missing Ludlow castle guard is discovered at the foot of the castle walls and the precious relic of a saint intended as a gift for Prince Edward goes missing from a locked and guarded chamber.

Stephen's superior, Sir Geoffrey Randall, is quick to volunteer his services to Edward to find the relic. The commission thrusts Stephen into the path of a bitter and powerful enemy, Earl Percival FitzAllen. And the search for the relic — and the guard's killer — leads deep into Wales itself, where Stephen finds the battle he craves.

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Lesley says

You know, this book was better than the last. Still some typos, and a couple of anachronistic Americanisms, but far less than the other books, so I was able to just enjoy a cracking storyline and the great characters.

Kathie Frobe says

Twists and Turns

Very good story within a story, though Sir Stephen still hasn't much of a providential future to look forward to at the end.

james irvine Bell says

Thereby a Tale of Mediaeval Mystery

My complaint about all of Stephen Attebrook's tales is the fact that they are printed using USA spelling. These coloUrful stories set in England and Wales should at least be told in UK English of today which will make them more rounded and acceptable historical " memories ".

ALSO

The e-book proof readers, if there are any, are overpaid no matter the sum.

George says

#5 in the Sir Stephen Attebrook, down in his luck, and serving as a deputy coroner, for Ludlow near the Wales boarder mystery series set in March/April 1263. War with Wales serves as the background with Stephen seeking to find a murderer as well as who stole a secret relic. Turned down to fight in the war because of his maimed foot, he is hoping for a stroke of luck that will bring him to the attention of some magnate and free him from the poverty and the lack of prospects of his dead end position.

Gregory says

This is an entertaining series of medieval mysteries. This one, like the rest, is characterized by character and scene development but not by a great whodunnit. Who killed whom becomes almost secondary, but that doesn't detract from the story. The series has always been a bit on the dark side and I felt this one was even more so. Stephen Attebrook gets involved in plundering in Wales, there is rape, and torture is accepted as

something that just happens in the justice system. Attebrook has always been a downcast figure and the end of the book (irrespective of the mystery) only deepens that.

Mike Coston says

Another triumph by Vail

The character development and historical insight is excellent and interaction between Stephen, Harry, and Gilbert makes the story. You can feel the story move through the setting with clever surprises at every corner.

Lexie Conyngham says

Pretty good - again the battle and fight scenes are the best thing. Some of the sentences seemed to go on forever and become completely tangled as they went, so it's not as tightly written as some of the earlier ones, but I still enjoyed it.

gina hurley says

Justice Will be. Or maybe not

Poor stephen he always comes close to being out of misery well maybe next adventure thank you Mr.Vail just glad to go back to medieval times more please.

Banobo says

Most Excellent Read!!

Excellent read, I am looking forward to further misadventures of Sir Stephen, Will Harry become the master mind of the spy network? Will St. Rosamond Grace the town with blessings? Stand by for the next exciting episode. I know I will

Sherry Burbach says

Poor Stephen!

This author writes very well but I wish he'd let his poor hero catch a break. I have read this and all others before it in the series. The plots are varied and well developed. the characters are believable and well drawn. The hero is both honorable and likeable. He just never really gets anything but a moral victory.. Fie!

Francis Mulhern says

This book had the makings of a much better story than the others but it ran up short - sadly.

Attebrook has to find the stolen relic of St Milburga as well as find the killers of a couple of people along the way, which all made for a strong mystery. However the story seemed to rush to a conclusion in the last two chapters which was a shame. Attebrook leads a defence in an army skirmish which is also not concluded - the assumption on my part is that the political fallout alluded to in the story will be finished in another book?

I was really enjoying this story until the end - shame. Still a good 3 stars tho.

Martha Johnson says

Another solid Attebrook mystery

I enjoy the Stephen Attebrook mysteries for what they are. Not lengthy murder mysteries with likable main character and his supporting cast of returning characters. As Stephen is a medieval knight, down on his luck, there is usually at least one good fight scene of well-described sword play. Fun banter between the men.

Enjoyable read. However, after 5 books, I'm ready for Stephen to catch a break. While the end provided a satisfying conclusion to the mystery, there was no similar satisfaction for our hero. Jason Vail, please, something good must eventually happen to our guy.

Susan says

1262 and Prince Edward has come to Ludlow in preparation for war with the Welsh. Attebrook wishes to join up but his injury prevents this so he must stay and investigate the death of a castle guard and a stolen relic. Another enjoyable mystery. (Though at one point Ludlow is said to be in Hertfordshire rather than Herefordshire.)

Shannon says

This has been an enjoyable historical fiction series - the main characters are so likable and diverse & the interplay amongst them truly adds to the story! The plot is well thought-out and not obvious as to "whodunit". Fans of historical fiction will definitely need to put this series on their To Read list!

Nancy McLaughlin says

Cant speak to the book

The formatting for this book made it unreadable. Literally unreadable. Sections of the book were missing with other sections duplicated. I have enjoyed this series of books but between typos in earlier books & the

AWFUL formatting in this book Amazon owes this author an apology. And a refund to anyone who bought this book. So disappointing.
