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Modesty Blaise—cult creation of best-selling author Peter O'Donnell—returns

Adventurer, spy, smuggler, racketeer and all-round bad girl, Modesty is as stylish as she is smart, as lethal and beautiful as a Japanese fighting sword

Thrown into searing hotbeds of danger and intrigue, Modesty will need all her skills and instincts when she incurs the wrath of a Hong Kong master criminal. Trapped between saving a friend and sacrificing her own beliefs, she is caught in the bloody tempest of the Vietnam War and must battle to survive the vengeance of Mister Sun

Collecting the rare and classic newspaper strips from *The Evening Standard*, this volume also includes a new introduction by, and interview with, Peter O'Donnell.

## Mister Sun Details

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### Katie says

This compilation includes "Mister Sun", "The Mind of Mrs. Drake", and "Uncle Happy." All three were good, but "Uncle Happy" was definitely my favorite of the three, and I think my favorite of Modesty's adventures thus far. Modesty not only meets up with a handsome F.B.I. agent, but she and Willie are put into certain death situations for the amusement of a mobster's wife. How intense! I loved every minute of it, and couldn't wait to see how Modesty would escape from the multiple dangerous situations she found herself in.

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### Mark says

More MODESTY and still wonderful--see my review of THE GABRIEL SET-UP. The title story here offers an interesting glimpse into Vietnam in the '60's around the time the US was starting to get involved.

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### Art says

These stories are top class and I enjoyed them so much I wish I had more in this series.

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### Don says

Daily British newspaper comic from the 70's.

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### Stephen Theaker says

This book collects three stories: Mister Sun, The Mind of Mrs Drake and Uncle Happy. All three are highly enjoyable action thrillers, though for me The Mind of Mrs Drake was compromised somewhat by the title character being an actual psychic. But there was a lot of it about in the 1960s, and the character is treated seriously. I suppose it's not much of a departure from Willie Garvin's tingling ears of trouble. Mister Sun is a drug lord with whom Modesty tangles; the trail takes her to wartime Vietnam. Uncle Happy is a philanthropist who raises Modesty's suspicions by staring at her current lover in a Vegas bar.

What's most striking about these stories is how easily they flow from one strip to the next. Looking at each strip in isolation, you can see how a first-time reader could follow them, but there's none of the stop-start repetition that makes, say, the old Dan Dare comics so painful to read in bulk.

Now if only I could read one of these books without "Modesty Blaise, Modesty plays, Modesty Blaise, Modesty plays!" going round and round in my head... Thank you Sparks!

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## **George Jankovic says**

Another trip to the past for me.

Modesty Blaise was one of my favorite comics as a kid. It features smart, beautiful and ass-kicking heroine Modesty Blaise and her friend, the totally cool Willie Garvin. Compared to all the comics I read as a child, this one was perhaps the best.

Well, my re-reading 35 or so years later confirms it, which I can't say for most novels and comics of my tween and teen years.

This graphic novel contains three comics:

Mister Sun

The Mind of Mrs Drake

Uncle Happy

All three are good. Realistically, it should be rated 4 (since novels are better), but as a graphic novel and for sentimental value, I give it 5 stars.

Enjoy!

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## **Dave says**

This compilation is based on some the earliest strips, and Mister Sun definitely dates itself by taking place during the Vietnam War. But this merely adds to the fascination. Modesty is embroiled thanks to Weng in a Hong Kong mastercriminal's drug smuggling scheme, and ends up fighting alongside an all-female platoon against the VC. Via Saigon! Really interesting, really cool, with great character work. Otherwise, The Mind of Mrs Drake is pretty kooky, with some definitely-60s inspired mind-reading stuff. And Uncle Happy is a pretty standard catch-and-release US-based adventure, given extra interest by the creepy lovey-dovey villain couple running the call-girl ring out of a summer camp. Hmm...

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## **Brenda Clough says**

All of these Titan reprints of the Modesty Blaise comic strips are yummy. To get the strips in a permanent format is a joy, and makes them so much more easy to reread and compare! I have bought every single one of these that they've put out. And they're on my pull list at the comic book store.

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## **The\_Mad\_Swede says**

This is the second volume of Titan's chronological collection of the Modesty Blaise strips, and it includes the story arcs "Mister Sun", "The Mind of Mrs Drake", and "Uncle Happy" as well as introductions to the pieces by Peter O'Donnell, the first part of an interview with O'Donnell, and a piece on the Modesty Blaise phenomenon by Mike Paterson. Once again, O'Donnell is responsible for writing all of the stories, while the art chores on the strip are still 100% Jim Holdaway's.

In my review of the first volume, I expressed my new-found admiration for the strip from reading it chronologically and from the beginning, and this second volume keeps delivering on that same feeling. The scripting is tight, and given its short serial instalments nothing short of brilliant in my humble opinion.

Holdaway's art pushes the story forward, three panels at the time, but never feeling dull or repetitive (which frankly could be an issue for a serial, where information needs to be kept in memory over time).

For fans of pulp agent thriller fiction, like for example Fleming's Bond, O'Donnell and Holdaway's strip is simply a must. Also, the fact that these stories from the mid-60s features a strong female lead who easily gives her male counterparts a run for their money, and more, only strengthens my appreciation.

Very warmly recommended!

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