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## **Flynn's World** Gregory McDonald

From one of the world's best-selling and most entertaining mystery writers comes a beguiling new novel starring the beloved Inspector Flynn.

Boston police inspector Francis Xavier Flynn is in for a tough day. He has hardly gotten a wink of sleep, due to a marathon bout of detective work. His daughter, Jenny, drags him to a cemetery, where her best friend is nailed to a tree by his ear. Unfortunately, the boy refuses to reveal who did it or why. Next, Flynn hears that his incompetent sidekick, Grover, has convinced the police chief to fire him—again. And then Flynn finds out that a local cop has developed a tendency to pursue and arrest the wrong people—based only on the color of their skin. Dealing with the infuriating, befuddled, and intolerant Boston police force is enough to keep him more than busy, but someone even more powerful than the chief of police wants Flynn to forget everything else and concentrate on discovering who is threatening a certain Harvard professor.

With startling wit, deft characterization, and insightful social commentary, **Flynn's World** is a masterpiece of mystery and a complete joy to read.

## **Flynn's World Details**

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# From Reader Review Flynn's World for online ebook

## Kae Cheatham says

Didn't like the writing style

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## Hans says

There is a lot going on in Flynn's worlds (e.g. the world of his family, the world of his job as the only Inspector in the Boston P.D., the world of his job as a super spy in No Name). This captures more of the worlds that I prefer, so was a much more enjoyable Flynn outing. Didn't really care that the mystery was inevitably solved. I did care that I had one more adventure with Flynn and his family. There was a lot more that could have been explored in Flynn's worlds, but Flynn was simply overshadowed by Gregory McDonald's other creation, I. M. Fletcher. (view spoiler)

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## Peter Flom says

Review: F. X. Flynn is the only Inspector on the Boston Police Department. He's also agent 13 of "No Name". A father of 5. And a force to be reckoned with.

Here, he is trying to find out who is threatening the life of Professor Loveson, who nailed his daughter's boyfriend's ear to a tree and why a certain Boston policeman only arrests people who are Black, Jewish, Asian or gay.

A delight.

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## Hannah says

I didn't realize this book was part of a series at first, but the story is rather 'stand-alone' as it explains things, histories of the characters, etc throughout the book as time goes on. First, off what an intelligent novel! Plenty of witty banter and big words! So fun. Also, one of the most enjoyable mystery novels I have ever read. It's almost two stories in one; one major plot and a minor subplot. It has quite a satisfying ending as well. Great "summer read" for reading-thinkers!

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## Bill Sheldon says

it was like some lesser author read the other books and then gave it a shot. Take all the consistent characteristics of Flynn, Grover, and Corky, and turn them upside down. Bad finish to a great series.

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## **Brian says**

I was very disappointed by this book. As it's the last in the Flynn series I was hoping for a strong finish but alas that didn't happen. It seemed to me that what I really became interested in with the character Flynn in the first book slowly dissipated during the next three, until we get to this story where there really doesn't seem to be much of a plot to any of the story arcs. Of the three major ones, the one that takes up the majority of the book ends up being very anticlimactic of a finish. And another that has the least time spent on it ends up being the major ending to the story. Overall, I was hoping for something that sucked me in like the first and second Flynn stories did. But this one just had me reading so that I could finish and move on to another book. I wish the series ended a bit stronger.

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## **Orinoco Womble (tidy bag and all) says**

Meh.

Published nearly 20 years after the preceding installment of the Flynn saga, it supposedly takes place a few weeks later. The Flynn novels are uneven; I loved the first one, the second was not as good but OK. The third was just...weird. And this? I'm not even sure what this was.

I was looking for some light witty entertainment, but after "Flynn's In", I wasn't sure I would get it. Well, there's hardly any story here; what we get is a sort of rant wrapped in a few scraps of story. Flynn has a television...in the parental bedroom, where the kids can't really get to it without permission. His wife has a computer...which no one else in the house is expected to use. Flynn refuses to have a cellphone. Television is shown centrestage as the destructor of society as we know it, closely followed by computers. Apparently McDonald never heard of selective viewing. The Flynn's have a 10 month old baby, which given that he makes No 5 may indicate how Ma and Da spend their evenings, since they're so anti-television.

An aging university professor who should have retired a decade before is being shunned by his colleagues and receiving threats. Why? Well, IMO the explanations of that really didn't hang together. Flynn's daughter has her first boyfriend, who is found after dark in the cemetery with his ear nailed to a tree. Why? The explanation of that one was unconvincing, too. Flynn himself is up for a disciplinary hearing by his boss. Why? That's the only thread that was really entertaining. We're given teasers of Flynn's backstory, but that's all they are. Flynn makes several remarks of the "we'll just see about that" sort, as if he already has all the answers and is prepared to take action to make several people very, very sorry--but when it comes to it, he bumbles around much more than usual.

Apparently MacDonald was just using this book to air his personal issues and opinions. Unfortunately, the narration was choppy, switching from one place, time and group of characters to another without so much as a transitional sentence. It read like a poorly-written TV screenplay, and that is not a compliment.

Meh, as I said. Harmless, but annoying. Didn't help me relax on a sleepless night.  
One and a half stars.

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## **Diane says**

This was the least satisfying of the series. I enjoyed Flynn, and I enjoyed the different stories, and enjoyed getting to know his family and Grover better, but I was less impressed by Macdonald's desire to rail against

progress. The book is, at times, more about old fashioned morals, and holding these up as preferred and resisting change than about detection. I might sometimes sympathise with, and I do recognise that some of the points he makes may have value, but the issues are not as simple (and black and white) as Macdonald is implying in his conclusions. I felt Macdonald used Flynn's to get a few things off his own chest, which was a shame.

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### **Chuck Childers says**

By the author of Fletch. I actually like the Flynn series a bit better (kinder, less smug) and I'm pretty happy to find a Flynn novel that I haven't read yet.

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### **Barbara says**

Enchanting. I wish there were more Flynn books. This one made me go to Thriftbooks.com and buy them all (used of course).

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### **Scott says**

This is a fun story, easy read and good characterization. A little thin on excitement and lacking a hook to pull me in to the story, so not giving it my highest rating.

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### **Mark says**

A very average story with not a lot of the Flynn wit. Felt a bit routine.

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### **Bill Seitz says**

Good coverage of "old school" sense of honor, truth, and justice.

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### **Lindsey says**

The story follows, Flynn, an investigator of sorts who has been given the job to figure out who is trying to harm a Harvard professor AND his own assignment of who has hurt his daughter's friends. Flynn is a fun character, witty, sarcastic and makes lots of great references to history and literature. I didn't realize at first this was not a novel, but rather part of a series.

Favorite quote: "I suspected certainty stunts growth."

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**Mhd says**

Excellent! Flynn at his best! Do read the others before in the series before this one. I'm just surprised that this book has been out 8 years but I only just found it..

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