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Videohound's Golden Movie Retriever, 1997 - Visible Ink 1996-08

The alternative life raft in a sea of similarity, VideoHound competes on content, categories, and indexing, but the dramatic difference is the attitude. Irreverent, slightly tongue-in-cheek, the Hound never takes himself too seriously. The

1997 edition, fully expanded and updated with 1,000 new entries, provides information and opinions on 22,000-plus videos--more than any other guide on the market--including documentaries, made-for-TV movies, and animated features. Includes Web site entertainment directory.

Arc of Justice - Kevin Boyle 2007-04-01

An electrifying story of the sensational murder trial that divided a city and ignited the civil rights struggle In 1925, Detroit was a smoky swirl of jazz and speakeasies, assembly lines and fistfights. The advent of automobiles had brought workers from around the globe to compete for manufacturing jobs, and tensions often flared with the KKK in ascendance and violence rising. Ossian Sweet, a proud Negro doctor-grandson of a slave-had made the long climb from the ghetto to a home of his own in a previously all-white neighborhood. Yet just after his arrival, a mob gathered outside his house; suddenly, shots rang out: Sweet, or one of his

defenders, had accidentally killed one of the whites threatening their lives and homes. And so it began-a chain of events that brought America's greatest attorney, Clarence Darrow, into the fray and transformed Sweet into a controversial symbol of equality. Historian Kevin Boyle weaves the police investigation and courtroom drama of Sweet's murder trial into an unforgettable tapestry of narrative history that documents the volatile America of the 1920s and movingly re-creates the Sweet family's journey from slavery through the Great Migration to the middle class. Ossian Sweet's story, so richly and poignantly captured here, is an epic tale of one man trapped by the battles of his era's changing times. Arc of Justice is the winner of the 2004 National Book Award for Nonfiction.

The Cradle King - Alan Stewart 2011-10-31

As the son of Mary Queen of Scots, born into her 'bloody nest', James had the most precarious of childhoods. Even before his birth, his life was threatened: it was rumoured that his father,

Henry, had tried to make the pregnant Mary miscarry by forcing her to witness the assassination of her supposed lover, David Riccio. By the time James was one year old, Henry was murdered, possibly with the connivance of Mary; Mary was in exile in England; and James was King of Scotland. By the age of five, he had experienced three different regents as the ancient dynasties of Scotland battled for power and made him a virtual prisoner in Stirling Castle. In fact, James did not set foot outside the confines of Stirling until he was eleven, when he took control of his country. But even with power in his hands, he would never feel safe. For the rest of his life, he would be caught up in bitter struggles between the warring political and religious factions who sought control over his mind and body. Yet James believed passionately in the divine right of kings, as many of his writings testify. He became a seasoned political operator, carefully avoiding controversy, even when his mother Mary was

sent to the executioner by Elizabeth I. His caution and politicking won him the English throne on Elizabeth's death in 1603 and he rapidly set about trying to achieve his most ardent ambition: the Union of the two kingdoms. Alan Stewart's impeccably researched new biography makes brilliant use of original sources to bring to life the conversations and the controversies of the Jacobean age. From James's 'inadvised' relationships with a series of favourites and Gentlemen of the Bedchamber to his conflicts with a Parliament which refused to fit its legislation to the Monarch's will, Stewart lucidly untangles the intricacies of James's life. In doing so, he uncovers the extent to which Charles I's downfall was caused by the cracks that appeared in the monarchy during his father's reign.

Blood on Snow - Jo Nesbo 2015-04-07

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Cockroaches*, Olav Johansen is a walking contradiction: a cold-blooded killer with a heart

of gold. This was not a problem—until he fell for his boss's wife.... "Nesbø's much-heralded gifts are on display." —The New York Times Book Review Olav is a fixer for a high-profile crime kingpin in 1970s Oslo. He easily takes care of anyone who causes trouble for his boss. But he is more complicated than he seems. Olav's latest job puts him at the pinnacle of his trade, but it may become his greatest mistake: It turns out that the more you know about your boss's business, the more your boss might want you fixed yourself—especially if you're falling for his wife.

The King's Assassin - Angus Donald 2015-06-18
AD 1215: The year of Magna Carta - and Robin Hood's greatest battle The yoke of tyranny King John is scheming to reclaim his ancestral lands in Europe, raising the money for new armies by bleeding dry peasants and nobles alike, not least the Earl of Locksley - the former outlaw Robin Hood - and his loyal man Sir Alan Dale. The call to arms As rebellion brews across the country

and Robin Hood and his men are dragged into the war against the French in Flanders, a plan is hatched that will bring the former outlaws and their families to the brink of catastrophe - a plan to kill the King. The roar of revolution England explodes into bloody civil war and Alan and Robin must decide who to trust - and who to slaughter. And while Magna Carta might be the answer their prayers for peace, first they will have to force the King to submit to the will of his people . . .

The Japan Daily Mail - 1908

Haydn's Dictionary of Dates and Universal Information Relating to All Ages and Nations - Joseph Haydn 1889

William of Malmesbury's Chronicle of the Kings of England - William (of Malmesbury) 1895

The Hollywood who Done it - 1990

Dicks' English Library ... - 1893

Bad Karma - Deborah Blum 2013-06-22

A TRUE CRIME THRILLER THAT EXPLORES THE DARKEST REGIONS OF ROMANTIC INFATUATION. THE YEAR: 1969 THE SETTING: Berkeley, California THE STORY: Amidst the turmoil of student rebellion two loners encounter each other and turn an innocent flirtation into a dance of death. THE CHARACTERS: Prosenjit Poddar was the brilliant engineering student who wanted nothing more than to return to his native India a big success and to marry a woman of his parents' choosing. Tanya Tarasoff was the naive coed who just wanted somebody to love. And Larry Moore was the young psychologist who thought he recognized the warning signs that his patient was not just suffering from a jilted love affair... but was about to commit an act of murder. THE STAKES: In a culture clash that pits the traditional values of male-dominated

India against free-love attitudes of Berkeley in the '60s, an impending tragedy unfolds. Soon Larry Moore finds himself face-to-face with the biggest dilemma of his career. What does a doctor do if he perceives his patient as mentally unstable and a threat to the well-being of another... but is bound by the oath of doctor-patient confidentiality not to warn the police? This true story tracks Moore's race against time to stop the inevitable. BAD KARMA is more than an anatomy of madness; it is also a chronicle of the events that would culminate in a landmark decision handed down by the California Supreme Court. Known simply as Tarasoff, this 1976 ruling would change the oath of confidentiality between therapist and patient, and establish the rule that a mental health professional has the legal duty to protect a threatened individual. The Assassin and the Underworld - Sarah J. Maas 2012-05-01

When the King of the Assassins gives Celaena Sardothien a special assignment that will help

fight slavery in the kingdom, Celaena jumps at the chance to strike a blow against the evil practice. The mission is a dark and deadly affair that takes Celaena from the rooftops of the city to the bottom of the sewer - and she doesn't like what she finds there.

The Town: Its Memorable Characters and Events - James Henry Leigh Hunt 1870

The King's Assassin - Benjamin Woolley 2018-03-08

The rise of George Villiers from minor gentry to royal power seemed to defy gravity. Becoming gentleman of the royal bedchamber in 1615, the young gallant enraptured James, Britain's first Stuart king, royal adoration reaching such an intensity that the king declared he wanted the courtier to become his 'wife'. For a decade, Villiers was at the king's side - at court, on state occasions and in bed, right up to James's death in March 1625. Almost immediately, Villiers' many enemies accused him of poisoning the

king. A parliamentary investigation was launched, and scurrilous pamphlets and ballads circulated London's streets. But the charges came to nothing, and were relegated to a historical footnote. Now, new historical scholarship suggests that a deadly combination of hubris and vulnerability did indeed drive Villiers to kill the man who made him. It may have been by accident - the application of a quack remedy while the king was weakened by a malarial attack. But there is compelling evidence that Villiers, overcome by ambition and frustrated by James's passive approach to government, poisoned him. In *The King's Assassin*, acclaimed author Benjamin Woolley examines this remarkable, even tragic story. Combining vivid characterization and a strong narrative with historical scholarship and forensic investigation, Woolley tells the story of King James's death, and of the captivating figure at its centre. What emerges is a compelling portrait of a royal favourite whose charisma overwhelmed

those around him and, ultimately, himself.
VideoHound's Golden Movie Retriever - Jim
Craddock 2004

Reviews movies that are available on DVD or
tape. Each entry includes title, alternate title,
one-to-four-bone rating, year released, MPAA
rating, brief review, length, format, country of
origin, cast, technical personnel, awards and
made-for-television/cable/video designations.

The Plot to Kill King - William Pepper
2016-06-21

James Earl Ray's lawyer makes his case against
MLK's actual killers in this expanded edition of
Orders to Kill featuring 26 years of additional
research. William Pepper was James Earl Ray's
lawyer in the trial for the murder of Martin
Luther King, Jr. Even after Ray's conviction and
death, Pepper adamantly argued that Ray was a
scapegoat for a government-backed
assassination conspiracy—a case he detailed in
his 1995 book, Orders to Kill. In 1999, as a
lawyer for the King family, Pepper won a

wrongful death lawsuit against Lloyd Jowers, a
confessed con-conspirator. Now Pepper presents
the definitive, myth-shattering account in this
thoroughly revised and expanded edition of
Orders to Kill. He reveals dramatic new details
of the night of the murder, the trial, and why
Ray was chosen to take the fall for a
government-sanctioned assassination of a
national hero. The plan, according to Pepper,
was for a team of United States Army Special
Forces snipers to kill King, but just as they were
taking aim, a backup civilian assassin pulled the
trigger.

The Assassination of the Archduke - Greg King
2013-09-03

Drawing on unpublished letters and rare
primary sources, King and Woolmans tell the
true story behind the tragic romance and brutal
assassination that sparked World War I In the
summer of 1914, three great empires dominated
Europe: Germany, Russia, and Austria-Hungary.
Four years later all had vanished in the chaos of

World War I. One event precipitated the conflict, and at its heart was a tragic love story. When Austrian heir Archduke Franz Ferdinand married for love against the wishes of the emperor, he and his wife Sophie were humiliated and shunned, yet they remained devoted to each other and to their children. The two bullets fired in Sarajevo not only ended their love story, but also led to war and a century of conflict. Set against a backdrop of glittering privilege, *The Assassination of the Archduke* combines royal history, touching romance, and political murder in a moving portrait of the end of an era. One hundred years after the event, it offers the startling truth behind the Sarajevo assassinations, including Serbian complicity and examines rumors of conspiracy and official negligence. Events in Sarajevo also doomed the couple's children to lives of loss, exile, and the horrors of Nazi concentration camps, their plight echoing the horrors unleashed by their parents' deaths. Challenging a century of myth, *The*

Assassination of the Archduke resonates as a very human story of love destroyed by murder, revolution, and war.

Japan Weekly Mail - 1908

The Daily Show (The Book) - Chris Smith
2016-11-22

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The complete, uncensored history of the award-winning *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart, as told by its correspondents, writers, and host. For almost seventeen years, *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart brilliantly redefined the borders between television comedy, political satire, and opinionated news coverage. It launched the careers of some of today's most significant comedians, highlighted the hypocrisies of the powerful, and garnered 23 Emmys. Now the show's behind-the-scenes gags, controversies, and camaraderie will be chronicled by the players themselves, from legendary host Jon Stewart to the star cast members and writers-

including Samantha Bee, Stephen Colbert, John Oliver, and Steve Carell - plus some of The Daily Show's most prominent guests and adversaries: John and Cindy McCain, Glenn Beck, Tucker Carlson, and many more. This oral history takes the reader behind the curtain for all the show's highlights, from its origins as Comedy Central's underdog late-night program to Trevor Noah's succession, rising from a scrappy jester in the 24-hour political news cycle to become part of the beating heart of politics-a trusted source for not only comedy but also commentary, with a reputation for calling bullshit and an ability to effect real change in the world. Through years of incisive election coverage, passionate debates with President Obama and Hillary Clinton, feuds with Bill O'Reilly and Fox, and provocative takes on Wall Street and racism, The Daily Show has been a cultural touchstone. Now, for the first time, the people behind the show's seminal moments come together to share their memories of the last-minute rewrites, improvisations,

pranks, romances, blow-ups, and moments of Zen both on and off the set of one of America's most groundbreaking shows.

Tight Spiral - Michael J Gill 2014-03-03

Four lives converge - and a legend is born...

Harry Smith had everything going for him: the first British quarterback in American college football, a star future, and a pretty Texan girl on his arm. But when 'Prince Harry' collides with fate in a near-fatal accident, everything unravels. Paul Smith, Harry's Granddad, has always been supportive. After all, it was his idea to bring Harry to Texas in the first place. But when Harry emerges from his coma with no interest in football, it's up to Paul to bring him back to life. Amy Carrington is a sports reporter in Leeds, England, who'd much rather report on life and fashion. But her boss has a brand new job for her: covering the rise of American football in Britain. This might just skyrocket her career - and change her life. Ben Shannon is a millionaire with one unfulfilled dream - owning

an NFL team. Thwarted at every turn, he changes tactics, founding the Leeds Cougars football team and transforming the face of British football. Inspired by Lee Childs and Steve Berry, *Tight Spiral* is a fast-paced novel which combines sports fiction with romance and suspense.

Videhound's Golden Movie Retriever, 1995 - Martin Connors 1995

Describes and rates more than twenty thousand videos, and provides indexes by theme, awards, actors, actresses, and directors

Fatal Enquiry - Will Thomas 2014-05-13

When the British government grants immunity to sociopath Sebastian Nightwine in exchange for help, Cyrus Barker and his assistant, Thomas Llewelyn, land in the greatest danger of their lives while exposing Nightwine's true agenda. By the author of *Some Danger Involved*. 35,000 first printing.

The Blind Assassin - Margaret Atwood
2010-12-10

"Ten days after the war ended, my sister Laura drove a car off a bridge." These words are spoken by Iris Chase Griffen, married at eighteen to a wealthy industrialist but now poor and eighty-two. Iris recalls her far from exemplary life, and the events leading up to her sister's death, gradually revealing the carefully guarded Chase family secrets. Among these is "The Blind Assassin," a novel that earned the dead Laura Chase not only notoriety but also a devoted cult following. Sexually explicit for its time, it was a pulp fantasy improvised by two unnamed lovers who meet secretly in rented rooms and seedy cafés. As this novel-within-a-novel twists and turns through love and jealousy, self-sacrifice and betrayal, so does the real narrative, as both move closer to war and catastrophe. Margaret Atwood's Booker Prize-winning sensation combines elements of gothic drama, romantic suspense, and science fiction fantasy in a spellbinding tale.

Virtual Worlds - Benjamin Woolley 1993

In *Virtual Worlds*, Benjamin Woolley examines the reality of virtual reality. He looks at the dramatic intellectual and cultural upheavals that gave birth to it, the hype that surrounds it, the people who have promoted it, and the dramatic implications of its development. Virtual reality is not simply a technology, it is a way of thinking created and promoted by a group of technologists and thinkers that sees itself as creating our future. *Virtual Worlds* reveals the politics and culture of these virtual realists, and examines whether they are creating reality, or losing their grasp of it. 12 photographs.

[Like a Fading Shadow](#) - Antonio Muñoz Molina
2017-07-18

A hypnotic novel intertwining the author's past with James Earl Ray's attempt to escape after shooting Martin Luther King Jr. The year is 1968 and James Earl Ray has just shot Martin Luther King Jr. For two months he evades authorities, driving to Canada, securing a fake passport, and flying to London, all while relishing the media's

confusion about his location and his image on the FBI's Most Wanted list. Eventually he lands at the Hotel Portugal in Lisbon, where he anxiously awaits a visa to Angola. But the visa never comes, and for his last ten days of freedom, Ray walks around Lisbon, paying for his pleasures and rehearsing his fake identities. Using recently declassified FBI files, Antonio Muñoz Molina reconstructs Ray's final steps through the Portuguese capital, taking us inside his feverish mind, troubled past, and infamous crime. But Lisbon is also the city that inspired Muñoz Molina's first novel, *A Winter in Lisbon*, and as he returns now, thirty years later, it becomes the stage for and witness to three alternating stories: Ray in 1968 at the center of an international manhunt; a thirty-year-old Muñoz Molina in 1987 struggling to find his literary voice; and the author in the present, reflecting on his life and the form of the novel as an instrument for imagining the world through another person's eyes. Part historical fiction,

part fictional memoir, Like a Fading Shadow masterfully explores the borders between the imagined, the reported, and the experienced past in the construction of identity.

Works - Leigh Hunt 1889

One Of Us Is Lying - Karen M. McManus

2017-06-01

The international bestselling YA thriller by acclaimed author, Karen M. McManus - NOW A MAJOR NETFLIX SERIES. Five students go to detention. Only four leave alive. Yale hopeful Bronwyn has never publicly broken a rule. Sports star Cooper only knows what he's doing in the baseball diamond. Bad boy Nate is one misstep away from a life of crime. Prom queen Addy is holding together the cracks in her perfect life. And outsider Simon, creator of the notorious gossip app at Bayview High, won't ever talk about any of them again. He dies 24 hours before he could post their deepest secrets online. Investigators conclude it's no accident.

All of them are suspects. Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you'll go to protect them. 'Tightly plotted and brilliantly written, with sharp, believable characters, this whodunit is utterly irresistible' - HEAT 'Twisty plotting, breakneck pacing and intriguing characterisation add up to an exciting single-sitting thrillerish treat' -THE GUARDIAN 'A fantastic murder mystery, packed with cryptic clues and countless plot twists. I could not put this book down' - THE SUN 'Pretty Little Liars meets The Breakfast Club' - ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY

Reclaiming History: The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy - Vincent Bugliosi
2007

An all-encompassing analysis of the assassination of JFK and its surrounding conspiracy theories draws on forensic evidence, key witness testimonies, and other sources to explain what really happened and why conspiracy theories have become so popularized.

The Town - Leigh Hunt 1870

A New Empire - Layla Reyne 2019-11-11

Legacies were made to be rewritten. Assassin Hawes Madigan wants to do right--by his family, his organization, his city, and the man he's falling for, ATF agent Christopher Perri. But Hawes's rules are being challenged by someone willing to kill for the old ways. To save his soul and his empire, Hawes must make an impossible decision: fight from the outside or bend the knee to win back his throne from within. Chris is used to being the inside man, the one undercover. Now, he's on the outside marshaling forces in support of the man and the ring of assassins he was supposed to take down. His mission shifted when he found something that's been missing for ten long years--a home, with Hawes. As Hawes and Chris make a dangerous play for control, the lines between allies and traitors blur. Trusting the wrong person could destroy the legacy Hawes envisions for the Madigans. But not

trusting anyone, or each other, could mean lights out on their love and lives forever. The King and King Slayer fight together in this thrilling conclusion to the Fog City Trilogy!

King James and the History of

Homosexuality - Michael Young 2016

James VI & I, the namesake of the King James Version of the Bible, had a series of notorious male favorites. No one denies that these relationships were amorous, but were they sexual? Michael B. Young merges political history with recent scholarship in the history of sexuality to answer that question. More broadly, he shows that James's favorites had a negative impact within the royal family, at court, in Parliament, and in the nation at large. Contemporaries raised the specter of a sodomitical court and an effeminized nation; some urged James to engage in a more virile foreign policy by embarking on war. Queen Anne encouraged a martial spirit and molded her oldest son to be more manly than his father.

Repercussions continued after James's death, detracting from the majesty of the monarchy and contributing to the outbreak of the Civil War. Persons acquainted with the history of sexuality will find surprising premonitions here of modern homosexuality and homophobia. General readers will find a world of political intrigue colored by sodomy, pederasty, and gender instability. For readers new to the subject, the book begins with a helpful overview of King James's life."

The Popular History of England - Charles Knight 1880

The Murder of King James I - Alastair James Bellany 2015-01-01

A year after the death of James I in 1625, a sensational pamphlet accused the Duke of Buckingham of murdering the king. It was an allegation that would haunt English politics for nearly forty years. In this exhaustively researched new book, two leading scholars of the era, Alastair Bellany and Thomas Cogswell,

uncover the untold story of how a secret history of courtly poisoning shaped and reflected the political conflicts that would eventually plunge the British Isles into civil war and revolution. Illuminating many hitherto obscure aspects of early modern political culture, this eagerly anticipated work is both a fascinating story of political intrigue and a major exploration of the forces that destroyed the Stuart monarchy.

VideoHound's Golden Movie Retriever 1996 - VideoHound Editors 1995-09

USA Today gave it a 4-star rating, the Houston Chronicle called it "by far the best" and the New York Times says the "Hound takes the lead in a blaze of supplemental lists". The new 1996 edition of America's favorite guide to movies on video offers over 22,000 video reviews, including 1,000 new reviews.

Graven With Diamonds - Nicola Shulman 2013-02-05

In this thrillingly entertaining book, Nicola Shulman interweaves the bloody events of Henry

VIII's reign with the story of English love poetry and the life of its first master, Henry VIII's most glamorous and enigmatic subject: Sir Thomas Wyatt. Poet, statesman, spy, lover of Anne Boleyn and favorite both of Henry VIII and his sinister minister Thomas Cromwell, the brilliant Wyatt was admired and envied in equal measure. His love poetry began as risqué entertainment for ambitious men and women at the slippery top of the court. But when the axe began to fall and Henry VIII's laws made his subjects fall silent in terror, Wyatt's poetic skills became a way to survive. He saw that a love poem was a place where secrets could hide.

Surprise, Kill, Vanish - Annie Jacobsen

2019-05-14

From Pulitzer Prize finalist Annie Jacobsen, the untold USA Today bestselling story of the CIA's secret paramilitary units. Surprise . . . your target. Kill . . . your enemy. Vanish . . . without a trace. When diplomacy fails, and war is unwise, the president calls on the CIA's Special Activities

Division, a highly-classified branch of the CIA and the most effective, black operations force in the world. Originally known as the president's guerrilla warfare corps, SAD conducts risky and ruthless operations that have evolved over time to defend America from its enemies. Almost every American president since World War II has asked the CIA to conduct sabotage, subversion and, yes, assassination. With unprecedented access to forty-two men and women who proudly and secretly worked on CIA covert operations from the dawn of the Cold War to the present day, along with declassified documents and deep historical research, Pulitzer Prize finalist Annie Jacobsen unveils -- like never before -- a complex world of individuals working in treacherous environments populated with killers, connivers, and saboteurs. Despite Hollywood notions of off-book operations and external secret hires, covert action is actually one piece in a colossal foreign policy machine. Written with the pacing of a thriller, *Surprise, Kill, Vanish* brings to vivid life

the sheer pandemonium and chaos, as well as the unforgettable human will to survive and the intellectual challenge of not giving up hope that define paramilitary and intelligence work. Jacobsen's exclusive interviews -- with members of the CIA's Senior Intelligence Service (equivalent to the Pentagon's generals), its counterterrorism chiefs, targeting officers, and Special Activities Division's Ground Branch operators who conduct today's close-quarters killing operations around the world -- reveal, for the first time, the enormity of this shocking, controversial, and morally complex terrain. Is the CIA's paramilitary army America's weaponized strength, or a liability to its principled standing in the world? Every operation reported in this book, however unsettling, is legal.

Gerald's Game - Stephen King 2016-09-27

Now a Netflix movie directed by Mike Flanagan (Oculus, Hush) and starring Carla Gugino and Bruce Greenwood. Master storyteller Stephen

King presents this classic, terrifying #1 New York Times bestseller. When a game of seduction between a husband and wife ends in death, the nightmare has only begun... "And now the voice which spoke belonged to no one but herself. Oh my God, it said. Oh my God, I am all alone out here. I am all alone." Once again, Jessie Burlingame has been talked into submitting to her husband Gerald's kinky sex games—something that she's frankly had enough of, and they never held much charm for her to begin with. So much for a "romantic getaway" at their secluded summer home. After Jessie is handcuffed to the bedposts—and Gerald crosses a line with his wife—the day ends with deadly consequences. Now Jessie is utterly trapped in an isolated lakeside house that has become her prison—and comes face-to-face with her deepest, darkest fears and memories. Her only company is that of the various voices filling her mind...as well as the shadows of nightfall that may conceal an imagined or very real threat right there with

her...

James I - John Matusiak 2015-11-05

Few kings have been more savagely caricatured or grossly misunderstood than England's first Stuart. Yet, as this new biography demonstrates, the modern tendency to downplay his defects and minimise the long-term consequences of his reign has gone too far. In spite of genuine idealism and flashes of considerable resourcefulness, James I remains a perplexing figure - a uniquely curious ruler, shot through with glaring inconsistencies. His vices and foibles not only undermined his high hopes for healing and renewal after Elizabeth I's troubled last years, but also entrenched political and religious tensions that eventually consumed his successor. A flawed, if well-meaning, foreigner in a rapidly changing and divided kingdom, his passionate commitment to time-honoured principles of government would, ironically, prove his undoing, as England edged unconsciously towards a crossroads and the shadow of the

Thirty Years War descended upon Europe.

[The President and the Assassin](#) - Scott Miller

2011-06-14

A SWEEPING TALE OF TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY AMERICA AND THE IRRESISTIBLE FORCES THAT BROUGHT TWO MEN TOGETHER ONE FATEFUL DAY In 1901, as America tallied its gains from a period of unprecedented imperial expansion, an assassin's bullet shattered the nation's confidence. The shocking murder of President William McKinley threw into stark relief the emerging new world order of what would come to be known as the American Century. *The President and the Assassin* is the story of the momentous years leading up to that event, and of the very different paths that brought together two of the most compelling figures of the era: President William McKinley and Leon Czolgosz, the anarchist who murdered him. The two men seemed to live in eerily parallel Americas. McKinley was to his contemporaries an enigma,

a president whose conflicted feelings about imperialism reflected the country's own. Under its popular Republican commander-in-chief, the United States was undergoing an uneasy transition from a simple agrarian society to an industrial powerhouse spreading its influence overseas by force of arms. Czolgosz was on the losing end of the economic changes taking place—a first-generation Polish immigrant and factory worker sickened by a government that seemed focused solely on making the rich richer. With a deft narrative hand, journalist Scott Miller chronicles how these two men, each pursuing what he considered the right and honorable path, collided in violence at the 1901 Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. Along the way, readers meet a veritable who's who of turn-of-the-century America: John Hay, McKinley's visionary secretary of state, whose diplomatic efforts paved the way for a half century of Western exploitation of China; Emma Goldman, the radical anarchist whose incendiary

rhetoric inspired Czolgosz to dare the unthinkable; and Theodore Roosevelt, the vainglorious vice president whose 1898 charge up San Juan Hill in Cuba is but one of many thrilling military adventures recounted here. Rich with relevance to our own era, *The President and the Assassin* holds a mirror up to a fascinating period of upheaval when the titans of industry grew fat, speculators sought fortune abroad, and desperate souls turned to terrorism in a vain attempt to thwart the juggernaut of change. Praise for *The President and the Assassin* “[A] panoramic tour de force . . . Miller has a good eye, trained by years of journalism, for telling details and enriching anecdotes.”—*The Washington Independent Review of Books* “Even without the intrinsic draw of the 1901 presidential assassination that shapes its pages, Scott Miller’s *The President and the Assassin* [is] absorbing reading. . . . What makes the book compelling is [that] so many circumstances and events of the earlier

time have parallels in our own.”—The Oregonian
“A marvelous work of history, wonderfully
written.”—Fareed Zakaria, author of The Post-
American World “A real triumph.”—BookPage

“Fast-moving and richly detailed.”—The Buffalo
News “[A] compelling read.”—The Boston Globe
One of Newsweek’s 10 Must-Read Summer
Books