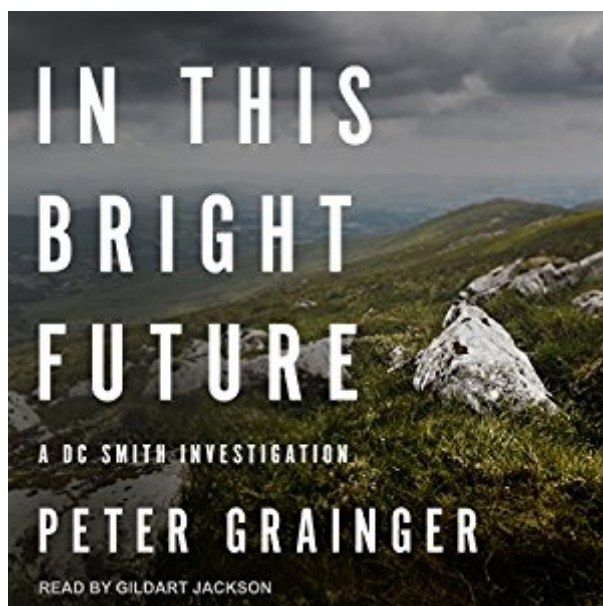


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In This Bright Future: DC Smith Investigation Series, Book 5



Synopsis

Two weeks of rest and recuperation - that's what the doctor ordered. Detective Sergeant DC Smith could listen to some music, make some of his own, and maybe even catch up on his reading; he is almost looking forward to it. And then there is a knock on the door. It's only his next-door neighbor, but it is the beginning of a sequence of events that will bring him face to face with some of the darkest episodes and the most dangerous people from his own past. This is Smith's fifth investigation, but this time it's personal.

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Customer Reviews

The very best crime stories rise above the genre label and become portraits of society at the time of writing. Peter Grainger has achieved this with the latest D.C. Smith outing. I have read many books about Belfast and the troubles. None of them capture the smell of lingering paranoia within the city as well as this book. There are also individual passages in the book which achieve brilliance - a description of an invalid for example. I suspect that some of this story (maybe background) is drawn from personal experience. It is a stunning tour de force! I devoured it in one day!

I've been taken with the author from the first one. This one is above all the others, and they were great. He's in my top five of this genre of U.K. writers. The touch, the characterizations, the scenery are all marvelous. The plotting is hands down superb. Hats off, Peter Grainger.

So sorry this is the last of the series so far! I hope Mr Grainger continues with DC Smith!! This is my favorite one. It shows more of DC's past and his history in Ireland during The Troubles. Also shows him more vulnerable and a secret is revealed to him. Love this guy and his coworkers. Great writing!

I was surprised to find literature of this quality on the Kindle Unlimited list. I guess I assumed (I know...) that successful novels wouldn't appear there unless they were older. I loved all 5 of these books and thought they deserved better treatment than reading them for free, so I bought the series. I would have paid a lot more! These are excellent books by a wonderful author whose books I will eagerly await. DC Smith is a delight--a fully realized character with whom I became fully engaged. There is a hint of the best of Michael Connolly (another author who rises above the genre and elevates it.) I am so pleased to have found Peter Grainger! He will be around for a long, long time.

A bit of a departure from the usual DC Smith book, but at least we finally learned a bit more--maybe all?--about his background. Smith was drawn back to Belfast, Ireland, and to what happened 30 years ago while he was undercover for the British Army during the Protestant/Catholic "conflict". The author obviously did his due diligence so far as navigating Belfast; not to mention the factions fighting to get their way. This is a sad tale for many reasons, though well told by the author. Smith may have been able to leave Ireland with a success under his belt and physically safe; but psychologically? I guess it remains to be seen. After the death of his wife several years ago, I sometimes wonder if Grainger will ever give Smith the chance to find happiness and peace again?

I have read all five of Peter Grainger's books in the last week - In This Bright Future is even better than the previous four. Compelling in all the important ways - when I feel emotional over the birth of a baby to a secondary character, I know I have been utterly drawn in - and a really thoughtful exploration of terrain that I, as a South African know well: the uneasy past, the unsoothed ghosts, the lingering anger, the tightrope walked by people who have come from that past into this present...Grainger writes so well. My only negative reaction is that, oh no! This is the last Peter Grainger book, and I want more!

What a privilege to have spent time with Peter Grainger's characters. Rarely does one find one book, let alone FIVE that are as close to perfection as this genre gets. Don't waste any more time reading reviews, just click on the "Buy" icon --- I can guarantee you will not be disappointed. And perhaps the best reason to read the entire series is to finally arrive at number 5: This Bright Future

is a magnificent tour de force on too many levels to even begin to recount. BRAVO Mr. Grainger. BRAVO.

Often when reading a series I am disappointed as the books become repetitive. I find each of the D.C. Smith books more engaging and addictive. I am almost afraid to start the next one (currently the last in the series) because I don't want to say good-bye to the characters. Please keep writing Peter Grainger!

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