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A dark tale of vengeance and madness takes Montmorency on his next crusade....

As Queen Victoria lies dying, Montmorency and his friends are already in mourning, and determined to track down the killers who have wrecked their lives. It's personal obsession, but Montmorency has public duties too, and when the two collide, he must decide which comes first.

Can he stop Doctor Farcett's slide into insanity? And how can he teach a new generation to forgive when the lust for revenge is eating away at his own soul?

The fourth Montmorency adventure takes him on a race across the globe with a mission of revenge for the death of his dearest friend Lord George Fox Selwyn.

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C.O. Bonham says

This book follows almost exactly where *Montmorency and the Assassins* leave off so make sure that you read that book first. I loved all of the inner changes that the characters go through as they deal with issues that have been building through out the series. Dr. Farrcet's guilt at not being able to save everyone, Montmorency's struggle with his dark past, Frank has a bit of an identity crisis. It is so satisfying to have such well written characters but then to throw these people into an edge of your seat action thriller well that just makes the book even better.

The saddest part was the hopelessness that I felt when Montmorency was called on to protect the President. I paid attention in school. I already knew McKinley would die.

On that note I have to say that the ending is unacceptable. Where is the next book? You can not have an ending like that and not have another book.

Barbara says

Oops, I missed book 3 in the series, so looking at the other reviews realise I need to revisit this after checking it out as I think something is lost by coming 'blind' into this ... there are too many characters and storylines that don't quite make sense ...

I like John Sessions but have to admit I miss Stephen Fry's reading, having gotten used to his narration for books 1 and 2.

One thing that the audio book does that the hard copies doesn't appear to have done is given a taste of a further book that picks up directly from the cliff hanger ending of this book ... it's just one chapter, and while it answers one question it opens up many more ...

Boots says

i wasn't disappointed with this book, but it has left me very unsettled (and not necessarily about the cliffhanger ending). i am worried about how everything is going to wrap up. i am worried that father michael is really going to stay a sideshow freak. i am worried that montmorency is going to marry that lame mary gibson. what in the world is happening here?

as a testament to my investment in the series, i am too emotionally involved with the characters to be reasonable. so yeah, another great addition. so then why the three stars only?

this book really suffers from being a sequel to the previous book. montmorency gets his revenge in an offhand way that is satisfactory enough, i suppose, but didn't really challenge his split psyche in the way it might have; particularly since father michael and farcett were both so dead against the whole idea of revenge. so i feel like it was an "easy" way out, unfortunately.

secondly, while i love love love the whole crazy doctor at the piggery thing, i wish farcett had played a larger role in all of this (with the absence of george, it feels like the family has fallen apart ~ even Vi has disappeared!). frank (i refuse to call him jack) and alex are kind of fun, but they're no substitutes for the real players. frank especially is getting on my nerves at this point.

ah well, we will have to see what the next book brings. too bad i'll have to wait two years or more before it comes out!

Cinnapatty says

I LOVED this book. Until the last page. Are you kidding me, Eleanor??!!!! Are you seriously kidding me? That's how you're ending this series??? UGH! Not happy. Nope. I am not happy. It was written nine years ago and there are no other books to follow this one. UGH! *stomping my foot*

That's my review. Don't waste your time with this series because you'll probably hate the ending. Seriously!

Cynthia says

Once again, a shocking cliffhanger!!! I actually wrote to Eleanor Updale, saying how much I've enjoyed reading all the books (waxed philosophical about them I believe) and asking if there was going to be a conclusion novel of this series and she very kindly wrote back. Apparently her new editor at the publisher in London isn't SURE if there should be another Montmorency book in the series and so she may have to leave us all hanging! NO!!!! Anything but that! I promised her that I would get the word out about Montmorency and hopefully her oh so nitwitty of an editor will see how much we all love him and his amazing story! So if you love Montmorency, folks, shout it out across the big pond!

EAL says

Is there another book in this series? I'm half-hoping not, because it's definitely not in my library system, but at the same time, that seems an awfully mean place to end a series. To be truthful, it's been a relief to finish with this book. I enjoy most of the characters (Mary Gibson is quite uninteresting for her place in the story, but that's another thing altogether) and the premise of both the original books and the follow-ups, but I haven't allowed myself to get new library books while this one's still on my shelf. Anyways - something I really like about the Montmorency series is the way that as the books have progressed more plot threads get woven in, and the way these threads interact with one another to make a the plot that much more interesting. And that's pretty much all I have to say.

Sidneyom says

Montmorency's Revenge by Eleanor Updale is a mystery and historical fiction book. Since this is the fourth book of the series, I thought this book wouldn't be as good as others because I have this mindset that second to the last book of the series is the worst. The reason is probably because it is the "transition" of the series,

where it just builds up suspension for the last novel. However, this book broke the fixed mindset with the interesting character relationships and the suspenseful plot. I would rate this novel as the best in the series.

It starts out with the dark, gloomy mood, where Montmorency and his friends are seeking revenge on the two antagonists: one who killed insane Queen Victoria and one who killed Montmorency's best partner, George. Meanwhile, there is Doctor Fawcett, who became after his lover's death because of his x-ray experiments on her, to develop an amazing invention. They decide to chase after the antagonists, by using special codes, disguise, and even came up with the idea of getting the crazy doctor involved. Will they be able to work as a team and succeed in capturing the enemies?

Overall, with the interesting character development and exhilaration during chases, I think it was a good book to read. There are few plot twists, which turns the table for the main characters' chase. Also, there are many characters involved, which makes it confusing time to time, but other times more interesting, with different perspectives. I also think the author did really well on the last part with the plot-twist that made me agitated and have goosebumps. I would totally recommend this book, but since it is a series, they can't just move on to this 4th book right away.

Rebekah says

This book suffers most from a lack of clear direction; the characters are all over the place and the plot similarly winds around without really going anywhere. However, the biggest problem by far is the ending. A wonderful cliffhanger at the end, but I think the author has forgotten that the primary use of a good cliffhanger is to get your audience back to read more, which they cannot do if there is nothing else left to read.

April Helms says

It's hard to write a summary about this book, because so much of it revolves around what happens at the end of the third book. Montmorency is still doing undercover work officially, but he is also seeking...drat, that would be telling.

There was some introduction to historical figures in the last volume, but this book really takes shape as historical fiction, as we start with the funeral of Queen Victoria and end with the assassination of McKinley. The period details, as always, are wonderful.

Amanda says

I was really anxious to start this book. Finally!

Again, this book does not really focus on Montmorency's character. Updale fails to develop Montmorency's character. There would be so much more to be explored.

Frank really starts to annoy me in this book. He kind of thinks he is a full grown adult when he isn't. I do like Tom's increased role, but wish Montmorency would stop chasing after Mary Gibson and marry Vi. She

deserves him.

Well, there definitely will be a sequel due to a cliffhanger ending and some open ends left in this book. I will be waiting on the edge of my seat for book 5!

Melanie says

spoiler alert A great book to end the series. I KNOW that I will definitely be reading this again. This was a great improvement compared to the boring the atmosphere of it's predecessor Montmorency and the Assassins: Master, Criminal, Spy?. Full of action that kept me on edge. I stayed up the whole night till twelve to finish the book. I hated that it had to end with Montmorency being murdered but I Updale had thought through this and I should admit that I wouldn't have picked a better ending. When Montmorency gets shot, the party below would have heard the gun and catch Malpensa before he left. Frank would have no satisfaction in just killing him even though I'm pretty sure that he'll try. Tom will now be without a father which is what I regret most of all because he's such a good kid and he has already been through a lot already. Mary would now have lost the love of her life for the second time and there is no chance that he's going to come back since it Malpensa aimed at his head. I was lamenting for five whole minutes when I finished the book. Well, it just goes to show that there are no happy endings in the real world and though I am afflicted by the sad ending, Updale has done a good job at making the story realistic. It was horrible to deal with George's death in prequel but I couldn't even think of the story going on without Montmorency which is why I'm glad this is the end. I gave the book 4 stars because even though it was action packed, there wasn't enough seriousness about the whole conspiracy in the air. People in real life would not act as laid back as the characters in this book. But I am sure as heck that I'll come back to read these wonderful books again.

Shilo Quetchenbach says

Not as good as previous books in the series. There was never a cohesive feeling of plot - the story meandered and just never got interesting. Also ended on a major cliffhanger.

Lady Knight says

The fourth installment in the Montmorency series follows closely on the heels of the last one. Malpensa is still at large and since George's murder, his friends and family have sworn revenge on Moretti. Frank is sinking deeper and deeper into a funk due to the anarchists. While Frank drinks his life away, Robert is so distraught at Maggie's death that his mental faculties have cracked and he's developed an obsessive compulsive behaviour in regards to washing!

After hearing that Malpensa has been seen in the area, Montmorency and co. hatch a plan that will help the authorities, avenge George, and get Robert the help he needs. Now if only Frank could pull himself together...

Very good read with tons of period details. Fans of the rest of the series will not be disappointed. The only drawback is that with a cliffhanger ending and no sequel forthcoming, one ends wondering how it will all turn out for the family. Updale has posted on her website, however, that she would like to continue the

Montmorency series and clear up the cliffhanger. I really hope she does!

Meredith says

I didn't like this as well as the previous two books. First of all, I am not a fan of the ending. If this is the end of the series (and 6 years since its publication seems to indicate that it might be), then it's a supremely unsatisfying ending. We are totally left hanging! I also really missed George in this book. It couldn't be helped, but there you go. Anyhow, I hope that another book is written eventually, because I'd sure like to find out what happens.

Katherine says

The most recent book in the Montmorency series did not disappoint. After the death of his longtime best friend, Montmorency seeks revenge on the wrongdoers. Along his goal, he realizes that he can kill two birds with one stone. Aside from his mission, he also has personal issues. Issues that deal with Mary(his love interest) bonding with his son, and helping Farcett climb out of the insanity that plagues his mind.

Montmorency's Revenge is a thrilling, action-packed book. It is also fast-paced. To be honest, though, I wanted Montmorency to end up with Vi, but based on the way things are going, he'll probably end up with Mary.
