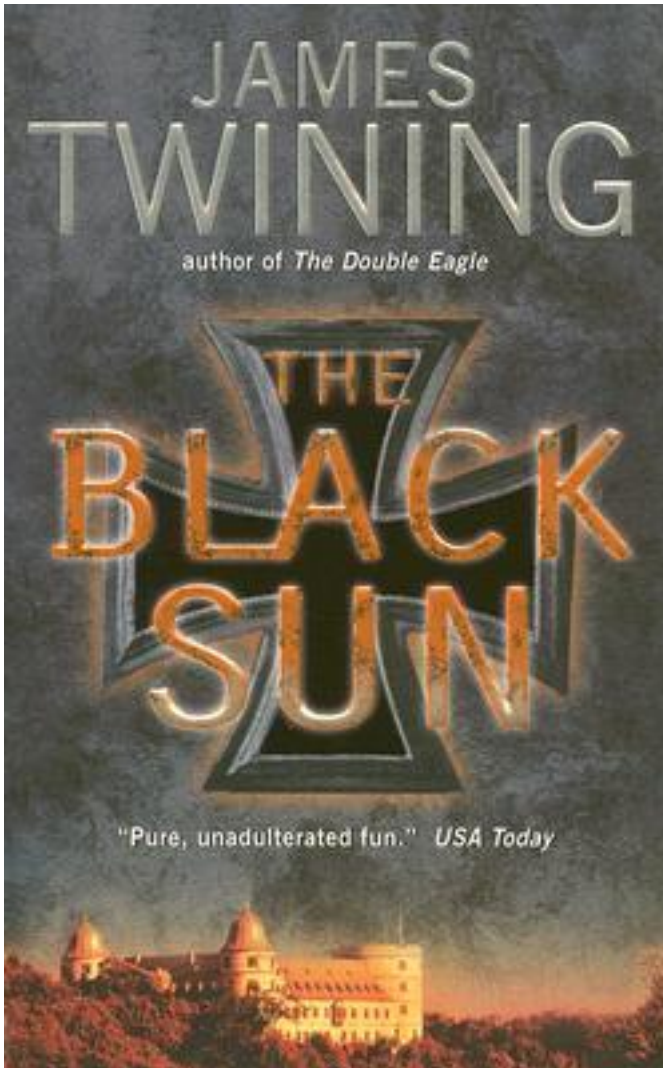

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Description

It is a secret that has been hidden for more than a half-century. The clues have been scattered across the globe. Now someone has begun to piece them together. And the future of the world depends on their being stopped in time.

In Maryland, a vicious gang breaks into the National Cryptologic Museum and steals a Nazi Enigma machine. In a London hospital, an Auschwitz survivor is murdered in his bed, his killers making off with a macabre trophy: the old man's severed left arm. In Prague, a seemingly worthless painting is stolen from a synagogue.

Three cities. Three thefts.

Could there possibly be a connection?

Former art thief Tom Kirk certainly sees no reason to link the crimes when he is first asked to investigate. But when the stolen painting turns up alongside the amputated arm, he realizes that he has uncovered an elaborate trail of clues laid down in the dying days of the Third Reich by a secret order of SS knights. Clues leading to a fabled treasure lost in the ashes of war that is the key to a deadly game where the ultimate prize is life itself—Tom's included.

Insightful reviews

Tony Totev: I love the first book and I was expecting this one to be good too. And it proved to be just by the very first couple of dozen pages. Tom Kirk's adventures are so thrilling and exciting. I must say this book is in the style of *The da Vinci Code*, but it is not so fast paced which is not making it less exciting! Very good one and I am eager to read the other 2 from the series.

James: What can I say? I liked it. I liked it a lot.

The plot line was... eventful, to say the least, and managed to twist reality so well to make you question what actually happened in the past. In this way it was a perfect historical thriller, in which, just like in Dan Brown's *Da Vinci code*, I found myself believing the spiel I was being fed.

The characters also developed brilliantly from the first book, and while I was a little bit disappointed with Viktor who seemed to be a throw away character - despite having such an impact upon the book - in general they were all really well done and written superbly.

I really like the way that you were made to question everyone in - or at least, that's what I found myself doing. For example, was Viktor just playing along to get rich? Was Archie actually a bad guy who had relapsed into the art theft world? Was Dominique just like Tom's father, and trying to manipulate him into something? I mean, for the author to manage to do that and still tell such a fascinating tale apart from it was superb. I know very few authors who could do such a thing - intentional or not.

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