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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review
Readers of *The Queen's Man*, Sharon Kay Penman's first book about young Justin de Quincy, will feel right at home as Justin--the bastard son of a bishop--continues to help England's aged Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine find out if her son Richard Lionheart is still alive in a German prison while trying to keep another son, John, from usurping the throne. Newcomers might take a few more pages, but Penman's skill at making the daily life of 1193 England so immediately accessible should soon have them equally comfortable. Why would a messenger grab his mantle but not his boots before jumping out of a Winchester bawdy house window on a mild April night? Because that's where a traitorous message is hidden. What would Justin and his friend Luke have for supper at a Thameside cookshop? "Pork-filled pie and ginger wafers, washed down with cider." Why was "breakfast the day's dubious meal, not quite respectable?" Because, Penman tells us, "people were supposed to be able to satisfy themselves with a hearty dinner and a lighter supper." Details like these bond us quickly with distant ancestors--and make us wonder what particulars of our own lives will be fodder for future writers of historical fictions. --*Dick Adler*

From Publishers Weekly
Penman, known for her historical novels, delivers a sequel to her first mystery, The Queen's Man (1996), an Edgar nominee for Best First Mystery Novel. Young Justin de Quincy, bastard son of a highly placed clergyman, toils as a special agent for Eleanor of Aquitaine. The dowager queen is attempting to hold the throne for her beloved son, Richard the Lionheart, held captive by the Holy Roman Emperor, against the machinations of her youngest son, John. A neighbor asks Justin to investigate the death of a young Welsh girl named Melangell. Two brothers from a wealthy mercantile family, nephews of Justin's neighbor, are the chief suspects in the murder. Justin balances snooping into the murder with his duties as the queen's agent, at one point risking his life to carry a message to John, besieged in Windsor Castle in his bid for the throne. Penman ably links two main story lines, the one about ordinary folk caught up in a drama of passion and power effectively echoed by the second, about aristocrats maneuvering for power at the highest levels. Despite the occasional anachronistic word or concept, Penman has a good feel for the period. This mystery may lack the depth and detail of Penman's longer historical novels, but it delivers atmosphere, plotting and nicely modulated characters.
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From School Library Journal
YA-Justin de Quincy, a medieval private investigator introduced in The Queen's Man (Holt, 1996), now has two mysteries to solve, one involving the common folk and the other surrounding John, who plots to gain the English throne by forging an alliance with the French king. His brother, Richard Lionheart, is being held hostage in Austria. Their mother, Eleanor of Aquitaine, is Richard's regent, and is desperately trying to raise a ransom for him; to do so, she needs peace in the kingdom. John's intentions are uncertain, for he has barricaded himself in Windsor Castle, and a siege is being prepared. Justin is sent to negotiate with him, and does so successfully. Much of the story, however, concerns the mystery surrounding the murder of the daughter of a destitute peddler. Aided by the under-sheriff of a nearby county, Justin solves the crime, uncovering a venal and unexpected culprit. YAs will find this tale of intrigue in the Queen's court and the streets of London both entertaining and enlightening. They may be led back to The Queen's Man for more detail of Justin's early life, and another intriguing mystery story.
Molly Connally, Kings Park Library, Fairfax County, VA
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Marisa Reber:

Playing with family in the park, coming to see the sea world or hanging out with good friends is thing that usually you have done when you have spare time, and then why you don't try factor that really opposite from that. One activity that make you not sensation tired but still relaxing, trilling like on roller coaster you already been ride on and with addition info. Even you love Cruel as the Grave (Justin de Quincy Mysteries Book 2), it is possible to enjoy both. It is good combination right, you still desire to miss it? What kind of hang type is it? Oh occur its mind hangout folks. What? Still don't get it, oh come on its identified as reading friends.

Charlotte Gambrel:

Cruel as the Grave (Justin de Quincy Mysteries Book 2) can be one of your beginner books that are good idea. Most of us recommend that straight away because this publication has good vocabulary that will increase your knowledge in language, easy to understand, bit entertaining but still delivering the information. The article writer giving his/her effort to put every word into pleasure arrangement in writing Cruel as the Grave (Justin de Quincy Mysteries Book 2) but doesn't forget the main position, giving the reader the hottest and also based confirm resource info that maybe you can be one of it. This great information can drawn you into new stage of crucial contemplating.

Pamela Rhodes:

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