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Murder is again polluting the Exeter Cathedral close, but this killer will not be easily caught. The victim, Henry Potell, was feared by many, and held secrets that some wished to keep hidden. For Sir Baldwin Furnshill, Keeper of the King's Peace, and his friend Bailiff Simon Puttock, events become increasingly mysterious. Who among Henry Potell's companions knows the truth about his death? What first appears to be a matter of lust or greed soon grows more troubling as Baldwin becomes aware of the ominous Chapel of Bones, built long ago in reparation for a terrible murder.

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Marisa says

This did not end the way I thought it would at all. It was a great book and a surprise ending.

Yashwanth Gowda says

For someone who reads fast-action thrillers like me, the book was impressive but wasn't striking. But I am happy I have started out with this book for Historical Fiction. A bit slow paced but eventually a good book and I wouldn't regret spending my time reading this book once more.

Les Wilson says

One of the best medieval mysteries I've read to date. If you like this genre, then this is definitely one for you.

Marfita says

Better than the last medieval mystery series I read that started out fairly normal and then just got weird. This stayed within reality and contained nice twists. It was nice to see a young woman in a medieval story ready and willing to marry some middle-aged man for a change.

Mirjam says

When Michael Jecks writes a medieval mystery he opens a window to a fascinating period in history. Apart from wickedly plotted mysteries and great characters, he describes the Middle Ages with enormous skill making it accessible for people like me who know little of that period. The Chapel of Bones is no exception. It's simply another masterpiece by Jecks. The Knights Templar series is definitely a must read for fans of the genre.

Mavis Hewitt says

Probably because he has based this book on an historical fact I found it slow going to begin with and wondered if Jecks had missed this time, but then I got into it and stayed awake late to finish it. Convolute and in the end partly unexpected, but then intrigue, political or ecclesiastical usually is.

David says

The story takes awhile to get going, and then wraps up quickly, but there's a really nice flavour to it all.

Ed Mestre says

Three & a half stars here. Love me a good mystery & love me a good historical fiction. "Chapel of Bones" does both quite well. It seems well researched & I really got a sense of medieval English life. The murder mystery is based on actual historical events in Exeter from which Jenks extrapolates possible connected fictional murders 40 years later. One quibble is he repeated the telling of that historical event too many times.

With so many characters jumping from one story line to another (a bit too much jumping IMHO), it was a "page turner" because I kept turning back to the front of the book to the list of characters Jenks wisely provided. But by the latter half of the book it turned into the traditional literary page turner. With this book well into Jenks' substantial series of medieval mysteries, I can't help but wonder if I missed something not starting at the beginning of said series. It was still enjoyable & seemed to stand on its own as a story & probably mainly missed some character development of some characters that appear in earlier novels. If I can find more (my edition seems to be a UK publisher with prices in pounds), I will definitely consider reading more of his works.

Deana says

I forget a lot because it has been a long time since I have read it, but I remember I loved returning to the book and seeing how events unfolded.

Bob says

Its the year 1323 in Exeter England and the Keeper of the King's peace Sir Baldwin Furnshill and his friend Bailiff Simon Puttock are called to the Exeter Cathedral to solve a murder which turns into several murders all connected to an assassination killing of a church official many years earlier. An interesting read although keeping all the players (and there are many) straight takes some doing. There are many possible suspects as participants in the earlier assassination worry about their past actions may come to light. A period piece with the vocabulary of the period and the portrayal of life of the time throughout the story.

Kathie Chiu says

I had a hard time getting into this story. It took over 120 pages to get to the beginning of the plot. There was so much detail about a great variety of characters and situations that I got confused and wondered whether or not there was going to be a crime.

Eventually the main characters emerged and the story got interesting. I like the story line and it's main characters and that redeemed the book. I'm going to read another one that was written later and see what I think.

Puzzle Doctor says

Full review at classicmystery.wordpress.com

ron btdtbtsawio says

If you like medieval mysteries, you will like this series by Michael Jecks (try to read them in order if you can).

In all his books, the writing is well crafted and the stories and characters are excellent.

You have to pay attention though, as things aren't always what they seem and as the story develops, you will get a new insight from time to time as it is told from different character's perspective.

This particular book stands out in my mind. The background story of the stone mason and his social life as he works on the cathedral was excellent.

Eileen says

Another really good medieval mystery by Jecks. I just love this series.

Michael Jecks says

This story gripped me from the outset.

Like many of my books, it is not invented, but is based very firmly on historical fact. The chapel of bones was constructed after a political power-play within the cathedral. The Dean and Bishop hated each other. And after Matins one morning, an ally of the Bishop's was grabbed while walking across the close, and beaten and stabbed to death.

Many of the guilty were found. Some were not - this is their story.
