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'ANOTHER PAGE TURNER.'

'A football player is shot dead in front of a packed crowd of people. DS Jason Smith is put in charge of the investigation. The murder weapon is found in a house across the road from the football ground. It is a rare Russian army issue sniper rifle. As the investigation hits dead end after dead end, two government agents arrive and take over, pushing Smith and his colleagues to the side. As more people die Smith quickly realises these agents are not who they claim to be. He is forced into the dark world of these phantoms and he finds himself at the mercy of his old nemesis; the man who kidnapped his sister years earlier.

## **Occams's Razor: Be careful who you trust Details**

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## **From Reader Review Occams's Razor: Be careful who you trust for online ebook**

### **edward ennis says**

#### **A good read.**

Maybe it's just me but I ended the book very unsatisfied, too many loose ends. Don't like the good characters being killed off, where's the new ones coming from? Like the way the police take no notice of clues or intuition, just like real life.

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### **Charles Gorner says**

#### **Another good read.**

Having read all the previous writings of this author I was not disappointed with the latest read, many thanks and I look forward to the next.

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### **Sarah Legge says**

I am gripped to the Smith series and would guess everyone would be.

Fancy watching the footie? Maybe not on this day. Jason is trying to solve the case but is being stopped at every turn. Who will win in the end though??

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### **Donna Maguire says**

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I really enjoyed this one and it is an excellent addition to the series!

I really enjoyed reading this story and it was almost like catching up with old friends! The plot was well thought out and it has excellent characterisation as with the author's previous books.

I really enjoy his writing style and the flow that he gets with the story making them tough books to put down and this one was no different – it is a great story and one I will be highly recommending!!

I would say that this one is fine to read as a stand alone, but if you are interested in the whole series I would recommended that you do read them in order as there are recurring themes.

4.5 stars from me for this one, rounded up to 5 stars on Goodreads and Amazon – very much looking forward to the next book in the series!!

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### **LJ (On The Shelf Reviews) says**

“With all things being equal, the simplest explanation tends to be the right one.” ~ William of Ockham.

From the outset, there seems to be nothing simple about Smith’s latest case! The novel opens with the death of Jimmy Fisher, the up and coming goal keeper of York City football team by a sniper.

Smith quickly finds the gunman’s hideout complete with the weapon, a standard issue rifle from the Russian army. But as he is about to investigate, the case is taken away from him by the shadowy SOCA (the serious crimes agency). More deaths of football players follow but at every turn the SOCA agents block his investigation. What are they trying to hide? Smith will stop at nothing to find out.

Nothing like a bit of DS Smith to get you out of a reading slump! This is the fourth in the Smith series, while I suppose it can be read as a stand alone, I would suggest to read a few of the previous books just because you may miss some of the recurring story lines from the other novels.

Smith certainly has a rollercoaster of a ride in this novel! His investigation is blocked at every turn. He doesn’t know who to trust. Then a he gets a blast from the past and the death of a close friend sends him on a downward spiral.

My only complaint, this is of course just my opinion, was the fact Smith suddenly takes up smoking, out of the blue which bugged me slightly. It’s a filthy habit and I hope he quits in the next book.

Occam’s Razor is a real thrill ride of a novel that honestly you cannot predict what will happen next.

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### **David says**

I feel that there were too many twists and turns with regard to who was on which side. But for that it would have been 5\*.

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### **JOHNRISTE says**

#### **Love the way he writes**

Best book I've read in a long time can't wait to read more of his books recommend to all readers

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### **Books n All Jill Burkinshaw says**

Well the awesome Stewart Giles has done it again! Another absolutely gripping page turner to add to the very addictive DS Smith series. This review is for the newly updated digital version.

A footballer is killed after saving a penalty. 38000 witnesses and no motive! The team is struggling until Smith returns to work.

This is a very twisty turny read as Smith deals with yet another tragedy in his life and his past comes back to haunt him.

Be careful who you trust is the message behind this story and all the way through I kept changing my mind and bouncing around suspects and thoughts only to find out how wrong I was. People are messing with Smith's head and his life is in danger. It is a roller coaster ride through the dark twisted minds of some evil people and they are happy to use whoever they can to achieve their goal.

It is difficult to review this book without spoilers so all I can really say is clear some time buy the book and settle down for an awesome page-turner that you will never forget.

I am loving this series the books get better and better If you like a good detective read with a unique story line and even more unique, complex characters then this is definitely for you.

5 golden stars from me.

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### **Anne Hill says**

#### **Made no sense**

I have no idea what the plot was. I don't think there was one, just rambling pages of nothingness. The ending truly sucked.

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### **Gary Van Cott says**

This was a little better than the previous book. The author has finally moved away from using a similar crime in each book. Still a few typos. I thought the end was unsatisfying with a big plot hole.

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### **Joanna Larum says**

Another Jason Smith novel and I looked forward to reading it, knowing that I was in line for a great time. I want to read each of these books quickly so that I get to the surprise ending but I also want to read them slowly so that I can enjoy every little clue and turn of phrase. Set in York (brilliant!), Jason is a detective sergeant with a team of detectives around him. I love their characters - they are all different and they each have their own little quirks which make them human and so real!

A goalkeeper is shot dead by a sniper but it is on the football pitch in front of thirty eight thousand spectators, just after he has saved the penalty which will give them promotion. It doesn't take Smith long to find where the shot came from and it was fired by a Russian Army rifle. As other murders happen, the Serious Crime Agency is involved and the York police are shunted to the sidelines. But Smith won't let it rest and he carries on his investigations, realising that the man who was responsible for his sister's kidnap in

Australia many years before is implicated in the murders.

No more details, you need to read this for yourself.

This series has been digitally remastered and re-released and I am reading my way through the series and loving every minute of it. I would recommend to all who love a good whodunit. More please Mr Giles!

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### **Linda Strong says**

DS Jason Smith is called on to investigate the murder of a football player. He finds a rare Russian Army issue sniper rifle apparently the murder weapon.

Government agents show up and take over the investigation, not winning any friends at all. Smith is determined to keep investigating no matter what. But are these agents who they say they are? And what exactly do they want?

The closer Smith gets to the truth, the closer to danger he gets. He finds himself facing an old enemy ...the man who kidnapped his sister many years ago.

Although this is the 4th book in the series, this one is easily read as a stand-alone. I highly recommend starting at the beginning though.

I like the characters, especially DS Smith. He's a little flighty at times, tends to drink a bit too much, and now he has started smoking .. just because. He loves and spoils his dog and for that I can forgive him anything. He really wants to do right by his job and yet there are times he seems to be ready to walk away.

There is plenty of action and twists and turns to keep the reader engaged until the explosive ending.

Many thanks to the author / Books n All Promotions / Jill Burkinshaw for the digital copy of this crime fiction. Opinions expressed here are unbiased and entirely my own.

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### **Amanda says**

I have been a fan of Stewart's books for a little while now. I have read, reviewed and loved each of his books that I have got hold of. I just love the series featuring DS Jason Smith and I devour (well not literally but you know what I mean) each new instalment of the series as soon as I can get my hands on a copy. I have been (im)patiently waiting to read 'Occam's Razor' for what feels like ages, but in reality was only a matter of weeks. The wait is over and bloody Nora what a flipping fantastic and action packed book it is. I absolutely flipping well loved it but more about that in a bit.

What can I say about DS Jason Smith? I have been a fan of Jason's from the first book in the series and I have developed something of a soft spot for him. Smith is an Australian, who moved over to England to live with his beloved Grandmother, following the disappearance of his sister. Smith had a very close relationship with his Gran and I got the impression that she was both mother and grandmother to him. Naturally he was devastated when she died but her influence lives on. Smith has been a policeman for some years now but he isn't your usual, play by the rules sort of policeman. Oh no, Smith is the sort of police officer who gets

results even if it means bending the rules slightly. Smith is like a dog with a bone in the sense that if something doesn't seem right to him then it usually isn't and he will investigate until his curiosity is fully satisfied. This often gets him into trouble with his bosses as he persists with his investigation even when he is warned off by his bosses, by people in suits and by sinister men. Smith does drink a fair amount but I sense that for him drinking alcohol is his way of coping with the horrors he has to face every day. He is a man with a sad past and he has his demons. That said I still have a soft spot for DS Jason Smith and I can't wait to read the next book to see what trouble he gets himself in.

OMFG this was one seriously flipping fantastic rollercoaster ride of a read. The author's writing style is such that he manages to entice you into his web from the first word on the first page and before you know it you are hooked on the book with no chance of escape- not that I would want to escape from DS Jason Smith in any case. That's what happened to me anyway. It didn't take me long at all to get into the book and because I was familiar with particular characters, I felt as though I was reuniting with old friends. I became addicted to reading 'Occam's Razor' and I was always in need of my fix. I would pick the book up only intending to read a couple of chapters but several chapters later I was still reading and I felt as though I was a member of Smith's team. The pages seemed to fly past at speed and before I realised what was happening I had finished the book which I had mixed feelings about. Don't get me wrong I was pleased to finish because I knew how this tricky investigation ended and I knew if Smith survived but I was enjoying the author's writing style, the story, the characters etc so much that I just wanted the book to continue. Reading 'Occam's Razor' felt as though I was on one hell of a scary and unpredictable rollercoaster ride with twists and turns aplenty and surprises just around the corner. On more than one occasion I almost had to read through my fingers because I was dreading turning the page in case it meant that Smith was in danger but then I mentally gave myself a kick because I knew that if I wanted to find out what happened then of course I would have to read on. 'Occam's Razor' is one of those books that is guaranteed to get the heart racing, the adrenaline pumping and the blood pressure rising.

Can I just say that I absolutely loved the fact that 'Occam's Razor' is set in York in the North East of England, which is where I am from. I love stories that are set near me and which feature places I am familiar with. My home town was mentioned and I gave a little cheer when I came across it.

'Occam's Razor' can be read as a standalone but for certain references to past events to make sense and because I am a bit OCD about reading series in order, I would suggest that you read the series in full and in order. Believe me you won't regret it.

In short I absolutely blooming loved reading 'Occam's Razor' and I can't wait to read the next book in the series. DS Jason Smith is one of my all time favourite characters in crime fiction and Stewart Giles is right up there in the top 10 of my favourite and must read authors list. I personally think that this series would be perfect for television adaptation and it would be far better than the television adaptation of DCI Banks. I fully recommend this book, this series and this author to other readers. The score on the Ginger Book Geek board is a very well deserved 5\* out of 5\*. I just wish that I could have awarded it more stars because it really is that good.

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