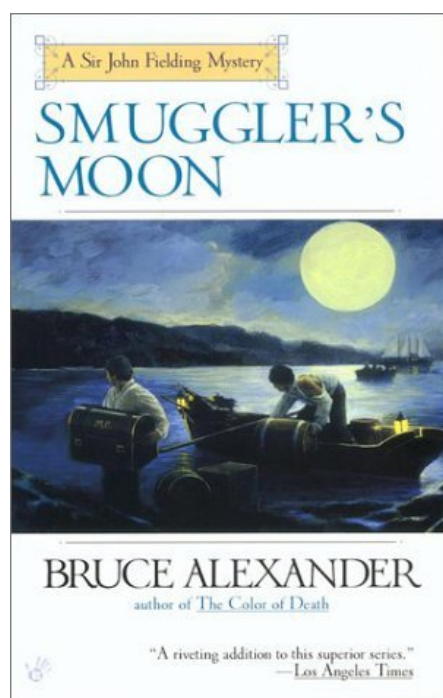




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Off the water that separates England from France, near the seaside town of Deal, the practice of "owling," a local term for the illegal cargo trade, thrives on the moonlit beaches. Blind judge Sir John Fielding and his young protege Jeremy Proctor have been sent to Deal to question the town magistrate, accused of complicity in the smuggling. — But just as their investigation begins, the smugglers turn murderous, dispatching esteemed members of the local gentry. Sir John believes that he and Jeremy are facing some very powerful enemies who not only control Smuggler's Beach, but the law as well...

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Meggie says

The main storyline in this book was fast paced and predictable. But even so, I enjoyed listening to an audio formatted version of this story. Jeremy and Sir John gave their best, to solve the mystery, and at the end won. Anyway, good work!

Mary JL says

This is an excellent historical mystery. Sir John Fielding is shown through the eyes of his young assistant, the narrator, Jeremy. The story is exciting in it self--not a huge amount of fast action or swashbuckling sword fights. Rather, it is a suspenseful unraveling carefully clue to clue to bring murderers to justice.

I particularly liked the way Sir John Fielding was portrayed. In much fiction that I have read, blind people are either superhuman with no faults--or dolts. Sir John has enough human failings to be short empered with Jeremy and display other weaknesses. Yet he has a clever mind--when Jeremy and the other constables do the physical work and bring Sir John information and clues, he sits behind the scenes like a master chessplayer, plotting his next move against the smugglers and the murderers.

Btw, if you want to check google, Sir John Fielding is based on an actual historical figure. Known as "The Blind Beak of the Magistrates court", the real Sir John could remember many witnesses by their voice alone and was a skilled interrogator.

If you like a good puzzle mystery with well developed characters, an interesting plot, and good historical details, this mystery should be to your liking.

Recommended for fans of mysteries; fans of straight history or historical fiction would also enjoy this.

Sherrie says

I've read several of Bruce Alexander's Sir John Fielding series and they have all been good so far. If you enjoy historical mysteries, you'll enjoy these books.

Tonya says

Love this series.

Beth says

I love the Sir John Fielding Mystery series, and Smuggler's Moon is a particularly good one. Sir John's young assistant and protégé, Jeremy Proctor, is sent to a small sea side town that is mysteriously wealthy to

find out who has been smuggling goods onto its beaches. Murder ensues and Sir John must take over the investigation, despite being blind. Delightful characters abound and eighteenth century life, for the rich and poor, comes to life.

Sandy Shin says

A trip to Deal to mediate in a dispute between local landowner and the local magistrate leads to a small war, a naval encounter and discovery of the head of the smuggling operation.
This series is very satisfying

JB says

Great series and this one is no exception - good story, well written.

Wendy says

Bruce Alexander's Sir John Series are wonderful. Smuggler's Moon richly describes London (and beyond) in 1772. Protagonist Jeremy Proctor deftly describes the atmosphere and Times. Alexander smoothly writes in Jeremy Proctor's voice in a way you would think they spoke back then. These books are a delight. I am going to be saddened when I finish the series.

LJ says

SMUGGLER'S MOON - VG

Alexander, Bruce – 8th in series

Sir John Fielding, a blind, 18th-century London judge, and his orphan accomplice, Jeremy, visit the smuggler's haven of Deal in order to check on a supposedly crooked magistrate. The pair find murder and more in this latest edition to a very good series.

While the mystery was not overly complicated, I so love the characters, sense of time and place and almost gentle style of the author, I know I can always turn to this series for a reliably good book.

Bonnieb says

While 8th in the series of Sir John Fielding mysteries, this is the 3rd I have read. I always appreciate Alexander's story-telling even when little suspense exists...as in this one. Alexander is a good teller of tales... of the times, the city, the geography, and the mystery. This time Sir John, as magistrate, is given a special assignment in the countryside; more death and mayhem occurred in this novel than previous ones. Jeremy, his young charge, is 17 in 1772, and is now studying law under the magistrate while also serving as his personal attendant. Clarissa, another young charge, has joined the household and the story, adding a Nancy

Drew element it seems. Good story telling; not great mystery, but always fun historical fiction.

Sandy Bell says

I love this series. Simple, fun, entertaining, interesting characters. Sure, not book club discussion material, but that's okay. Reading for pleasure is as much fun as reading for literary brilliance. I say, "Go for it."

pearl_seeker says

Another excellent addition to the Sir John Fielding series. Lots of action in this book - murder, smuggling, cannons, a sword fight - the most swashbuckling adventure yet for our heroes!

Dorothy says

Sir John Fielding and his "posse" challenge smugglers operating in the waters off the coast of England in this eighth book in a fine, entertaining and educational series.

Niffer says

I felt like this John Fielding mystery started out a little slow. There were a lot of pieces that needed to be put in place before the action could really start. This also felt very much like a transitional story--the author seems to be setting things up for some big changes in the future. Overall, though, it was enjoyable with plenty of action.

Janice says

Love this series! What can I say? They just get beter and better.

Hilary says

Gentle mystery featuring blind judge who solves the mystery. Even though the writing was well-composed, the story left me flat. Not a good fit for me. I can appreciate the appeal the novel may have for others, though.

KA says

My favorite of this series so far. It's full of excitement (mingled with sadness, though), and Jeremy gets a very active role, with Clarissa also playing a bigger role than previously. These books would make great television.

Rhonda says

as usual, i liked this next installment. it wasn't my favorite, but was good. it doesn't seem that anything has really progressed with jeremy, though he is starting to notice girls a bit more - maybe clarissa and he will have a relationship in the future? he is still 17. sir john's family gets another new member - at least for the time being (who know?). it was an interesting picture of corruption in government, and the way that personal feelings are in play for even the most trusted of officials.

Josephine says

could not put this down. If you like mysteries and old england you'll love this

Ann says

Enjoyable to read, as always. The criminal was completely obvious in this one, but the writing and the sense of time and place are so strong that I really didn't care.
