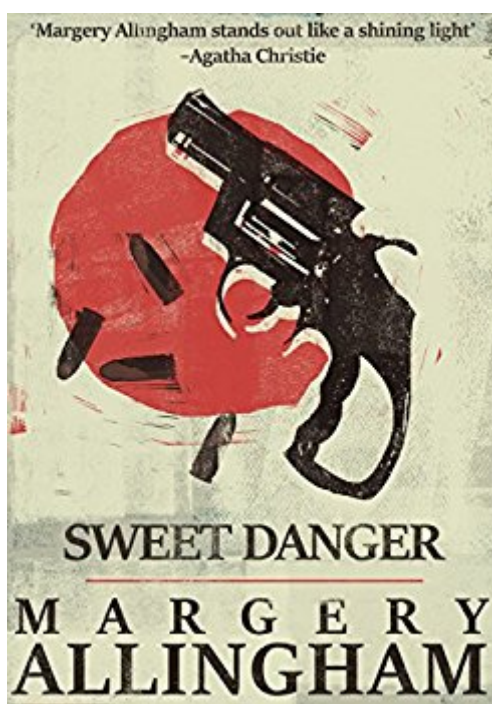


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Sweet Danger (A Campion Mystery)



Synopsis

Nestled along the Adriatic coastline, the kingdom of Aversa has suddenly - and suspiciously - become the hottest property in Europe, and Albert Campion is given the task of recovering the long-missing proofs of ownership. His mission takes him from the French Riviera to the sleepy village of Pontisbright, where he meets the flame-haired Amanda Fitton. Her family claim to be the rightful heirs to the principality, and insist on joining Campion's quest. Unfortunately for them, a criminal financier and his heavies are also on the trail - the clock is ticking for Campion and his cohorts to outwit the thugs and solve the mystery of Aversa. This is a stand-alone title within Margery Allingham's Albert Campion series. However, if you wish to read the books in the order that they were written please follow the link below to have a look at the order of publication: <http://www.margeryallingham.org.uk/bibliography.htm#Books> 'Sweet Danger is for the connoisseur of detective fiction.' â Sunday Times 'An exceedingly lively thriller.' â Spectator GET A FREE PREVIOUSLY UNPUBLISHED SHORT STORY BY MARGERY ALLINGHAM, AND EXCLUSIVE MARGERY ALLINGHAM MATERIAL Margery Allingham loved to build relationships with her readers, and whether you are new to Allingham or an established fan sign up to the Margery Allingham mailing list (via the link below) to be occasionally sent updates on new editions and other news relating to her. <http://eepurl.com/-TEkj>

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Travelling through France, Guffy Randall is surprised to find his old friend Campion and several of their cohorts masquerading as minor nobility. Quickly sucked into the plot, Guffy discovers that Campion is seeking various pieces of evidence that would prove that a tiny piece of very valuable coastline really belongs to England. Hardly have they begun when they discover that the real answer to the mystery is closer to home, at Pontisbright in West Sussex. Off the crew goes to rescue the evidence before it falls into the hands of their devious opponent Brett Savanake. "The Fear Sign" combines all the key elements that that Margery Allingham uses to create her classic British adventure stories starring our universal uncle, Albert Campion. Aside from Campion's company of young British upper-class, the novel also stars Amanda, Mary and Hal Fitton (plus Aunt Hatt), who are the possible (and possible illegitimate) Pontisbright heirs, a supporting cast of appropriately quirky villages and a complete host of villains. In short order Guffy is in love with Mary, Campion has found a partner in Amanda and even Lugg has a new buddy in Scatty Williams. When Amanda shows Campion an old verse carved into a hidden tree bole the chase is on. "If Pontisbright would crowned be, three strange happenings must he see. The diamond must be rent in twain before he wear his crown again. Thrice must the mighty bell be tolled before he shall the scepter hold, and ere he to his birthright come stricken must be Malplaquet drum." With this clue in hand Campion sets off to save the kingdom and reinstate the Fittons to their title, followed close at hand by Brett Savanake. Then, no soon do they start their quest, but Campion disappears, leaving Guffy and the rest to proceed on their own.

Partially narrated by the brave but clueless Guffy Randall, this mystery has Albert Campion searching for the lost regalia of the tiny kingdom of Averno. Our serial detective meets Amanda, his future wife in this story. He'll have to wait six years, though, to marry his 'rum little grig.' I have to ask myself, would I marry someone who called me a 'rum little grig,' right after I had taken a couple of bullets for him? Okay, if it were Campion, yes. At the novel's beginning, we find Allingham's unassuming hero wandering about Europe, masquerading as the Hereditary Paladin of Averno, a miniscule Balkan state where oil has just been discovered. He 'intercepts' (Lugg steals) a message indicating that the real heir to Averno lives quietly in Suffolk, and that's where the treasure is to be

found. So Champion and his 'court' head to the Pontisbright estate in rural England to see if they can discover the crown jewels of Averna and various important documents before the bad guys beat them to it. "Sweet Danger" is more thriller than mystery. In order to find the hidden treasure, Champion must decipher three clues in a mysterious poem: "If Pontisbright would crowned be,/ Three strange happenings must he see,/ The diamond must be rent in twain/ Before he wear his crown again./ Thrice must the mighty bell be toll'd/ Before he shall the scepter hold,/ And ere he to his birthright come/ Stricken must be Malplaquet drum." Meanwhile, the countryside is chock-a-block with roving bands of villains, who break into the true heir's dwelling at will. Amanda can hardly keep her mill in working order without stumbling over yet another bad guy who is searching for the treasure.

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