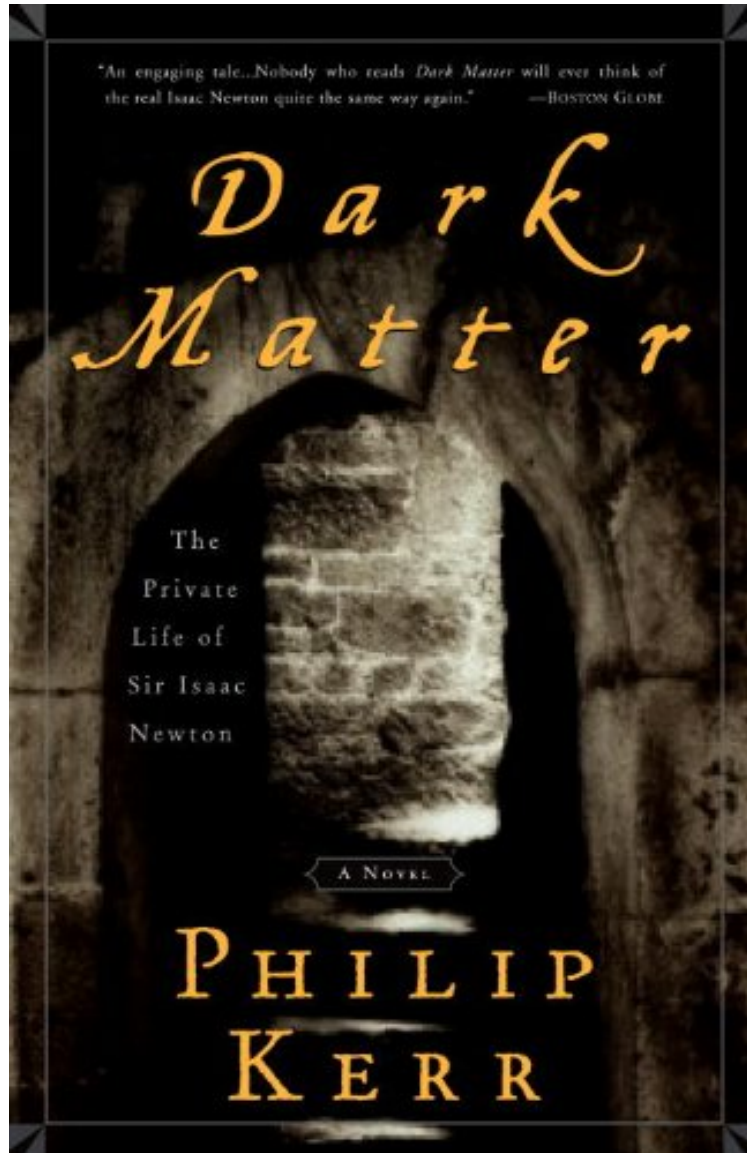


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Kontext. Auch wissenschafts- und theologiegeschichtlich ist Kerr nicht schlecht informiert. Allerdings hat das Buch Lngen, die auch durch die Abfolge der Morde nicht aufgewogen werden. Dark matter needs more motion. Wer die 383 Seiten nicht auf einmal liest, wzu man nicht unbedingt getrieben wird, verliert bisweilen den berblick, weil die einzelnen Facetten des Falls bzw. die Flle zu lange nicht weiter entwickelt werden. Trotzdem: einer der besseren historischen Kriminalromane.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent but not as good as I thought it would be Von Mark O'Neill After finishing other first-class Philip Kerr books such as "Hitler's Peace" and "Berlin Noir", I eagerly turned to another Kerr book called "Dark Matter". The prospect of a murder mystery in the Tower of London starring Isaac Newton seemed too good to miss but after having read it from beginning to end, the book hasn't completely lived up to all my expectations. Here's a brief summary of the plot first. The story is told in the first-person narrative by Christopher Ellis who obtains a clerical position at the Tower of London working with the Warden of the Royal Mint, Isaac Newton (the story in the book is told by Ellis 30 years after the events in the book took place). It is an important time for the Mint and for the country as a whole. The King is in France fighting the French and Britain is nearly bankrupt. The Lords Justices (who were in effect the government in those days) decide to recall the old currency and issue new currency (called the "Great Recoinage") so Britain can get back on its feet, pay its war loans and pay its workers. If not, then Britain will lose the war in France and the Protestants will rise up and murder the Roman Catholics in Britain. So a lot is riding on Newton and the Mint to get the new currency out in time before all hell breaks loose. As soon as Ellis arrives, the body of his predecessor is found murdered with a strange coded message in his pocket. Ellis and Newton start to uncover evidence of a massive currency forgery ring at the Mint and also plans of another plot which threatens to bring down the King. As soon as caught conspirators start naming names, those people end up dead - also with coded messages in their pocket. Just like Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson, Newton and Ellis set out to solve the murders, bring down the currency forgery conspiracy and issue the new money to the country before it's too late. Added to the mix is Newton's niece whom Ellis falls in love with, corrupt lords and businessmen and a mentally unstable man working in the Mint (and I don't mean the murderer!). The story itself was good and well written but I also think that the story really drags in places. The book could use some editing with some pages chopped off for good measure. Some of the dialogue is boring and we could have done with less of Newton's niece, Miss Barton. She wasn't really essential to the story at all. In fact, if she had not been included by Kerr at all, the story would not have suffered in the slightest. She seems to be there only to provide sexual entertainment for Ellis and for the reader. Somewhat recommended. Despite its deficiencies, the book is still excellent but not as good as "Hitler's Peace" or "Berlin Noir". It's good though for anyone who has an interest in British history.

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