

The Blackmail Enigma

Summary

This beautiful morning, with Lord Tensbury's tea, came a plain envelope with a note. The note can also be blackmail. It is nine days before the general election. Tensbury's youngest son Andrew is the leader of the Conservative Party. While campaigning, he extols the achievements and humble beginnings of the 1st Baron Tensbury, to whom Queen Victoria granted peerage.

The blackmail note refers to a horrible event in 1850s Africa. It implicates the 1st Baron Tensbury. If the information hinted in the note becomes public, it will prevent Andrew from becoming the youngest prime minister of Britain in over 200 years.

Across the Atlantic, a young American woman from Silicon Valley, Hanna Arnol, is getting ready to retrace her ancestor Signe's steps. Alone on a trading ship, as a girl of eighteen, Signe traveled from Norway to South Africa in 1859. Signe wrote a diary each year. Hanna has them all, except for a couple of torn-out pages from 1859.

As Tensbury tries to preempt, what he assumes, is the Labor Party's effort to discredit his son, his agent's path crosses that of Hanna Arnol, looking to solve the mystery of the lost pages.

Crime, pride, remorse, and intrigue are all part of this story. What was the horrible event in Africa? Do the missing pages contain the answer? And will Tensbury deflect Labor's plotting efforts?

The ups and downs of this story will keep you in a state of dramatic suspense till the last pages.

If you enjoy mystery-thriller-suspense, this book is for you.