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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

For fans of the Machiavellian Prime Minister Francis Urquhart, the antiheroic protagonist of Dobbs's previous trilogy (adapted for TV as *House of Cards*, starring Ian Richardson), Thomas Goodfellowe, a decent, down-on-his-political-luck backbencher, is an unenticing replacement. Likewise, few readers will be tempted by the second installment's ludicrous intrigue involving the Chinese government's attempts to find and kidnap the newly reincarnated, British-born Dalai Lama. A former political adviser to Margaret Thatcher and John Major, Dobbs seems to have gone soft since New Labour took power, if Goodfellowe's soap-operatic midlife crisis is an indicator. With his wife hospitalized for depression, his teenage daughter hiding family planning and pregnancy leaflets and his junior ministerial career over, Goodfellowe is totally unprepared to be enlisted by Buddhist monks in the search for the next Dalai Lama. Dobbs delivers plenty of international cat-and-mouse episodes, stretching from London's Chinatown to Tibet, along with scenes of Chinese human rights abuses that would alarm Amnesty International, but none of this adds up to much of a read. Although there are good guys to cheer for and baddies to boo in the race to find the special child in England's Tibetan refugee community, this featherweight entertainment has no punch.

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'A rattling good yarn to keep you warm on long winter nights. It deserves to be relished. Here is good old-fashioned entertainment in the great British tradition of Rider Haggard -- with lashings of sex, violence and even a mention of the Teletubbies. This is Boys'Own for grown-ups, done with wit, skill, pace and panache.' Gyles Brandreth, *Sunday Express* 'Slick, fast-moving and distinctive! Goodfellowe MP looks like being around until at least the next election.' Phillip Knightley, *Mail on Sunday* 'Parliamentary intrigue, political scandal and government treachery! Dobbs demonstrates why he is the master of this genre.' *Times Literary Supplement*

About the Author

Michael Dobbs was at Mrs Thatcher's side as she took her first step into Downing Street as Prime Minister, and was a key aide to John Major when he was voted out. In between times he was bombed in Brighton, banished from Chequers and blamed for failing to secure a Blair-Major television debate. He has been described as 'a man who, in Latin America, would have been shot'. His novels have foretold the downfall of Prime Ministers and the growing turmoil within the Royal Family. Every one has been a Top Ten bestseller.

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