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THE MARATHON CONSPIRACY

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PRAISE FOR *THE MARATHON CONSPIRACY*

The Marathon Conspiracy is a fast-paced, enjoyable, murder mystery that **will make readers laugh and think in equal measure.**"

—*The Sydney Morning Herald*

"[E]very new volume further highlights the tricky thing Corby so consistently manages to create: comedic mysteries that still have heft. In the manner of what Lindsey Davis and David Wishart give readers for ancient Rome, Corby presents an ancient Greek world that's **vibrantly, gawkishly alive**; if you haven't tried this series yet, *The Marathon Conspiracy* is the perfect place to start."

—*Open Letters Monthly*

"Corby gives readers **a mix of historic and fictional characters that blend seamlessly**. The use of modern-day language and touches gives the story the humorous edge it needs."

—*Mystery Scene*

"This will have the wealth of historical mystery buffs jumping up and down for joy... so **well-written** you will feel as if you are truly part of the Ancient World. As with Corby's other works, the tale is full of humor, suspense-filled plots, subplots, and characters that are **unforgettable**. It is no overstatement to say that Corby most definitely knows his history backwards and forwards, providing stories that are **beyond exciting**."

—*Suspense Magazine*

"**Extremely intriguing**... Corby exuberantly adds life and color to historical events. His historical mysteries are **top notch**; they have unique settings, interesting characters, startling revelations, and gruesome, bloody deaths."

—*Gumshoe Review*

"This series of mysteries set in ancient Greece is an **entertaining** one, and *The Marathon Conspiracy* is a solid entry in it... the contemporary feel of the narrative and dialog makes the lives and practices of the ancient Greeks quite approachable."

—*Mysterious Reviews*

"Gary Corby has managed an unlikely feat with his series...he's written mysteries that combine funny characters and intriguing crimes with accurate history. ***The Marathon Conspiracy* is never dull**...The escapades of the detective will keep readers laughing, while the history lesson will leave them feeling a little bit smarter."

—Shelf Awareness

"Corby serves up a bubbly cocktail of **clear history, contemporary wit, and heart-stopping action**."

—*Booklist*, Starred Review

"**Outstanding** . . . Everything works in this installment—the detective business, the action sequences, the plot twists, and the further development of the series lead."

—*Publishers Weekly*, Starred Review

"Displaying **historical humor at its best**, this is Corby's fourth in his classical Greek series."

—*Library Journal*



Gary Corby is the author of three other Athenian mysteries: *The Pericles Commission*, *The Ionia Sanction*, and *Sacred Games*. He lives in Sydney, Australia, with his wife and two daughters. He blogs at A Dead Man Fell from the Sky, on all things ancient, Athenian, and mysterious.

PRAISE FOR SACRED GAMES

“Like its two predecessors, *Sacred Games* has an extremely well-orchestrated climax and a key revelation you’ll happily kick yourself for not having spotted earlier. And like all the best murder mysteries, these books don’t depend on revelation: they’re a joy to re-read.” —*Open Letters Monthly*

“A well-paced story that kept me turning the pages. It is extremely well-researched and taught me a lot about Greek culture and the Olympic Games. Read it for the history and the story.” —*Historical Novel Society*

“[Corby's] best thus far ... Corby integrates the political intrigue of the day with fair-play plotting and welcome doses of humor. Fans of Steven Saylor's Gordianus novels will be enthralled.” —*Publishers Weekly, STARRED Review*

“Dive into this book. Immerse yourself in the entire experience.” —*Kittling Books*

PRAISE FOR GARY CORBY

“Corby has not only made Greek history accessible—he's made it first-rate entertainment.”
—*Kelli Stanley, award-winning author of Nox Dormienda and City of Dragons*

“Those who like their historicals with a touch of humor will welcome Australian author Corby's promising debut... Corby displays a real gift for pacing and plotting.” —*Publishers Weekly, STARRED Review*

“Mix one part ancient history, one part clever and contemporary banter, and one part action, and you have a top-notch crime caper.... Highly recommended for those looking for humor with their crime detecting.” —*Library Journal*

“Energetic.... Very entertaining.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

“Full of real historical figures and fascinating insights into Greek and Persian culture.... A delightful romp.”
—*Shelf Awareness*

“Filled with detail, atmosphere and history, but also humor. The characters feel like real people.... Complete with maps, a list of characters both real and made up and an afterword with historical information, this is a fun and funny as well as accurate historical.” —*Romantic Times*

“A riotous romp through ancient Greece. Lovers of history, especially of the ancient world, will definitely want to read this mystery.” —*Gumshoe Review*

“An entertaining read.... One does not need knowledge of classical history to enjoy this mystery, because details of culture, politics, and history as so deftly woven into the threads of the story that life in ancient Athens comes vividly alive.”
—*Historical Novel Review*