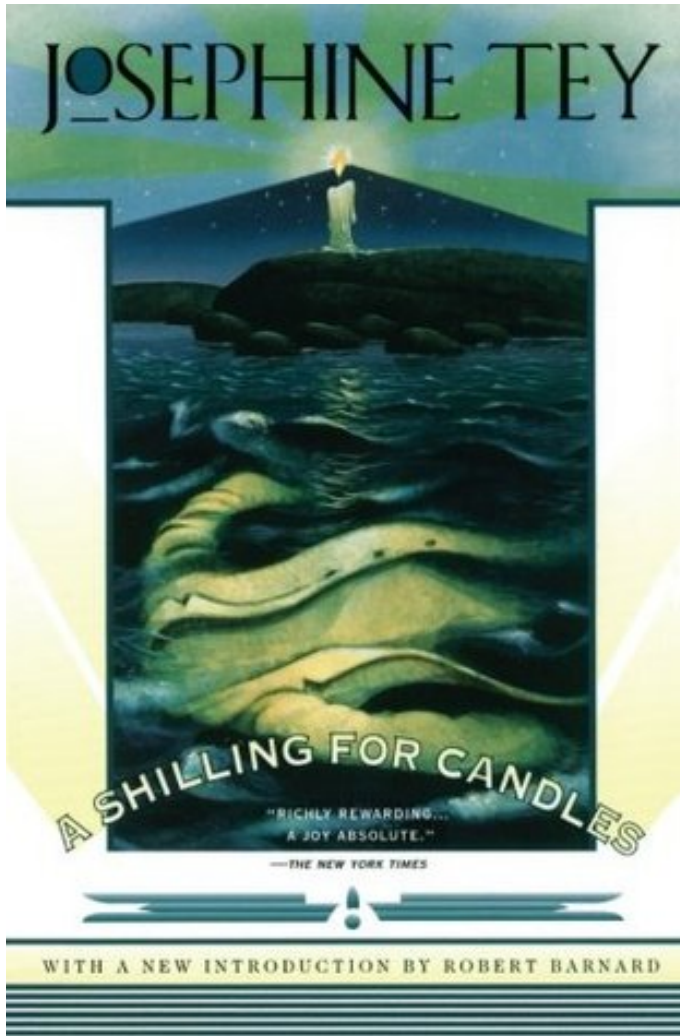

Josephine Tey

A Shilling for Candles (Inspector Alan Grant #2)



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Description

A woman's body is found on the English seacoast, and twisted in her hair is an article screaming murder. For Inspector Alan Grant, the case becomes a nightmare, as too many clues and too many motives arise.

Insightful reviews

Clare: This was another very good book by Josephine Tey. She surprised me by not having this book be similar to the other- I've noticed that most mystery books that are in a series, where they are solved by the same person, tend to have a formula as to how the book goes... it opens with the death set up, then they go to the home of the Investigator/ or the police-station, or wherever- then to the victim to look them over... whatever. Follow the same flow, every time. This was only the second in the series, but already she's mixing it up.... getting other characters involved, moving things around, and making it interesting. I was quite surprised to see that she had the daughter of the Police Chief acting in a quite emancipated, intelligent manner... and this was published in 1936!

It was an enjoyable story, that had some unexpected twists and turns. I look forward to reading the rest of her books.

Cynde Livingston: I really am trying to think of some saving grace for this book but just cannot. It is really the first mystery I have not enjoyed even though I did not have the murderer figured out way ahead. It is not because it is British either as I rather like British stories. It is slow reading and just plain boring and I definitely would not have finished it if it wasn't a book club book.

george burns: **Another Success**

Ms. Tey lived a short life and wrote only a small number of mysteries; but, they were high quality mysteries. This one is no exception. The body of a young woman is found in the early morning on a deserted beach. A drowning victim? It quickly becomes clear that the victim was murdered and she had been a famous movie actress. There is no obvious reason for her murder, but no one seems very upset by her death. There are sufficient problems to keep Detective Inspector Grant busy and sleepless. The only weakness of the story is that most of the characters are unappealing and fail to engage the reader's sympathy

Ruby Rose Scarlett: a truly powerful and engrossing mystery. Tey is a wonderful author with a really sharp variety and her voice is in contrast to any other. I loved this a great deal and whereas I guessed the id of the assassin approach prior to the end, she does own that infrequent present of storytelling that'll have you ever learn a narrative for the area equipped instead of for its conclusion. pleasant mix of eccentric characters and punctiliously powerfuble personality study. i love her, a lot.

Leslie: Even figuring out the solution, this Golden Age secret is a enjoyable read!

Matthew Gatheringwater: I picked up *A Shilling for Candles* simply because younger and Innocent, one in every of my favourite early Hitchcock films, is predicated on it. I used to be shocked to realize, however, that the movie is simply very loosely tailored from the book, Hitchcock having lifted a unmarried suggestion from the plot: a man, who might or is probably not innocent, is a fugitive from the legislation and unearths the help of a tender lady who may possibly or will not be in love with him. Humans who have watched the movie don't have their event of the booklet spoiled, in view that *A Shilling for Candles* is stuffed with twists or even the answer to the secret is various to that which results the film. either are stable enjoyable for those that like vintage British mysteries.

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