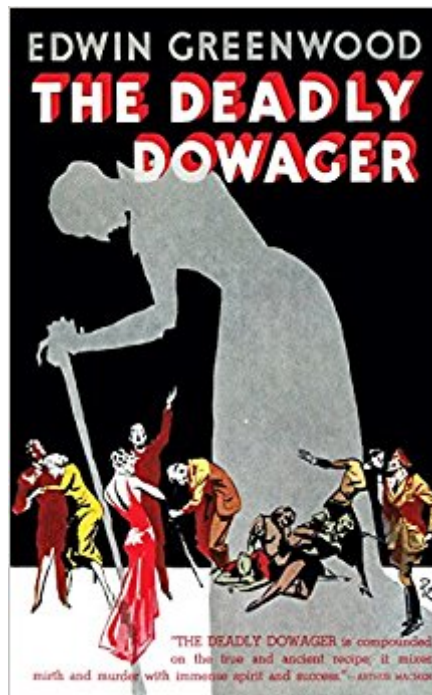




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Customer Reviews

Read this because of a review, I believe in the New York Times. Book was written in the 1930's.

Took me a few chapters to get into the rhythm of the author's style of writing, but once I did, I couldn't put it down. It wasn't a "who done it" because you know all through out the book, but it's a how and how much longer will they be able to get away with it. Very fun read.

A terrifically enjoyable read. This was recently reviewed in the Washington Post.

A really fun period piece, with one of the nastiest (yet in a charming way) characters I've ever come across. This should be made into a film starring Maggie Smith!

I've just started this and am enjoying the way it's written but very confused by the fact that the children of the dowager's second son and of her daughter-are referred to as the dowager's nephews! Perhaps I'm missing something?

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