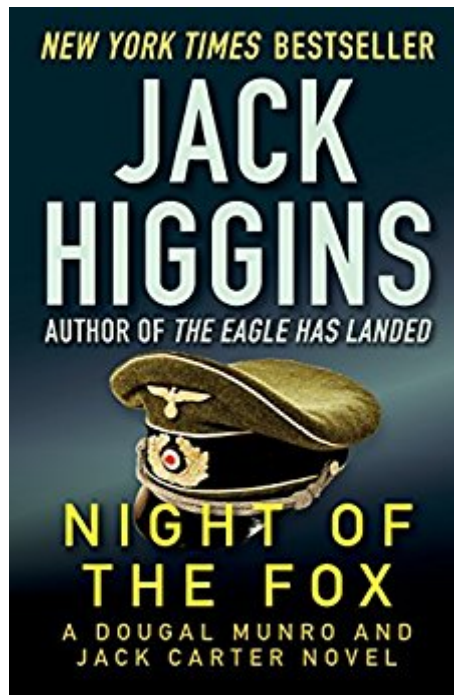




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# Night Of The Fox



## Synopsis

The New York Times best-selling author's "most tingling thriller since *The Eagle Has Landed*: An agent poses as a Nazi for a mission on the verge of D-Day (Publishers Weekly). In May of 1944, shipwrecked American Colonel Hugh Kelso washes up on the shore of Nazi-occupied Jersey with a valuable secret. As one of the few men with knowledge of the impending invasion of Normandy, Kelso must be rescued at all costs. Enter Harry Martineau, a covert British operative charged with the dangerous mission of impersonating a Nazi officer to infiltrate Jersey and retrieve—or silence—Colonel Kelso. It is not only their lives that hang in the balance. A riveting World War II thriller, *Night of the Fox* is "an exceptional tale" from the multimillion-selling author of the Liam Devlin and Sean Dillon series, a master of edge-of-your-seat espionage adventure (Library Journal). It was adapted into a TV film starring George Peppard, John Mills, and Michael York.

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## Customer Reviews

If there is such a thing as a perfect novel, this one is for me. Can anyone tell a tale of historical fiction like Jack Higgins? Not in my opinion. This novel has everything in it that a reader would ever

ask. It is a thriller, an ingenious plot, a crucial stage of World War 11, and romance to boot. The characters are wonderful-all of them including the supporting staff. This is the kind of book that takes you away from the mundane and lets you travel back into time. You look forward to ending the day with the story in your hands as your eyes start to fade. Then you decide to savor the story and save it for yet just one more day. I never wanted this story to end. If you still give a damn about reading reviews Mr. Higgins, I salute your brilliance and thank you for hours of delightful reading.

I read this about a year ago for the second time. It just recently popped up on my review page. I thought I had submitted a review but maybe not. I'm a Higgins fan and this one ranks up there as one of his best.

This is a typical old style Jack Higgins story that takes place on the island of Jersey in the English Channel on the eve of the Normandy invasion. The story begins with an American Army engineering colonel who becomes a castaway when the boat he is on gets torpedoed during a rehearsal for the invasion and he winds up on the Jersey shore. Of course, he has broken leg and cannot move by himself. The Jersey residents then have to defend and protect him while the allies attempt to rescue him or make sure he does not get captured by the Nazis. The story also involves a German impersonator of Rommel that complicates the issues for both the Nazi garrison and those helping the colonel. The writing and flow of the story are typical Higgins making for a good, enjoyable read.

This is an old one but a really good one. Jack Higgins can always be relied upon to tell a fast and gripping tale - and this is one of the best of them (IMHO a little better than "The Eagle has Landed"). D-Day is only a few days away when Hugh Kelso, an American officer with vital information about the pending landing in France, is in a boat that is sunk in the English Channel. His rescue raft washes up on the shore of the Isle of German-occupied Jersey. Fortunately he is found by sympathetic locals who hide him and pass a message to the French resistance to send to London. Eisenhower and the British are stunned as many lives could be lost if Kelso falls into the hands of the Germans. In desperation the British send a senior SS imposter and his mistress to the island to help the locals get Kelso back to England. Things go terribly and amusingly wrong when Rommel visits the island when they are there - but is it really Rommel? The characters are good, the action fast, and sometimes emotional and impossible - what more do you want?

Great read. It keeps you glued to the story until finished. Enjoyed every minute of it, planning to read

others of his novels. Started with the Eagle has landed, another great story. Strongly recommend this book to a Second World War enthusiast!

This is the first book I have read by the author, and it will not be the last. I was totally caught up in the engrossing and entertaining tale of WWII intrigue. On one hand, the set-up seems a bit improbable. You have an American colonel who just happens to know the details of D-Day surviving a ship sinking and washing ashore on German-occupied Jersey, a Rommel impersonator who just happens to be a Jewish Wehrmacht corporal, a skilled assassin, an Italian naval officer more attuned to the Allied cause, and a Jersey girl fluent in French whose aunt just happens to be harboring the American colonel. But while reading the book, none of that matters. The fast pace, the developing story, and the suspense supersedes all of that, drawing the reader in and refusing to let go. The depiction of German-occupied Jersey was rather interesting and well portrayed. Far away from the fierce fighting of most WWII-themed books, this little slice of history made for an interesting backdrop for the story. To be honest, I didn't know much about the occupation, and reading this book inspired me to do some research on it, and I am grateful for that. The book's major strengths are in the plot development and in building suspense. I hate to use trite phrases, but in this case, it is appropriate. I couldn't put the book down. I read it in two sittings, knowing I had to go to sleep on the second sitting, telling myself "well, just one more chapter." Needless to say, "one more chapter" turned into the rest of the book. On several levels, this is a typical WWII intrigue novel. But the author somehow elevates it to a higher plane. This is a book which can be enjoyed by anyone who appreciates a good yarn.

Not the best Jack Higgins but certainly not the worst. I listened to this book on CD as I listen to a lot of books while driving, cooking etc. The reader does a good job. This is a WWII era book with a very interesting plot and is set mainly on one of the Jersey islands of the coast of Britain. I found it very interesting especially the actor/German soldier who is sent there masquerading as Rommel.

Great story! While fictional, the lead character was based on a real man, per the intro. The kindle version could stand more white space between paragraphs, to indicate when the scene has changed and different characters are speaking. A print book would show this with a little extra white space. The kindle just goes into another paragraph and one's mind grinds to an abrupt halt as gears crash, one backs up, and you slowly realize you are in a different place and scene.

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