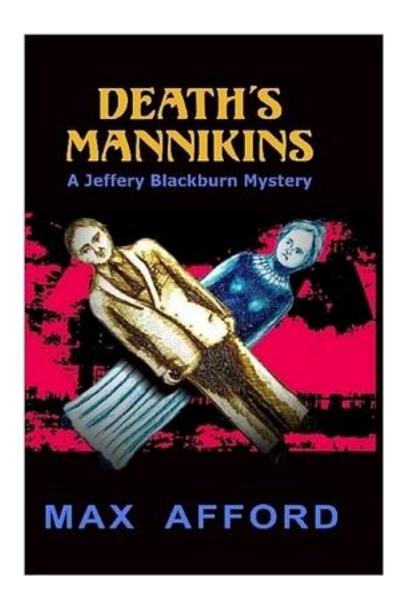
# Death's Mannikins



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Freelance sleuth Jeffery Blackburn is called by his friend Rollo Morgan when there is a strange death at Rochester House, mansion of occult scholar Cornelius Rochester. Blackburn learns of a set of mannikins made up to resemble all of the members of the family and when the little dolls start showing up in the wrong places, the big people start dying! When Chief Inspector Read is called and gets together with Blackburn everyone gets paranoid and rightfully so. It's an impossible mystery that only Australian Max Afford could unravel.

#### 作者介绍:

Max Afford (1906 - 1954) was a noted journalist and radio dramatist. He wrote four classic impossible mysteries and Ramble House has published three of them so far. If you've never read any of this Australian author, you're in for a treat.

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#### 评论

plot和trick都过得去,作为不可能犯罪之作其不合理之处也在可以接受的范围以内,但 主角的塑造比较失败

密室圣经No.24.

森英俊和小林晋等编译的《世界探偵小説全集》No.45.这本跟刚刚看过的《Dr.

Goodwood's Locum》基础plot设计的非常接近

但本作在气氛烘托方面特别是前半部分中相当到位-人偶谋杀预告、偏远的老宅、狂风

暴雨的环境、阴暗的小教堂,这些颇具卡尔风格的设置都要比后者高明不少,不过可惜作者没有把这些要素在后半部延续下去,而在描写某凶案时细节太过潦草简直 把真凶直接暴露出来,且所谓的"密室"实在是不知所谓,我在阅读时完全没有意识到它也会被列在圣经之中,考虑到实际发表年代为1937年,人偶杀人预告和凶手的身份设 置这两点比较超前-当然不能确定是否为首创,但从John

Rhode在14年后还在用后面这个身份梗这一点可以看出,本作还是值得肯定的.综上所 述, 还是推荐阅读

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#### 书评

既然没人写评我来凑一个。

与上一册《危险的黑暗》差不多,铺陈场景之类过于繁复,但还能接受。无个性人物众 多,基本为了剧情服务。整个诡计有解答有转折,密室部分的确打酱油,应该不适合纯 密室达人解构。 感觉此作简化后挺适合作为一个普通的实体密室游戏或者桌游出现。

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