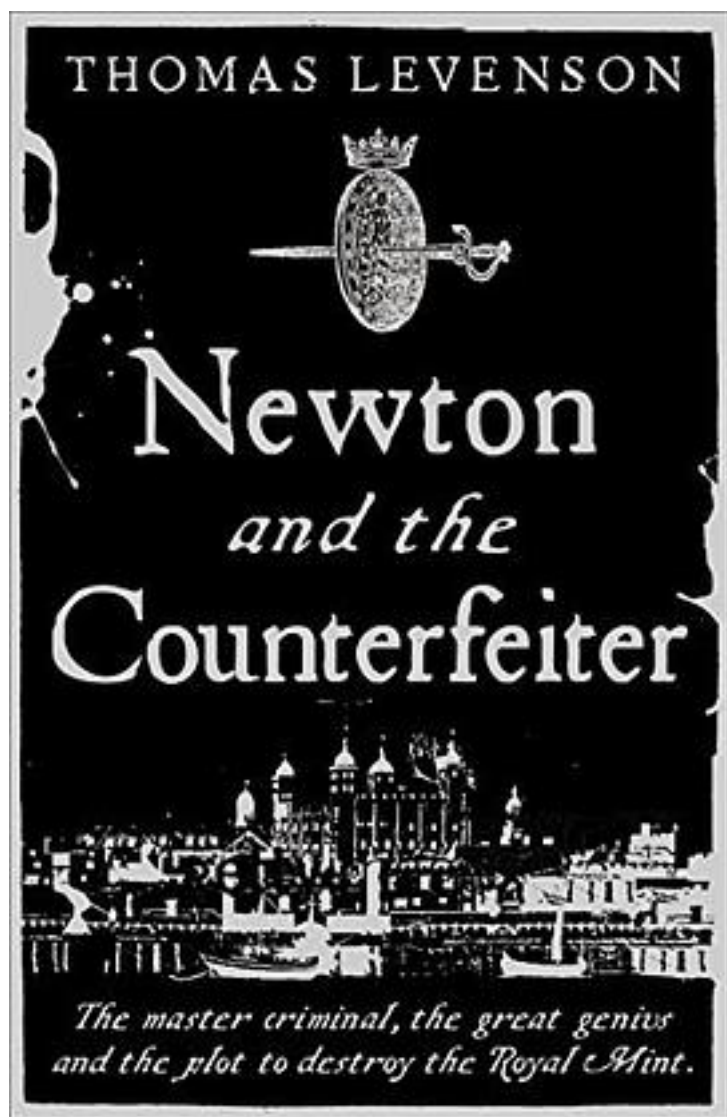


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In 1695, Isaac Newton—already renowned as the greatest mind of his age—made a surprising career change. He left quiet Cambridge, where he had lived for thirty years and made his earth-shattering discoveries, and moved to London to take up the post of Warden of His Majesty’s Mint.

Newton was preceded to the city by a genius of another Kind, the budding criminal William Chaloner. Thanks to his preternatural skills as a counterfeiter, Chaloner was rapidly rising in London’s cut-throat underworld, at a time when organized law enforcement was all but unknown and money in the modern sense was just coming into being. Then he crossed paths with the formidable new warden. In the courts And streets of London—and amid the tremors of a world being transformed by the ideas Newton himself had set in motion—the chase was on. T his revelatory tale of Isaac Newton’s journey through London’s underworld will appeal to fans of The Professor and the Madman.

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