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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

The brutality and ignorance of 17th-century Bavaria serves as the backdrop for Pötzsch's thrilling second whodunit featuring an unlikely trio of sleuths (after 2011's *The Hangman's Daughter*). When the parish priest, Andreas Koppmeyer, eats some poisoned doughnuts after sealing up a mysterious something in his church basement, he manages to scratch a mark on the frost covering a gravestone as he expires. Figuring out what that dying clue means and who doctored the pastries falls to Altenstadt hangman Jakob Kuisl; his daughter, Magdalena, an apprentice midwife; and her suitor, Simon Fronwieser, a doctor's son. Fronwieser links a Latin phrase seen in a crypt with the Templars, raising the possibility that Koppmeyer stumbled on a secret relating to that shadowy society. Meanwhile, the depredations of a gang of robbers threaten local commerce. Fans of Michael Gregorio's early 19th-century Prussian series (*Unholy Awakening*, etc.) will find a lot to enjoy.

From [Booklist](#)

Originally published in Germany in 2009, this sequel to *The Hangman's Daughter* begins in January 1660 with the murder of a priest and takes readers on a wild adventure to uncover the secret of a long-hidden (and possibly mythical) treasure of the Knights Templar. Pötzsch does an excellent job of plunking the reader down in seventeenth-century Germany; Jakob Kuisl, the town hangman, and his daughter, Magdalena, don't seem like made-up characters in a fictional landscape but, rather, like real people in a real place (in fact, the Kuisl family of executioners actually existed, and Pötzsch is descended from them). The author supplies enough historical detail to give readers a good sense of the time and place but not too much to risk boring them with unnecessary details. Readers will also appreciate the nice balance between drama, suspense, and humor: this is a serious story, Pötzsch seems to be saying, but it's OK to have some fun with it. At least two more books in the series are forthcoming, and they will be most welcome.

Review

Advance Praise for *The Dark Monk*

"Swift and sure, compelling as any conspiracy theory, persuasive as any spasm of paranoia, *The Dark Monk* grips you at the base of your skull and doesn't let go."—Gregory Maguire, author of *Wicked* and *Out of Oz*

"Oliver Pötzsch takes readers on a darkly atmospheric visit to seventeenth-century Bavaria in his latest adventure. With enough mystery and intrigue to satisfy those who like gritty historical fiction, *The Dark Monk* has convincing characters, rip-roaring action, and finely-drawn settings." —Deborah Harkness, author of *A Discovery of Witches* and the forthcoming *Shadow of Night*

"Weaving together the mystery of a murdered priest, a Templar treasure, and a kind-hearted hangman, Oliver Pötzsch's *The Dark Monk* is a labyrinth of clues and rich characters in seventeenth-century Bavaria. Pötzsch keeps the action boiling, the clues intriguing, and the history fascinating and authentic." —William Dietrich, author of *The Emerald Storm*

Praise for *The Hangman's Daughter*

"I loved every page, character and plot twist of *The Hangman's Daughter*, an inventive historical novel about a seventeenth-century hangman's quest to save a witch—from himself." —Scott Turow

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