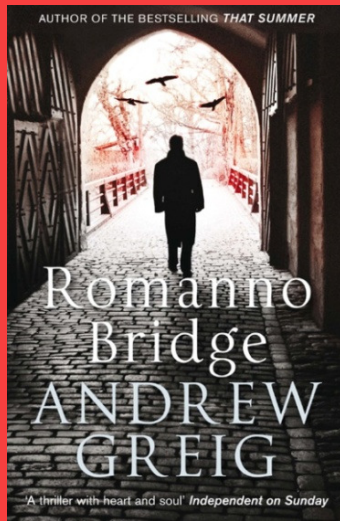


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Romanno Bridge

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A motorcyclist with a stolen ring walks into Rothiemurchus Forest until he finds a quiet place to die. In comfortable Crieff, a retired historian publishes an obscure article on the survival of the Stone of Destiny, then has his throat cut. A man with a long blade in a tan holster under his suit, a fondness for bird-watching and memories of his short-lived Punk band Anger Management, has taken a commission to retrieve an object so valuable and mythic it might not exist. A rugby-playing half-Maori named Leo Nagotoa stands in the sleet by Romanno Bridge in the Scottish Borders, trying to thumb a lift when his Destiny slithers up alongside him.

And so, these stories intertwine as the hunt for the crowning stone of the Dalriadic kings, the Stone of Scone, begins. It is the hunt for a treasure worth enough to make life cheap for some ... and dear to others.

'Greig writes beautifully and the story gallops along' - *The Sunday Times*

'Brilliantly written new thriller (4 stars)' - *The Mirror*

'... powerful opening scene ... keeps the sensational plot just this side of plausibility ... everything leads smoothly to an enjoyable conclusion ... this romp is hugely enjoyable' - *Scotland On Sunday*

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