JUNE READING 2015

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Four murder mysteries, two books of military history and a science-fiction novel: my leisure reading for this month.
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It's been a funny old month. I've read lots of bits of books, chapters and papers as part of my studies, but, work-wise, I've read very little by way of complete books. I have managed my normal quote of bedtime history and fiction reading however.

Fiction

I revisitedÂ The Silent World of Nicholas Quinn (Inspector Morse)Â and was reminded once again, just what a great author Colin Dexter is. If your only exposure to Morse is through the TV series, you really should get hold of some of the books and give them a read.

Further: Beyond the ThresholdÂ is a sci-fi novel that I picked up cheap on Kindle. As with much modern sci-fi the plot is rather thin, but it explores some interesting ideas. If you don't like science-fiction you should avoid it, but it's worth a look if you like the genre.

I came across a couple of short detective novellas, which I quite enjoyed.Â Broken FallÂ is a pleasing British police procedural, which I wished had been longer. It's currently free on Kindle and I'd strongly advise you to snap it up.Â 3 a.m. (Henry Bins Book 1)Â is completely bonkers with a hero who stretches the imagination and a cat who breaks it altogether. Despite this, it's good fun and also free on Kindle. It's well worth grabbing hold of if you want something to read while waiting for a train or sitting on the beach.

Another book by the same author isÂ Unforeseen,Â this is longer and grittier than 3 a.m., but again, it's worth getting hold of on Kindle if you are looking for some light reading. Having read these two books close together, I was struck by how similar the heroes are in both books, despite being in very different situations. It seems as though the author can only write one character; but for a couple of books, that's ok.

Non Fiction

I've read lots of books, fiction and non-fiction, about the night bomber raids on Germany in the second world war.Â The Reich Intruders: RAF Light Bomber Raids in World War IIÂ is the first thing I've read aboutÂ the day-time light bombers. It's a bit like reading a telephone directory at times, with a bewildering number of statistics, but it really comes alive with the first person accounts of the aircrew. Not one to bother about if you are not interested in military history, but worth a quick look if you are. The same could be said aboutÂ War Beneath The SeaÂ which is an exhaustive account of submarine warfare in world-war two. As well as the familiar story of the North Atlantic war, this also looks at submarine conflict in the Mediterranean and the Pacific.