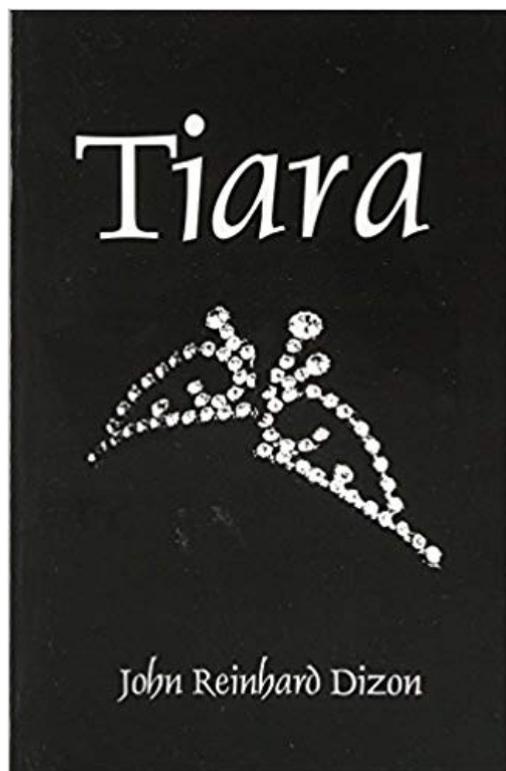


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Tiara is an action-packed, historical fiction, romantic thriller centering around the Good Friday Agreement in Northern Ireland in 1998. The main female protagonist is Princess Jennifer of Edinburgh, a civil rights activist involved in the negotiations between the British government and the coalition groups in Ulster. She becomes an object of fascination to Berlin Mansfield, an international terrorist of Irish descent who is equally intent on attending the historic event as it transpires. The two eventually cross paths in a tale of intrigue and suspense with the future of a nation at stake.



Reviews of the [Tiara](#) by John Reinhard Dizon

watchman

Readers would expect a tale of courtly love and chivalry to be set in medieval Europe. John Reinhard Dizon has set "Tiara" in Northern Ireland in 1998.

Berlin Mansfield, a knave turned knight errant embarks on an adventure to rescue his lady, Princess Jennifer of Edinburgh, a high profile pacifist. She has been abducted by terrorists intent on keeping Ireland a divided nation.

The story gave me a much better understanding of the Irish question, but it was the heroic love story that enthralled me. Although Jennifer and Berlin do not end up living together, the reader knows he will always be faithful to his lady and that she has a champion for life. Interestingly, Jennifer is a modern version of the name Guinevere, forever linked to Sir Lancelot, her own true knight..

The romantic in me fell in love with the hero, and the escapist revelled in the adventure. I loved it.

Dianaziuz

Lovely and lovable peace-activist princess is kidnapped, and the plot thickens. Many organizations get involved. Too many for me. There is romance and there is action. Those more interested in the Irish Question than I am will likely enjoy the book more than I did, but most readers will probably at least like it.

Well done, not rare.

Xig

I knew the Irish situation was bad but not that bad. Is there to be a sequel? The book was almost a travelogue through out Ireland. But full of action and some romance. My heritage is Irish. Good read though mp

Nargas

Excellent book! I received a free copy but it is worth every cent of the retail price. Mr. Dixon sure knows how to keep a plot moving. Vivid descriptions of the action scenes. Do yourself a favor and get this book.

Danial

This story starts off fast, and remains that way for the entire ride. The cast of characters, from henchmen to princesses, feels like an Elmore Leonard script. Princess Jennifer is an obvious play on Diana, with a twist. She lives, and her philandering husband does not. I love the idea of the Prince biting it, and the Princess living on. But more than that, the best twist is the Princess falling in love--with the "bad" guy. At every turn this novel entertains and delights. In the end, it makes you think about why the players are fighting, and what is the real threat to humanity? The thugs who play dirty, or the government agencies who play the same way? If you enjoy crime thrillers, you'll enjoy this cast of colorful thugs, politicians and downright evil-doers.

Villo

Who would have thought! But the combination in this political thriller adds to its excitement. This is a well-developed tale set in blood in Northern Ireland. When Princess Jennifer is kidnapped, political and terrorist groups take aim at each other as they vie for international publicity. John Dizon is an exceptional writer who makes this unusual story totally believable.

generation of new

Sorry, just didn't impress me. I read it hoping the story would get better... it didn't. Too confusing, too many characters and a weak story. Blah.

Well,

First off, I don't give stars away easily. Secondly, this is usually not the type of books I read. Finally (indulge me), it is a standalone book that is complete but at the same time, I really really hope that a sequel follows that continues into the intrigue, political betrayals and most of all love conflicts that this book has ignited, finding a way to overcome the obstacles between the main characters.

Spoiler Alert

Having said that, when I began the book, I had to adjust myself to give it a fair and unbiased shot and I'm sooooo glad I did. It begins with the story of Princess Jennifer, a noble, kind soul who becomes a widow (frankly, considering the man her husband was, she's so much better off) whose gentle but firm spirit and honest intentions lead her into making decisions that all others fear to make for the sake of her country. However, these bring about enemies who are just fine with the underlying chaos that the country faces, and opts (recklessly) to abduct the princess. When Berlin Mansfield's character is introduced, (who's strength, character, hard heart but soft tone for the Princess he has never met), one's interest is kicked up several notches and your interest is permanently captured.

It is a story packed with action, thrills and well developed characters that draw you in (assassins, MI6, CIA etc), and the main story is laced with forbidden love between the princess and the second most wanted man after Osama Bin Laden,(in literal terms, good and evil fall in love). It is well integrated to provide an enjoyable reading experience for sexes, without it being all action or all romance but a perfect mixture of the two.

I'm not going to reveal anymore spoilers but its definitely a refreshing read from the various books out there whose plots have become so monotonous and similar.

You know there are some books you read and at the end, you feel like it was a waste of time? This is DEFINITELY not one of them. Enjoy!

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