

The Light Thickens

By Ngaio Marsh

Written about a performance of the play Macbeth. Starts out with casting various parts and getting equipment ready including replicas of monstrous swords. It's set up as if we're watching the play as it's cast, rehearsed, etc. There's a tragic murder of one of the central characters. It's astonishing – extremely well done. You get into it and it all makes sense. It's not a long book, but it really is riveting.

True Faith and Allegiance

By Mark Grierly

The writer has taken the Jack Ryan character from Tom Clancy novels and made him the president of the U.S. His son is an analyst and secret operative and belongs to a unit of spy/ secret service group with about 20 people. Fascinating because the villain is a hacker who's found a list of all of the pre hire sheets that you fill out for secret service- thousands of them. He finds out where these people are by using Facebook and snapchat, etc. If you have ISIS types who are looking for well-known people to assassinate – they pay him big sums of money buying the information about these people.