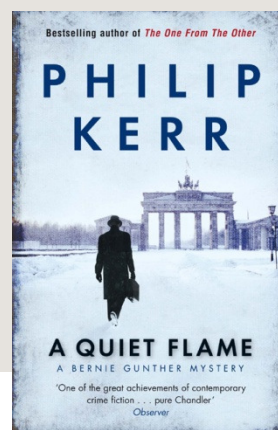


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### Description

Bernie Gunther, Berlin's hardest-boiled private eye, returns in this latest outing. Moving the plot from Pre-War Germany to the dangers of Argentina, Kerr yet again delivers a powerful, compelling thriller.

Posing as an escaping Nazi war-criminal, Bernie Gunther arrives in Buenos Aires and, having revealed his real identity to the local chief of police, discovers that his reputation as a detective goes before him. A young girl has been murdered in peculiarly gruesome circumstances that strongly resemble Bernie's final case as a homicide detective with the Berlin police. A case he had failed to solve.

Circumstances lead the chief of police in Buenos Aires to suppose that the murderer may be one of several thousand ex-Nazis who have fetched up in Argentina since 1945. And, therefore, who better than Bernie Gunther to help him track that murderer down?

Redolent with atmosphere, this novel ends up asking some highly provocative questions about the true extent of Argentina's Nazi collaboration and anti-Semitism under the Perons.

### Sales Points

- Follows straight on from *The One From the Other* which was nominated for the Crime Writer's Association Ellis Peters Historical Crime Fiction Award
- 'It is a bleak tale but a funny and thrilling one ... Kerr digs deeper into his hero's inner life than Chandler ever did and comes closer to creating something like a real person, though, one who it is possible to believe has seen humankind at its most despicable, and continues to do so, but has the strength not to let it destroy him or his ideals. Fond as I am of Bernie, I hope Kerr continues to throw at him the worst the world has to offer for many years to come' – *The Daily Telegraph*
- Praise for *The One From the Other*:
  - 'Kerr brilliantly evokes the edgy atmosphere of the post-war period in one of the most gripping and accomplished detective novels published this year' – *The Sunday Times*
  - 'One of the great achievements of contemporary crime fiction ... powerful and impressive' – *The Observer*

### Author Profile

Philip Kerr was born in Edinburgh and studied at the University of Birmingham. He has written four other Bernie Gunther books – *March Violets*, *The Pale Criminal*, *A German Requiem* and *The One From the Other* (ISBN: 9781847242921, Quercus).