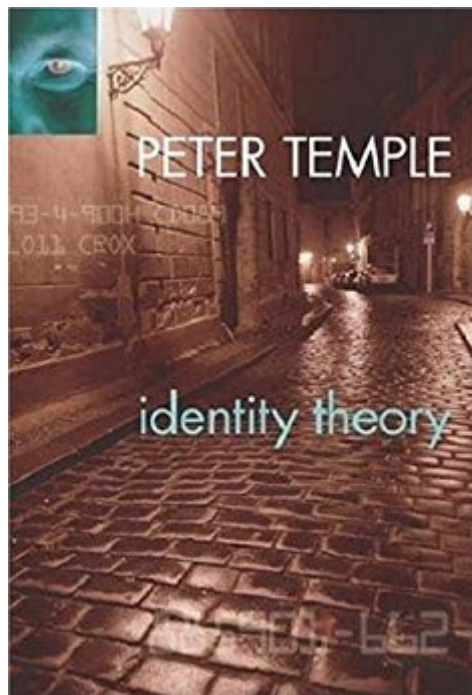


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Synopsis

John Anselm is a struggling intelligence dealer whose business is information, Con Niemand is a tough ex-mercenary whose business is surviving, and Caroline Wishart is an exposé journalist whose business until now has been the sex lives of British politicians. Their paths collide when they all stumble across a secret terrible enough to destroy lives and topple governments. Against his will, Anselm is plunged into a world of violence, betrayal, and death. He must break out of his anesthetized life and pit himself against forces that he does not understand, forces determined to rebury an atrocity that threatens reputations and lives across the globe, while Niemand is hunted across two continents by people he doesn't know. Identity Theory, cleverly plotted and peppered with dark irony and lean prose, delivers a world of political intrigue where information is more dangerous than explosives and secrets are worth more than human life.

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Customer Reviews

I like Peter Temple's writing style and also how he builds characters that have depth, good points and many flaws. The subject of this particular novel-the intersection of the information age and

surveillance/intervention by government agencies--is compelling, and the plot intriguing. I also do like authors who are unafraid to leave loose ends hanging...adds to the realism, and frankly takes nothing away from the plot. However, like some authors in this genre, after the plot reaches a certain "cruising speed", it then starts to accelerate to a point where the steering becomes dodgy and runs a bit off the road. The last several chapters were thus vaguely confusing. More characteristic of Peter Temple may be his Australian crime thrillers. As a starter, try "Broken Shore", about a washed-up Australian policeman investigating a murder on the coast near the city of Melbourne. Its a great series, and the authentic "Oz-ness" of the writing and dialogue totally won me over.

Another great book reminiscent of the Jack Irish series. Very well written. The plot, as usual, is convoluted, but that does not detract from the enjoyment or the action, the engaging characters and interesting setting.

Peter Temple is one of the best known crime writers in Australia. He has won the Ned Kelly Prize for crime fiction five times and most recently won the Miles Franklin Award (the Australian equivalent of the Booker Prize) which is normally awarded for "serious" fiction. His books are finally being published in the US and the UK and I envy those who are finding him for the first time; I have now read ALL of his books and am eagerly awaiting fresh ones (he is relatively prolific so I hope that I won't have to wait too long). Temple was born in South Africa and worked in Hamburg Germany as a journalist and *Identity Theory* is set in South Africa, Hamburg, and London (all of the rest of his novels are set in Australia). His novels are fast moving but also thought provoking and Americans may be initially taken aback by his cynicism regarding the US (particularly the CIA. For myself, I like it because it provides a fresh look at standard tropes. I also welcome the fact that his publishers have been smart enough to price his earlier books at reasonable levels, a good way of introducing readers to him, I only wish that more books were marketed like this; as an economist I can't help feeling that the publishers are underestimating the price elasticity of demand for kindle books. I found this book perhaps one of his best in terms of characterisation and plot, perhaps because of its wider geographical scope.

After reading two of Peter Temple's mysteries, I wanted to read more but my library system did not have more than the first two I read. This earlier book had a different setting from Australia, the setting of the first two, but it was intelligent as well as having a good story. The story is more of a spy thriller than a mystery and the plot seems relevant to today's international skullduggery. Other

Temple titles are only available from other sellers with a shipping charge.

I enjoyed this book and am a Peter Temple fan. This is an ambitious work and definitely worth a read. The story is set across a number of different countries and locations. Differentiation between all the different characters wasn't always achieved but it's an enjoyable book.

Enjoyed the book immensely... My first Peter Temple read... I have two more on my list, also new to iPad, ebooks... Highly recommend...

Peter Temple goes to Europe for a tightly wound tale of political and military intrigue. Enough violence and sex to keep the story moving cheerfully along. Oddly, most of the characters -- even the Germans -- talk like they left Freemantle recently. That aside, a fine read.

This writer was recorded by one of my favorite authors, TR Pearson. He noted that the Temple's dialog was especially good, and I must agree. The people in this spy tale are smart and reflective, their words help propel the story. A very good read.

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