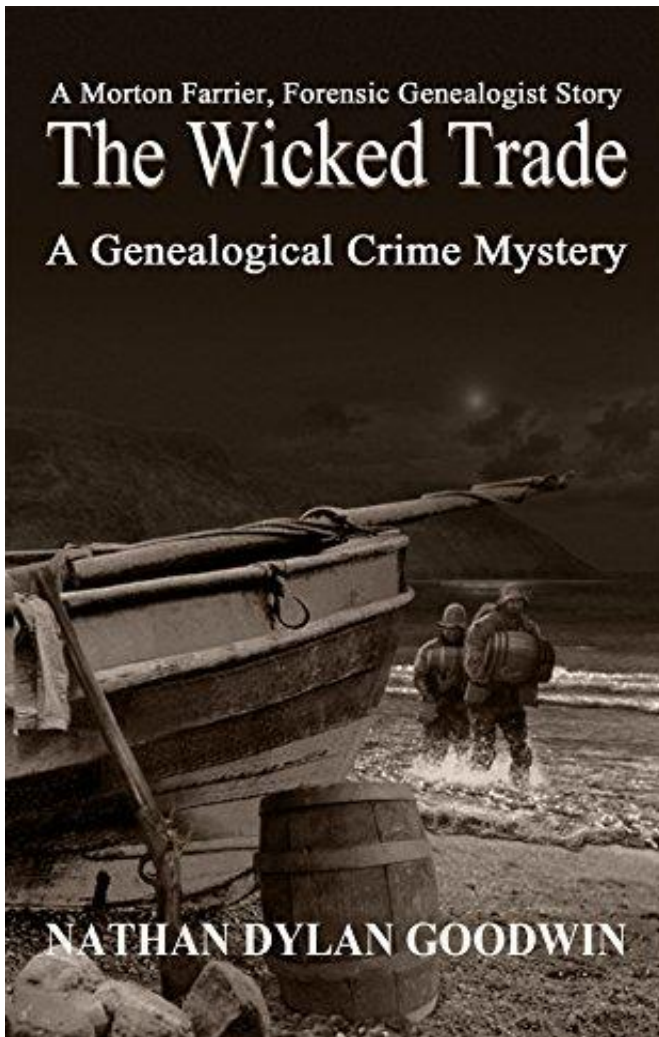


THE WICKED TRADE

Morton Farrier , Forensic Genealogist Series by Nathan Dylan Goodwin. Self Published 2017

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"Morton's investigation into Ann Fothergill includes Smugglers, Large Gangs, Ancient Golden Coins, Murders, Skeletons in Walls,, Informers and Bow Street Investigators. What's not to love?

And that's only half the story. The book layers stories of the past with the present. The main Character, Morton Farrier , has a family that is begging to be a TV mini series. "An American biological father with his wife, his biological mother (who was his adoptive Aunt) and her husband, his half brother Jeremy who was actually biologically his cousin and yet more familial to him than his actual half brother, George, who was at the edge of the image , frowning) and his Australian husband and finally, his deceased adoptive father's fiancée, Madge. A perfectly normal family." Are you still following ?

This is an engaging story with real characters amongst those created by the author. It shows just how brutal smuggling was and how many smugglers were in these huge gangs. It creates a very realistic image of the houses, inns and boats involved, all researched in great detail. The story builds up and captures your interest with the layers of mystery.

The historical information found in documents, newspapers, court records, DNA testing, museums, photographs, letters, maps, directories and the fantastic Parish Records all add to the Investigation Wall and Timeline. These facts allow a narrative to develop to solve the mystery. How did Ann Fothergill go from "An illiterate criminal to a literate wealthy property owning business woman? "

I am in the middle of taming my very overgrown tropical garden into one more suitable to the "aging" gardener. Even a very long Olive Python couldn't distract me from this book. I have always been a sucker for "Watch the Wall my darling while the gentlemen go by"..I would encourage you to read it....and forget the gardening for a while. The snake will still be there tomorrow

Now, I spotted George, the half brother and Alfred' the grandfather who was rarely at home as characters of interest for the next book. Get cracking Nathan .'