

THE MORTAL MAZE

By Ian D. Richardson

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REVIEW

The Mortal Maze, Richardson's second book after the well-received *God's Triangle*, is a thrilling intrigue set in a fictional Middle East country. Struggling with issues of his own, journalist Jackson Dunbar finds his assignment overseas becomes more than he bargained for when long forgotten acquaintances and his personal weaknesses find him forced into an increasingly dangerous world of espionage and terror.

This is a fast-paced novel, full of authentic journalistic references and fascinating detail about the Middle Eastern setting. Richardson weaves a complex plot with dexterity, interweaving carefully crafted characters' subplots and storylines to a thrilling climax.

This book will appeal to thriller fans of all ages but also those with an interest in Middle Eastern issues, the lives of journalists and the politics and ethics of secret services and terror organisations. It is well written, easy to read and the perfect accompaniment to a lazy afternoon's reading. Its short chapters lend itself to commuter reading and its ending will not disappoint.

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