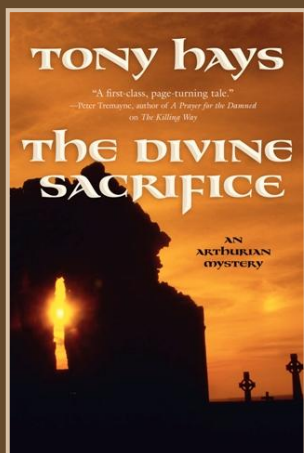


History, Mystery & More

A Quarterly Collection of news and information from Author Tony Hays



The Divine Sacrifice

Publisher House: Tor/Forge

Author: Tony Hays

Publish Date: March 30, 2010

Publishers Weekly Awards The Divine Sacrifice A Starred Review!

★ **The Divine Sacrifice** Tony Hays. Forge, \$24.99 (304p) ISBN 978-0-7653-1946-3

Hays's brilliant second mystery set in fifth-century Britain delivers on the promise of its predecessor, *The Killing Way* (2009). Much of the novel's strength derives from its complex lead, Malgwyn ap Cuneglas, a soldier who lost a limb in combat and is now a trusted counselor to Arthur, "the High King of all Britannia." When a monk, Brother Elafius, dies in mysterious circumstances, the abbot calls for Malgwyn, who has previously displayed a talent for detection, to investigate. Malgwyn can't immediately identify the cause of death, but eventually finds evidence that Elafius's neck was broken. A theological struggle centered on the Pelagian heresy (i.e., that man can achieve eternal life through good works alone) as well as threats to Arthur's rule cloud the inquiry. Hays does a superb job of making the legendary king a convincing historical figure. Already, this series rivals the work of such proven masters of the subgenre as Steven Saylor and Laura Joh Rowland. (*Apr.*)

Spring Tour Events

Tucson Festival of Books

Location: University of Arizona campus

Date: 3/12/2010

Tony will be participating in a panel discussion on writing about sex and violence with authors Suzanne Arruda and David Fulmer. Just before the festival, he plans to visit Tombstone, AZ.

The Divine Sacrifice Launch Party

Location: Hunter, Smith, & Tallent, Savannah, TN

Date: 4/3/2010

Holding the launch party at Hunter, Smith and Tallent is very appropriate, as Tony has chosen to dedicate *The Divine Sacrifice* to the memories of his father, Robert Douglas Hays, and Carl T. Tallent, old friends and fellow WWII veterans.

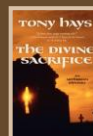
Book Signing

Location: Davis-Kidd, Nashville, TN

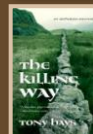
Date: 4/5/2010

Join Tony as he speaks and signs books in Nashville. Last year's signing helped propel *The Killing Way* to Davis-Kidd's hardcover bestseller list.

Tony's Recent Books



The Divine Sacrifice



The Killing Way

(Now Available in Paperback!)



The Trouble With Patriots

Did you know?

Lee Harvey Oswald overslept on the morning of November 22, 1963. The day on which he would be accused of committing the crime of the century, and he almost missed his ride to work. Hmm.