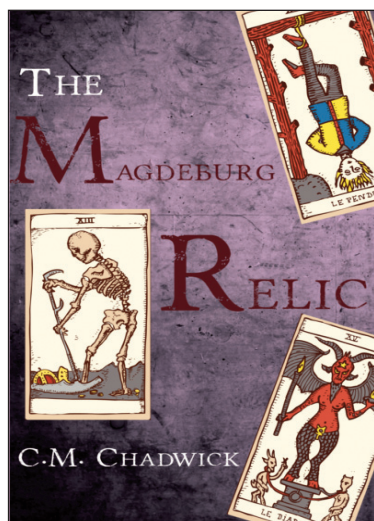




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THE MAGDEBURG RELIC

C.M. Chadwick explores black magic, paganism and folklore in his debut occult novel *The Magdeburg Relic*

"For Adolf Hitler knew that his own time had nearly come. It was clear to all that as the Fuhrer of Nazi Germany, he must stay to the end and would, of necessity, die in Berlin."

The Magdeburg Relic is a novel of the occult, following the genre pioneered by the great storyteller Dennis Wheatley. "My book is a serious attempt to write a heavyweight occult novel in order to continue Wheatley's tradition. It will be of interest to those who enjoy adventure stories that explore aspects of paganism, black magic and folklore," comments C.M. Chadwick.

The Magdeburg Relic is set in Wiltshire, a county characterised by a feeling of lost and former civilisations, and follows the story of a main character, Callum Dood, a vicar and occult investigator who uncovers the conflicting forces of paganism and devil worship. Together with his friends, he battles a cult of Satanists for possession of the Magdeburg Relic, the rediscovered relics of Adolf Hitler, intended by them for occult purposes.

After initial skirmishes, action moves to Nuremberg, the site of former Nazi rallies and to a ceremony of necromancy, where the soul of the 'Fuhrer' is raised within the site of the Nazi Parade Grounds. Dood and his friends then return to England and pit their wits against their foes in the ruined crypt of a kirk under the former home of the famous occultist Aleister Crowley in Scotland, where they barely escape with their lives.

Later, at Carn Brea on the Wiltshire Downs, a gateway to the underworld is opened through which the Satanists hope to release legions of the Fuhrer's former followers. There, Dood enlists the help of a pagan group who still converse in the remains of the former Celtic language of that area and venerate the Celtic god Taranis, in order to defeat his opponents.

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