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This dossier takes you right into the heart of Young Bond's world and includes a never-seen-before EXCLUSIVE Young Bond story by Charlie Higson, *A Hard Man to Kill*.

Encounter daredevil escapades, deadly weapons and explore the real-life history featured in the series, while discovering how to survive the searing heat of the Mexican desert or an avalanche in the Alps.

Uncover more of James's life at Eton, from the Danger Society to the Hellebore Cup – plus photos and maps from all of his adrenalin-fuelled adventures.

No Young Bond collection is complete without this gripping top-secret dossier.

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Steve says

A Short story set during Bond's return from Mexico with his Aunt that was a good addition to the Young Bond books. Full of information about the characters from all of the Higson Young Bond Books along with information about the real locations, cars, weapons, etc. that the author used in his stories. I enjoyed the Higson Young Bond books and their pre-war setting as well as the author using the Bond Obituary from the Fleming books as a starting point for the action in these books. A worthy addition to the stories written by Higson, offering an explanation of the settings and thoughts of the times, particularly useful for a younger reader not as familiar with the time between the two world wars.

R.R. Scott says

Like all of the Young Bond series, this was a quick and fun read. It's been a few years since I read the first four in Higson's series and I want to start into *By Royal Command*, so this was a good primer to reintroduce me to the series and it's characters. Lots of decent factoids filled out the book, along with a thrilling little short story that helped me dive back into Young Bond and get set to finish off the books of both Higson and Cole.

Randy says

A book that covers the villains, weapons both young Bond and villains used, cars, some situations, Bond's friends at Eton (and enemies), history of the areas the book series carried the future spy, and a new Bond novelette.

This is not the Bond of the movies, but uses points Fleming placed in his stories to showcase Bond's years at Eton in the thirties.

paige says

Danger Society by Charlie Higson

Like I said in my last update (maybe 45 minutes ago), I learnt a great deal reading this book, about topics, not just surrounding James Bond, but also wars, countries, leaders, guns, cars and survival. If that makes sense. I'm a little too tired to make sense of my own words right now. Forgive me. But awesome book. I'm really glad I read it.

Aamina says

Whoa I learnt a lot. Give me a book that teaches me what happened in HISTORY ANY DAY

Jack Lugo says

The first quarter of this book is Higson's Young Bond short story "A Hard Man to Kill." The rest of the book is an overview, reference, and companion guide to the Young Bond series with many illustrations and reproductions of documents referenced throughout the previous books. This book is definitely worth tracking down if you are a young Bond fan. I don't think it is in print any longer but if you can find a used copy (which is how I got a hold of it), it's well worth it.

"A Hard Man to Kill" begins with Young James and Aunt Charmian embarking on their return voyage to Europe from the Caribbean on the passenger ship The Colombie after the events of Hurricane Gold. They learn that the ship will also carry a dangerous prisoner being extradited to France named Caiboche. He was originally a French gangster who went on to join the French Foreign Legion during World War I rising through the ranks to eventually become a general. After the war, he became a warlord taking over parts of Algeria using men who were loyal to him committing war crimes that eventually earned him the name "the butcher of Aziz." The French government finally prevailed in defeating Caiboche's forces in Algeria but not before he escaped to South America. Eventually, the Cuban government decided to cooperate with France to capture Caiboche and extradite him to stand trial in France.

Of course, Young James finds himself in the middle of a dangerous plot when a group of conspirators try to free Caibosche and rescue him arranging an escape. Fortunately, Bond has two significantly helpful allies to help foil the plot. He has a chance reunion with Wilder Lawless, the girl who had helped save his life in Scotland during the events of Silverfin. She and her father were transporting horses across the Atlantic, and for the first time we see Bond handling the prospect of romance in a more mature fashion. Prior to getting ensnared in the villainous plot, the two seem to enjoy each other's company and their banter is reminiscent of the kind of banter Bond would have with various women in the Fleming books.

Then, we also meet a young Rene Mathis who would go on to be an ally of the adult Bond in Casino Royale as a French operative. Here, Mathis is part of the Gendamerie Maritime in charge of guarding the prisoner Caibosche. When the conspirators begin their plot, take Wilder hostage, and Caibosche escapes, it's Mathis who must help Bond providing cover with his gun and alerting the ship's captain about the villains. There's a very interesting exchange where young Mathis and young Bond discuss the prospect of firing a gun and the fear that they each have in having to pull the trigger. Even at this early stage, Bond is the braver of the two as he goes about rescuing Wilder from the villains unarmed hoping that Mathis would summon the courage to fire his weapon for the first time when called upon.

"A Hard Man to Kill" is a fast paced engaging short young Bond story that probably could have been expanded into a full length novel had Higson decided to do so. It's full of suspense, adventure, danger, and even a Bond card playing scene that provides us a taste of what we'll eventually see in Fleming's adult Bond. The fictional details for the plot and characters are deftly woven within the historical framework of the time period in which it is set. It's every bit worthy of being a Bond adventure and I highly recommend it.

I must also say that the rest of the book that acts as a series companion is also very worthwhile for anyone who is a fan of this series. It's nice to have as a reference if you need to be reminded of an event or character from the previous books and the illustrations and reproductions within are of stellar quality. If you like Young Bond, you NEED to track down and get this book.

Sami Brown says

I did not enjoy this book as I did the others. although I did enjoy the first bit, 'hard man to kill', I found that bit very interesting. After that I found it very boring and useless. It was just information on James Bond, about fishing, cars and other subjects, there was no story line and I found that very disappointing. this book was a waste of my time and now discouraged me to read the other books. therefore, I have given in 1 star.

Stevieg says

Very good book

Carson says

"A Hard Man To Kill", becoming the latest Charlie Higson Young Bond entry as a short story, was quickly engaging while managing to utilize enough from the rich Fleming Bond legacy and the already developing Young Bond series to be very relevant.

The remainder of the book is a wonderful recap with illustrations and details of the people, places and particulars that are woven throughout the previous Young Bond novels.

4 stars.

Sam O says

This book includes the mini story 'A hard man to kill' as well as a whole range of young bond friends, foes, cars, guns and girls.

Cocoa says

THis book was so good. Full of lots of information.

Chent Higson says

Agh such a good companion to the Young Bond series! Very interesting and easy to read. Loved the short story at the beginning, just what I needed to help fill the hole left by the end of Charlie's Young Bond. My only issue is whether it belongs on my non-fiction Goodreads shelf or not...
