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It's a cold Christmas season in Cologne, Germany, when the relic of the Three Kings is stolen from the cathedral! Only Bishop Blackie Ryan can solve the case. But as each lead brings greater danger, even Blackie could use a Christmas miracle to help him find Cologne's most prized present.

## **The Bishop and the Three Kings Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Bishop and the Three Kings for online ebook**

### **Mike says**

Blackie Ryan case, the first one I have read, he mystery seemed to drag out, more attention seemed to be paid to relationship with his nephew and hillbilly girlfriend. The Appalachian twang was kinda annoying to understand. I did like it took place in Koln Germany which I have visited twice.

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### **Mary says**

Greeley is a reliable read for me. This was no exception - enjoyable, and very middle of the road. That said, sometimes a good, reliable author is just what I need.

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### **Pat Roseman says**

Not as clean as some of favorite authors, but the story line was good.

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### **Patricia says**

I love Blackie Ryan and Cologne and the old tale about the 3 Kings buried in the cathedral.

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### **Joyce McKune says**

Blackie must find out who stole the relic from a cathedral in Cologne. Aided by his nephew and Cindasue.

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### **Nancy Brady says**

Half-mystery novel, half romance novel, author Andrew Greeley, has his characters of Bishop Blackie Ryan along with his nephew (nefoo) Peter Murphy, and Cindasue McCloud of the Yewnited States Coast Guard solve the locked-room mystery of the stolen shrine of the Three Kings (AKA Magi) in Germany.

Patently and arguably, besides finding the missing shrine, there is a love story that involves Peter and Cindasue.

Greeley shows his characteristic humor in this one, but also adds in a bit of theology along the way...actually teaching what the cultural truth of the Gospels as opposed to the street version. He also goes between Standard English to Appalachian hill talk (note the use of nefoo and Yewnited above) to a bit of German and

back again.

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### **bookczuk says**

Blackie goes to Cologne, Germany to save the Church. (Luckily, I got to tag along to Cologne, and enjoyed the trip.)

Most Assuredly.

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### **Christina says**

I felt like the romance aspect of the book overpowered the mystery, but I enjoyed the book enough to want to try more books about Bishop Blackie.

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### **Nina says**

Another Blackie Ryan mystery novel where a priest is assigned to unravel church-related mysteris. In this case, the bones of the three kinds are stolen from Cologne Cathedral. To his credit, the priest doesn't think the bones were ever there to begin with. An annoying side story: the priest's well-educated nephew falls in love with an Appalachian girl who mostly speaks in incredibly annoying hill talk despite an ability to actually speak correct English. How improbable.

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### **Rob & Liz says**

Mystery of the stolen relics solved by Blackie Ryan.

Liz

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### **Katrina Bergherm says**

This book was given to me and I would never have purchased it on my own. After reading just the first chapter it has been tossed into the discard pile. Cheesy.

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### **David Ryan says**

Bishop Blackie's mystery books are always a nice light read . Enjoy Greeley's character very much and am sad that he has passed. I'll keep working my way through all the Father Ryan books.

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### **Margaret says**

"The three kings," sounds very seasonal. Blackie makes it clear that they were, perhaps more accurately, itinerant astrologers, uncertain in number. The book is more about needing to follow one's star, than gifts or gold. A good mystery, mingled with his usual dose of romance and his usual way with words. "ironies in the fire" indeed.

This marks my 104th book for the year, thus achieving reading an average of (more than) two per week. With a lot of help from the Fires of Summer that had me huddled over the air cleaners when not sequestered in a motel room for 18 days.

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### **Fredrick Danysh says**

Bishop Blackie Ryan and his nephew Pete Murphy are on their way to Cologne, Germany, for two different missions. Pete is looking to see a female Coast Guard officer who he had been involved with years earlier but lost. Bishop Blackie has been tasked with recovering the Three Kings that have been stolen from the shrine there. The two are intertwined. An excellent although the late Father Greeley spent a lot of time on the romantic overtures of the novel.

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### **C.B. Ash says**

Very good book. It started a little slow, but picked up quickly. I really enjoyed it and I'm looking forward to following Blackie's mystery solving!

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