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When an unidentified body is discovered in the harbor town of Axmouth, the county coroner Sir John de Wolfe is summoned to investigate. The manner of the young man's death is a matter of some dispute, but it was clearly no accident. In the ensuing murder investigation, Sir John is frustrated by what appears to be a conspiracy of silence among the seamen and townsfolk. There are many inhabitants of Axmouth who seem willing to go to extreme lengths to ensure that the shocking truth behind the death remains hidden. Sir John will need courage, cunning, and determination if he is to solve the case and escape from the town with his life.

## **The Manor of Death Details**

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### **Duncan says**

Best yet...

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### **kami says**

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Thoroughly enjoying this series of novels. Must admit to shedding a tear with this one.

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### **Kathleen says**

This was the last book in the series for me.. I read some out of order as I got them..  
It is one of my very favorite series.

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### **Margareth8537 says**

Always enjoy the Crowner John mysteries, but had just visited Alnmouth so enjoyed this even more than usual

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### **Evelyn says**

I LIKE THE AUTHOR. I HAVE READ ABOUT 12 OF HIS BOOKS. I DID NOT LIKE THE ENDING OF THIS BOOK. TO ME IT SEEMED INCOMPLETE.

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### **Tristan says**

Very enjoyable read

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### **Susan says**

Full of the sights, sounds etc of medieval England.  
Passion treachery, betrayal, you name it it's got it.

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### **John Lee says**

Another series that I have thoroughly enjoyed.

I tried to read them in order but missed this one. It was good to catch up with all of the usual characters and to see how certain 'gaps' were explained.

As for this specific story another classic and made far more enjoyable as we live in the area and know each of the places mentioned.

I am sure that our 'neighbours' in Lyme Regis will be more than interested to know that their predecessors were known as the worst pirates on the south coast.

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### **Lindsey says**

It was my own fault that I didn't like this as well as I could have--this was my first Crowner John mystery, the 12th in the series. I should have started with #1. The first half of the book was just too slow for me, full of too many references to previous cases and relationships that I felt disconnected from the story. Once de Wolfe set his trap for the pirates, my interest picked up but it was too little, too late.

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### **Georgia Lengyel says**

Good mystery, but sad ending.

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### **Timothy Eveland says**

The Manor of Death is a short medieval mystery novel with a small cast of characters who are easily imagined and somewhat realistic. There is a fair bit of multivalence as modern themes arise often in the coroners relationships, but that's to be expected in any medieval-themed story.

To make a point of how well Bernard Knight makes this book in a series seem like a standalone, I'll tell you that I began reading this book unaware that it was even a series, and I only discovered the said fact when the author cited one of his older books about a quarter way through the story.

I gave the book 3 stars out of 5 because the mystery, to me anyway, wasn't much of a mystery, but I don't want to spoil anything. I loved the coroner's character, and my favorite character was Thomas, as he reminds me of myself, but I didn't love the characters enough, nor the writing style, to pick up another book in the series--unless maybe I find one by accident somewhere and have little else to read.

This has been a review by Tim Eveland  
[www.timothryeveland.com](http://www.timothryeveland.com)

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**Maria says**

Enjoyed the story, always enough loose ends to push you on to the next book (hopefully)

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**Mary says**

Well written, interesting historical mystery, a good insight to the life style of the time.

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**David says**

Very entertaining but very slow. I didn't mind the slow read in some respects at it is a fascinating read and the author conveys 12 century England so very well. The tale (once again) involves boats and sailors, but has an interesting undercurrent from piracy. John de Wolfe is an absolute saint, I would have murdered his wife many times over. I love the tale being centered on Exeter and you can certainly recognise the cathedral and grounds and many of the road names rang a bell.

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