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The Discreet Charm of Mary Maxwell-Hume

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Mary Maxwell-Hume is an enigma. She earns a living as a piano teacher, but also belongs to an obscure order of nuns. Their rules appear curious: although the nuns wear red habits occasionally, the order has a peculiar dress code: nuns wear 'only as much as is necessary to preserve due modesty' – plus liberal doses of Chanel No.5 perfume.

There's the faintest hint that Mary might be a bit of a hustler, but she uses her sensual powers in such a way that nobody really minds – except for the odious Theodore Plews of Lambert's Auction House in Edinburgh. Anyway, who would dare suggest that a woman of God might not all be all that she seems?

Eventually, she engages a young police constable as her faithful 'assistant'...

About The Author

Born in 1952, Gordon Lawrie has lived and worked all of his life in Edinburgh. In 2011 he gave up for good working as a teacher to write novels, short stories and other work. *Four Old Geezers And A Valkyrie* is his first published novel. His author events include a selection of songs from the book, as well as a selection of his other joy, flash fiction.

Sales Points

Linked series of tales set in Edinburgh

Target audience middle-aged readers, male and female

Combination of crime and comedy genres

Short, low-cost introduction to the author's writing

Mysterious but loveable central character

Potential TV series

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