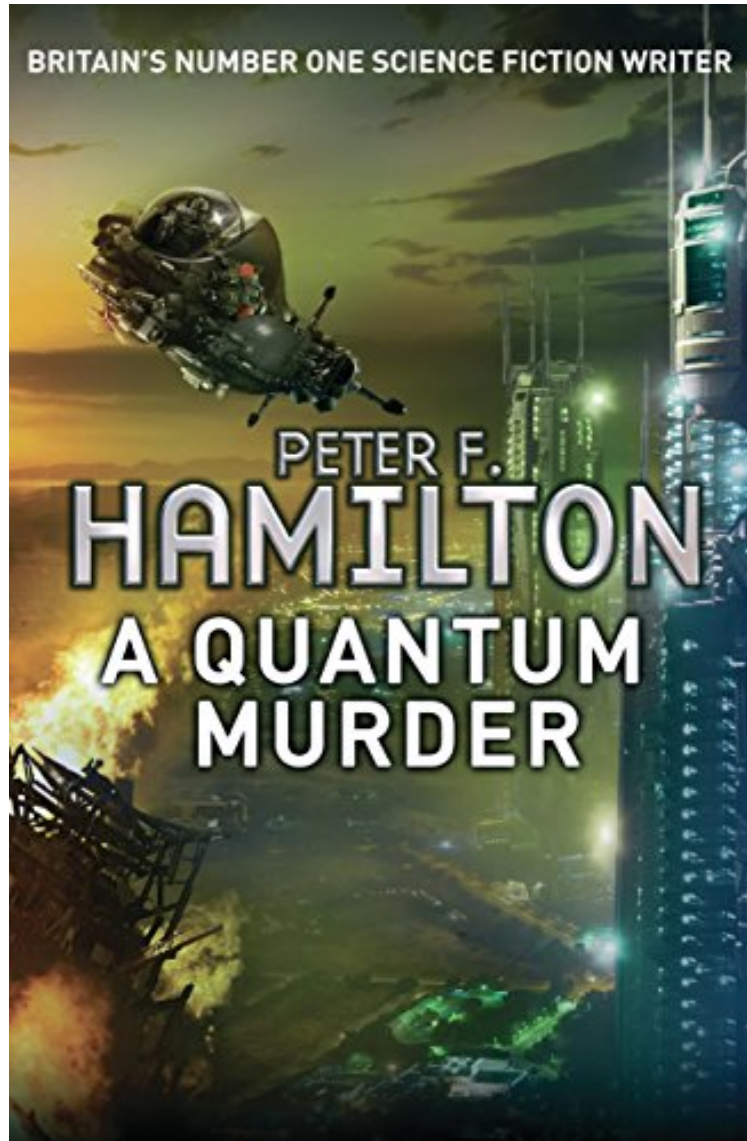


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Von Peter F. Hamilton : A Quantum Murder (Greg Mandel) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Quantum Murder (Greg Mandel):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Who killed Edward Kitchener?Von AnakinaThe second book in the Greg Mandel Trilogy is in some ways a proper mystery. All the elements are there: one dead, a secluded place, a small number of possible culprits, many of which would have a good reason to kill him, and apparently no one of them did it. To figure out who the murderer is, you must choose

the least likely, but can in no way imagine what lies beneath. The sci-fi element is what makes the magic, leaving you speechless. As always in Hamilton's books the characters are believable and tridimensional, and even likeable. His elegant prose involves you, transporting you inside their mind and showing the reality through their eyes. The novel, however, does not stand comparison with the first. Once the surprise after discovering and understanding Mandel's abilities, given to him by his gland, is over, the author had to create a new story unrelated to the previous one, so that the novel could be a standalone. This is made possible by the numerous recaps on past events and the historical and political situation, which on the one hand slow down the book and the other bore the reader who had already endured all those explanations in *Mindstar Rising*. I understand the need to put them, but not to make them so long. Even if the intricate case treated in this novel is completely new, I found too many similar elements to the previous book that caused me a sense of déjà-vu. There are too many descriptions. In the first book they were essential, because the reader was experiencing a new world. In the second they become annoying. In general, with the exception of the last part, which has an excellent pace, the book shows a very slow action (relatively few things happen for a book of 376 pages written in small print) and at the same time is not always able to keep the reader interested with new and original elements. However, the last chapter is very nice and improved my judgment on the book.

Rita Carla Francesca Monticelli, author of *Red Desert - Point of No Return* 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Agatha Christie in the 21st century Von John Breakwell I picked this book up on a whim in a sale which was unfortunate as *A Quantum Murder* is one in a series, although not a direct sequel. This meant that although Peter Hamilton did good work filling in background, I wished that I'd read the previous books to give me a better understanding of character makeup and relationships. Some of the references to past events were infuriatingly tantalising. But that's a shopping issue.... The book is an interesting whodunnit - you are faced with a problem straight out of a logic puzzle. Who killed Kitchener when nobody could get into the house and all the occupants are innocent? The technology in the book is interesting - another review mentioned Cyberpunk which is close and made me think. This book is Cyberpunk WITHOUT the mirror shades! Peter's extrapolation of the effects of global warming are well thought out and I was tempted to dig out a map to see how he had come to his conclusions. Good attention to detail and not at the expense of the characters or plot either. The style of writing is good. Peter doesn't have to go into much detail to get the idea across - for example, the actual murder at the end of chapter 15 is one short, but very effective and unsettling, paragraph. A good book but should be read in sequence.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A respectable followup to *Mindstar Rising* Von Peter Venetoklis This, the second of three Greg Mandel novels, is quite similar in style and substance to *Mindstar Rising*. Hamilton brings back all the old familiar characters in a story set a year or two after the events of *Mindstar Rising*. He offers up an interesting detective story mixed in with occasional (well written) action sequences. He continues to flesh out his post-global-warming vision of England and the world, providing a relatively realistic and consistent background for the events of this story to unfold. His prose style has improved nominally, but still has a way to go before it reaches the excellence of *The Neutronium Alchemist*. The one failing of this book lies in the extreme lack of explanation, support, theorizing or whatever that surrounds the psi 'powers' of the *Mindstar* veterans. It's a bit hard to swallow the notion that nobody has bothered to work on figuring out the mechanism by which the psi faculty works. Even accepting the notion that they can't figure out why Greg has an intuitive sense, it seems that the people of this future world too readily accept the results of this ability. A bit more healthy skepticism, even in the face of clear demonstrations of the power, might serve the story well. Nonetheless, though it is not a cornerstone of hard sf, the book is a fairly good read, a diverting page-turner.

Kurzbeschreibung *A Quantum Murder* is the thrilling second book in Peter F. Hamilton's incredibly successful Greg Mandel series. Dr Edward Kitchener, a brilliant researcher into quantum cosmology for the Event Horizon conglomerate . . . but no good to anybody now, lying dead with his lungs spread out on either side of his open chest. The security system at Launde Abbey was premier-grade, yet a mercenary could still have got through, and plenty of people anxious to stop Kitchener's work would pay the killer's fee. But why would a professional waste time in ritually slaughtering the target? Event Horizon needs to know fast, so Greg Mandel, psi-boosted ex-private eye, is enticed out of retirement to launch himself on a convoluted trail involving confrontation with a past which - according to Kitchener's theories - might never have happened.

From Kirkus sA second workout for Greg Mandel, veteran of the *Mindstar Battalion* (*Mindstar Rising*, 1996), whose implanted gland gives him the psi powers of empathy and intuition in a medium-future England beset by climatic warming and politico-economic chaos. This time, irreverent, bawdy old genius physicist Edward Kitchener has been murdered and horribly mutilated at Launde Abbey, where he ran a colloquium for budding physics whizzes, invented new drugs, researched wormholes, and generally raised hell. Julia Evans of *Event Horizon*, which funded Kitchener, requests Greg's input after the police confess themselves baffled: None of the six young resident physicists appear to be guilty, nor is it possible for an outsider to have come and gone undetected. Greg empathically interviews the six, and, sure enough, they're all innocent. So Greg's wife, Eleanor, volunteers to test a Kitchener drug that should enable her to view the past. She witnesses diffident genius Nicholas

Beswick do the grisly deed, but Beswick denies involvement, as Greg's inquiries seem to confirm. What's going on? Well, psychiatrist James MacLennan has discovered how to project one personality on top of another--and one of his patients is convicted psychokiller Liam Bursken. The intriguing backdrop and solid characters enliven what is otherwise an overlong, overstuffed, and not particularly believable investigation. -- Copyright 1997, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. From Library Journal This second volume in British author Hamilton's cyberthriller trilogy (Mindstar Rising, LJ 6/15/96) depicts a tropical England after global warming. Greg Mandel has a bioware endocrine-gland implant that triggers his empathic intuition, handy when solving crimes. Here he must investigate the brutal death of professor Edward Kitchener, who had been researching quantum cosmology for the Event Horizon conglomerate. In this tightly wrought tale of murder, Hamilton integrates hard sf and mystery while tackling ecological and political issues. Highly recommended for most sf collections. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.