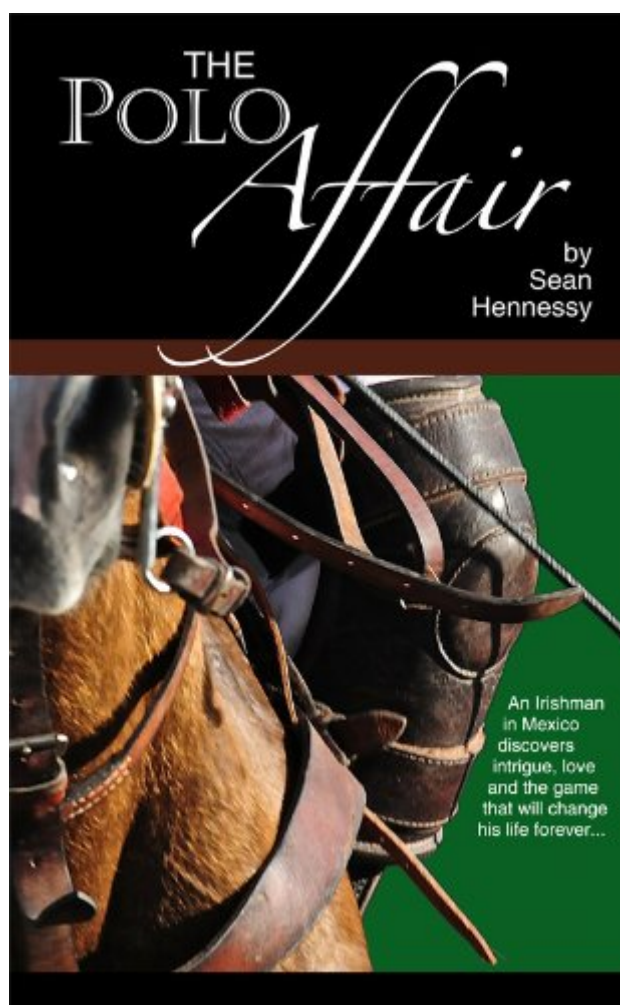


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The Polo Affair



Synopsis

An Irishman moves to Mexico, falls in love with polo and the niece of a famous polo player. As his life begins to unravel in a polo competition, he comes face-to-face with corruption, dirty politics, racial discrimination and plain old greed. The protagonist realizes he must believe in himself to achieve victory. The stakes are high, and the odds are against him in one important showdown... a winner-takes-all polo game where he who dares, wins.

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Customer Reviews

This novel contained EVERYTHING -historical hacienda in a tropical setting, sportsmanship (or lack thereof), romance, desire & true love and TRIUMPH over many obstacles. I even learned a lot about polo and am intrigued to experience it once again with a more comprehensive understanding of what I am observing.

The Polo Affair is one of those books that you race through -- only to reach to final chapter and find yourself savoring every last sentence because you don't want it to end. Even though I am not a polo

player (I don't even ride horses), I really enjoyed the polo component of the book. I've seen a few polo games in my life but have never understood them; Hennessy does a great job of not only explaining polo to the novice, but capturing the game's beauty and incorporating its fast pace into the pages of his novel. Mostly, though, I fell in love with the characters: their complex personalities and well-versed back stories. The author does a great job of introducing them to the reader, developing relationships, all the whilst weaving an intricate, riveting story line. I read this book while in Mexico, which was even more of a treat. Hennessy has a very deep understanding of (and obvious connection with) Mexico's country and culture, and takes great care to explain the details to the reader. The book not only heightened my appreciation for Mexico, it actually contributed to my experience there. All in all, I loved the book. Great plot, funny, interesting, beautifully written -- I couldn't put it down!

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It was intricate enough, and detailed enough that it kept me interested and thinking about the who's, what's and why's without getting confused, too much, about who did what to whom and why. I enjoyed the character development, and the scene and location descriptions. I frequently glaze over these areas because they are too heavy on detail, this was just the right balance. And I learned a bit about polo along the way. It's a good read, will keep you interested, and will make you ask "when's the next one?"

I just finished this book and felt that I must write a review. I loved it! There is love, sport, political intrigue, greed, family loyalty, friendship, secrecy and excitement. I could not put it down! The characters are believable and interesting. There are people from all walks of life in this story and the author manages to tie them all together into a believable and exciting story. If I had to draw a comparison to other authors that I have enjoyed this much, I would say Dan Brown comes to mind. Mr. Hennessey, congratulations on your first novel. I cannot wait to read your next. Susan B.

Politics, intrigue, love, and polo! I learned so much about polo, which I knew nothing about. And, I learned a lot about Mex culture & politics. The bk is written from the perspective of an Irish ex-pat, so one learns how it feels to be an English-speaking person who has recently moved to Mex to live. I had the privilege of meeting the author on his bk tour and admit that I had low expectations for the book despite being very impressed by the author. The book definitely surprised on the up side - it is very well done. . .and I would suggest it for anyone who is ready for a compelling bk that you will look forward to reading and will definitely hold your interest!

Hennessey's insight into Mexico, Mexican's, The sounds, tempo and rythms of the Yucatan Jungle and the people whom inhabit this corner of the earth are spot on! Love, corruption, politics, suspense, betrayal, friendship, acceptance, loyalty, athleticism, believing in yourself, team spirit and Cabron-ism! It's all here in spades. Dig in! Here's hoping Mr. Hennessey doesn't keep us waiting long for his next gallop with these loveable characters...

Having read the previous reviews I am at a loss to add very much in the way of additional comment. I have not read a REAL book in some time, relying on my Kindle. Finding myself on vacation I took Polo Affair along just in case my Kindle died! I was a little anxious thinking I know nothing about polo, but as it was described in detail by Sean, I know have a better understanding of the game. I was kept guessing about the real "Who's who?" of the characters in the book, since I am aware of some of the politics hinted at in the book, although it took place in Quintana Roo. The story and characters were very well developed. The writing style was light, but gripping. I finished it in two days! Don't be put off by the assumed subject matter. This is one great mystery! How long must we wait for the sequel Sean? Have to mention that I liked the "James Bond" photo on the back cover...

I really enjoyed this book. Although I found it a little slow at first, mainly because Mr. Hennessey had to explain the game of Polo to the uninitiated, I being one of them. Once past the explanation of the game itself the story plot and the very believable characters take off as fast as a galloping horse. Not only does the reader learn about Polo but one is also exposed to the interesting culture and intriguing politics of Mexico, where all the action takes place. I especially liked the way the polo game within the novel was told. A very difficult task to achieve This is like trying to relay a soccer games every move, with players names and what they did with the ball without boring one to death. The author did a marvellous job in describing the action of an actual polo game without confusing or boring the reader . Wonderful first novel. I hope one will see more from this Irish author.

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