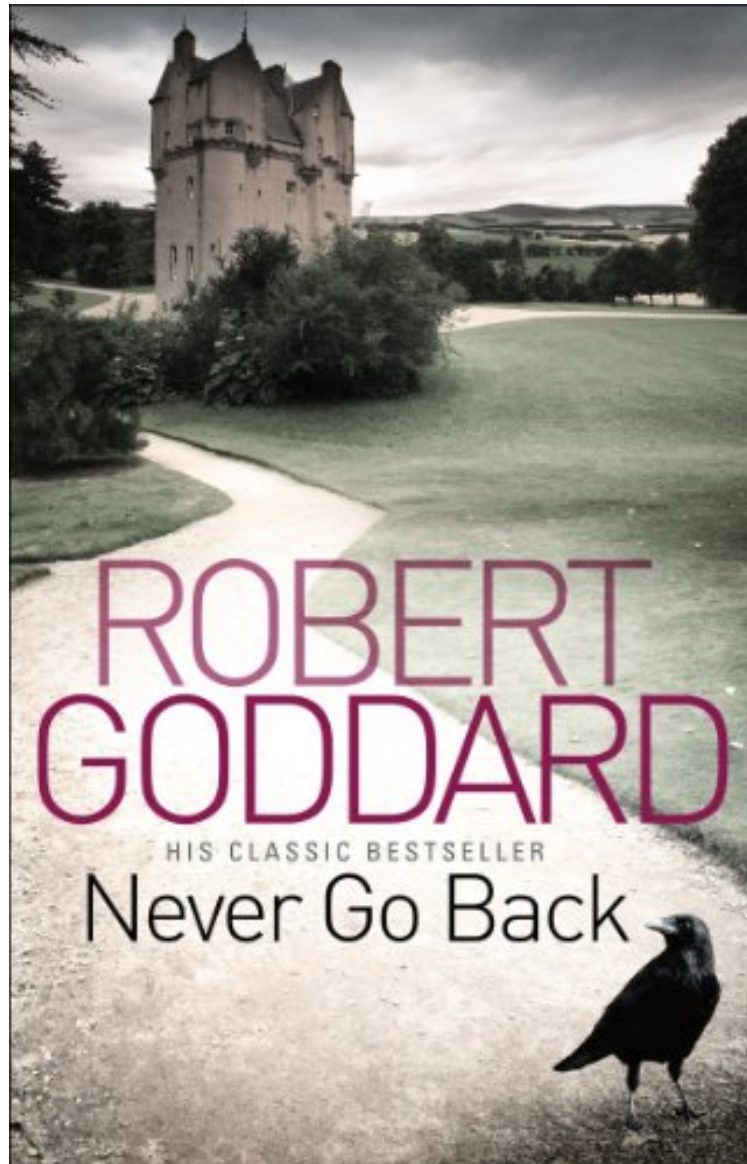


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UnputdownableVon MyeverchangingmoodsOk. this book cost me many hours that were reserved for sleep, but reading it was more than worth it. As always Goddard succeeds brilliantly in keeping up the thrill of the story. I will not tell much about the story itself as the brief description above is quite enough, everything else would mean telling

too much and taking the thrill away. A horrendous plot, one thinks well this cant be, but then ... otherwise ... coming to think of it ... it is not so far fetched. And then again another and another turn of events, another new development round the corner, but it never gets boring or makes you think, ah here we go, a foreseeable turning, never- , the story keeps its pace until the very last pages. And, who does not know the other Harry Barnett books by Goddard will be tempted to read or others to re-read them after this one, but it is an independent story in itself not a sequel.

Kurzbeschreibung Harry Barnett thought he had left his military career behind, so he is startled when two figures from his past turn up on his doorstep after fifty years. An old friend has organised the reunion to end all reunions: a weekend in the Scottish castle where the ex-comrades took part in a psychological experiment many years before. They haven't seen each other since. As they set off on their all-expenses-paid jaunt to Aberdeen, the old friends are in high spirits. But the cheerful atmosphere is quickly shattered by the apparent suicide of one of their party. When a second death occurs, a sense of foreboding descends on the group. It appears that the past is coming back to haunt them, a past that none of them have ever spoken about. Their recollections are all frighteningly different. So what really happened? Then when one of them uncovers an extraordinary secret, he becomes convinced that they will never leave the castle alive... From Publishers Weekly At the start of British author Goddard's well-crafted new thriller, Harry Barnett, the almost too unprepossessing hero of *Into the Blue* and *Out of the Sun*, returns to his hometown of Swindon, where he gets unexpectedly swept into a reunion of RAF servicemen with whom he had participated in a three-month research project 50 years earlier. Clever nicknames and brief characterizations help the reader keep track of the 14 members of the group, some of whom have died in the intervening years. After returning to the Scottish castle where the experiment took place, Harry's compatriots start (a bit predictably) dropping like flies, and suspicions grow about the true nature of the long-ago project, ostensibly only an exercise in gauging the effect of intensified academic pressure. Barnett, reunited with his dodgy pal Barry Fission Chipchase, is caught in the middle, and soon the two find themselves the primary suspects in the murders. Smooth prose and pitch-perfect pacing make this otherwise conventional story entertaining and absorbing. (Aug.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist \*Starred\* In 1955, Harry Barnett and a group of fellow Royal Air Force servicemen participated in a teaching experiment in a castle on the outskirts of Aberdeen, Scotland. (Each agreed to be a guinea pig in lieu of punishment for bad behavior.) Now, 50 years later, surviving RAF alumni are invited to a reunion at the same royal locale. Though Barnett, now 70, is reluctant to be away from his wife and young daughter in Vancouver, British Columbia, he decides to go. Tragedy strikes when one of the retired servicemen jumps from the train en route from London (or was he pushed?). In the midst of the reunion, a suspicious automobile accident kills another, and suddenly this get-together doesn't seem like such a good plan. Police soon name Harry and former business partner Barry, whose shady financial dealings once landed him in prison, as prime suspects. Certain the violence is linked to the experiments carried out half a century ago, the two men launch an investigation of their own. Goddard's latest offering marks the return of unlikely hero Harry Barnett, star of *Into the Blue* (1990) and *Out of the Sun* (1997). It's a crackling good read, with clipped prose, complex characters, and a smart, sinuous plot. Block, Allison