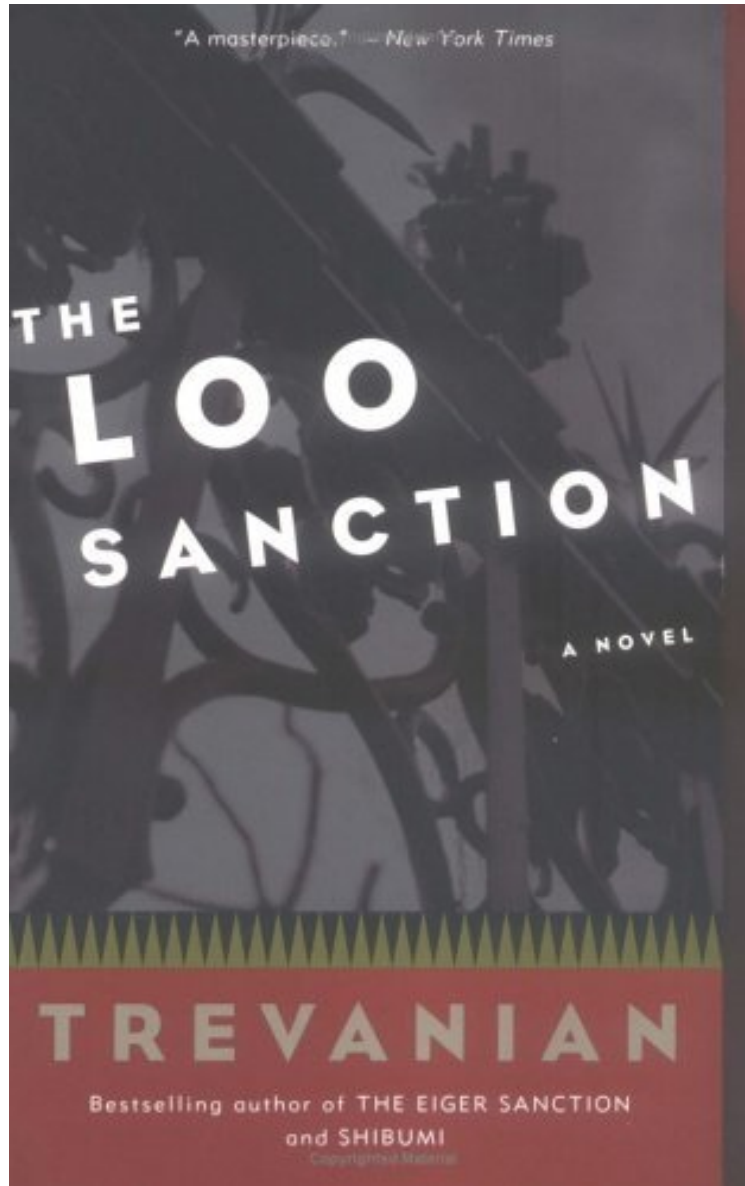


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then the author was surprised that his debut had been reviewed seriously by professional critics, instead of being thrashed as a spoof on Ian Fleming, creator of James Bond. Trevanian went into overdrive and produced this even unlikelier book. And again, the critics swallowed it hook and sinker. [Trevanian's first five books each sold more than a million copies; he agreed to being interviewed only in 1979 on the occasion of the publication of "Shibumi", his fourth world-wide bestseller.] Trevanian is or was Rodney Whitaker (1931-2005), a professor of communication sciences with a sharp instinct for structure and style of successful novel writing. Under at least five pseudonyms he published around two dozen books, ranging from Chaucer-like tales and Westerns to more modern genres. This reader's favorite book, "The Main" describes in the present tense, like Emile Zola, the sorry life of an aging police inspector in Montreal, whose wife died young and who (re-) reads Zola's Complete Works from start to finish again and again. His fifth bestseller, "The Summer of Katya" published in 1983 was written as if it was a posthumous work of Marcel Proust, about the happy summer months of 1914 preceding WW I in rural France. And "Shibumi" was a spoof of the bestselling Ninja-novels so popular at the time. Thanks to the success of his early bestsellers, Trevanian gave up teaching and took his family to the French part of Basque country, which forms the backdrop of "Shibumi". But what about "The Loo Sanction"? Trevanian's brilliant prose and talent for plotting highlight Jonathan Hemlock's highly paid and sure-footed campaign to confront and win a threat to compromise key members of the British establishment. Impeccable mental and fighting capacities! Great staying power in the love department! A great art collection beneath the church he has made into his home. If JH is not irresistible, who is?

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