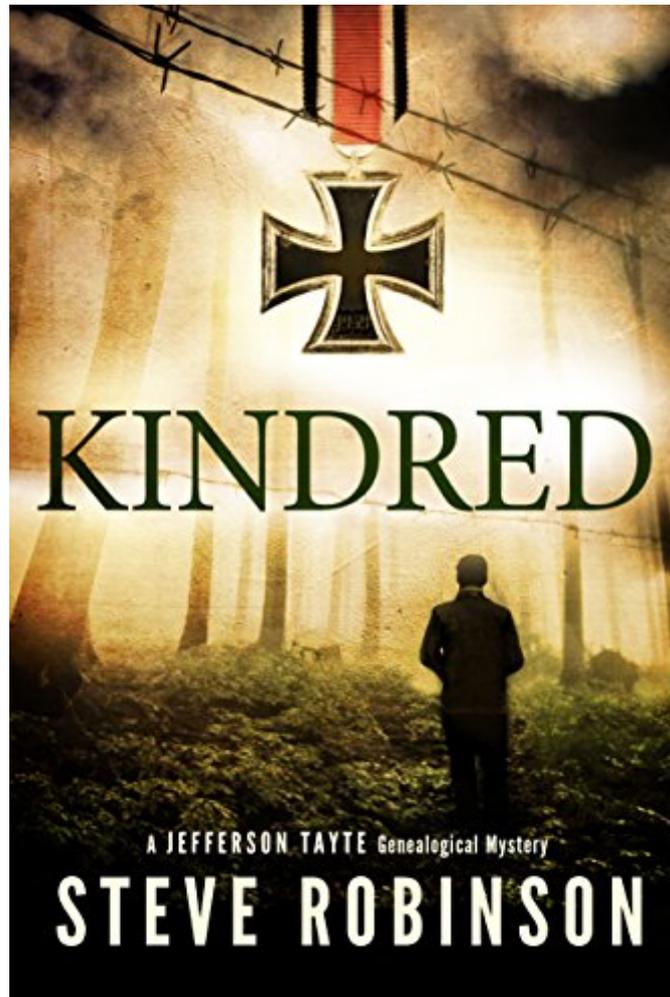


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Synopsis

Jefferson Tayte is good at finding people who don't want to be found. For years he has followed faint genealogical trails to reunite families and uncover long-hidden secrets. But Tayte is a loner, a man with no ties of his own; his true identity is the most elusive case of his career. But that could all be about to change. Now Tayte has in his possession the beginnings of a new trail—clues his late mentor had started to gather—that might at last lead to his own family. With Professor Jean Summer, his partner in genealogical sleuthing, he travels to Munich to pick up the scent. But the hunt takes them deep into dangerous territory: the sinister secrets of World War II Germany, and those who must keep them buried at any cost. When their investigations threaten to undermine a fascist organisation, Tayte and Summer know time is running out. Can they find their way to the dark heart of a deadly history before they become its latest victims?

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Customer Reviews

I'm a great fan of the genealogical super-sleuth, Jefferson Tayte and this fifth book in the series is going to have readers on the edge of their seats. JT has been able to solve many a difficult and even dangerous case but the mystery of his own origins has always eluded him. All he knew was

that his mother gave him away for his own good. His late friend and mentor, Marcus Brown, left some clues which have led JT and his friend Jean to Germany. His digging around stirs up a hornets' nest of Neo-Nazis who want their secrets to remain buried. It becomes obvious that there's a distinct possibility that Tayte will not like the answers, even if he manages to find them. We switch smoothly back and forth between present day and wartime Germany, and try, with JT and Jean, to piece together the jigsaw of clues they obtain from various sources, including an old man who suffers from a bad heart. It's touch and go and the outcome is not what I imagined! This is not going to let fans of Jefferson Tayte down and I think it could stand alone as a novel for those who haven't read the earlier books. There's a good outcome and I finished it with a smile. It's great having ends tied up but knowing there's more to come. Thanks to the publisher and Netgalley for the opportunity to read this book.

Steve Robinson's genealogical sleuth Jefferson Tayte has uncovered many family secrets and solved many crimes throughout this series, and it was a pleasure to see that he was finally getting the chance to discover the identity of his own parents. With a few chapters written from the perspective of 1940s wartime Germany, Tayte is quickly drawn into Nazi secrets and fascist organizations. If he finds the truth, it may not be what he wants to hear, but as Robinson (and hopefully everyone else) well knows, our ancestors are a mixed bag of good people and bad. No exceptions. I've watched the author's storytelling skill grow with each book, and those skills were good to begin with. He's certainly become very adept at crafting well-paced, exciting action sequences. He's also created two strong and appealing characters in Tayte and Summer, and I enjoy watching them work together. However, I felt that the bad guy hired the wrong group of henchmen because they seemed a bit inept in their attempts to silence our two heroes. If they'd had more skill, it would've ratcheted up the tension even more. I also recognized the main plot twist well in advance, but this did not ruin the book for me. Kindred is still an exciting read with a lead character that I've grown to care about during the course of the series. If you like excitement, history, good characters, and a fast-paced mystery, I hope you'll join me in reading Steve Robinson's Jefferson Tayte mysteries. Good stuff!

I have been waiting for J.T.'s story for a long time. Let me say it was worth the wait. While I must admit that this story was very dark in places, given the place and time, how could it be otherwise. The mystery builds and the past haunts many of the characters. I could not put it down until I had finished reading the entire book. (Not good when you have to be at work very early the next

morning)J.T. has waited a lifetime and deserved to find the truth. The sad truth behind his family story will haunt you for days. Outstanding book.

I've read all of Steve Robinson's Jefferson Tayte books and thoroughly enjoyed them. I have to admit I was a little dismayed at where this one was leading as I've always had a real dislike of everything Nazi Germany stood for and the things that were perpetrated in that place and time. However, Mr. Robinson pulled this one off in a masterful style. His characters are so believable, and we come to know them so well over the course of several novels, that they become old friends. He handled the subject matter so well and with such great tact that I found myself actually feeling sympathy for some of them. Not all, but some. It's hard to say too much about the plot without giving things away. Suffice it to say that this ties up a lot of loose ends that we've been wondering about, and does it in a really satisfactory way. In conclusion, I'm hoping that this doesn't mean that Jefferson's going to wander off into the twilight and not be heard of again. He has so many more stories to tell!

The best Jefferson Tayte book yet IMHO. Steve Robinson just keeps getting better and better! He has done an excellent job of growing J. T.'s character over the series. As an amateur genealogist and mystery lover, this series especially appeals to me. Kindred was fast paced with enough plot twists to keep up interest and just enough hard core genealogy research to make the plot genuine. My only complaint is that I have wished throughout the series that I could take J. T. by the hand and help him with the genetic genealogy he dismissed early on. But then maybe this book wouldn't have been possible if he had already learned about his roots and some of his branches. Keep writing this series and I promise to keep buying the books.

I will buy any book done by Steve Robinson!!! I have all of his books and count the days until the next book is out. He is a marvelous author; blends historical facts with genealogy (which is my occupation). He knows his subject well and pulls the reader into the story immediately. I recommend ALL of Mr. Robinson's books! I have recommended him to many of my friends and they are just as pleased as I am!

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