

One Enchanted Evening by Anton du Beke

5 Stars

Strictly historical hotel ball dancing!

Raymond du Guise was the leading ballroom dancer at the Buckingham Hotel in London. Lord Edgerton was the major shareholder and Maynard Charles was the operations director. Raymond's dancing partner was H el ene Marchmont.

Nancy Nettleton was a new maid with a lame leg.

During the summer, Nancy had permission to have a night off and went to the "opium den" (nightclub) with her colleague, Billy. She saw Raymond giving a dancing show with H el ene and there was the violent calamity with the gangsters resulting in casualties.

Vivienne, Lord Edgerton's step-daughter, was a very jealous woman. She planned to steal the New Year's Eve ballroom party with her lover, Nathaniel White to ruin Raymond and H el ene's night.

Meanwhile, there was a rumour that the hotel was associated with the Blood Shirts (British Fascists) with sympathies for Nazi Germany.

This is a brilliant story set in 1936. Well done, Anton du Beke!

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