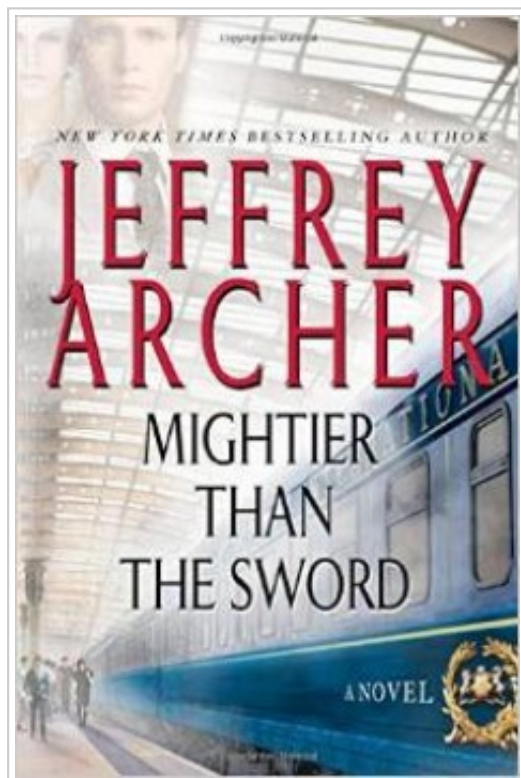


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## Mightier than the Sword

by Jeffrey Archer

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A bomb goes off, but how many passengers on the MV Buckingham have lost their lives? You will find out only if you read the opening chapter of Mightier than the Sword.

When Harry arrives in New York, his publisher Harold Guinzberg tells him he has been elected as the next president of English PEN, which will give him the opportunity to launch a campaign for the release of a fellow author, Anatoly Babakov, who is languishing in a Russian Gulag in Siberia. His crime, writing a book Uncle Joe, which gives an insight into what it was like to work for Josef Stalin. So determined is he to see Babakov released, Harry puts his own life in danger.

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The fifth -- but NOT final -- volume in Jeffrey Archer's hugely popular Clifton Chronicles will keep the faithful turning pages frantically. Someone will turn this into a TV series: one season of 10 or 12 episodes per book should do the trick. Badgered by family who were devouring them, I barreled through books one and four in anticipation of this new installment. Book One was shamefully entertaining, a soap of the highest order. Book Two, perhaps slightly less so? Book Three showed more wear and tear in the increasingly complicated plotting. Then Book Four and now this hit significant lows. Even by the standards of "it's all just silly fun," the plotting has become rather ludicrous, with one jaunt into the heart of the Soviet Union by one of the world's most ardent critics of that government particularly boneheaded. Oh, I'll keep reading just to see how the damn thing turns out, but what once seemed to be a possible crowning achievement for Archer now feels slapdash. I imagine he didn't expect the massive appeal this series would have and his unflinching imagination in fact began to flag as he wondered how to keep things moving along. A pity. -- Michael Giltz

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"Archer is a master entertainer."—Time Magazine

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