



Chasing the Gilded Shadow



Acclaim for Hunter Steele's third novel

"The charm of this struttingly sexy and linguistically inventive book lies in its combination of period prose pastiche with twentieth-century true-romance psychology. All in all, the best myth of maiden and mattress since *The Princess and the Pea*." *Company*

"A magical, humorous, ribald tale of courtship, deception and unrequited love that changes suddenly to one of vengeance and murder. A bonus is Steele's wonderful way of playing with English. Although written in courtly language suitable to the 16th century, the author's turn of phrase and use of literary devices – including an astonishing ability to alliterate – are a delight."

UPI (Charles J Cannon)

"A glorious romp. Hunter Steele has succeeded, where so many have failed, in creating an enormously entertaining medieval saga. It also benefits greatly from his inspired and assured command of the English language." *Venue*

"A creeping desire to find out 'What happened next?' begins to overpower the reader's delectation of the self-regarding style, despite its witty resistance to any sentimental involvement. Is the ghost real or not? Who will finally take the girl's virginity? Will the hero (and who is he really?) get the girl? We very happily surrender disbelief. The Scottish fog is thick over the moors, and shadowy knights back from the hunt bring us news of suspicious goings-on that we know will end in a ghostly mystery, if not murder.

"The virtuoso style mimics the sexual display, becoming a euphuistic romp through all the elaborate rhetorical tropes available to 16th-century prose. *Chasing the Gilded Shadow* is a high-calorie delight."

New York Times Review of Books

"*Chasing the Gilded Shadow* is a bawdy, funny, tongue-in-cheek book packed with mystery and suspense, and it moves at a crackling pace with some explosive twists and surprises at the end." *Book People*

"At last! A funny historical novel. A rude and sexy rampage devoid of all delicacy and refinement. *Chasing the Gilded Shadow* is a sublime saga full of zest, jest, belching and bedding. It is an original and wonderfully witty book which breaks through all the costume clichés with wordy brilliance . . . as the plot and the Scotch mists thicken." *Eastern Daily Press*

"A tale of lusty love, jealousy, and gruesome murder that swings from ribald to reeking gore without a drop in the pitch. Raucous, lusty and clever in the 16th-century vein. Riveting." *Kirkus*

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