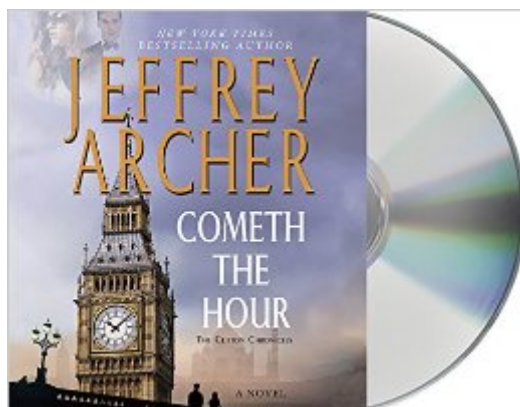


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Synopsis

Cometh the Hour opens with the reading of a suicide note, which has devastating consequences for Harry and Emma Clifton, Giles Barrington and Lady Virginia. Giles must decide if he should withdraw from politics and try to rescue Karin, the woman he loves, from behind the Iron Curtain. But is Karin truly in love with him, or is she a spy? Lady Virginia is facing bankruptcy, and can see no way out of her financial problems, until she is introduced to the hapless Cyrus T. Grant III from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who's in England to see his horse run at Royal Ascot. Sebastian Clifton is now the Chief Executive of Farthings Bank and a workaholic, whose personal life is thrown into disarray when he falls for Priya, a beautiful Indian girl. But her parents have already chosen the man she is going to marry. Meanwhile, Sebastian's rivals Adrian Sloane and Desmond Mellor are still plotting to bring him and his chairman Hakim Bishara down, so they can take over Farthings. Harry Clifton remains determined to get Anatoly Babakov released from a gulag in Siberia, following the international success of his acclaimed book, Uncle Joe. But then something unexpected happens that none of them could have anticipated. Cometh the Hour is the penultimate audiobook in the Clifton Chronicles and, like the five previous novels - all of which hit the New York Times bestseller list - showcases Jeffrey Archer's extraordinary storytelling with his trademark twists.

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Customer Reviews

Warning -- Spoilers in review I liked the early Clifton Chronicles books, but this last installment is just filled with bad writing, poor characterization, and haphazard plot devices. I've read that Archer

had a strict deadline to produce this book, which may go to explain why his writing has suddenly dipped down to such a level. A few examples will help illustrate the book's numerous problems.#1. The Unlikely 10-Year OldOne of the book's minor characters is the youngest in the Clifton family, a 10 year old girl who speaks with the wisdom and vocabulary of a 60-year old college professor. She also has a remarkable degree of independence and responsibility: she makes reservations at expensive restaurants and buys expensive show tickets and everyone she meets instantly deals with her as though she was 60 years old. At no point does the 10-year old girl act like a 10-year old, and too boot she's a super-genius compared to the idiots surrounding her. For example, when a doctored audio tape shows up and causes a crisis, no one knows what to do until the 10-year old steps in (paraphrasing): "Mom, aren't you good friends with the world's foremost expert on doctored audio tapes? Perhaps he could do a decibel analysis on the voice recording to look for discrepancies?" Mom: "Wow, it never even occurred to me that my good friend the world's foremost expert on doctored audio tapes might be able to help us in dealing with this crisis caused by a doctored audio tape. Thank goodness you are here to save us!" Seriously?#2 Love interests are introduced and quickly killed for no apparent reasonSeb meets and instantly falls in love with a woman.

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