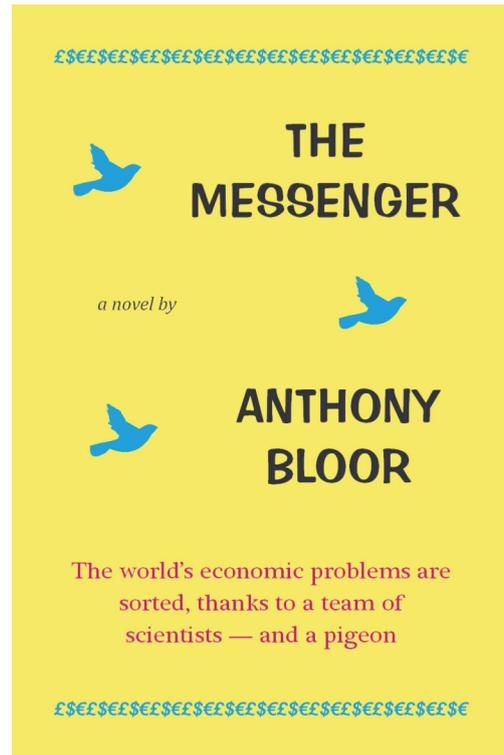


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Outline

Living alone in an isolated part of the English countryside, George sits in a room with a view, dreaming of a life cut short, and wishes she had a gardener. Her days follow a pattern – until a racing pigeon turns up at her cottage, with a locket strapped to its leg, and a team of violent strangers in hot pursuit...

Meanwhile, economies are facing a global crisis, governments are desperate for explanations, and are willing to fund any project that might provide one. Such as this: on a remote island in the Atlantic, scientists are using technology to simulate the brain of Karl Marx. Their plan is to build a ‘thinking’ computer – one that will not only analyse economic data, but also produce a modern version of *Capital*, Marx’s best known work.

But why have they invaded George's cottage, in pursuit of a pigeon? What’s inside that locket? And why are they fighting over it? Whilst George wants answers to her questions, her visitors are on a mission, and a war of wits ensues as the mystery is unravelled. Meanwhile, on that remote island, the Brain of Marx Project is facing a new problem...

About the Author

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