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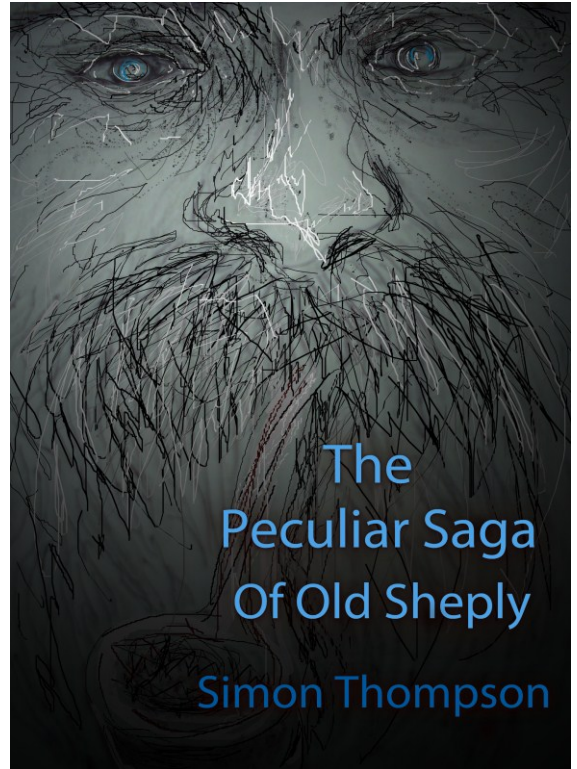
A THOUSAND YEARS OLD AND COUNTING...

The Peculiar Saga of Old Sheply

Simon Thompson

What do you get when you throw together a thousand year old man, a dying nonagenarian media mogul, a young newspaper reporter haunted by a tragic past and a psychotic Indonesian hit-woman?

You get *The Peculiar Saga of Old Sheply...* and it's only going to get stranger...



By the year 2066 most of the northern hemisphere lays underwater. A sudden and cataclysmic flood has turned the world and all its certainties on its head. Britain has become little more than a Third World country crudely held together with blue-tack, string and lollipop sticks.

It is against this backdrop that an elderly man in the city of Nottingham wanders into the offices of his local newspaper with a story to tell – a story that stretches back over a thousand years.

At the same time a nonagenarian media tycoon, facing the end of his life and the loss of all he has worked for, decides that he quite likes the idea of living forever and so puts in place a plan designed to ensure his own immortality.

Soon he, the old man and the reporter dispatched to cover his story are thrown together in a battle for the secret to eternal life.

What follows is a darkly comic story that moves between the distant past and the not too distant future. It is the story of one man and one city's life over the last millennia.

Simon Thompson started writing as a hobby around ten years ago.

'Most of my work was tailored specifically for radio with the ambition of writing sit-coms. When ten years passed without my ship coming in I decided to branch out and began work on the Peculiar Saga of Old Sheply. Within just under a year I found I had a novel on my hands and absolutely no idea what to do with it. That was until last summer when I announced as one of the winners of the Mardibooks/IdeasTap short story competition and before I knew it I was published.'

The Peculiar Saga of Old Sheply is available as an ebook from Amazon or from www.mardibooks.com
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