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## The Dig: A Novel Based on True Events

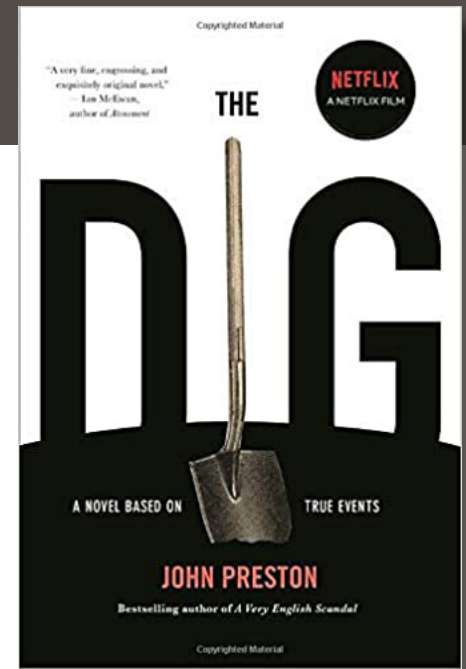
by John Preston

A literary adventure that tells the story of a priceless buried treasure discovered in England on the eve of World War II

In the long, hot summer of 1939, Britain is preparing for war, but on a riverside farm in Suffolk there is excitement of another kind. Mrs. Pretty, the widowed owner of the farm, has had her hunch confirmed that the mounds on her land hold buried treasure. As the dig proceeds, it becomes clear that this is no ordinary find.

This fictional recreation of the famed Sutton Hoo dig follows three months of intense activity when locals fought outsiders, professionals thwarted amateurs, and love and rivalry flourished in equal measure. As the war looms ever closer, engraved gold peeks through the soil, and each character searches for answers in the buried treasure. Their threads of love, loss, and aspiration weave a common awareness of the past as something that can never truly be left behind.

*Publisher's Description*



### Peggy Piggot (Margaret Guido)

As one of the principal figures in the excavation, Margaret Guido (the name she was using at the end of her career) had a fascinating story of her own.

<https://www.archaeological.org/archaeologists-you-should-know-margaret-guido/>

<https://ulasnews.com/2021/03/08/the-real-peggy-piggot/>

### British Museum:

#### ***The Anglo-Saxon burial at Sutton Hoo***

Includes photos of material finds, curator video on sword, excavation photographs

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/death-and-memory/anglo-saxon-ship-burial-sutton-hoo>

#### ***Edith Pretty: The story behind the collection***

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/about-us/british-museum-story/people-behind-collection/edith-pretty>

#### ***Sutton Hoo and Europe***

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/galleries/sutton-hoo-and-europe>



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