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With a second ex-wife in close proximity, the girlfriend a new immigrant, a recent miscarriage, an odd divorce, broken English and foreign customs, lack of close identity with the social network of the neighborhood such that it is , unknown motive, and several other unusual circumstances, a conspiracy theory could take inchoate hold over the neighbors caught unawares on their lawns in the middle of so many daily routines.

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Let me say at the outset that I tend to believe put more weight on the cock-up theory of history.

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And the Priory of Sion gets the full treatment too -- how three British journalists fell for a hoax, hook, line and sinker, and wrote their book on the basis of it, and then sued for stealing their plot in.

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I admit that I have spent many happy hours reading these authors' wacky alternative history theories the pyramids were built by the Atlanteans! Religious and political beliefs, for example, have propelled groups forward and into action, often to the detriment of the world. The narrator commits a major faux pas in non-fiction audiobook recording: he tries to do character voices.

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Beautiful, famous, and successful people can't just die, it doesn't make a good story. In the end, this work pays very little attention given to how and why people employ conspiratorial thinking--and what is there is fairly condescending.

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Yet our much smaller South African Air Force had successfully managed to rescue people from burning buildings and a sinking ship. However, the stereotypical accents he adopts when reading quotes from non-English speakers are not successful.

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There isn't as much as I would like on the subject that covers conspiratorial thinking in a truly skeptical way, so this was right up my alley. In , David Aaronovitch answers these questions and more, starting with The Protocols of the Elders of Zion and its role in launching the age of the modern conspiracy theory: That Jews had planned and caused WWI as war profiteers and to disrupt world governance. Aaronovitch notes, conspiracy theorists would rather tie themselves into complicated knots and postulate all sorts of improbable secret connections than accept a simple, more obvious explanation.

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However, the irony is that they were both government sanctioned conspiracies! From Nazi Germany to Soviet Russia to Britain and finally, to the home front here, no empire is too powerful to resist the lure of the easy answer. In doing so, he looks at why people believe them, and makes an argument for a true scepticism one based on a thorough knowledge of history and a strong dose of common sense. Most importantly, they elevated their believers to membership of an elite - a group of people able to see beyond lies to a higher reality.

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