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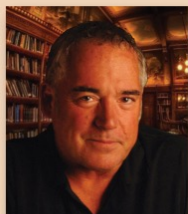
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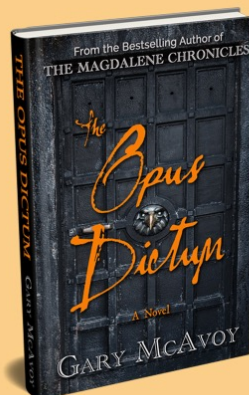
Magdalene Reliquary, his fiction debut novel *The Magdalene Deception*, and his award-winning nonfiction work *And Every Word Is True*, a sequel to Truman Capote's landmark book *In Cold Blood*. Gary is also a professional collector of ancient manuscripts and historical documents, much of which informs his writing projects.



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A NOVEL

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In 1982, Italian financier Roberto Calvi, known as “God’s Banker,” was discovered hanging under London’s Blackfriars Bridge. What wasn’t found was the briefcase he was known to have had with him the night before, reportedly stuffed with incriminating documents, a special key, and a computer disk filled with codes, which together unlock a piece of the Vatican’s troubled past.

When the briefcase mysteriously reappears in the Vatican Secret Archives, Father Michael Dominic and his

team—Hana, Marco, Karl, Lukas, the feisty young nun Sister Teri, and Dominic’s new assistant, Ian—are up against two powerful and enigmatic organizations, Opus Deus and the ultra-secret, outlawed Masonic Lodge P2, who savagely fight for control of the briefcase and its contents. Their goal? To carry out one of the most dangerous conspiracies the Church has ever faced—all happening during an unexpected conclave to elect a new pope.

From Rome, Italy, to Geneva, Switzerland, join Dominic and friends as they fend off plotters, kidnappers, and blackmailers who have threaded their way into Vatican politics for decades, in a conspiracy known as *The Opus Dictum*.

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READER & EDITORIAL REVIEWS

"Always eager to read the work of Gary McAvoy, I rushed to begin the latest featuring Father Michael Dominic, which did not disappoint. Exploring another angle of Vatican-based politics and sinister goings-on, McAvoy takes readers through a historical event and provides strong modern action to support it. In this case, all relates to a more recent event, where a mysterious briefcase finds itself in the Vatican Archives. What it contains could not only reveal the existence of a powerful group thought defunct, but also change the path of the Catholic Church forever. It will be up to a handful of dedicated individuals to stop this before it's too late. Kudos, Mr. McAvoy, for another stunning story. You never cease to amaze me with your writing."

— **MATT PECHEY, Reedsy Discovery**

"The Opus Dictum is an intense, thrilling, fast-paced novel containing plenty of intrigue, action, suspense, and heightened danger. The author once again seamlessly blends well-researched historical facts into a pulse-pounding new book with endearing, undaunted, believable protagonists and ruthless villains. Many of its characters we got to know in the preceding Vatican quests and adventures, The Vivaldi Cipher and The Magdalene Chronicles. Highly recommended for those readers who enjoy a stimulating, impeccably researched, well-plotted adventure with plenty of action. It is always fascinating to discover how many hard-to-believe elements are based on true historical facts. Will those on the side of good or evil prevail?"

— **CAROLYN WALSH**

"This is a thrill-a-second, non-stop ride through the inner workings of the Vatican, the unveiling of corruption at the highest levels and the undeniable pull of forbidden love by two people who know friendship is all they'll ever have. It's fiction at its best and I'm hooked!"

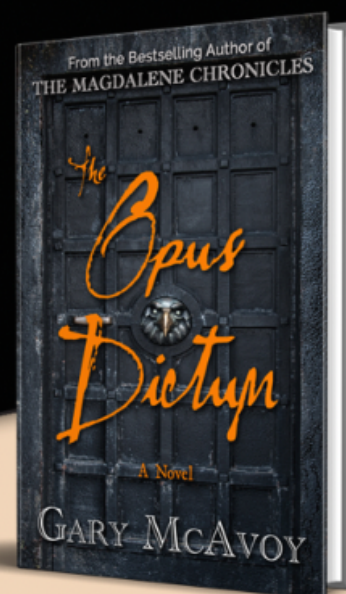
— **KYMM CUMMINS**

"In Gary McAvoy's latest adventure, The Opus Dictum, an old, weathered briefcase sets Father Michael Dominic, his old friend Hana, and their comrades on a dangerously intriguing path in search of answers that could prove greatly detrimental to Mother Church. This fast-paced tale is as engrossing as it is suspenseful, and followers of Father Michael will appreciate the intricate plot and satisfying outcome...as always. Another great story from Gary McAvoy!"

— **NANCY LEVY**

"I'm a big fan of Gary McAvoy as a writer; his style is tremendous: intelligent, articulate, conscientious, hardworking and incredibly knowledgeable – and that is just to start. He possesses that rare thing which separates a wonderful writer from a wonderful author: a meticulous researcher, whose books are intended for an equally intelligent, discerning reader, who appreciates the better things. I really like Gary's action sequences and I look forward to them, anticipating them almost as a trademark of his work, with their Clancy-esque authenticity of special operative combat techniques. As always, he shows discipline not to overdo the action, by way of keeping his subject matter and genre firmly within the intellectual arena. His attention to detail is formidable in every single area. He makes his research appear innate and effortless, but if there were any doubt how much graft he puts into his writing, he includes a fascinating glossary of the sheer amount of research work involved."

— **MATT McAVOY BOOK REVIEWS, UK (no relation to author)**



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