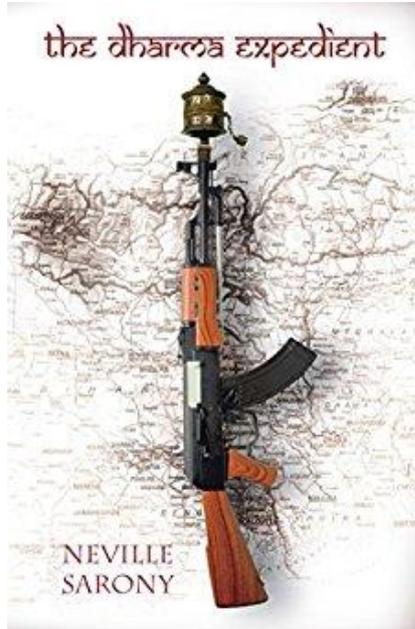


THE DHARMA EXPEDIENT and DEVLIN'S CHAKRA

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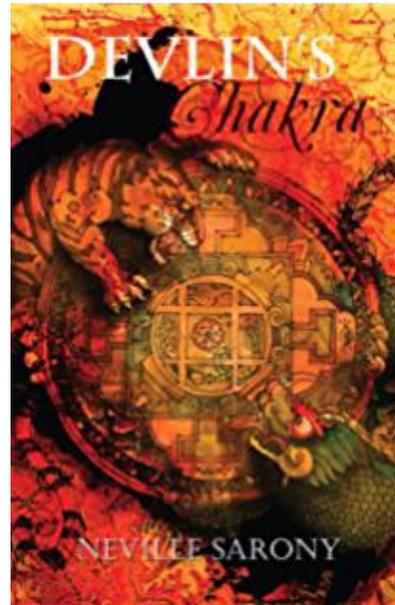
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Neville Sarony is currently a practising QC in Hong Kong, but he has also managed to find the time to write two novels, both extremely exciting thrillers. As a national serviceman he served with 2/7GR in Malaya and Singapore, and since then most of his working life has been in Asia and the Far East.

Book Reviews. *The Dharma Expedient* is set in the indefinite future focussing on the escape of an infant 15th Dalai Lama from Tibet. A retired Royal Gurkha Rifles Officer Max Devlin who is trying to make a living in the trekking world in the Himalayas suddenly finds himself at the centre of events. He becomes the focus of a highly complicated scenario which has tentacles linking Nepal, China, and India. From the high mountain passes, the fast-moving plot takes a number of dramatic twists and turns



before coming to an enthralling climax in the Terai of Nepal. Retired Gurkhas play a part and there is also a wee bit of romance.

In *Devlin's Chakra*, Devlin finds himself in the midst of another international tussle, this time for the ownership of the Dalai Lama's treasure which has been left for safe-keeping in a Sikkim monastery. Buddhism, the Gurkha world and again the competing interests of China, India and the Dalai Lama's government in exile come into the mix; and once more the action is frenetic before coming to a fascinating conclusion in a Hong Kong court of law.

The pace in both books is frenetic, as Neville weaves his plots in a style which flows easily. In short these are two 'rollicking good' reads just the tomes to take on holiday, and which would make an extremely good film. Those readers who buy into the project will be delighted to know that Max Devlin will appear again in a prequel, and may be later in a sequel too.
Bob Couldrey