

# The Toymaker: An Ennin Mystery 24



## The Toymaker: An Ennin Mystery #24 by Ben Stevens

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The Toymaker is the 24th book in the Ennin Mystery series by Robert Van Gulik. The book is set in 7th-century China and follows Judge Dee as he investigates the murder of a toymaker.

The story begins when Judge Dee is called to investigate the murder of a toymaker named Zhang. Zhang was found dead in his workshop, with a knife in his chest. The police suspect that Zhang was killed by his apprentice, but Judge Dee is not so sure.

Judge Dee begins his investigation by interviewing Zhang's family and friends. He learns that Zhang was a kind and generous man, who was loved by all who knew him. However, Judge Dee also learns that Zhang had a secret: he was a gambler. Zhang owed a lot of money to a local loan shark, and Judge Dee suspects that the loan shark may have killed Zhang.

Judge Dee continues his investigation, and he eventually uncovers a plot to overthrow the government. The plot is led by a powerful general named Li. Li has been amassing an army in secret, and he plans to use the army to seize power from the emperor.

Judge Dee must stop Li before he can carry out his plan. He must also find the killer of Zhang. Judge Dee is a brilliant detective, and he is determined to solve both cases.

The Toymaker is a well-written and exciting mystery novel. The book is full of twists and turns, and the reader is kept guessing until the very end. Judge Dee is a fascinating character, and the reader will enjoy following him as he investigates the murder of the toymaker and the plot to overthrow the government.

### **About the Author**

Robert Van Gulik was a Dutch diplomat, sinologist, and writer. He is best known for his Judge Dee mystery novels. Van Gulik was born in Java, Indonesia, in 1910. He studied Chinese language and history at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands. After graduating, Van Gulik worked as a diplomat in China, Japan, and the United States. He also served as a professor of Chinese history at the University of Leiden.

In the 1950s, Van Gulik began writing Judge Dee mystery novels. The novels are set in 7th-century China and feature Judge Dee, a brilliant detective who solves crimes using his knowledge of Chinese law and culture. The Judge Dee novels have been translated into more than 20 languages and have sold millions of copies worldwide.

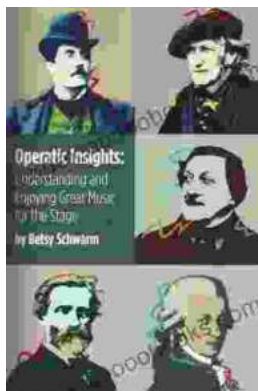
Van Gulik died in 1967 at the age of 56. He is considered one of the most important writers of mystery fiction in the 20th century.



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