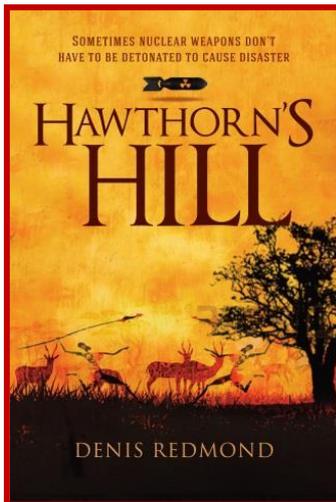


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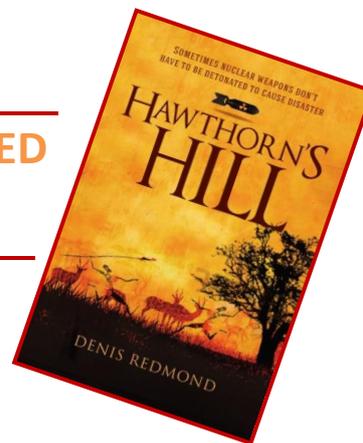
*The sun was not yet strong enough to burn the mist off and visibility was only a few yards. Private Askari, the spirit man, had his eyes on the ground and could not have seen Hawthorn's Union flag through the mist anyway. He took his first step onto the narrow track that led upwards in zigzag fashion, and was about to take a second when an amplified voice came down to him as if from Heaven. "Stay where you are!"*

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#### About the Author: Denis Redmond

Reading a book that saw a gun thrown into a swamp only to re-appear a few chapters later without explanation, **Denis Redmond** thought he could better. Quickly discovering a natural talent for writing and plotting, *Hawthorn's Hill* is the first in a trilogy.

Denis served in the Army, with postings to Singapore, Malaya, Japan, Korea and Germany, as well as Duty Visits to Norway, Sarawak, Aden and Hong Kong.

**Local UK interest:** **Denis Redmond** lives in **Wick**, near **Bristol**. He was born in **Ormskirk, Lancashire** and educated in **Kirkdale, Liverpool**, and **Camborne Cornwall**.

**With broad appeal, especially to those who enjoyed the Sharpe novels, *Hawthorn's Hill* is a gripping adventure.**

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