

Montmorency

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The book Montmorency is about Prisoner 493 who was a man caught stealing. He was a very fit man which is good for burglary. He was running for cover and that's when it happened. A glass window surged up to hit him and he fell onto the hard cold ground with glass all over him. He realized that he was on a grinding machine. Years later lying in bed these haunting memories flew back into the swirl of thought in his mind. The doctor who brought him back to life was using him as a lab rat to test his tissue regeneration.

At one of the meetings where the doctor put Prisoner 493 on display showing all of his surgical miracles to his cuts and bruises, one of the speakers talked about the new sewer system in London. As Prisoner 493 was listening and awaiting his turn to be displayed, a brilliant new plan came to life and into popped his head. The plan was to continue his life as a criminal and use the sewer system to get into houses and steal the precious goods of the rich and famous. This plan allowed him to get money by selling the goods he stole. This in turn allowed him to have a double life as a rich gentleman who needed no job. The rich gentleman was named Montmorency. The criminal was named Scarper. In the end, Montmorency took over Scarper and he became a one man show. He then did all of his underworld activities as Montmorency. At this point in his life he felt guilty and gave some of his prize stealings back to their owners as he gave up Scarper.

I really really liked this book. I give the story 9.5 out of 10. The story had tension in it about Scarper or Montmorency being caught. However, it was a bit difficult to get into. I liked his double life - how at times he was Scarper and at

other times he was Montmorency. Sometimes his gentlemanly mood came out when he was Scarper and sometimes his cautiousness came out when he was Montmorency. I also liked how he loved the music at the Opera, it reminds how I love music too. The key message in the book is that the good side of a human being always wins out. There is good in everyone and friendship and generosity helps bring this out in us.