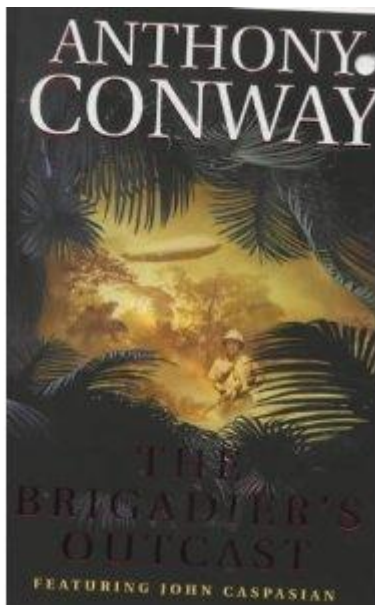


The Brigadier's Outcast, by Anthony Conway

Reviewed by Jonathan Aird

This, the fourth novel featuring Captain John Caspasian of the Ghurkha Rifles, is a light hearted rollercoaster ride of an adventure set in the 1930's. Caspasian, the archetypal outsider, has (in previous novels) been found to be useful to His Majesty's secret service and in his larger than life adventures comes across as part Sharpe, part James Bond, and, in this novel at least, part Biggles.

The globe spanning adventure involves a pleasantly convoluted plot involving lost British airships, saboteurs, World War One Zeppelin veterans, mysterious fortresses hidden deep in tropical rainforests and numerous unhelpful servants of the British Empire. These latter seem to delight in making Caspasian's mission to investigate the fate of the disappeared airship just that bit harder than it really needs to be!



It's written with a light hand, making it a real page turner of a read. And, although perhaps not the most important aspect, there are several well described encounters (some small, some pitched battles) which will ring the "I could make a game out of that" bell in the mind of anyone interested in pulp era or late colonial gaming.

There's plenty to enjoy here, and if you have a nostalgic yearn for the giants of the skies then it's a double pleasure to glide through the air in luxury liner accommodation. I was certainly impressed enough to want to get hold of the earlier escapades in the series.

This book (379 pages) is available in hard cover and in paperback at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

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