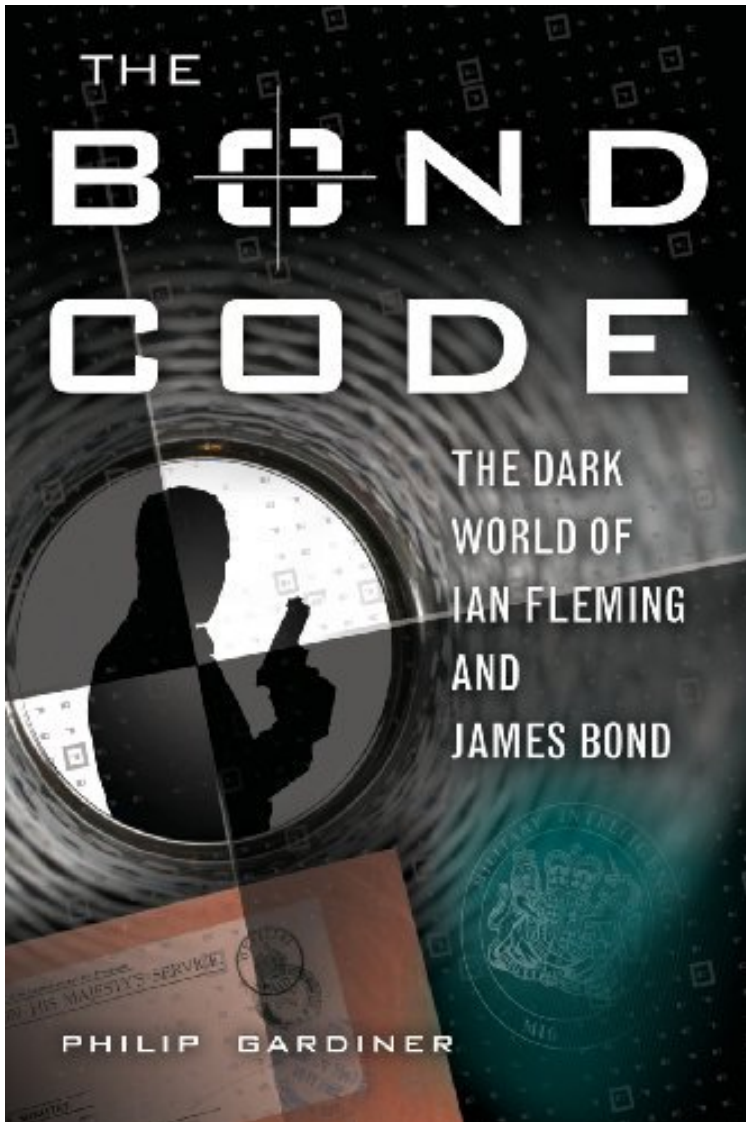


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thrown out of his university for claiming to create a flying machine. Unknown to many, it was Ian Fleming who wrote Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, featuring, of course, a flying car. Was it a coincidence that Fleming was reading a biography of Dee while he was writing Casino Royale, the first Bond novel? In You Only Live Twice, Fleming's final novel published while Fleming was alive, Bond is "promoted" and given a new number--7777, which, numerologically, means "it is done." This novel also has a very Japanese flavor because interestingly, in Eastern numerology, 7777 represents the absolute limit or the end. There are numerous references throughout the books to Gnostic, mystic, and alchemist symbols. Even character names are often clues to Fleming's secrets. Auric Goldfinger, for example, is an alchemical term. Auric means "gold" and the golden finger indicates the alchemist himself, who turns lead into gold. Hugo (mind, spirit, or heart) Drax (dragon or winged serpent) means the "mind of the serpent"--in alchemy, the serpent is the symbol of regeneration and wisdom, but also of negative energy.

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