



NEW AUTHOR TAKES OVER ON HIS MAJESTY'S NATIONAL SERVICE

Candy Jar Books regrets to announce that a change of author has taken place, in order to fix the delay of the coda to *The Laughing Gnome* series of books.

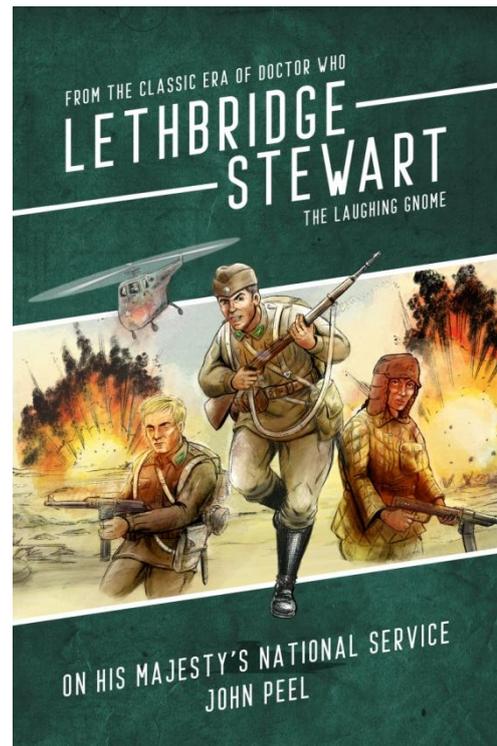
On His Majesty's National Service was originally scheduled for a June 2019 release, and it was to be written by David A McIntee and Lynette Nusbacher. However, the title is now being handed over to John Peel, author of many previous *Doctor Who* titles for BBC Books and *Lethbridge-Stewart* novels for Candy Jar, including the *Lethbridge-Stewart* novel, *The Grandfather Infestation* and *The Midnight People*, part of *The Lucy Wilson Mysteries*.

Editor Andy Frankham-Allen says: "After David's previous book with us *The Schizoid Earth* was received well – as I expected it would be – we were excited to see what he would come up with next. Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, David has been unable to deliver this book."

Head of Publishing Shaun Russell says: "I have always been a big fan of David's outstanding *Doctor Who* work, and I truly regret having to engage a new author. It is unfortunate that, in David's own words, he was 'over committed', but we're lucky to have found such a wonderful replacement in John Peel."

The new version of *On His Majesty's National Service* is set during the same period of Lethbridge-Stewart's life, but will be telling a different story.

Andy explains: "John promptly came up with some ideas and a basic outline that fit the shopping list of elements I gave to him – certain story



beats needed to be hit, to fit continuity from other books. I did give David the option of allowing John to use elements from his story, should they fit, which David was quite happy to do. However, beyond a few background details, John has opted to go his own way. It's going to be an exciting adventure story set during the Korean War, in which we see the events that turned Lethbridge-Stewart into the hero we all know and love."

Blurb:

There was always one question that bugged Bill Bishop, what turned Alistair Lethbridge-Stewart from a man interested in teaching to a career military hero? Using the power of the Laughing Gnome, Bill travels back to the 1950s to find out...

As a young man Alistair Lethbridge-Stewart never wanted to follow in his illustrious family military history, he just wanted to be a maths teacher. But then the Korean War broke out and he was called up for National Service. He soon met Spencer Pemberton – and his life was changed forever!

This book is currently only available to pre-order.

On His Majesty's National Service is currently up for pre-order for:

<http://www.candy-jar.co.uk/books/onhismajestysnationalservice.html>