DI’s, PC’s and COPPERS : The Classic British Police Mysteries

What can be more British than a police detective interviewing uncooperative suspects in a murder investigation, preferably in a Victorian manor house with a butler hovering nearby with the tea service? The police procedural, or mystery, is the oldest form of the genre, going back to Willkie Collins and Poe.

Herewith is a collection of English (and American) authors who have brought us some of the most unique and memorable coppers in literature.

At the end of the list, be sure to see the appendix, which explains the different ranks in British policedom.

Catherine Aird
Featuring Christopher Dennis “Seedy” Sloan, Berebury CID department head in West Calleshire, England.

Sloan and Crosby Mysteries

Jeffrey Ashford
See also Roderic Jeffries

Don Kerry, a detective inspector in England

Don Kerry
Investigations Are Proceeding (1961)
Enquiries Are Continuing (1964)

Jo Bannister
Bannister’s cop series include Dr. Clio Rees, a physician and mystery writer, and Harry Marsh, a chief inspector; and Frank Shapiro, Cal Donovan, and Liz Graham, cops in Castlemere.

**Clio Rees and Harry Marsh**

*Striving with Gods (1984)*  
*Gilgamesh (1989)*  
*The Going Down of the Sun (1989)*  
*The Fifth Cataract (2005)*

**Castlemere**

*A Bleeding of Innocents (1993)*  
*A Taste for Burning (1995)*  
*Broken Lines (1998)*  
*Changelings (2000)*

**Robert Barnard**

Series include Perry Trethowan, a Scotland Yard inspector in London and Charlie Peace, a young black Scotland Yard detective first in London and then in Leeds.

**Perry Trethowan**

*Sheer Torture (1981)*  
*The Missing Bronte (1983)*  
*Death in Purple Prose (1987)*

**Charlie Peace**

*Death and the Chaste Apprentice (1989)*  
*A Hovering of Vultures (1993)*  
*No Place of Safety (1997)*  
*The Bones in the Attic (2001)*  
*A Charitable Body (2012)*

**M.C. Beaton**

Pseudonym of Marion Chesney, best known for her long running series about Hamish Macbeth, a police constable in Scotland, which was a BBC television series.

**Hamish MacBeth**

*Death of a Gossip (1985)*  
*Death of an Outsider (1988)*  
*Death of a Hussy (1990)*  
*Death of a Prankster (1992)*  
*Death of a Travelling Man (1993)*  
*Death of a Cad (1987)*  
*Death of a Perfect Wife (1989)*  
*Death of a Snob (1991)*  
*Death of a Glutton (1993)*  
*Death of a Charming Man (1994)*
Death of a Nag (1995)  
Death of a Dentist (1997)  
Death of an Addict (1999)  
Death of a Dustman (2001)  
Death of a Village (2003)  
Death of a Bore (2005)  
Death of a Maid (2007)  
Death of a Witch (2009)  
Death of a Chimney Sweep (2011)  

Death of a Macho Man (1996)  
Death of a Scriptwriter (1998)  
A Highland Christmas (1999)  
Death of a Celebrity (2002)  
Death of a Dreamer (2006)  
Death of a Gentle Lady (2008)  
Death of a Valentine (2009)  
Death of a Kingfisher (2012)  

**Mark Billingham**  
Featuring Tom Thorne, a middle aged detective inspector in London.

**Tom Thorne**  
*Sleepy Head* (2001)  
*Lifeless* (2005)  
*Death Message* (2007)  
*From the Dead* (2010)  

*Scaredy Cat* (2002)  
*Buried* (2006)  
*Bloodline* (2009)  
*Good as Dead* (2011)  

**Stephen Booth**  
Ben Cooper, a detective constable trying to fill his police sergeant father’s shoes, and new partner, Diane Fry, recently transferred to Edendale’s force, in the Peak District in England.

**Ben Cooper and Diane Fry**  
*Black Dog* (2000)  
*One Last Breath* (2004)  
*Scared to Live* (2006)  
*The Kill Call* (2009)  
*The Devil’s Edge* (2011)  

*Dancing with the Virgins* (2001)  
*Blind to the Bones* (2003)  
*The Dead Place* (2005)  
*Dying to Sin* (2007)  
*Lost River* (2010)  
*Dead and Buried* (2012)  

**Rhys Bowen**  
Evan Evans, a village constable in Llanfair, Wales.

**Constable Evan Evans**  
*Evans Above* (1997)  
*Evanly Choirs* (1999)  
*Evan Can Wait* (2001)  
*Evan Blessed* (2005)  

*Evan Help Us* (1998)  
*Evan and Elle* (2000)  
*Evans to Betsy* (2002)  
*Evan’s Gate* (2004)  
*Evanly Bodies* (2006)  

**Gwendoline Butler**
John Coffin, a police inspector rising through the ranks to Commissioner, and his wife, Stella Pinero, an actress, in south London.

**John Coffin**
- The Interloper (1959)
- Make Me a Murderer (1961)
- A Coffin for Baby (1960)
- Coffin In Malta (1964)
- Coffin Following (1968)
- A Coffin from the Past (1970)
- Coffin in Fashion (1987)
- Coffin on Murder Street (1991)
- A Coffin For Charley (1993)
- A Dark Coffin (1995)
- Coffin's Game (1997)
- Coffin's Ghost (1999)
- Coffin Knows the Answer (2002)

**W.J. Burley**
Charles Wycliffe, the area CID superintendent in the West Country, England.

**Wycliffe**
- Three-Toed Pussy (1968)
- Guilt Edged (1971)
- Death in Stanley Street (1974)
- Wycliffe and the Schoolgirls (1976)
- Wycliffe in Paul's Court (1980)
- Wycliffe and the Beales (1983)
- Wycliffe and the Quiet Virgin (1986)
- Wycliffe and the Tangled Web (1988)
- Wycliffe and the Dead Flautist (1991)
- Wycliffe and the Dunes Mystery (1993)
- Wycliffe and the Redhead (1997)
- To Kill a Cat (1970)
- Death in a Salubrious Place (1973)
- Wycliffe and the Pea-Green Boat (1975)
- Wycliffe and the Scapegoat (1978)
- Wycliffe and the Four Jacks (1985)
- Wycliffe and the Winsor Blue (1987)
- Wycliffe and the Cycle of Death (1990)
- Wycliffe and the Last Rites (1992)
- Wycliffe and the House of Fear (1995)
- Wycliffe and the Guild of Nine (2000)

**Deborah Crombie**
Duncan Kincaid, a Scotland Yard superintendent, and Gemma James, a sergeant, in London.

**Duncan Kincaid / Gemma James**
- A Share in Death (1993)
- Leave the Grave Green (1995)
- Dreaming of the Bones (1997)
- A Share in Death (1993)
- All Shall Be Well (1994)
- Mourn Not Your Dead (1996)
- Kissed A Sad Goodbye (1999)

**Eileen Dewhurst**
Neil Carter, a Scotland Yard detective, in London

**Neil Carter**
*Curtain Fall* (1977)  *Drink This* (1980)
*A Nice Little Business* (1987)

**Colin Dexter**
Dexter is the creator of one of the great British police inspectors, Chief Inspector Endeavor Morse of the Oxford police.

**Inspector Morse**
*The Silent World of Nicholas Quinn* (1977)  *Service of All the Dead* (1979)

**Marjorie Eccles**
Gil Mayo, an inspector in a police department in the Balc Country, a highly industrialized area of the English Midlands.

**Gil Mayo**
*Late of This Parish* (1992)  *The Company She Kept* (1993)
*Untimely Graves* (2001)

**Kate Ellis**
Wesley Peterson, a detective sergeant, and Gerry Heffernan, a detective inspector, in South Devon, England.

**Wesley Peterson**

*The Merchant’s House* (1999)  
*An Unhallowed Grave* (2001)  
*A Cursed Inheritance* (2005)  
*The Shining Skull* (2007)  
*A Perfect Death* (2009)  
*The Jackal Man* (2011)

The Armada Boy (2000)  
*A Painted Doom* (2002)  
*The Blood Pit* (2008)  
*The Flesh Tailor* (2010)  
*The Cadaver Game* (2012)

Joe Plantagenet, a detective inspector in Eborby, North Yorkshire, England:

**Plantagenet Mysteries**

*Seeking the Dead* (2008)  
*Playing with Bones* (2009)  
*Kissing the Demons* (2011)

Christopher Fowler


**Peculiar Crimes**

*Seventy-Seven Clocks* (2005)  
*White Corridor* (2007)  
*Bryant & May on the Loose* (2009)  
*The Memory of Blood* (2012)

*The Victoria Vanishes* (2008)  
*Bryant & May off the Rails* (2010)

Elizabeth George

Thomas Lynley, a Scotland Yard inspector and eighth Earl of Asherton, in London.

**Inspector Lynley Mysteries**

*A Great Deliverance* (1988)  
*Well-Schooled in Murder* (1990)  
*For the Sake of Elena* (1992)  
*Playing for the Ashes* (1994)  
*Deception on His Mind* (1997)  
*A Traitor to Memory* (2001)  
*With No One as Witness* (2005)

*Payment in Blood* (1989)  
*A Suitable Vengeance* (1991)  
*In the Presence of the Enemy* (1996)  
*In Pursuit of the Proper Sinner* (1999)  
*What Came Before He Shot Her* (2006)
Believing the Lie (2012)

Bartholomew Gill
Peter McGarr, a police officer in Dublin, Ireland.

Peter McGarr
McGarr at the Dublin Horse Show (1979)  McGarr and the P.M. of Belgrave Square (1983)
The Death of a Joyce Scholar (1989)  Death of a Busker King (1990)
Death in Dublin (2002)

Paula Gosling
Luke Abbott, a cop in England:

Caroline Graham
Tom Barnaby, chief inspector in England:

Midsomer Murders

Ann Granger
Alan Markby, a detective inspector, and Meredith Mitchell, a Foreign Service officer, in the Cotswolds, England.

Markby Mysteries
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**John Greenwood (John Buxton Hilton)**


**Simon Kenworthy**

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Thomas Brunt, a CID inspector in the hill country of Northern England:

**Thomas Brunt**

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Written as John Greenwood

Inspector Mosley, in Lancashire and Yorkshire border country in England:

**Mosley Mysteries**

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**Martha Grimes**

Richard Jury, a Scotland Yard investigator based in London, England

**Richard Jury**

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**Cynthia Harrod-Eagles**  
Bill Slider, a police inspector at Shepherd’s Bush CID, in London, England

**Slider Mysteries**

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**Roy Hart**  
Douglas Roper, a detective superintendent in Dorset, England:

**Douglas Roper**

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**John Harvey**  
Charlie Resnick, jazz-loving police detective in Nottingham, England

**Charlie Resnick**

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Living Proof (1995)  
Still Water (1997)  
Now’s the Time: The Complete Resnick Short Stories (1999)  
Easy Meat (1996)  
Last Rites (1998)  
Cold in Hand (2008)

Will Grayson, a Detective Inspector, and Helen Walker, a Detective Sergeant, in Cambridge, England

Grayson/Walker Mysteries

Gone to Ground (2007)
Far Cry (2009)

Reginald Hill
Superintendent Andrew Dalziel and Sergeant Peter Pascoe, a pair of police inspectors in Yorkshire, England.

Dalziel and Pascoe Mysteries

A Clubbable Woman (1970)  
Ruling Passion (1973)  
A Pinch of Snuff (1978)  
A Killing Kindness (1980)  
Exit Lines (1984)  
Underworld (1988)  
One Small Step (1990) [novella]  
Pictures of Perfection (1994)  
Asking for the Moon (1996) [SS]  
Arms and the Women (1999)  
Death Comes for the Fat Man (2007)  
Midnight Fugue (2009)  

An Advancement of Learning (1971)  
An April Shroud (1975)  
Pascoe’s Ghost (1979) [SS]  
Deadheads (1983)  
Child’s Play (1987)  
Bones and Silence (1990)  
Recalled to Life (1992)  
The Wood Beyond (1995)  
On Beulah Height (1998)  
Dialogues of the Dead (2002)  
Good Morning Midnight (2004)  
The Price of Butcher’s Meat (2008)

Alan Hunter
George Gently, a police inspector, later Chief Superintendent, based in East Anglia, England.

George Gently

Gently Does It (1955)  
Gently Down the Stream (1957)  
Gently Through the Mill (1958)  
Gently with the Painters (1960)  
Gently Go Man (1961)  
Gently Floating (1963)  

Gently by the Shore (1956)  
Landed Gently (1957)  
Gently in the Sun (1959)  
Gently to the Summit (1961)  
Gently Where the Roads Go (1962)  
Gently Sahib (1964)
Gently with the Ladies (1965)  Gently North-West (1967)
Vivienne -- Gently Where She Lay (1972)  Gently French (1973)
Gently Where the Birds Are (1976)  Gently Instrumental (1977)

Bill James
Colin Harpur, detective chief superintendent, and Desmond Iles, assistant chief constable in an English seaport

Harpur & Iles Mysteries
Vacuum (2011)

P.D James

Dalgliesh Mysteries
Cover Her Face (1962)  A Mind To Murder (1963)
Unnatural Causes (1967)  Shroud for a Nightingale (1971)

**Roderic Jeffries**
Written as Peter Alding
Constable Kerr and inspector Robert Fusil in the fictitious seaside Fortrow, England

**Kerr & Fusil Mysteries**
The C.I.D. Room (1967)  Circle of Danger (1968)
Despite the Evidence (1971)  Call Back to Crime (1972)
Six Days to Death (1975)  Murder Is Suspected (1978)

Written as Jeffrey Ashford
Don Kerry, a detective inspector in England.

**Don Kerry**
Investigations Are Proceeding (1961)
Enquiries Are Continuing (1964)

**H.R.F. Keating**
Harriet Martens, a detective superintendent in Greater Birchester, England

**Harriet Martens**
Rules, Regs and Rotten Eggs (2008)

**Bill Knox**
Colin Thane and Phil Moss, Crime Squad officers in Glasgow, Scotland
Thane and Moss Mysteries

- Deadline for a Dream (1957)
- Leave it to the Hangman (1960)
- Sanctuary Isle (1962)
- The Taste of Proof (1965)
- Justice on the Rocks (1967)
- Children of the Mist (1970)
- Draw Batons! (1973)
- Pilot Error (1977)
- The Crossfire Killings (1986)
- The Counterfeit Killers (1996)
- Death Bytes (1998)

- Death Department (1959)
- Little Drops of Blood (1962)
- The Man in the Bottle (1963)
- The Deep Fall (1966)
- The Tallyman (1969)
- To Kill a Witch (1971)
- Rally to Kill (1975)
- Live Bait (1978)
- The Hanging Tree (1983)
- The Interface Man (1989)
- Blood Proof (1999)
- The Lazarus Widow (1999)

Lynda La Plante

Jane Tennison, a detective chief inspector in London, England:

Prime Suspect

- Prime Suspect (1993)
- Prime Suspect 2 (1993)
- Prime Suspect 3 (1994)

Anna Travis, a rookie detective, in London, England:

Anna Travis Mysteries

- Above Suspicion (2004)
- Clean Cut (2007)
- Silent Scream (2009)
- Bloodline (2011)
- The Red Dahlia (2006)
- Deadly Intent (2008)
- Blind Fury (2010)

Peter Lovesey

Peter Diamond, a homicide detective in Bath, England:

Peter Diamond

- The Last Detective (1991)
- The Summons (1995)
- Upon a Dark Night (1998)
- Diamond Dust (2002)
- The Secret Hangman (2007)
- Stagestruck (2011)
- Diamond Solitaire (1992)
- Bloodhounds (1996)
- The Vault (2000)
- Skeleton Hill (2009)
- Cop to Corpse (2012)
Henrietta “Hen” Mallin, a police inspector in West Sussex, England:

**Henrietta Malin Mysteries**

*The Circle* (2005) [review]

*The Headhunters* (2008)

**Ngaio Marsh**


**Inspector Alleyn Mysteries**

*A Man Lay Dead* (1934)  
*The Nursing-Home Murder* (1935)  
*Vintage Murder* (1937)  
*Death in a White Tie* (1938)  
*Death at the Bar* (1940)  
*Death and the Dancing Footman* (1941)  
*Died in the Wool* (1945)  
*A Wreath for Rivera* (1949)  
*Spinsters in Jeopardy* (1953)  
*Death of a Fool* (1956)  
*False Scent* (1959)  
*Dead Water* (1963)  
*Clutch of Constables* (1968)  
*Tied Up in Tinsel* (1972)  
*Last Ditch* (1977)  
*Photo Finish* (1980)  
*Enter a Murderer* (1935)  
*Death in Ecstasy* (1936)  
*Artists in Crime* (1938)  
*Overture to Death* (1939)  
*Death of a Peer* (1940)  
*Colour Scheme* (1943)  
*Final Curtain* (1947)  
*Night at the Vulcan* (1951)  
*Scales of Justice* (1955)  
*Singing in the Shrouds* (1958)  
*Hand in Glove* (1962)  
*Killer Dolphin* (1966)  
*When in Rome* (1970)  
*Black as He’s Painted* (1974)  
*Grave Mistake* (1978)  
*Light Thickens* (1982)

**Jill McGown**

Chief Inspector Lloyd and Inspector Judy Hill, cops and lovers in East Anglia, England.

**Lloyd and Hill Mysteries**

*A Perfect Match* (1983)  
*Death of a Dancer* (1989)  
*The Other Woman* (1992)  
*A Shred of Evidence* (1995)  
*Picture of Innocence* (1998)  
*Scene of Crime* (2001)  
*Unlucky For Some* (2004)  
*Redemption* (1988)  
*The Murders of Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Beale* (1991)  
*Murder... Now and Then* (1993)  
*Verdict Unsafe* (1997)  
*Plots and Errors* (1999)  
*Births, Deaths and Marriages* (2002)

**Patricia Moyes**

Inspector Tibbett

**Dead Men Don't Ski** (1958)  
**Death on the Agenda** (1962)  
**Falling Star** (1964)  
**Murder Fantastical** (1967)  
**Who Saw Her Die?** (1970)  

**The Sunken Sailor** (1961)  
**Murder à la Mode** (1963)  
**Johnny Under Ground** (1965)  
**Death and the Dutch Uncle** (1968)  
**Season of Snows and Sins** (1971)

Nick Oldham


**Henry Christie Mysteries**

**A Time for Justice** (1996)  
**One Dead Witness** (1998)  
**Backlash** (2001)  
**Dead Heat** (2004)  
**Psycho Alley** (2006)  
**Screen of Deceit** (2008)  
**The Nothing Job** (2009)  
**Hidden Witness** (2010)  

**Nightmare City** (1997)  
**The Last Big Job** (1999)  
**Substantial Threat** (2002)  
**Big City Jacks** (2005)  
**Critical Threat** (2007)  
**Crunch Time** (2008)  
**Seizure** (2010)  
**Facing Justice** (2011)

Ian Rankin

John Rebus, a detective sergeant in Edinburgh, Scotland.

**Rebus Mysteries**

**Knots and Crosses** (1987)  
**Wolfman** (1992)  
**A Good Hanging** (1992)  
**Mortal Causes** (1994)  
**Black and Blue** (1997)  
**Dead Souls** (1999)  
**Set in Darkness** (2000)  
**Resurrection Men** (2002)  
**Fleshmarket Close** (2004)  
**Exit Music** (2007)  

**Hide and Seek** (1991)  
**Strip Jack** (1992)  
**The Black Book** (1993)  
**Let It Bleed** (1995)  
**The Hanging Garden** (1998)  
**Death Is Not the End** (2000)  
**The Falls** (2001)  
**A Question of Blood** (2003)  
**The Naming of the Dead** (2006)

Malcolm Fox, a cop working for the Complaints, the police internal affairs division, in Edinburgh, Scotland.

**Malcolm Fox**

**The Complaints** (2009)  
**The Impossible Dead** (2011)
**Ruth Rendell**
Reginald Wexford, a chief inspector in Sussex, England.

**Inspector Wexford**
- *From Doon with Death* (1964)
- *Wolf to the Slaughter* (1967)
- *Murder Being Once Done* (1972)
- *Shake Hands Forever* (1975)
- *Means of Evil and Other Stories* (1979) [SS]
- *The Speaker of Mandarin* (1983)
- *The Veiled One* (1988)
- *Simisola* (1994)
- *Harm Done* (1999)
- *End in Tears* (2005)
- *The Monster in the Box* (2009)
- *A New Lease of Death* (1967)
- *The Best Man To Die* (1969)
- *No More Dying Then* (1971)
- *Some Lie and Some Die* (1973)
- *A Sleeping Life* (1978)
- *Put on by Cunning* (1981)
- *An Unkindness of Ravens* (1985)
- *Kissing the Gunner’s Daughter* (1992)
- *Road Rage* (1997)
- *The Vault* (2011)

**Peter Robinson**
Alan Banks, Eastvale detective chief inspector, in Yorkshire, England

**Inspector Banks**
- *Gallows View* (1987)
- *Final Account* (1994)
- *Dead Right* (1997)
- *Cold Is the Grave* (2000)
- *Strange Affair* (2005)
- *Bad Boy* (2010)
- *A Dedicated Man* (1988)
- *Wednesday’s Child* (1992)
- *In a Dry Season* (1999)
- *Aftermath* (2001)
- *All the Colors of Darkness* (2008)

**Michael Robotham**
Vincent Ruiz, a detective inspector, and usually Joseph O’Loughlin, psychologist, in London, England

**Ruiz & O’Loughlin Mysteries**
- *The Suspect* (2004) [review]
- *Bleed for Me* (2010)
- *Lost* (2005)
- *Shatter* (2008)
- *The Wreckage* (2011)
**Jack S. Scott**
Alfred Stanley (Alf) Rosher, a crude yet caring detective sergeant (later inspector), in a small city in England.

**Rosher Mysteries**
- *The Poor Old Lady’s Dead* (1976)
- *A Clutch of Vipers* (1979)
- *A Distant View of Death* (1981)
- *The Local Lads* (1982)
- *A Death in Irish Town* (1984)
- *The Shallow Grave* (1977)
- *An Uprush of Mayhem* (1982)
- *All the Pretty People* (1983)
- *A Knife Between the Ribs* (1986)

Peter Parsons, a chief inspector, in England.

**Inspector Parsons**
- *A Little Darling, Dead* (1985)

**Dorothy Simpson**
Luke Thanet, a police inspector in Kent, England,

**Inspector Thanet**
- *The Night She Died* (1981)
- *Puppet for a Corpse* (1983)
- *Last Seen Alive* (1985)
- *Dead by Morning* (1989)
- *Wake the Dead* (1992)
- *Dead and Gone* (2000)
- *Dead on Arrival* (1986)
- *Suspicious Death* (1988)
- *Doomed To Die* (1991)
- *Once Too Often* (1998)

**Charles Todd**
Ian Rutledge, a shell-shocked World War I veteran returning to his job at Scotland Yard, in London, England.

**Ian Rutledge Mysteries**
- *A Test of Wills* (1996)
- *Search the Dark* (1999)
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**Inspector Lestrade Mysteries**

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| George Hennessey, chief inspector, and Detective Sergeant Yellich, with the Vale of York police, in England. |

**Hennessey & Yellich Mysteries**

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**Inspector Vicary**
- *Improving the Silence* (2009)
- *Deep Cover* (2011)

**Michael Underwood**

**Inspector Manton**
- *Murder on Trial* (1954)
- *Death on Remand* (1956)
- *Lawful Pursuit* (1958)
- *Death by Misadventure* (1960)
- *Adam’s Case* (1961)
- *Girl Found Dead* (1963)
- *The Anxious Conspirator* (1965)

- *Murder Made Absolute* (1955)
- *False Witness* (1957)
- *Arm of the Law* (1959)
- *Cause of Death* (1960)
- *The Case Against Philip Quest* (1962)

Nick Atwell, a police sergeant at Scotland Yard, and detective constable Clare Reynolds, in London, England

**Atwell & Reynolds Mysteries**
- *The Juror* (1975)
- *Murder with Malice* (1977)
- *Crooked Wood* (1978)

- *Menaces, Menaces* (1976)
- *The Fatal Trip* (1977)

**John Wainwright**
Superintendent Charles Ripley, head of the uniform branch in Yorkshire, England.

**Superintendent Ripley**
- *Evil Intent* (1966)
- *Freeze the Body Less Coldly* (1970)

- *The Worms Must Wait* (1967)
- *A Touch of Malice* (1973)
- *Death of a Big Man* (1975)

**Superintendent Gillant**
- *The Crystallized Carbon Pig* (1966)
- *Landscape with Violence* (1975)
- *Requiem for a Loser* (1972)
- *A Ripple of Murders* (1978)

Chief Inspector Lennox, detective chief inspector in Yorkshire, England

**Inspector Lennox**
- *Pool of Tears* (1977)
- *Square Dance* (1975)
- *Take Murder...* (1979)


**Inspector Lyle**
- *Duty Elsewhere* (1979)
- *Dominoes* (1980)
- *Hangman’s Lane* (1992)
- *Brainwash* (1979)

David Williams
DCI Merlin Parry and DS Gomer Lloyd, policemen in Cardiff, Wales.

**Parry & Lloyd Mysteries**
- *Last Seen Breathing* (1994)
- *Dead in the Market* (1996)
- *Suicide Intended* (1998)
- *A Terminal Case* (1997)
- *Practice to Deceive* (2003)
**APPENDIX 1**

Police Ranks in Most British Police Forces:

- **Police Constable** – a uniformed beat officer
- **Police Sergeant** – uniformed or plainclothes
- **Inspector** – a plainclothes detective
- **Chief Inspector** – Head of the detectives in a precinct
- **Superintendent** – Head of a precinct
- **Chief Superintendent** – Head of a police department
- **Constables** – Heads of territorial (county) forces – management positions

**APPENDIX 2**

**GLOSSARY OF BRITISH POLICE ACRONYMS**

- **ACC** – Assistant Chief Constable
- **ARV** – Armed Response Vehicle
- **C & D** – Complaints and Discipline (Internal Affairs)
CCTV  Closed Circuit Television
CID  Criminal Investigation Department
D & D  (1) Drunk and Disorderly, (2) Drink and Drive
D & I  Drunk and Incapable
DCC  Deputy Chief Constable
DCI  Detective chief Inspector
DI  Detective Inspector
FME  Forensic Medical Examiner
NCIS  National Criminal Intelligence Service
PC  Police Constable
PNC  Police National Computer
PS  Police Sergeant
SB  Special Branch
SC  Special Constable
SOCA  Serious and Organised Crime Agency
SOCO  Scenes of Crime Officer

APPENDIX 3
BRITISH SLANG AND TERMINOLOGY

BALLS-UP – a messed up situation
BANG ON – exact or correct
BANGER – (1) a sausage, (2) an old car
BALMY, BARMY – mentally deficient
BIRO – a ball point pen
BISCUIT – a cookie
BLEEDING, BLOODY – an adjective used to intensify a noun
BLOWER – a telephone
BOB’S YOUR UNCLE – There you have it; a catch phrase expressing satisfactory completion.
BONNET – the hood of a car
BOOT – the trunk of a car
BUGGERED – worn out, tired
BUGGER OFF – go away, get lost
BUGGER UP – to mess up a situation
CAR PARK – a parking lot or garage
CARAVAN – a travel trailer
CHAT UP – to flirt
CHIPS – French fries
CHOKEY – prison
COCK-UP – see BALLS-UP
CODSWALLOP – nonsense
COME A CROPPER – to fail
COSH – a heavy stick or metal bar used as a weapon
COSTERMONGER - street vendor
CRACKING – wonderful
CRISPS – potato chips
CUPPA – cup of tea or coffee
DIGESTIVE BISCUITS – soda crackers
DO A RUNNER – make a hasty exit, escape
DOLE – welfare or social security benefits
DUST BIN - garbage can
ELEVENSES – a traditional midmorning snack
FAG – a cigarette
FAGGED – tired, exhausted
FAIRY CAKE – a cupcake
FANCY – to like or desire
FIVER – a five pound note (currency)
FLAT – an apartment
GIT – an idiot or a contemptible person
GOBSMACKED – astounded, astonished
GRASS – an informer or stool pigeon. Also, TO GRASS
HOOVER - vacuum cleaner, to run a vacuum cleaner
JACK THE LAD – A male who is quick witted, a rogue who looks out for himself
JAMMY DODGER – a jelly doughnut
JUMBLE SALE – yard or garage sale
KARZY – a lavatory
KNACKERED – tired, worn out
KNICK – to steal
KNICKERS – underpants
LIFT – elevator
LOO – a lavatory or rest room
LORRIE – a truck
MATE – best friend
MOBILE - cell phone
NICK, TO NICK – jail, to arrest someone
PAKI – a Pakistani
PETROL -- gasoline
PISSED – very drunk
PLASTER – a bandage
PLONK – cheap wine
PUDDING – any sort of dessert
PUNTER – a customer in a store
RASHER – a strip of bacon
QUID – one pound sterling (currency)
SCREW – a prison guard
SCRUMMY – delicious
SOD OFF – leave, go away!
SOLICITOR – a lawyer
SPANNER – a wench
SPEND A PENNY – use the rest room
STARKERS – naked
SWAG – money or valuables
TAKEAWAY – take out food
TELLY – television
TIDDLY – slightly intoxicated
WACKED – see KNACKERED
WELLIES or WELLINGTONS – knee-high waterproof boots
WONKY – unstable or prone to breaking