

## **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**

*The Religious Body (1966)*

*The Complete Steel (1969)*

*His Burial Too (1973)*

*Parting Breath (1977)*

*Passing Strange (1980)*

*Harm's Way (1984)*

*The Body Politic (1990)*

*Injury Time (1994)*

*Stiff News (1998)*

*Amendment Of Life (2002)*

*Losing Ground (2007)*

*Henrietta Who? (1968)*

*A Late Phoenix (1970)*

*Slight Mourning (1975)*

*Some Die Eloquent (1979)*

*Last Respects (1982)*

*A Dead Liberty (1986)*

*A Going Concern (1993)*

*After Effects (1996)*

*Little Knell (2000)*

*A Hole in One (2005)*

*Past Tense (2010)*

### **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)*

*Charisma (1994)*

*No Birds Sing (1996)*

*The Hireling's Tale (1999)*

### **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)*

*Death and the Princess (1982)*

*Bodies (1986)*

### **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)*

*A Fatal Attachment (1992)*

*The Bad Samaritan (1995)*

*The Corpse at the Haworth Tandoori (1998)*

*A Fall from Grace (2007)*

### **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 Poison Pen (2004)*  
*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)*  
*Lazybones (2003)*  
*Lifeless (2005)*  
*Death Message (2007)*  
*From the Dead (2010)*

*Scaredy Cat (2002)*  
*The Burning Girl (2004)*  
*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)*  
*Blood on the Tongue (2002)*  
*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 Only Knows (2003)*  
*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 in the Museum of Crime (1989)*  
*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)*

*Death Lives Next Door (1960)*  
*Coffin in Oxford (1962)*  
*Coffin Waiting (1963)*  
*A Nameless Coffin (1966)*  
*Coffin's Dark Number (1969)*  
*Coffin On the Water (1986)*  
*Coffin Underground (1988)*  
*Coffin and the Paper Man (1990)*  
*Cracking Open a Coffin (1992)*  
*The Coffin Tree (1994)*  
*A Double Coffin (1996)*  
*A Grave Coffin (1998)*  
*A Cold Coffin (2000)*

### **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's Wild Goose Chase (1982)*  
*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)*

*All Shall Be Well (1994)*  
*Mourn Not Your Dead (1996)*  
*Kissed A Sad Goodbye (1999)*

*A Finer End (2001)*  
*Now May You Weep (2003)*  
*Water Like a Stone (2006)*  
*Necessary as Blood (2009)*

*And Justice There Is None (2002)*  
*In a Dark House (2004)*  
*Where Memories Lie (2008)*  
*No Mark Upon Her (2011)*

### **Eileen Dewhurst**

Neil Carter, a Scotland Yard detective, in London

### **Neil Carter**

*Curtain Fall (1977)*  
*Trio in Three Flats (1981)*  
*A Nice Little Business (1987)*

*Drink This (1980)*  
*There Was a Little Girl (1984)*

### **Colin Dexter**

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

### **Inspector Morse**

*Last Bus to Woodstock (1975)*  
*The Silent World of Nicholas Quinn (1977)*  
*The Dead of Jericho (1981)*  
*The Secret of Annexe 3 (1986)*  
*The Jewel That Was Ours (1989)*  
*The Daughters of Cain (1994)*  
*The Remorseful Day (1999)*

*Last Seen Wearing (1976)*  
*Service of All the Dead (1979)*  
*The Riddle of the Third Mile (1983)*  
*The Wench Is Dead (1989)*  
*The Way Through the Woods (1992)*  
*Death Is Now My Neighbour (1996)*

### **Marjorie Eccles**

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

### **Gil Mayo**

*Cast a Cold Eye (1988)*  
*Requiem for a Dove (1990)*  
*Late of This Parish (1992)*  
*An Accidental Shroud (1994)*  
*A Species of Revenge (1996)*  
*The Superintendent's Daughter (1999)*  
*Untimely Graves (2001)*

*Death of a Good Woman (1989)*  
*More Deaths Than One (1990)*  
*The Company She Kept (1993)*  
*A Death Of Distinction (1995)*  
*Killing Me Softly (1998)*  
*A Sunset Touch (2000)*

### **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)  
*The Bone Garden* (2003)  
*The Skeleton Room* (2003)  
*A Cursed Inheritance* (2005)  
*The Shining Skull* (2007)  
*A Perfect Death* (2009)  
*The Jackal Man* (2011)

*The Armada Boy* (2000)  
*The Funeral Boat* (2002)  
*A Painted Doom* (2002)  
*The Plague Maiden* (2004)  
*The Marriage Hearse* (2006)  
*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**

Arthur Bryant and John May, detectives in the Peculiar Crimes Unit, in London, England.

### **Peculiar Crimes**

*Full Dark House* (2003)  
*Seventy-Seven Clocks* (2005)  
*White Corridor* (2007)  
*Bryant & May on the Loose* (2009)  
*The Memory of Blood* (2012)

*The Water Room* (2004)  
*Ten Second Staircase* (2006)  
*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)  
*Missing Joseph* (1993)  
*In the Presence of the Enemy* (1996)  
*In Pursuit of the Proper Sinner* (1999)  
*A Place of Hiding* (2003)  
*What Came Before He Shot Her* (2006)

*Careless in Red (2008)*  
*Believing the Lie (2012)*

*This Body of Death (2010)*

### **Bartholomew Gill**

Peter McGarr, a police officer in Dublin, Ireland.

#### **Peter McGarr**

*McGarr and the Sienese Conspiracy (1977)*

*McGarr at the Dublin Horse Show (1979)*

*McGarr and the Method of Descartes (1984)*

*The Death of a Joyce Scholar (1989)*

*The Death of Love (1992)*

*The Death of an Ardent Bibliophile (1995)*

*The Death of an Irish Lover (2000)*

*Death in Dublin (2002)*

*McGarr on the Cliffs of Moher (1978)*

*McGarr and the P.M. of Belgrave Square (1983)*

*McGarr and the Legacy of a Woman Scorned (1986)*

*Death of a Busker King (1990)*

*Death on a Cold, Wild River (1993)*

*The Death of an Irish Sea Wolf (1996)*

*The Death of an Irish Sinner (2001)*

### **Paula Gosling**

Luke Abbott, a cop in England:

*The Wychford Murders (1986)*

*Death Penalties (1991)*

### **Caroline Graham**

Tom Barnaby, chief inspector in England:

#### **Midsomer Murders**

*The Killings at Badger's Drift (1988)*

*Death in Disguise (1992)*

*Faithful unto Death (1998)*

*A Ghost in the Machine (2004)*

*Death of a Hollow Man (1989)*

*Written in Blood (1994)*

*A Place of Safety (1999)*

### **Ann Granger**

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

#### **Markby Mysteries**

*Say It with Poison (1991)*

*Cold in the Earth (1992)*

*A Season for Murder (1991)*

*Murder Among Us (1992)*

*Where Old Bones Lie (1993)*  
*A Fine Place for Death (1994)*  
*A Touch of Mortality (1996)*  
*Call the Dead Again (1998)*  
*Shades of Murder (2000)*  
*That Way Murder Lies (2004)*

*Flowers for His Funeral (1994)*  
*Candle for a Corpse (1995)*  
*A Word After Dying (1996)*  
*Beneath These Stones (1999)*  
*A Restless Evil (2002)*

### **John Greenwood (John Buxton Hilton)**

Simon Kenworthy, a hard-working detective inspector, later superintendent, with Scotland Yard, in London, England.

### **Simon Kenworthy**

*Death of an Alderman (1968)*  
*Hangman's Tide (1975)*  
*Some Run Crooked (1978)*  
*Playground of Death (1981)*  
*The Green Frontier (1982)*  
*The Asking Price (1983)*  
*The Hobbema Prospect (1984)*  
*Moondrop to Murder (1986)*  
*Displaced Persons (1987)*

*Death in Midwinter (1969)*  
*No Birds Sang (1975)*  
*The Anathema Stone (1980)*  
*Surrender Value (1981)*  
*The Sunset Law (1982)*  
*Corridors of Guilt (1984)*  
*Passion in the Park (1986)*  
*The Innocents at Home (1987)*

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

### **Thomas Brunt**

*Rescue from the Rose (1976)*  
*Dead-Nettle (1977)*  
*The Quiet Stranger (1985)*

*Gamekeeper's Gallows (1976)*  
*Mr. Fred (1983)*  
*Slickensides (1987)*

Written as John Greenwood

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

### **Mosley Mysteries**

*Murder, Mr. Mosley (1983)*  
*Mosley Went to Mow (1985)*  
*The Mind of Mr. Mosley (1987)*

*Mosley by Moonlight (1984)*  
*Mists over Mosley (1986)*  
*What Me, Mr. Mosley? (1987)*

### **Martha Grimes**

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

### **Richard Jury**

*The Man with a Load of Mischief (1981)*

*The Old Fox Deceiv'd (1982)*



*The Anodyne Necklace (1983)*  
*Jerusalem Inn (1984)*  
*The Deer Leap I (1985)*  
*The Five Bells and Bladebone (1987)*  
*The Old Contemptibles (1990)*  
*Rainbow's End (1995)*  
*The Lamorna Wink (1999)*  
*The Grave Maurice (2002)*  
*The Old Wine Shades (2006)*  
*The Black Cat (2010)*

*The Dirty Duck (1984)*  
*Help the Poor Struggler I (1985)*  
*I Am the Only Running Footman I (1986)*  
*The Old Silent (1989)*  
*The Horse You Came In On (1993)*  
*The Stargazey (1998)*  
*The Blue Last (2001)*  
*The Winds of Change (2004)*  
*Dust (2007)*

### **Cynthia Harrod-Eagles**

Bill Slider, a police inspector at Shepherd's Bush CID, in London, England

#### **Slider Mysteries**

*Orchestrated Death (1991)*  
*Necrochip (1993)*  
*Blood Lines (1996)*  
*Shallow Grave (1998)*  
*Gone Tomorrow (2002)*  
*Game Over (2008)*  
*Body Line (2011)*

*Death Watch (1992)*  
*Dead End (1994)*  
*Killing Time (1996)*  
*Blood Sinister (1999)*  
*Dear Departed (2005)*  
*Fell Purpose (2009)*  
*Kill My Darling (2011)*

### **Roy Hart**

Douglas Roper, a detective superintendent in Dorset, England:

#### **Douglas Roper**

*Seascape with Dead Figures (1987)*  
*A Fox in the Night (1988)*  
*Robbed Blind (1990)*  
*Blood Kin (1992)*  
*A Deadly Schedule (1994)*

*A Pretty Place for a Murder (1987)*  
*Remains To Be Seen (1989)*  
*Breach of Promise (1991)*  
*Final Appointment (1993)*

### **John Harvey**

Charlie Resnick, jazz-loving police detective in Nottingham, England

#### **Charlie Resnick**

*Lonely Hearts (1989)*  
*Cutting Edge (1991)*  
*Wasted Years (1993)*

*Rough Treatment (1990)*  
*Off Minor (1992)*  
*Cold Light (1994)*

*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's Jest-Book* (2003)  
*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 Confidential* (1967)  
*Gently with the Innocents* (1970)  
*Vivienne -- Gently Where She Lay* (1972)  
*Gently in Trees* (1974)  
*Gently Where the Birds Are* (1976)  
*Gently to a Sleep* (1978)  
*Gabrielle's Way* (1981)  
*Gently Between Tides* (1982)  
*The Unhung Man* (1984)  
*The Chelsea Ghost* (1985)  
*Strangling Man* (1987)  
*Gently with the Millions* (1989)  
*Gently to a Kill* (1991)  
*Gently in the Glens* (1993)  
*Jackpot!* (1995)  
*Over Here* (1998)

*Gently North-West* (1967)  
*Gently Coloured* (1969)  
*Gently at a Gallop* (1971)  
*Gently French* (1973)  
*Gently with Love* (1975)  
*Gently Instrumental* (1977)  
*The Honfleur Decision* (1980)  
*Fields of Heather* (1981)  
*Amorous Leander* (1983)  
*"Once a Prostitute"* (1984)  
*Goodnight, Sweet Prince* (1986)  
*Traitor's End* (1988)  
*Gently Scandalous* (1990)  
*Gently Tragic* (1992)  
*Bomber's Moon* (1994)  
*The Love of Gods* (1997)  
*Gently Mistaken* (1999)

### **Bill James**

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

### **Harpur & Iles Mysteries**

*You'd Better Believe It* (1985)  
*Halo Parade* (1987)  
*Come Clean* (1989)  
*Club* (1991)  
*Gospel* (1992)  
*In Good Hands* (1994)  
*Top Banana* (1996)  
*Lovely Mover* (1999)  
*Kill Me* (2000)  
*Naked at the Window* (2002)  
*Easy Streets* (2005)  
*The Sixth Man and Other Stories* (2006) [SS]  
*Pix* (2007)  
*Hotbed* (2009)  
*Vacuum* (2011)

*The Lolita Man* (1986)  
*Protection* (1988)  
*Take* (1990)  
*Astride a Grave* (1991)  
*Roses, Roses* (1993)  
*The Detective Is Dead* (1995)  
*Panicking Ralph* (1998)  
*Eton Crop* (1999)  
*Pay Days* (2001)  
*The Girl with the Long Back* (2004)  
*Wolves of Memory* (2006)  
*Girls* (2006)  
*In the Absence of Iles* (2008)  
*I Am Gold* (2011)

### **P.D James**

Adam Dalgliesh, a critically acclaimed poet and Scotland Yard commander, in London, England.

### **Dalgliesh Mysteries**

*Cover Her Face (1962)*  
*Unnatural Causes (1967)*  
*The Black Tower (1975)*  
*A Taste for Death (1986)*  
*Original Sin (1994)*  
*Death in Holy Orders (2001)*  
*The Lighthouse (2005)*

*A Mind To Murder (1963)*  
*Shroud for a Nightingale (1971)*  
*Death of an Expert Witness (1977)*  
*Devices and Desires (1989)*  
*A Certain Justice (1997)*  
*Murder Room (2004)*  
*The Private Patient (2008)*

### **Roderic Jeffries**

Written as Peter Alding

Constable Kerr and and inspector Robert Fusil in the fictitious seaside Fortrow, England

### **Kerr & Fusil Mysteries**

*The C.I.D. Room (1967)*  
*Murder among Thieves (1969)*  
*Despite the Evidence (1971)*  
*Field of Fire (1973)*  
*Six Days to Death (1975)*  
*Ransom Town (1979)*  
*Betrayed by Death (1982)*

*Circle of Danger (1968)*  
*Guilt without Proof (1970)*  
*Call Back to Crime (1972)*  
*The Murder Line (1974)*  
*Murder Is Suspected (1978)*  
*A Man Condemned (1981)*  
*One Man's Justice (1983)*

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**

*The Hard Detective (2000)*  
*A Detective Under Fire (2004)*  
*A Detective at Death's Door (2004)*  
*Rules, Regs and Rotten Eggs (2008)*

*A Detective in Love (2002)*  
*A Dreaming Detective (2004)*  
*One Man and His Bomb (2006)*

### **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)*  
*A Killing in Antiques (1981)*  
*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 3 (1994)*

*Prime Suspect 2 (1993)*

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)*  
*The House Sitter (2003)*  
*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**

Roderick Alleyn, second son of a baronet and police inspector in London, England.

### **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*<sup>4</sup> (1959)

*Dead Water* (1963)

*Clutch of Constables* (1968)

*Tied Up in Tinsel* (1972)

*Last Ditch* (1977)

*Photo Finish*<sup>2</sup> (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*<sup>4</sup> (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**

Henry Tibbett, a Scotland Yard Inspector in London, England.

## **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, a hard-drinking detective inspector, later DCI, in Blackpool, England.

## **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) [SS]*  
*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) [Novella]*  
*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)  
*A Guilty Thing Surprised* (1970)  
*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 Babes in the Wood* (2002)  
*Not in the Flesh* (2007)  
*The Vault* (2011)

## **Peter Robinson**

Alan Banks, Eastvale detective chief inspector, in Yorkshire, England

### **Inspector Banks**

*Gallows View* (1987)  
*A Necessary End* (1989)  
*Past Reason Hated* (1991)  
*Final Account* (1994)  
*Dead Right* (1997)  
*Cold Is the Grave* (2000)  
*Close to Home* (2003)  
*Strange Affair* (2005)  
*Friend of the Devil* (2007)  
*Bad Boy* (2010)

*A Dedicated Man* (1988)  
*The Hanging Valley* (1989)  
*Wednesday's Child* (1992)  
*Innocent Graves* (1996)  
*In a Dry Season* (1999)  
*Aftermath* (2001)  
*Playing with Fire* (2004)  
*Piece of My Heart* (2006)  
*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]  
*The Night Ferry* (2007)  
*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)*

*The Gospel Lamb (1980)*

*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 Time of Fine Weather (1984)*

*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)*

*Element of Doubt (1987)*

*Dead by Morning (1989)*

*Wake the Dead (1992)*

*A Day for Dying (1995)*

*Dead and Gone (2000)*

*Six Feet Under (1982)*

*Close Her Eyes (1984)*

*Dead on Arrival (1986)*

*Suspicious Death (1988)*

*Doomed To Die (1991)*

*No Laughing Matter (1993)*

*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)*

*Wings of Fire (1998)*

*Legacy of the Dead (2000)*

*Watchers of Time (2001)*  
*A Cold Treachery (2005)*  
*A False Mirror (2007)*  
*A Matter of Justice (2008)*  
*A Lonely Death (2011)*

*A Fearsome Doubt (2002)*  
*A Long Shadow (2006)*  
*A Pale Horse (2007)*  
*The Red Door (2009)*  
*The Confession (2012)*

### **M.J. Trow**

Sholto Joseph Lestrade, a Scotland Yard inspector in 19th century London, England

#### **Inspector Lestrade Mysteries**

*The Adventures of Inspector Lestrade (1985)*

*Brigade: The Further Adventures of Lestrade (1986)*

*Lestrade and the Hallowed House (1987)*

*Lestrade and the Leviathan (1987)*

*Lestrade and the Brother of Death (1988)*

*Lestrade and the Ripper (1988)*

*Lestrade and the Guardian Angel (1990)*

*Lestrade and the Deadly Game (1990)*

*Lestrade and the Gift of the Prince (1991)*

*Lestrade and the Magpie (1991)*

*Lestrade and the Dead Man's Hand (1992)*

*Lestrade and the Sign of Nine (1992)*

*Lestrade and the Sawdust Ring (1993)*

*Lestrade and the Mirror of Murder (1993)*

*Lestrade and the Kiss of Horus (1995)*

*Lestrade and the Devil's Own (1996)*

### **Peter Turnbull**

The fictional "P" Division of the police, in Glasgow, Scotland:

#### **P Division Mysteries**

*Deep and Crisp and Even (1981)*

*Dead Knock (1982)*

*Fair Friday (1983)*

*Big Money (1984)*

*Two Way Cut (1988)*

*Condition Purple (1989)*

*And Did Murder Him (1991)*

*Long Day Monday (1992)*

*The Killing Floor (1994)*

*The Man With No Face (1998)*

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

#### **Hennessey & Yellich Mysteries**

*Fear of Drowning (1999)*

*Deathtrap (2000)*

*Perils and Dangers (2001)*

*The Return (2001)*

*After the Flood (2002)*

*Dark Secrets (2002)*

*All Roads Leadeth (2003)*

*Treasure Trove (2003)*

*The Dance Master (2004)*

*Hopes and Fears (2004)*

*The Legacy (2005)*

*The Chill Factor (2005)*

*False Knight (2006)*

*Fire Burn (2006)*

*Chelsea Smile (2007)*  
*No Stone Unturned (2008)*  
*Informed Consent (2009)*  
*Deliver Us from Evil (2010)*

*Once a Biker (2007)*  
*Turning Point (2008)*  
*Aftermath (2010)*

Harry Vicary, a detective inspector and recovering alcoholic, in London, England.

### **Inspector Vicary**

*Improving the Silence (2009)*  
*Deep Cover (2011)*

### **Michael Underwood**

Simon Manton, a police inspector, later superintendent, in London, England.

### **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)*  
*The Crime of Colin Wise (1964)*

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 Hard Hit (1974)*

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

Superintendent Gillant, chief constable in Yorkshire, England.

**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**

*The Evidence I Shall Give (1974)*  
*Pool of Tears (1977)*

*Square Dance (1975)*  
*Take Murder... (1979)*

Inspector Lyle, a detective inspector in Yorkshire, England.

**Inspector Lyle**

*Duty Elsewhere (1979)*  
*Dominoes (1980)*  
*Hangman's Lane (1992)*

*Brainwash (1979)*  
*The Man Who Wasn't There (1989)*

**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)*

*Death of a Prodigal (1995)*  
*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) |

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>CCTV</b>      | Closed Circuit Television                     |
| <b>CID</b>       | Criminal Investigation Department             |
| <b>D &amp; D</b> | (1) Drunk and Disorderly, (2) Drink and Drive |
| <b>D &amp; I</b> | Drunk and Incapable                           |
| <b>DCC</b>       | Deputy Chief Constable                        |
| <b>DCI</b>       | Detective chief Inspector                     |
| <b>DI</b>        | Detective Inspector                           |
| <b>FME</b>       | Forensic Medical Examiner                     |
| <b>NCIS</b>      | National Criminal Intelligence Service        |
| <b>PC</b>        | Police Constable                              |
| <b>PNC</b>       | Police National Computer                      |
| <b>PS</b>        | Police Sergeant                               |
| <b>SB</b>        | Special Branch                                |
| <b>SC</b>        | Special Constable                             |
| <b>SOCA</b>      | Serious and Organised Crime Agency            |
| <b>SOCO</b>      | 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  
PISSSED – 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