

SCENE OF THE CRIME BOOKS CASE FILE #18

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STORE HOURS:

Monday & Tuesday- Closed

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday -10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday – 1 to 5 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TORONTO BOOKFAIR: Visit Scene of the Crime Books at our booth at the 33rd semi-annual Toronto Book Fair (located at the St. Lawrence Market, 92 Front Street, Toronto). This is one of our favorite events because more than 40 booksellers crowd into one room. The show is Sunday April 30th from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PETER ROBINSON: Mr. Robinson will be appearing at Scene of the Crime on **Thursday May 11th from 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.** He will be signing copies of his newly released Inspector Banks novel a **“Piece of My Heart.”**

Now I know you are just as excited as I am that Peter is coming to the store but there is more. After the signing at the store, Peter will travel 5 minutes down the road to the **Oakville Conference Centre** next to the Holiday Inn (Bronte and QEW). At the event, he will be talking about his life as a crime writer and it is being hosted by the **Canadian Club of Halton Peel**. It is open to the public. **Tickets are \$40.00 (for non members) which includes dinner and a night with Peter Robinson.** Cocktails start at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. It will be an awesome night and it will give the reader another perspective on the man and his work. For more information and reservations call **905-845-2862.**

MAUREEN JENNINGS: Please note: We will open at 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday May 16th** to host this event. As many of you know, Maureen has had great success with her series “The Murdoch Mysteries” which have been turned into made-for-TV. movies. Now Bravo has announced that there will be a whole season (13 episodes) of Murdoch Mysteries. Maureen will join Scene of the Crime Books on Tuesday May 16th at 6:30 p.m. for a signing and talk. The topic of her speech will be **“Are There No Prisons? Are There No Workshops? Poverty in Victorian Toronto.”** Maureen has done similar events for the University of Toronto and they completely sell-out. Our event is free. Come out and trying some of Maureen’s “Pauper Soup”—it will be fun. \$2.00 will be

donated to the Bronte Historical Society for every sale over \$20.00 on Maureen's books - so it helps a good cause as well.

BRIAN FREEMAN: Brian is the author of the novel "**Immoral**" and is nominated for an Edgar award for best first novel. Other recipients of this award include Laurie R. King, Michael Connelly and Patricia Cornwell. His work is being compared to Michael Connelly and Denise Lehane. Talk within the industry is that Brian has this award in the bag. We will soon find out on April 27th -- the big night for the Edgars. He will be appearing a Scene of the Crime Books on **Thursday June 27th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Don't miss this one!

BLOODY WORDS VII: For the ultimate mystery reader weekend sign up to attend Bloody Words. Last year, the event hosted everything from panels on historical mysteries to drug/bomb sniffing dogs. Scene of the Crime Books attends two mystery book conferences a year -- this one and Bouchercon. We like Bloody Words because it is held locally and it is well organized. It will be held **June 9th - 11th at the Toronto Eaton Centre Marriot, Toronto.** Check out their site at www.bloodywords.com and go -- you'll enjoy every minute.

NEW EVIDENCE:

MAUREEN JENNINGS: "VICES OF MY BLOOD"

Rev. Charles Howard is a married Presbyterian minister who decides who stay in the workhouses and on the streets. It is winter in Toronto and the Minister has turned up dead in his office. His watch and boots are missing. Is it possible that one of the homeless Howard rejected has returned for vengeance? Detective Murdoch is not convinced. First edition trade paper of the sixth novel in the Murdoch series. \$23.00

Also in stock:

Except the Dying in paperback \$10.00

Under the Dragons Tail in paperback SIGNED \$10.00 Hardcover \$30.00

Poor Tom Is Cold in paperback \$10.00 Hardcover SIGNED \$25.00

Let Loose the Dogs in paperback SIGNED \$10.00 Hardcover SIGNED \$25.00

Night's Child in trade paper. \$25.00

VAL MCDERMID: "THE GRAVE TATTOO"

Jane Gresham is a William Wordsworth specialist (the late 1700's poet) and is trying to discover if a manuscript by the late poet ever really existed. But the more she delves into the mystery, the more dangerous it becomes. If found, the poem could be worth millions. If found, the contents of the poem could affect lives - even to this day. It might be worth killing to keep this poem a secret.

First Canadian edition trade paper. \$23.00

VIOLETTE MALAN AND THERESE GREENWOOD: "DEAD IN THE WATER"

This is a compilation of shorts stories by some of the best Canadian writers of today. There are stories by Barbara Fradkin, H. Mel Malton and Rick Mofina - just to mention a few. Perfect cottage country reading.
First edition trade paper. \$16.00

PAPERBACK'S:

STEPHEN BOOTH: "DANCING WITH THE VIRGINS." 2nd Ben Cooper. \$10.00

ELIZABETH PETERS: "THE MUMMY CASE." 3rd Amelia Peabody. \$10.00

LAUREN HANEY: "A FACE TURNED BACKWARD." 2nd Ancient Egyptian mystery \$10.00
"A CURSE OF SILENCE." 4th Ancient Egyptian mystery. \$10.00

PETER ROBINSON: "GALLOWS VIEW." Inspector Banks #1. \$10.00
"THE HANGING VALLEY." Inspector Banks #4 \$10.00
"PAST REASON HATED." Inspector Banks #5 \$10.00
"FINAL ACCOUNT." Inspector Banks #6 \$10.00
"WEDNESDAY'S CHILD." Inspector Banks #7 \$10.00
"AFTERMATH." Inspector Banks #12 \$10.00
"THE SUMMER THAT NEVER WAS." Inspector Banks #13 \$10.00
"PLAYING WITH FIRE." Inspector Banks #14 \$10.00
"STRANGE AFFAIR." Inspector Banks #15 \$10.00

DON'S PICKS:

I finished the Book Club's pick -- **Ian Rankin "Fleshmarket Close"** It was an awesome book. Originally, I picked up **Vicki Delany's new novel "The Burden of Memory"** and got about 1/3rd into it before I had to read the Rankin for the club. Then, I couldn't find it so I picked up **Daniel Judson's "The Darkest Place"**. Now I'm almost 1/2 through that one and I've found the Delany. Needless to say, other than the Rankin I haven't finished reading anything this month. But I can say the Rankin was great. Two thumbs up. The Delany novel started off great and I am looking forward to picking it up again. As for the Judson ... it is dark and has a very noir feel to it. It's not slow. But so far I'm not impressed. But the jury is still out on this one.

SCENE OF THE CRIME'S MOST WANTED:

Peter Robinson has been the main focus of this newsletter so far -- and for good reason, he is one of the biggest Canadian crime writers out there. He was born in Yorkshire England. After getting his B.A. Honours in English Literature, he moved to Canada

where he took his MA in English and Creative Writing at the University of Windsor with Joyce Carol Oates as his tutor. Then he completed his PHD in English at York University.

Peter started his Inspector Banks series with the novel “Gallows View” which was nominated for both a John Creasy award and an Arthur Ellis award for best first novel. Again, he was nominated for an Arthur Ellis award for the novels **“A Dedicated Man”** in 1988 and in 1989 for the novel **“The Hanging Valley”**. In 1990, his first non-Inspector Banks mystery was nominated for another Arthur Ellis award. But finally in 1992 his fifth Inspector Banks novel **“Past Reasons Hated”** won the Arthur Ellis award. His sixth novel **“Wednesday’s Child”** was nominated for an Edgar Award for best novel by the Mystery Writers of America. **“Innocent Graves”** was nominated for the Hammett award, and this book helped Peter his second Arthur Ellis. It was chosen by People Magazine as the “Page Turner of the Week” and picked by Publisher’s Weekly as one of the Best Mysteries of 1996. The list goes on -- I could tell you how he has won awards in France and Sweden. His short stories have won awards in the United States and England. Peter is only getting better as time goes on and he is becoming one of the biggest names in the mystery field. I remember talking with Rick Mofina about a Florida Mystery Festival that he had attended. Rick said, “There was one group at the show that I wanted in on badly: Peter Robinson, Ian Rankin and Michael Connelly. They would go out to dinner and just hang out together. It was like the biggest of the big names together in one group.”

COLLECTOR’S CORNER:

PETER ROBINSON: “A NECESSARY END.”

First edition of the third Inspector Banks mystery. Published in 1989 by Viking of Toronto. Name of earlier owner written on the first free end paper along with date. SIGNED by the author on the title page. Tape discolouring to the boards. In very good / very good condition. \$60.00

PETER ROBINSON: “IN A DRY SEASON.”

First edition of the tenth Inspector Banks mystery. Published in 1999 by Viking of Toronto. SIGNED by the author on the title page. In fine / fine unread condition. \$25.00

PETER ROBINSON: “NOT SAFE AFTER DARK.”

First edition of this collection of short stories by Peter Robinson. Published by Macmillan of London in 2004 precedes the Canadian edition. Only hardcover edition of this novel. In fine / fine condition. \$45.00

PETER ROBINSON: “STRANGE AFFAIR.”

First Canadian edition of the fifteenth mystery in the Inspector Banks series. Published by McClelland and Stewart of Toronto in 2005. Preceded by the British edition. In fine / fine unread condition. \$35.00

THE GAME IS AFOOTE:

Thank you to everyone who sent in their answers last month. Michael Buck was the winner of the email recipients, none of the mail recipients brought in the correct answers. Here were the correct answers: 1. Laurie R. King 2. Sandra Scoppettone 3. S.J. Rozan 4. Emily Brightwell 5. Jane Adams 6. Alex Kava 7. Kathy Reichs 8. Phil Rickman 9. Alexander McCall Smith and 10. Henning Mankell.

This month's contest, I chose the author's place of residence or if they are deceased where they spent their final days. Good luck everyone!

Robert Wilson	Columbia
Robert J. Janes	Portugal
Sara Woods	Toronto
Quintin Jardine	Norway
Caroline Roe	France
Candace Robb	Niagara on the Lake
Arturo Perez-Reverte	Toronto
Jose Latour	Seattle
Karin Fossum	Scotland
Fred Vargas	Niagara on the Lake

Sorry about the countries, but if I named the city (say in Brazil) only a few readers would probably recognize it.

BOOK CLUB:

Join us the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. for our monthly book club.

Upcoming reads are:

THURSDAY MAY 11: LYN HAMILTON'S "XIBALBA MURDERS."

THURSDAY JUNE 15: LINWOOD BARCLAY'S "BAD GUYS." Special

Guest appearance by Linwood Barclay.

THURSDAY JULY 13: REX STOUT'S "FER-DE-LANCE."

THURSDAY AUGUST 10: ERIN HART'S "HAUNTED GROUND."

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14: JOHN D. MACDONALD'S "GREEN RIPPER."

AFTER HOURS:

Just when we were thinking that spring has sprung old man winter sticks his thumb into our eye. Nice.

As long as you have some good reading, it can do what ever it likes out side.

I want to thank everyone who has said how much their enjoying the newsletter. It's nice to hear. I'm getting very excited about the upcoming events – they are shaping up nicely and it is always good to see old friends.

I can't single out one as being the stand out event. Linwood is always good for a laugh. Meeting Peter is comforting -- he's so collected and calm, you automatically relax around him. Maureen is a woman who knows what she's talking about and she is such a class act. So come out, take a chair and make some new friends.

Happy Reading,

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