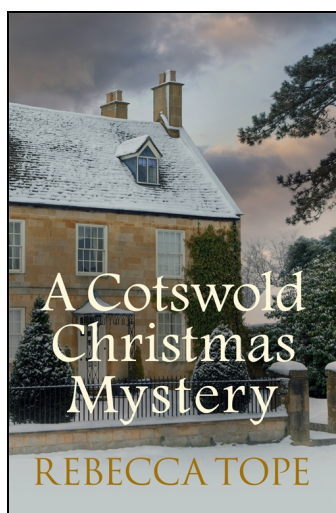


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## A Cotswold Christmas Mystery

### The festive season brings foul play... (Cotswold Mysteries 18)

**Rebecca Tope**

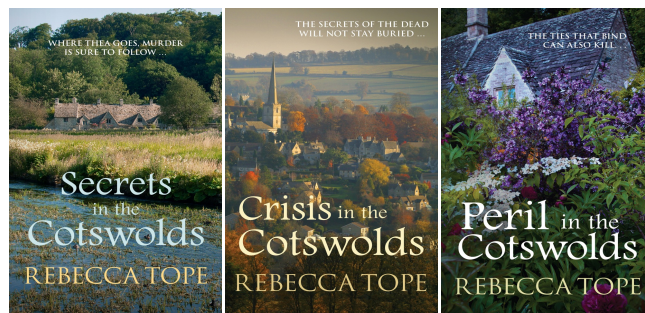
#### Sales Points

- A classic British mystery set in the idyllic countryside
- A Christmas special in a long-running and well-loved series with hordes of devoted fans
- Tope made the Top 50 Most Borrowed Adult Author list in the most recent PLR figures.

#### Reviews

- 'The classic English village mystery is alive and well and living in Gloucestershire' - *Sherlock Magazine*

#### Previous Titles



#### Description

It's Christmas, and things are looking good at the Slocombe house. Thea's daughter Jessica has come to stay, much to her stepdaughter Stephanie's delight. But then things take a turn for the worse. A local family, the Frowse, find themselves increasingly harassed by an aggressive landlord. When Beverley Frowse goes missing, Thea and Stephanie both feel they should do their best to help her husband and son to solve the mystery. Christmas Day arrives. There are presents, a turkey, and general goodwill, despite Thea's suppressed hankering to be involved in events at the Frowse's house, where a dead man has been discovered ...

#### Author Biography

Rebecca Tope is the author of three bestselling crime series, set in the stunning Cotswolds, Lake District and West Country. She lives on a smallholding in rural Herefordshire, where she enjoys the silence and plants a lot of trees, but also manages to travel the world and enjoy civilisation from time to time. Most of her varied experiences and activities find their way into her books, sooner or later.

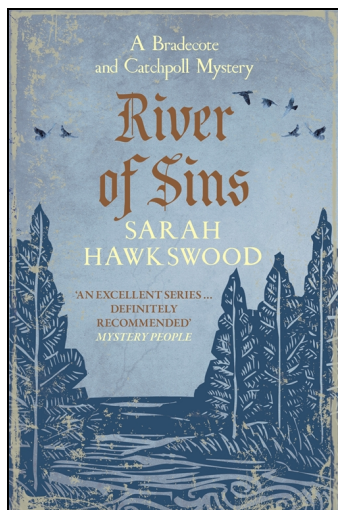
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## River of Sins (Bradecote & Catchpoll 7)

**Sarah Hawkswood**

### Sales Points

- Continuing Hawkswood's medieval-set mystery series, which will appeal particularly to fans of Ellis Peters' Cadfael books and Ariana Franklin's Mistress of Death series
- Author is based close to the book's setting of Worcester and is an energetic promoter of her books

### Reviews

- 'Her elegant and carefully chosen prose keep you glued to the page. She creates a medieval world of her own – and drags the reader deeply into it...a must-read' - *Crime Review on Ordeal by Fire*
- 'Hawkswood leaves the reader guessing to the well-written end' - *Historical Novels Review*

### Previous Titles



### Description

July 1144. Ricolde, 'the finest whore in Worcester', is found butchered on an island a few miles up the River Severn. How did she get there, who killed her, and why? Uncovering details of her life and her past reveal a woman with hidden depths and hidden miseries which are fundamental to the answers, but time has cast a thick veil over the killer's identity. The lord Sheriff's men have a trail that went cold over two decades ago, and evidence that contradicts itself. In a place Catchpoll knows inside out, he finds things new even to him, and then the case becomes personal.

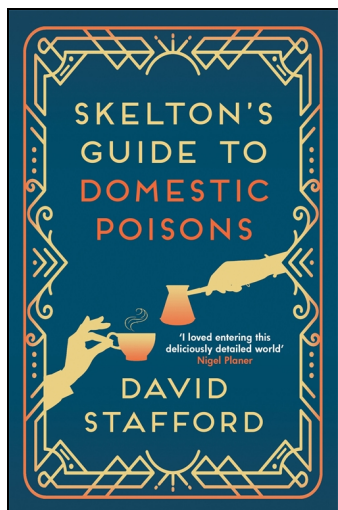
### Author Biography

Sarah Hawkswood describes herself as a 'wordsmith' who is only really happy when writing. She read Modern History at Oxford and first published a non-fiction book on the Royal Marines in the First World War before moving on to medieval mysteries set in Worcestershire.

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BIC 2.1	<b>Historical mysteries (FFH)</b>
BISAC	<b>FICTION / Mystery &amp; Detective / Historical (FIC022060)</b>
Series	<b>Skelton's Guides 1</b>
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## Skelton's Guide to Domestic Poisons (Skelton's Guides 1)

**David Stafford**

### Sales Points

- The first in an exciting two book deal, *Skelton's Guide to Domestic Poisons* draws you into the world of Arthur Skelton, esteemed barrister of the late 1920s.
- Allison & Busby has a very strong reputation in historical crime, from Edward Marston to Jacqueline Winspear. David Stafford looks set to carry on this success.
- Stafford is a well-known author and writer for Radio 4. He captures the period detail beautifully, with inspiration from real-life barrister, politician and preacher, Norman Birkett QC.
- Imagine if Jeeves and Wooster decided to play detective. Perfect for fans of Sophie Hannah and Anthony Horowitz, with a hint of Miss Marple

### Reviews

- 'I loved entering this deliciously detailed world of Rover Sunbeams, Everton Mints, endless cups of tea and men who smoke pipes – oh, and trying to figure out whodunnit, of course' - Nigel Planer

### Description

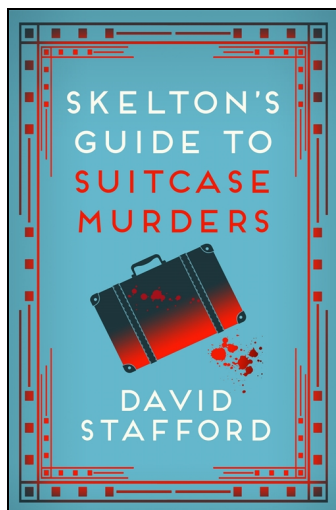
Arthur Skelton has gone from unassuming Yorkshire barrister to front-page sensation, having won the case of the century. But January 1929 brings another high-profile case. Mary Dutton is accused of murdering her husband, although there are few people who dispute her guilt. Between practising his autograph and pose for hordes of journalists and fans alike, Skelton agrees to defend her, despite many considering the case to be unwinnable. With a looming general election and an army of flappers set to cast their inaugural votes, both sides of the political divide are vying for their support by trying to turn the case to their advantage. Skelton faces mounting pressure to find the truth, but will that be enough to save a young woman's life?

### Author Biography

David Stafford began his career in theatre. He has written countless dramas, comedies and documentaries including two television films with Alexei Sayle, *Dread Poets Society* with Benjamin Zephaniah, and, with his wife, Caroline, a string of radio plays and comedies, as well as five biographies of musicians and showbusiness personalities.

### EBook

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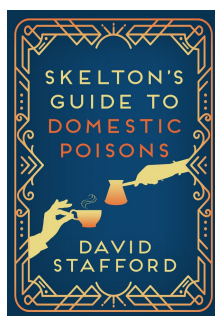
## Skelton's Guide to Suitcase Murders (Skelton's Guides 2)

**David Stafford**

### Sales Points

- *Skelton's Guide to Suitcase Murders* draws you into the world of Arthur Skelton, esteemed barrister of the 1920s and 1930s.
- Allison & Busby has a very strong reputation in historical crime, from Edward Marston to Jacqueline Winspear. David Stafford looks set to carry on this success.
- David Stafford is a well known author and writer for Radio 4. He captures the period detail beautifully, with historical inspiration from barrister, politician and preacher, Norman Birkett QC, an infamous lawyer between the wars.
- *Alias Grace* meets *Law & Order*.

### Previous Titles



### Description

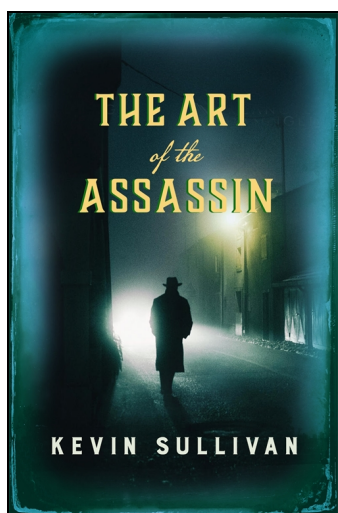
A woman's dismembered corpse is discovered in a quarry, and police quickly link the victim back to their chief suspect: her husband, Doctor Ibrahim Aziz. His wife had been planning to leave him, so his guilt isn't in doubt as far as local law enforcement is concerned. Barrister Arthur Skelton is asked to represent the accused, and though all believe the case to be hopeless, Skelton soon suspects there may be more to the victim's death.

Aided by his loyal clerk Edgar and his roaming cousins, Alan and Norah, Skelton soon finds himself embroiled in an investigation not only concerning this world but the one beyond. Can he convince a jury of Aziz's innocence before the judge dons his black cap?

### Author Biography

David Stafford began his career in theatre, touring with Alexei Sayle, and working on the BBC Two production, *Dread Poets Society*. He has worked for Radio 4, contributed to hit factual entertainment shows including *How To Look Good Naked* and written acclaimed music biographies on Lionel Bart and Kenny Everett. Stafford was a regular presenter on the Radio 4 series *Going Places* and is a guest presenter on *Inside Out* (BBC South West). *Skelton's Guide to Domestic Poisons* is his debut novel.





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## The Art of the Assassin

### The stage is set for a deadly performance

Kevin Sullivan

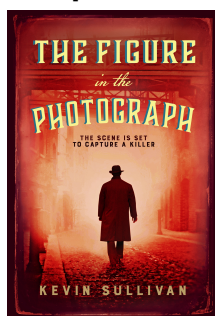
#### Sales Points

- Set in the gritty streets of early 20th century Glasgow
- Perfect for fans of Ambrose Parry, Peter Ackroyd and Laura Carlin
- Hugely promotable and well-connected author. Sullivan has worked as an overseas correspondent for major newspapers covering key events such as the war in Bosnia and Tiananmen Square

#### Reviews

- 'Engaging' - *Yorkshire Post*

#### Comparable Titles



#### Description

1898, Glasgow. A man is found stabbed to death in a tenement block and the police are struggling to grasp any leads. Juan Camerón, photographer-cum-sleuth, is drafted in with his trusted camera in the hope he can bring to light what the eye may overlook.

Yet Juan has problems of his own. Following the tragic death of his father in Cuba some months before, the man's legacy is threatened by a plagiarism suit from a mysterious señora, and Juan's hoped-for happiness with his fiancée, Jane, might be over before it's even begun – even more so when a visiting professor is murdered and Jane is witnessed fleeing the scene. Juan finds himself torn between finding the killer and finding his fiancée – but are they one and the same? The truth is in the frames...

#### Author Biography

Kevin Sullivan was born in Glasgow. His career in journalism has placed him in the frontline of defining historical moments in living memory, from documenting events at Tiananmen Square to covering the siege of Dubrovnik and the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. His work has taken him to Singapore, Sri Lanka, Japan, the Western Balkans, and Spain. He lives in Sarajevo.

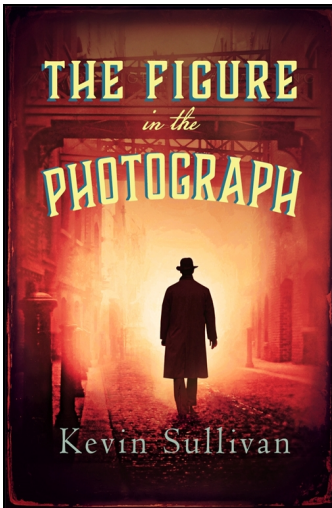
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## The Figure in the Photograph

**Kevin Sullivan**

### Sales Points

- First in an exciting two-book deal set in the gritty streets of early 20th century Glasgow
- Perfect for fans of Ambrose Parry, Peter Ackroyd and Laura Carlin
- Intriguing series concept: using revolutionary photographic technology to catch killers
- Hugely promotable and well-connected author. Sullivan has worked as an overseas correspondent for major newspapers covering key events such as the war in Bosnia and Tiananmen Square

### Reviews

- 'Engaging' - *Yorkshire Post*

### Comparable Titles



### Description

1898. Juan Camerón's father is killed while working as a photographer amidst the chaos of war in Cuba, but his last pictures reveal a sinister truth to his final moments...

Juan travels to Scotland to grieve with family and immerses himself in the study of photography. When he invents a device that inadvertently solves a crime, local law enforcement recruit him to help stop a brutal serial killer plaguing the streets of Glasgow.

### Author Biography

Kevin Sullivan was born in Glasgow. His career in journalism has placed him in the frontline of defining historical moments in living memory, from documenting events at Tiananmen Square to covering the siege of Dubrovnik and the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. His work has taken him to Singapore, Sri Lanka, Japan, the Western Balkans, and Spain. He lives in Sarajevo.

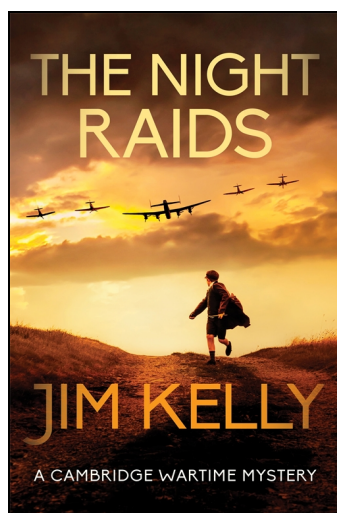
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## The Night Raids (Nighthawk 3)

**Jim Kelly**

### Sales Points

- A Cambridge-based series from a Dagger-in-the-Library-winning author with a rapidly growing following.
- Inspired in great part by the author's father who was a Chief Superintendent in the Met. and a Commando in WW2.
- For fans of Anne Cleeves books and James Runcie's Grantchester series
- *The Great Darkness* and *The Mathematical Bridge* were extremely well received.

### Reviews

- 'Sinister, mysterious and refreshingly different.' - Andrew Taylor, author of *Ashes of London*

### Previous Titles



### Description

A lone German bomber crosses the east coast of Britain on a moonless night in the long, hot summer of 1940. The pilot picks up the silver thread of a river and, following it to his target, drops his bomb over Cambridge's rail yards. The shell falls short of its mark and lands in a neighbourhood of terraced streets on the edge of the city's medieval centre.

DI Eden Brooke is first on the scene and discovers the body of an elderly woman, Nora Wylde, in a house on Elm Street, two fingers on her left hand severed, in what looks like a brutal attempt by looters to steal her rings.

When the next day Nora's teenage granddaughter Peggy, a munitions worker, is reported missing, Brooke realises there is more to the situation than meets the eye.

### Author Biography

Jim Kelly was born in 1957 and is the son of a Scotland Yard detective. He went to university in Sheffield, later training as a journalist and worked on the *Bedfordshire Times*, *Yorkshire Evening Press* and the *Financial Times*. His first book, *The Water Clock*, was shortlisted for the John Creasey Award and he has since won a CWA Dagger in the Library and the New Angle Prize for Literature. He lives in Ely, Cambridgeshire.

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## THE PATTERDALE PLOT (Lake District Mysteries 9) Rebecca Tope

### SALES POINTS / REVIEWS:

- Next title in Tope's increasingly popular series, perfect follow-on reading for fans of her Cotswold Mysteries.
- Excellent cosy crime fiction, one for fans of M.C Beaton and Carola Dunn
- Active author promotion
- Set in the atmospheric Lake District

### Praise for Rebecca Tope:

'A quirky whodunnit delight in the Agatha Raisin mould'  
*Peterborough Telegraph*

### Previous titles:



### DESCRIPTION:

Simmy Brown had hoped that her autumn would be less frantic than usual to give her a chance to enjoy her pregnancy, her upcoming nuptials, and some time looking for a new house in the Patterdale area of the Lake District. But it is not to be ... When one of the lodgers at her parents' Bed & Breakfast dies in her arms after seemingly being poisoned, she becomes embroiled in a complex investigation, headed up by her friend D I Moxon. It is clear the victim had some connection to a controversial new building project near Patterdale and Simmy's ideas of a quiet run up to Christmas are cruelly dashed.

### AUTHOR:

Rebecca Tope is the author of three bestselling crime series, set in the stunning Cotswolds, Lake District and West Country. She lives on a smallholding in rural Herefordshire, where she enjoys the silence and plants a lot of trees, but also manages to travel the world and enjoy civilisation from time to time. Most of her varied experiences and activities find their way into her books, sooner or later.

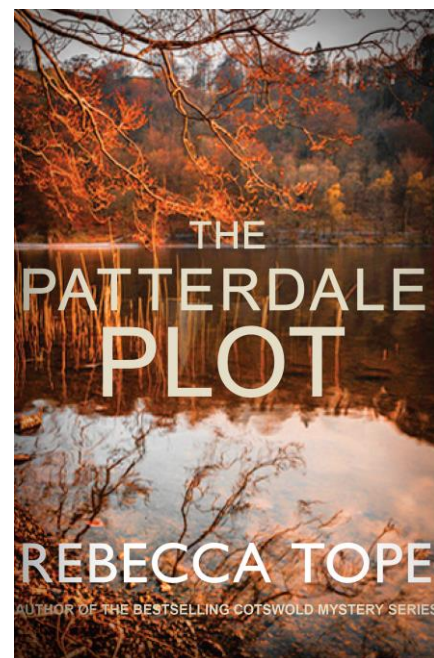
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