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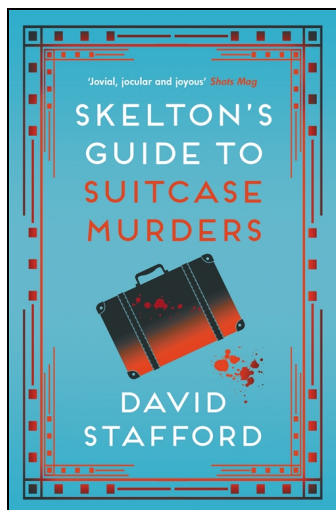
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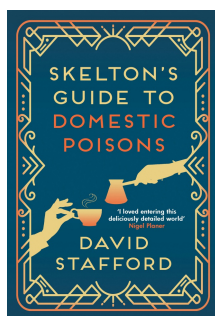
Skelton's Guide to Suitcase Murders (Skelton's Guides 2)

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 suitcase, and police quickly identify her husband, Doctor Ibrahim Aziz, as their chief suspect. Incriminating evidence is discovered at his home and his wife was rumoured to be having an affair, giving him clear motive.

With his reputation for winning hopeless cases, barrister Arthur Skelton is asked to represent the accused. Though Aziz's guilt does not seem to be in doubt, a question of diplomacy and misplaced larvae soon lead Skelton to suspect there may be more to the victim's death.

Aided by his loyal clerk Edgar, Skelton soon finds himself seeking justice for both victim and defendant. But can he uncover the truth before an innocent man is put on trial and condemned to the gallows?

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.



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Evil Never Dies

The gripping paranormal mystery (Dark Devon Mysteries 2)

S M Hardy

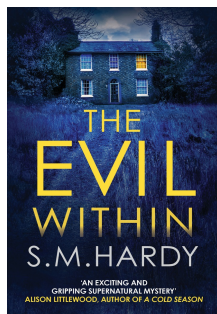
Sales Points

- The second book in a paranormal mystery series set in the West Country
- Perfect for fans of Stephen King, and Laura Purcell's *The Silent Companions*
- Author's writing career started at Quercus

Reviews

- 'Beautifully written ... A terrific story' - Liz Loves Book on *The Evil Within*

Previous Titles



Description

Jed Cummings is no stranger to supernatural happenings, though he would wish otherwise. When he receives an ominous request from an old friend, he is unsettled.

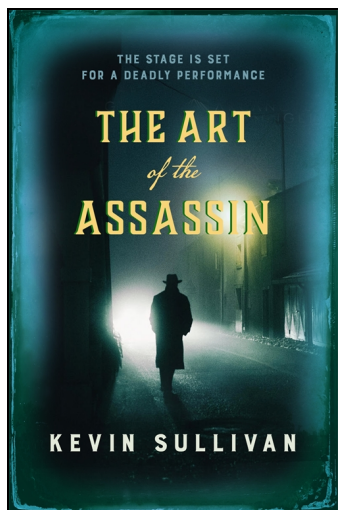
Though he and Simon Pomeroy were like brothers during their army days, they have lost touch over the years. Simon's eldest brother has been brutally murdered, and he hopes his friend Jed can help solve the crime. As he begins to investigate, a gruesome warning reveals dark and dangerous family secrets that threaten the safety of them all.

Author Biography

S. M. Hardy grew up in south London and worked in banking for many years before turning her attention to arboricultural management. She has now given up the day job to allegedly spend more time with her husband; he, however, has noticed that an awful lot more writing appears to be going on. She currently lives in Devon. *The Evil Within* is her first paranormal mystery novel.

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The Art of the Assassin

The stage is set for a deadly performance

Kevin Sullivan

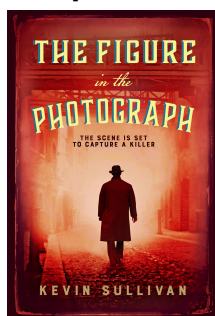
Sales Points

- 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

1899, Glasgow. A man is stabbed to death in a tenement courtyard, and Juan Camarón, photographer-cum-sleuth, is enlisted to assist the police investigation. Perhaps his innovative photographic method can bring to light what the eye may have overlooked.

Yet Juan has problems of his own. His late father's legacy, a monumental photographic record of the architecture of colonial Cuba, is threatened by a charge of plagiarism from a mysterious señora. Meanwhile, Juan's hoped-for happiness with his fiancée, Jane, might be over before it's even begun, and even more so when a visiting professor is murdered and Jane is witnessed fleeing the scene. Juan is torn between finding the killer and finding Jane, but are they one and the same? The truth may be hidden in the photographs.

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.

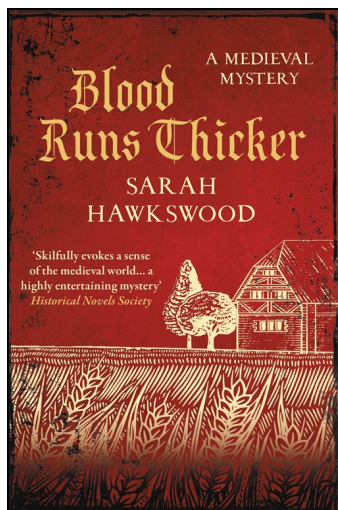
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Blood Runs Thicker (Bradecote & Catchpoll 8)

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

- "Ms Hawkswood clearly knows her stuff, both as a historian and a crafter of mysteries" - *Historical Novels Society*
- "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*

Previous Titles



Description

August 1144. Osbern de Lench is known far and wide as a hard master, whose temper is perpetually frayed. After his daily ride to survey his land, his horse returns to the hall riderless, and the lifeless body of the lord is found soon after.

Was it the work of thieves, or something closer to home? With an heir who is cast in the same hot-tempered mould, sworn enemies for neighbours and something amiss in the relationship between Osbern and his wife, undersheriff Hugh Bradecote, the wily Serjeant Catchpoll and apprentice Walkelin have suspects aplenty.

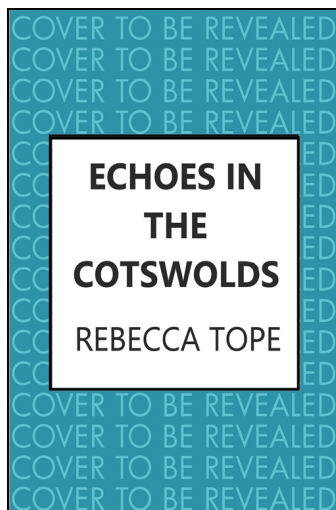
Author Biography

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.

Website Links

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Echoes in the Cotswolds (Cotswold Mysteries 19)

Rebecca Tope

Sales Points

- A classic British mystery set in the idyllic countryside
- There has been continuous sales growth across all Tope titles
- A long-running and well-loved series with hordes of devoted fans
- Tope made the Top 50 Most Borrowed Adult Author list in the recent PLR figures.

Reviews

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

Previous Titles



Description

The latest in the Cotswold Mystery series sees Thea Osborne agreeing to do a second spell of house-sitting for Lucy Sinclair, in her new home in Northleach. Lucy is scheduled for an operation on her back in Oxford and needs Thea to look after things for a few days. Thea is glad of the change of scene and soon meets several of the townsfolk, and it appears that few of them have any liking for Lucy. When a man is found dead in a Northleach house and turns out to be Lucy's stepson, Thea is once again at the very heart of a police investigation.

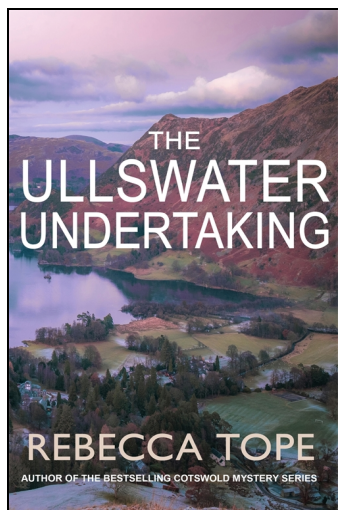
Author Biography

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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	FICTION / Mystery & Detective / Cozy / General (FIC022070)
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The Ullswater Undertaking (Lake District Mysteries 10)

Rebecca Tope

Sales Points

- 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.

Reviews

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

Previous Titles



Description

Spring has brought many new beginnings into the world of florist Persimmon 'Simmy' Brown. Not only has her baby arrived, but she and her fiancé Christopher have moved to the historic village of Hartsop in the Lake District – and they still intend to say their vows before the height of summer.

But when a former acquaintance of Christopher's reminds him of a promise he made a decade previously, their lives soon take a sinister – and deadly – turn. Yet even with a young baby to consider Simmy cannot ignore her instinct to investigate, especially with the personal link to her soon-to-be husband. Ably assisted by her would-be detective friend Ben, can Simmy puzzle out this reckoning from the past and protect her family in time for the wedding bells to chime?

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BLOOD WILL OUT (The Contraband Shore 3) David Donachie

SALES POINTS / REVIEWS:

- The third in a historical adventure series from the author of the John Pearce naval adventures
- Explores the centuries-old business of smuggling out of the Kent coast at Deal – the author's home town.
- Donachie is currently Chair of the Society of Authors.
- Stunning covers that evoke a sense of time and place.

Praise for David Donachie:

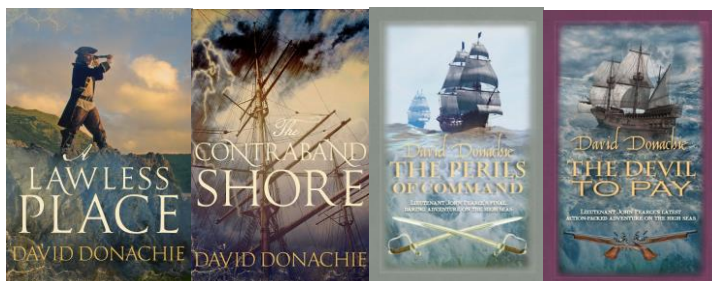
'The tale gathers pace and becomes a very enjoyable adventure'

Historical Novels Review

'A rollicking, highly charged read, full of eighteenth century atmosphere'

Good Book Guide

Previous titles:

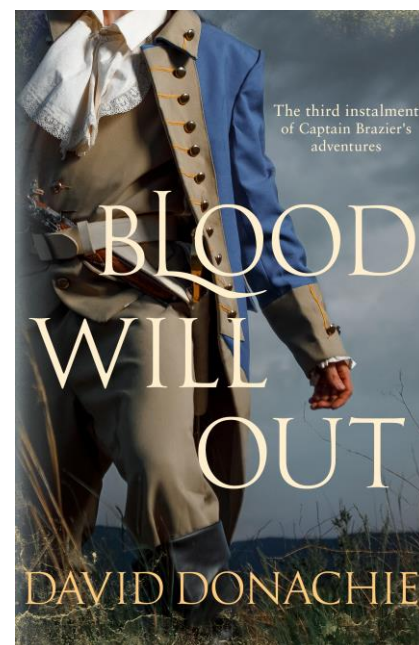


DESCRIPTION:

1787. Captain Edward Brazier is wounded and in desperate need of medical attention, but those from whom he could seek help have no idea where he is – although neither do his enemies. With his beloved Betsey currently imprisoned by her brother Henry, who is considering committing her to an asylum to take her off his hands, time is running out for Brazier to rescue her and end the tyranny of the local smuggling ring of Deal once and for all.

AUTHOR:

Born in Edinburgh in 1944, David Donachie has had a variety of jobs, including selling everything from business machines to soap. He has always had an abiding interest in the naval history of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The author of a number of bestselling books, he now lives in Deal, Kent with his wife, the novelist Sarah Grazebrook and their two children.



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