

EuroCrime at Shetland Library

Austria

Elfriede Jelinek

Nobel Prize winning author and playwright Jelinek is best known for the controversial political and feminist stance she demonstrates in her work. Crime fiction is not her usual genre, but her novel about frustrated country policeman Kurt Janisch will prove an interesting read. Title held: ***Greed***



Frank Tallis

Frank Tallis is a writer and clinical psychologist. He has written academic papers, textbooks and general works of non-fiction in addition to his series of Liebermann novels, which are set in Vienna in the early part of the twentieth century. Titles held include: ***Fatal Lies*** and ***Vienna blood***

Czech Republic

Pavel Kohout

A novelist, playwright and poet, Kohout was born in Prague where he lived until he was expelled 1970's. He now lives in Austria. One of his novels is a detective story set in World War II Nazi occupied Prague. Title held is: ***The widow killers***

Denmark

Peter Hoeg

Hoeg worked as a sailor, ballet dancer and actor before becoming a full time author. He writes in a variety of styles and genres, with the progress of civilisation being the one recurrent theme. Titles held include: ***Miss Smilla's feeling for snow*** and ***The quiet girl***

Christian Jungersen

A Danish author who currently divides his time between Dublin and New York, Jungersen has written two prize winning crime novels

Finland

Matti Joensuu

Joensuu writes about the personal life and work of policeman Timo Harjunpää, a very credible and pleasant man, who treats the criminals as humanely as his own family. Titles held are: ***The priest of evil*** and ***To steal her love***

France

Brigitte Aubert

Author and screenwriter Aubert writes original, witty thrillers, some of which have been adapted for film. Title held is: ***Death from the woods.***

Cara Black

American author Cara Black is best known for her Aimée Leduc mystery novels featuring a French detective in Paris. Titles held include: ***Murder in Belleville*** and ***Murder in the sentier***

Jean-Christophe Grange

Grange is a mystery writer, screenwriter and journalist. He is known for writing thrillers with cleverly constructed plots and strong characterisation. Titles held are: ***Empire of the wolves*** and ***The stone council***

Jean-Francois Parot

French diplomat Parot is author of the Nicolas le Floch detective series, set in eighteenth century Paris. Titles held include: ***Phantom of Rue Royal*** and ***The man with the lead stomach***

Claude Izner

Claude Izner is the pseudonym of two sisters, Liliane Korb and Laurence Lefèvre, who jointly write the popular "Victor Legris" series of crime novels. Legris is a bookseller and amateur detective in late 19th-century Paris. Title held is: ***The Marais assassin***.

Sebastien Japrisot,

Sébastien Japrisot was the pseudonym (and anagram) of Jean-Baptiste Rossi, an author, screenwriter and film director, born in Marseille. Titles held include: ***The lady in the car with glasses and a gun*** and ***The 10.30 from Marseilles***

Pierre Magnan

Award winning French crime writer Magnan sets his novels in Provence, where he has lived all his life. His Commissaire Laviolette series is particularly witty and entertaining. Title held is: ***Innocence***

Jean-Patrick Manchette

Manchette short crime novels are violent, existentialist explorations of the human condition and French society. Title held is: ***Three to kill***

Dominique Manotti

Manotti is author of the sophisticated Inspector Daquin series, set in Paris. Dark, often witty, and tightly plotted, her novels explore the seedier side of French life. Titles held are: ***Dead horsemeat*** and ***Rough trade***

Viviane Moore

Viviane Moore was born in Hong Kong and now lives in France Her main area of interest being the Middle Ages; she writes mysteries featuring the Chevalier Galeran de Lesneven. Title held is: ***The white path***

Fred Vargas

Fred Vargas is the pseudonym of French historian, archaeologist and writer Frédérique Audoin-Rouzeau. Her police thrillers take place in Paris and feature Chief Inspector Adamsberg and his team. Titles held include: ***Have mercy on us all*** and ***The chalk circle man***



Germany

Andrea Schenkel

Schenkel's debut novel was published in 2006, Based on the Hinterkaifeck murder in the 1920s, Schenkel's fictional account takes place in the 1950s. She describes, in ghastly and suspenseful detail, how a small Bavarian village, called Tannöd, became the unlikely site of a horrific crime. Title held is: ***The murder farm***

Craig Russell

Craig Russell is the author of the best-selling and critically acclaimed Jan Fabel thrillers set in Hamburg. He is currently working on a series of crime novels to be set in Glasgow. Titles held include: ***Eternal*** and ***The carnival master***

Pierre Frei

Set Against the backdrop of a city struggling to come to terms with the horrors of World War II, Frei's ***Berlin*** is an atmospheric whodunit of intertwined dramas, of people whose past overwhelms their present. Title held is: ***Berlin***

Jan Costin Wagner

Wagner's first crime novel, published in 2002, won the Marlowe Prize for best crime novel. Title held is: ***Ice moon***



Greece

Petros Markaris

Set in Athens, Markaris' crime series features Costas Haritos, a CID chief in central Athens who uncomfortably married, aggressive and pessimistic, and only manages to relax when he is at home reading his English dictionaries. Title held is: ***The late-night news***

Vangelis Hatziyannidis

In his second novel, Hatziyannidis sets an intriguing puzzle. Title held is: ***Stolen time***



Italy

Andrea Camilleri

In 1994 Camilleri published the first in a long series of popular novels featuring the character of Inspector Montalbano, a fractious Sicilian detective in the police force of Vigàta, an imaginary Sicilian town. Titles held include: ***The paper moon*** and ***The scent of the night***

Carlo Lucarelli

Lucarelli is a founder member of "Gruppo 13", a collective of crime-writers in the Emilia-Romagna region. He writes suspenseful and gritty novels. Title held is: ***Almost blue***

Michele Giuttari

Michele Giuttari is former head of the Florence police force. He is now a special adviser to the interior minister in Rome, with a special remit to monitor Mafia activity. His pacy thrillers feature Chief Superintendent Michele Ferrara. Titles held are: ***A Florentine death*** and ***Death in Tuscany***

Donna Leon,

Donna Leon is the American author of a series of crime novels set in Venice and featuring Commissario Guido Brunetti. Titles held include: ***About face*** and ***Blood from a stone***

Sklepowich, Edward

American expatriate Sklepowich's classic mysteries set in Venice feature Urbino Macintyre, American expatriate writer, and his good friend, the Contessa da Capozendrini. Title held is: ***The veils of Venice***



Iceland

Arnaldur Indriðason

Arnaldur Indriðason has repeatedly proved to be the most popular writer in Iceland in recent years - topping bestseller lists year after year. His novels were described by Harlan Coben as 'gripping, authentic, haunting and lyrical'. Titles are: ***The draining lake*** and ***Voices***

Yrsa Sigurðardóttir

Yrsa Sigurðardóttir, a civil engineer, writes for both children and adults. Her crime novels feature lawyer Thóra Gudmundsdóttir. Titles held are: ***Last rituals*** and ***My soul to take***



Netherlands

A.C Baantjer

A former detective inspector of the Amsterdam police, Baantjer has written sixty novels featuring Detective Inspector DeKok. His popular books are full of unusual twists and unexpected conclusions. Titles are: ***DeKok and the dead lovers*** and ***DeKok and murder on Blood Mountain***

Nicolas Freeling

Nicolas Freeling born Nicolas Davidson, was a British crime novelist best known as the author of the Van der Valk series of detective novels, set in Amsterdam, which were adapted for transmission on ITV during the 1970s. Titles held include: ***Because of the cats*** and ***One more river***

Saskia Noort

Best selling author Noort's latest novel has been described as a 'subversive concoction of greed, lust, and violence set in genteel suburbia'. Think Desperate Housewives meets Tom Ripley! Title held is: ***The Dinner Club***



Norway

Karin Fossum

Karin Fossum is known in Norway as the 'queen of crime', and is the author of the internationally successful Inspector Konrad Sejer novels.

Titles held include: ***Broken; Black seconds;*** and ***Calling out for you***

Gunnar Staalesen

Staalesen's crime novels, set in *Bergen*, feature private detective Varg (Wolf) Veum. Title held: ***The writing on the wall***

Kjersti Scheen

Writer and illustrator Kjersti Scheen has written for children and adults. Her first foray into crime was *Final Curtain*, published in 1994 and featuring private investigator Margaret Moss. Titles held: ***Final curtain***

Anne Holt

Anne Holt, has worked as a lawyer, a Minister of Justice, an assistant district attorney, a TV news anchor and a journalist. She now lives in Norway.

Titles held are: ***The final murder*** and ***Punishment***

Kjell Ola Dahl

K.O.Dahl writes psychological crime novels featuring Oslo detectives Frank Frølich and Inspector Gunnarstranda. Titles held are: ***The fourth man*** and ***The man in the window***

Frode Grytten

An acclaimed journalist and writer Grytten has moved from short stories into crime noir in recent years. Title held is: ***The shadow in the river***



Spain

Arturo Perez-Reverte

Originally a war journalist, Perez-Reverte now makes his living by writing fiction. His historical adventures are lyrical elegant mysteries. Titles held include: ***The fencing master*** and ***The Flanders panel.***

Eugenio Fuentes

Fuentes, an acclaimed Spanish novelist, writes modern crime novels, set in his native Spain, featuring private eye Ricardo Cupido. Title held is: ***Blood of the angels***

Manuel Vazquez Montalban

Manuel Vazquez Montalban was a prolific Spanish writer, journalist; novelist; poet; essayist; humourist; critic; gastronome, as well as a fervent FC Bracelona supporter. He is perhaps best know for his crime fiction, which features gastronome detective Pepe Carvalho. Titles held include: ***Murder in the Central Committee*** and ***Tattoo***

Eduardo Mendoza

A prolific writer, Mendoza ventured into crime fiction with a series of novels featuring a detective who was locked up in a mental hospital. The novels are hilarious parodies with a gothic twist. Titles held are: ***A light comedy*** and ***The mystery of the enchanted crypt.***

Wilson, Robert

Wilson is a British crime writer living in Portugal. His series are set in Spain, the Gold Coast, and more recently, in Portugal. Titles held include: ***Blood is dirt*** and ***The hidden assassins.***



Sweden

Henning Mankell

Mankell is best known for his series of crime novels featuring his iconic police Inspector Kurt Wallander. Titles held include: ***The man who smiled, The fifth woman*** and ***Before the frost.***

Karin Alvtegen

Alvtegen writes psychological thrillers, usually set in her native Sweden. She is the grandniece of the popular children's novelist, Astrid Lindgren. Titles held include: ***Shame, Shadow*** and ***Betrayal.***

Liza Marklund

Swedish journalist and author Marklund's crime novels feature crime reporter Annika Bengtzon, who struggles to balance motherhood with her career ambitions. Titles held include: ***The bomber, Paradise*** and ***Prime time.***

Camilla Lackberg

One of Sweden's youngest successful female writers in her genre, Läckberg's books are always set in or around her birthplace, the small Swedish west coast town of Fjällbacka. Tile held: ***The ice princess.***

Maj Sjowall

Sjowall is best known for her series of ten novels, written in collaboration with husband Per Wahlöö, about the exploits of Martin Beck, a police detective in Stockholm. Titles held include: ***The fire engine that disappeared*** and ***Roseanna.***

Ake Edwardson

Edwardson is a three times winner of the Swedish Crime Writers Academy award for his Inspector Winter novels, which are mostly set in Gothenburg. Titles held include: ***Never end*** and ***Frozen tracks***

Kjell Eriksson

Eriksson's intriguing police procedurals feature the men and woman of the Uppsala Violent Crimes Division. Title held: ***The Princess of Burundi.***

Mari Jungstedt

Jungstedt's crime novels, set on the island of Gotland, feature Detective Superintendent Anders Knutas and journalist Johan Berg. Titles held are: ***Unknown, Unseen and Unspoken***

Asa Larsson

Prior to becoming a full-time writer, Larsson was a tax lawyer, a profession she shares with the heroine of her novels, Rebecka Martinsson. Title held: ***The blood spilt***

Hakan Nesser

Nesser's first series of crime novels featured detective Van Veeteren, who was later to become the owner and proprietor of an antique shop. His new series features Inspector Gunnar Barbarotti, a Swedish police inspector of Italian descent. Titles held are: ***Borkmann's point*** and ***The return***

Helen Tursten

Tursten's crime novels feature Detective Inspector Irene Huss, a 40-something wife, mother, detective and judo expert. Titles held include: ***The glass devil*** and ***The torso***

Kerstin Ekman

Ekman has written a string of tightly plotted and atmospheric detective novels. Title held is: ***Black water***

Stieg Larsson

Larsson wrote in the evenings and at weekends, while working for a Swedish news agency. His three completed novels were published posthumously after he died from a massive heart attack in 2004, aged just 50. Titles held are: ***The girl with the dragon tattoo*** and ***The girl who played with fire***



Russia

Boris Akunin

Boris Akunin is the pseudonym of Grigory Shalvovich Chkhartishvili. Under the name of Akunin, his speciality is historical mysteries set in Imperial Russia. Titles held include: ***The death of Achilles*** and ***The coronation***.



Poland

Marek Krajewski

Krajewski is best known for his series of novels set in pre-war Breslau featuring policeman Eberhard Mock. Mock is a typical protagonist of hardboiled crime fiction: often brutal and inclined towards fatalism, alcohol and violence. Title held is: ***Death in Breslau***



Turkey

Petros Markaris,

Makararis is the creator of the grumpy, irresistible Inspector Costas Haritos of the Athens Homicide Division. Title held is: ***The late night news***.

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