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masterpiece a confederacy of dunces is now legendary a story that has long beckoned a deeper exploration into the life imagination and demise of the writer responsible for one of american literature s most memorable characters ignatius j reilly in ignatius rising rené pol neville and deborah george hardy present the first biography of toole drawing upon scores of interviews with contemporaries of the writer and acquaintances of his influencing mother thelma as well as unpublished letters documents and photographs frank yet sympathetic ignatius rising deftly describes a life that is dark tragic bizarre and amazing but luminous with the gift of laughter a life not unlike those of toole s beloved characters now loved the world over in the weeks before the 1979 mexican elections san diego p i alvaro hickey follows the stories baja california campesinos are spreading about visits from the holy virgin though alvaro doubts her divinity he s firmly on her side she wants them to vote the corrupt and tyrannical partido revolucionario institucional pri out of power when lourdes shuler asks him to unite her with her sister lupe alvaro doesn t think much of it until lourdes claims lupe is the campesinos virgin alvaro s not the kind to turn down an appeal for help especially from such a beauty besides the published sketch a savant girl drew of the virgin looks just like lourdes he suspects that lourdes might not have a sister after all then on their way to dinner lourdes and alvaro pick up a tail lourdes admits the man could ve been sent by her brother andres but is lourdes hiding something more alvaro chooses to stand with the lady although he knows she might become his last adventure then someone arrives to rid the land of this vagabond virgin when the aging nashville artist bechman warren fitzwallington is discovered dead in his own bed the question for detective hardy seltzer is simple natural causes or murder clues are scant and an autopsy finds no signs of homicide but no one is grieving the number of strangely acting suspects seems to be multiplying as rapidly as the artist s florid late canvases galleries in nashville and new york are quickly fighting for the rights to sell any paintings that fitzwallington left behind but the dearly beloved himself was just as fervently hated by everyone who knew him including his extensively tattooed daughter who stands to inherit a fortune hardy has avoided involving his friend former detective shane hadley in his cases since the bonz bagley murder but now a national spotlight is shining on him and he needs help at the same time dr katya karpov hadley s brilliant neurologist wife is directing a 20 year study of the aging brain to her dismay the confidential data in her possession turn out to reveal unsuspected relationships that will only complicate the mystery that her husband has been drawn into hadley and seltzer risk the ire of the city fathers the police department the medical establishment and even organized crime to solve the last riddle of bechman fitzwallington the solution that slowly comes into focus may mean that justice can never be done when a body is discovered in a remote fenland field d i ray keane finds himself embroiled in a murder investigation that exposes the dark underbelly of the local farming community and a dangerous web of drugs and greed as ray and his team piece clues together the case grows complicated when trusted allies show how easily money corrupts but gains an unexpected champion in a seasoned new superintendent who lends critical support during pivotal raids faced with stunned witnesses and suspects alike as the tense investigation reaches its climax ray rediscovers his team s impressive mettle just when he needs it most meanwhile as ray s personal life continues warning he

ponders the notion of an actual holiday for the first time in ages but duty calls as the cunning d i puts his indelible talents to work solving this gruesome mystery plaguing the fenlands where a killer believed evasion was just a shallow ditch away another intriguing case for d i keane to solve a gruesome discovery in a fenland field has to be investigated in d i keane s inimitable style carole a reader get your deerstalker cap on the play s afoot comedic genius ken ludwig lend me a tenor moon over buffalo transforms arthur conan doyle s classic the hound of the baskervilles into a murderously funny adventure sherlock holmes is on the case the male heirs of the baskerville line are being dispatched one by one to find their ingenious killer holmes and watson must brave the desolate moors before a family curse dooms its newest heir watch as our intrepid investigators try to escape a dizzying web of clues silly accents disguises and deceit as five actors deftly portray more than forty characters does a wild hellhound prowl the moors of devonshire can our heroes discover the truth in time join the fun and see how far from elementary the truth can be arctic historian ken mcgoogan approaches the legacy of nineteenth century explorer sir john franklin from a contemporary perspective and offers a surprising new explanation of an enduring northern mystery two of arctic explorer sir john franklin s expeditions were monumental failures the last one leading to more than a hundred deaths including his own yet many still see the royal navy man as a heroic figure who sacrificed himself to discovering the northwest passage this book mcgoogan s sixth about arctic exploration challenges that vision it rejects old orthodoxies incorporates the latest discoveries and interweaves two main narratives the first treats the royal navy s arctic overland expedition of 1819 a harbinger misadventure during which franklin rejected the advice of dene and metis leaders and lost eleven of his twenty one men to exhaustion starvation and murder the second discovers a startling new answer to that greatest of arctic mysteries what was the root cause of the catastrophe that engulfed franklin s last expedition the well preserved wrecks of erebus and terror located in 2014 and 2016 promise to yield more clues about what cost the lives of the expedition members some of whom were reduced to cannibalism contemporary researchers rejecting theories of lead poisoning and botulism continue to seek conclusive evidence both underwater and on land drawing on his own research and inuit oral accounts mcgoogan teases out many intriguing aspects of franklin s expeditions including the explorer s lethal hubris in ignoring the expert advice of the dene leader akaitcho franklin disappeared into the arctic in 1845 yet people remain fascinated with his final doomed voyage what happened mcgoogan will captivate readers with his first hand account of traveling to relevant locations visiting the graves of dead sailors and experiencing the arctic one of the most dramatic and challenging landscapes on the planet m anthony phillips presents the debut of his hot new private detective series vietnam veteran sam phillips follows in the footsteps of his father into the world of private investigations it s the end of the vietnam war in 1976 during the fall of siagon and a battle worn sam has just taken over his father s company after his death with his office above a seedy bar off hollywood and vine sam and his new assistant constance turner go weeks before they land their first case with the help of his troubled friend armstrong jones fresh out of prison for nearly killing two men they are paid by an old friend michelle yamada of protecting her little brother ken a yakuza gang member being hunted by a rival

gang the yokohama black rebels who killed their father a crime boss chasing ken is the notorious boss hiroshi ito a sadistic killer like no other who has killed nearly all the yakuza bosses in little tokyo in the meantime sam finds out he s the father of a five year old amerasian kid from vietnam dropped off at his doorstep in the middle of the afternoon in protecting ken people close to sam are getting killed off including detective friends who are trying to capture hiroshi for murder when things start to not add up about ken sam and armstrong begin to wonder if they re being played the fool with the body count adding up and hiroshi getting closer to his target sam and armstrong must go on the offensive before it s too late a new job and an unexpected partnership offer jack taylor a new start even as he is drawn into the odd circumstances surrounding the decapitation of father joyce in a galway church former nashville detective and rhodes scholar shane hadley hasn t been involved in a murder case since a stray bullet transected his spinal cord ending his career and stranding him in a wheelchair one sunday morning the familiar pop pop pop of gunshots draws shane like a magnet he wheels himself onto the balcony of his apartment overlooking printers alley the once beating heart of music city usa there he sees bonz bagley proprietor of bonz s booze and music lying dead in front of his club shane s wife neurologist katya karpov is doubly alarmed by the murder she was fond of the old man and also she knows that he was taking an experimental drug for alzheimer s disease that was invented by katya s boss at the university hardy seltzer the police detective assigned to the case knows shane as a department legend from before the accident that sidelined him when fate brings them together hardy takes advantage of shane s uncanny intuitions as they race to find the murderer a satire of traditional christmas stories and noir a hardboiled elf is framed for murder in a north pole world that plays reindeer games for keeps and where favorite holiday characters live complex lives beyond december fired from his longtime job as captain of the coal patrol two foot three inch 1 300 year old elf gumdrop coal is angry he s one of santa s original elves inspired by the fat man s vision to bring joy to children on that one special day each year but somewhere along the way things went sour for gumdrop maybe it was delivering one too many lumps of coal for the naughty list maybe it s the conspiracy against christmas that he s starting to sense down every chimney either way north pole disillusionment is nothing new some elves brood with a bottle of nog trying to forget their own wish list some get better some get bitter gumdrop coal wants revenge justice is the only thing he knows and so he decides to give a serious wakeup call to parents who can t keep their vile offspring from landing on the naughty list but when one parent winds up dead his eye shot out with a red ryder carbine action two hundred shot range model bb gun gumdrop coal must learn who framed him and why along the way he ll escape the life sucking plants of the mistletoe forrest battle the infamous tannenbomb giant and survive a close encounter with twelve very angry drummers and their violent friends the horrible truth lurking behind the gingerbread doors of kringle town could spell the end of christmas and of the fat man himself holly jolly the theory of evolution has become in a sense a scientific religion almost all scientists have accepted it and many are prepared to bend their observations to fit in with it a cryptic phone call from a police detective in germany caused pinky to contact bear and flo so they could keep his client from being extradited to germany for murder his client was accused of

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The Guards 2011 in this mesmerizing work of crime fiction an ex member of the guards ireland s police force is approached in a galway bar by a dazzling woman with a strange request and a rumor about his talent for finding things

Who Killed Change? 2009 every day organizations around the world launch change initiatives often big expensive ones designed to improve the status quo yet 50 to 70 percent of these change efforts fail a few perish suddenly but many die painful protracted deaths that drain the organization s resources energy and morale so who or what is killing change that s what you ll find out in this delightful whodunit the story features a columbo style detective named agent who s investigating the murder of yet another change one by one agent interviews thirteen prime suspects including a myopic leader named vision a chronically tardy manager named urgency an executive named communication whose laryngitis makes communication all but impossible and several other dubious characters the suspects are sure to sound familiar and you re bound to relate them to your own workplace in the end agent solves the case in a way that will inspire you to become an effective changeagent in your own organization

Ignatius Rising 2005-04-01 the phenomenal success of john kennedy toole s comic masterpiece a confederacy of dunces is now legendary a story that has long beckoned a deeper exploration into the life imagination and demise of the writer responsible for one of american literature s most memorable characters ignatius j reilly in ignatius rising rené pol neville and deborah george hardy present the first biography of toole drawing upon scores of interviews with contemporaries of the writer and acquaintances of his influencing mother thelma as well as unpublished letters documents and photographs frank yet sympathetic ignatius rising deftly describes a life that is dark tragic bizarre and amazing but luminous with the gift of laughter a life not unlike those of toole s beloved characters now loved the world over

The Vagabond Virgins 2011-05-27 in the weeks before the 1979 mexican elections san diego p i alvaro hickey follows the stories baja california campesinos are spreading about visits from the holy virgin though alvaro doubts her divinity he s firmly on her side she wants them to vote the corrupt and tyrannical partido revolucionario institucional pri out of power when lourdes shuler asks him to unite her with her sister lupe alvaro doesn t think much of it until lourdes claims lupe is the campesinos virgin alvaro s not the kind to turn down an appeal for help especially from such a beauty besides the published sketch a savant girl drew of the virgin

looks just like lourdes he suspects that lourdes might not have a sister after all then on their way to dinner lourdes and alvaro pick up a tail lourdes admits the man could ve been sent by her brother andres but is lourdes hiding something more alvaro chooses to stand with the lady although he knows she might become his last adventure then someone arrives to rid the land of this vagabond virgin

Deadly Arts 2020-05-31 when the aging nashville artist bechman warren fitzwallington is discovered dead in his own bed the question for detective hardy seltzer is simple natural causes or murder clues are scant and an autopsy finds no signs of homicide but no one is grieving the number of strangely acting suspects seems to be multiplying as rapidly as the artist s florid late canvases galleries in nashville and new york are quickly fighting for the rights to sell any paintings that fitzwallington left behind but the dearly beloved himself was just as fervently hated by everyone who knew him including his extensively tattooed daughter who stands to inherit a fortune hardy has avoided involving his friend former detective shane hadley in his cases since the bonz bagley murder but now a national spotlight is shining on him and he needs help at the same time dr katya karpov hadley s brilliant neurologist wife is directing a 20 year study of the aging brain to her dismay the confidential data in her possession turn out to reveal unsuspected relationships that will only complicate the mystery that her husband has been drawn into hadley and seltzer risk the ire of the city fathers the police department the medical establishment and even organized crime to solve the last riddle of bechman fitzwallington the solution that slowly comes into focus may mean that justice can never be done

Straw, Blood and Bones 2024-06-21 when a body is discovered in a remote fenland field d i ray keane finds himself embroiled in a murder investigation that exposes the dark underbelly of the local farming community and a dangerous web of drugs and greed as ray and his team piece clues together the case grows complicated when trusted allies show how easily money corrupts but gains an unexpected champion in a seasoned new superintendent who lends critical support during pivotal raids faced with stunned witnesses and suspects alike as the tense investigation reaches its climax ray rediscovers his team s impressive mettle just when he needs it most meanwhile as ray s personal life continues warming he ponders the notion of an actual holiday for the first time in ages but duty calls as the cunning d i puts his indelible talents to work solving this gruesome mystery plaguing the fenlands where a killer believed evasion was just a shallow ditch away another intriguing case for d i keane to solve a gruesome discovery in a fenland field has to be investigated in d i keane s inimitable style carole a reader

Baskerville 2015 get your deerstalker cap on the play s afoot comedic genius ken ludwig lend me a tenor moon over buffalo transforms arthur conan doyle s classic the hound of the baskervilles into a murderously funny adventure sherlock holmes is on the case the male heirs of the baskerville line are being dispatched one by one to find their ingenious killer holmes and watson must brave the desolate moors before a family curse dooms its newest heir watch as our intrepid investigators try to escape a dizzying web of clues silly accents disguises and deceit as five actors deftly portray more than forty characters does a wild hellhound prowl the moors of

devonshire can our heroes discover the truth in time join the fun and see how far from elementary the truth can be

Searching for Franklin 2023-10-07 arctic historian ken mcgoogan approaches the legacy of nineteenth century explorer sir john franklin from a contemporary perspective and offers a surprising new explanation of an enduring northern mystery two of arctic explorer sir john franklin s expeditions were monumental failures the last one leading to more than a hundred deaths including his own yet many still see the royal navy man as a heroic figure who sacrificed himself to discovering the northwest passage this book mcgoogan s sixth about arctic exploration challenges that vision it rejects old orthodoxies incorporates the latest discoveries and interweaves two main narratives the first treats the royal navy s arctic overland expedition of 1819 a harbinger misadventure during which franklin rejected the advice of dene and metis leaders and lost eleven of his twenty one men to exhaustion starvation and murder the second discovers a startling new answer to that greatest of arctic mysteries what was the root cause of the catastrophe that engulfed franklin s last expedition the well preserved wrecks of erebus and terror located in 2014 and 2016 promise to yield more clues about what cost the lives of the expedition members some of whom were reduced to cannibalism contemporary researchers rejecting theories of lead poisoning and botulism continue to seek conclusive evidence both underwater and on land drawing on his own research and inuit oral accounts mcgoogan teases out many intriguing aspects of franklin s expeditions including the explorer s lethal hubris in ignoring the expert advice of the dene leader akaitcho franklin disappeared into the arctic in 1845 yet people remain fascinated with his final doomed voyage what happened mcgoogan will captivate readers with his first hand account of traveling to relevant locations visiting the graves of dead sailors and experiencing the arctic one of the most dramatic and challenging landscapes on the planet

The Bushido Way/a Sam Phillips Mystery 2020-06-29 m anthony phillips presents the debut of his hot new private detective series vietnam veteran sam phillips follows in the footsteps of his father into the world of private investigations it s the end of the vietnam war in 1976 during the fall of siagon and a battle worn sam has just taken over his father s company after his death with his office above a seedy bar off hollywood and vine sam and his new assistant constance turner go weeks before they land their first case with the help of his troubled friend armstrong jones fresh out of prison for nearly killing two men they are paid by an old friend michelle yamada of protecting her little brother ken a yakuza gang member being hunted by a rival gang the yokohama black rebels who killed their father a crime boss chasing ken is the notorious boss hiroshi ito a sadistic killer like no other who has killed nearly all the yakuza bosses in little tokyo in the meantime sam finds out he s the father of a five year old amerasian kid from vietnam dropped off at his doorstep in the middle of the afternoon in protecting ken people close to sam are getting killed off including detective friends who are trying to capture hiroshi for murder when things start to not add up about ken sam and armstrong begin to wonder if they re being played the fool with the body count adding up and hiroshi getting closer to his target sam and armstrong must go on the offensive before it s too late

Priest 2006 a new job and an unexpected partnership offer jack taylor a new start even as he is drawn into the odd circumstances surrounding the decapitation of father joyce in a galway church

Deadly Science 2020-05-31 former nashville detective and rhodes scholar shane hadley hasn t been involved in a murder case since a stray bullet transected his spinal cord ending his career and stranding him in a wheelchair one sunday morning the familiar pop pop pop of gunshots draws shane like a magnet he wheels himself onto the balcony of his apartment overlooking printers alley the once beating heart of music city usa there he sees bonz bagley proprietor of bonz s booze and music lying dead in front of his club shane s wife neurologist katya karpov is doubly alarmed by the murder she was fond of the old man and also she knows that he was taking an experimental drug for alzheimer s disease that was invented by katya s boss at the university hardy seltzer the police detective assigned to the case knows shane as a department legend from before the accident that sidelined him when fate brings them together hardy takes advantage of shane s uncanny intuitions as they race to find the murderer

The Fat Man 2012-12-11 a satire of traditional christmas stories and noir a hardboiled elf is framed for murder in a north pole world that plays reindeer games for keeps and where favorite holiday characters live complex lives beyond december fired from his longtime job as captain of the coal patrol two foot three inch 1 300 year old elf gumdrop coal is angry he s one of santa s original elves inspired by the fat man s vision to bring joy to children on that one special day each year but somewhere along the way things went sour for gumdrop maybe it was delivering one too many lumps of coal for the naughty list maybe it s the conspiracy against christmas that he s starting to sense down every chimney either way north pole disillusionment is nothing new some elves brood with a bottle of nog trying to forget their own wish list some get better some get bitter gumdrop coal wants revenge justice is the only thing he knows and so he decides to give a serious wakeup call to parents who can t keep their vile offspring from landing on the naughty list but when one parent winds up dead his eye shot out with a red ryder carbine action two hundred shot range model bb gun gumdrop coal must learn who framed him and why along the way he ll escape the life sucking plants of the mistletoe forrest battle the infamous tannenbomb giant and survive a close encounter with twelve very angry drummers and their violent friends the horrible truth lurking behind the gingerbread doors of kringel town could spell the end of christmas and of the fat man himself holly jolly

Evolution: Fact or Faith? 2020-05-13 the theory of evolution has become in a sense a scientific religion almost all scientists have accepted it and many are prepared to bend their observations to fit in with it

The Heretics Hymnal: Pinky and Bear Mystery 2021-08-12 a cryptic phone call from a police detective in germany caused pinky to contact bear and flo so they could keep his client from being extradited to germany for murder his client was accused of strangling a used book store owner to get a first edition of martin luther s

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