

The Butler Did It - Book List

The following is a somewhat arbitrary list of books I have enjoyed. The categories are labeled "British" and "Other" and this is a loose definition; some of the "British" writers are American (e.g. Elizabeth George) but their books are set in Britain. Others are British writers whose detective stories have a more exotic location (e.g. Tarquin Hall whose books are set in India). Some writers have more than one series (e.g. Rhys Bowen) but if I have not included them its because I haven't read those books.

I have listed the main protagonist (if there is one) followed by the name of the first book in the series in parentheses. Please double check before you buy! I cannot guarantee 100% accuracy. Also, I advise you to Google the books or look them up on Amazon before purchasing – some of them are cozy mysteries, some are darker and more suspenseful.

The British

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| Aaronovitch, Ben | Peter Grant (Midnight Riot) |
| Benison, C.C. | Father Christmas (Twelve Drummers Drumming) |
| Bowen, Rhys | Lady Georgina (Her Royal Spyness) |
| Brookmyre, Christopher | Stand-alone novels with some recurring characters |
| Cleaves, Ann | The Shetland Island Quartet (Raven Black) |
| Cleverly, Barbara | Joe Sandilands (The Last Kashmiri Rose) |
| Crombie, Deborah | Kincaid & James (A Share in Death) |
| Dexter, Colin | Inspector Morse (Last Bus to Woodstock) |
| Dobbs, Michael | Winston Churchill (Winston's War) <i>*Spy/Intrigue</i> |
| Dudley Edwards, Ruth | Robert Amiss (Corridors of Death) |
| Dunn, Carola | Daisy Dalrymple (Death at Wentwater Court) |

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| Edwards, Martin | Harry Devlin (All the Lonely People) |
| Finch, Charles | Charles Lenox (A Beautiful Blue Death) |
| Francis, Dick | Stand Alone Novels (Dead Cert) |
| George, Elizabeth | Inspector Lynley (A Great Deliverance) |
| Graham, Caroline | Chief Inspector Barnaby (The Killings at Badgers Drift) |
| Grecian, Alex | Inspector Walter Day (The Yard) |
| Hall, Tarquin | Vish Puri (The Case of the Missing Servant) |
| Hill, Susan | Simon Serrailer (The Various Haunts of Men) |
| James, P.D | Adam Dagleish (Cover Her Face) |
| Jameson, Emma | Lord & Lady Hetheridge (Ice Blue) |
| Lovesey, Peter | Peter Diamond (The Last Detective) |
| MacNeal, Susan Elia | Maggie Hope (Mr Churchill's Secretary) |
| May, Peter | Inspector Fin Macleod (The Blackhouse) |
| Malliet, G.M | Max Tudor (Wicked Autumn) |
| --- | Arthur St. Just (Death of a Cozy Writer) |
| Rankin, Ian | Inspector Rebus (Knots and Crosses) |
| Rendell, Ruth | Inspector Wexford (From Doon With Death) and stand-alone novels |
| Rimington, Stella | Liz Carlyle (At Risk) * <i>Spy</i> |
| Robinson, Peter | Inspector Banks (Gallows View) |
| Rowling, J.K. | The Cuckoo's Calling |
| Todd, Charles | Inspector Ian Rutledge (A Test of Wills) |
| Winspear, Jacqueline | Maisie Dobbs (Maisie Dobbs) |

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The Others

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| Ballard, Mignon F | Miss Dimple (Miss Dimple Disappears) |
| Benn, James R. | Billy Boyle (Billy Boyle) |
| Coonts, Deborah | Lucky O'Toole (Wanna Get Lucky?) |
| DiSilverio, Laura | Charlie & Gigi (Swift Justice) |
| Evanovich, Janet | Stephanie Plum (One For The Money) |
| Furst, Alan | The Night Soldiers Novels |
| Grafton, Sue | Kinsey Millhone (A is for Alibi) |
| Hiasson, Carl | Stand-alone Novels (Tourist Season) |
| Izner, Claude | Victor Legris (Murder on the Eiffel Tower) |
| Larsson, Stieg | Millennium Series (Girl With the Dragon Tattoo) |
| Lehane, Dennis | Kenzie & Gennaro (A Drink Before The War) |
| Leon, Donna | Guido Brunetti (Death At La Fenice) |
| Mankell, Henning | Kurt Wallander (Faceless Killers) |
| Penny, Louise | Chief Inspector Gamache (Still Life) |
| Reichs, Kathy | Temperance Brennan (Deja Dead) |
| Silva, Daniel | Gabriel Allon (The Kill Artist) |
| Spencer-Fleming, Julia | Reverend Clare Fergusson (In the Bleak Midwinter) |
| Walker, Martin | Bruno Courreges (Bruno Chief of Police) |

Web Links

Twenty Rules for Writing Detective Stories

<http://gaslight.mtroyal.ca/vandine.htm>

Raymond Chandler Essay "The Simple Art of Murder

<http://www.en.utexas.edu/amlit/amlitprivate/scans/chandlerart.html>

The Cozy Mystery website

<http://www.cozy-mystery.com>

The Murder Mystery Website "Stop You're Killing Me"

<http://stopyourekillingme.com>