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The Restless Dead Simon Beckett 2017-02-09 'Atmospheric . . . a tense, gripping

read' Sunday Times It's not the dead we need to fear. . . Top forensics expert Dr David Hunter is facing an uncertain future - his career hangs in the balance and his personal life has taken a turn for the worse. So when he gets a call from Essex police, it comes at the perfect time. A badly decomposed body has been found in the mudflats and salt marshes of the Backwaters. Could it be linked to two unsolved missing-person cases? But as these desolate wetlands begin to give up their grisly secrets, more remains are discovered. With its eerie, claustrophobic sense of place, authentic forensics and explosive, heart-in-mouth moments, *The Restless Dead* is a masterclass in crime fiction.

Adios Muchachos Daniel Chavarr'a 2001 Alicia, a Havana prostitute, and her Canadian client, Victor King, come up with a get-rich-quick scheme after the death of Victor's boss that Alicia hopes will enable her to change her way of life.

Blood Born Kathryn Fox 2009 For pathologist and forensic physician Dr Anya Crichton, the death of a gang rape victim hours before she is due to give evidence at trial is more than only a tragedy. The psychotic Harbourn brothers, the girl's accused attackers, now look like getting away with two horrific crimes. But the Harbourn's trail of destruction doesn't end there. When two sisters are brutally assaulted and one of them is killed, Anya begins working round the clock to catch the Harbourns and nail their ringleader, the deviously clever Gary. With the help of

Detective Kate Farrer and star litigator Dan Brody, she begins to discover just how twisted this family really is, and what they're capable of. In what will become Dr Anya Crichton's hardest case yet, she must piece together the evidence before the killer's attention is turned on her...

The Driftwood Girls Mark Douglas-Home 2020-01-09 TWO MISSING WOMEN. AN OCEAN FULL OF SECRETS . . . 'A first-class mystery - perplexing and at times disturbing' i paper 'Intelligence, imagination and lucid writing' The Times

_____ Kate and Flora have always been haunted by a mystery - their mother, Christine, vanished without trace when they were children. But now Kate has a more urgent problem: Flora has disappeared too. In desperation, she searches Flora's house, and finds a scrap of paper with a name scribbled on it: Cal McGill. Cal is a 'sea detective': an expert in the winds and the tides, and consequently adept at finding lost things - and lost people. Can Cal find Flora? And might he even know the secret of what happened to their mother, all those years ago . . . ? 'I'm completely addicted to this series' Dermot O'Leary Praise for Mark Douglas-Home: 'I could not put it down' 5***** reader review 'The best novel I have read in years. A real page turner' 5***** reader review 'Utter brilliance' 5***** reader review 'Many twists and turns and kept me intrigued to the end' 5***** reader review Stone Bruises Simon Beckett 2014-01-30 'Somebody!' I half-sob and then, more

quietly, 'Please.' The words seem absorbed by the afternoon heat, lost amongst the trees. In their aftermath, the silence descends again. I know then that I'm not going anywhere... Sean is on the run. We don't know why and we don't know from whom, but we do know he's abandoned his battered, blood-stained car in the middle of an isolated part of rural France at the height of a sweltering summer. Desperate to avoid the police, he takes to the parched fields and country lanes but his leg is caught in a vicious animal trap. Near unconscious from pain and loss of blood, he is freed and taken in by two women - daughters of the owner of a rundown local farm with its ramshackle barn, blighted vineyard and the brooding lake. And it's then that Sean's problems really start... This nail-shredder of a thriller - like the fiction of Nicci French or Gillian Flynn - holds you from the beginning, tightening its grip as the story unfurls and shocks you with its final twist.

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those years ago... 'A terrific thriller from one of our finest crime writers at the top of his game.' Peter James 'A roaring, full-throated thriller.' Daily Mail 'First in a new series, this is a tense and twisty tale.' The Sun

Rabbit Hole Mark Billingham 2022-01-20 PRE-ORDER THE NEW TOM THORNE NOVEL THE MURDER BOOK NOW ***THE SUNDAY TIMES NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER*** ***THE TIMES CRIME NOVEL OF THE YEAR***

_____ My name is Alice. I'm a police officer. I'm trying to solve a murder on a psychiatric ward. But I'm also a patient... They were meant to be safe on Fleet Ward: psychiatric patients monitored, treated, cared for. But now one of their number is found murdered, and the accusations begin to fly. Was it one of his fellow patients? A member of staff? Or did someone come in from the outside? DC Alice Armitage is methodical, tireless, and she's quickly on the trail of the killer. The only problem is, Alice is a patient too. _____

'Fast-paced and twisting' Paula Hawkins 'At the very least it should reach the shortlist of this year's Booker prize' The Times 'A deeply compelling read' Harriet Tyce 'The most cunning, complex, claustrophobic mystery' Louise Candlish 'Immense skill and heart' Eve Chase 'Brilliant, suspenseful, poignant, heartbreaking, surprisingly funny' Linwood Barclay 'One of the most consistently entertaining, insightful crime writers working today' Gillian Flynn 'A world-class

crime writer' Karin Slaughter 'Mark Billingham is a master of psychology' Ian Rankin 'Billingham is always a must read' Harlan Coben

The Scent of Death Simon Beckett 2019-10-03 'A superbly strong read' The Times
What began as a straightforward case is about to become a twisted nightmare . . .
Once a busy hospital, St Jude's now stands derelict, awaiting demolition. When a partially mummified corpse is found in the building's cavernous loft, forensics expert Dr David Hunter is called in to take a look. He can't say how long the body's been there, but he is certain it's that of a young woman. And that she was pregnant. Then part of the attic floor collapses, revealing another of the hospital's secrets- a bricked-up chamber with beds inside. And some of them are still occupied. And it soon becomes clear that St Jude's hasn't claimed its last victim . . .
. Chilling, visceral and masterfully paced, Simon Beckett's new crime thriller will leave you gasping.

The Chemistry of Death Simon Beckett 2012-07-27 'A classy debut' The Times
'Best thriller I've read all year' Tess Gerritsen
Dr David Hunter hoped he might at last have put the past behind him. But then they found what was left of Sally Palmer . . . It isn't just that she was a friend that disturbs him. Once he'd been a high-profile forensic anthropologist and all too familiar with the many faces of death, before tragedy made him abandon this previous life. Now the police want

his help. But to become involved will stir up memories he's long tried to forget. Then a second woman disappears, plunging the close-knit community into a maelstrom of fear and paranoia. And no one, not even Hunter, is exempt from suspicion. Gruesome and gripping, this startling new British crime thriller has an unnerving and original twist.

Shadow Man Alan Drew 2017-05-04 An explosive serial killer thriller perfect for readers of Lee Child, Karin Slaughter and Michael Connolly. Southern California, 1986. Detective Ben Wade has returned to his hometown in search of a quieter life and to try to save his marriage. Suddenly the community, with its peaceful streets and neighbourly concerns, finds itself at the mercy of a serial killer who slips through windows and screen doors at night, shattering illusions of safety. As Ben and forensic specialist Natasha Betencourt struggle to stay one step ahead of the killer - and deal with painful episodes in the past - Ben's own world is rocked again by violence. He must decide how far he is willing to go, and Natasha how much she is willing to risk, to rescue the town from a psychotic murderer and a long-buried secret. With eerie, chilling prose, Alan Drew brings us into the treacherous underbelly of a suburban California town in this brilliant novel of suspense; the story of a man, and a community, confronted with the heart of human darkness. Wonderfully imagined and wonderfully written, patient but propulsive, serious but

suspenseful, grown-up but gripping, Shadow Man is everything a great thriller should be. - Lee Child

The Restless Dead Simon Beckett 2018-01-25 A badly decomposed body has been found in the mudflats and salt marshes of the Backwaters. Could it be linked to two unsolved missing-person cases? But then more remains are discovered. And as these desolate wetlands begin to give up their grisly secrets, Dr David Hunter is reminded that it's not the dead we need to fear

The Chemistry of Death Simon Beckett 2022-06-14 Seeking refuge from a tragic past, a forensic pathologist must search for a devious killer in a rural English village in this crime thriller series debut. Three years ago, Dr. David Hunter left London for rural Norfolk to escape the tragic loss of his wife and daughter. Giving up his career in criminal forensics, he now works as a simple country doctor in the village of Manham. But when the corpse of a woman is found in the woods, a macabre sign from her killer decorating her body, David struggles to remain uninvolved. As a newcomer, David finds he must join the investigation in order to avoid suspicion. When another woman disappears, the case becomes personal. This time, she is someone David knows--someone who has managed to get past the barrier around his heart. With the killer's twisted methods screaming out to him and a brooding countryside beset with fear and distrust, David can feel the

darkness gathering around him. As the clock ticks down on the young woman's life, David must follow a macabre trail of clues--all the way to its final, horrifying conclusion. "Brilliantly original . . . Simon's first crime novel *The Chemistry of Death* absolutely blew me away and he just gets better by the book!" --Peter James, UK No. 1 bestselling author

Gallery of the Dead Chris Carter 2018-02-08 'Thirty-seven years in the force, and if I was allowed to choose just one thing to erase from my mind, what's inside that room would be it.' That's what a LAPD Lieutenant tells Detectives Hunter and Garcia of the Ultra Violent Crimes Unit as they arrive at one of the most shocking crime scenes they have ever attended. In a completely unexpected turn of events, the detectives find themselves joining forces with the FBI to track down a serial killer whose hunting ground sees no borders; a psychopath who loves what he does because to him murder is much more than just killing – it's an art form. Welcome to *The Gallery of the Dead*.

Whispers of the Dead Simon Beckett 2012-07-27 'Menacing, beautifully paced' Daily Mail Inspired by Beckett's visit to the world-renowned Body Farm in Tennessee A serial killer is at work, and the death toll is rising . . . The victim has been bound and tortured, the body decomposed beyond recognition. Then a second body is found. A nightmare is about to begin. Once a brutal abduction

takes place, it becomes a terrifying race against time for forensic expert David Hunter . . .

Where There's Smoke Simon Beckett 2015-11 Wanneer een geslaagde zakenvrouw van in de dertig wel een kind maar geen man wil, adverteert ze voor een zaaddonor, hetgeen het begin van een nachtmerrie inluidt.

The Chemistry of Death: Dr. David Hunter Series Bk. 1 Simon Beckett 2006

The Lost Simon Beckett 2022-06-09 You fall asleep in the playground. Your son is gone. 10 years later, will you finally get the truth? Ten years ago, the disappearance of firearms police officer Jonah Colley's young son almost destroyed him. A plea for help from an old friend leads Jonah to Slaughter Quay, and the discovery of four bodies. Attacked and left for dead, he is the only survivor. Under suspicion himself, he uncovers a network of secrets and lies about the people he thought he knew - forcing him to question what really happened all those years ago... 'A terrific thriller from one of our finest crime writers at the top of his game.' Peter James 'A roaring, full-throated thriller.' Daily Mail 'First in a new series, this is a tense and twisty tale.'

The Sun

Where There's Smoke Simon Beckett 2015-11-19 Some moments burn in the mind for ever. The landing is dark. Light comes from a window at the far end, enough to run by. Breath comes hard. From the stairs sound heavy footfalls in

pursuit. The landing ends in a last doorway. There is no more running, only the need to hide... Imagine not knowing the father of your child. Not knowing his name. What he looks like. Or what sort of person he is. Although she is desperate for a baby, that is something that Kate Powell cannot accept. Single, independent, she likes to be in control of her own life - even if it has, somehow, become strangely shallow and meaningless. Then Kate meets a man who seems to be the answer to all her problems. But we all know appearances can be dangerously deceptive. And Kate should too. Soon her life is out her hands. And out of control...

I Am Missing Tim Weaver 2017-07-27 My name is Richard. I know how to swim. I know how to drive. I think I grew up next to a beach. There is nothing else. I can't remember. I am missing. Who is Richard Kite? Why does no one know him? And what links him to the body of a woman found beside a London railway line two years ago? Could Richard be responsible - or is he next? 'It had me racing to the end . . . a brilliant opening twist' Fiona Barton 'Enthralling, intriguing' Liz Nugent 'It will haunt your dreams' Tony Parsons ****DON'T MISS THE STUNNING NEW THRILLER FROM TIM WEAVER - YOU WERE GONE IS OUT NOW****

The Kill Call Stephen Booth 2010 An atmospheric new Fry and Cooper thriller for fans of Peter Robinson and Reginald Hill.

The Calling of the Grave Simon Beckett 2012 When DI Terry Connor turns up on

David Hunter's doorstep, it's an unwelcome reminder of the past in more ways than one. The two used to be friends before Connor's behaviour caused a bitter rift. And the news the policeman brings is even less welcome: the psychotic rapist and murderer Jerome Monk has escaped from high security prison.

Foreign Body Robin Cook 2009 In this chilling new novel from the master of the medical thriller ("The New York Times"), New York City medical examiners Laurie Montgomery and Jack Stapleton rush to India to help a UCLA student investigating medical tourism and a sinister global conspiracy. Available in a tall Premium Edition.

Exposed Alex Kava 2008-11-01 Agent Maggie O'Dell believes she's responding to a threat, but instead walks into a trap. The killer's weapon is a deadly virus, virtually invisible and totally unexpected. Maggie knows dangerous minds – from hauntingly perverse child predators to cunningly twisted serial killers.

Rubbernecker Belinda Bauer 2015-08-04 "Breathtaking. I read this and wished I'd written it."—Val McDermid Belinda Bauer is a phenomenal voice in British crime fiction, whose work has won the CWA's Gold Dagger Award for Crime Novel of the Year and garnered rave reviews on both sides of the Atlantic. Winner of the 2014 Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year Award, *Rubbernecker* is a gripping thriller about a medical student who begins to suspect that something

strange is going on in this cadaver lab. “The dead can’t speak to us,” Professor Madoc had said. But that was a lie. The body Patrick Fort is examining in anatomy class is trying to tell him all kinds of things. But no one hears what he does, and no one understand when he tries to tell them. Life is already strange enough for Patrick—being a medical student with Asperger’s Syndrome doesn't come without its challenges. And that’s before he is faced with solving a possible murder, especially when no one believes a crime has even taken place. Now he must stay out of danger long enough to unravel the mystery. But as Patrick learns one truth from a dead man, he discovers there have been many other lies closer to home. A can’t-put-it-down page-turner from one of the finest voices in UK crime, Rubbernecker puts Belinda Bauer firmly on the map of world-class crime writers. “An intelligent, disturbing read.”—The Guardian (UK)

Fine Lines Ruth Heller 1996 A children's book illustrator shares her daily routine and creative life, showing how the two are intertwined.

Animals Simon Beckett 1995

Too Good To Be True Ann Cleeves 2016-02-04 Too Good To Be True is a gripping Quick Read from Ann Cleeves, featuring Detective Inspector Jimmy Perez from the bestselling Shetland series. When young teacher Anna Blackwell is found dead in her home, the police think her death was suicide or a tragic accident. After

all, Stonebridge is a quiet country village in the Scottish Borders, where murders just don't happen. But Detective Inspector Jimmy Perez soon arrives from far-away Shetland when his ex-wife, Sarah, asks him to look into the case. The local gossips are saying that her new husband, Tom, was having an affair with Anna. Could Tom have been involved with her death? Sarah refuses to believe it - but needs proof. Anna had been a teacher. She must have loved kids. Would she kill herself knowing there was nobody to look after her daughter? She had seemed happier than ever before she died. And to Perez, this suggests not suicide, but murder . . .

The Last Ride Thomas Eidson 2004 In New Mexico an old man begins a journey that can only end in death. For thirty years Samuel Jones has lived as an Apache, severing all ties with his family. Now his daughter needs him to ride against the Indians and recapture his lost granddaughter. Originally published: New York: G.P. Putnam's; London: Penguin, 1995.

Red Bones Ann Cleeves 2010-12-23 The third Shetland novel featuring detective Jimmy Perez. Sometimes the dead won't stay buried . . . When a young archaeologist uncovers a set of human remains, the island settlers are intrigued. Is it an ancient find – or a more contemporary mystery? Then an elderly woman is shot in what appears to be a tragic accident in the middle of the night, Shetland

detective Jimmy Perez is called to investigate. The sparse landscape and the emptiness of the sea have bred a fierce and secretive people. As Jimmy looks to the islanders for answers, he finds instead two feuding families whose envy, greed and bitterness have lasted generations. Surrounded by people he doesn't know and in unfamiliar territory, Jimmy finds himself out of his depth. As the spring weather shrouds the island in claustrophobic mists, Perez must dig up old secrets to reveal the truth . . . Red Bones is the third book in Ann Cleeves' bestselling Shetland series – a major BBC One drama, starring Douglas Henshall.

Written in Bone Simon Beckett 2012-07-27 A killer on the loose. A murder disguised as an accident. As a favour to a colleague, Dr David Hunter is on the remote Hebridean island of Runa to inspect a grisly discovery. He's familiar with death in all its guises but is shocked by what he finds: a body, incinerated but for the feet and a single hand. It appears to be a textbook case of spontaneous human combustion. The local police are certain it's an accidental death but to Hunter the scorched remains suggest otherwise, And as the isolated community considers the enormity of Hunter's findings, a catastrophic storm hits the island. The power goes down, communication with the outside world ceases . . . And the killing begins in earnest.

Silent Voices Ann Cleeves 2011-02-04 Silent Voices is the fourth book in Ann

Cleeves' Vera Stanhope series – which is now a major ITV detective drama starring Brenda Blethyn as Vera. No murder is ever simple . . . When DI Vera Stanhope finds the body of a woman in the sauna room of her local gym, at first, she thinks it is a death from natural causes. But then Vera spots ligature marks around the victim's throat and has another murder case on her hands. The victim is Jenny Lister, who was an experienced social worker, but her neighbours are quick to inform Vera about Jenny's involvement in a notorious case. A young child tragically died and a member of Jenny's team was subsequently fired and vilified by the media. As Vera tries to pry information from the secretive community another body is found, and Vera finds herself in a race against time to stop the killer. Enjoy more of Vera Stanhope's investigations with *The Crow Trap*, *Telling Tales*, *Hidden Depths*, *The Glass Room*, *Harbour Street*, *The Moth Catcher*, *The Seagull*, and *The Darkest Evening*.

Be My Enemy Christopher Brookmyre 2011-06-16 The fourth book in the Jack Parlabane series, from author Christopher Brookmyre. It was a junket, a freebie. A 'team-building' weekend in the highlands for lawyers, advertising execs, businessmen, even the head of a charity. Oh, and a journalist, specially solicited for his renowned and voluble scepticism - Jack Parlabane. Amid the flying paintballs and flowing Shiraz even the most cynical admit the organisers have

pulled some surprises - stalkers in the forest, power cuts in the night, mass mobile phone thefts, disappearing staff, disappearing guests: there's nothing can bring out people's hidden strengths or break down inter-personal barriers quite like not having a clue what's going on and being scared out of your wits. However, when the only vehicular access for thirty miles is cut off it seems that events are being orchestrated not just for pleasure ... And that's before they find the first body. Thereafter, 'finding out who your colleagues really are' is not so much an end product as the key to reaching Monday morning alive.

Want You Gone Chris Brookmyre 2017-04-20 The eighth book in the Jack Parlabane series, from author Christopher Brookmyre. The award-winning, million-selling author of *Black Widow* brings a twist-filled story of secrets and lies. What if your deepest secret was revealed? Sam Morpeth is growing up way too fast, left to fend for a younger sister when their mother goes to prison and watching her dreams of university evaporate. But Sam learns what it is to be truly powerless when a stranger begins to blackmail her. Who would you turn to? Meanwhile, reporter Jack Parlabane has finally got his career back on track, but his success has left him indebted to a volatile, criminal source. Now that debt is being called in, and it could cost him everything. What would you be capable of? Thrown together by a vindictive and mysterious mutual enemy, Sam and Jack are about to discover

they might be each other's only hope.

The Lost Free eBook Sampler Simon Beckett 2021-11-17 *** FREE EBOOK SAMPLER *** 'A terrific thriller from one of our finest crime writers at the top of his game.' Peter James A MISSING CHILD Ten years ago, the disappearance of firearms police officer Jonah Colley's young son almost destroyed him. A GRUESOME DISCOVERY A plea for help from an old friend leads Jonah to Slaughter Quay, and the discovery of four bodies. Brutally attacked and left for dead, he is the only survivor. A SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH Under suspicion himself, he uncovers a network of secrets and lies about the people he thought he knew - forcing him to question what really happened all those years ago...

Stone Bruises Simon Beckett 2014 "'Somebody!' I half-sob and then, more quietly, 'Please.' The words seem absorbed by the afternoon heat, lost amongst the trees. In their aftermath, the silence descends again. I know then that I'm not going anywhere... i> ean is on the run. We don't know why and we don't know from whom, but we do know he's abandoned his battered, blood-stained car in the middle of a sweltering, isolated, lonely part of rural France. Desperate to avoid the police, he takes to the hedgerows and country lanes only to be caught in the vicious jaws of a trap. Near unconscious from pain and loss of blood, he is freed and taken in by two women - the daughters of the owner of a rundown local farm

with its ramshackle barn, blighted vineyard and the brooding lake. And it's then that Sean's problems really start... Superbly written, Stone Bruises is a classic nail-shredder of a thriller that holds you from the beginning and slowly, inexorably tightens its grip as the story unfurls and keeps you guessing until the unnerving and shocking final twist..."

The Scent of Death Simon Beckett 2019-10-03 It's been a good summer for forensics expert Dr David Hunter. His relationship is going well and he's in demand again as a police consultant. Life is good. Then a call comes from an old associate: a body has been found, and she'd like Hunter to take a look. The empty shell of St Jude's Hospital now stands awaiting demolition, its only visitors society's outcasts, addicts and dealers. A partially mummified corpse has been discovered in the hospital's cavernous loft, but not even Hunter can say how long it's been there. All he knows for sure is that it's the body of a young woman. And that she was pregnant. But the collapse of the loft floor reveals another of the hospital's secrets. A sealed-off chamber, still with beds inside. Some of them occupied... For Hunter, what began as a straightforward case is about to become a twisted nightmare that threatens everyone around him. And as the investigation springs more surprises, one thing is certain. St Jude's hasn't claimed its last victim . . . With its viscerally authentic forensics, menacing atmosphere and nerve-shredding

tension, Simon Beckett's new crime thriller will leave you gasping.

Fine Lines Simon Beckett 1994 A wealthy, slightly sinister London art dealer develops a voyeuristic obsession with his assistant, Anna, and hires an amoral male model to seduce her while he watches from behind a screen--but his impulses lead to nasty surprises--including murder. A first novel. 12,500 first printing.

Written in Bone Simon Beckett 2007-09-25 "I took the skull from its evidence bag and gently set it on the stainless steel table. 'Tell me who you are. . . .'" With this silent plea, forensic expert Dr. David Hunter ignites a harrowing murder investigation on a windswept Scottish island, and a tale of menace, sexuality, and revenge unravels—along with the chilling message that a killer has... Dr. David Hunter should be in London with the woman he loves and a past he can't quite shake off. Instead, as a favor to a beleaguered cop, Hunter travels to a remote island in the Outer Hebrides to inspect a baffling set of remains. A forensic anthropologist, he has seen bodies destroyed by all forms of violence, but even he is surprised at what he finds: human remains burned beyond recognition—all within the confines of an otherwise undamaged, unoccupied cottage. Local police want to rule the death accidental. But Hunter's examination of the victim's charred skull tells him that this woman, no doubt a stranger to the close-knit island of Runa,

was murdered by someone nearby. Within days, two more people are dead by fire. Hunter's job is to coax the dead into telling their stories—but now that he's beginning to hear them, he is staggered by the truth. Working with only the barest of clues, he peels back the layers of mysteries past and present, exposing the tangle of secrets at the heart of this strange community—from the deceptions of a wealthy couple to the bitterness of an ex-cop and the secrets of a lonely single mother—as a tale of rage and perversion comes full circle...then explodes in a series of violent acts and shocking twists.

The Restless Dead Simon Beckett 2017-04-06 'Composed of over sixty per cent water itself, a human body isn't naturally buoyant. It will float only for as long as there is air in its lungs, before gradually sinking to the bottom as the air seeps out. If the water is very cold or deep, it will remain there, undergoing a slow, dark dissolution that can take years. But if the water is warm enough for bacteria to feed and multiply, then it will continue to decompose. Gases will build up in the intestines, increasing the body's buoyancy until it floats again. And the dead will literally rise . . . ' Once one of the country's most respected forensics experts, Dr David Hunter is facing an uncertain professional - and personal - future. So when he gets a call from Essex police, he's eager for the chance to assist them. A badly decomposed body has been found in a desolate area of tidal mudflats and

saltmarsh called the Backwaters. Under pressure to close the case, the police want Hunter to help with the recovery and identification. It's thought the remains are those of Leo Villiers, the son of a prominent businessman who vanished weeks ago. To complicate matters, it was rumoured that Villiers was having an affair with a local woman. And she too is missing. But Hunter has his doubts about the identity. He knows the condition of the unrecognizable body could hide a multitude of sins. Then more remains are discovered - and these remote wetlands begin to give up their secrets . . . With its eerie, claustrophobic sense of place, viscerally authentic detail and explosive heart-in-mouth moments, *The Restless Dead* offers a masterclass in crime fiction and marks the stunning return of one of the genre's best.

Killjoy Ann Cleeves 2013-08-15 Killjoy is the fourth mystery novel in the Inspector Ramsay series by Ann Cleeves, author of the Shetland and Vera Stanhope crime series. The youth theatre cast are in their places but Gus Lynch's female lead is missing, that is, until she's found in the boot of his car . . . Detective Inspector Stephen Ramsay and Sergeant Gordon Hunter are assigned to head the murder enquiry, meanwhile violence is escalating on the Starling Farm Estate as police battle to contain the latest outbreak of joyriding. Is the death of Gabriella connected to the events at Starling Farm? When another death occurs,

investigations suggest a possible link, and Ramsay realizes what could have provoked someone to kill . . . and kill again.