



BUTE NOIR



Friday, 2nd - Sunday, 4th August, 2024
The Glenburn Hotel

Sir Ian Rankin	Val McDermid	Mark Billingham
Suzy Aspley	Chris Brookmyre	Jane Casey
Ajay Chowdhury	C.J. Cooke	Myra Duffy
F.L. Everett	Alex Gray	Lisa Gray
Ed James	Quintin Jardine	James J. McIntyre
Dinuka McKenzie	Callum McSorley	Phoebe Morgan
James Oswald	B.A. Paris	Caro Ramsay
Craig Robertson	Doug Sinclair	Martin Stewart
Tim Sullivan	C.L. Taylor	Harriet Tyce
Luca Veste		Trevor Wood

Tickets for all events are priced at £7.00 each* and are available, along with a programme of events, from Print Point - Tel: 01700 503389

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INTRODUCTION

Revealing the lineup for Bute Noir is always one of our favourite times of the year. Okay, it can also be one of the most stressful, rushed, and last-minute times of the year, but that's all part of the fun, right?

What makes all that tension worthwhile is bringing great authors to a great island and helping writers and readers have a great time. This year, we're confident we can do that in style. Among our headline acts are four legends of crime fiction: Sir Ian Rankin, Val McDermid, Mark Billingham, and Quintin Jardine.

As if that weren't enough, we have brilliant bestselling authors such as C.L. Taylor, Chris Brookmyre, B.A. Paris, Jane Casey, James Oswald, Harriet Tyce, and Tim Sullivan.

There is a true crime event in the shape of Jimmy Two Guns aka colourful former Glasgow gangland lawyer James J. McIntyre who will tell of his escapades representing some of the city's best-known and most dangerous criminals.

On Saturday night there will be Carry On Sleuthing, a play of dubious provenance from the pen of Douglas Skelton, featuring jokes older than dinosaurs and an unbelievable all-star cast.

For 2024, we have moved to the Victorian splendour of the Glenburn Hotel and all events will be under one roof for the first time. This also means that we can offer a weekend pass costing £90, meaning a saving of £23 for those who attend every event.

As ever, huge thanks to our sponsors – For Bute, Argyll & Bute Council, Careplus, Martha Shaw and Ian Rankin – and to our volunteers, readers and authors.

See you all in August!

Craig, Karen, Anne & Alison

A New Venue for Bute Noir - The Glenburn Hotel.

Glenburn Hotel

<https://bespokehotels.com/glenburn-hotel/>



As the ferry from Wemyss Bay approaches Rothesay, the main town on the Isle of Bute, you catch a first glimpse of the imposing Glenburn Hotel. With its colonnaded terrace and impressive gardens spread out far below, the hotel sits grandly on a hill on the eastern shore of Rothesay Bay.

Originally the Glenburn Hydropathic when it was first built in 1843, this important building will be the venue for this year's Bute Noir events, allowing visitors to the increasingly popular Crime Writers' Festival the opportunity to enjoy a little of Rothesay's past.

The Glenburn was the first of several Hydropathic hotels built in Scotland. In those days hydrotherapy was seen as an alternative to the prevailing medical treatments of the time, focussing on "the spiritual and physical properties of water", taking lots of fresh air and keeping to a simple diet. A sign of the importance of the hydropathic movement was that 47 rooms were dedicated to this, although some of the treatments appear rather daunting!

In Victorian times a trip to Bute was the highlight of the summer for many Glaswegians but The Glenburn was a place for the wealthy; easily accessible from the Broomielaw on one of the many steamers sailing regularly between the city and the Isle of Bute. The interior of the original building reflected the expectations of this clientele with marble floors, Persian carpets, Turkish baths and, as a sign of different times, several smoking rooms. No alcohol was allowed: the hydropathic movement was in step with those who favoured temperance, another popular movement of the Age.

A fire in 1891 destroyed the original building and the rebuild which began in 1892 focussed on the Glenburn as a hotel rather than as a hydropathic. In 1938 the building was updated with a considerable number of internal alterations and what you see today is much as it was then, with the addition of some modern amenities!

As you enjoy the comforts of this historic hotel, perhaps sitting with a drink on the terrace to watch the sun set over Rothesay Bay, spare a thought for those Victorian guests and their somewhat different experiences of The Glenburn.

Myra Duffy

With thanks to Jean McMillan and Anne Speirs at Bute Museum.
Artefacts from The Glenburn can be viewed in the Museum.
www.butemuseum.org.uk

Sir Ian Rankin



SIR IAN RANKIN

is a legend of
crime fiction.

With over 20

million books sold
worldwide, his iconic
Inspector Rebus series has
captivated readers' hearts
and minds.

A new TV version of the
Rebus novels is a BBC1 hit
and recent novels including
"A Song for the Dark Times"
and *"In a House of Lies"*
continue to enthrall. Ian is a
true maestro of the genre.



Val McDermid



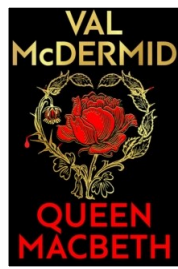
VAL MCDERMID

is the Queen of
Crime. The

author of over

30 novels published in over
40 languages, she is a
national treasure.

She is the creator of the
Karen Pirie series, recently
adapted for TV, the Tony
Hill and Carol Jordan
books, the Kate Brannigan
and Lindsay Gordon series,
and many superb
standalones. Her latest is
the stunning *Queen
Macbeth*.



Mark Billingham



MARK BILLINGHAM

is one of the
finest writers
in the

business. He's the award-winning creator of the Tom Thorne novels which have been adapted for television, and most recently the hilarious Detective Dec Miller series, the second of which is *The Wrong Hands*. Mark is also a member of The Fun Lovin' Crime Writers and a favourite of the Bute audience.



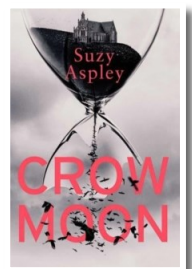
Suzy Aspley



**SUZY
ASPLEY** is a
former
journalist,
originally from

the north-east of England,
and has lived in Scotland
for over 30 years.

In her first novel *Crow Moon*, the body of a teenager is found in the woods – with a poem about crows inked onto his back. *Crow Moon* has been shortlisted for the 2024 Bloody Scotland Crime Debut of the Year.



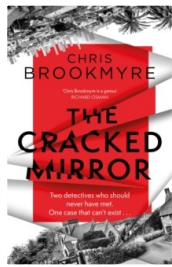
Chris Brookmyre



CHRIS BROOKMYRE

is one of the
very best
writers at

work today. His new novel is the groundbreaking, rule-breaking, *The Cracked Mirror* in which Agatha Christie crashes into Michael Connelly with startling results. Chris is a member of The Fun Lovin' Crime Writers and the reigning Crime Writers Putting World Champion.



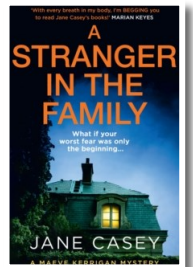
Jane Casey



JANE CASEY

writes some of
the best police
procedural
books in print

today. Born and raised in Dublin, Jane worked in publishing before embarking on a stellar writing career. Her novel *The Killing Kind* was made into a TV series for Channel 5 in September 2023, starring Emma Appleton. Her latest book is the disturbing, *A Stranger in the Family*.



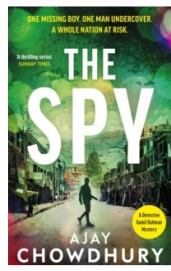
Ajay Chowdhury



AJAY CHOWDHURY

was the
inaugural
winner of the

Harvill Secker–Bloody Scotland crime fiction award. He is a tech entrepreneur and theatre director who was born in India and now lives in London. *The Waiter* was the first in his Detective Kamil Rahman series and is being adapted for television. The fourth, *The Spy*, is an undercover thriller.



C.J. Cooke

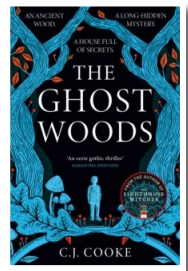


C.J. COOKE

is the award-winning author of five spine-tingling

crime novels that expertly bridges the gap between crime and gothic horror.

Her most recent book is the beautifully haunting *The Ghost Woods*. Carolyn is senior lecturer in Creative Writing at the University of Glasgow and lives very close to the Isle of Bute. Two of her books are currently optioned for film.

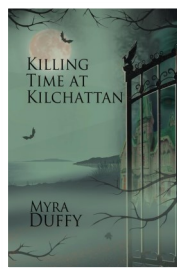


Myra Duffy



MYRA DUFFY is, of course, well-known to Bute fans of crime

fiction. Myra is the author of the incredibly popular Isle of Bute Mystery series which makes full use of the island's iconic locations to delight locals and visitors alike. The latest is the thrilling *Killing Time at Kilchattan Bay*.

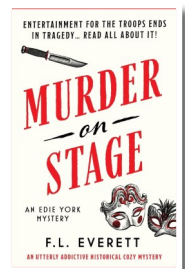


F.L. Everett



F.L. EVERETT is a freelance journalist and broadcaster

and the author of the Edie York cozy mystery series set on the Home Front during World War Two. Flic is originally from Manchester but now lives near Oban. In her new book, the charming *Murder on Stage*, trainee reporter Edie investigates when an actor dies on stage and the leading lady disappears.

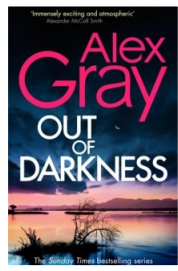


Alex Gray



ALEX GRAY is one of Scotland's best-loved writers and her DSI

William Lorimer novels have come of age with the publication of the 21st in the series. In *Out of Darkness*, Lorimer and his wife Maggie are on holiday in Zimbabwe but danger has followed them from Glasgow and their lives are at risk. A regular at Bute Noir, Alex has family ties to the island.



Lisa Gray



LISA GRAY is a former journalist turned Wall Street Journal

bestselling author. She is the author of the chart-topping Jessica Shaw series and three standalone thrillers. Her gripping new novel, *The Final Act*, sees the disappearance of a fading Hollywood actress. Lisa lives in Glasgow and is making a welcome second visit to Bute Noir.

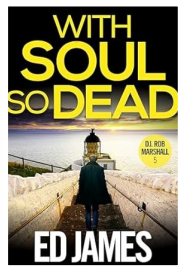


Ed James

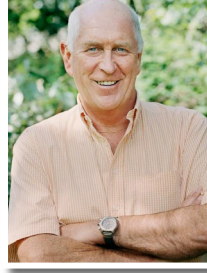


ED JAMES is the prolific author of multiple series of crime novels

including the DI Simon Fenchurch, Scott Cullen, Craig Hunter, and DI Vicky Dodds series. He escaped the rigours of working in IT project management to move to the Scottish Borders and write. In his new novel, *With Soul So Dead*, a nightmare returns to haunt a recovering victim.

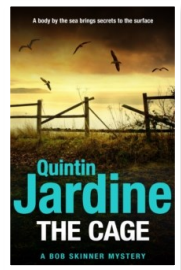


Quintin Jardine



QUINTIN JARDINE is a legend of Scottish crime fiction. So too

is his Edinburgh cop Bob Skinner who has risen through the ranks since his all-action debut in *Skinner's Rules* in 1993, delighting readers along the way. In his new novel, *The Cage*, the recently retired Skinner is called in to help investigate a death staged to look like an accident.

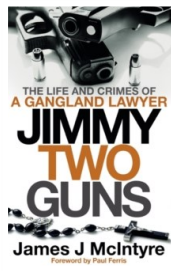


James J. McIntyre



JAMES J. MCINTYRE was Glasgow's go-to gangland lawyer and

consigliere to one of Scotland's foremost crime families. His client list included some of the most feared gangland figures of the time, including the McGoverns and Paul Ferris. His shocking true crime memoir tells all, including how he earned his nickname of Jimmy Two Guns.

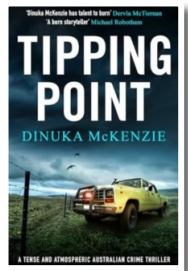


Dinuka McKenzie



DINUKA MCKENZIE is a rising star of Australian crime fiction

and the author of the Detective Kate Miles crime series. She won the 2020 HarperCollins Australia Banjo Prize and her writing has been shortlisted for several other prizes. In her new novel, *Tipping Point*, the deaths of two young men force Kate Miles to confront uncomfortable family truths.

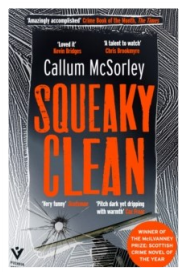


Callum McSorley



CALLUM MCSORLEY won the McIlvanney Prize for

Scottish crime novel of the year with his debut, the highly accomplished *Squeaky Clean*. This incredible achievement has vaulted Callum to the forefront of Scottish crime writing. *Squeaky Clean* is the dark but hilarious Glasgow adventures of DI Ally McCoist and carwash employee Davey Burnet.

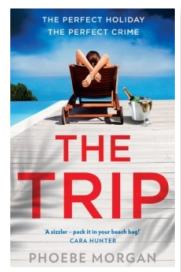


Phoebe Morgan



PHOEBE MORGAN is the author of five crime novels that

have been translated into ten languages. She is a former journalist and now an award-winning editor of crime fiction. Her new book is the sizzling psychological thriller, *The Trip*, in which four friends take the holiday of a lifetime together, a trip shattered by a vicious murder.

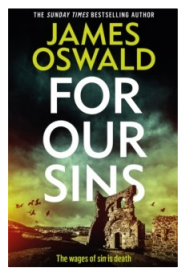


James Oswald



JAMES OSWALD is the acclaimed author of the much-loved

Inspector Tony McLean series of novels set in Edinburgh. Working as a livestock farmer, James thankfully still finds time to write superb crime fiction with a dark undercurrent of the supernatural. The latest McLean novel is *For Our Sins*, and will be followed by the haunting *Broken Ghosts*.

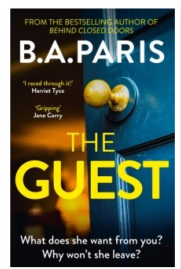


B.A. Paris



B.A. PARIS is a Sunday Times and New York Times

bestseller, with over seven million books sold and translated into 41 languages. Three of her novels, including the huge hit *Behind Closed Doors*, are in development as movies. Her new book is the unputdownable *The Guest*, in which a couple returns from holiday to find a friend has moved in.

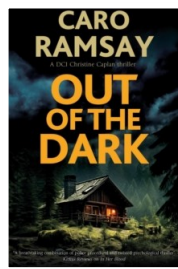


Caro Ramsay



CARO RAMSAY's trademark sense of place, clever plotting,

and caustic humour have made her books unmissable. She is the creator of the Anderson and Costello series and of the DCI Christine Caplan novels. The third Caplan book, *Out of the Dark*, sees the DCI work on a cold case that connects to other victims also found in Scottish forests.

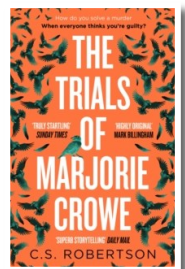


Craig Robertson

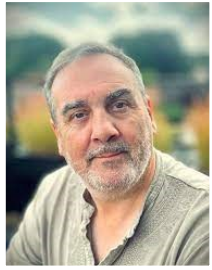


CRAIG ROBERTSON is the author of eleven crime novels and a

familiar face to Bute Noir audiences. He has been longlisted and shortlisted for all the major UK crime fiction prizes. His 2022 book *The Undiscovered Deaths of Grace McGill* is largely set on the Isle of Bute. His latest, *The Trials of Marjorie Crowe*, is a witchy Scottish thriller.

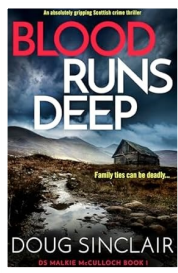


Doug Sinclair



DOUG SINCLAIR is the author of two novels in the DS Malkie

McCulloch series set in West Lothian. His debut, *Blood Runs Deep*, was published in February and opens with a seeming hit-and-run against the moody backdrop of the Pentland Hills. *Blood Runs Deep* has been shortlisted for the 2024 Bloody Scotland Crime Debut of the Year.

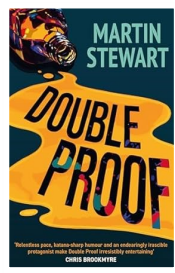


Martin Stewart

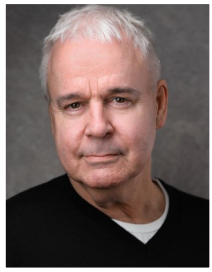


MARTIN STEWART is a former English teacher who

has previously published a series of children's books. His first foray into novels for adults is the highly acclaimed *Double Proof* in which a disgraced reporter hunts for a missing teenager and a hoard of rare Scotch whisky. *Double Proof* has been shortlisted for the 2024 Bloody Scotland Crime Debut of the Year.

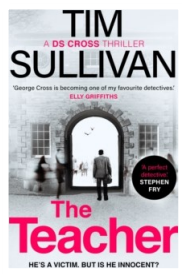


Tim Sullivan



TIM SULLIVAN had a hugely successful career as a TV

screenwriter before turning to a life of crime fiction. His credits include writing episodes of *Coronation Street*, *Sherlock Holmes*, and *Cold Feet*, and he has also written extensively in Hollywood. His fabulous DS George Cross novels have an army of fans and the latest is *The Teacher*.



C.L. Taylor



C.L. TAYLOR is in the top tier of psychological thriller

writers. She is the master of intricate plots and devilish twists. With huge hits behind her such as *Strangers*, *The Missing* and *The Lie*, Cally has established a huge readership following. Her latest novel *Every Move You Make*, about a stalker, draws deep on personal experience.

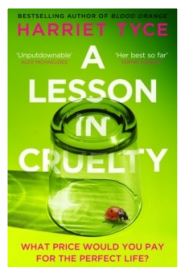


Harriet Tyce



HARRIET TYCE is a former criminal barrister

turned author. Born and raised in Edinburgh, she has quickly become one of the UK's foremost crime writers. Her debut, *Blood Orange*, was an instant bestseller and received critical acclaim for its dark and twisty plot. Her latest novel is the deliciously dark *A Lesson In Cruelty*.

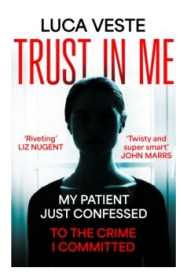


Luca Veste



LUCA VESTE is Bute Noir's favourite Scouser and a regular visitor

to the island. He's also a superb crime writer and the author of hits such as *Dead Gone*, *You Never Said Goodbye* and *The Bone Keeper*. In his new thriller, *Trust In Me*, trauma counsellor Sara's life is thrown into disarray when a patient confesses to a crime that *she* committed years before.



Trevor Wood

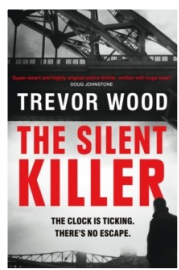


TREVOR WOOD is a playwright and former journalist who

spent 16 years in the Royal Navy. His debut novel *The Man on the Street*, won the CWA John Creasey (New Blood) Dagger and the Crimefest Specsavers Best Crime Debut Award. His new book, *The Silent Killer*, features DCI Jack Parker who has Early Onset Dementia.

CARRY ON SLEUTHING

is a play wot Douglas Skelton wrote. It has an all-star cast, some new jokes, some very old jokes, and some jokes you'll wish you'd never have heard. It's a mystery whodunnit too so buckle up, make sure your funny bone is ready to be punished, and get yourself a ticket for the play of a lifetime. Although you might wish it was someone else's life.



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FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST

1. 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm **Quintin Jardine:** Interviewed by Douglas Skelton
2. 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm **Paying The Price**
B.A. Paris and Harriet Tyce. Chaired by Nina Allan
3. 8.30 pm - 9.30 pm **Detectives Overcoming Obstacles**
Ajay Chowdhury, Tim Sullivan and Trevor Wood
4. 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm **Naughty Noir**
Mark Billingham and Chris Brookmyre

SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST

5. 11.30 am - 12.30 pm **Cosy Crime**
F.L. Everett and Myra Duffy
6. 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm **It's A Fair Cop**
Jane Casey, Caro Ramsay and Dinuka McKenzie.
Chaired by Bryan Burnett
7. 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm **True Crime**
James J. McIntyre aka Jimmy Two Guns. Interviewed
by crime reporter and author Jane Hamilton
8. 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm **Let's Twist Again**
C.L. Taylor and Luca Veste. Chaired by Gavin Bell
9. 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm **Val McDermid:** Interviewed by Nicola Sturgeon
10. 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm **Ian Rankin:** Interviewed by Bryan Burnett
11. 9.00 pm - 10.45 pm **Carry on Sleuthing: A Murder is Mispronounced**

SUNDAY 4th AUGUST

12. 10.00 am - 11.30 am **Island Bus Tour**
Join Myra Duffy on this round-Bute bus tour, taking in
some of the island's beautiful locations used in her Isle
of Bute Mystery Series of books, ending at the
Glenburn Hotel in time for the noon event.
13. 12.00 noon – 1.00 pm **Destination Thrillers**
Lisa Gray and Phoebe Morgan
14. 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm **First Blood**
Suzy Aspley, Doug Sinclair and Martin Stewart.
Chaired by Craig Robertson
15. 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm **Long Arm of the Law**
Alex Gray, Ed James and Callum McSorley. Chaired by
Bryan Burnett
16. 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm **Bewitching**
C.J. Cooke, James Oswald and Craig Robertson.
Chaired by Alexandra Sokoloff

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Tucked away on the corner of West Princes Street and Bishop Street in cosy surroundings, Bute's only bookshop opened in 1997. Open seven days a week with over 4000 books in store, daily book deliveries and freshly ground coffee while you browse, a friendly welcome awaits locals and tourists alike.

Bute Museum

Bute Museum, one of our original venues, will continue to host pop-up author events throughout the year and their volunteers remain an integral part of our Bute Noir team.



Bute Museum

7 Stuart Street, Rothesay, Isle of Bute, PA20 0EP

Opening Times

Summer: April - Sept (incl)

Monday to Saturday ~ 10.30 – 3.30 : Sunday ~ 1.30 – 3.30

Winter: Oct - Nov and Feb - Mar (incl)

Closed. Dec - Jan

Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sat. ~ 1.30 – 3.30

Admission

Adults £5.00 ~ Concessions £4.00

Children (15 & under) – Free if accompanied by a paying adult



The Brookmyre Cup

Rothsay Putting Green will once again host the “Usual Suspects” on Saturday morning from 11.00 a.m as they compete for the Brookmyre Cup.

Pop along and cheer on your favourite.



The Bute Noir Bus Tour

Discover the hidden stories of the people and the places of the Isle of Bute on this special one-off bus tour with Myra Duffy.



Find out why author Myra Duffy sets her crime novels on the island and see some of the locations she uses.

You may even be lucky enough to see the seals basking on the rocks!

Places are limited so book early.

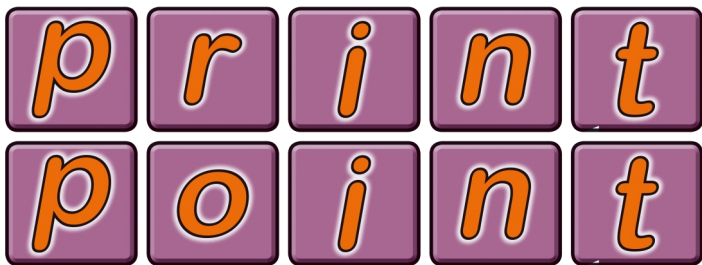
The 1½ hour bus tour will start at Guildford Square on Sunday 4th August at 10.00 a.m. and drop off at the foot of Glenburn Road in time for the 12 noon event.



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