

Conspiracy CLUB dispatches

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Welcome to our special Author's inspiration journal. We would like to take you on a journey behind the scenes, when writing fiction novels. Its a fascinating mixture of imagination and research. Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes and plucking out a totally new novel from thin air? Well we thought you might enjoy this journey in writing a crime thriller novel.

FIRST YOU have to find something that has either inspired or niggled you - it can be found in newspapers, radio conversations, and TV debates and many like it. Mark Twain said

"Truth is stranger than fiction".

Which is so true, and when something is reported that is so fantastic - we all can't really believe it so we then call it "Fake news".

This is pool of knowledge that authors enjoy, because when writing fiction, it can be derived from facts - but equally important if the imagination then draws on facts to make it seem real, then research has to be made..."To get the facts right". You can now see the little entangled dilemma an author faces.... True or False?

Behind every story you will find an element of truth - that is because when writing stories that aren't fantasy based, readers like to relate in some way, and recognise elements. For an example when Ian Fleming wrote the first James Bond novel - he had limited knowledge about handguns.

In 1956, a reader contacted Fleming to point out Bond's weapons was all wrong, and would usually be owned by a woman. Geoffrey Boothroyd, a gun specialist, said:

"I have, by now, got rather fond of Mr. James Bond. I like most of the things about him, with the exception of his rather deplorable taste in firearms."

As you can see readers like to get involved in the story with such a passion that they will take a great deal of effort in contacting the author - to put mistakes to rights.

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*We thought you might enjoy some of the research that goes behind a thrilling plot or events that reform character building. Some more of which you can enjoy on our weekly blog
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The Great Green Swindle

The term counterfeit being is associated with the imitation of something authentic, with the intent to steal, destroy or replace the original item, with the aim to make illegal transactions, or deceive others into believing the fake is authentic or worth greater value than the real product. Counterfeit products are often produced with the intention to take advantage of the value of the product it is imitating, this is known to be done through currency, documents, as well as clothing, handbags, shoes, jewellery and so on. Currently China have

bottled water stating its product contains "300% more oxygen".... surly 100% is the benchmark limit?

Or another article inspired the contradiction of our times; Back in 2007 Channel 4 was criticised for making a contradictory documentary called The Great Global Warming Swindle the film suggested that the scientific opinion on climate change is influenced by funding and political factors, and questions whether scientific consensus on global warming really does exist.

SUPER WOMEN Make Great Characters

Now characters - what we discover when authors are looking to develop a character Is it a man or women? Gentle or forceful?

Here we look at Great Women that changed the world

Female entrepreneurs have and continue to shatter ceilings to reach new heights by creating companies, and building fortunes through innovation and their impressive talents. The net worth of the top 60 self-made women is now on a record of £54 billion, 15% more than in 2017.

But how about Super Housewives - annoyed with certain house hold objects that have been woefully designed - and so find extraordinary ways to fund, invent and launch a business - which incidentally they knew nothing about before they started their journey.

Take for example Mandy Haberman the founding director of Haberman products. Mandy is a successful inventor; of baby feeding products primarily that doesn't spill. But being a loan inventor big manufacturers thought it would be a walk over to steal the invention and re-patent it as their own. Mandy had to beg borrow and blag to get the legal help she required to defend her patents - which came out ten years prior. Thankfully she won her case and is globally acclaimed.

Detectives at work

It is a critical part of an author's process to make sure they meet with experts in the field - Have you ever asked yourself...

What does a Private investigator really do?

A private investigator is often known as a person who is hired to undertake legal investigations, and often work for lawyers in civil and criminal cases.

In 1833 Eugene Francois Vidocq, a French soldier, criminal and privateer, founded the first known private detective agency. However official law enforcements tried many times to shut it down, and in 1842 he was arrested on suspicion of unlawful imprisonment and taking money on false pretences, after solving a robbery case.

Vidocq later suspected that it might have been a set-up, once he was sentenced to five years imprisonment, but was released after an appeal. Vidocq gained credibility for introducing record keeping, criminology and ballistics to criminal investigation.

Amusing Investigator's Stories

One investigator reported working for an American P.I. firm, where he usually worked on cases involving bugging, sweeping and undercover surveillance, was asked to look into counter surveillance. A contractor for a construction firm phoned the PI office claiming they were being bugged from inside their portable trailer, parked on a client's building site. The contractor knew, because his client had evidence about all their illusive operations - and that he couldn't get out of being accused of his fraud he had committed. However after a complete electronic sweep both inside and outside nothing was ever discovered.

How to Avoid a contract killer

Contract killing has been associated with organised crime, government conspiracies, and vendettas.

An example of this is in the United States, a gang Murder, Inc. committed hundreds of murders on behalf of the National Crime Syndicate during the 1930s and 1940s.

Contract killing provides the hiring party with the advantage of not having to commit the actual killing, making it more difficult for law enforcement to connect the party with the murder. The likelihood that authorities will establish that party's guilt for the committed crime, especially due to lack of forensic evidence linked to the contracting party, makes the case more difficult to attribute to the hiring party.

An extract from Andrew's

inspiration notebook, which reads...

*"Sometimes in life a scary moment can be an inspiration
To write a novel.
Andrew's experience in the financial worlds takes him down unexpected journeys,
Where the other side of life we normally prefer to avoid confronts him.
This is one such encounter"...*



Book Cover Designer Anne Sharp

Now the Arty side of making a book is the all-important book jacket. Well one can no longer say "you can't judge a book by its jacket".

Anne Sharp, a long standing and very talented illustrator, who kindly 'painted these two covers for The Hamilton Conspiracy and The Lyme Regis Murders'.



About the central character in Lyme Regis Murders

"I wanted to create a character of presence, with both the strengths and flaws a genuine hero might exhibit. A woman possessed of physical strength, mental acuity and personal integrity, who would however think nothing of abandoning the line of unsullied virtue when it suited her. But then one who would have the humility to accept the results of those ill-conceived choices whose outcomes she couldn't change."

Author Andrew Segal

Artist's Adventures

East London is richly endowed with heritage. But many of its treasures have stories attached which influence us even today. Sayings such as "Keep your Wig on!" if someone is losing their temper. Or "Yob" is Boy backwards derived from cockney back-slang. Our artist in residence Clare Newton - set off on her bicycle to photograph East London, just after the Olympics was announced. The reason was that the enormous regeneration program that came with it, meant that much of the historical buildings and artifacts

would be removed. This little book mixes

Contemporary Urban Photography with curios short stories from the past.

Little london Adventures & Cockney Curiosities



The rouse behind a conspiracy

'They're coming for you Jack Gregory.'
'Who are?'
'Conspirators who're going to grab your hard earned millions.'
'And just how are they going to do that?'

That was the question. But Jack Gregory couldn't have guessed how they, whoever they were, were going to go about it. The thing is, Mr Gregory had had enough of the savage cut and thrust of a business life occupying him 24/7, enough of months apart from his lovely wife and gorgeous baby daughter, so he decided to wind up his Bermudan company, Central Reinsurance, and retire on the proceeds.

That's 40 million dollars. 40 million dollars derived through years of blood and sweat.

Trouble is one or two others had an alternative view of the situation, and in a planned conspiracy, a highly expensive US lawyer of questionable credentials, and an

enigmatic Oriental character, conspired to use UK insolvency law against Jack, taking over his company at what should have been a routine meeting of creditors. But did it all work out as they planned, or was Jack able to thwart their scheme? Nothing predictable here. As in life. Better read the book.

But then, conspiracy mayn't involve just one plan. There's always Jack's baby girl to go for. Isn't here? More conspiracy? A question of kidnap and ransom. Did they get the babe, the two conspirators? Or was it all too problematic?

On the latter question, Control Risk, the most reputable agency in the world of kidnap and ransom, were able to give some background assistance. But what of the little girl. Kidnapped? Murdered? Ransomed? Nothing predictable here. All in the book.

The Hamilton Conspiracy

SunTimes

My nature is of the Sun
yet water pours to extinguish each flame
but where upon the hour doth change
my temperament of life
Put's back nature of understanding
and once again ignite
my passions of merciful compatibility

Two sadnesses unite
and yet a strength of love excite
that secret bonds bring back
a sense of luck and shared remainder
Hour upon my fiery nature strokes
A sweet and tender loves reward
that from a minute by minute
Hath paralleled a similarity of life
and overcome unhappiness
too

to show me my compatibility

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Into full Sunlight

Philosophy is the love of wisdom. It encourages thinkers to look deep into concerning matters such as

"WHAT IS EXISTENCE OR WHAT IS LOVE"

In Classical philosophy scholars believe that |It is possible to know everything, and it could offer the best way to live.

Its a puzzling question to non philosophical audience.

One of our authors Tom Rubens has experimented with the idea of the transition from a teenage boy into a young adult, who encounters a sexually mature young student. Here is an extract from Tom's latest book into Full Sunlight. It is part of a trilogy that explores growing up.

Richard opened his eyes to full daylight, with the firm feeling that, from now on, things were definitely going to be different. He glanced at his new blazer, with its Sixth Form insignia stitched onto the breast pocket, lying folded across the chair. Wearing this would show them - in the playground and in the dining hall - that he'd passed his Fifth Year exams at 'O' level and was now thought good enough to start on work that might get him to a college or even a university. So, boys younger but bigger than himself would no longer look at him simply as someone who seemed too small to be in a year above theirs. His watch said 8.10. There was plenty of time yet. He'd be at the bus stop, as usual, by 8.30. Coming closer to the mirror, he pulled his tie-knot tight and felt its firmness with his fingertips. He'd decided he must look smarter from now on;

Fondest Love

Back at the beginning of the year we were delighted that Andrew had one of his short stories published in The Lady Magazine. A romantic story about how love was lost and then found.

"The journey home through driving rain was like a journey to hell. He kept seeing her, hearing her, wanting her. She could have changed her mind. She'd wanted to. He'd sensed it. Why hadn't he taken the hint and made the suggestion? He'd never forgive himself."

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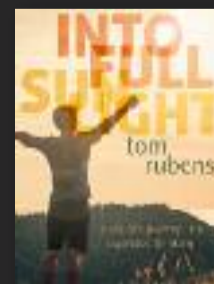
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