



HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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Scottish Drama

No not Macbeth—John Rebus. The Library has been looking to acquire some new mystery series, and one of the best is Ian Rankin's Rebus novels set in dank and melancholy Edinburgh. No one seems to write detective fiction with quite the flair of the British.

Featured This Month:

The Rebus mystery series by Ian Rankin

John Rebus is no James Bond, posh and urbane with a martini in hand. "Shaken, not stirred" might better refer to his psyche than his choice of drink, which is typically ale, but he'd not turn down a good single malt—if any of the shady upper crust Scots that he's investigating should offer one—even while he's on duty.

Detective Inspector John Rebus is middle aged, paunchy, perpetually ruffled, and often under the influence when the series begins with *Knots and Crosses*, a taut and atmospheric thriller involving a serial killer who is much closer to his pursuer than Rebus suspects. Always at odds with his superiors, nagged by the little clues that don't lead to the easy answer that everyone else wants, Rebus gets only older and grumpier --and sharper --as the novels progress. He is a man haunted by his past and entangled in a strange symbiotic relationship with his nemesis, mobster "Big Ger" Cafferty. His ghosts lurk on the periphery of his consciousness, as real to him as his partners at the cop shop—young Brian Holmes, a good steady man, if not always the most insightful fellow, and clever, daring Siobhan Clarke, who isn't always sure she wants Rebus as a mentor.

And always a main character in all of the novels is the city of Edinburgh, a dour personality with working class pleasures and upper class aspirations, a sardonic sense of humor in a heart that loves its dark and brooding nature -- very much like the detective himself.

Reviewed by Mary Anne Ciancia



Inspector Rebus Novels by now at the Library:
The Naming of the Dead ... Fleshmarket Close
A Question of Blood ... Resurrection Men
The Hanging Garden ... Tooth and Nail

Notes from the Library Board:

Help the Library with the Bullocks rebate program. Turn in any receipts from September 1, 2008 till July 31, 2009 and Bullocks will donate 5% of the total!

The **Annual Meeting of the Hillsboro Community Library** will be held on February 8, 2009 at the HCC auditorium at 2:00 pm. All members please attend.

Special Events:

The **HCL Bake Sale** resumes on February 7 from 10:30 to 1:00. Come and get your goodies!

Save March 14, 2009, for the **Hillsboro Literary Festival!** Details in the next Newsletter.

Bookmobile: Wednesday January 21
Hillsboro, 1:00–3:00 pm Kingston, 3:30 - 4:30pm



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New at the Library:

Mystery

Murder at the Library of Congress by Margaret Truman
A Little Yellow Dog by Walter Mosley,
Cinnamon Kiss by Walter Mosley
The First Law by John Lescroart
The Mercy Rule by John Lescroart
Sleeping with Fear by Kay Hooper
Up Close and Dangerous by Linda Howard
Hyde by Dan Mahoney
A Stab in the Dark by Lawrence Block
The Gate House by Nelson DeMille
Resistance by Daniell Kalla
In Secret Service by Mitch Silver
Just for the Summer by Laura Van Wormer

Fiction

The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards
The Khufra Run by Jack Higgins
Kings of the Infinite Space by James Hynes
The Friday Night Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs,
The Echelon Vendetta by David Stone
Arresting God in Kathmandu by Samrat Upadhyay
The Sunny Side by A. A. Milne
Coffin Gap by Les Savage, Jr.
World Without End by Ken Follett
The Boleyn Inheritance by Philippa Gregory
The Bancroft Strategy by Robert Ludlum
Rhett Butler's People by Donald McCaig
The Rossetti Letter by Christi Phillips
Breakpoint by Richard A. Clarke
The Jury Master by Robert Dugoni
Wind Walker by Terry C. Johnston
The Ambler Warning by Robert Ludlum

Audio Books

All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy
The First Law by John Lescroart (CD)
The Jury by Fern Michaels (CD)

Non Fiction

Great Books: My Adventures with Homer, Rousseau, Woolf, and Other Indestructible Writers of the Western World by David Denby,
Barrel Fever by David Sedaris,
Family Man by Calvin Trillin
Fort Cummings by Ron Wsartley
Tales of the Caballos by William H. White
Otero Mesa by Gregory McNamee
A Journey to Ohio in 1810 by Margaret Van Horn Dwight
A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains by Isabella L. Bird
James Brewer Stewart, William Lloyd Garrison and the Challenge of Emancipation.
The Little Book of Phobias by Joe Kohut
Tales Told in Sketches: Kingston, New Mexico by Inez Barratt and Vene Smith
A Walk on the Beach: Tales of Wisdom from an Unconventional Woman, by Joan Anderson.
The Last Season, by Eric Blehm.
Last Wish, by Betty Rollin.

Films on DVD

Must Love Dogs ... The Interpreter
Kiss the Girls ... Doc Hollywood

For a complete listing of Library materials, visit

<http://www.zianet.com/hbolib>

Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed
Tues. 6:30 – 8:30pm Wed. 1:00 – 4:00pm
Thurs: 6:30–8:30pm Fri: 10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am–2:00pm

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