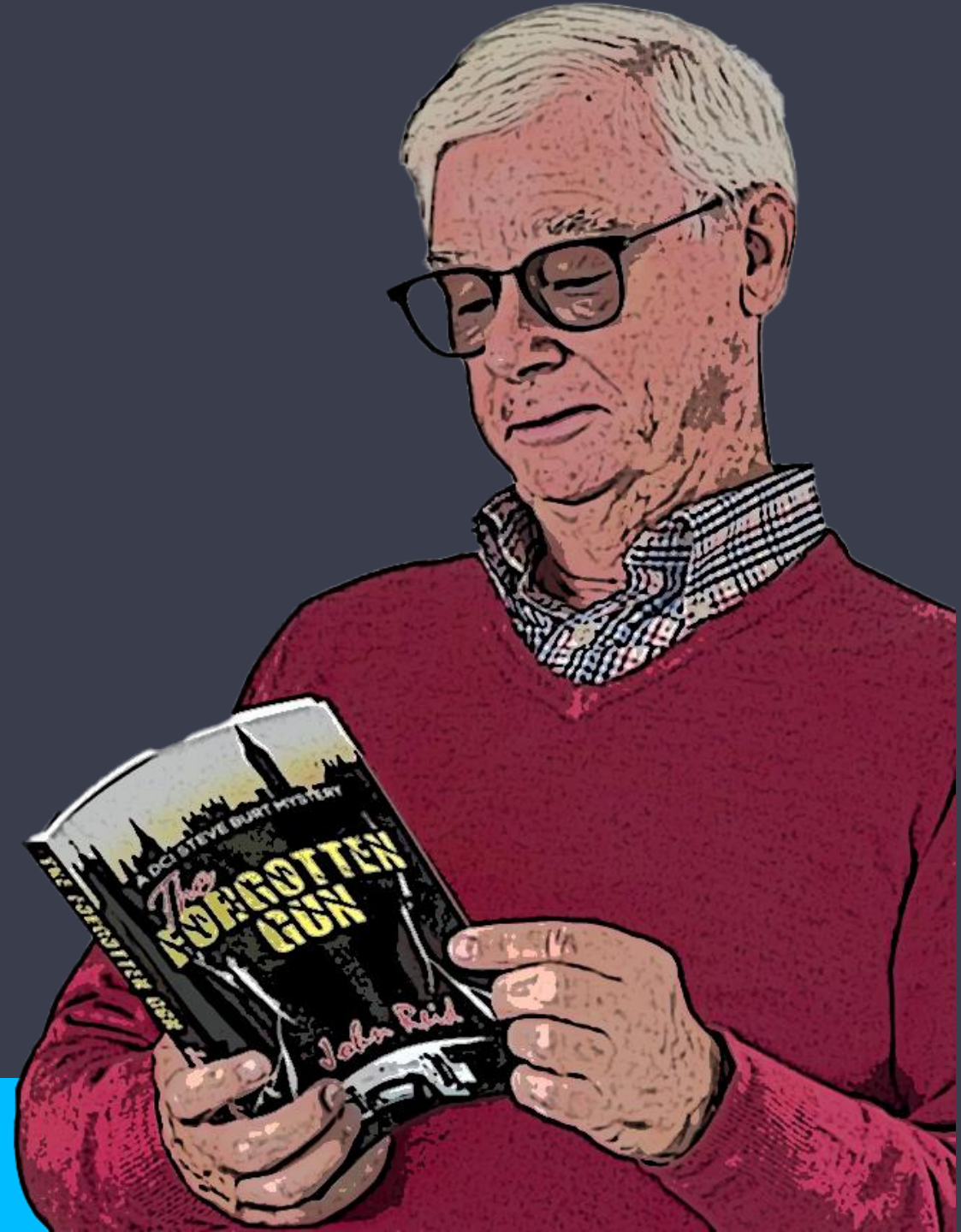


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JOHN REID

AUTHOR

THE DCI STEVE BURT MYSTERY SERIES



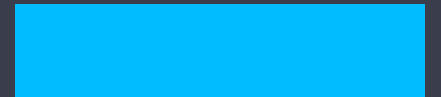


HELLO

Firstly, thank you for your interest in the DCI Steve Burt murder mystery series and taking the time to open this short pdf to find out more.

I often get asked about the books, the writing, and who the person is behind the author, so here is some background information, insight and interest in all things DCI Steve Burt. Everything you might want to know in under 5 minutes.

Happy reading and stay healthy.



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Quick Pen Picture

I was born in Dundee, Scotland and lived there with my wife Liz and our two sons until my business career took us down to Kent. We had several more moves in various parts of the south of England but eventually moved back north of the border. We now spend our time between Scotland and Portugal.

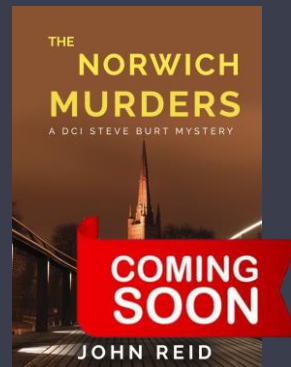
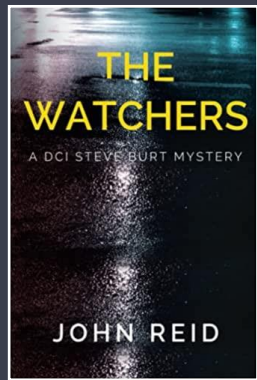
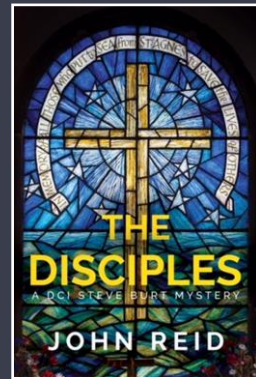
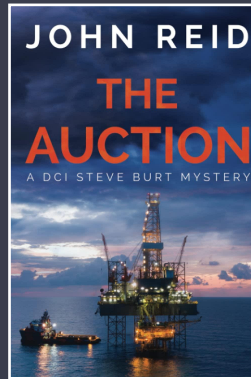
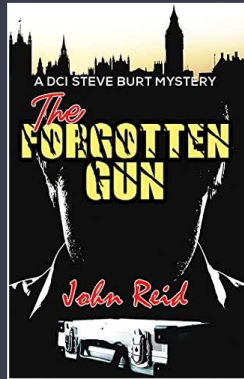
I retired for the first time in 1995 to take on a consultancy designed to help new businesses become established, and in 2018 I finally retired from business life and had the opportunity to start writing the novel that I had carried around for over 40 years. That book was *The Forgotten Gun*, and I haven't looked back since. The DCI Steve Burt series goes from strength to strength, and I am now on a second series with a new character.

When I'm not typing with one finger, I can normally be found getting frustrated on the golf course, watching Formula 1, or spending time with friends and family.





Bibliography



Quickfire Q&A

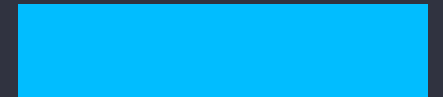
This section is broken down into the following short categories for speed and ease.

What people commonly ask, say or suggest

Firsts

Favourites

Future





Questions I get asked

Is DCI Steve Burt based on a specific person?

The character is slightly influenced by several individuals but is most definitely his own man.

Shortly after *The Forgotten Gun* was published I was contacted by a retired police officer called Steve Burt who had actually stood looking at the London skyline as shown on the cover of the book!

Where do you get your ideas from?

The first book was a story about the perfect murder that I had been carrying around in my head for many years and getting that down into copy came very naturally.

Each of the subsequent books in the series evolve organically from a loose starting point or premise that I view through the eyes of the characters without any rigid structure to follow. My love of crime fiction and good police dramas also helps in generating new storylines.

Have you ever suffered from 'writers block'?

Luckily no. I think my style of writing and plot creation, with its organic evolution provides total flexibility and freedom to take the story in any direction rather than needing to hit key critical points in a rigid storybook template.

How much research do you have to do?

I actually do very little. A lot of the technologies in the books are fiction, but one of my core principles in every book is to make it plausible and realistic. It must work because many people say that if it doesn't exist, then it should.

What are your other core writing principles?

Timeline – Whenever I read a crime fiction book where a new murder investigation could wait until 9am Monday morning to progress this always niggled me. Real life just isn't like that, so every second counts in a DCI Burt murder investigation.

Fresh not formulaic – In writing a series of books I am very conscious of not re-telling the same story framework, just with different characters or in different settings. Each story is unique and is written to work equally well as a stand-alone or add value to the overall series.

Can you name a character after me?

I get asked that a lot but watch this space for a potential competition.



Firsts

Book you read	Moby Dick
School	Hawkhill Primary School, Dundee
Car	MGA
Job	Saturday boy for an ice cream seller
Single bought	Ring of Fire by Johnny Cash
Foreign trip	Oslo, Norway – very cold, even for a Scot
Round of golf	In Northern Ireland with a set of borrowed clubs





Favourites

Authors

Wide and varied – Ian Rankin through to Agatha Christie

Food

Chinese

Film

Not one film in particular but any good crime drama or old war film

TV Show

Only fools & horses, a good comedy or crime thriller

Comedian

Tony Hancock

Bond

Sean Connery

F1 driver

Stirling Moss

Golf course played

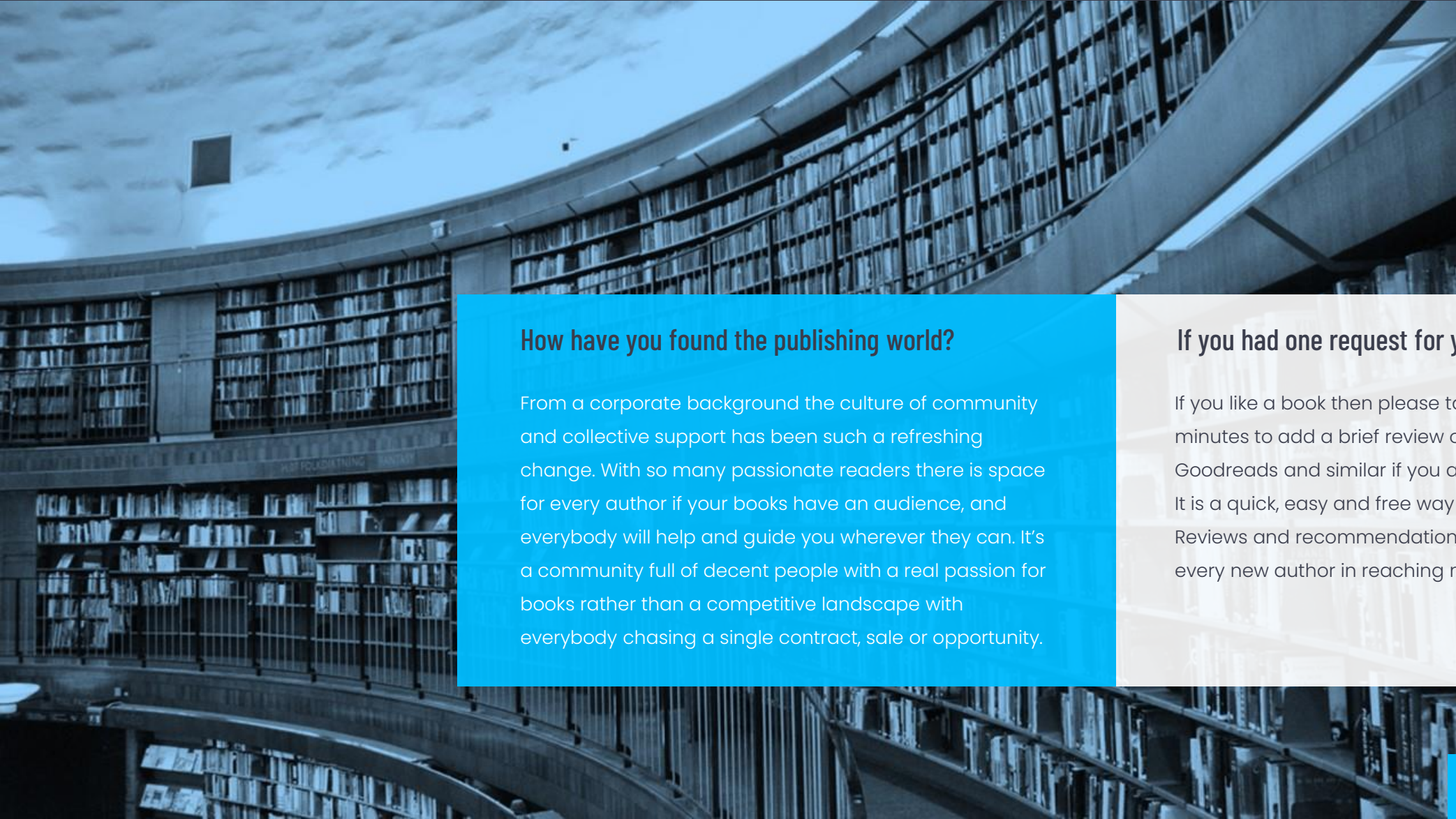
TPC Sawgrass

Fantasy fourball companions

Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino & Tiger Woods

Golf course

Any that I can get a good score on
Handicap is 20 on a good day!!



How have you found the publishing world?

From a corporate background the culture of community and collective support has been such a refreshing change. With so many passionate readers there is space for every author if your books have an audience, and everybody will help and guide you wherever they can. It's a community full of decent people with a real passion for books rather than a competitive landscape with everybody chasing a single contract, sale or opportunity.

If you had one request for your readers?

If you like a book then please take a couple of minutes to add a brief review on Amazon or Goodreads and similar if you are a member. It is a quick, easy and free way to say 'Thank You'. Reviews and recommendations are the lifeblood of every new author in reaching new audiences.



Future

What are your plans for future books?

The Norwich Murders will be the sixth book released in this series , and I have already completed the tenth, and quite possibly last case that Steve's team will investigate. One of my core aims is never to tell the same story twice. The series followed the progression of DCI Steve Burt and his team and book ten was the final chapter.

I am currently working on a new series centred upon a completely different type of police officer that opens up entirely new scenarios and situations and original story lines that remain fresh.

What is your new character called?

As mentioned earlier, a common question is whether a character can be named after them. For this new series we will be running a competition for anyone to enter a free prize draw by simply registering on our website,. We will complete random draws for every book and each of the characters will be named after a draw winner.

Writing goals for the future

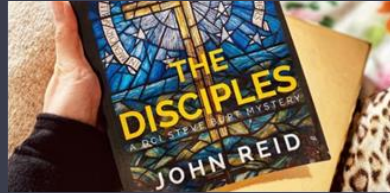
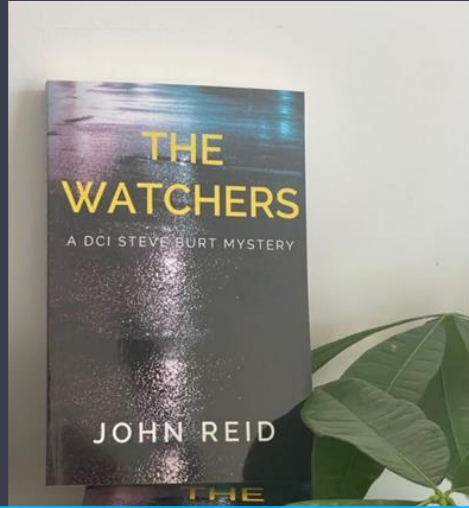
Writing is all about the readers, and making their investment in time and emotions into your story worthwhile. My single primary focus is to create books that readers continue to enjoy and want to read.. There is no better feeling than receiving positive feedback on your books, it is very humbling.

If you had one wish

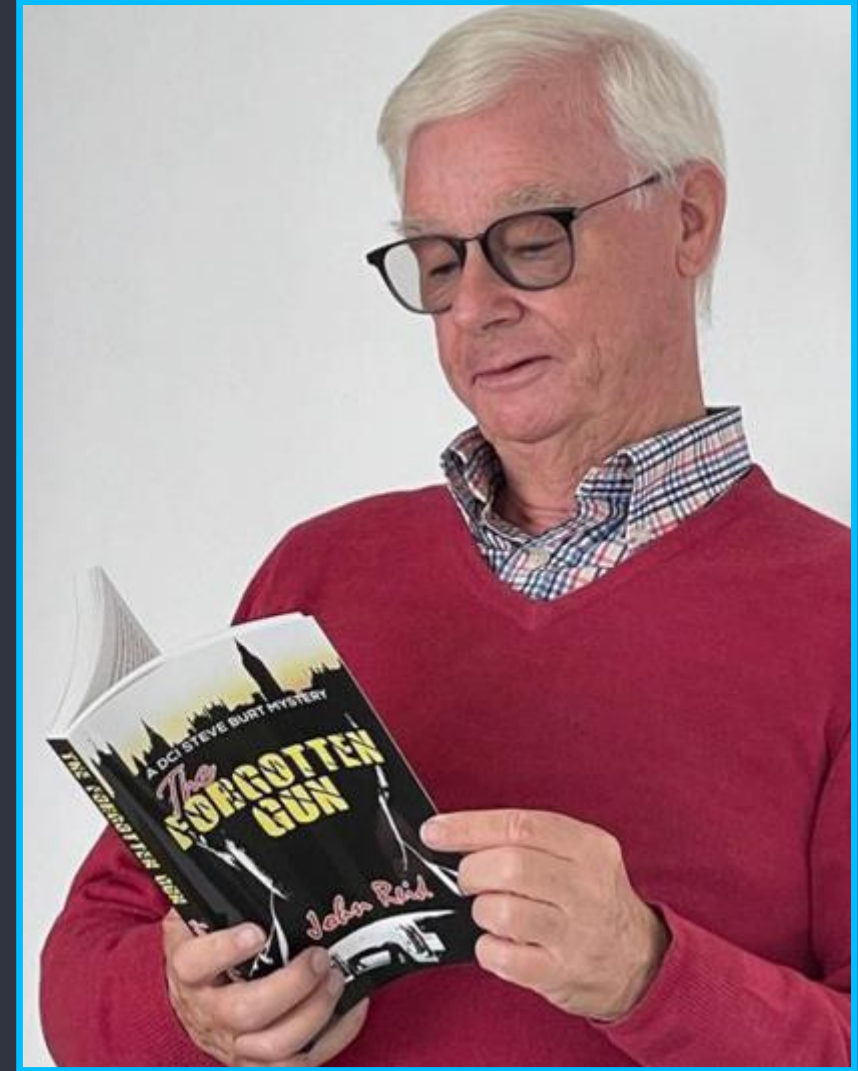
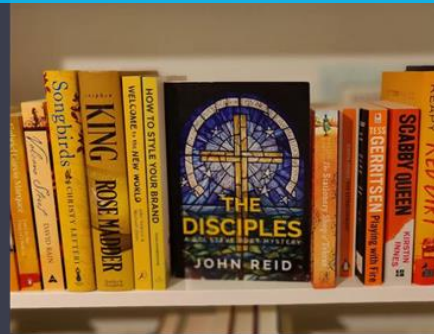
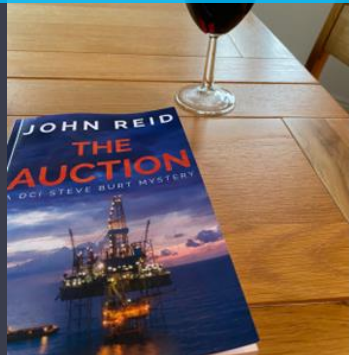
I would love to see the books turned into a tv or film series, as every other writer also dreams of, Readers often comment within their reviews that it should be so I remain hopeful.



Play better golf consistently



02 - Books



The Forgotten Gun

A Metropolitan Police detective about to be dismissed is given a second chance by his old boss, who is now a police commander. He's given a new unit to run and two misfit detectives to assist him. All three know their status is temporary.

Their first case together is an impossible double murder. Each murder is identical. Both victims are expertly shot in the head from long range, but the post-mortems reveal no bullets were used in the shootings. The CSI teams calculate that in both cases there is no place for the marksman to have fired from unless suspended over busy roads.

Although it's a case apparently impossible to solve, DCI Steve Burt reluctantly agrees with his new team to investigate. Their enquiries lead them into the murky world of greed corruption fraud and money laundering, but they are no nearer solving the murders.

The team is stumped until the DCI meets a retired army major and WW2 veteran who unwittingly hold the keys to solving these impossible murders.

Title

The Forgotten Gun

Author

John Reid

Publication date

31st Aug 2021

Genre

Crime & Mystery, Thriller, Suspense

Page Count

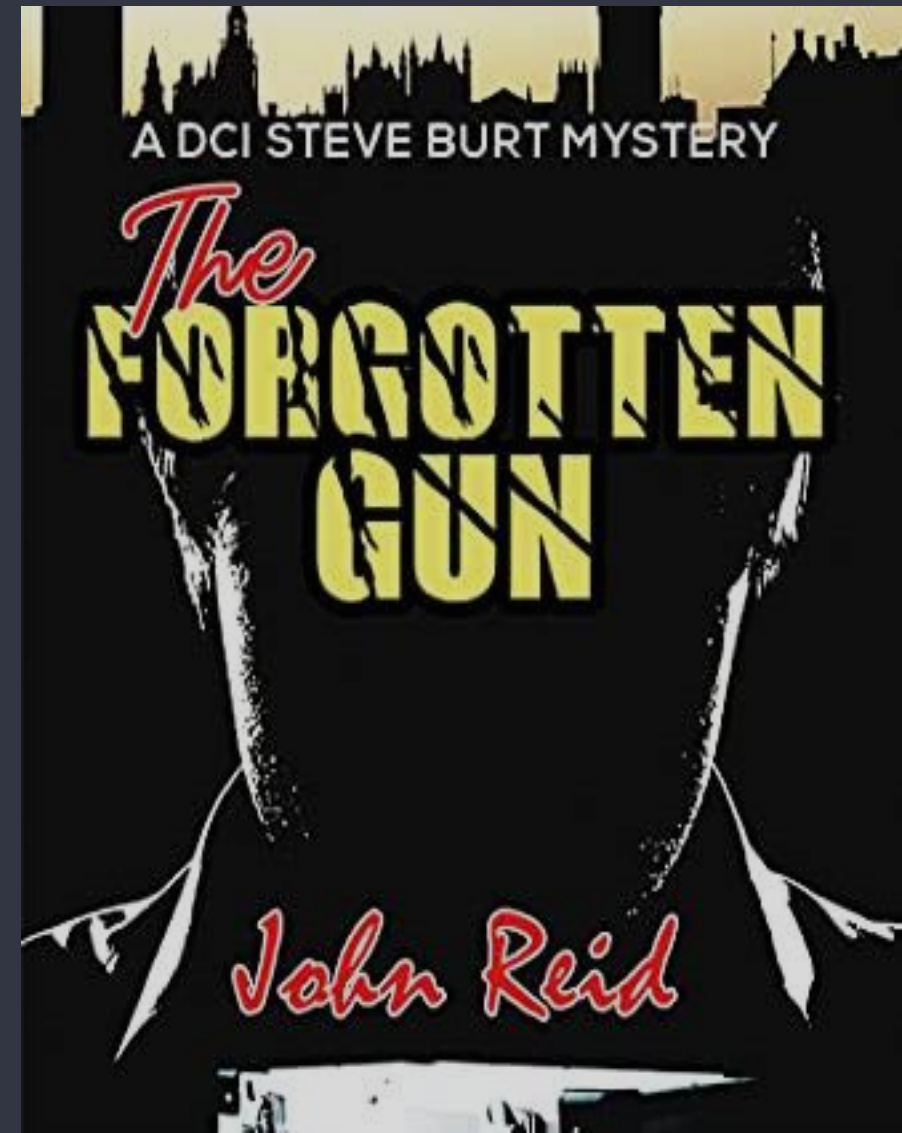
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ISBN

1398417947

Publishers

Austin Macauley





Amazon Review Rating

4.4



Goodreads Review Rating

4.32



"Intrigued me from the start, and I couldn't wait to discover how this discarded group of misfits would work together to solve a seemingly unsolvable murder. Compelling, engaging, and riveting, this phenomenal, well-paced story will carry you effortlessly through to its shocking, satisfying conclusion. Fans of mystery, thrillers and crime fiction will quickly devour this fantastic, spellbinding read"

"I strongly advise all crime-mystery-thriller fans to read this book because of its clever writing, plot twists and assertive characters"

"A superb bunch of misfits that work superbly together and shock everyone, even themselves. This is an intricate plot, some clues I picked up on, but nowhere close to working out the ending. Wonderfully unexpected"

"If you enjoy challenging your sleuthing abilities with a compelling, suspenseful crime novel, then I recommend you grab a copy of The Forgotten Gun"

"The first crime thriller in a long time that I haven't worked out the ending of! This was really fast paced and full of original ideas".



The Auction

In his latest murder investigation, DCI Steve Burt is drawn into the sleazy underbelly of London – gentlemen's clubs and all – while tracking down a serial killer who is murdering young women and dumping their bodies soon afterwards.

Then the body of an American professor is found floating in the Thames, and the DCI and his team find themselves involved in another murder case – which is by no means a straightforward killing. In his search for answers, the DCI and his nearest and dearest are threatened as he uncovers police corruption at the highest level. As the investigation unfolds, links are discovered between murder, an attempt to auction a stolen formula for green energy, and unauthorised CIA activity in London.

This is DCI Steve Burt's most complicated and most baffling case to date.

**Title**

The Auction

Author

John Reid

Publication date10th June 2021**Genre**

Crime & Mystery, Thriller, Suspense

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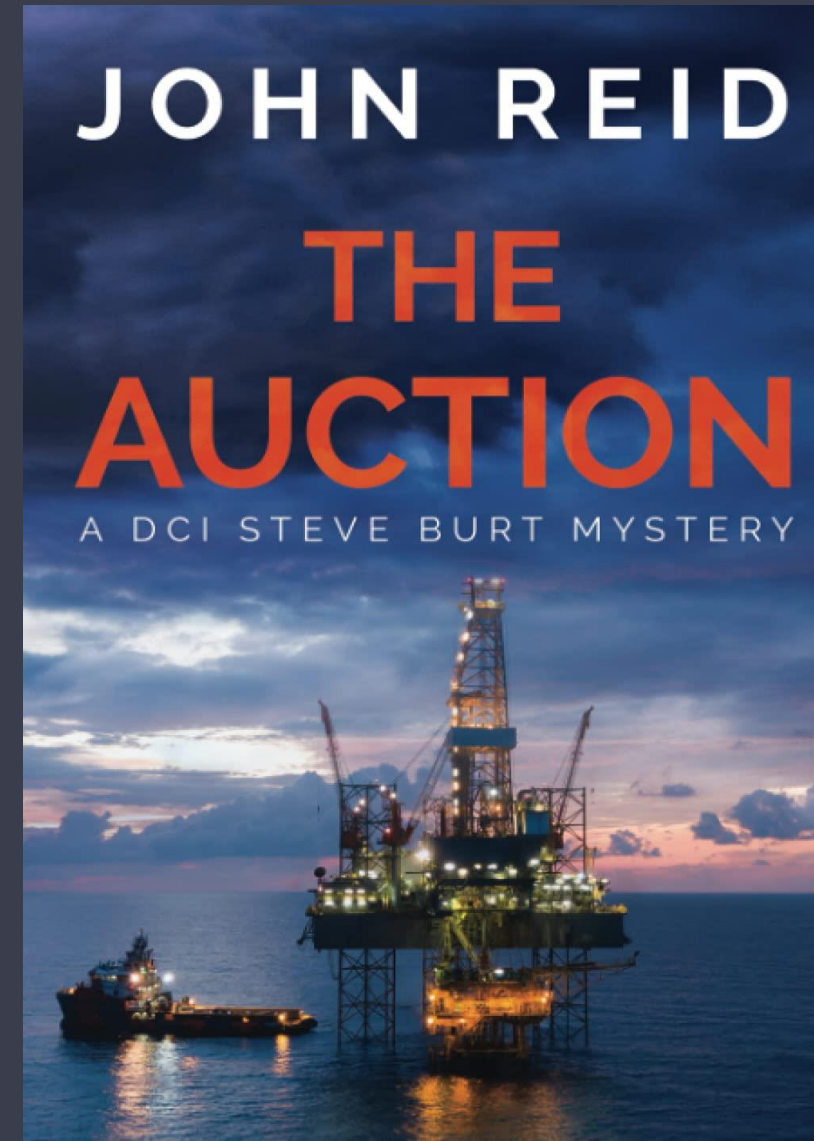
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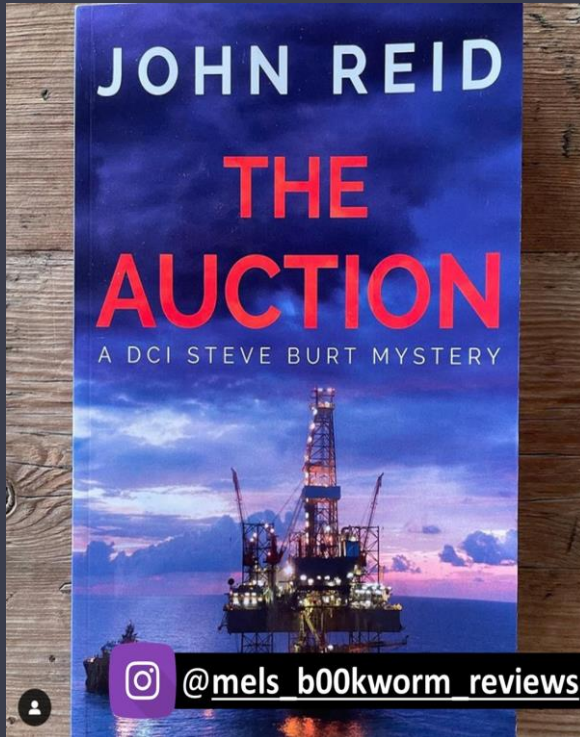
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Publishers

Pegasus





Amazon Review Rating **4.4** 

Goodreads Review Rating **4.5** 

"I enjoyed the believable characters, so much so, that I felt as if I were one of the team"

"This is a new author to me, so I came at it with no preconceived ideas of what to expect. What I came away with was the knowledge that I had just read an outstanding Police procedural and part thriller".

"For me this was a book which worked on every level and kept me engrossed and entertained. I was gripped and hooked from the opening pages and it is one of those that you find hard to put down, so eager are you to uncover the truth"

"Plot wise, I found this to be ingenious in the way that you can take seemingly separate murders and tie them together, mixed with the authors writing style, the story flows and makes for a fast paced read"

"The story is fast paced, well-written and totally absorbing from start to finish".

"Reid reeled me in from the beginning so I couldn't put this down until I finally arrived at the gratifying conclusion".

"Yet another gripping case that takes the team on totally unexpected plot twists and turns throughout each chapter".

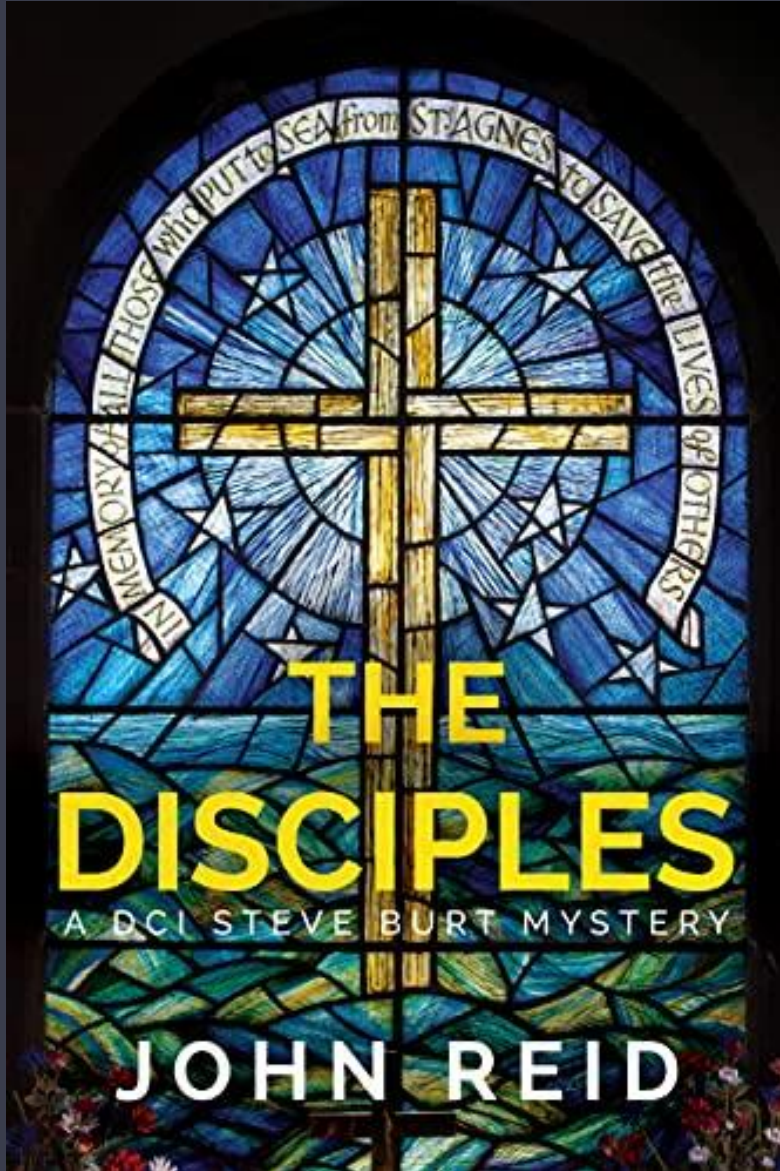
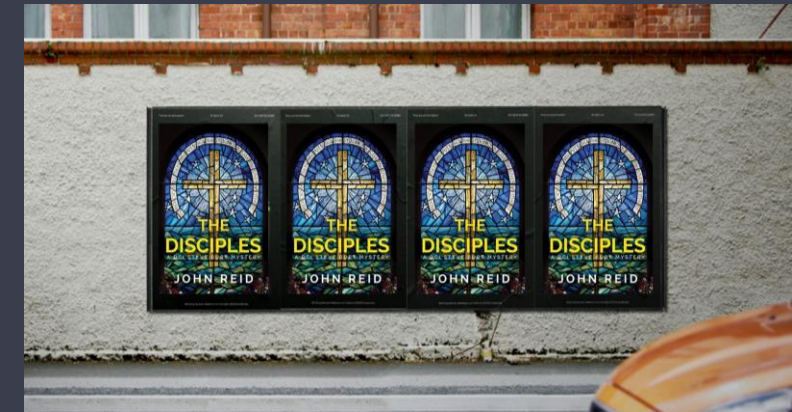




The Disciples

In this, the third DCI Burt mystery, the stakes are high as DCI Burt and his colleagues become involved in an international game of intrigue. DCI Burt is sent to investigate the murders of two young and foreign women, and as the clues lead him on, he begins to see all is not as simple as it might have seemed.

Orders from on high have DCI Burt joining a secret society, The Syndicate, which had powerful members called Disciples. These ruthless people control the highest corridors of government. What is their connection to the two murdered women? Can DCI Burt unravel the mystery and solve the murders in this dangerous high-stakes game?



Title
The Disciples

Publication date
21st October 2021

Page Count
286

Publishers
Pegasus

Author
John Reid

Genre
Crime & Mystery, Thriller, Suspense

ISBN
1800163150



"Mr. Reid has penned a gripping crime novel with a well-constructed plot. Unexpected twists and turns pave the way"

"Full of mystery, murder, politics and corruption, this book is definitely worth the read."

"I enjoyed the premise of the story with the whole 'Disciple' group aspect brought a new dimension to the usual police procedural novels"

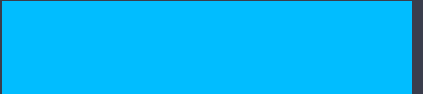
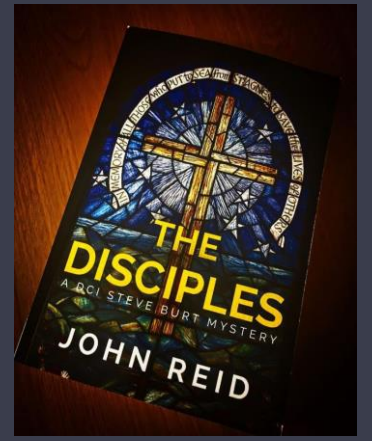
"Another stunning thriller by this accomplished new author"

"This is the first of the DCI Burt series I've read and won't be the last"

"The 3rd book in a fantastic series. The DCI Steve Burt Novels just get better and better. Another brilliantly written, fast paced crime novel from an outstanding author"

"I really like the author writing he throws you into the crime scene"

"The story is really well written, full of intrigue and has fast-paced plot twists that are wonderfully unexpected"





The Watchers

Sometimes it isn't just good police work that catches criminals. Sometimes you just have to watch them. This is the strategy DCI Steve Burt uses when presented with two different and equally complicated cases simultaneously.

One is an unofficial favour to an ex-colleague involving the theft of gold bullion from the Bank of England. The other is a baffling case of multiple murders masterminded by greed. Steve follows a trail of misleading clues and blind alleys involving suspected terrorism, kidnapping, conspiracy and international intrigue.

To solve the cases he puts his career and his future with the Metropolitan Police in jeopardy by deliberately disobeying direct orders.

Title
The Watchers

Author
John Reid

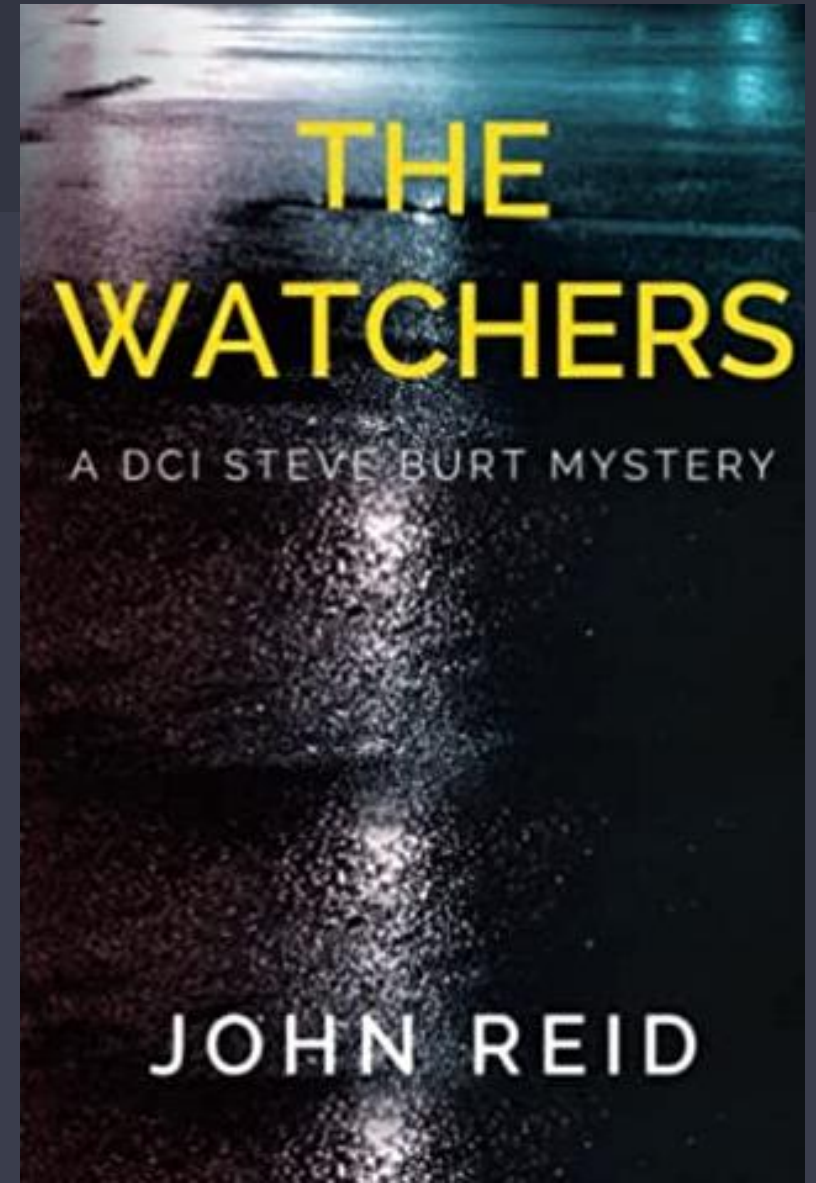
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Suspense

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Amazon Review Rating

4.8



Goodreads Review Rating

4.86



"This book had me hooked from start to finish. The chapters were short and fast paced. It was so cleverly written, masterfully laying out the clues and red herrings along the way"

"The writing style really made me forget I was reading as I easily devoured the pages of this book."

"John's no nonsense style makes for easy but compulsive reading , in this book the tension and complexity develop on every page.. I simply could not put it down"

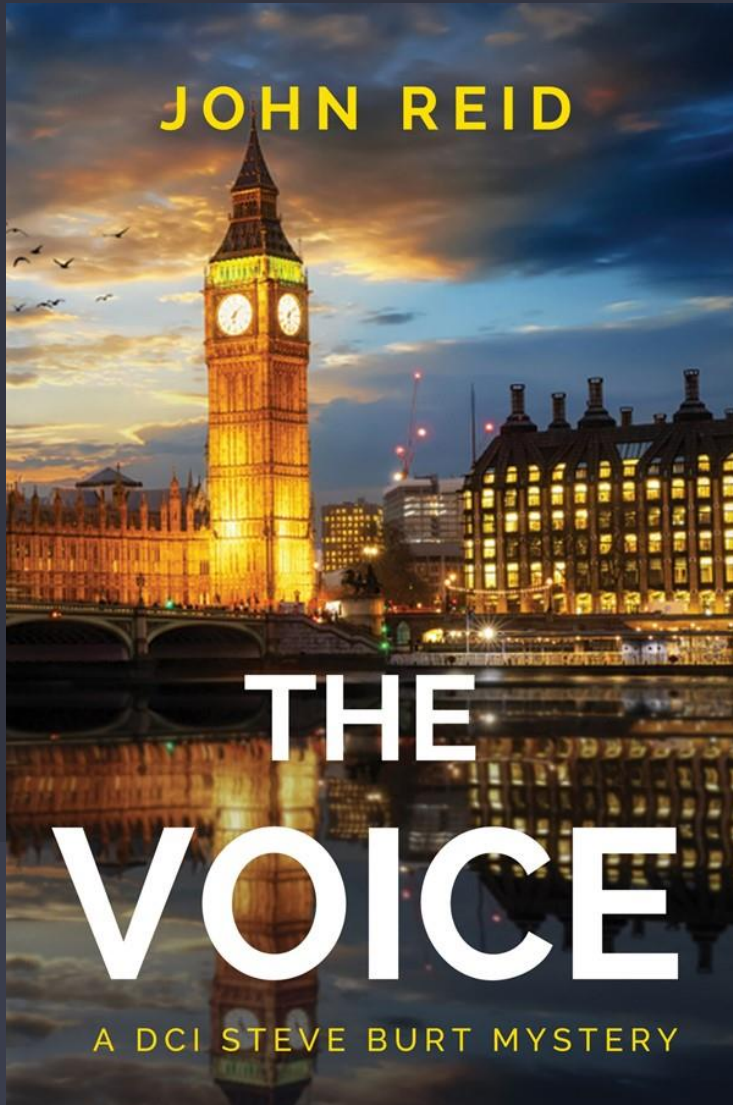
"There's something so appealing and enjoyable about this author's books. We feel like we've come to know these recurring characters and each new crime they solve is an opportunity to catch up with old friends"

"I enjoyed reading this crime mystery, as the main character DCI Steve Burt really cares about solving the cases and about his team. He also isn't afraid to go against orders and to do things his own way"

"Fans of thrillers and mysteries from the likes of James Patterson or Mary Burton will love DCI Steve Burt and his rag-tag group of crime solvers"

"I have read all of John Reid's books as advance copies, and they get better and better"

"an inventive brilliantly organised plot, believable, relentlessly entertaining and difficult to put down"



The Voice

The world of warfare is changing, and a new weapons delivery system developed secretly in the UK is targeted by an international terrorist group who set out to steal it on instructions from 'The Voice' - a mysterious mastermind who keeps his identity hidden by only using the phone and disguising his true voice.

DCI Steve Burt is asked by his old Army Commander to search for his son, a serving Army officer who has gone missing. This unofficial inquiry becomes part of an official investigation and takes the team into a world of international intrigue, espionage, terrorism and corruption that leads all the way to the top of the government and Metropolitan Police. The evidence leads back to 'The Voice', but who is he? Unearthing a phantom is a difficult task, even for DCI Steve Burt, especially as the stakes continue to mount.

Title The Voice	Publication date 23 rd March 2022	Page Count 345	Publishers Pegasus
Author John Reid	Genre Crime & Mystery, Thriller, Suspense	ISBN 1800163177	

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JOHN REID



"The book was a thrilling mystery and crime novel that I enjoyed a lot. As someone who loves police procedurals, this was an amazing read for me"

"The investigation was thrilling to read. The way the team worked together and the way the people in the team showcased their talents and the way they investigated the cases were engaging and made the book a real page-turner"

"Whenever I read a novel like this I'm always in awe of the kind of mind that can take several seemingly unrelated storylines and tie them all neatly together. One who masterfully doles out just enough information to keep me reading but is stingy enough in the sharing that it still keeps me guessing"



Amazon Review Rating

4.5



Goodreads Review Rating

4.25



"This was a fast paced and thrilling mystery crime novel written from multiple POV - the criminals and the police. I have always been a sucker for a really good police procedural novel and that's just what this is"

"Loved it & can't wait for the next in the series. Recommended"

"Great story, typical fast-paced and unexpected twists and turns throughout"

"This brilliantly written story, part crime drama and part spy thriller is sure to give any lover of suspense and thrillers a riveting, heart-pounding, unparalleled reading escape"



THE NORWICH MURDERS

A DCI STEVE BURT MYSTERY

Published 30th June 2022

JOHN REID

The Norwich Murders

DCI Steve Burt is sounded out about a promotion to become Head of Norfolk CID but before he is given the offer officially, he is seconded to the Norfolk Force to solve the murder of an elderly police officer.

The victim is female detective sergeant called Elsie Brown, who was close to retiring. It was known she had become obsessed by an eleven-year-old cold murder case and the DCI soon realises it is this obsession that may have led to her murder especially when another body with a connection to Elsie turns up.

Before being seconded to Norfolk, Steve's team had started to investigate the case of a young woman whose headless body had been pulled from the Thames. So begins a dual investigation involving seemingly unrelated events. The cases prove to be the most complicated investigations the DCI has ever had to deal with.

During his hunt for answers Steve and his team become involved with London's criminal underworld, big business fronting criminal activity, sophisticated drug barons, money laundering on a commercial scale and corrupt officials.



"What a treat of a read!"

"A clever, very well thought out plot with twists and turns along the way which kept the grey matter nicely active"

"With each new book in this series my expectations increase, and those expectations are surpassed every time."

"completely fresh and original telling of very well thought through plot"

"There is a good mix of plot and a little backstory for the main characters which to me adds depth and I felt as if I quickly " got to know them" and their well roundedness shone through, to me showing the skill of a brilliant author"

"a world of corruption, greed and danger that very quickly becomes a compelling page-turner that leaves you wanting more."

"A wonderful entertaining read".



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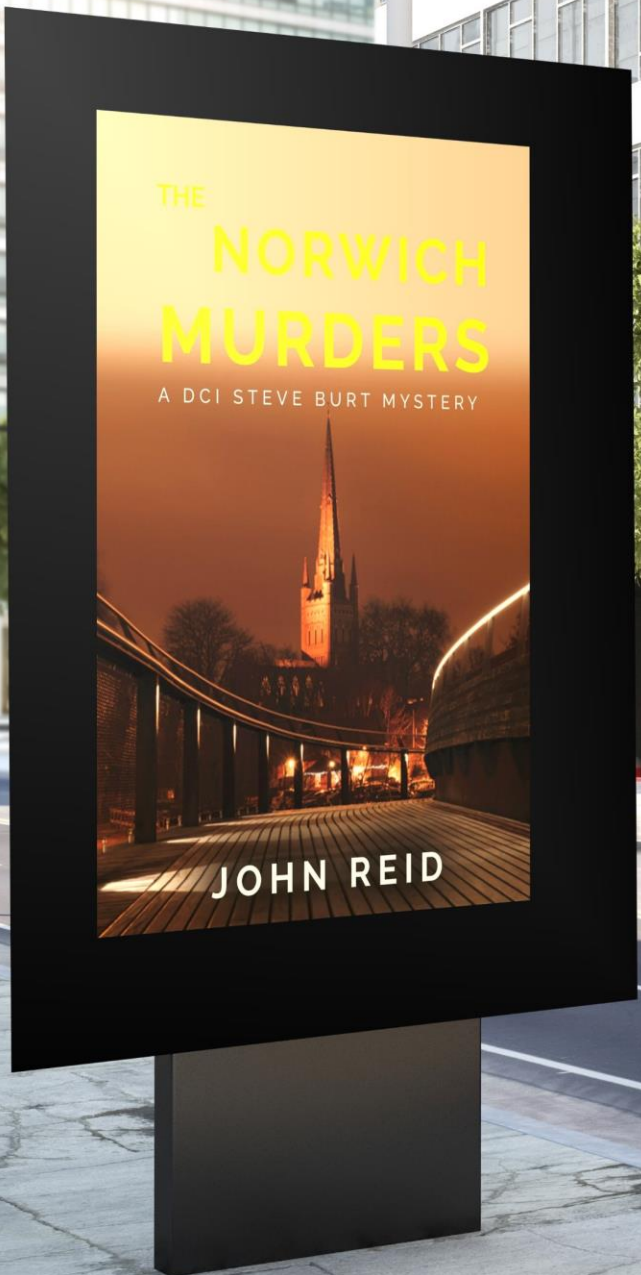
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