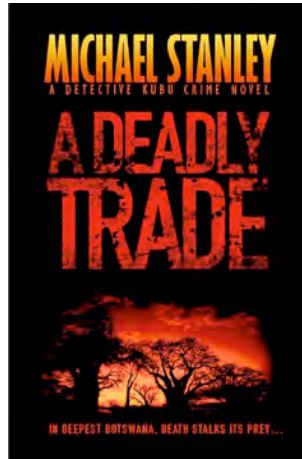
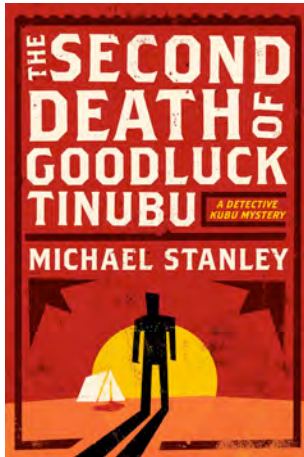


Detective Kubu novels by Michael Stanley

The Second Death of Goodluck Tinubu (North America)
A Deadly Trade (rest of the world)



Book synopsis

Goodluck Tinubu, an ex-Zimbabwean who has taught in Botswana for many years, is viciously murdered in his tent at the Jackalberry bush camp, situated on an isolated peninsula in northern Botswana. Peter Sithole, allegedly a tourist from South Africa and a second guest at the camp, is found bludgeoned to death a few hours later. Detective “Kubu” Bengu is sent from Botswana’s capital, Gaborone, to assist the local Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in solving the crime.

Another guest at the camp – Ishmael Zondo - departed unexpectedly at dawn the morning after the murders. Now Zondo has completely disappeared, and the Zimbabwe police are unable – or unwilling – to trace him. Reports surface that he is wanted as a dissident in Zimbabwe. And, as a final enigma, matching fingerprint records reveal that Goodluck Tinubu was killed in the Rhodesian civil war thirty years earlier.

Review Short Takes

...brilliant sequel to last year’s Carrion Death.... Stanley is not content with a single plot line, effectively juggling the murders with cross-border drug smuggling and the circumstances surrounding an upcoming African Union meeting. Kubu, a dedicated gourmand, is just one of many fully fleshed and charmingly realistic characters. ...each character is memorable and adds depth to this tense and involving police procedural.

Booklist starred review May 1, 2009

...a smart, satisfying, complex mystery.
Entertainment Weekly - A rating – May 6, 2009

Detective Kubu is a real discovery: he already feels like an enduring classic to add to the mystery canon.

Killer Book Reviews Vol 6, 2009

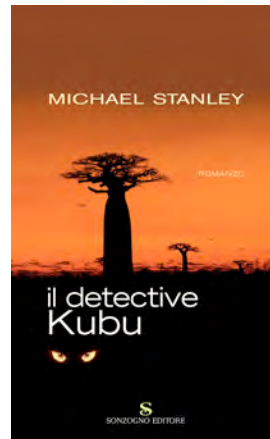
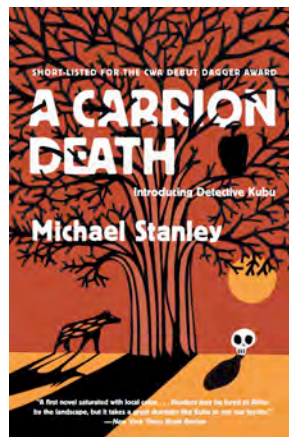
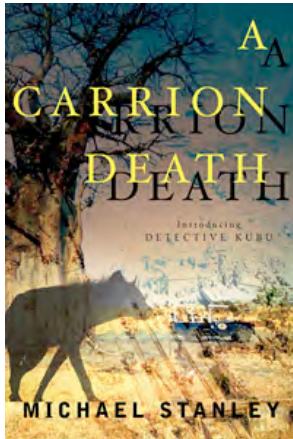
Following his spectacular debut, *A Carrion Death*, Stanley comes roaring back with an even better tale. Bringing a love of Africa similar to Alexander McCall Smith's popular "No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency" series, the author has created an excellent new venue for those who love to read about other cultures while enjoying a good mystery. Highly recommended.

Library Journal Reviews April 1, 2009

Kubu's second case is as leisurely and well-appointed as the first... Stanley should satisfy all armchair travelers and most mystery fans.

Kirkus Reviews, April 15, 2009

A Carrion Death



Website: <http://www.detectivekubu.com>

Book synopsis

Smashed skull, snapped ribs, and a cloying smell of carrion. Leave the body for the hyenas to devour—no body, no case. But when Kalahari game rangers stumble on a human corpse mid-meal, it turns out the murder wasn't perfect after all. Enough evidence is left to suggest foul play. Detective David “Kubu” Bengu of the Botswana Criminal Investigation Department is assigned to the case. From the sun-baked riverbeds of the Kalahari to the highest offices of an international conglomerate, he follows a blood-soaked trail in search of answers. Beneath a mountain of lies and superstitions, he uncovers a chain of crimes leading to the most powerful figures in the country—influential enemies who will kill anyone in their way.

Awards

Finalist Crime Writers Association Debut Dagger Award
Finalist Minnesota Book Awards in Genre Fiction
Finalist Strand Magazine Critics Award for Best First Mystery
Finalist Mystery Readers International Macavity Award for Best First Mystery
Finalist Mystery News and Deadly Pleasures Barry Award for Best First Novel

Other

Los Angeles Times Top 10 Crime Novel for 2008

Review Short Takes

A first novel saturated with local color. . . . Happily, Kubu is also hugely appealing—big and solid and smart enough to grasp all angles of this mystery. Readers may be lured to Africa by the landscape, but it takes a great character like Kubu to win our loyalty.

New York Times Book Review, April 13, 2008

Delightful. . . . Plot twists are fair and well-paced, the Botswana setting has room to breathe and take shape as its own entity, and Stanley's writing style is equal parts

sprightly and grave.

Los Angeles Times Book Review,

Characters in this first outing are utterly believable, for good or ill. . . . Kubu himself is a marvellous creation, his distinctive characteristics. . . as well considered as the plot. . . This is a marvellous debut, and with any luck, Kubu's next outing will be as filling and tasty as one of the large man's dream meals.

Boston Globe April 14, 2008

The intricate plotting, a grisly sense of realism and numerous topical motifs . . . make this a compulsively readable novel.

Publishers Weekly (starred review), February 25, 2008

[A] fast-moving story... Rich with the atmosphere of modern Botswana, and peopled with interesting and well-drawn characters, this is an exciting debut.

Booklist, February 1, 2008

Kubu follows in the literary footsteps of ... brilliant male detective with a love of classical music, a palate for good food and fine wine, distant but compassionate, who solves crimes with reason and resolve. . . . This is a deliciously satisfying first mystery. I want seconds.

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, April 19, 2008

This well-plotted debut introduces a new mystery series and will enthrall readers...

Library Journal, March 1, 2008

A CARRION DEATH is that perfect combination of "I don't want it to end" and "I can't put it down". Great African crime fiction.

Deon Meyer, leading South African crime writer.

A CARRION DEATH is a rip-roaring read.

Eurocrime (www.eurocrime.co.uk/reviews/A_Carrion_Death.html)

Michael Stanley short bio

Michael Stanley is the writing team of Michael Sears and Stanley Trollip, both South Africans by birth. Both are retired professors who have worked in academia and business, Sears in South Africa and Trollip in the USA. Their love of watching the wildlife of the African subcontinent has taken them on a number of flying safaris to Botswana and Zimbabwe. A Carrion Death is their first novel.

Stanley Trollip short bio

South African born Stanley Trollip lived in the United States from 1971 until his retirement in 2003. Now he divides his time between Minneapolis and Knysna, South Africa. As a professor he was interested in how computers can facilitate teaching and learning. He is also a pilot and has enjoyed many flying safaris through the countries of southern Africa.

Michael Sears short bio

Michael Sears was born in Johannesburg, and grew up in Cape Town and Nairobi, Kenya. He is a mathematician by training. At the end of 2007 he retired from the Anglo-American corporation where he managed a remote-sensing group. He has traveled widely in Southern and Central Africa, with Botswana always being a special favorite.



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