



# Michael Stanley introduces Detective Kubu

## *Second Detective Kubu mystery set for release*

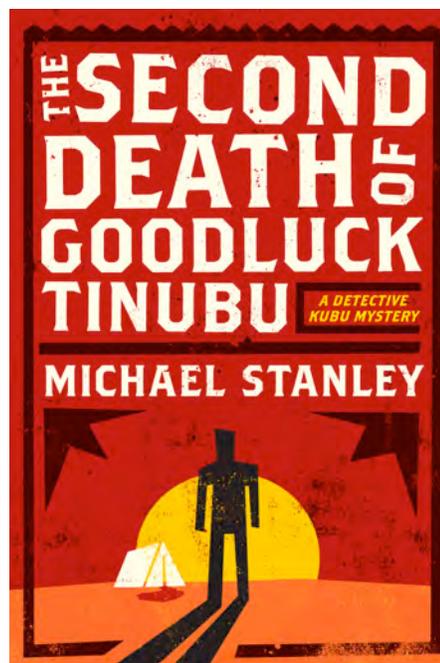
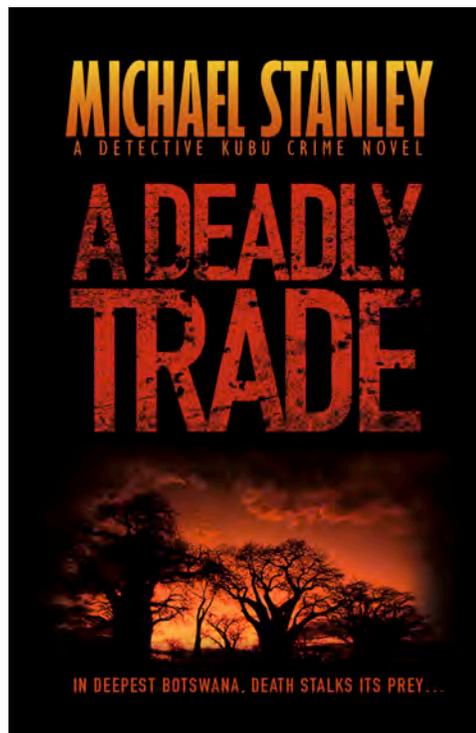
Other than a few copy edits, the second Detective Kubu mystery is ready for its 2009 publication.

In April, Headline will release the trade paperback of Detective Kubu's second investigation, *A DEADLY TRADE*, in South Africa, followed shortly in Australia and New Zealand and other countries outside North America. Two months later, on June 2, Harper Collins will release their hardcover in North America. However it will have a different title – *THE SECOND DEATH OF GOODLUCK TINUBU*. It is actually our cunning way to get people to buy the book twice – people our age won't remember the story anyway! Finally, Headline will release the hardcover of *A DEADLY TRADE* in the UK on June 11.

The book is set in a very different part of Botswana from *A CARRION DEATH*'s arid southern regions. Jackalberry Camp, where most of the action takes place, is set in the lush riverine forests of the Linyanti River, which separates Botswana and the Caprivi Strip of Namibia.

The back story of the book is the turmoil in Zimbabwe and how people who fought for their freedom in the Rhodesian Civil War 30 years ago now find themselves without that freedom. Like all wars, the Rhodesian bush war forged strange relationships, both good and evil. This story, set in present day Botswana, is about the dissolution of two such bonds.

Michael Stanley and  
Detective Kubu wish you a  
healthy, happy, and  
prosperous 2009!



## Kubu in New Zealand

In December Michael was in New Zealand for a mathematics conference and took the opportunity to talk about Kubu. New Zealand is well-supplied with radio stations serving big and small towns alike, and several seemed happy to chat. The conversations ranged over Kubu, the book itself, whether he preferred New Zealand to “that island to the north” i.e. Australia (of course he did!), what he wanted for Christmas (Kubu wanted champagne) and what was his favorite math equation (he chose the famous subject of Fermat’s Last Theorem).

“I loved New Zealand,” Michael says. “The scenery, the food and wine, the enthusiastic readers and booksellers, the relaxed lifestyle, even the sheep! I wonder if Kubu can arrange a visit in a future book!”

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## The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library

The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library is an amazing organization that provides financial and other support to the library system of St. Paul, Minnesota. In 2007 it provided over \$1 million to the library through its fund-raising and advocacy programs. Visit <http://www.thefriends.org> for more information.

Each year The Friends holds a luncheon to thank its major contributors. In September 2008, Stanley was asked to give the after-lunch talk, after which everyone was given a signed copy of *A CARRION DEATH* as a thank-you gift. We would like to acknowledge the wonderful way The Friends goes about promoting reading and writing.



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## A Carrion Death receives accolades from US press

In its December 7, 2009 edition, the Los Angeles Times listed *A CARRION DEATH* as one of its top 10 crime novels for 2008. “The gritty Botswana depicted in Michael Stanley’s “*A Carrion Death*” (Harper) differs from Alexander McCall Smith’s gentler version, but the jovial, corpulent Det. Kubu is a winning creation.”

In its latest issue, mystery magazine *Deadly Pleasures*, has *A CARRION DEATH* as one of its top 6 Best First Novels for 2008.

## Bouchercon 2008

In October 2008, Stanley attended Bouchercon, the largest gathering of mystery readers and writers, several thousand in all.

The lovely port of Baltimore, Maryland, hosted the 2008 meeting, and attendees feasted on seafood and soft-shell prawns when they were not attending talks by the likes of Harlan Coben, Val McDermid, Laura Lippman, William Kent Krueger, Lee Child, and many other of the top mystery writers.

Laura Lippman’s, *What the Dead Know* won the Anthony Award for the best novel, and Tana French’s *In the Woods* won the award for the Best First Novel.

Stanley was on two panels: LET’S WORK TOGETHER - Writing with a partner, with Cara Black, Meredith Anthony, Donald & Renee Bain, C. S. Graham, and Larry Light; and BEEN AROUND THE WORLD - Travel the globe, with Janet Rudolph, Charles Benoit, Jason Goodwin, and Arnaldur Indridason.

“If you ever have the chance to attend Bouchercon,” Stanley says, “you should jump at the opportunity. It’s a chance to have a drink and chat to your favorite mystery authors – up close and personal, as they say. Everyone is low key, and there is very little self-promotion – in fact it is frowned upon.”

The 2009 Bouchercon will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, from October 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis.