



# Michael Stanley introduces Detective Kubu

## **Best Wishes for 2010!**

We hope the year has been good for you so far and that 2010 works out to be very happy and successful. We'd also like it to be prosperous, so that more people will buy Kubu mysteries! Both the books will be available in paperback this year.

There's good news and bad news on the third Kubu mystery. The good news is that the novel is nearly complete, and that we now have a contract for the book – titled *Death of the Mantis* - with HarperCollins. We are looking forward to working with the team there again. It will be released immediately in trade paperback. This means it will be more reasonably priced which will be especially good if the prosperity wished for above eludes us all for another year. The bad news is that it will only be coming out early next year, so no new Kubu books will appear in 2010.

## **Murder is Everywhere**

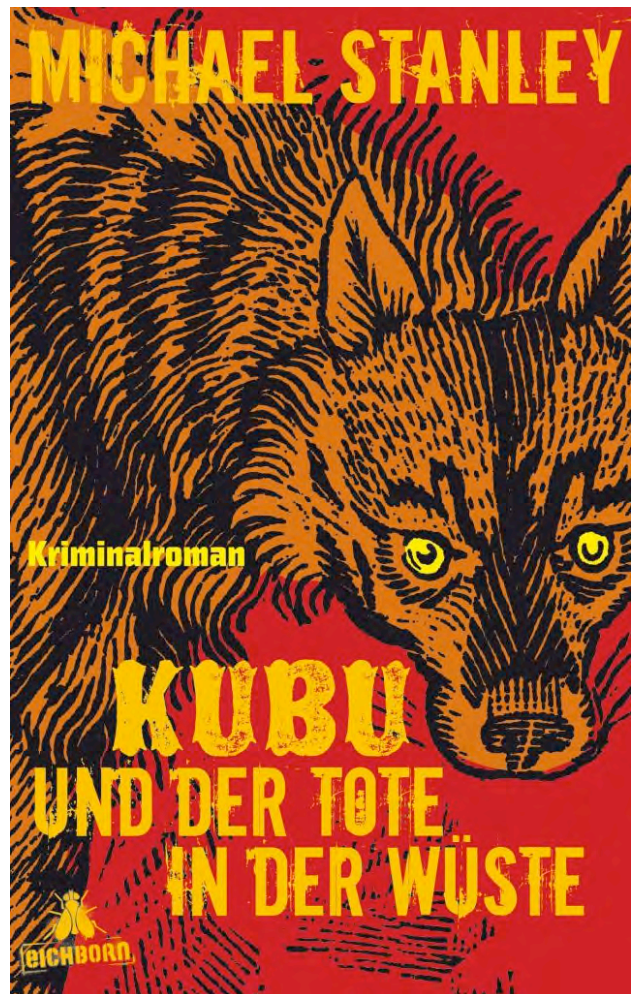
We have linked up with five other mystery writers to produce a daily Blog. We all write mysteries set in different parts of the world. Each of us posts on one day a week – Michael Stanley is Thursday – and it's as much fun for the writers as the readers.

The other writers are Cara Black (France), Leighton Gage (Brazil), Tim Hallinan (Thailand), Yrsa Siguroardottir (Iceland), Dan Waddell (England). Recent topics include the African bush and South African politics, the northern lights and northern seas of Iceland, visiting Maigret's haunts in Paris, the fascinating characters of Brazil's past (and present), writing fiction and winning prizes for it, Christmas shopping and Christmas drinking!

Please join us and join in!

<http://murderiseverywhere.blogspot.com>

Please share this newsletter with friends.



## **German Translation Now On The Shelves**

The German translation of *A Carrion Death* titled *Kubu und der Tote in der Wüste* (which means *Kubu and the Dead Man in the Desert*) was released on February 1<sup>st</sup> throughout German-speaking Europe. The edition launched with a big splash as thousands of proof copies went out to booksellers and critics. We will be in Frankfurt in May for some signings and other events to help promote the book. Eichborn has been wonderful with support and publicity.

## NEWS FLASH!

Italian publisher Rizzoli has bought the rights to *A Deadly Trade (The Second Death of Goodluck Tinubu)*. The Italian title and release date have yet to be finalized. Rizzoli imprint Sonzogno brought out *A Carrion Death* as *Il Detective Kubu* last year.

## Cafepress Sells Kubu Stuff

Online marketing site [cafepress.com](http://cafepress.com) is now offering items with the Kubu hippo logo! Ever since *A CARRION DEATH* launched at Once Upon a Crime with Kubu T-shirts, people have been asking for them. Now Cafepress has golf shirts with a pocket logo, dark T-shirts with the white logo, mugs, magnets, and totes.



Gary Schulze of *Once Upon A Crime* models his Kubu teeshirt.

In the USA visit [www.cafepress.com/detectivekubu](http://www.cafepress.com/detectivekubu)

and in the UK use [www.cafepress.co.uk/detectivekubu](http://www.cafepress.co.uk/detectivekubu)

Visit [www.detectivekubu.com](http://www.detectivekubu.com).

## Knysna Literary Festival

Knysna is a thriving town on the South African Indian Ocean. It is where Stanley lives when he is not in Minneapolis. As part of a thrust to improve literacy in the Knysna, Pam Golding Properties and Action Ads have teamed up to create the first Knysna Literary Festival to be held from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010. A variety of literary events will be held to raise funds to help local schoolchildren.

Michael and Stanley will be guest speakers at a dinner on March 19<sup>th</sup> - one of several dinners to be held as part of the festival.

