

Dick Francis

Genre: Mystery



Have you heard about the racing jockey who raced horses for the Queen of England, and then turned into a mystery author? If you guessed Dick Francis, you're right. For 40 years, Francis wrote mysteries surrounding the culture of horse racing (he knew what he was talking about). He wrote 42 books in his lifetime. While he's the only one who has written horse racing mysteries, try some of these authors who have written mysteries in specific areas of society.

Read-a-likes

Nevada Barr

If you like visiting national parks, try reading Nevada Barr's series of mystery novels surrounding America's Parks. Barr, who was once a Texas Park Ranger, centers her books around a park ranger who must solve crimes that go on inside the parks.

John Dunning

Dunning's main character, Cliff Janway, much like Dunning himself, is a book dealer who must solve crimes. Luckily, Janway was a cop, a street tough guy who is well read. Libraries play big parts of his novels.

Tony Hillerman

Hillerman bases his books around two Navajo policemen, Joe Leapman and Jim Chee. The two men are opposites when it comes to the Navajo religion, and the books center around the culture of the Navajos. The crimes they solve center around alleged supernatural events.

C. J. Box

Box's mystery novels center on the Wyoming Game Warden, Joe Pickett. When not trying to keep the local residents in line, Pickett must solve crimes that revolve around hunting, poaching, and political corruption.