



MARCH 11-13, 2016
20 WRITERS / 3 COUNTRIES
3 DAYS / 9 EVENTS + 1 SEMINAR
PERFORMANCE WORKS / GRANVILLE ISLAND

CRIME WRITERS FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD

There has long been a taste for crime fiction – from Arthur Conan Doyle with Sherlock Holmes, Agatha Christie with Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot, Raymond Chandler with Philip Marlowe, Mickey Spillane with Mike Hammer and on it goes. Now in the present day there are so many contemporary writers of crime that it's hard to keep up.

One way to keep abreast of popular crime writers is to attend festivals dedicated to the genre. And there are an amazing number and more are springing up everywhere. It appears to be a golden age of crime writing. It seems to also be a time when writers in other genres – literary writers like John Banville and J.K. Rowling – are writing mysteries under other names.

The appetite for British and Scandinavian television dramas has fuelled a renewed interest in detective/mystery stories. Dramas like Vera, Wallander, The Killing, and Rebus have all grabbed a viewing audience along with sales of books by the authors of these tales of murder and misadventure.

One way to get a thrill of seeing and hearing some of your favourite crime writers is to attend any of the Crime Writing Festivals that take place in so many different countries. Here are just a few of the places that hold crime festivals annually:

- New Delhi, India – January
- Munich Krimifestival – March
- Krimfestivalen, Oslo – March
- Quais de Polar – Lyon, France – March
- Left Coast Crime Convention - – different location each year, during first quarter
- Crimefest, Bristol, UK – May
- Thrillerfest, New York – July
- Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival in Harrogate, UK – July
- Bloody Scotland in Stirling, Scotland – September
- Icelandnoir, Reykjavik – November

If you happen to be on a trip to any of these places at the time the festivals are on, treat yourself to the pleasure of perhaps meeting and hearing some of your favourite writers.

CUFFED is a new Crime Writers Festival to be held in Vancouver, March 11-13, 2016. It is not the first attempt at a crime festival in Canada. There have been a couple of others – Scene of the Crime on Wolfe Island, Ontario and one in Quebec City about three years ago produced by Jacques Filipi. We are confident that with the new wave of interest in crime writing that CUFFED will be a success and the CUFFED team look forward to bringing other events to Vancouver throughout the year.

- Alma Lee, CUFFED Festival Producer

Event: The CUFFED International Crime Writers Festival

Dates: March 11 – 13, 2016

Venue: Performance Works on Granville Island

Admission: \$20 for most events; \$50 for the Linwood Barclay Writing Seminar; \$49 for any 3 events; \$99 for a Festival Pass (advance only). **Tickets:** Online at www.cuffedfestival.com

