



HUNTER WRITERS CENTRE

CRIME WRITING WORKSHOP

with Barry Maitland

Would you like to write gripping fiction, with vivid characters, strong and ingenious story lines and a powerful sense of place? Crime novels have all of these, and are among the most popular forms of fiction published today. In this workshop, Barry Maitland, who has had nine highly successful crime novels published internationally, will talk about the craft of crime-writing and conduct focussed exercises which will help you to develop skills in key areas of practice, including:

- understanding the different forms of the genre;
- creating plots with pace, drama and compelling endings;
- developing characters that bring the story to life;
- point of view, setting, and other important considerations;
- how to do forensic research.

You will also have the opportunity to discuss writing issues that are of particular concern to you.

Barry Maitland is the author of the acclaimed Brock and Kolla series of crime mystery novels set in London, where Barry grew up after his family moved there from Paisley in Scotland where he was born. He studied architecture at Cambridge University before moving to Australia in 1984 to head the architecture school at the University of Newcastle, a position he held until 2000. His books have been described as whydunits as much as whodunits, concerned with the devious histories and motivations of their characters. Barry's background in architecture drew him to the structured character of the mystery novel, and his books are notable for their ingenious plots as well as for their atmospheric settings, each in a different intriguing corner of London. Barry Maitland now writes fiction full time, and lives in the Hunter Valley.

Venue: Hunter Writers' Centre, 90 Hunter St, Newcastle
Date: Saturday 10 March, 2007
Time: 10am-4pm
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