

Media manipulation to catch a murderer in Crime Correspondent's new novel

Press release

Simon Hall is well-known as a TV news correspondent, but Simon has an alter-ego who uses his own position as a television reporter to turn detective and solve some extraordinary crimes.

'I never answer the question of whether my books are autobiographical,' Simon teases. 'It's much safer that way.'

For 20 years, Simon has covered some of the biggest stories Britain has seen as the BBC's crime correspondent for the South West of England. Now his life is reflected in fiction with the publication of his thriller, *Justice Mirror*.

Simon's alter ego is Dan Groves, a maverick television reporter who is forced to become detective to save his own future in the tale of vengeance and retribution.

"I've seen such incredible events with the stories I've covered. So when I began writing I drew on those insights. This is fiction though, and while Dan has a very similar role to mine he gets a lot more involved," Simon said.

Simon's experience adds a layer of authenticity to the books and provides a fascinating glimpse of the way the police use the media to help them solve crimes.

Simon is launching *Justice Mirror* at his Exeter hometown library on Thursday 27th April from 7pm until 8:30 and will be following this up with a series of talks at other libraries.

Justice Mirror is published by Caffeine Nights on April 20th

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You can see more about Simon, and his work, on his website – www.thetvdetective.com

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Editors notes

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The Justice Mirror - synopsis

A television reporter crosses the line to become investigator and solve a double murder in this new thriller from a TV news industry insider.

The kidnapping of an infamous 17 year old girl, where the only clue is the mysterious letters **pp** on the ransom note.

A court case in which a jury return a unique verdict of neither guilty, nor not guilty.

A gas explosion which kills a pair of siblings, but a murder for which all four suspects have alibis.

And an ending which threatens more killing, handed down in a deserted courtroom in a manner long abandoned by law.

Maverick television reporter Dan Groves finds himself drawn into the baffling case and facing a fight for his own future to solve it in the latest in Simon Hall's *TV detective* series.

The Justice Mirror... distorted reflections of reprisals and revenge.