

Cumbrian Author's Second Thriller is Par for the Course

Press release

Cumbrian author Mike Craven's debut novel, *Born in a Burial Gown*, was shortlisted for a debut dagger award by the Crime Writers Association, and sold out during his launch event in Carlisle two years ago. Now Mike is back with a new novel, *Body Breaker*, featuring DI Avison Fluke and Cumbria's Force Major Incident Team (FMIT).

Mike will be launching the novel at the Old Fire Station, Peter Street, Carlisle on Thursday 25th May with a free event; doors opening at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Mike will be in conversation with award-winning Scottish Noir author and poet, Michael J. Malone, author of the Ray McBain/Kenny O'Neill crime series.

Mike will be signing copies of *Body Breaker* and his other two books on the evening.

"I was amazed at the response to my debut novel and I'm so happy to be back at the Old Fire Station where this all began two years ago. I have a fantastic author, Michael J. Malone, compering and asking questions on the night, and I am looking forward to a great evening." Mike said.

"The new novel, *Body Breaker*, like the previous one is set in Cumbria and follows the same investigation team introduced in the debut novel, and the short story collection, *Assume Nothing, Challenge Everything, Believe Nobody*," Mike continued.

Mike's new novel opens with a grisly find as a severed hand is found on a Cumbrian golf course.

Investigating a severed hand found on the 3rd green of a Cumbrian golf course was not how Detective Inspector Avison Fluke had planned to spend his Saturday. So, when a secretive unit from London swoop in quoting national security, he's secretly pleased.

But trouble is never far away. A young woman arrives at his lakeside cabin with a cryptic message: a code known to only a handful of people and it forces Fluke back into the investigation he's just been barred from.

In a case that will change his life forever, Fluke immerses himself in a world of new age travellers, corrupt cops and domestic extremists. Before long he's alienated his entire team, made a pact with the devil and been arrested under the terrorism act.

But Fluke is only getting started. A voice has called out to him from beyond the grave and he has no intention of ignoring it.

Body Breaker is published by Caffeine Nights Publishing in paperback and on eBook, on Thursday 25th May and will be available online and from all good book stores.

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Editors Notes

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Review copies of *Body Breaker* are available on request.

Watch Mike talking about *Body Breaker* here: <https://youtu.be/3dpAJ-aivEQ>