

Michael Stanley

Short bio:

Michael Stanley is the writing team of Michael Sears and Stanley Trollip, both South Africans by birth. Both have been professors who have worked in academia and business, Sears in South Africa and Trollip in the USA. Their love of watching the wildlife of the subcontinent has taken them on a number of flying safaris to Botswana and Zimbabwe. Their novels set in Botswana are A CARRION DEATH, THE SECOND DEATH OF GOODLUCK TINUBU (A DEADLY TRADE outside the US & Canada), DEATH OF THE MANTIS (winner of the Barry award and a finalist for an Edgar), DEADLY HARVEST (a finalist for the International Thriller Writers award), and A DEATH IN THE FAMILY.

Long bio:

Michael Stanley is the writing team of Michael Sears and Stanley Trollip.

Both have been professors and have worked in academia and business. Sears is a mathematician, specializing in remote sensing. Trollip is an educational psychologist, specializing in the application of computers to teaching and learning, and a pilot. They were both born in South Africa.

They have been on a number of flying safaris to Botswana and Zimbabwe, where it was always exciting to buzz a dirt airstrip to shoo the elephants off. They have had many adventures on these trips including tracking lions at night, fighting bush fires on the Savuti plains in northern Botswana, being charged by an elephant, and having their plane's door pop open over the Kalahari, scattering navigation maps over the desert. These trips have fed their love both for the African bush, and for Botswana.

It was on one of these trips that the idea surfaced for a mystery set in Botswana. This led to their first novel A CARRION DEATH, which introduced Detective 'Kubu' Bengu of the Botswana Criminal Investigation Department. Kubu's second adventure was in the north of the country, bordering Zimbabwe with its checkered history. THE SECOND DEATH OF GOODLUCK TINUBU is published as A DEADLY TRADE outside the US and Canada. Their third book DEATH OF THE MANTIS is set in the Kalahari and features the Bushman peoples of the area. It won the Barry award for best paperback original mystery of 2011 and was a finalist for an Edgar award. Their fourth book DEADLY HARVEST is set against the pervasive belief in witchcraft and the power of witch doctors in southern Africa. It was a finalist for an International Thriller Writers award. Their fifth mystery is A DEATH IN THE FAMILY.