



# The Detective Kubu Newsletter

## **DEADLY HARVEST** **Book Tour Set for USA**

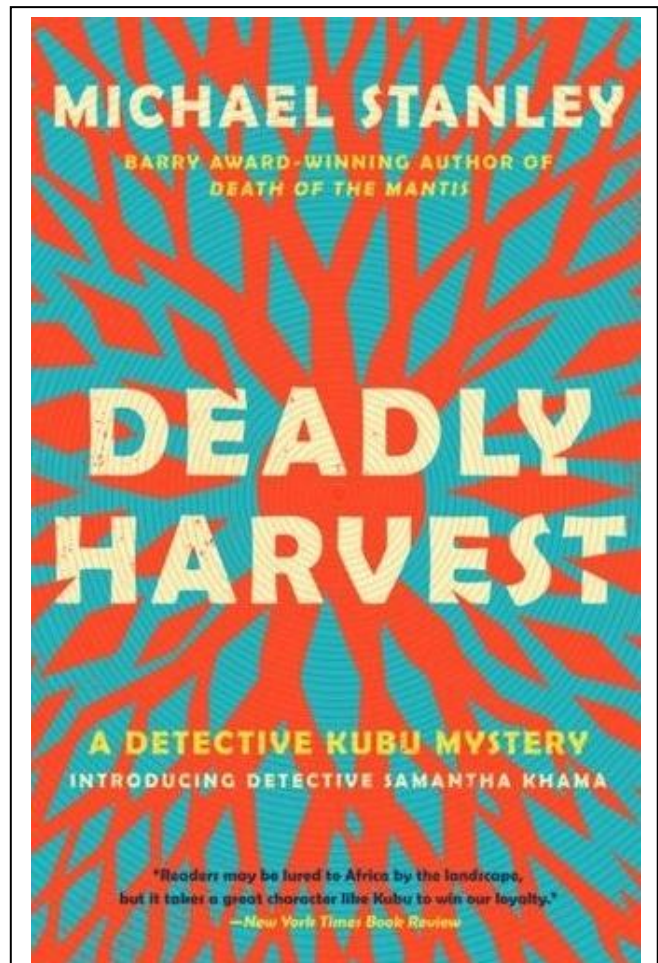
The fourth book in the Detective Kubu series – DEADLY HARVEST – will be released on 30<sup>th</sup> April. We are planning an extensive tour to launch the new book in May, including Malice Domestic in Bethesda and Crimefest in Bristol, UK. We'd love to see you at one of the events. The full list is on the last page of this newsletter.

Any additions or changes will be posted on [www.detectivekubu.com](http://www.detectivekubu.com) and on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/MichaelStanleyBooks>. Or tweeted at @detectivekubu.

The backstory of DEADLY HARVEST is the pervasive influence of witch doctors throughout sub-Saharan Africa. Most people believe in them and their powers to some extent. Usually they are traditional healers. That is, they use a combination of herbal remedies and suggestion to help people. For the most part, these potions – *muti* - are made from plants, but, occasionally, they add some part of an animal's body, such as the heart of a lion for strength. However, there are a few witch doctors, regarded as very powerful, who also use human body parts.

This may sound more like horror fantasy than mystery, but regrettably there have been many such *muti* killings in recent years. Because the victims are unrelated to their abductors, and because people are too scared of the witch doctors to get involved, the cases are generally unsolved.

There was an infamous case of a young girl, Segametsi Mogomotsi, which occurred in Mochudi in 1994. Segametsi's murder caused



the community to come out in several violent protests, after which one person was shot by a policeman. The government eventually felt it necessary to conduct an independent enquiry, so it called in Scotland Yard from the United Kingdom. But its report was never released.

**You can read the beginning of DEADLY  
HARVEST by going to**

<http://www.detectivekubu.com/template.aspx?pageid=11f>

In DEADLY HARVEST, Kubu teams up with a new recruit to the Botswana Criminal Investigation Department, Samantha Khama, to look into missing persons cases, thought to be associated with witch doctors. Samantha is the CID's first woman detective, and she battles to define a role for herself in the male-dominated culture.

Girls have been disappearing. The rumor is that they are being abducted for *muti*. Soon the cases go cold, but that's not good enough for Samantha, for whom the issue is personal. She persuades CID director Mabaku to let her dig into past cases and enlists Kubu's initially rather unenthusiastic help. But together they discover a pattern to the disappearances.

Meanwhile, the father of one of the missing girls becomes fixated on the idea that her abduction is linked to the recent amazing success of the leader of a new political party, and he takes the law into his own hands. Investigating, Kubu and Samantha find *muti* containing human material in the politician's home, confirming their worst fears. They are told of a witch doctor, widely feared, whose power and that of his influential clients is believed to be drawn from the use of human body parts. But he is thought to be invisible unless he chooses to take physical form.

There is another victim, and Kubu and Samantha are thrust into a harrowing race to stop the serial murderer and his influential and unscrupulous client.



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## DEADLY HARVEST Book Tour

**US LAUNCH: Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 PM**  
 ONCE UPON A CRIME, 604 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St,  
**Minneapolis, MN**

Wednesday, May 1, 7:00PM  
 THE IVY BOOKSHOP, 6080 Falls Rd,  
**Baltimore, MD**

Friday – Sunday, May 3-5  
 MALICE DOMESTIC  
 Hyatt Regency, One Bethesda Metro Center,  
**Bethesda, MD**

Monday, May 6, 4:00 PM for 5:00 PM  
 MYSTERY LOVERS BOOKSHOP  
 Festival of Mystery  
 514 Allegheny River Blvd, **Oakmont, PA**

Tuesday, May 7, 7:00PM  
 ONCE UPON A CRIME (Sisters in Crime)  
 604 W. 26th St, **Minneapolis, MN**

Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 PM  
 BOOKCASE  
 607 E. Lake St, **Wayzata, MN**

Thursday May 9, 7:00 PM  
 SOUTH ST. PAUL LIBRARY  
 106 3rd Ave N, **South St. Paul, MN**

Tuesday, May 14, 7:00 PM  
 MYSTERY ONE BOOKSHOP  
 2109 N. Prospect Ave, **Milwaukee, WI**

Thursday, May 16, 7:00 PM  
 AUNT AGATHA'S  
 213 S. Fourth, **Ann Arbor, MI**

Friday, May 17, 7:00 PM  
 CENTURIES AND SLEUTHS  
 7419 W. Madison St, **Forest Park, IL**

Wednesday, May 22, 4:30 PM  
 THE DOCK CAFÉ (Valley Booksellers)  
 425 E. Nelson St, **Stillwater, MN**

Tuesday, May 28, 7:00 PM  
 BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS  
 2614 2100 N. Snelling Ave, **Roseville, MN**

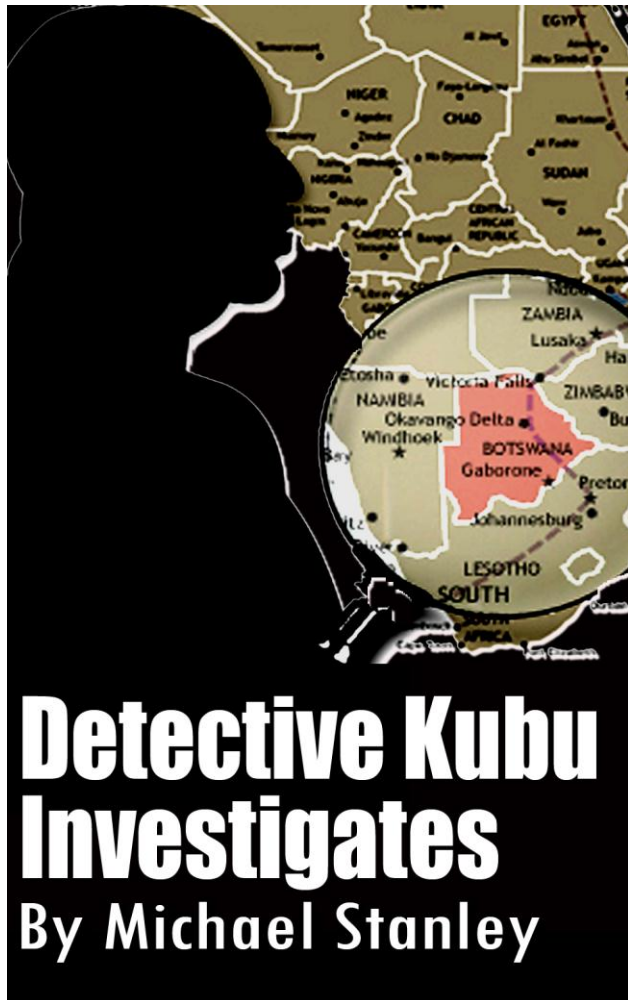
Thursday - Sunday, May 30 – June 2  
 CRIMEFEST  
**Bristol, UK**

Thursday – Saturday, July 10-13  
 THRILLERFEST  
 Grand Hyatt, **New York City, NY**

## FREE EBOOK - Detective Kubu Investigates

We've put together a collection of Kubu's shorter adventures as an ebook.

Twenty-first century Botswana is a country with real issues and real murders. In this collection of stories - one never previously published - Kubu investigates three mysterious deaths. A man is stabbed outside a bar. Is it just a jealous fight or is there something much more sinister behind it? A man suffers a gruesome death in a country town. Is it the result of witchcraft, or could there be another cause? A policeman is shot dead at close range in his own home. Is it the colleagues of a man he killed who was resisting arrest? And what of his wife's alibi?



In the last story of the collection, *The Haunting*, a very unusual detective in South

Africa solves a strange disappearance and fraud in a most unconventional way.

The collection also features Michael Stanley interviewing Kubu about his cases and what it's like being a policeman in Botswana. We're pleased to include it, since neither of the two gentlemen actually exists!

DETECTIVE KUBU INVESTIGATES is available for all ebook formats at online stores at US\$0.99 or the equivalent, but anyone who subscribes to this newsletter is welcome to download it here for FREE. Click on the file you want below and enjoy the read!

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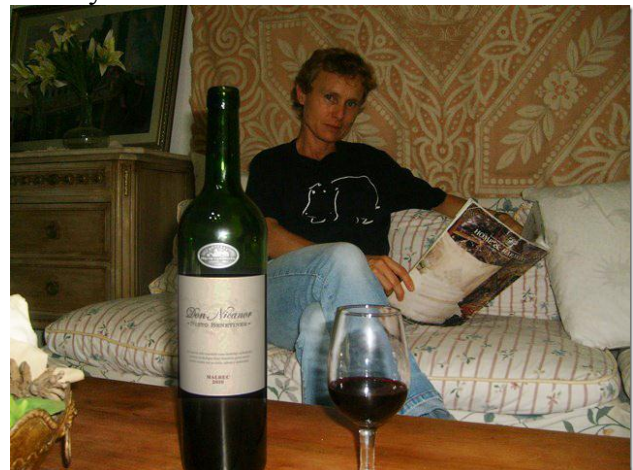
## PHOTO GALLERY

We are putting together a photo gallery on our website. It is in its early stages, but we want to have photos of real hippos taken anywhere in the world, any sort of hippo drawing or poster, or photos of people wearing our Kubu teeshirt in different parts of the world.

If you have anything that fits these categories, please send it to us at [michaelstanley@detectivekubu.com](mailto:michaelstanley@detectivekubu.com). We will add it to the gallery together with your name and an interesting story, if there is one.

You can access the gallery by going to our website [www.detectivekubu.com](http://www.detectivekubu.com), and selecting *Interesting Links* on the menu on the left, followed by *Hippo gallery*.

Here are some photos that readers have already submitted.



Maria Carolina Casali sent this from Argentina with a note that Kubu would enjoy a fine Malbec. She's wearing a Kubu T-shirt.



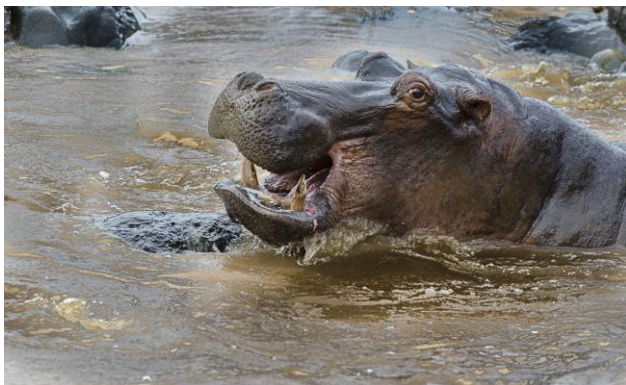
Bonnie and Bob Busby at Jockey's Ridge State Park, North Carolina



Pat King, who writes as Annamaria Alfieri, in Rome



Brian and Linda Ross in the British Virgin Islands



"Don't bother me, or else!" (Aron Frankental)



"I told you not to bother me!" (Aron Frankental)

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