



The Detective Kubu Newsletter

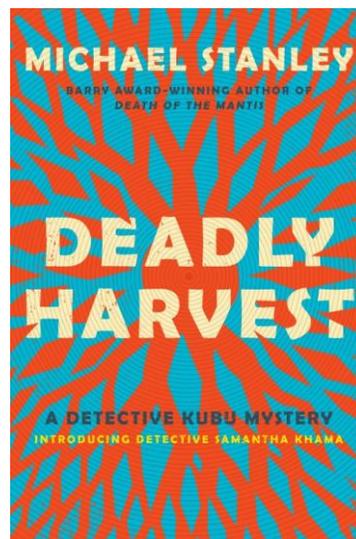
DEADLY HARVEST GATHERS GREAT REVIEWS

Publishers Weekly, one of the big trade magazines in the United States, gave DEADLY HARVEST a starred, boxed review – something that every author hopes for. The review read as follows:

“The real-life phenomenon of African witch doctors committing murder to get ingredients for their spells drives the richly atmospheric fourth Detective Kubu mystery (after 2011’s Death of the Mantis) from Edgar-finalist Michael Stanley (the South African writing team of Stanley Trollip and Michael Sears). The Botswana Criminal Investigation Department assigns its first female detective, Samantha Khama, to a cold case – the four-month-old disappearance of a 10-year-old orphan, Lesego Betse. Samantha believes that the girl is a victim of a witch doctor who uses human remains to prepare the medicine known as muti. After another girl goes missing, Samantha gains the active assistance of David “Kubu” Bengu, the department’s assistant superintendent. Their investigation takes place during a time of political instability in the country when the prospect that an opposition party could finally be gaining traction spawns violence. The gritty depiction of corruption and obsession serves as a striking counterpoint to Alexander McCall-Smith’s blood-free No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency series, also set in Botswana.”

Strand Magazine, one of the USA’s top mystery magazines, had this to say:

“This fourth adventure of Detective Kubu is a vibrant mixture of themes that infuses the



traditions of old Botswana against the shock of the new. However, the real appeal of the book is the easy-going voice that Michael Stanley deploys, leading the reader into the darkest of places with little warning. This makes Deadly Harvest into one of the finest crime thrillers of 2013...”

Finally, we were delighted when well-known author, R. L. Kline blurbed: *“This book took me to a world I didn’t want to leave. It kept me reading, it kept me guessing, and it kept me gasping at its many twists and surprises. Highly recommended.”*

Details of upcoming book events are below.

Other Release Dates

DEADLY HARVEST will be released in the UK on May 9 and in South Africa in the middle of July – date yet to be determined.

KUKBUK NOW AVAILABLE

Over the years we've received a number of emails about Kubu's love of food and drink. Some have been cautionary – pleading with us to reduce Kubu's caloric intake and to change the food he eats. Otherwise "...he's going to have a heart attack!" one reader anguished. Others have enquired about food that has appeared in the various books, such as the bobotie that Moremi cooked at Jackalberry Camp while being overseen by the Grey Go-Away bird, Kweh.

We also received an email suggesting that we put together a Kubu cookbook – or KUKBUK – as the sender wrote. So we have done that. We would like to acknowledge that reader who sent us the email, but we cannot remember who it was, so cannot thank him (we're pretty sure it was a 'him'!). If *you* are the person who sparked us to create the KUKBUK, please let us know. We want to thank you.

In the KUKBUK, you will find recipes for drinks that Kubu likes (such as the famous steelworks), appetizers (including chicken livers peri-peri), and main courses (including beef seswaa, chakalaka, curried chicken, and rump steak with monkey-gland sauce), and desserts (such as melktert and malva pudding).

We have also included the recipe for the only meal Kubu has ever cooked – sweet-and-sour pork – as well as a brief discussion of the diet that Joy tries to get Kubu to follow.

A TASTE OF AFRICA – a KUKBUK is available as an ebook from many normal online outlets (Amazon, Barnes and Noble, etc.) for \$2.99.



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A Taste of Africa



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Book Tour Set for USA

The fourth book in the Detective Kubu series – DEADLY HARVEST – will be released on 30th 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. Changes from the list in the last newsletter are in red.

DEADLY HARVEST Book Tour

US LAUNCH: Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 PM
ONCE UPON A CRIME, 604 W. 26th 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
EDINA ART CENTER (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**

Saturday, May 11, 11:00 AM
EDEN VALLEY LIBRARY
306 State Street North, Eden Valley, 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**

Saturday, May 18, 2:00 PM

BOOKS & CO
1039 Summit Ave, **Oconomowoc, WI**

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

Wednesday, July 10, 10:00 AM

CRAFTFEST

Grand Hyatt, **New York City, NY**

Thursday – Saturday, July 11-13

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, as well as an interview with Kubu himself.



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NEWS FLASH

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ANOTHER NEWS FLASH

The New York Journal of Books just gave DEADLY HARVEST a wonderful review. It ended by saying:

*“Deadly Harvest is number four in this fascinating crime series. Detective David “Kubu” Bengu is a wonderful creation, complex and beguiling. The exotic smells and sounds of Botswana fill the pages as well as the changes and struggles of a country brimming with modern technology yet fiercely clinging to old traditions. **Compelling and deceptively written, it’s the perfect summer read.**”*

YET ANOTHER NEWS FLASH

Booklist also just reviewed DEADLY HARVEST and had this to say:

“These darker, grittier (mysteries) featuring the portly and perceptive Detective Kubu blend intricate plotting and a compelling cast. . . . Though the cat-and-mouse chase that ensues propels the novel ever forward, Stanley also peppers the tale with richly detailed descriptions of Botswana and the lively lives of its citizens.”