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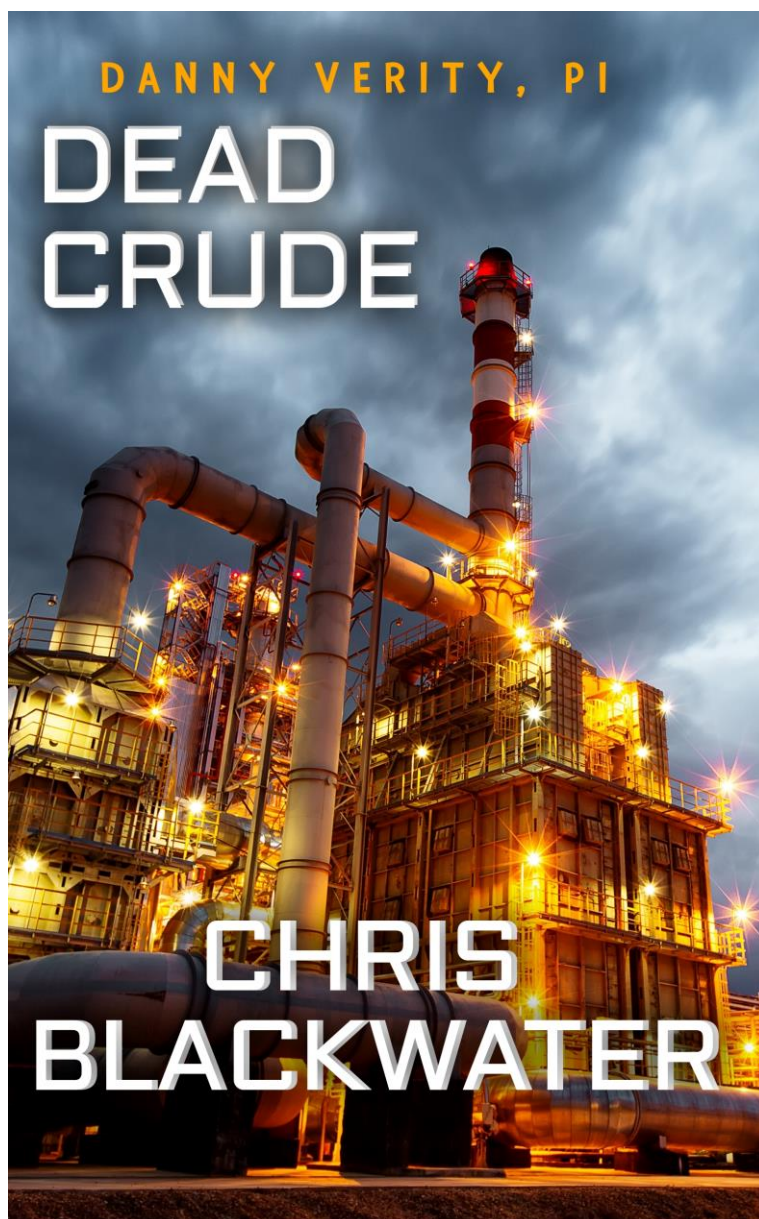


Newsletter

Once More into the Breach

You may recall that I signed up with a second publisher in October. Sadly, they too ran into financial difficulties. It seems there are systemic problems with the publishing industry unless you happen to be one of the top 5 or 6 publishers with a string of celebrity authors.

I spoke to several writers who have been very successful self-publishing their books. That convinced me that this was the best way to go in the current climate. I took back the rights to my books again, created my own imprint, Catisfield Books. With the help of a professional editor and cover designer, I have finally been able to publish my second book, *Dead Crude!*



Dead Crude

Click on the link or scan the QR code for the paperback and eBook:

[Dead Crude](#)



Emergency Drill

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Dead Crude

In case you are wondering, Dead Crude is what they call the oil stored in tanks with the dissolved gas removed. I'd already decided to set the second book in an oil terminal, so this seemed like the ideal title.

"Dead Crude is a riveting thriller, original, fast moving, edgy and witty. Highly recommended." - Mystery People.

BOOK 2 IN THE CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED SERIES ABOUT HARD-BOILED BUT SOFT-HEARTED PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR DANNY VERITY

A security guard at the Mallach oil terminal on a remote Orkney island goes missing. His family ask private investigator Danny Verity for help.

Danny takes a job at the terminal, whilst his partner, Gemma Gauld, searches the island. Her combative approach soon ruffles feathers and this seemingly tranquil community reveals some lethal hazards.

Meanwhile, Danny's new colleagues have secrets they are desperate to keep from him and their employers. As he gets closer to the truth, the terminal becomes an ever more dangerous workplace.

When another local man disappears, the link between Gemma's discoveries and his own becomes clearer.

As the islanders and oil workers close ranks, Danny and Gemma are fighting obstruction, determined to uncover the truth.

Facing a hostile community and a violent perpetrator, can they find out what happened to the missing men?

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Go for Launch

I was interviewed again on Victory Radio in Portsmouth and felt a bit more relaxed about it this time, thank goodness.

The interview goes out at 10am on the 30th May on Bob Bruce's Morning Call show and will be available on their catch-up service for a week afterwards:

<https://victoryonline.co.uk/shows/morning-call/>



Both Dead Crude and Emergency Drill are available to buy from local bookshops, including Pigeon Books in Southsea, St Faiths Bookshop in Havant and New to You Books in Cosham.



Please support your local bookshop and buy your books from them if you can.

They will also be for sale at the Portsmouth Authors Collective market stalls. The next one is in Palmerston Road, Southsea on Saturday the 1st June.

<https://portsmouthauthors.wordpress.com/>

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Dear Reader...

If you have read *Emergency Drill* and *Dead Crude*, **please, please leave a review** on Amazon. It doesn't need to be a full-page literary critique. A couple of sentences will do:

I bought this book because it had a nice cover. It is a nice book with lots of action, though some of the characters are not nice.

A. Reader

The more reviews there are, the more people get sent those helpful emails recommending the book.

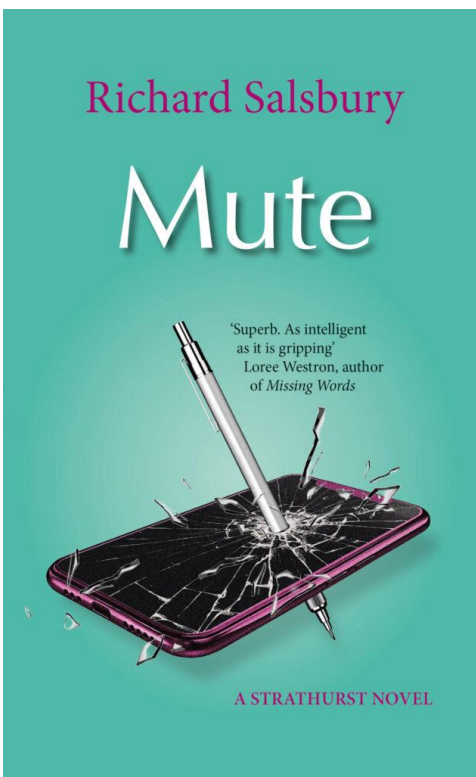
If you are feeling extra helpful, copy your review to Goodreads as well.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/60305850>

If You Liked My Book...

...you may also like Richard Salisbury's excellent new novel, *Mute*:

<https://www.richardsalsbury.com/novels/mute/>



If Wes is such a quiet man – mute from birth, in fact – why does someone try to murder him one Friday night in the office toilet? Shaken, and dismissed by the police for reasons he doesn't understand, he goes on the run. But Keiran, his would-be killer and member of a survivalist cult, is not giving up, and tries to get to Wes through his wife, Alex. Though kept apart, Wes and Alex must find out what has happened and why. But when even the murderer's motives are unclear, who really holds the key to the truth?

Mute is a darkly comic thriller in the spirit of Graham Greene and the Coen brothers.