

BLS event in January 2016 with Elena Forbes and Anja de Jager discussing their recently published books *Jigsaw Man* and *A Cold Death in Amsterdam*

Why do we all love crime? BLS Members comments:

I suggest that the reader has to be engaged with the plot perhaps more in the crime genre than in other genres so that s/he can use her own powers of detection to solve the case. Crime can also take place in any setting – urban, rural and overseas – and in any professional or social group. The reader can therefore engage with a broad spectrum of society.

I have often pondered why I enjoy crime novels so much - I think the puzzle/solution element is one factor, and I am looking forward to Wednesday's discussion.

And BLS member suggestions for good crime reads:

Thank you! My favourite crime writers are Dorothy Sayers, PD James, Josephine Tey, and among those writing today Elly Griffiths, Donna Leon, Lindsay Davis and the American writers Kathy Reichs and Linda Fairstein. All so enjoyable in their very different ways.

My favourite crime writers are Ian Rankin, Anne Cleeves and Peter May.

My favourite crime writer-Dorothy Sayers - but many more - almost all female!

My favourite crime writer is Donna Leon and her novels set in Venice starring Commissario Guido Brunetti.

Difficult to choose amongst so many but I like Patricia Cornwell, Ruth Rendell, Robert Goddard and one from the past, Michael Innes. And following having heard them on Wednesday I shall now be reading books by Elena Forbes and Anja de Jager.