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**Tue 19th & Wed 20th May 2009 (4th week)**


## WHAT'S ON / COMING SOON


**Oxford Contemporary Music**
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## CINEMA to Thu 21st

### Ultimate Picture Palace (245288)

**CITIZEN KANE [U]** ✍ Mon: 5.45pm, Tue - Thu: 6.45pm
Orson Welles' classic.

**LET THE RIGHT ONE IN [15]** ✍ Mon: 8.15pm, Tue - Thu: 9.15pm
Swedish film of vampire teen lovers.

### Phoenix Picture House (0870 758 3218)

**SHIFTY [15]** Mon & Tue, Thu: 4.00pm, Wed: 9.00pm
A young crack dealer faces up to the future.

**CHERI [15]** ✍ Mon - Thu: 1.45, 6.45pm
Love bought, found and lost in pre-war France.

**ANGELS & DEMONS [15]** Mon - Thu: 2.30, 5.30, 8.30pm
Sequel to the Da Vinci Code.

**IN THE LOOP [15]** ✍ Tue, Thu: 9.00pm
Political satire from Armando Iannucci.

**THE CLASS [15]** ✍ Mon: 9.00pm; Wed: 4.00pm
Palme d'Or winner about tough Parisian school.

**THE BIG SCREAM: ANGELS AND DEMONS [15]** Wed: 11.30am
Sequel to the Da Vinci Code. Exclusive screening for parents with children under one.

### Vue Cinema (08712 240 240)

**ANGELS AND DEMONS [15]**
Mon: 10.00, 10.50am, 1.00, 1.50, 4.00, 4.50, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00pm
Tue: 10.00, 10.50am, 1.00, 1.50, 4.00, 4.50, 7.00 (18+ only), 8.00, 10.00pm
Wed & Thu: 10.00, 10.50am, 1.00, 1.50, 4.00, 4.50, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00, 11.10pm
Sequel to the Da Vinci Code.

**FIGHTING [15]** ✍ Mon & Tue: 10.10am, 12.40, 3.10, 5.40, 8.10pm
Wed & Thu: 10.10am, 12.40, 3.10, 5.40, 8.10, 10.50pm
The world of underground street fighting.

**HANNAH MONTANA [U]** ✍ Mon - Thu: 10.20am, 1.10, 3.50, 6.30pm
Hannah goes home to Tennessee to get some perspective. Subtitled Tue 6.30.

**X-MEN ORIGINS - WOLVERINE [12A]** ✍
Mon, Wed & Thu: 12.00, 2.30, 5.10, 7.40, 9.20, 10.10pm
His violent and romantic past. Tue: 2.30, 5.10, 7.40, 9.20, 10.10pm

**STATE OF PLAY [15]** ✍ Mon & Tue: 11.50am, 2.40, 5.30, 8.30pm
Suspicious death of a Congressman's mistress.

**GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST [12A]** Mon - Thu: 9.10pm
Insensitive man visited by exes on the eve of brother's wedding.

**STAR TREK [12A]** ✍
Mon & Tue: 11.20am, 12.10, 2.10, 3.00, 5.00, 5.50, 7.50, 8.40pm
Wed & Thu: 11.20am, 12.10, 2.10, 3.00, 5.00, 5.50, 7.50, 8.40, 10.40, 11.30pm
The youthful origins of Kirk, Spock and Co.

**CORALINE 3D [PG]** ✍ daily: 11.40am, 2.00, 4.30, 6.50pm
Animation. Beware the buttons!

**SENIORS' CLUB: SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE [15]** ✍ Tue: 12.00pm
Vibrant tale of life on the streets of Mumbai.

**NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 2 [15]**
More exhibits come alive. Wed & Thu: 10.30am, 12.50, 3.20, 6.00, 8.20, 11.00pm

### Odeon George St (0871 2244 007)

**STAR TREK [12A]** ✍ Mon - Thu: 1.15, 2.15, 4.30, 5.30, 7.30, 8.30pm
The youthful origins of Kirk, Spock and Co. Subtitled Fri 2.15, Sun 5.30pm

**STATE OF PLAY [15]** ✍ Fri - Tue: 5.15, 8.15pm
The suspicious death of a Congressman's mistress.

**CORALINE [PG]** ✍ Fri - Tue: 12.15, 3.00pm
Animation. Beware the buttons!

**X-MEN ORIGINS - WOLVERINE [12A]** ✍ daily: 12.45, 3.30, 6.15, 9.00pm
His violent and romantic past.

**IN THE LOOP [15]** ✍ Fri, Mon & Tue: 1.00pm
Political satire from Armando Iannucci.

**FIGHTING [15]** ✍ Fri - Tue: 3.15, 6.00, 8.45pm
The world of underground street fighting.

**ANGELS AND DEMONS [15]** daily: 1.30, 4.45, 8.00pm
Sequel to the Da Vinci Code.

**SENIOR SCREEN: VALKYRIE [12A]** ✍ Wed: 10.45am
Plot to assassinate Hitler. With Tom Cruise, Kenneth Branagh and Eddie Izzard.

**NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 2 [15]**
Wed & Thu: 12.00, 1.00, 2.45, 3.45, 5.45, 6.45, 8.15, 9.15pm
More exhibits come alive.

### Odeon Magdalen St (0871 2244 007)

**GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST [12A]** Mon: 7.00, 9.30pm
Insensitive man is visited by his exes on the eve of his brother's wedding.

**HANNAH MONTANA [U]** ✍ Mon, Tue: 2.00, 4.30pm
Hannah goes to Tennessee for some perspective.

**ANGELS AND DEMONS [15]** Mon - Thu: 2.30, 5.45, 9.00pm
Sequel to the Da Vinci Code.

**THE READER [15]** ✍ Tue: 8.00pm
Strange, dark, tender romance set in post-WW2 Germany.

**FIGHTING [15]** ✍ Wed & Thu: 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30pm
The world of underground street fighting.

✍ = see review on www.dailyinfo.co.uk
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## GIGS

### Tue 19th

**BLACK EYES AND NECKTIES, EXP** / 7pm. £5 / O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, OX4 1UE / 0844 477 2000

**PATRICK WOLF** / UK Goth-popster / 7pm. £12.50 / O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, OX4 1UE / 0844 477 2000

**BEN CUMMINS** / Live jazz plus DJs / The Oxford Jazz Club / 9.30pm-midnight. DJ set till 1am. Free / Backroom @ The Bully, 162 Cowley Road / 244516

**NOUGHT, TITUS, JOE ALLEN BAND, THE A-TRAIN, FRANCIS PUGH & THE WHISKY SINGERS** / 7pm. £5 / The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, OX1 4DF / 721156

**TEITUR PLUS GUESTS** / Faroese musician promoting his debut UK album 'The Singer' / 7pm. £8 / www.ticketmaster.co.uk / Jericho Tavern, 56 Walton St./311775

### Wed 20th

**SCARLETT IN THE WILDERNESS** / Gypsy Folk, Soulful Blues / 8pm, £4 on the door / 07707 542623 / Baby Simple, 213 Cowley Rd, OX4 1XF / 202506

**TEMPER TRAP, ECHO BOOMER, NIGHT PORTRAITS** / Melbourne four-piece indie-rockers / 7pm. £5 / O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, OX4 1UE / 0844 477 2000

**DANCEHALL NICE AGAIN** / 8pm , free / 07813 55448 / James St Tavern

**DINNER & JAZZ** / Polly Gibbons, vocals, Bennett Maclean, piano. Greek cuisine, booking req'd. / 7.30-9.30pm. £13.95 / Manos, 105 Walton St. OX2 6EB / 311782

**RICHARD STREETS - THE TEMPTATIONS 'LIVE'** / 9pm. £10 / £8 / The Regal, 300 Cowley Road (corner of Magdalen Road), OX4 1US / 241261

**PHANTOM THEORY, EXIT INTERNATIONAL, KAMIKAZE TEST PILOTS, ADRENOCHROME** / 8pm. £4 / The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, OX1 4DF / 721156

**THE OXFORD JAM SESSION** / Bring your instruments / 10pm-2am. £4, £3 (students), £2 (musicians) / Cellar Bar, Frewin Court, off Cornmarket / 244761

**THE DULOKS, THE ETHICAL DEBATING SOCIETY, CHAPS & GUESTS** / Non-profit festival: professional and amateur female acts in our community. / Ladyfest / 8pm. £5 / www.ladyfestoxford.org.uk / Jericho Tavern, 56 Walton St. / 311775

## PERFORMERS SOUGHT

PERFORMERS SOUGHT FOR short paid slots at regular Oxford-based contemporary Cabaret/Variety Night. Do you have circus, dance, theatre, magic, comedy or music skills at a professional or very good amateur level? Showcase your work in front of a friendly, receptive audience. Please send cv / myspace / details, or for more info, email portmayhem@yahoo.co.uk

## THEATRE to Sat 23rd May

### New Road Baptist Church

**OTHELLO** ✍ Mon 18th - Wed 20th: 7.30pm
Thu 21st: 12.00, 7.30pm, Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd: 7.30pm
Creation Theatre: Shakespeare's tale of jealousy and ambition. £8.50-£22.50.

### Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon (01235 525339)

**THE JUNGLE BOOK** Sat 23rd: 1.30 & 4.30pm
Rudyard Kipling's story: boy raised by wolves in Indian jungle. £4/£3

### The Theatre At Headington (759138)

**AN AUDIENCE WITH PADDY ASHDOWN** Fri 22nd: 7.30pm
An opportunity to hear his experiences and reminiscences at first hand. £14/£12

### New Theatre (0844 8471585)

**42ND STREET** Tue 19th - Fri 22nd: 7.30pm; Sat 23rd: 2.30, 7.30pm
Peggy arrives in New York & dreams of becoming a star. Can she save the show? £12.50 - £33

### Burton Taylor Studio (305305)

**THE PITCHFORK DISNEY** Tue 19th - Sat 23rd: 7.30pm
A darkly comic play: a world tormented by the horrors of the juvenile imagination. £5/£4

**UDDER** Tue 19th - Sat 23rd: 9.30pm
The Audley family are disturbed by their son Gerald's illegal addiction. £5/£4

### OFS Studio (0844 847 2360)

**AS YOU DESIRE ME** Tue 19th - Fri 22nd: 7.30pm
Sat 23rd: 2.30pm, 7.30pm
New translation of Pirandello's exploration of the nebulous nature of identity £9/£7

### Oxford Playhouse (305305)

**ALPHABETICAL ORDER** Mon 18th - Wed 20th: 7.30pm
Thu 21st, Sat 23rd: 2.30, 7.30pm, Fri 22nd: 8pm
Imogen Stubbs in Michael Frayn's comedy about provincial newspaper. £15 - £26.50

**THE MOZART QUESTION** Fri 22nd: 5pm
The story of violinist Paolo Levi, how he discovers the truth about his parents. £8.50/£6.50, 8+

### O'Reilly Theatre, Keble College

**THIS IS INDIA** Wed 20th - Fri 22nd: 7.30pm, Sat 23rd: 2.30, 7.30pm
British Sara moves into an Indian family & a cultural collision occurs. £7.50 (£5.50)

### North Wall Arts Centre (319450)

**LOST IN THE WIND** Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd: 8pm
'A bold, enchanting piece of physical theatre' - The Scotsman. £12/£10 Limited student tickets: £5

### Grove House, Iffley (07912 258095)

**PRODIGAL - SOUTH AFRICAN PLAY** Fri 22nd: 7.30pm
One night only. Acclaimed South African one-hander starring Tim Redpath. £10/£8

### Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot (01235 515144)

**DIDCOT DRAMA FESTIVAL**
Mon 18th & Tue 19th, Thu 21st - Sat 23rd: 7.30pm
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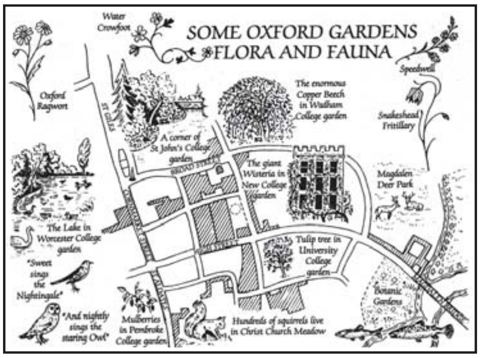


1. The Botanic Gardens are the third oldest in Europe (after Pisa and Leiden). They got off to a good start, as the college cesspits provided unlimited fertiliser.

2. T E Lawrence (of Arabia) once plotted to kidnap Magdalen's deer for his own college, All Souls, but did not succeed in doing so. Magdalen is noted for serving excellent venison.

3. As well as the more accessible gardens, most colleges have delightful Fellows' Gardens which are usually closed to the public (and most students of the college). Once a year however several of these are now opened as part of the National Gardens Scheme, and are well worth visiting if you happen to be in Oxford on the right day.

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## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

### Tue 19th

**CAPOEIRA REGIONAL CLASSES** / Exciting Afro-Brazilian martial art. Adult class. / 8 - 9.30pm, £5 (£7 non-members) / www.abolicao.co.uk / 428404 / East Ox. Games Hall, Collins Street, behind Cowley Rd Tesco's

**INTRO TO DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY** / Digital photography lessons from Pro Photographer JJ Hunt. / 7.30pm - 9.30pm, £120. Five weeks. / www.jjhunt.co.uk / 516815 / The Corner Club, 16 Turl St, OX1 3DH

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**TAOIST BREATHING & MEDITATION** / Head tutors to UK's largest college of Chinese Medicine / 6.00-6.45pm / www.oxinar.com / 07986 621112 / Jericho Community Centre, 33a Canal Street

**CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART** / Creativity in art for 5-8 year olds & 8 years & above / 4.30pm - 5.45pm / www.lisajayne.uk.com / 01608 677558 / Lisa Jayne Art Studio, Radford, Chipping Norton, OX7 4EB

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**MECO WEEKLY QUR'AN SEMINAR** Critical analysis/commentary by Muslim academic / 7pm - 9pm. £20 pcm. All welcome. / www.meco.org.uk / 766032 / North Oxford Community Centre, Summertown

**THE MARRIAGE COURSE** / Learn how to build a healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime. 7 sessions / 7pm, £85 per couple / www.staldates.org.uk/ 254800 / St Aldate's Church, 40 Pembroke St

### Wed 20th

**INTERMEDIATE TAOIST MEDITATION** / Head tutors to UK's largest college of Chinese Medicine / Oxford Internal Arts / 7.30-9.00pm / www.oxinar.com / 07986 621112 / Jericho Community Centre, 33a Canal St

**TAOIST BREATHING & MEDITATION** / As Tuesday, above

**ABINGDON CRAFT CLUB** / Learn new skills, includes tools, resources, drinks / 10- 12, 2 - 4. £8 / 01235 550168 / Central Abingdon

**AMPHIBIANS AFTER DARK** / The twilight world of amphibians. Call to reserve place / £4, 8:15pm-10:30pm / www.northmoortrust.co.uk / 407792 / Hill Farm, Little Wittenham, Abingdon, OX14 4QZ

**CAPOEIRA REGIONAL CLASSES** / Exciting Afro-Brazilian martial art. Adult class. / 8 - 9.30pm, £5 (£7 non-members) / www.abolicao.co.uk / 428404 / Oxford Brookes University Sports Campus

**PAINTING & DRAWING CLASSES** / Regular classes in a range of materials to suit you. / 6.30pm - 9.30pm / www.lisajayne.uk.com / 01608 677558 / The Stables, Radford, near Enstone, Chipping Norton, OX7 4EB

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**ANANDA YOGA** / Tibetan yoga, beginners and mixed ability. / 11am - 12pm, £6 (£5) drop in / Emilia, 07776 092373 / Oxford Brookes Sports Centre, Cheney Lane

**CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART** / Creativity in Art for 5-8 year olds & 8 years+ / 4.15pm - 5.30pm / www.lisajayne.uk.com / 01608 677558 / Lisa Jayne Art Studio, Radford, Near Enstone, Chipping Norton, OX7 4EB

**SAHAJA YOGA MEDITATION** / Relax, destress and Know your Inner Self. / 7pm, free / www.sahajayoga.org.uk / 01235 550654 / Asian Cultural Centre, Manzil Way, Off Cowley Road, OX4 1GH

## MEETINGS & LECTURES

### Tue 19th

**CLIMATE CHANGE & HOUSING** / Dr Mark Hinnells / Housing Seminars / 1pm-2.30pm / events@socres.ox.ac.uk / Nuffield College, New Rd

**IRISH LANGUAGE GROUP** / Informal group for those who would like to meet up to speak Irish. / 8.00pm to 10.00pm free / Half Moon Public House, St Clements

**OXFORD CITY AMNESTY GROUP** / Interactive talk on sexual abuse and human rights / 7.15pm Free! / http://oxfordcity.amnesty.org.uk/index.asp / 483490 / Oxford Town Hall, 109-113 St Aldate's

**IS WESTERN PHILOSOPHY COMPATIBLE WITH JUDAISM?** / Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz / 8pm, free; RSVP / www.oxfordchabad.org / 204757 / David Slager Centre, 61 George St

**ANDY WARHOL, JOHN CAGE AND LIMINALITY** / Faculty of Music Graduate Students Colloquia / 5.15pm. Free entry / Denis Arnold Hall, Faculty of Music, St Aldates / 276141

**HAUSSMANN'S PARIS & THE IMPRESSIONISTS: ON THE BANKS OF THE SEINE, BEYOND THE CITY WALLS** / Dr Claire I R O'Mahony. Last of six lectures, each exploring a Parisian wonder. / 10.30am-12pm. From £98 (for the series) / www.conted.ox.ac.uk / Rewley House, 1 Wellington Square / 270380

**INVESTIGATING THE CAUSES AND PREVENTION OF TYPE 2 DIABETES** / Professor Nick Wareham / 1-2pm / Richard Doll Building, Old Road Campus, Headington, OX3 7LF

**FORMULA STUDENT RACING** / A presentation by Brunel University / Royal Aeronautical Society / 6.30 for 7pm (no charge) / Begbroke Science Park, Yarnton, OX5 1PF

**CAN CHINA CONTINUE TO ENJOY RAPID GROWTH WITH FLAWED INSTITUTIONS?** / Professor Thomas Rawski / 5pm / Maplethorpe Seminar Room, St Hugh's College

**VIRTUAL WORLDS: ROUTES AND DESTINATIONS** / Professor Richard Heeks / 5pm / Regent's Park College, Pusey St / 288120

**THE 1990S IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE. A GOLDEN AGE FOR ASYLUM SEEKING IN EUROPE?** / Irial Glynn (Visiting Study Fellow, RSC) / 1pm / Dept of International Development, Queen Elizabeth House, 3 Mansfield Road, OX1 3TB / 281800

**BOOK LAUNCH** / Moving Out of Poverty: Success from the Bottom Up / 4pm. Free (RSVP) / ophi@qeh.ox.ac.uk / 271528 / Department of International Development, Queen Elizabeth House, 3 Mansfield Rd, OX1 3TB / 281800

**PROVINCIALISING WESTPHALIA: THE STUDY OF GLOBAL INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY IN THE 21ST CENTURY** / Prof. Andrew Hurrell / 5pm / Examination Schools, High St

**DEUTSCHSPRACHIGER STAMMTISCH** / Speak German, play games and do all kinds of activities / 8:30pm, free / The Anchor Pub, corner Polstead Rd/Kingston Rd

**BEYOND HUMANITY? THE ETHICS OF BIOMEDICAL ENHANCEMENT** / Allen Buchanan / 4.30 - 6.30pm, free / 286888 / Martin Wood Theatre, Parks Rd /305305

### Wed 20th

**THE CORNER** / Community hub for 50+. Café, activities etc. / Age Concern Oxon / 10am, lunch 12pm / 07920 576385 / East Oxford Community Centre, 44b Princes St, OX4 1DD

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**PROF. SIR DAVID KING** / Director of the Smith School of Enterprise / 8pm-9pm / Inorganic Chemistry Building, South Parks Rd, OX1 3QR

**RETHINKING GENDER IN THE 21ST CENTURY: MASCULINITIES, WELL-BEING & HEALTH** / 'The Sexual Diary as a Tool for Mapping Gay Men's Detailed Sexual Behaviour' & 'Masculine Capital and Health-related Behaviour' / 5pm. Free / Dahrendorf Room, St Antony's College, Woodstock Road

**DAVID PATTERSON SEMINAR** / Beth Kaplan: The Life and Legacy of Jacob Gordin / 8pm free / www.ochjs.ac.uk / 377946 ext 126 / Yarnton Manor, Yarnton OX5 1PY /377946

**SCIENCE INC: BIOFUELS** / Exploring the science, business, & ethical issues of biofuels. / 7.30 pm, £3 /SO Friends Free / www.scienceoxfordlive.com / 810016 / Science Oxford Live

**4 MILE WALK** / IVC Social Events Club / 6.45pm / www.oxfordshireivc.org.uk / 516239 and 01635 578215 / from Boar's Head, Ardington

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## BOOK REVIEW

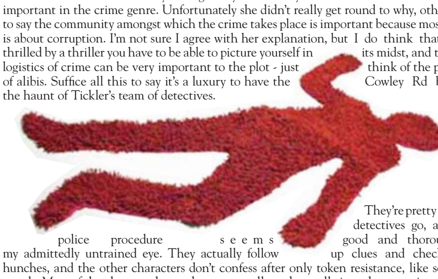
# BLOOD ON THE COWLEY ROAD

***A tale of murder, foul deeds & Oxford United, by Peter Tickler***

Hale Books, £18.99, hardback (224 pages). ISBN 978-0-7090-8717-5

I can't resist a detective story, particularly when it's set right on Daily Info's front doorstep. Thus it was with glee I dived into Peter Tickler's debut novel, *Blood on the Cowley Road*. Most of the action takes place around Grandpont, Iffley village, Kassam Stadium and the High, and it's so well-rooted in this location that I couldn't quite believe the site of some of the most critical action didn't really exist.

Donna Leon asserted forcefully during this year's literary festival that location was terribly important in the crime genre. Unfortunately she didn't really get round to why, other than to say the community amongst which the crime takes place is important because most crime is about corruption. I'm not sure I agree with her explanation, but I do think that to be thrilled by a thriller you have to be able to picture yourself in its midst, and that the logistics of crime can be very important to the plot - just think of the problem of alibis. Suffice all this to say it's a luxury to have the Cowley Rd become the haunt of Tickler's team of detectives.



They're pretty good as detectives go, and the police procedure seems good and thorough to my admittedly untrained eye. They actually follow up clues and check their hunches, and the other characters don't confess after only token resistance, like so many novels. Most of the clues are dropped very naturally and casually into the narrative, and are hidden mainly by the fact they don't seem important at the time. Plot twists and revelations happen at a decent pace and without too many hairpin bends.

I was more convinced by the male characters than the female, but both genders of police have enough depth to hold your interest. They avoid the clichés of too much baggage or intrusive private lives. Nearly all the bit players are cold-blooded, obstructive and unpleasant, but maybe that's because we see them mostly through the eyes of the police. Having said that, the next largest group after the police is of people with mental health issues of one sort or another, and I was impressed at how sensitively this is dealt with. It's not what you expect from pulp fiction, but these characters are portrayed as people with quirks, not as mental disabilities with legs.

Influences (or at least resonances) I picked out included the police hierarchies of Reginald Hill's *Dalziel and Pascoe*, DI Susan Holden's overbearing Mother (hints of Sue Rodwell's *Odd Body* series), and a body count reminiscent of *Midsomer Murders*. I'd say *Blood on the Cowley Road* (doesn't it sound plausible...) takes its place neatly in the canon of detective fiction, and I look forward to the sequels, that is if there are any residents left in East Oxford...

**Jen Pawsey**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