

Legacy

Sometimes good intentions aren't enough

Jim Napier

There were three legacies in Sally Beck's brief life. The first was her grandmother's bequest, which allowed Sally to attend an elite girls' school. That was followed by the second, a life-changing event she experienced while a student there. The final legacy was due to Sally's chance encounter, years later, with someone from her past which set in motion a chain of violence no one could have foreseen.

When a young woman killed in London traffic is found to be carrying no identification, Detective Inspector Colin McDermott is assigned to track her down so her family can be notified. He soon discovers that she had a dual identity, concealing a very private life, and when her trail leads back to Colin McDermott's own Alma Mater, it falls to the detective to determine whether her death was an accident or murder – and whether an old friend and mentor is involved.

**From Britain, Canada, America and Australia comes
Advance Praise for Legacy**

“A classic British whodunit, reminiscent of the Golden Age. Napier depicts the bitter political rivalry of academia, and writes with dry wit and crisp dialogue.”

Cath Staincliffe, award-winning and bestselling author of the *Scott and Bailey* and the *Blue Murder* tales, both televised

“Napier draws readers straight into the intrigue.”

Peter James, Cartier Diamond Dagger-winning author of the bestselling *Superintendent Roy Grace* novels

“A hint of Colin Dexter in the air...Napier[s] sly humor makes Inspector McDermott a very warm and likeable protagonist.”

Phyllis Smallman, multiple award-winning author of the Sherry Travis mystery series and the *Singer Brown* mystery series

“If you like Dalgleish, you’ll love Inspector Colin McDermott, an unflappable, stoic Brit with a warm heart and a professional’s eye. Napier’s London is 21st-century cosmopolitan, while his St. Gregory’s College is an amiable throwback to the cloistered world of eccentric—and perhaps deadly—academics. Rich, textured, atmospheric writing with sensitively rendered three-dimensional characters that keep you turning the pages. The writing is first rate.”

Eric Brown, author of the Arthur Ellis Award finalist *Almost Criminal*

“Very well written, the English setting and the characters utterly believable. Colin McDermott is a most attractive character, the kind of man you always want to know.”

Maureen Jennings, award-winning author of *The Murdoch Mysteries* and originator of *Bomb Girls*, both filmed for television

“A carefully crafted police procedural, with characters whose voices stay in the memory.”

Michael Rose, author of *Interpol Confidential*

“Addictive reading. The story draws you in and keeps you hooked till the ending you never saw coming. Set in the dysfunctional halls of British academia, Napier nails it with a great story [and] wonderfully compelling characters that stay with you long after the book is finished.”

Peter Kirby, winner of the Arthur Ellis Award for Best Novel of 2016 for *Open Season*

Legacy will be published in the Spring of 2017 by Friesen Press, and will be distributed in North America by Ingram. It will be available in hardbound, trade paperback, and ebook editions through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Chapters, the Apple iBookstore, Amazon Kindle, Google Play Bookstore, the Nook Store, and Kobo.

About the Author

After a successful academic career at the college and university levels which included teaching both crime fiction and creative writing, Jim Napier turned to writing full time. Since then he has published nearly five hundred reviews, interviews, and articles about crime writers, both in print and on multiple Internet sites. In 2011 he contributed to an anthology on the craft of crime writing titled *Now Write! Mysteries*, published by Tarcher/Penguin. *Legacy* is his first crime novel; the sequel, *Ridley’s War*, is nearing completion.

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