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Author Spotlight: Robert Crais

A good mystery story can easily blur the lines to suspense and thriller in the blink of an eye

But with the right author, everything flows together nicely. Most readers don't even realize the story read has changed genres throughout.

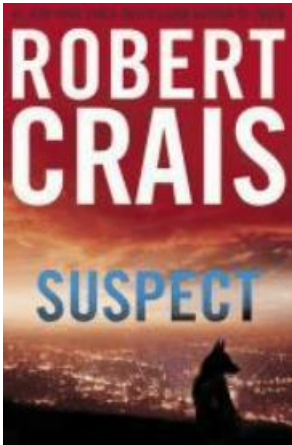
Note: Perhaps once you reach the end of the book and give it a thoughtful review, you will notice the genre transition.

Author Robert Crais does a great job of using what I call The Switch. The story moves with the right amount of movement. Officer Scott James is fighting mental and physical health issues after losing his partner while trying to solve a murder. Oh, and he knows that if anyone takes a good look and sees how damaged he is, he'll get his early retirement papers so playing it cool is the game.

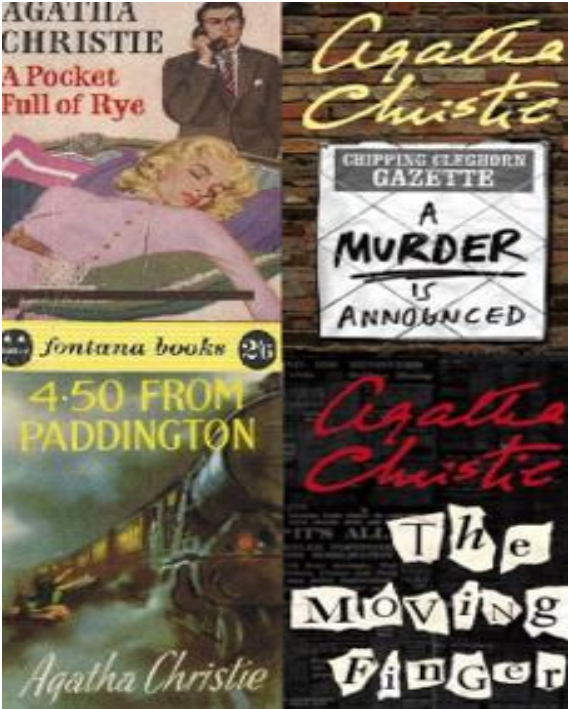
Add a pup in the mix with her own PTSD issues from the loss of her handler in the military and it makes for an awesome story ride.

If you are a mystery fan who likes all the feels of a suspenseful story that keeps you turning the page, check out *Suspect* by Robert Crais.

P.S. If you fall in love with the characters Maggie and Scott in *Suspect*, they show up again in *The Promise* to lend a hand in another twister of a mystery. This double-digit series features private investigators *Elvis Cole* and *Joe Pike*.



[Suspect \(Scott James & Maggie, #1\) by Robert Crais | Goodreads](#)



It feels like a great month to solve a puzzle

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Mystery/Detective Month

Everyone defaults to horror when October rolls around, but that's not the only genre writers acknowledge for the month.

With the reboot of *Matlock* coming out soon starring Kathy Bates, it's the perfect time to rediscover a favorite theme of mine- Mystery/Detective.

I want to thank my parents for introducing me to shows like *Columbo*, *Sherlock Holmes*, *Hill St. Blues*, *Murder She Wrote*, and *Matlock* because those kept my brain cranking.

Note: I'm a big fan of a 'whodunit' story.

So, while I wrap up my Hallmark Channel *Crossword Mysteries* series, I think about the next book I want to read.

I want to see these ingredients in the writing recipe: A crime, a detective, clues and diversions, and a climatic finish.

I have enough Kindle Unlimited credits to find what I'm looking for because, unfortunately, I'm not ready to read any of Mom's awesome reading collection yet.

What's a favorite mystery book or movie of yours? Is it cozy or one of those borderline creepy deals? Since it is October, there's a ton of that happening on most streaming services.

Book Update

I'm still in search of volunteer Beta Readers to read my draft before I go into my final reviews and print a proof copy. If anyone is interested, please email me at inspire@fantabulouswords.com and I can provide more details.

**My next pop-up event will be in November so you can check out my website for specific dates.

Until next time! 😊

Word Of The Month
mendacious

www.worddaily.com

Adjective: not telling the truth; lying.
Example: The first witness was mendacious, but the truth came out eventually.

Scoop Of The Month
31 more days

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It's almost NaNoWriMo time and I'm so excited. I can't decide if I will finish these edits or write another draft for a new story to have ready. Hmmm.

Nerd Alert
My Cup of Tea

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In 2014, Saudia Arabia broke a world record by making a 500lb, 2.56 oz tea bag with their company, Rabea Tea. They also broke the record for brewing the largest cup of hot tea. It was 11,604.28 gallons! **I'M IN HEAVEN.** ☺