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Death (and Lunch) in Venice

Venice is a magical city, the site of a great deal of history and the setting for perhaps even more great fiction. Its graceful bridges and romantic waterways, labyrinthian streets and ancient architecture provide the backdrop for one of the most humble and domestic of modern detectives—Donna Leone's Guido Brunetti, who —between murders and abductions, official corruption and Italian bureaucracy—always solves the mystery and often gets home for lunch.

Featured This Month:

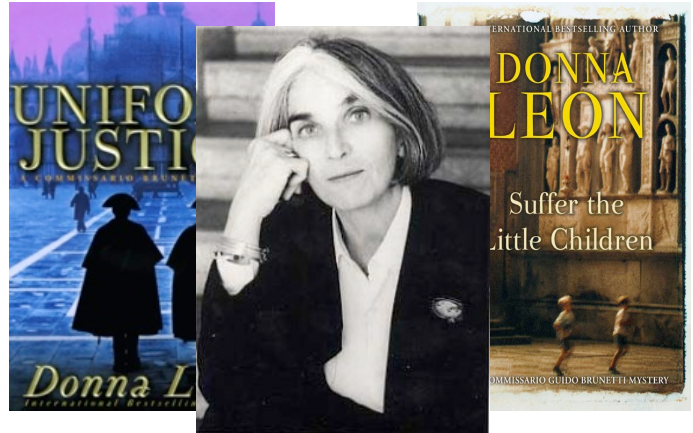
The Guido Brunetti Detective series by Donna Leon

Donna Leon has enhanced the natural attractions of the police procedural--intrigue and suspense—with elements of Italian style and charm. Chief among them is her protagonist, Commisario Guido Brunetti. The antithesis of the hard-boiled detective, Guido is in many ways your decent ordinary Everyman, married to Paola, a university professor from a noble family, and blessed with two adored and active teenage children. Yet his work life often pits him against much darker scenarios.

In *Suffer the Little Children*, a case of police brutality gradually morphs into an investigation of illegal adoption and merges with a second plot involving fraud and corruption in the relationship between doctors and pharmacists.

Uniform Justice begins with the apparent suicide of a young cadet in an exclusive military academy, a death that looks more and more like murder to Brunetti, especially as he investigates around the father of the deceased boy, a politician who has dared to challenge the military procurement system.

Often Brunetti's problems are not just the criminals and the clues, but the system—bureaucracy, complacency, and corruption --frequently personified in his boss, the vain, ineffectual Vice - Questore



Giuseppe Patta. But Brunetti also has his allies—the secretary cum-computer wizard, Signorina Electra, and his steadfast, practical sergeant, Vianello.

Though Brunetti is always a man of conscience, the endings of his investigations, while revealing the mystery, are not typically “justice done.” Leon often delivers poetic justice or a dose of realism, but as long as her hero stops for an espresso, pops a bottle of prosecco, or lingers over Paola's ravioli di zuccha, the reader feels, no matter, that all's right with Brunetti's world.

Review by Mary Anne Ciancia

Library Board Notes

The Annual Meeting of the HCL was held on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at the Community Center. Minutes of the meeting will be available in the Library.

Bookmobile: Wednesday, February 17

Hillsboro: 1:00 – 2:00pm Kingston: 2:30-3:30pm

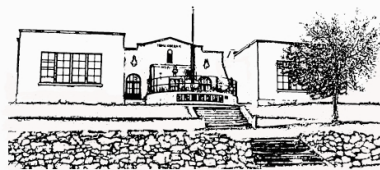
Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed

Tues. 4:00 – 6:00pm Wed. 1:00 – 4:00pm

Thurs: 4:00–6:00pm Fri: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Saturday 10:00am–2:00pm



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New at the Library

Non Fiction

Borderman: Memoirs of Federico Jose Maria Ronstadt, edited by Edward F. Ronstadt
The Dark Side by Jane Mayer
The Map that Changed the World by S. Winchester
The Wordy Shipmates by Sarah Vowell
We Fed Them Cactus by F. Cabeza de Baca Gilbert
The Beauty of Straw Bale Homes by Athena Steen
The Sun Inspired House by Debra Coleman
The Passive Solar House by James Kachadorian
14 Families Inn Pueblo Pottery by R. Dillingham
American Sphinx- the character of Thomas Jefferson by Joseph Ellis
Things I Overheard While Talking to Myself and Never Have Your Dog Stuffed by Alan Alda
Cabeza de Vaca's Adventures in the Unknown Interior of America by de Vaca
Navajo Trading- the end of an era by W. Powers
Four & Twenty Photographs by Craig Varjabedian
Ghost Ranch and the Faraway Nearby by Craig Varjabedian
Straw Bale Home Plans by Wayne Bingham
Natural Timber Frame Homes by W. Bingham
Building Green by Clarke Snell
Emotional Intelligence by Daniel Goleman
70 Common Cacti of the Southwest by P. Fischer
Indians of New Mexico compiled by K. Roberts
79 Trout Streams of New Mexico by Raymond Shewnack
The Medici Giraffe & Other Tales of the Exotic Animals and Power by Marina Belozerskaya
The Four Agreements by Don Ruiz
Practical Spoken Spanish by F. M. Kercheville
Mormonism Unveiled by John Lee
Justice Betrayed-A Double Killing in Old Santa Fe by Ralph Melnick
Jews in New Mexico Since WW II by H. Tobias
A Big Little Life- Memoir of a Joyful Dog by Dean Koontz

Mystery

Lavender Lies by Susan Albert
Mistletoe Man by Susan Albert
Rosemary Remembered by Susan Albert
Witches' Bane by Susan Albert
Love Lies Bleeding by Susan Wittig Albert
Rueful Death by Susan Wittig Albert
Thyme of Death by Susan Wittig Albert
Free Fire by C. J. Box

Juvenile Fiction

Rabbit and the Fingerbone Necklace and Rabbit Plants the Forest by Deborah Duvall
Teddy's Cattle Drive by Marc Simmons
Millie Cooper's Ride by Marc Simmons
Jose's Buffalo Hunt by Marc Simmons
Juan and the Jackalope by Rudolfo Anaya

Fiction

Kafka on the Shore by Haruki Murakami
The Five People You Meet in Heaven by M. Alborn
Dancer by Colum McCann
This Side of Brightness by Colum McCann
Handle with Care by Jodi Picoult
Mercy by Jodi Picoult
The Other Queen by Phillipa Gregory
The Queen's Fool by Phillipa Gregory
The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield

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