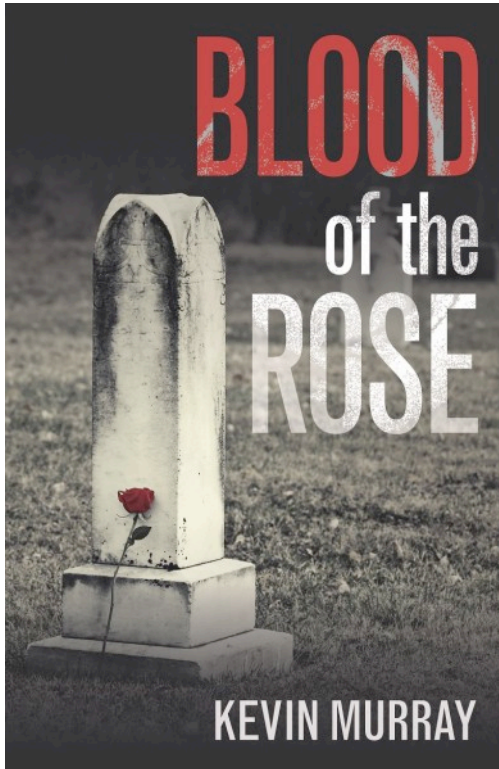


# Blood of the Rose

Kevin Murray

## Classic Crime Novel Exposes Troubled Relationship Between Police & Press.



Masterfully crafted by Kevin Murray, a former crime reporter, 'Blood of the Rose' calls on decades of experience to uncover many crime-related issues that are rarely portrayed in fiction. From the rocky relationship between the police and the press, through to a gripping examination of how violent crime changes relationships, Murray bares all in a classic-styled crime novel that's frighteningly close to reality.

Having covered dozens of violent cases during his career as a crime reporter in South Africa, Kevin Murray has become incredibly close to all sides of murder. From the motives that drive the accused, through to how their actions change the lives of victims' families forever, each case has now also become vital preparatory work for a chilling and insightful new crime novel.

**'Blood of the Rose' will leave readers on the edge of their seats as its classic, page-turning style blends with up-close-and-personal detail and insider information that most crime novelists simply can't provide.**

Synopsis:

London, 1986. A newspaper editor is horrifically murdered, his death quickly followed by a series of more brutal, and often bizarre, slayings. The police are baffled, the only clear link between the murders being a single blood red rose left at the scene of every killing. Why? What does the rose mean? What connects the killer to each bloody corpse?

Scotland Yard detective Alan Winters leads a hunt for the elusive prey. As the body count rises, Jennifer Chapman, renowned investigative journalist and daughter of the murdered newspaper editor, sets out on a personal quest for revenge. Drawn together in their pursuit of a deadly quarry, Winters and Jennifer unwittingly face a fatal surprise, for the killer is closer than they think. As they close in on the truth of the blood red rose, their unseen foe plots a shattering end to his reign of terror, and death awaits them all....

*“As a reporter I worked alongside the Police extensively, and the relationship between the two institutions is less than easy,” admits Murray. “That’s why I created a blossoming love interest between the case’s lead investigator and a beautiful journalist; to explore just how this relationship changes when things get personal.”*

*Continuing, “It’s also set in the 1980s so that the focus can be placed on grassroots investigative work – rather than technology. With London as its playground, readers will travel across the city to many landmarks and places they’ve visited in reality. I love to blur the lines between fact and fiction.”*

While it has attracted many positive reviews, Murray’s ability to add to the suspense through character development has drawn specific praise. For example, R. Huckstep comments, **“Tremendous first novel from Mr Murray. Loved the detailed build-up of the characters as the story unfolds. Loved it!”**

**Fans of classic crime fiction are urged to purchase their copies as soon as possible.**

‘Blood of the Rose’, published by Urbane, is available now.

Amazon: <http://amzn.to/1yJ57pH>.

Publisher’s official website: <http://urbanepublications.com/shop>.

#### **About the Author:**

**KEVIN MURRAY** began his writing career 40 years ago, working on The Star, Johannesburg's biggest daily newspaper. He soon became Chief Crime Reporter in what was considered to be the crime capital of the world. He once achieved a record of more than 30 consecutive days of front-page crime stories, including an aircraft hijacking, several murders, numerous armed robberies and even drug-related gang wars. Since then, his successful career has spanned magazine publishing, public relations and strategic communications. Being a storyteller is his craft. He has written two bestselling business books on leadership and has a cupboard full of ideas for the next novel. You can follow him on twitter @kevinmurray and he is currently chair of <http://www.goodrelationsgroup.com/>



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