

## **More Surfing for Mystery Writers — The Noose, issue of January 2008**

Punch in “mystery writer” to Google and you’ll get 308,000+ website listings. Each month, I present a tiny selection of the ones that I like.

### **[dartmouth.edu/~gidemko/off\\_beaten\\_track.htm](http://dartmouth.edu/~gidemko/off_beaten_track.htm)**

George J. Demko is Dartmouth College prof and an enthusiastic devotee of mystery fiction. He’s especially knowledgeable about mysteries set in international locations including Japan, China, Cuba, Mexico, Russia, Sweden, and more. George is writing a book entitled *Landscapes of Murder: The Locus Operandi of Crime Fiction*.

I devour foreign mysteries and in particular those of Scandinavian writers like Henning Mankell and Arnaldur Indridason. Demko’s intelligent compilation saves lazy people like me from having to search hard.

### **[MysteriousBookshop.com](http://MysteriousBookshop.com)**

Otto Penzler’s site, where the famous mystery editor, promoter and connoisseur and his team review books that readers may enjoy (and purchase). Penzler eats, dreams and writes about mystery, so you know this is a refined, discerning palate. Staff picks are fun to read and there’s a monthly newsletter. Learn about book-collecting clubs and find out about live events at their Tribeca store at 58 Warren St, as you plan to make your homage visit.

### **[mysteryreaders.org/editor.html](http://mysteryreaders.org/editor.html)**

Another great organization, this is the online home of the Macavity awards as well as The Mystery Readers Journal, to which you can subscribe. Book reviews, author interviews and info about reading groups. Bookmark the site and be in touch with the universe.

### **[Clueless.com](http://Clueless.com)**

A site with a sense of humor. Erudite Tucson writer/publisher Kate Dene puts this site together, where you’ll find good recent reviews in their Bloodstained Bookshelf, by month. Good listing of individual author’s websites and biographical info, assembled by Dave Robeson.

### **sleuthofbakerstreet.com**

Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year in business, the bricks and mortar bookstore, “Sleuth of Baker Street” is located in Toronto. J.D. Singh and Marian Misters run the shop and you can feel the love. Their funky, eclectic newsletter, The Merchant of Menace has a wonderful homemade thoroughness. They ask you to buy \$100 worth of books a year from them to offset costs. You can read back issues here for free. I would like to pet their cat.

### **mysterywriters.org**

Of course this is the MWA’s site and as you’d expect it contains a tremendous depth of information. I like to go directly to **Resources** and then **Links** and then browse around. They did all the work. Where else would I find this stuff?

### **Courtv.com** is now **cnn.com/crime**

One of the characteristics of the web is that things can change overnight.

A favorite site has mutated: Court TV’s website has been subsumed by CNN Crime and now looks...um...somewhat meager. The new channel, TruTV, hosts nothing but “reality” programming, some of which is crime-related. Let’s see what transpires.

Next month: **Blogs** that are consistently strong. As we keep surfing, keep your *sex wax* handy (gratuitous reference to the non-slip wax that real surfers rub on their boards).

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