

MURDER AT FROG'S HOLLOW

KAREN THURECHT

FROM AWARD NOMINATED BEST-SELLING BRISBANE AUTHOR COMES ANOTHER INSTANT MYSTERY CLASSIC...

It's 1886 when Dr Hamish Hart is asked to examine the body of a Chinese businessman found murdered in a Brisbane factory.

Hamish recognizes the deceased as the uncle of his childhood friend and makes a commitment to his friend find the person responsible.

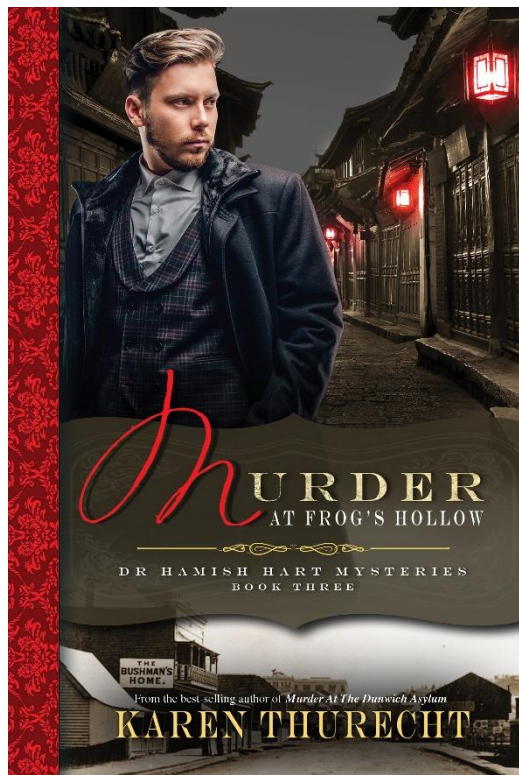
The investigation takes Hamish deep into the secrets of Frog's Hollow, a smoky world of gambling houses, opium dens and prostitution.

Hamish is forced to navigate a complex array of kinship obligations and family debts to reveal the ultimate truth which he seeks.

He is desperate to help his old friend – but can either of them handle the real truth?

"Karen is a master in her genre and this book is the evidence of her confidence and poise for the story and the characters she makes us all love...brilliant and absorbing...marvellous read!" Tabitha, Indie Book Reviewer

"Karen Thurecht has done it again with a captivating and engrossing mystery set in a detailed period of Australian history and culture...her attention to detail and thought-provoking characters blended with her tapestry of plot is exceptional...brilliant..." Thomas, Indiebook reviewer



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Dr Karen Thurecht has a PhD in medical anthropology and a lifelong interest in cultural belief systems relating to health and medicine. Karen has taught cultural history at the University of Queensland Medical School and the Griffith University Medical School, and supervised Masters and PhD students in Public Health across the country. Karen has previously published two non-fiction books, one relating to women's health and the other about our need to understand our lives through story. Karen lives on North Stradbroke Island with her husband and is working on a murder mystery series set in Queensland in the 1880's, involving an eager young doctor, Hamish Hart.

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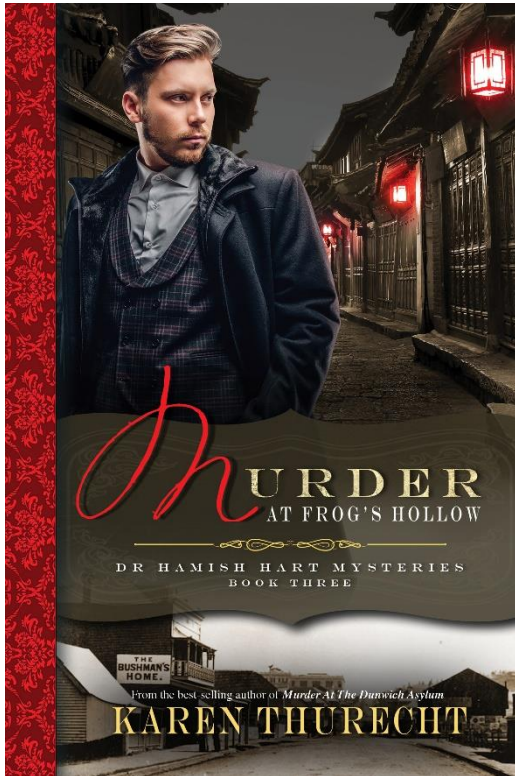
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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHY DID YOU WRITE THE 'DR HAMISH HART MYSTERIES' SERIES? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

My concept for the series is that each book will focus on a location and an element of social/cultural inequity. I have a passionate interest in decolonising Australia's history and bringing past injustices into the light in story form. The cosy murder mystery is a less confronting medium than others and offers the opportunity to present a narrative that enlightens as it entertains. Besides, I love a murder mystery.

HOW HAD YOU DECIDED ON THE BEST CHARACTERS FOR THE BOOK?

My characters tend to evolve with the setting and the cultural/historical theme. They appear and start playing with me. Once they take shape, they are with me forever. Characters from previous books are like work friends I may have temporarily lost touch with, but they are still out there getting on with their lives and I think about them a lot.

DO YOU HEAR FROM YOUR READERS MUCH? WHAT KINDS OF THINGS DO THEY SAY?

I hear from readers on-line and in person sometimes. They are usually excited about how much historical detail they learned from the books. Because my books are set in specific locations that are historically accurate, readers say they love to learn about local areas they know.

WHAT LITERARY PILGRIMAGES HAVE YOU GONE ON?

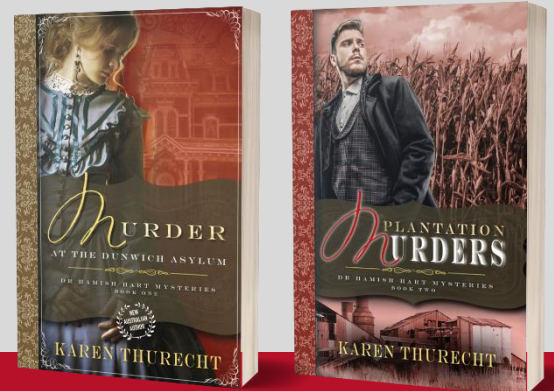
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