

## *Crime in Wartime*

### **James Benn - [Billy Boyle, a WWII mystery](#) (BEN)**

A 22-year-old Irish American cop thinks he's avoiding military service by becoming a general's staff member, but the general turns out to be Dwight D. Eisenhower. Dispatched as an investigator, Billy searches for a German spy amongst the exiled Norwegian government. First in the "Billy Boyle" series.

### **Robert Olen Butler – [The Hot Country](#) (BUT)**

World War I is in full swing. Germany has allied itself with the Ottoman Empire, persuading the caliphs of Turkey to declare a jihad on the British as President Wilson hesitates to enter the fray. War correspondent and American spy Christopher Marlowe Cobb is following a possible secret service agent believed to possess vital information. Aboard the Lusitania on its fateful voyage, Cobb becomes smitten with famed actress Selene Bourgani. Soon Cobb realizes that this actress is anything but, as she harbors secrets that could pour gasoline on the already raging conflict. First in a series.

### **David Downing – [Jack of Spies](#) (DOW)**

It is 1913, and it is obvious that the world is teetering on the brink of war. Jack McColl, a Scottish car salesman with an ear for languages, has always hoped to make a job for himself as a spy. As his sales calls take him from city to great city, he moonlights collecting intelligence for His Majesty's Navy, but British espionage is in its infancy and Jack has nothing but a shoestring budget and the very tenuous protection of a boss in far-away London. He knows, though, that a geopolitical catastrophe is brewing, and now is both the moment to prove himself and the moment his country needs him most. First in a series.

### **David Downing – [Zoo Station](#) (DOW)**

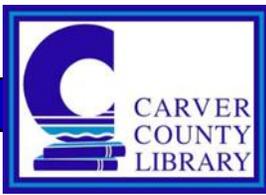
By 1939, journalist John Russell has spent over a decade in Berlin. He writes human-interest pieces for British and American papers, avoiding the investigative journalism that could get him deported. But as World War II approaches, he faces having to leave both his son and his girlfriend. When an acquaintance from his old communist days approaches him to do some work for the Soviets, Russell is reluctant, but he is unable to resist the offer. When the British and the Nazis notice his involvement with the Soviets, Russell is dragged into the murky world of warring intelligence services. First in a series.

### **Robert Goddard – [The Ways of the World](#) (GOD)**

Spring 1919. Paris is filled with delegates from around the world who are trying to hammer out the terms of peace, among them British diplomat Sir Henry Maxted, in charge of liaising with the Brazilians regarding seized ships. But before a deal is reached, Sir Henry turns up dead, apparently having fallen from the roof. His sons Max and Ashley are sent to Paris to collect the body, and it quickly becomes clear that the theory the French police have put forward is flawed. But since the murder of a diplomat could be disastrous for the peace conference, no one is keen to ask questions--except Max. First in a series.

### **Phillip Kerr - [March Violets](#) (KER)**

When private investigator Bernie Gunther agrees to track down some stolen jewels, his search takes him down the dangerous streets of pre-World War 2 Berlin and into the path of the most influential players



in Nazi Germany... Wisecracking cop turned private investigator Bernie Gunther specializes in missing persons, and as the Third Reich's power has grown, Bernie has become a very busy man. But as he takes on cases involving millionaire industrialists, stolen diamonds, and Hitler's most powerful cronies, Bernie finds himself mired in the brutality and corruption of a country on the brink of war. First in the "Bernie Gunther" series.

**Susan Elia MacNeal - [\*Mr. Churchill's Secretary\*](#) (MAC)**

London, 1940. Winston Churchill has just been sworn in, war rages across the Channel, and the threat of a Blitz looms larger by the day. But none of this deters Maggie Hope even though her gender qualifies her only to be the newest typist at No. 10 Downing Street. Her gifts for codebreaking, though, rival those of even the highest men in government, and Maggie finds that working for the prime minister affords her a level of clearance and opportunities she could never have imagined. First in the "Maggie Hope" series.

**Luke McCallin - [\*The Man From Berlin\*](#) (MCC)**

In war-torn Yugoslavia, a beautiful young filmmaker and photographer and a German officer have been brutally murdered. Assigned to the case is military intelligence officer Captain Gregor Reinhardt. Already haunted by his wartime actions and the mistakes he's made off the battlefield, he soon finds that his investigation may be more than just a murder--and that the late Yugoslavian heroine may have been much more brilliant and treacherous than anyone knew. First in the "Gregor Reinhardt" series.

**Ben Pastor - [\*Tin Sky\*](#) (PAS)**

Ukraine, 1943. Having barely escaped Stalingrad, Major Martin Bora is still serving on the Russian front as a German counterintelligence officer. As the Wehrmacht prepare for the Kursk counter-offensive, a Russian general defects aboard a t-34, the most advanced tank of the war. Soon he and another captured general are found dead in their cells. Everything appears to exclude the likelihood of foul play, but Bora begins an investigation in an attempt to solve a mystery that is much too close to home.

**Charles Todd - [\*A Duty to the Dead\*](#) (TOD)**

Charles Todd, author of the acclaimed Ian Rutledge crime novels, debuts an exceptional new protagonist, World War I nurse Bess Crawford. A gripping tale of perilous obligations and dark family secrets in the shadows of a nightmarish time of global conflict, *A Duty to the Dead* is rich in suspense, surprise, and the impeccable period atmosphere that has become a Charles Todd trademark. First in the "Bess Crawford" series.