

# BLOOD & INK

by **BRETT ADAMS**

## ABOUT THE BOOK

US exchange student Hieronymus Beck is Professor Jack Griffen's biggest fan. Why else would he inveigle himself into the English Literature course that Jack is running. And why else would he devote so much time to chatting with Jack after hours about the anatomy of crime fiction, the roles of heroes and villains, and his favourite true crime book of all time, *In Cold Blood*?

Everything changes when Jack Griffen picks up a list of five templates to murder written by Beck. Suddenly the Professor is plunged into a crime writer's fantasy – and the darkness of Beck's heart. The mild-mannered professor, who has never incurred anything more than a parking fine, finds himself in a deadly race to protect those he loves.

This debut pacy crime novel is for fans who love the crime genre, and novels about novels.

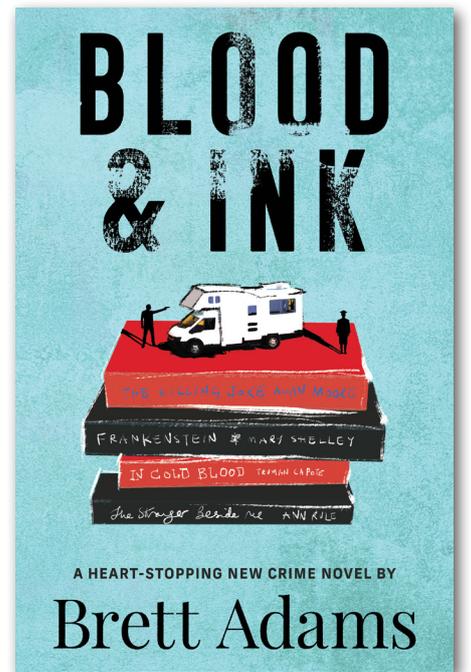
## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Brett Adams was raised in country Western Australia and lives in Perth. He has a PhD in Computer Science that taught him to love puzzles, and a family who taught him to love stories (or vice versa). He writes fiction across a range of genres, and has been known to plant an easter egg or two.



## NOTES

- *Blood & Ink* will appeal to readers who enjoyed novels like *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz or *The Grave Tattoo* by Val McDermid.
- The book begins in Australia but leaps across the globe – first to Hong Kong, then to England and then to the US on a sailboat. It is in the US that the true crime showdown will take place in Holcomb, Kansas – the same town where the Clutter family was murdered by Richard Hickock and Perry Smith in November 1959, and which led to Truman Capote's seminal work: *In Cold Blood*.



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