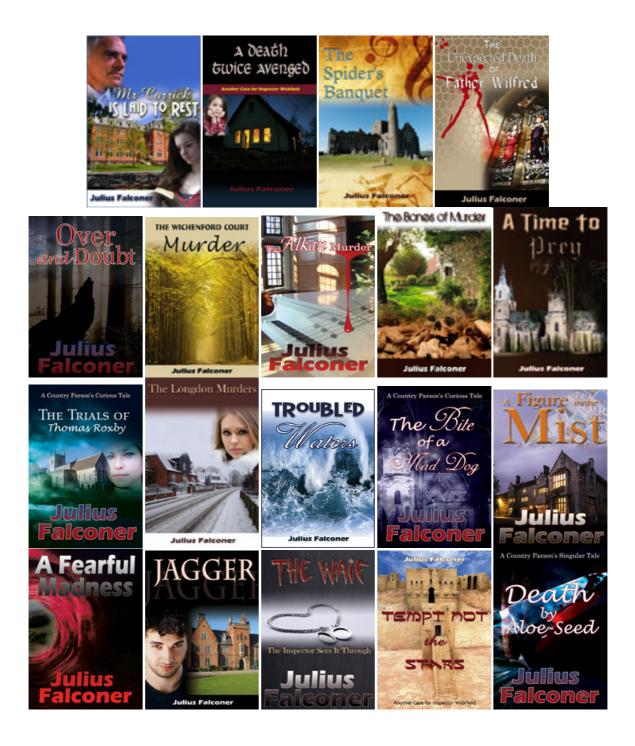


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### **About Julius Falconer**

Julius Falconer completed five enjoyable years of university studies abroad before working as a translator back in the UK. Thinking that he could earn more as a teacher, to fund his lavish life-style, he took a PGCE at Leeds University and duly turned to teaching. He slaved away at the chalk-face for twenty-six long years in both Cornwall and Scotland before retiring to grow cabbages in Yorkshire, where he still lives. His beloved wife of thirty-three years died in 2000. He has one daughter, married. In 2009, looking to fill his new-found leisure profitably(?), he started to write detective novels and is still happily scribbling away nineteen books later. He is a member of the Crime Writers' Association.

Title: The Spider's Banquet

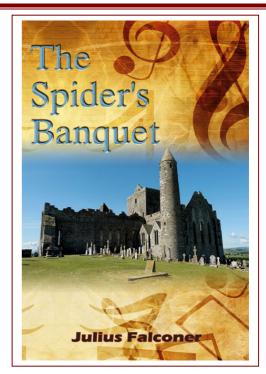
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# About the Book

# An intriguing murder mystery set in a Warwickshire monastery

A young woman goes to an isolated Warwickshire monastery to visit her brother, who is a monk there and she is never seen again. A search of the buildings and grounds finally reveals her body buried in a shallow grave in the monastery cemetery. The monks, however, have a cast-iron alibi: they were all in chapel at the time of her death. Then the abbot receives a mysterious telephone-call.

A man's voice threatens to hand evidence of the murder to the police – and so incriminate one of the monks - unless the monastery puts up for public auction its most treasured possession, a unique mediaeval manuscript, and donates the proceeds to charity. Is this blackmail or a hoax? As the events unfold, the inspector and his sergeant become less and less sure of what is fact and what is fiction, and the inspector begins to fear for his newly-won promotion. The case takes him to a castle in Italy, a town-house in southern France, a laboratory in Cambridge and the home of a professor of music outside Lincoln; but the solution arrives unexpectedly in his own sitting-room...

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In this stylish story written in the classic tradition of British detective fiction, the author intrigues, informs and entertains in equal measure.

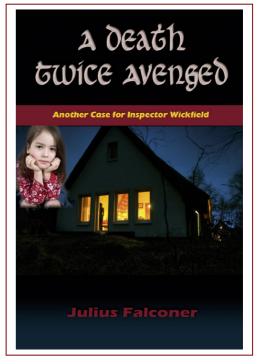
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## About the Book

# A delightfully teasing and ingenious plot

From the top of the stairs, a little girl of five overhears an argument in the sittingroom below, between her father and a late-night visitor. Frightened and uncertain she dared not descend the staircase but sat trembling at the top, unable to return to bed. Her father is killed. She did not see the killer and cannot remember clearly the content of the conversation, but she remembers the killer's voice.

Twenty years later she recognises the voice, identifies its owner and sets out to take her revenge. The first part of her plan succeeds, and her quarry goes to gaol for six months, but in putting into action the second part, she disappears. Her husband reports her missing, a search is instigated. The police authorities in Worcester believe that Inspector Wickfield is the best man for the job, but he seems to do nothing but stumble from one blind alley to another. His investigation leads him and his sergeant to interview a businessman in Spain, a dotty clergyman, a cashiered army major, a gushing hypnotherapist, a horsey countrywoman and a seedy cabinetmaker, in an attempt to unravel the sequence of events – oh, and there is an important interlude in Scotland - but enlightenment comes only when Wickfield's wife cracks a philosophical joke.

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Title: The Longdon Murders

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# The Longdon Murders



**Julius Falconer** 

# <u>About the Book</u>

# A detective fiction with an intricate and ingenious plot that will keep you guessing right till the end

On the night of a blizzard in January 1963, an elderly couple who live in a tiny Worcestershire village are summoned to their daughter's cottage two and a half miles away at Longdon, on urgent but unspecified business. When eventually they reach their daughter's cottage, exhausted and worried, they find it warm but empty.

Unable to face the journey back home that night, they prepare a simple meal for themselves preparatory to retiring to bed in their daughter's cottage. The following morning, the concerned neighbours find the couple still sitting at table, poisoned by a bottle of contaminated wine. A student is found to have been killed by the same rare poison in his London bed-sit within days of the Longdon murders.

Coincidence? Surely not! Inspector Wickfield is appointed to find out.

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Written in the classic tradition of British detective fiction, Julius Falconer entertains, informs and intrigues his readers in equal measure.

Title: The Unexpected Death of Father Wilfred

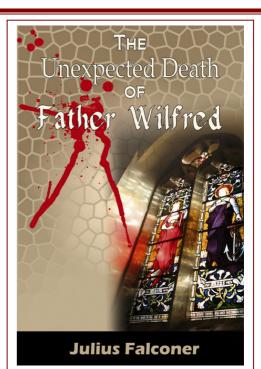
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About the Book

# A gripping detective murder mystery novel with an incredibly imaginative plot

One February evening in the year 1968, Fr Wilfred, the parish priest of the Sacred Heart Catholic church in Droitwich, tumbles out of his confessional, stabbed to death. His older sister demands the best detective in the force, and Stan Wickfield is appointed to the case. Unfortunately he cannot identify either the means or the motive of the murder, much less the perpetrator.

His investigation leads him through the highways and byways of tensions in the Catholic Church in the wake of the Second Vatican Council and brings him face to face with anti-Catholic sentiment in the local population.

Wickfield is at his wits' end until his wife's reading – a novella by Nicholas Montserrat – prods him towards a solution.

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Julius Falconer never fails to write serious and stimulating stories with humour, a wealth of researched detail and subtle plots.

Title: Mr Carrick is Laid To Rest Author: Julius Falconer

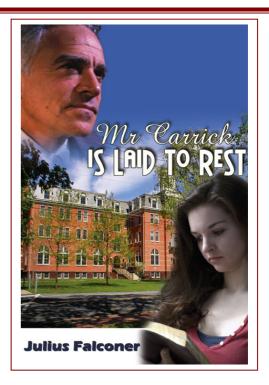
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# About the Book



# A detective thriller with a deft and thought-provoking plot

It is August 1974. A respected teacher at a private girls' school in rural Worcestershire, Adrian Carrick, physically attracted to one of the Sixth-Form leavers, discloses his feelings for her. Convinced that he has mishandled their final meeting, he writes her a letter of regret and then kills himself by leaping over the edge of a quarry. The coroner's verdict is suicide while the balance of his mind is disturbed. Not all is as it appears, however, and Inspector Wickfield is called in to take a look. His investigation leads him to Venice, where Carrick seemingly led a double life as the owner of an art gallery which acted as a base for international crime, to St.Gallen and Bologna, to Hereford and Birmingham, to Pershore and the suburbs of Worcester, without significant success. A second murder adds increasing urgency to the case.

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Title: The Bones of Murder

Author: Julius Falconer

Genre: Fiction: Thriller / suspense

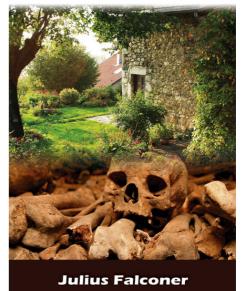
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# About the Book

# The Bones of Murder



# A gripping detective thriller

While renovating the derelict twelfth-century chapel attached to their new house in rural Worcestershire in 1972, Grace and Benjamin Hothersall uncover three skeletons, which have clearly been the victims of murder. When news of this reaches the newspapers, a series of anonymous letters and telephone-calls begins at the Hothersall residence. Clearly the murders are of not just historical interest, since someone very much alive seems determined to prevent further disclosures. Inspector Wickfield finds himself involved in a complex and baffling investigation, which embraces local witchcraft, a student of the cabala, abduction, a boy's curse, a hidden will, a stranger in Cornwall, death in a railway carriage – and a Latin textbook of 1563!

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A spine-tingling page-turner in which intelligent stimulation vies with sheer entertainment for pride of place!

 Title: A Time to Prey

 Author: Julius Falconer

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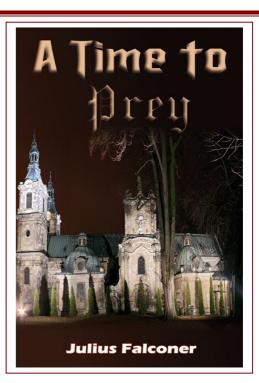
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# About the Book

# Follow the inspector if you dare – but hold on to your hats!

On the morning following the feast of St Giles, 1 September 1966, the Bishop of Worcester, the Right Reverend Giles Wyndham-Brookes, is found slumped and lifeless in his study at Hartlebury Castle, his official residence. The doors and windows are securely locked from the inside, and on his desk is a fifteenth-century book (in Middle French and Gothic script) which he could not read. He had seemingly tripped on an edge of carpet and hit his head on the fender; but there is a distinct whiff of murder in the air. The immediate suspects are the members of his household: his wife, the chaplain, the secretary, the housekeeper, his almoner and the archdeacon of Worcester. Others, including a woman found casting spells in the castle grounds, a young Italian lurking at night in the bishop's chapel and a suggested unknown late-night visitor, appear in the course of the investigation. Inspector Wickfield and his sergeant embark on a roller-coaster tour of the Anglican Church in a search for motive and for a cunning killer. There are forays into Naples, relics, assassination, locked-room mysteries, the cult of the saints, wicca and blue moons.

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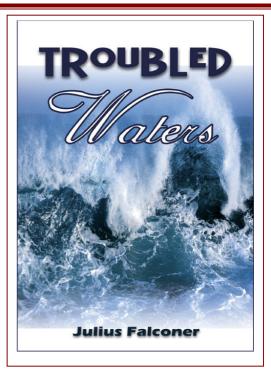
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# About the Book

# Take your time, enjoy the many detours and red herrings, the literary allusions, the religious and philosophical byways and much more...

Inspector Wickfield and Sergeant Hewitt find themselves caught up in a saga of murder, illicit money-making and racist thuggery. A young girl's body is found one morning on the banks of a canal. With help from a clairvoyant, the trail leads the investigating officers to London, and thence to Reading and Augsburg. They find themselves mixing with butchers, decorators, fashion retailers, dentists and the leisured rich, bargees, ex-cons and bilingual administrators, but the mythical and mysterious Zedler, who seems to hold all the threads in his hands, eludes them. Is he the moving force behind the British League, a right-wing political movement whose aim is to keep foreigners out of Britain? Is he the brains behind the counterfeiting operations? Is he the murderer? Wickfield finds out with a little help from his wife, who fortunately has a better insight into Robinson Crusoe than he does!

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Title: Tempt Not the Stars

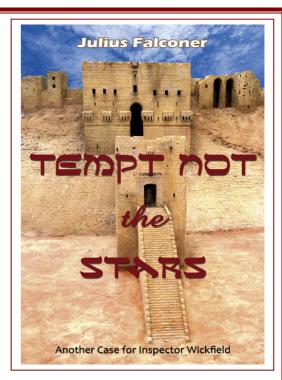
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# About the Book

# Julius Falconer's erudite and sophisticated stories are a byword for urbane and stylish entertainment, enjoy!

T he Hon. Mr and Mrs Bede Lambton, of Abberton Hall in Worcestershire, persuade their nephew Gregory to enter a competition run by the Syrian Ministry of Tourism. Gregory, a student in the archaeology department of Bristol University, produces a paper called 'The Syrian Sapphire', but it is a housemate of his, Sheena Morrison, who submits it in her own name and under a changed title, 'The Star of Syria'. The day after being told that her entry has won, Sheena is murdered. There appears to be nothing in Sheena's life or in the competition entry to justify such savage action. Inspector Wickfield and Sergeant Hewitt find themselves baffled by a seemingly motiveless murder. Had the killer mistaken his victim? Was the murder a burglary that had gone wrong? Had the recent theft in New York of the fabulous sapphire known as the Star of India anything to do with the case? You are invited to accompany Inspector Stan Wickfield and Sergeant Hewitt on their grim journey of discovery into the motivation of an astute and determined killer. You will be given every item of information accessible to the investigating team: are you clever enough to read the runes?

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Title: Jagger

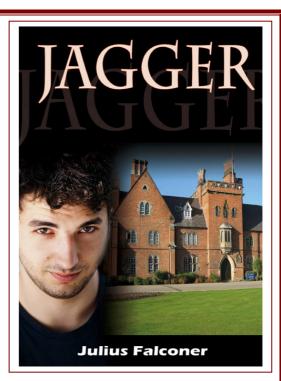
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# About the Book

# Intelligent stimulation vies with sheer entertainment for pride of place in this superb detective novel

Lionel Jagger, head of English at Mincliffe College in rural Worcestershire, is found dead in bed one morning, with his throat cut. Twenty-eight years old, erudite, talented, popular: an unlikely victim of murder. Inspector Wickfield and his assistant Sergeant Spooner trawl through his life, leaving no stone unturned. They interview widely, they travel extensively. The only result is bafflement, since all they meet have either no motive for murder or an unassailable alibi. In his despair at bringing the affair to a successful conclusion, the Chief Inspector hands the case to another detective team. Wickfield, however, despite this set-back, uncovers, with a flash of inspiration as clever as it is fortuitous, a devious and subtle plot that has deceived his colleagues.

The joy of this book, however, lies not just in the unravelling of the mystery, but in the politico-philosophical theories canvassed, the style, the dry humour – and yes, the erudition! As always in Falconer, the reader has access to all the information available to the investigating team, and the tiny slip-up that leads to unmasking the murderer is displayed for all to see – if you're up to it!

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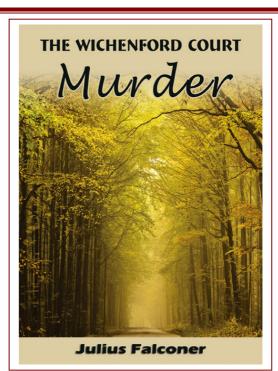
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# <u>About the Book</u>

# A top - rate whodunnit in the finest British traditions: urbane, cultured and witty

T he peaceful estate of Wichenford Court, in deepest Worcestershire, is convulsed by a bizarre murder which, it is discovered, mirrors in 1959 a murder committed on exactly the same spot in 1791. Inspector Wickfield and his new assistant, Sergeant Holbrook, undertake a baffling investigation in which the killer's tracks are covered so successfully that the case is in danger of remaining unsolved The Buckenham family, who have farmed the estate for centuries, the estate workers, and the gracious and monied Lady Hick-Stevens in the wings, provide the detectives with a spectrum of characters who might all, for one reason or another, have murder in mind.

A suicide before the First World War, a university career cut short by drink and debt, a missed business opportunity, family antagonisms, a threat to jobs on the estate, all give the inspector and his sergeant food for thought – not to mention a headache – until the inspector rumbles the one tiny mistake that leads to the unmasking of the killer. A triumph of literary sophistication!

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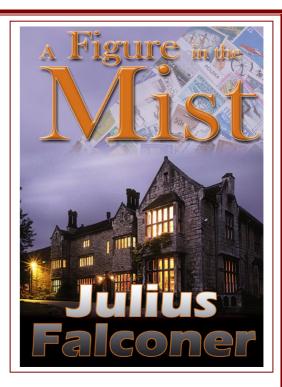
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About the Book

# An engaging and wonderfully entertaining murder mystery

When Lady Amelia Walden is murdered at Monk Fryston Hall Hotel in Yorkshire on the night of her eightieth birthday, the chief suspect is Robert Purbright, a bachelor in his fifties engaged at Farlington Hall, the ancestral Walden mansion, to catalogue her extensive collection of stamps. At his trial, the prosecution allege that he was creaming off choice specimens for himself and that his employer was beginning to have her suspicions. Exposure would have brought his career to an unpleasant end. The jury, however, find him Not Guilty. Enraged by their obtuseness, Lady Amelia's son, Toby, vows to prove them wrong.

The detective inspector who had been in charge of the investigation, Walter Moat, admits to Toby Walden, in a strictly off-the-record conversation, that the police had made a poor case; but he also lays some of the blame on counsel for the prosecution for not fully exploiting the evidence. Despite his best amateur efforts, Walden does no better - until a second murder offers more promising openings. A book by Freud and an Iroquois legend conspire to raise Walden's hopes of finally getting Purbright convicted. But will raised hopes be enough?

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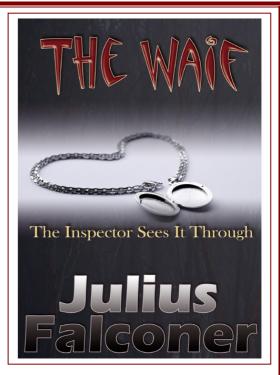
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About the Book

# Gracious English, dry wit, learned asides, wellresearched background – all the Falconer hallmarks

Fancy a twenty-first-century murder linked to an eighteenth-century parish register? - with a stroll through the byways of ancient Middle Eastern languages, a piece of eighteenth-century silver, a spot of genealogy and trips to France, Italy and Austria thrown in? Then this is the book for you!

The discovery of the body of a petty criminal one winter's night in 2011, in a quiet Yorkshire hamlet, sets in train a series of events which stretches Inspector Walter Moat's capabilities to the utmost. His wily opponent, as he eventually discovers, is an elusive master-criminal called Lomax, who weaves a devious and ruthless path to achieve his goals. Moat and his sergeant find themselves attempting to nail a crook intent on thwarting the resolve of a friendless waif...

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Title: The Alkan Murder

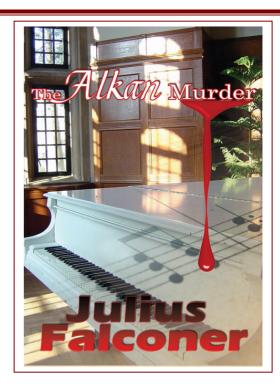
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# About the Book

# A notably intriguing murder mystery–will you identify the murderer before the detectives do?

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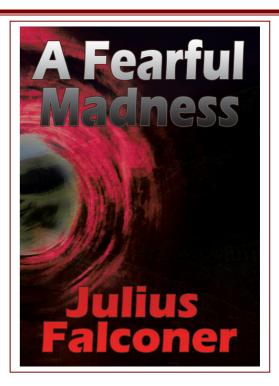
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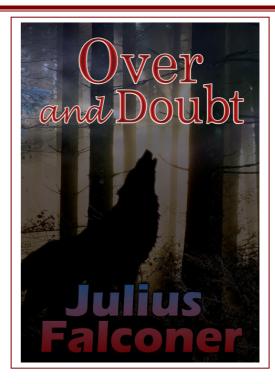
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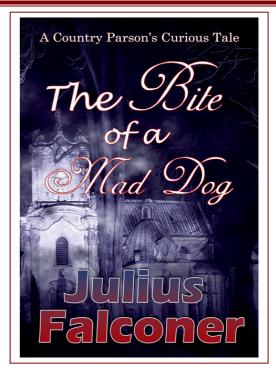
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This neat tale both faithfully recreates the atmosphere of an eighteenthcentury Yorkshire village and offers the modern reader rare entertainment.

Julius Falconer is a retired translator and secondary-school teacher; he reads, writes, indulges his passion for music, walks, gardens and thinks. This is his eighteenth whodunnit.

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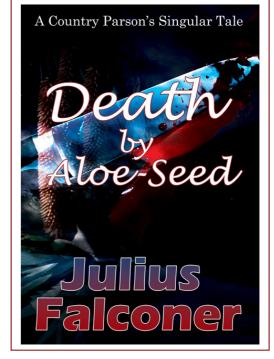
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A light-hearted detective novel set in an eighteenthcentury Yorkshire village

Time: the autumn of 1728.

Place: the usually tranquil Yorkshire village of Sherburn in Elmete.

Except that it finds itself the scene of an increasingly sinister chain of events: theft, robbery on the king's highway, arson.

And finally murder.

Expertly edited for modern readers, this second chronicle of the doings of the vicar of Sherburn draws the reader cosily into eighteenth-century village life where, travel arduous and time-consuming, curses feared and officers of the law less than eager to pursue their functions.

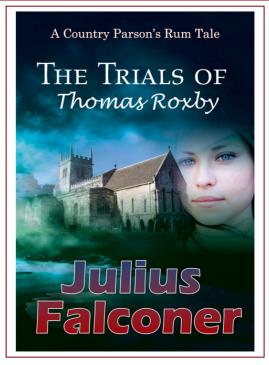
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Thrilling novel about a hapless vicar saddled with a mind-boggling murder inquiry dumped on him by the less than capable officers of the law.

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# The absurd adventures of the hapless vicar of Sherburn

We are in the sleepy village of Sherburn in Elmete, Yorkshire, in the year of grace 1729. When George Bywater, the vicar's servant, is clubbed to death as he collects the parish tithes, the vicar undertakes to track his killer. Unfortunately, his efforts are thwarted at every turn. Threatened with violence, arrested and tried on three separate occasions, on charges that include murder, harbouring a felon and poaching, he is saved from transportation – or worse! – only by an act of God (naturally). He is hauled before the archdeacon and then the archbishop himself for carrying out his investigation at the expense of his pastoral duties. Forbidden to proceed as he wishes, he yet takes advantage of a tip-off from a local magistrate and a chance encounter with a reformed footpad to pursue his inquiries - in a pure spirit of duty, of course – and comes up with a peculiarly delicate challenge to his conscience.

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