



British Procedurals



The Procedural is all about the police work and stresses realism of action. An actual police department is used; however, all the personnel are fictional. Most of the novels in this genre are written in the third person but the tone of the book may not always be objective. Many writers of this genre are policemen (or women) or ex-policemen. The popularity of procedurals has been encouraged by its television equivalent, the police show. Ironically, the best procedurals minimize the police procedure and heighten suspense, character, and surprise—their writers try to write like novelists.

In 1956, Ed McBain began his long running 87th Precinct series (U.S), which placed the police procedural firmly on the map. In many ways, this genre is a sub-set of the police detective novel. It is an ensemble piece which brings in all of the skills and demands at a local police station or precinct rather than focusing on any one detective. However, the lone police detective that acts more like a private PI is also popular like P.D.James' Adam Dalgliesh who is rarely seen in a police station or with a partner.

British or English procedurals abound. Scotland Yard is a favorite setting; indeed, it should probably have its own category.





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Catherine Aird
C.D.Sloane

Jeffrey Ashford
P.C.Ballard Michael Keene

Jo Bannister
Frank Shapiro

Robert Barnard
Inspector Perry Trethowen/Detective
Charlie Peace/Chief Inspector Meredith

Pauline Bell
Inspector Browne

Stephen Booth
Ben Cooper

Ken Bruen
James Roberts

Burley, W(illiam) J(ohn)
Charles Wycliffe

Gwendoline Butler
John Coffin

Elizabeth Corley
Detective Chief Inspector Andrew Fenwick

Mat Coward
Detective Inspector Don Packham
& Constable Frank Mitchell

Deborah Crombie
Duncan Kincaid & Gemma James

Clare Curzon
Mike Yeadings

Judith Cutler
Detective Sgt. Kate Power

Freda Davies
Detective Inspector Keith Tyrell

Colin Dexter
Chief Inspector Morse

Marjorie Eccles
Inspector Gil Mayo

Kate Ellis
Police Sgt. Wesley Peterson

Caroline Graham
Chief Inspector Tom Barnaby

J(ames) M(ichael) Gregson
Detective Inspector Percy Peach &
Detective Srg. Lucy Blake



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Patricia Hall
Chief Inspector Michael Thackeray

Katherine John
Sgt. Trevor Joseph

Cynthia Harrod-Eagles
Bill Slider

H(enry) R(eymond) F(izwalter) Keating
Det. Chief Insp. Harriet Martens

Roy Hart
Douglas Roper

Susan B. Kelly
Gregory Summers

John Harvey
Charlie Resnick

Michael Kenyon
DCI Henry Peckover & DC Jason Twitty

Mo Hayder
Detective Insp. Jack Caffrey

Simon Kernick
Dennis Milne

Reginald Hill
Supt. Andrew Dalziel & Sgt. Peter Pascoe

Gay Longworth
Det. Insp. Jesse Driver

Graham Ison
Chief Sup. John Gaffney/Det. Chief Insp.
Harry Brock

Peter Lovesey
Chief Sup. Peter Diamond

Bill James
Colin Harpur, DCS & Desmond Iles, DC

Barry Maitland
Det. Sgt. Kathy Kolla & DCI David Brock

P.D. James
Adam Dalgliesh

Max Marquis
DI Harry Timberlake



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Iain McDowall
DCI Jacobson & Det. Sgt. Kerr

Ruth Rendell
Chief Insp. Reginald Wexford

Jill McGown
DCI Lloyd & Officer Hill

Peter Robinson
DCI Alan Banks

Jennie Melville
Det. Sup. Charmain Daniels

Jonathan Ross (John Rossiter)
Det. Supr. George Rogers

Hugh Miller
Det. Insp. Mike Fletcher

Jack S. Scott
DCI Pete Parsons & Sgt. Wimbush/DCI
Alfred Stanley Rosher

Kay Mitchell
Chief Insp. John Morrissey

Dorothy Simpson
Insp. Luke Thanet

Stephen Murray
Det. Insp. Alec Stainton

Frank A. Smith
DCI Neil Paget

Janet Neel
DCI John McLeish & Francesca Wilson

Rebecca Tope
Den Cooper

Frank Palmer
Det. Insp. Jacko Jackson

Ann Quinton
Michael Croft & Nick Holroyd

Peter Turnbull
Chief Insp. Hennessey & Sgt. Yellich

Ian Rankin
Det. Sgt. John Rebus

John W. Wainwright
DCI Lyle