

Murder at Hotel Cinema by Daniel Edward Craig released this month.

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Reckless publicity stunt, suicide or murder? A troubled celebrity takes a fatal dive from her penthouse balcony on opening night of a fashionable Hollywood hotel.

Parlaying his career as a hotel executive into a second career as a novelist, Daniel Edward Craig has released his second installment in the Five-Star Mystery Series, *Murder at Hotel Cinema*. In this star-studded sequel to *Murder at the Universe*, Craig pokes good-humored fun at the celebrity-crazed Los Angeles culture from the perspective of dedicated hotel manager Trevor Lambert.

After the tragic death of the love of his life, Trevor moves to LA to manage Hotel Cinema, a multi-million-dollar rejuvenation of an Old Hollywood motor inn. It's the scene of a fabulous opening party until Tinseltown's hottest star, Chelsea Fricks, takes a fatal dive from the penthouse balcony. Rumors fly about a reckless publicity stunt or fame-driven suicide, but Chelsea's stab wounds tell another story. Hotel Cinema becomes the setting for a comical murder mystery starring Chelsea's pit bull publicist, her pinup boyfriend, a tasteless tabloid reporter, a star-struck detective, and Trevor's insufferable boss. Struggling to protect his prized employees from the incriminating glare of the LAPD and the prying eyes of reporters, Trevor is forced to step into the spotlight, risking everything to expose the true killer.

With an insider's view of the hotel industry, Craig has worked for some of Canada's finest hotels, currently as Vice President of Opus Hotel in Montreal. Craig is all too familiar with the challenges of catering to celebrity clientele. 'I could write a tell-all about the situations I've encountered,' he says, 'but discretion is paramount in the hotel business-and it's more fun to write fiction. In *Murder at Hotel Cinema* a hotel manager's worst nightmare occurs when a famous guest is murdered on property. I'm happy to say the murder part is pure invention.'

Craig embarked on his hotel career in Toronto in 1987 and has worked in positions ranging from front desk clerk to vice president. He continues to write his popular blog at www.danieledwardcraig.com, which has attracted a worldwide following for its frank and entertaining insider's look at the hotel business.

Craig's novels are carried as a unique mini-bar amenity in guestrooms at Opus in Vancouver.

Murder at Hotel Cinema is published by Midnight Ink Books/Llewellyn Worldwide. Craig's third installment in the Five-Star Mystery Series, *Murder at Graverly Manor*, will be released in April 2009. ISBN: 978-0738711195. Price US \$15.95/CDN \$18.50.

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