



## THE CASE OF THE NAUGHTY WIFE

Malcolm Noble

The Timberdick Mysteries are a series of murder stories set in the sleazy back-streets of a south coast seaport in post-war Britain. The amateur detective is a call-girl who solves the mysteries by listening carefully to what people say. "I got there by thinking, not by fingerprints," she tells her policeman friend in the first novel.

*The Case of the Naughty Wife* is the latest Timberdick mystery, eagerly awaited by readers

Can Glenn Miller's lost trombone be the key to Timberdick's latest murder mystery? When the Hoboken Arms burns down, the butchered body of a wayward husband is found in the yard. The next morning, Timberdick has to cope with a dead Admiral on her front room carpet. The Chief Constable's wife blames an escaped convict but Timberdick's not so sure. She knows that her favourite policeman, Glenn Miller's mysterious trombone and the Chief Constable's wife were in a country pub in January 1945. Now, in 1966, they're together again.

Timbers is sure that the trombone will lead to the murderer, but her every step forward is thwarted by thunder and lightning and wives who won't behave!

Good fun, a fast and most enjoyable read. This is parochial policing at its best. *Shropshire Star*

### About the Author:

As a young man, Malcolm Noble served in the Portsmouth Police, a chapter in his life that provides some background to his crime fiction. *The Case of the Naughty Wife* is the latest book in his series of mystery novels that follow the characters from the 1930s through to the 1960s. Press reviews have emphasised the author's sense of place and atmosphere, his strong characterisation and first rate storytelling.

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