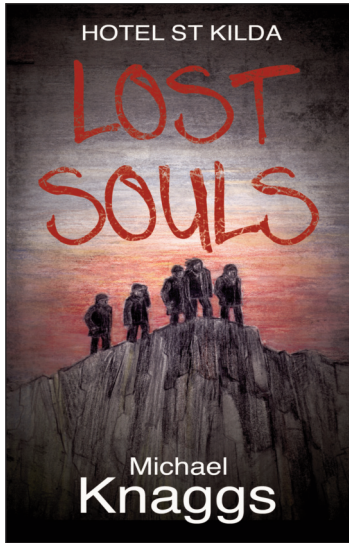




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LOST SOULS HOTEL ST KILDA

Will all be resolved in Michael Knaggs' *Lost Souls*; the climax of trilogy *Hotel St Kilda*?

After overwhelming, positive feedback from the first two thrillers in the *Hotel St Kilda* trilogy, *Catalyst* and *Heaven's Door*, Prestwich author Michael Knaggs returns with *Lost Souls*, his sensational climax. Michael explains that *Lost Souls* has "an even more intricate and intriguing plot with many twists and turns, providing an action-packed climax," which is guaranteed to keep readers hooked from the outset.

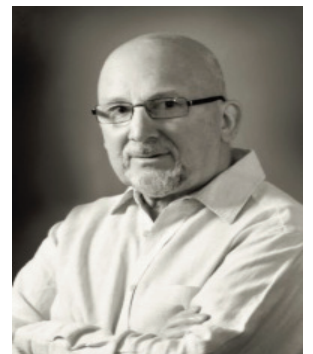
The New Justice Regime, introduced by Tom Brown, Home Secretary, includes new methods for addressing street crime involving lifetime banishment for worst offenders. When this extreme measure receives widespread public support, Tom decides to extend it to the next serious crime on his hit-list – Class A drug dealing. Then, at the zenith of his political achievement, his decision backfires, causing his private and political lives to collide dramatically..

Lost Souls picks up the story of Tom's struggle to come to terms with his personal loss, sinking deeper into a drunken world of lost nights and half-remembered days. Concern grows in government circles over his outspoken condemnation of the New Justice Regime, his own brain-child and the prime vehicle for getting the party elected.

Then the killing begins; a series of apparently unconnected loners, chillingly executed. A missing drug trader and a tenuous link to a mysterious stranger set the police off on a trail they have no wish to follow as the stakes are raised and the body count rises.

"Michael's style is confident and well developed. The speech is effortless and the characterisation is well developed and controlled. The plot is well-structured and the reader is easily sucked through the story,"
comments Gary Smailes, editor at Bubblecow Book Editing.

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