



THE CASE OF THE NAUGHTY WIFE

MALCOLM NOBLE'S CLASSIC CRIME FICTION SERIES CONTINUES

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. Set in a south coast sea port, the books are a blend of classic crime and atmospheric fiction, populating the seedy neighbourhood of his writing with vivid and memorable characters, characters like Timberdick, the call girl detective who solves the murders and crimes of Goodladies Road.

Christmas 1966. 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...

Press reviews have emphasised the author's sense of place and atmosphere, his strong characterisation and first rate storytelling – and fans of the Timberdick Mysteries wait avidly for each new instalment.

About the Author: Malcolm Noble was born in Nottingham and grew up in Hampshire and Shropshire. As a young man, he served in the Portsmouth Police, a chapter in his life that provides some background to his crime fiction. Malcolm lives in Market Harborough where he and his wife run a bookshop.

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