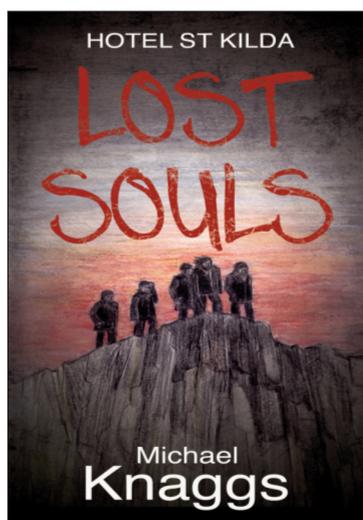




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LOST SOULS HOTEL ST KILDA

Michael Knaggs

'The body was lying face down, arms stretched forward and one leg crooked to the side.'

Lost Souls is the third thriller in the *Hotel St Kilda* trilogy by Prestwich author Michael Knaggs. Michael's second book, *Heaven's Door*, published in November 2014, described how Tom Brown, on his appointment as Home Secretary, introduced the New Justice Regime, which included 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 as he sinks ever 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...

This book will appeal to fans of thriller and crime fiction. Based on feedback from his first two books in the trilogy, Michael has 'an easy style of writing which draws the reader in'.

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