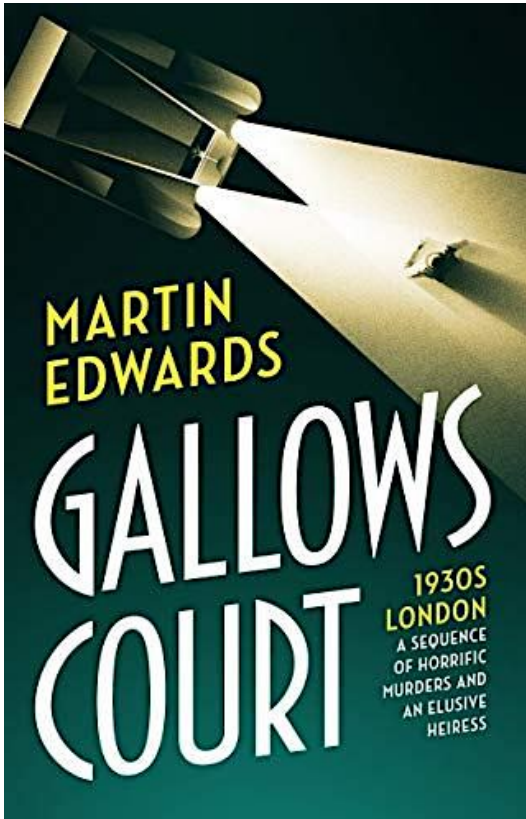


When everything old is new again

Historical mystery rings true

Suspended Sentences

by Jim Napier



In an atmospheric drama set in 1930s London, accomplished crime writer Martin Edwards serves up a stylish tale of intrigue and double-dealing involving a wealthy and mysterious young woman, a secretive private club, a young crime reporter, a demented old man, and a collection of murder victims and villains whose likes haven't been seen since Jack the Ripper.

A killer is prowling London's streets. A wealthy and very self-assured young woman, Rachel Savernake, had previously led the police to a man who had committed suicide, apparently from remorse at having murdered a chorus girl he'd made pregnant. Fledgling reporter Jacob Flint is intrigued by her ability to solve the crime where Scotland Yard had proved ineffective. Now a second young woman has been found dead, this time in Covent Garden, violated and then cruelly murdered. Miss Savernake again leads the police to a suspect, and incriminating evidence is found in his lodgings. But it is too late: he, also has committed suicide.

These deaths mark the beginning of Jacob Flint's interest in Rachel Savernake, but as he pursues an ever-growing trail of killings he is drawn further into the vortex of her private life, and soon finds that his own life is very much in jeopardy.

A true tour de force, *Gallows Court* is a homage to gothic suspense, written by a master of his craft.

Meticulous in its attention to detail, fiendishly clever plotting populated with convincing characters, and with enough grisly

murders to satisfy the most lurid of readers, it is destined to become a true classic, and deservedly so.

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