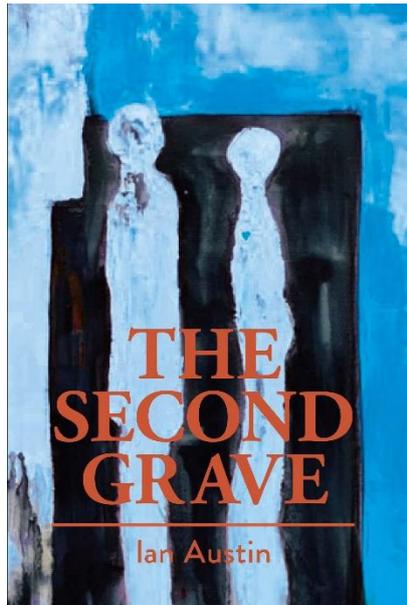


The Second Grave

by Ian Austin

Ian Austin is being compared to Ian Rankin with his Dan Calder trilogy of crime novels. *The Second Grave* is the second in this thrilling trilogy.



Dan Calder is back in his native England once again to help his best friend and ex-partner Nick Hetherington. Nick's daughter has been arrested in connection with the death of a Nottingham prostitute.

As old acquaintances and old enemies set his cupboard full of skeletons rattling once more, Calder faces the battle of his life to fulfil a solemn promise to his dearest friend.

New foes, including a local gangster, are prepared to do anything to prevent the truth being revealed. At home in New Zealand, Calder's girlfriend Tara senses he also views this return as an opportunity to settle old scores.

Time and the odds are against him; incredibly so too the upholders of law itself, his beloved police force.

- A stunning new voice in crime fiction.
- Series is set in New Zealand and the UK.
- Police procedural content second to none, the author drawing on his years in the force.
- Dan Calder, a flawed hero with integrity, drive and commitment to the truth, no matter the cost.



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