

Michael Jecks

Partner at Michael Jecks Partnership

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Experienced speaker, presenter, motivator and novelist for business or literary functions.

Biography

After thirteen years selling computers, Michael Jecks took a career change and started writing novels in 1994. Now he is the author of the longest running crime series by a living author with 32 titles in his Templar Series. Michael founded Medieval Murderers and Bloody Brits as performance groups of professional writers. He was the Chairman of the UK's Crime Writers' Association and has been recognised with membership of the Detection Club. He organised the CWA's Debut Dagger competition for three years, and has judged many awards including the CWA/Ian Fleming Steel Dagger and International Thriller Writers' prizes. He is a founder of the Historical Writers' Association, and remains on the Committee.

Availability

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Host/MC, Author Appearance

Industry Expertise

Government Administration, Computer Software, Computer Hardware, Publishing, Entertainment, Leisure / Recreation, Writing and Editing, Legal Services

Areas of Expertise

History of Computing, Effects of Drug Prohibition, Writing Crime Stories in Today's Market, Writing Series Novels, The Knights Templar and Medieval England

Affiliations

Medieval Murderers, Devon & Cornwall Record Society, Devon & Exeter Institution, South West Writers' Group, Historical Writers' Association, International Thriller Writers, Society of Authors

Sample Talks

Presentation of CWA Dagger Awards

MC of the 2003 CWA Dagger Awards for the best crime writing of the year to an audience of 250 professionals in publishing and writing.

The Persecution of the Templars

A talk about the last years of the Knights Templar, through the loss of Acre in 1291 to the courts of Paris where they were tortured, up to their destruction.

The Life of a Modern Writer

Runs through my career to date, from aspiring Actuary to successful international author of long-running crime series.

Cartier Diamond Awards

Hosted the evening for Ian Rankin's presentation of the CWA/Cartier Diamond Dagger

Impact of e-publishing on the publishing industry

A cynical look at the effects of Kindle, Kobo and the iPad on modern publishing.

The End of King Edward II

The story of the last six years of King Edward's reign, from despotic ruler whose wishes could not be denied, to the broken man supposedly murdered in Berkley Castle - and his surprise future life.

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