

SOUND MIND DEAD BODY

by **Dave Warner**

'Everything you'd expect from a Dave Warner cosy – sharp wit, beguiling characters and a deeply satisfying mystery.' *David Whish-Wilson*

ABOUT THE BOOK

Devon, 1929. Family members gather to hear unpopular matriarch Julia Pedhurst ratify her late husband's will. One outsider, Australian war ace Fred Willets, now an inspector in the Kalgoorlie Gold Squad, is attending as a beneficiary. When Julia dies suspiciously and another guest is brutally murdered Willets, assisted by bright young pharmacist Prudence Meadows, must crack the whodunnit.

A manor house cosy crime with all the hallmarks of an Agatha Christie murder mystery.

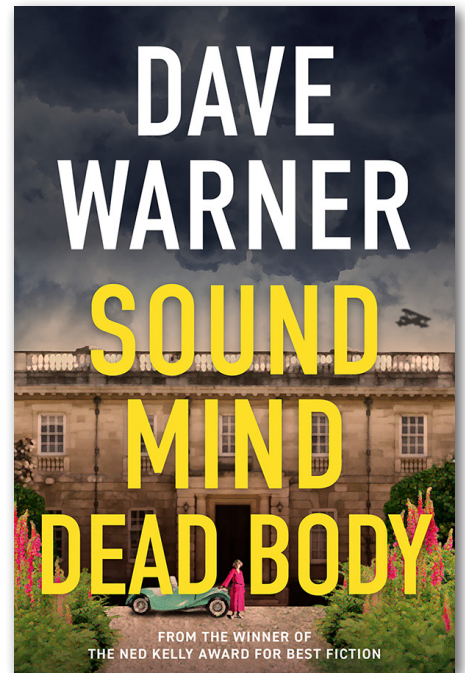
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dave Warner is a writer and musician. He has won the Western Australian Premier's Award for Fiction and the Ned Kelly Award for Best Crime Fiction, and has been named a Western Australian Living Treasure. He has written 15 crime fiction novels, and has also written for feature film, television and the stage.



NOTES

- A clever and entertaining cosy crime novel for lovers of Agatha Christie and Josephine Tey.
- The author, a confessed Christie devotee, has constructed a story as close as he can to her Golden Age style, rather than attempting a contemporary twist: England, a will, a storm, a clever detective, a little romance – and dead bodies.
- Dave Warner is an award-winning writer who has previously written cosy crime inspired by Sherlock Holmes.
- There is a developing romance between the two main protagonists.
- The book draws on the historical setting and dramatic techniques used in television programs like *Downton Abbey* to reflect what life is like for those to the manor born as well as for those who are in service.



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