

## 1: BRYANT & MAY ON THE LOOSE by Christopher Fowler | Kirkus Reviews

*Christopher Fowler is the acclaimed author of the award-winning Full Dark House and nine other Peculiar Crimes Unit mysteries: The Water Room, Seventy-Seven Clocks, Ten Second Staircase, White Corridor, The Victoria Vanishes, Bryant & May on the Loose, Bryant & May off the Rails, The Memory of Blood, and The Invisible Code.*

His eyes were red on the outside, worse on the inside. His white tonsure stuck up around the ears. He looked like a frightened monk. That is one of the unlikely main characters, both of whom, with a handful or so of other colleagues, are detectives in the Peculiar Crimes Unit known as the PCU, tasked with catching sight of himself in the dressing table mirror, he was repelled by the scrofulous old hermit he found staring back. As the book opens, the unit having incurred the displeasure of superiors and in fact having been disbanded, is called back together to solve a murder that is threatening to interrupt a major urban redevelopment project. The crime bears the marks of pagan legend and could spook the construction workers, many of whom are of eastern European vintage. The PCU is to produce results rapidly and under less than ideal circumstances, or their reprieve will be short-lived. Oh, yes--the setting is London. And Arthur Bryant, the gentleman described in my opening quotation, is in dire straits due to the forced retirement he had been undergoing. He desperately needs to be back in the hunt, less as therapy than as a sort of redemption. On some unconscious level, Bryant knew that the only way to pull himself out of his self-pitying nosedive was to try and solve a murder that no-one else in the Central London area was equipped to handle. The effort of succeeding was possibly the one thing that could restore his self-esteem. He chafes at the bit when routine threatens to bog him down. Bryant wanted to be outside digging up corpses and chasing as much as his bad leg would allow unscrupulous but fiendishly brilliant villains through the back alleys of the city. Instead he was meeting a clerk about forgotten bits of paperwork. *Yield to the Night* was named after a noir film starring buxom British sex-bomb Diana Dors, and sold clothes from the s and s. Its windows displayed the kind of sequined battle-dresses that could transform a shy, slightly overweight woman into a hard-bitten, sexy nightclub hostess. But funny though it may be, the book is not just a send-up of the detective genre. Could such mythologies really maintain their grip on the present? There were those who believed they did. This is the world of London before history, he told himself. The author can evoke a sense of place or, maybe, the essence of a place, for example, as with this series of descriptions from throughout the book: An honest area, in the sense of being without hypocrisy, and a true test for the urbanite. But he knew that no matter how hard you tried to change a place, it would find a way of reverting to its historical character. The rain was descending in misty swathes across the ripped-up fields behind the railway line. Dozens of seagulls stood motionless in the rain beside the natural ponds that had formed in the soil dips. The perimeter fence was illuminated by tall neon lamps that created corridors of silver needles. It was still difficult to believe that such a desolate spot had sprung up in the heart of the city. I happened to read about a more recent book in the series in this *New York Times* book review and became intrigued. The first sixty pages went well, but then real life slowed me down. Reading in fits and starts, I had a little difficulty keeping the characters straight--in part, no doubt, from jumping into the middle of the series. Fortunately, in a pretext that fit the plot, the author had a little list right at the front of the book. Both the humor and the insights--the zingers--stood up to the interference, though. Or not even words--just an unawareness that not everyone is part of the same history. The author despite his precision does not quite plumb the universal. A little local color: In my home city of Atlanta there is a neighborhood called Buckhead. Supposedly the area used to be called "Irbyville," after the man who founded it in In time the area became known as "Buckhead," and the nickname stuck. The sculpture in the picture was commissioned in

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Please use the follow button to get notification about the latest chapter next time when you visit NovelOnlineFull. Use F11 button to read novel in full-screen PC only. Drop by anytime you want to read free €” fast €” latest novel. The wet green banks of the St Pancras Old Church graveyard sloped down on either side of the walls, as if threatening to inundate the little house with the cascading tombs of the dead. Even a modern extension could not erase the sense of desolation that enveloped it. Tall black iron railings, each spear topped with a gold-painted fleur-de-lis, surrounded the doorway. Beneath a rowan tree, a muscular grave digger stood motionless, looking down at them with feigned disinterest. He was young, but it seemed to May that the mournful atmosphere had stained his features with sorrow. The morgue was only a few hundred yards from the huge international terminus that linked England to Europe, yet it was bordered by plane trees and beeches, waterways where herons stalked the reed beds and a nature reserve so quiet that often the only sound to be heard was the bleating of geese. Apart from the grave digger, there was not a soul to be seen in any direction. A bit like old Bryant. Believes in spirits and all that malarkey. I was a bit surprised myself. A slender olive-skinned woman with centre-parted black hair and dark, haunted eyes opened the door. She had an air of recent bereavement about her, which was at least appropriate considering where she worked. Rosa was dressed in mourning black, an outfit she regarded as respectful and proper for processing the dead. She looked like a woman who had lost any reason to smile soon after her teenage years. It seemed entirely natural for her to be in such a solemn place as this, although she did come over a bit like a character from a Daphne du Maurier novel. We put in a good word for you. Perhaps I can find a way to pay it back. Here, take a look at this. Usually such places were bare white cells adorned with a single plain oak cross and a bench or two, but this one was elaborately Gothic, a proper Victorian chapel with bra. His anguished eyes were turned Heavenwards and were weeping tears of blood. Livid wounds in His side gushed crimson rivers. Was this a deliberate psychological ploy, May wondered, that after relatives identified the bodies of their loved ones in the morgue they should come in here and see how Christ suffered? Was the idea to place their own grief in perspective and bring them to a better understanding of their religious beliefs? Or had it simply been done to creep them out with guilt? There was never a shortage of money for its upkeep, because of the fine residents in the graveyard. Sorry about the smell of damp. I asked Rosa about it, and she said, "What smell? The old coroner, Professor Marshall, apparently had some kind of nervous breakdown last October and vanished. Rosa knows all about it. Gets a bit Mrs Danvers-ish if you ask too many questions. Transferring the remains to the table, he folded down the top half of the sheet. The amputation was made with sharp, slim blades. Two distinct types of cut here, a series of small strokes to cut through the skin and meat, and a second with stronger pressure to sever the cartilage in the neck. Two knives, one for the heavy cutting, the second smaller and finer. Unfortunately the ivy wreath is straight out of the book, a standard design, and one of the most common available. The cutting could have been done with surgical equipment, or the type of vegetable knife you can buy in any decent kitchenware shop. He was beheaded after death. We have microtomic equipment here, which has proven useful. I took a thin slice of tissue from the throat and another one from the gut to compare the effects of decomposition in an airless atmosphere. Luckily Rosa kept his address book. He found it hard to imagine that this man had recently been walking around, eating in restaurants, watching TV. Without a head his trunk bore an unsettling similarity to something you would find in a meat locker. How would his loved ones feel if they could see him like this? Usually, after two to three days you get staining on the abdomen. Either that, or he was killed very close by. Whoever killed him was a bit careless about washing the body. Looks like London clay. Just below both ankles, there were dozens of tiny black specks. Bryant frightened the life out of a local estate agent by threatening to requisition property on behalf of the government, and instantly acquired the keys to a partially furnished building that had been sitting empty on their books for almost a year. In this latest incarnation of the PCU, much had changed. Instead of decently equipped offices in Mornington

Crescent, they found themselves on the first and second floors of an unrenovated warehouse on the corner of Balfe Street and the Caledonian Road, a property standing on the boundary between respectability and knife fights. On one side were green-footprint restaurants, cappuccino bars and gla. On the other were run-down pubs, s. Arthur Bryant did not see it like that, of course. Life is a very beautiful dream Life is a very beautiful dream, he thought. He had almost forgotten how lovely the city could appear to the right eye at the end of the day, when the shining yellow buildings of every shape, age and size radiated light beneath a panorama of blue-grey c. Below him was the most connected part of the city. It operated like a gigantic wall socket overloaded with too many crackling plugs. Above, behind and underneath the roads ran the railways: Here, in , a fire in the tube station had killed thirty-one people. In , terrorists had murdered fifty-six. It was perhaps appropriate, then, that the Peculiar Crimes Unit should find its spiritual home here, among the debris of the past and the construction of the future. Early on Monday morning, Raymond Land placed Crippen in a box and reluctantly left his pleasant house in Putney to trudge his way across London. Leanne found him more annoying than ever since he had been at home, which was odd because she was hardly ever at home herself. She was forever disappearing for one-on-one tuition with fitness trainers, makeover artists, yoga gurus and dance instructors, all of whom seemed to be suntanned males half her age. The fact that she needed to have her hair done before attending a pottery cla. The acting temporary head of the PCU had been wooed with a promise of promotion; if this case was resolved quickly and quietly, he would finally be b. Still, the thought of coming back to work was undignified. It was like making tearful farewells at a leaving party, only to have to come back and collect your scarf. Perhaps the investigation would fail and he would once more be released. So on Monday morning, Land stood before the black-painted door of Number Caledonian Road, drew in a great lungful of traffic fumes, then rang the bell. Janice Longbright dragged chairs along the warped corridors of the musty warehouse, trying to ignore the smell of old oysters, cloves and candlewax. She had spent Sunday arranging empty packing crates into makeshift desks, and trying to find places for everyone to sit. At least the electricity had been left on; the building had little natural light, and the agent had no desire to be sued by anyone taking a tumble in the gloom. April had already prepared a briefing room, and had arranged for some secondhand computers to be delivered from Mornington Crescent later in the day, but the place was still a shambles. Bryant had demanded that the office be ready for immediate operation after the weekend, but there was too much to do. We just went up Brick Lane for a Ruby. I must be getting desperate. It would be a good idea to have them working in the same room again. I wonder where Jack is. And what is is that revolting smell? It feels like the place has been sealed for years. Leslie Faraday always looked forward to the end of his working week. By lunchtime on Sat. Then his superior had called with instructions for handling the newly risen PCU, and the happy harmony of his weekend had collapsed abruptly. Now he found himself wrangling an alarming number of expenditure requests from the very detectives he thought he would never have to deal with again. Plus, Renfield was proving obstreperous. Spying Spying is the gathering of clandestine intelligence. At the end of each day, starting today, you will call me on this line, which is direct and secure, and inform me of anything out of the ordinary. This way, we can call a halt to any unauthorised procedures before they get out of hand. There was a time when Jack Renfield would have been happy to obey the instructions of the Home Office to the letter, but he had recently undergone a change of heart. He had only just gained the trust of the others in the unit. Now he would be risking his new career to please this porcine paper-shuffler. Renfield could be an obstinate man when he chose, and he chose to be so now. He checked his watch: The place had been deserted since one minute past six.

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