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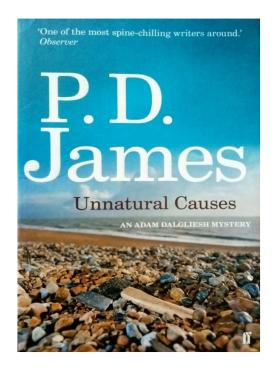
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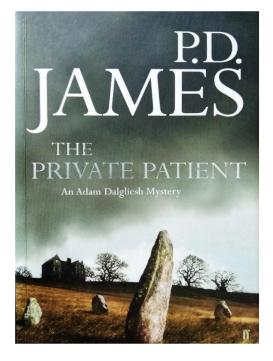
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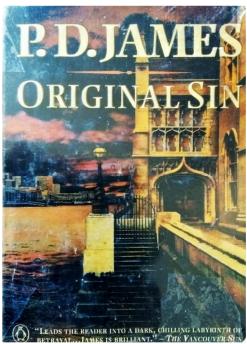
The cover design of any book is the first point of contact between the book and the reader. Although the well-known idiom goes "don't judge a book by its cover", the cover page as a paratext can actually be a significant addendum to the main text, by negotiating the verbal and the visual. The cover pages of *Devices and Desires* (1989) and *The Lighthouse* (2005) have been elaborately discussed in Chapter 4 of this thesis. Here, a few other cover designs from James' novels are presented. This thesis establishes the significance of space, place and landscape in the Adam Dalgliesh novels of P.D. James. Their importance is also highlighted through these cover designs that focus specifically on landscapes. Not all of James' novels and their several editions from either Faber and Faber or Penguin, show landscape as cover art. However, these four images are top view photographs of the books that I have used for this study, that depict the geographical setting.

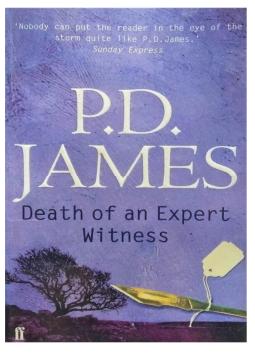
This Faber and Faber, 2010 edition of *Unnatural Causes* depicts the scene of crime, that is the shore, along with the murder weapon, the axe, blending into the pebbled land. Although Digby Seaton's mutilated body is found on a dinghy, the cover page represents the landscape of the Suffolk coast. Similarly in the 2005 Faber and Faber edition *Death of an Expert Witness*, a scalpel marked as evidence foregrounds the countryside. Neither the clunch pit nor Hoggatt's laboratory, which is the focus of the narrative is present on the cover. The 1995 Penguin edition of *Original Sin* and 2008 Faber and Faber edition of *Private Patient* show architectural structures along with the Thames river and Dorset headlands respectively. *Original Sin* depicts the Venetian styled Innocent House/Peverell Press which might hardly seem to be a part of the urban metropolis. Whereas in *Private Patient*, the Cheverell Manor is overpowered by the vastness of the headlands and the Cheverell Stones that reminds one of the Stonehenge. These cover designs therefore, while providing visual summaries of the story to the readers underscore the importance of space and the diversity of spatial settings in James' works. The link between the text and the cover can be treated as "an act of translation" (Sonzogni 2011, 4).

## Cover Design of Select Novels<sup>13</sup>







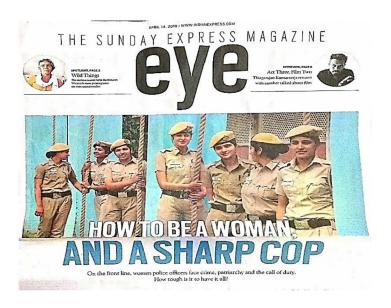


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Photograph of the cover page of James' novels that depict various landscapes

## **Select Newspaper Clippings**

There are three news articles appended to this thesis. These articles published in recent years are indicative of the fact that many of the social issues that P.D. James has addressed in her novels between 1962 to 2008, are relevant even today.

The first article, "How to Be a Woman and a Sharp Cop", is situated in the Indian context and talks about the challenges of women police officers in the police profession. <sup>14</sup> The article interviews women officers who share their experiences where they seek a balance between their professional role, domestic role and as a mother. The article tells us that although women officers are recruited into the police force, they are hardly given the opportunity to investigate the case, which was also mentioned by Dove in his work *Police Procedurals* (1982). The article also tells us that, even though women are police officers and one might presume can exercise clout, they are subjected to a patriarchal oppression including domestic violence in the home front.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> This news article is from: Eye: The Sunday Express Magazine. 14th April 2019.

when the staff saw that I wasn't budging, they somehow managed to bring the politician to the police station," she said.

While she dealt with the junior male officer by filing a report against him - he was suspended for nearly a year - what hurt her later was the comment made by the politician after he was released on bail. "He said that I must have acted under the influence of my senior officer, who had problems with him... Even when a woman officer takes tough calls, she will not be given credit for it," she said in the talk.

Like many professionals, women officers, too, find themselves torn between home and work. "Most women join when they are about to get married, or have children...," says DCP Suman Nalwa, now principal of the Delhi Police Training School in Dwarka. "A woman constable I knew would wake up at 4 am, cook and clean, and then travel for four hours to reach the police station. She was always sleeping in office. Another assistant sub-inspector would turn up to work with bruises on her face every day. Her husband would beat her up for returning home late. A policewoman's hus-

band would keep her ATM card, and give her Rs 20 every day as pocket money," she says.

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The conflict is also why many policewomen, especially in the lower ranks, opt for "loop line" postings, which primarily involve desk work. "Focal postings' involve law and order assignments in the field. But how many women do we see there? In order to make the police force more genderfriendly, we have deployed women at front

desks. But what are they doing there? Serving tea and water. This makes them complacent, demotivates them," says a superintendent of police, who does not wish

to be identified.

But many times, even motivation is not enough, as in the case of constable Hemlata,

32, whose desire to take up field assignments coincided with her pregnancy. Right after her daughter was delivered through a C-section, Hemlata was posted to Tihar Jail. "That was when I thought to myself galat job chun li (1 chose the wrong job)," she says, sitting in the reception area of Delhi's Ashok Vihar police station. "Once I had to accompany a convict to Bihar. We were travelling by train. I was pumping out extra milk all the time. I was down with a fever. I was filled with guilt about leaving my daughter behind, but it was also my first big field assignment. I didn't give up," she says, adding. "But now that my daughter is 5, I opt for fieldwork often. Both my husband, who is also in the police, and I were part of the January 26 bandobast. My in-laws are supportive and are there for my child. In return, I just have to make a few adjustments. We are girls, we learn to adjust from a young age."

Dressed in snug khaki trousers and shirt, a slick line of sindoor on her head, she reels out a list of those adjustments. "I have to cover my head at home, wear bangles, change into a sari or suit before reaching home. But see, here at work. I wear a bangle in one hand and a watch

in another. It looks smart."

Vijavanta Arva, DCP of North West district. Delhi, admits that returning to work after a

child is one of the biggest challenges for women officers. "Most women in the job are driven to return to work after pregnancy. But either the system or their family fails them. Many families are willing to support their daughters, but what about daughters-in-law?" says the 2009-batch officer.

Apart from her field assignments, Hemlata visits schools and slums as part of Operation Nirbheek, initiated after the 2012 Delhi gang rape to spread aware-

ness among girl students about sexual offences. "It makes my job more fulfilling. Recently, a 12-year-old confessed to us about being abused by a relative. We could save a life," she says.

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'We are told that we

are officers first.

women later. But on

the field, we are

always reminded of

our gender,' says D

Roopa Moudgil

The second news article, "35 Years on, the Ruins of Chernobyl Draw Warning, Tourists" revisits the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, that occurred in Ukraine, on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1986. The article talks about the creation of an 'Exclusion Zone' due to high radiation levels. The space which once had an entire community is now abandoned leaving behind remnants of their social history. The impact of the disaster is pertinent today, such that, even after 35 years, "permanent residence is banned" due to possible health risks from radiation. The article also states that, irrespective of government regulations, some people have returned to these sites because they associate this space as their home. However, despite their return, they are still longing for home as it once was before the disaster. The placial identity is thus, rooted to the sense of self but also to one's social space.

The site of the nuclear disaster informs the social implications of human actions, such as negligence of the authorities, resulting in a community that is uprooted, and individuals seeking their home and identity. Contradictorily there is an attempt to revive this place as a tourist site and reconstruct the placial identity with a new narrative.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> This news article is from *Hindustan Times*, Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021, p.2.

## 35 years on, the ruins of Chernobyl draw warnings, tourists

KYIV: The vast and empty Chernobyl Exclusion Zone around the site of the world's worst nuclear accident is a baleful monument to human mistakes. Yet 35 years after a power plant reactor exploded, Ukrainians also look to it for inspiration, solace and

Reactor No. 4 at the power plant 110km north of the capital Kyiv exploded and caught fire deep in the night on April 26, 1986, shattering the building and spewing radioactive material

high into the sky.

Soviet authorities made the catastrophe even worse by failing to tell the public what had happened - although the nearby plant workers' town of Pripyat was evacuated the next day, the 2 million residents of Kviv weren't informed despite the fallout danger. The world learned of the disaster only after heightened radiation was detected in Sweden.

Eventually, more than 100,000 people were evacuated from the vicinity and a 2,600-square-kilometer exclusion zone was established where the only activity was workers disposing of waste and tending to a hastily built sarcophagus covering the reactor. Radiation continued to leak from the reactor building until 2019, when the entire building was covered by an enormous arch-shaped shelter. As robots inside the shelter began dismantling the reactor, officials felt new optimism about the zone.

"This is a place of tragedy and memory, but it is also a place where you can see how a person can overcome the consequences of a global catastrophe," said Bohdan Borukhovskyi, Ukraine's deputy environment minister.

We want a new narrative to

appear - it was not a zone of exclusion, but a zone of development and revival," he said. For him, that narrative includes encouraging tourism.

Our tourism is unique, it is not a classic concept of tourism,' he said. "This is an area of meditation and reflection, an area where you can see the impact of human error, but you can also see the human heroism that corrects

The Chernobyl zone saw its tourism increase twofold after the lauded TV miniseries of 2019 and officials hope that level of

interest will continue.

One of the prime draws for tourists is to see the ruins of Pripyat, the once-modern town of 50,000 now being taken over by decay and vegetation. Work is underway to build paths to make it easier for visitors to navigate the ruins. The Chernobyl plant is out of service, but there is still much work to be done at the decommissioned plant.

We are doing everything possible so that this territory, where it is now impossible for people to live, is used with benefit and gives the country a profit," said Serhiy Kostyuk, head of the agency that manages the exclusion zone.

Although the radiation level in the zone is low enough that tourists can visit and workers can carry out their jobs, permanent residence is banned. However, more than 100 people still live in the zone that extends 30 kilometers around the nuclear power plant, despite orders to leave the

Among them is 85-year-old former teacher Yevgeny Markev-ich, who said "It's a great happi-ness to live at home, but it's sad that it's not as it used to be.

The third article, "This is Where it Happened. . ." lists a few sites that are popular for crime tourism. 16 The article shows that these sites of tourism document history of that place. By visiting these places, one gains insight into certain sections of the society such as the gangster culture and community and their changing social status, such as the Yakuzas of Japan. Such touristic experiences also inform us about the legal and political situation of a country, and, the crimes and associated punishment. Well known criminal activities and incidences are also adapted into media productions such as web series on OTT platforms, resulting in a wider outreach.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The news article is from *Sunday Hindustan Times*, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020, p.14.

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# This is where it happened... Chicago, USA

## Rachel Lopez

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did tales — see how cities mine their criminal pasts for tourism. angsters lairs, drug lords palaces, hero memorials and sites with sor-

Gangsters, Brothels & Lolly Shops Melbourne, Australia

## Kyoto, Japan

operates. There's also a visit to the city's largest ghetto for the marginalised Bura-kumin community. where Kyoto's grey markets flourish, visi-tors can see how the underground economy (and Japan's crime-network, the Yakuza) On a walk through the Matsukoni area, Underground Kyoto Tour

Taylor, and an all-women crime network ster, the wonderfully named Leslie 'Squizz

called The Combine.

## Palermo, Italy

protest sites, a gallery of artists who took a stand against cartels, and a memorial to judges and prosecutors killed by the mafia. Anti-Mafia Tour
To celebrate the heroes and martyrs who stood up to local crime syndicates. Palermo offers a curated tour. It covers non-violent

Medellín, Colombia Pablo Escobar Escape Route

neighbourhoods, and revenues from these walks help fund local efforts to curb crime. The Pablo Escobar Escape Route tour is run by Medellin City Services, and led by a former police officer who pursued the drug former police afficer who pursued dealers in eligibourhood and his lair (with helipad dungeons, dorms and an escape tunnel). ever, covers the grisk exploits of the serial killer HH Holmes, who operated the infamous Murder Castle during the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893. The tour covers the spots where Hölmes picked up vic-tims and what's left of the fair today. Partici-pants can get an inside look at Chicago in 1893 and what the world saw when it came its mobster past there are Al Capone tours featuring guide in costume. This one, how-This was among the first cities to monetise Devil & The White City Tour optum dens, cocaine cafés, sly grogs or speakeasies, Lolly shops' that were actually brothels, and men of ill repute. The area Leave aside the fact that Australia was initially where the Crown banished its criminals. This crime tour highlights the era from quarter in Melbourne was bustling with the 1850s to 1930s, when Little Lon, a slum was home to Australia's most famous gang-

## Shanghai, China

This gargeier rour looks at opium kingpins and crime lords in the early 20th century, like Big Eased Du (who thought monkey heads were lucky) and Pockmarked Huang who distributed drugs in police ears. The trail coversche spots where their palatial hangouts and clubhouses once stood. As a bonus, you learn how to cheat at Black. The Shady Side of Shanghai

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NewDelhi

Gothenburg, Sweden

murder, theft, prostitution and smuggling were part of city life. "Among other things you'll find out wity Anna Brita cut up her best friend," says the site. "But you'll also meet bemilla, the hornifying baby-farmer." What? Goteborg Crime Walk
Long before The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo, Sweden's true-crime stories were sendrecreates the city of the 19th century, down the historic narrow streets of Haga, when ing chills down people's spines. This walk

> support a thriving crime-tourism industry. Visitors can witness the transformation of Colombia's crime-ridden cities are now so notorious (Netflix's Narcos helped), they

## Frankfurt, Germany

peautiful prostitute to the rich and powerful, was found strangulated, causing a national scandal in 1957. and order in the city. There are visits to memorable scenes of crime, but also guard towers, hideouts, old police stations and prisons. You'll see several former courts of dle Ages to the 1950s were tried. And the apartment where Rosemarie Nitribitt, a justice, where famous cases from the Midparticular incident, but the history of law A walk that focuses not on the bad guys or a History of Crime Tour

There's also a trip to a museum dedicated to crimes in the Medieval period.



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- 2021 Shrija Srinivasan and Sushila Shekhawat, "A Palimpsest of City and Country:

  Larksoken Headlands in 1989" paper presented in the seminar "Crime Fiction, Global

  Mapping and Grand Narratives" at the American Comparative Literary Association

  Annual Meeting, USA on 8<sup>th</sup> –11<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

## National

Shrija Srinivasan and Sushila Shekhawat. "Where are they?: Understanding Position of Women in Law Enforcement through Crime Fiction Narratives" at the "TEQIP-III Sponsored Online National Conference on Sustainable Development Goals: The Way Forward Towards Quality Education (G:4), Gender Equality (G:5), Affordable and Clean Energy (G:7) in India", jointly organised by Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Malviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) Jaipur and National Institute of Technology (NIT) Uttarakhand, in academic collaboration with the Indian Econometric Society, New Delhi, at MNIT Jaipur on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

- 2018 Shrija Srinivasan. "Murder at Martingale: Reading P.D. James' *Cover Her Face*" at Graduate Research Meet 2018: Emerging Trends in Humanities and Social Sciences, organised by Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati on 26<sup>th</sup>–27<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- 2018 Shrija Srinivasan and Somdatta Bhattacharya. "Masculinity Overwrought: The Strange Case of Inspector Rebus" at the International Colloquium on Literature, Theory and History of Ideas, in collaboration with Centre for Cultural Studies, University of Kerala, *Littcrit: An Indian Response to Literature*, and Erudite Scholar in Residence Programme, supported by Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC), organised by the Postgraduate Department of English, MSM College, Kayamkulam, Kerala, on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

## Project

2019 Represented BITS Pilani at the Summer 2019 Onsite Training Program "Community-Oriented Tourism Planning in Mitarai, Seto Inland Sea", at Hiroshima University, Japan, as a part of the Japan-India International Linkage Degree Program and the Taoyaka Program, from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019, under the JASSO scholarship. The individual report submitted for this program was titled "Sustainable Society and Feasible Businesses: An Investigation into the Preservation of Mitarai, Osakishimojima, Kure" (2019), for 2 Credits, and an A Grade was received from Hiroshima University.

## **BRIEF PROFILE OF CANDIDATE**

Ms Shrija Srinivasan is a doctoral researcher at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani, Pilani Campus. She joined BITS in January 2017 under Institute Fellowship and formally commenced her research in Spatial Studies in Crime Fiction after completing her coursework. During her doctoral studies, she received the Enhanced Institute Fellowship from BITS Pilani, and the Emerging Scholar Award 2021 from Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Research Network and Common Grounds Scholar. She has published and presented her research in journals and conferences, respectively. She qualified her UGC National Eligibility Test (NET) for Assistant Professor in 2018.

Prior to joining BITS, she completed her Masters in English from Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD), Bachelors in Arts (Honours) in English from Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, and schooling from Delhi Public School (DPS) Dwarka, New Delhi.

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## **BRIEF PROFILE OF CO-SUPERVISOR**

Dr Somdatta Bhattacharya has a PhD in English Studies from Jadavpur University, Kolkata. She is currently an Assistant Professor of English at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kharagpur, West Bengal, India. In the past, she has also taught at the University of Hyderabad (2011-2013) and at BITS Pilani, Pilani campus (2013–2018). Her research interests are rooted in areas of urban cultures, social theories of space and spatiality, crime fiction, city in literature, Indian writing in English, gender and South Asian popular culture, and she has taught, published, presented and supervised extensively in these areas. She has also been an investigator in multiple government and privately funded projects on the Indian urban underclass.



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