Big-hearted author John Reid backs Sense charity

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DCI Steve Burt Mysteries

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Big-hearted Scots author backs charity with the

launch of the latest thriller in the

DCI Steve Burt Mysteries

Crime fiction fans are in for a midsummer sizzler with the publication of this fast-paced thriller in the DCI Steve Burt Mysteries by new Scottish author John Reid.

In ***The Forgotten Gun,*** published by Austin Macauley and available for pre-order now (Publication date 31st August), Steve Burt is an ex-Parachute Regiment officer turned Metropolitan Policeman. The character of Steve Burt is a complex one, and we meet a man who is complicated and frustrated, but who had been one of the Metropolitan Police's most successfully detectives.

In this first outing, the DCI is given one last case to work on, delaying the inevitable end to his formerly impressive career. He is given a team of misfit officers who, like Steve, are not wanted by the Metropolitan Police and are facing the end of their careers. The new team sets out to prove to the powers that be that they are competent investigators. They follow the twists and turns of an almost impossible murder that defies all logic.

Reid, a Dundee-born former fund manager who now lives in both Scotland and Portugal, has won a legion of fans with a new twist on an established genre and inventive plots which keep readers on the edge of their seats. He is currently working on his eighth novel in the series so readers will be well supplied with DCI Steve Burt Mystery novels over the coming months and years.

To mark the launch of this DCI Burt page turner, John has teamed up with the national disability charity Sense, which supports people living with complex disabilities. The charity will receive a percentage of the royalties of all sales from the entire DCI Burt series and wider activities to raise awareness of the charity and their work.

Sense generate revenue from a variety of sources, including their network of retail outlets, with one or more located within your area, and we would like to encourage readers to visit and support this worthwhile cause.

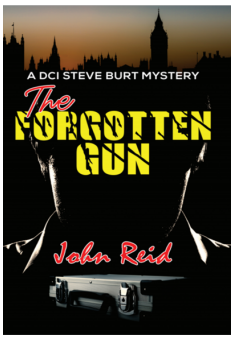
Like the fictional hero, John Reid served in the Army in Northern Ireland and the Middle East before embarking on a career in industry. He held senior roles in several industrial sectors, before retiring to become a full time author.

John said "I wanted to help others share in the success of the DCI Burt series, by supporting Sense, since, like them, I believe that no one should be left out, no matter how complex their disabilities."

Carl Williams, Community Fundraising Manager for Sense, said: "We are very grateful for John Reid's generous gesture which will support our work to ensure that no one should be isolated or unable to fulfil their potential simply because of their disability."

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