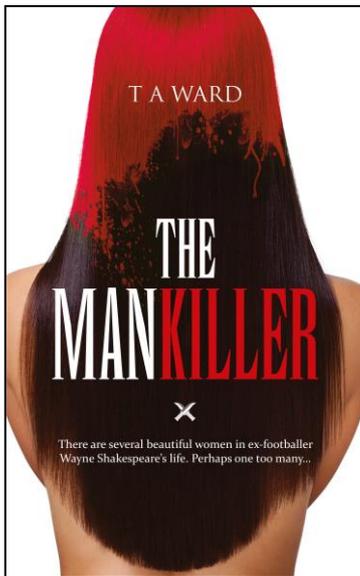


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**There are several beautiful women in ex-footballer Wayne Shakespeare's life. Perhaps one too many ...**

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***“Waiting, waiting, waiting. That was what she remembered most about their relationship. Waiting for him while he lived his life in a rush. Meals on the hoof. Talk on the trot. Sex by the clock ... Now she was waiting for him again... Waiting to kill him ...”***

Ex-pro footballer, Wayne Shakespeare works as a security consultant. Under his current contract he has responsibility for security at Oxford University. Wayne Shakespeare also likes women. He likes them a lot:

He likes Tracey Holroyd – a lively, attractive student who is trying to enlist him in a Rag Week fundraising prank.

He also likes the curvaceous and provocative Juliet Bromage – but is understandably wary of getting too involved with her because she is the daughter of his millionaire boss.

But most of all he likes his new lodger, the enigmatic Kate Park – a beautiful sexologist who is recovering from the tragic death of her lover and professional mentor.

However, when Wayne becomes accidentally embroiled in a vicious kidnapping, he will need to keep his wits about him with all three women even more than ever – but particularly with the black-haired one who stalks the fringes of his world with murder in her heart.

***“Gentle sex may bruise the soul. Casual sex might maim a lover. A new affair could be ending the last. These were the thoughts the black-haired woman was having while she waited outside the house of a man she planned to kill.”***

This is a thoughtful, unusual crime novel and – reflecting the author's own professional and academic interests – may be the first to feature a sexologist as a major character. The book will appeal to adults who enjoy crime-fiction, psychological thrillers, erotic writing or have an interest in sexology. The book contains much to interest football fans, those who work in the security industry and readers who are interested in the grieving process.

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