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Richard Hernaman Allen is a former Commissioner of Customs & Excise & the author of over 40 books, mostly detective stories set in Customs & Excise

After Nick Storey's predecessor in Harwich Customs & Excise is killed in a hit & run accident, Nick discovers he took many entries and £50,000 worth of uncut diamonds away with him. After his wife commits suicide, Nick is even more suspicious. Helped by WPC Rosemary Johnson, he uncovers a trail involving £60million of smuggled diamonds, leading from Siberia to the Narodny Bank in London. This leads KGB agents to try to kill Rosemary, before those in the trail can be brought to light.

This is the first in over 40 books following Nick & Rosemary through their careers and adventures.



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The Waterguard by Richard Hernaman Allen

Shortly after his arrival as an Officer of Customs & Excise in Harwich, Nick Storey discovers that his predecessor has been killed in a road accident, having taken away with him official documents. When Nick retrieves them, he also discovers £50,000 worth of uncut diamonds. The dead man's wife tells him she believes her husband was murdered, but shortly afterward is believed to have committed suicide. When going back to her house to see whether there is any evidence about the diamonds there, he is escorted by WPC Rosemary Johnson, who is impressed by his ability to spot things which cast doubt on the suicide.

Following up the trail of the entries taken away by the dead man, Nick and a senior investigator start to follow a trail of inconsistencies, which lead to the arrest of a second-hand jewellery seller, who has a safe full of documents showing a trail of diamonds from Siberia through Harwich to £35 million being paid into the Narodny Bank in London by a man called Davidson. Nick and Rosemary, who have fallen in love, carry out their own unofficial sleuthing, which ends up with Rosemary being shot by two KGB hoods, whose partners subsequently try to kill Rosemary in hospital, but are thwarted by Nick. However, knowing why they shot Rosemary enables the traitor in Customs & Excise to be identified. Davidson's attempts to escape are thwarted by Customs cutters, but it takes Nick and Rosemary's (unofficial) persistence to follow the trail of the smuggled diamonds to its end.

This is the first of over 40 books following Nick and Rosemary through their careers and adventures (and after retirement too).



Review by Philip R. H. Allen: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. I'm biased. I wrote it. So, think it's great! Reviewed in the United Kingdom on July 26, 2013. Verified Purchase. There are virtually no crime novels written about Customs & Excise, the second largest crime enforcement agency in the UK (up to 2005). Yet it dealt with a range of subjects from smuggling through to sophisticated tax fraud. In my opinion, the Waterguard provides a good balance between grounding the story in Customs & Excise & in 1964 and having a crime plot with plenty of action - and a love interest. I believe it feels as though it was written by someone who knew the organization thoroughly.

Review by Jimbhoy: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Takes me back! Reviewed in the United Kingdom on July 6, 2022. Verified Purchase. Well written and takes me back to when I was in the job. Maybe not technically accurate in all aspects but it is a work of fiction.

Review by Vanessa Allen: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. The Waterguard was a great read. Reviewed in the United Kingdom on February 8, 2014. Verified Purchase. I found this book to be an extremely good read. I didn't want to put it down and was drawn in immediately by the main characters Nick and Rosemary. The writer gives a fascinating glimpse into the work of The Waterguard.

Review by Geoff Robinson: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. GOOD READ. Reviewed in the United Kingdom on December 30, 2012. Verified Purchase. An excellent yarn especially if you are ex-HMCE remembering past days. Great detail as part of a gripping story. If only the real world had been as exciting as this!

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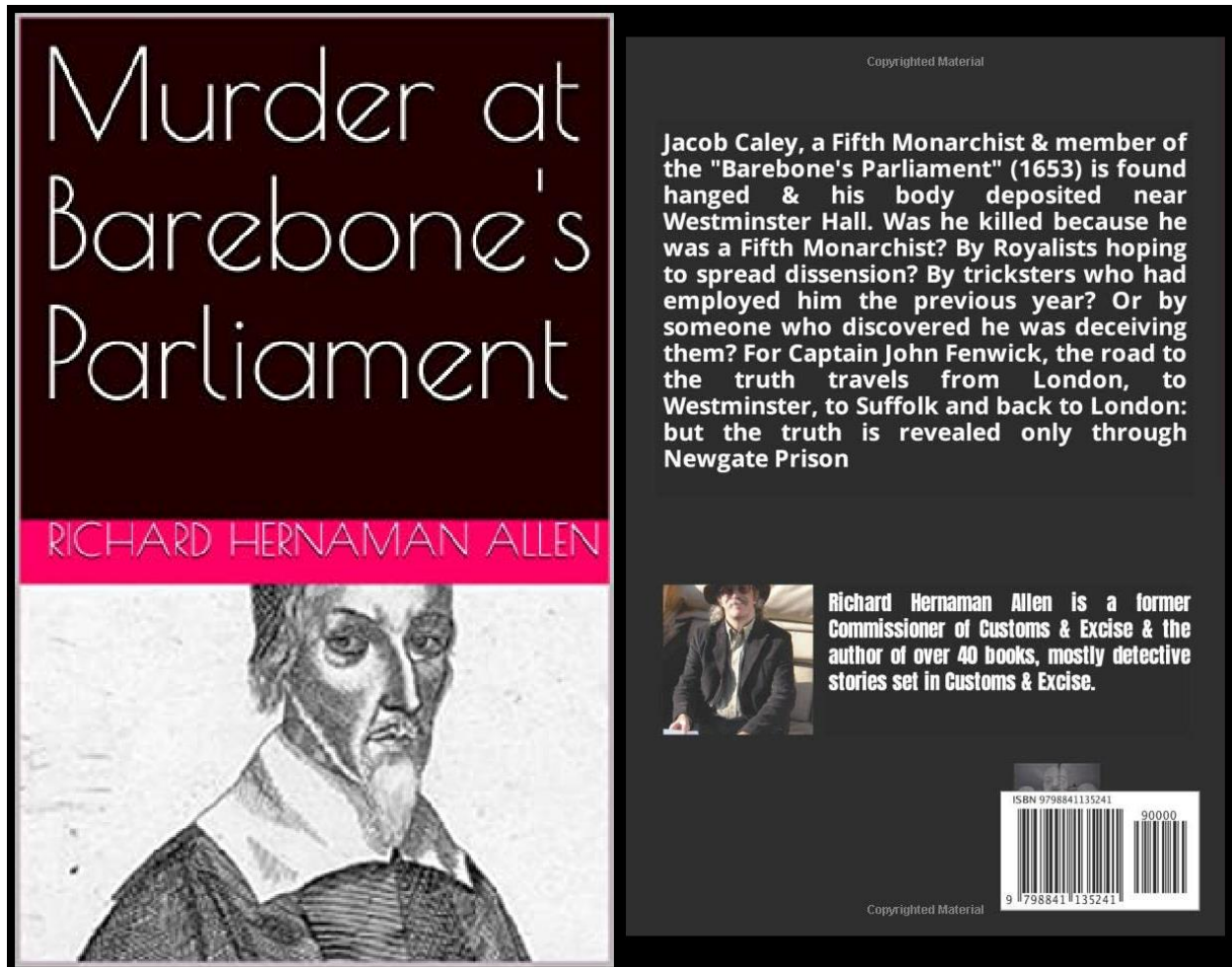
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Murder At Barebone's Parliament by Richard Hernaman Allen

1653. Oliver Cromwell has dissolved the Rump Parliament and he and his generals have appointed a new Assembly of 140 men who will make England "a godly nation". One of the members, a Fifth Monarchist, who believed in the imminent end of the world, is found murdered near Westminster Hall.

Why was he hanged and then his body deposited there? Was it because he was a Fifth Monarchist? To cause dissension so that Charles II might return to his throne? Or because of dubious dealings he was involved in the City of London during the previous year?

In his journey to find the truth, John Fenwick meets several tricksters, pewter makers, a huge female wrestler and a professional killer in London, Cromwell's Generals, Fifth Monarchists and Parliamentary clerks in Westminster, wool merchants and country squires in Suffolk, before the path leads through Newgate Prison and several notable members of Livery Companies to someone riding two horses at the same time.



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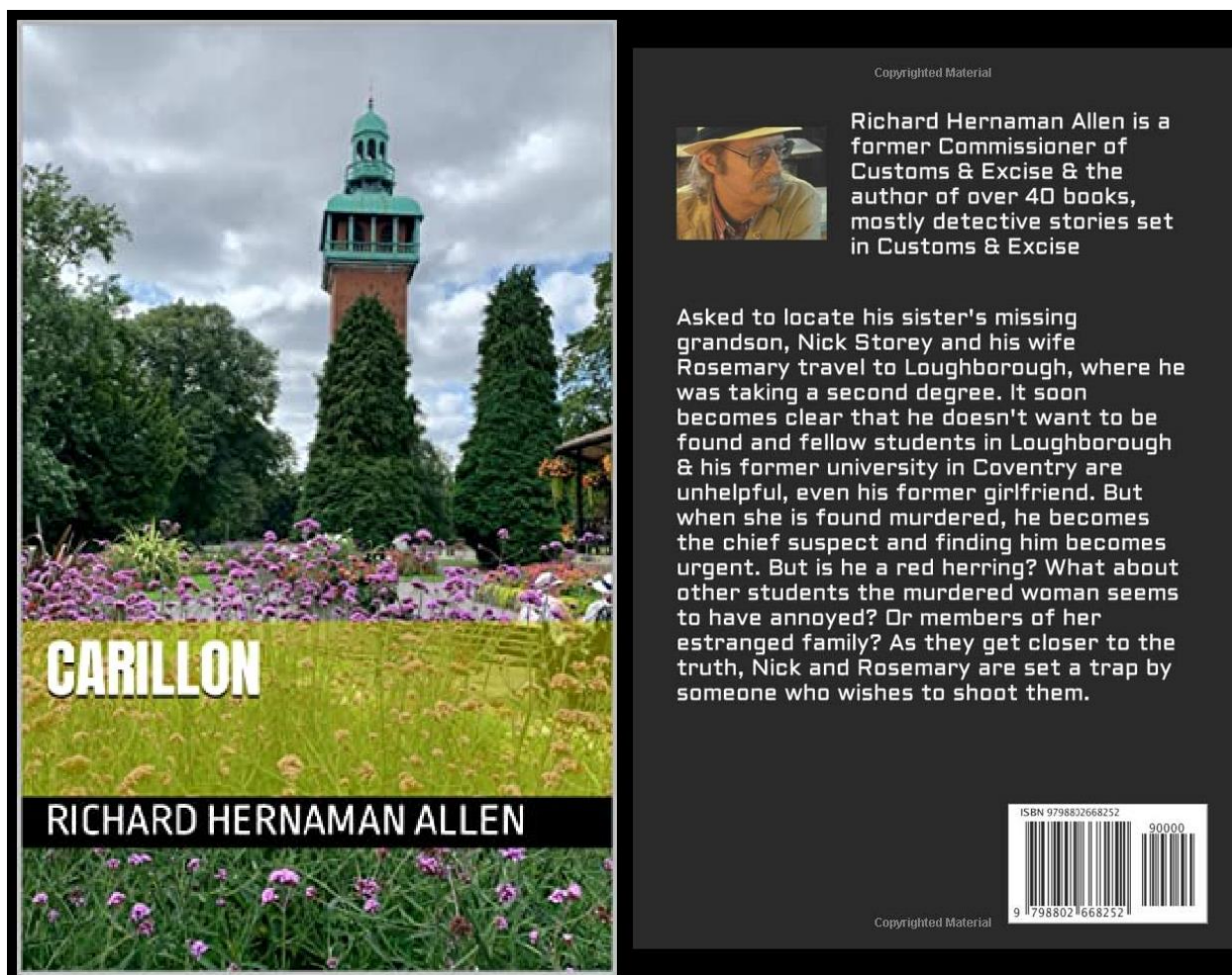
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Carillon by Richard Hernaman Allen

Asked by his sister to locate her missing grandson, Nick Storey and his wife Rosemary go to Loughborough, where he was studying for a second degree at the university. It quickly becomes evident that he does not wish to be found and that the people (not least his former girlfriend) who may be able to help find him are at his former university (Warwick) in the city of Coventry.

However, when his girlfriend also disappears and is then found murdered, he becomes the chief suspect and the need to find him becomes more urgent. But he was plainly a very introverted young man and his few acquaintances are reticent when not being deceitful. Eventually, his passion for the triathlon enables Nick and Rosemary to track him down. But all that proves is that the police have allowed themselves to look in completely the wrong direction. But when Nick and Rosemary follow a different lead, the murderer sets a trap to shoot them.

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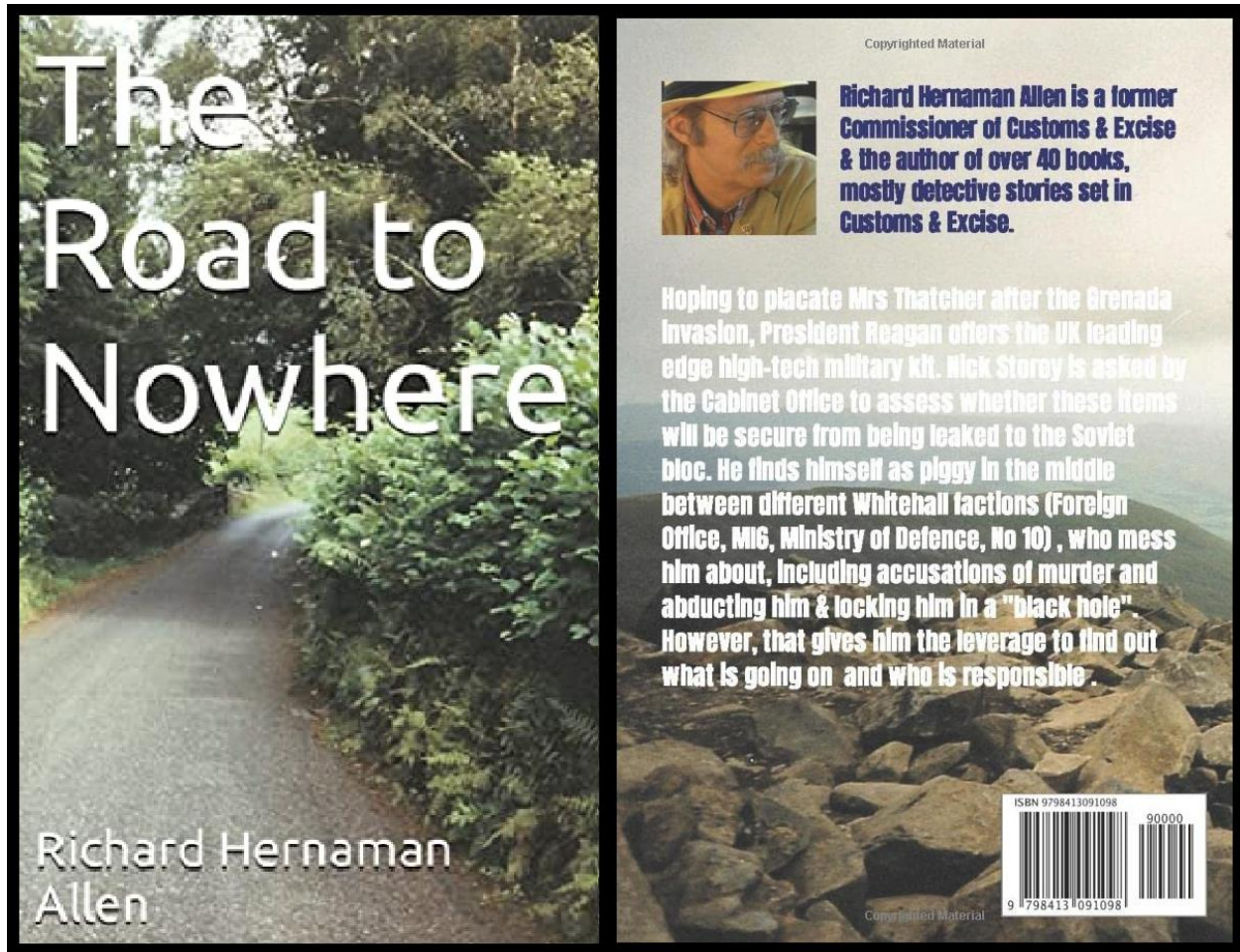
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The Road to Nowhere by Richard Hernaman Allen

1986. Nick Storey is asked to assess whether certain high-tech items offered to Mrs. Thatcher by President Reagan to placate her after the Grenada invasion are secure against being leaked to the Soviet bloc. This places him as piggy in the middle in a factional war between different parts of Whitehall (Foreign Office, MI6, Ministry of Defence, No 10 Downing Street). He is messed about, sent to non-existent meetings, threatened, accused of murder, and abducted and locked in a "black hole". This finally provides the leverage to find out what is going on.



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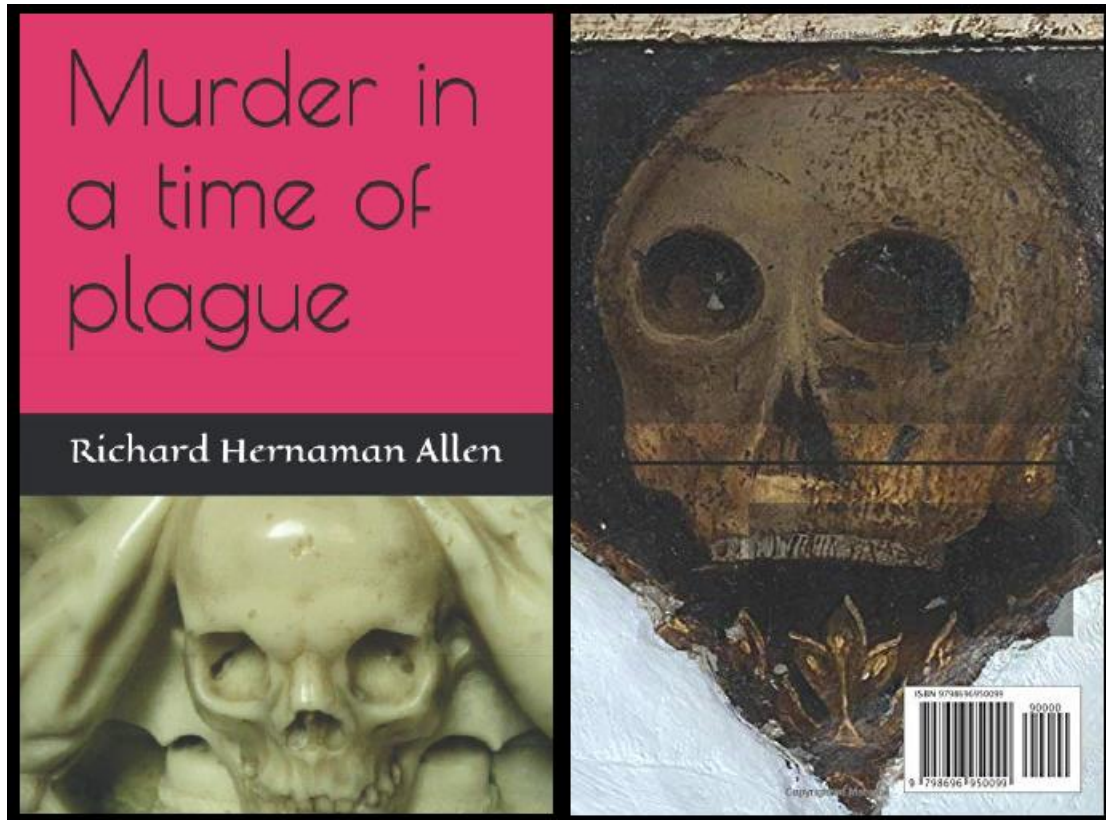
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Murder In A Time Of Plague by Richard Hernaman Allen

A detective story set at the time of the Great Plague of London in 1665. Two men disappear on the same night, supposedly died from the plague. They are connected through a company loaning money to indigent courtiers at the court of King Charles II. John Fenwick discovers evidence that suggests they were probably murdered, but their connections – at Court, in the city and in the spying business – lead to him risking his death and an unexpected conclusion.

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About Richard Hernaman Allen: I am a former Commissioner of HM Customs & Excise who also worked in 4 other Government Departments (two as a director). I have always written since I was 9 or 10 and would probably have been a professional writer if I had won a competition when I was 21 (the novel I wrote was appalling!). I started "Through Fire" in 1976 and finished in 2006 after I had taken early retirement. My job, marriage to Vanessa and being father of Joanna & Katharine, took up most of my time. After I finished it, I worked on sequels "By Water", "Out of Sight" and currently "Borne on the wind".

By accident, passing Barton Stacey, near Andover, on my way on holiday, I discovered the pleasure of writing detective fiction. After my first two attempts, I decided that it would be sensible to focus on setting stories in Customs & Excise, which is not well served for detective fiction and would allow me to record what life was like in a department which has been merged out of existence, in the years from 1964-95. I've subsequently followed my main characters into retirement with more detective stories and have just started with a new detective solving murders, etc., in the mid-17th century.

I also compose music – from classical, modern & pop to jazz, experiment in acrylic paint, and run longish distances. I ran the London marathon & many half marathons, but a hip replacement means that I stick to shorter distances. I have a constant struggle with my garden.

The birth of my grandsons, Josh (2013) and Jasper (2015) have brought added joy into my life and I hope we will be able to show them some of the places we have loved in Britain, Italy, France, Germany, and Latvia before we are too old.

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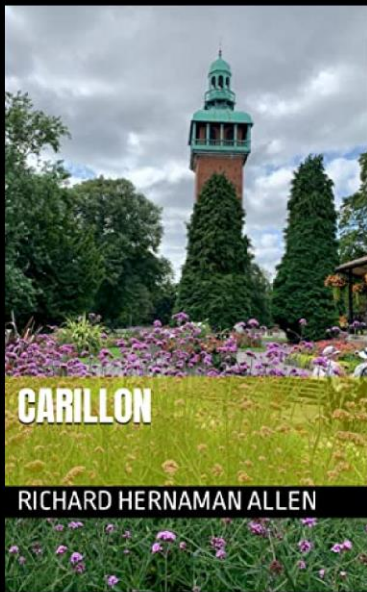
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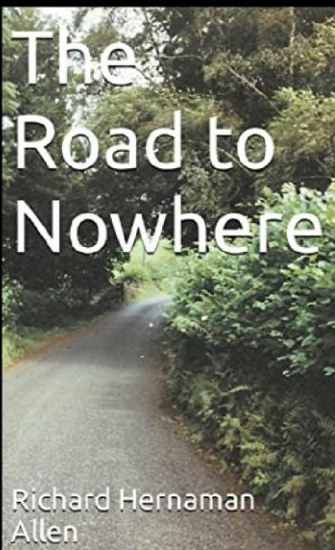
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