



## Addicted to Death: A Food Related Crime Investigation

By Matthew Redford

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*As two eggs are beaten to death by an unknown, fedora wearing, assailant brandishing a large metal spoon, and four London chefs receive death threats, it will fall to tenacious carrot Detective Inspector Willie Wortel and his eclectic stall of humans, fruits and vegetables, to avert a recipe for disaster.*

After the passing of the Genetically Modified Food Sapiens Act 1955, food sapiens live, work and pay their taxes alongside homo sapiens. So when eggs, Benedict and Darcy Blacktail, are savagely murdered in a seemingly unprovoked attack outside their home, Detective Inspector Willie Wortel - carrot and leading food detective - is called in to investigate. Soon after the double murder, Wortel's case escalates, when the only food sapiens minister in Government, Professor Perry Partridge, is assassinated at the Strawberry Strip Club; a den of delicious iniquity run by the young damson Victoria Plum. Wortel suspects that the two cases are linked and that a sinister killer may be on the loose in London.

Ably assisted by his human colleague Sergeant Dorothy Knox, and less ably so by two new recruits, Oranges and Lemons, DI Wortel is thrown a veritable hot potato as he is drawn into a web of political and capitalist corruption at the highest level. His investigation turns sour as four celebrity chefs are sent death threats, the evil genius MadCow McBeef makes a bid for parole, and an anti-GM food is on the prowl. DI Wortel and his team must smoke out this criminal with a taste for murder before it's too late.

An ardent childhood fan of writers Roger Hargreaves, Roald Dahl and Enid Blyton, Matthew Redford has often found himself asking those crucial, unanswered questions: what if Agatha Christie had written about Miss Marble Cake? Was Cracker really a psychologist or actually a water biscuit? And so, in spite of his lactose intolerance, Redford has decided to stand up for the food sapiens community who remain under represented in the culinary crime fiction canon.

Unconventional and utterly entertaining, **Addicted to Death: A Food Related Crime Investigation** will delight fans of classic crime fiction, those with a taste for the satirical and the surreal and even — dare we suggest it — food critics.

**About the author:** Born in 1980, Matthew Redford grew up with his parents and elder brother on a council estate in Bermondsey, south-east London. He now lives in Longfield, Kent, takes masochistic pleasure in watching his favourite football team snatch defeat from the jaws of victory, is a keen chess player and is planning future food related crime novels. To counterbalance the quirkiness of his crime fiction Redford is an accountant. **Addicted to Death: A Food Related Crime Investigation** (published by Clink Street Publishing July 14th 2015 RRP £8.99 paperback, RRP £4.99 ebook) is available to purchase from online retailers including [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk) and to order from all good bookstores.

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