DCI RYAN'S NORTH EAST

THE DCI RYAN MYSTERIES

Twenty-four novels set across Northumberland and the North East. Find each numbered place on the map, then discover the story behind it.



THE STORIES

1 **HOLY ISLAND** LINDISFARNE

On sabbatical and seeking sanctuary on Holy Island, DCI Ryan is drawn back into the world of murder when a young woman is found dead among the ancient ruins of the Priory, just days before Christmas.

2 **SYCAMORE GAP** HADRIAN'S WALL

On the summer solstice, the skeleton of a young woman is found inside the Roman Wall at Sycamore Gap, where she has lain undiscovered for ten years. Ryan must piece together her past while facing his own demons.

3 **HEAVENFIELD** HEAVENFIELD

When a man is found dead at the remote church of Heavenfield, Ryan is the only other person for miles around. Suspended and under suspicion, he must clear his name as members of the mysterious 'Circle' begin to die.

4 **ANGEL** NEWCASTLE

On Good Friday, a red-haired woman is found in a shallow grave in one of Newcastle's largest cemeteries, given wings like an angel. As more bodies follow, Ryan's team race to unmask a new serial killer.

5 **HIGH FORCE** TEESDALE

Notorious serial killer The Hacker has escaped prison and kidnapped one of Ryan's best detectives. With a nationwide manhunt underway and the trail gone cold, the clock is ticking.

6 **CRAGSIDE** ROTHBURY

A Victorian murder mystery evening at the spectacular Cragside estate turns deadly when the lights go out and an elderly man is found dead. When a second body follows, Ryan must find the killer who walks among them.

7 **DARK SKIES** KIELDER

Thirty years after three friends went camping and only two came home, a teenage boy's body rises from England's biggest reservoir. In the depths of Kielder Forest, a killer will do anything to protect the past.

8 **SEVEN BRIDGES** NEWCASTLE

Ryan is preparing to leave Newcastle to hunt down a killer who walked free, until the Tyne Bridge explodes and his team face a deadly foe who won't stop until every bridge is burned.

9 **THE HERMITAGE** WARKWORTH

When an old man is found dead inside the ancient hermitage at Warkworth Castle, Ryan is thousands of miles away, tracking a world-famous thriller writer turned killer across Europe.

10 **LONGSTONE** SEAHOUSES

Viking treasure is discovered beneath the North Sea and Anna is called in to catalogue the hoard. When a shipwreck diver washes up dead, Ryan faces a wall of secrets and lies in the fishing town of Seahouses.

11 **THE INFIRMARY** NEWCASTLE

In the stifling summer of 2014, a killer is stalking the streets of Newcastle. When the officer leading the case turns up dead, a young and aloof DCI Ryan must take up the baton.

12 **THE MOOR** NEWCASTLE

When a ten-year-old girl tells Ryan she has witnessed a murder, he discovers that the circus rolling into Newcastle hides a killer, and a secret buried for eight years.

THE STORIES (CONTINUED)

13 **PENSHAW** PENSHAW

When an old man is burned alive in a sleepy ex-mining village, Ryan finds decades-old betrayals still smouldering, while rumours of a mole inside Northumbria CID leave him unsure who to trust.

14 **BORDERLANDS** NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK

A young woman is shot dead on remote army ranges, while violent crimes strike historic sites across the North East, each marked with a graffitied symbol that Ryan's team must decode.

15 **RYAN'S CHRISTMAS** CHILLINGHAM

A freak snowstorm strands Ryan's team at England's most haunted castle, where they gatecrash a candlelit ghost hunt. It's all fun and games, until one of the guests is murdered.

16 **THE SHRINE** DURHAM

A colleague is shot dead on her own doorstep, then an explosion rocks Durham Cathedral and a priceless artefact that once belonged to Saint Cuthbert goes missing.

17 **CUTHBERT'S WAY** MELROSE TO HOLY ISLAND

The cross Ryan recovered from Durham was a fake, and now something even more precious has been stolen. To get it back, he must crack 'Cuthbert's Code' and follow a long-dead saint's trail across the Borders.

18 **THE ROCK** MARSDEN

A fishing boat is wrecked off the North Sea coast and a young woman washes up beside Marsden Rock. With more human cargo missing, Ryan's team race to find them before the case turns to murder.

19 **BAMBURGH** BAMBURGH

An old woman is found dead at her home, then another body appears in the dunes below the mighty castle, and Ryan doesn't believe in coincidence. Meanwhile, DC Yates's hunt for her sister's killer becomes an obsession.

20 **LADY'S WELL** HOLYSTONE

When the ancient waters of Lady's Well begin to run red, it looks like a Hallowe'en prank, until the whole village of Holystone is poisoned and an old man turns up dead.

21 **DEATH ROCKS** DUNSTANBURGH

A talented photographer is found on the rocks beneath Dunstanburgh Castle, then another body turns up near Hadrian's Wall. With no motives and airtight alibis, Ryan must find the link between a string of coincidences.

22 **POISON GARDEN** ALNWICK

With most of the world believing he's dead, Ryan hides in Devon to hunt a deadly killing network. Back in Northumberland, a man collapses near Alnwick Castle, and the team must look to the Poison Garden for answers.

23 **BELSAY** BELSAY HALL

The team's Christmas party at beautiful Belsay Hall is interrupted by the untimely arrival of a dead body. Crime never sleeps, and nor do the secrets within the walls of Belsay.

24 **BERWICK** BERWICK-UPON-TWEED

When Anna is arrested for the murder of a well-known author, Ryan refuses to believe the mounting evidence. But her father was a killer, and he taught her how to use a gun. Does Ryan really trust the woman he married?