The Guido Brunetti Series of Novels by Donna Leon

Donna Leon’s best-selling series featuring the principled, but warmhearted Commissario Guido Brunetti has won her international renown as one of the world’s best crime writers. The series of novels are set in Venice, Italy. Brunetti contends with ingenious corruption, bureaucratic intransigence and everything the Venetian climate can throw at him. All of the Brunetti books are packed with colorful Venetian characters and the splendor of Venice, its lagoon, and the surrounding area, which provide the perfect backdrop for a range of crimes for Brunetti to investigate.

The volumes in this series are shelved under the author’s last name in the Fiction Section on the second floor. It is suggested that the volumes be read in order, but it is not necessary for the enjoyment of the books. The complete Brunetti series includes:

1. **Death at La Fenice** 1992 - During a performance of La Traviata at La Fenice opera house the distinguished German conductor is found dead.
2. **Death in a Strange Country** 1993 - Brunetti confronts a grisly sight when the body of a young American is fished out of a Venetian canal.
3. **The Anonymous Venetian** 1994 (aka **Dressed for Death**) - Brunetti’s hopes of a refreshing family holiday are dashed when a gruesome discovery is made.
4. **A Venetian Reckoning** 1995 (aka **Death and Judgment**) - A prominent lawyer is found dead in the carriage of an intercity train at Santa Lucia.
5. **Acqua Alta** 1996 (aka **Death in High Water**) - As Venice braces for the onslaught of flood waters, Brunetti finds out that an old friend has been savagely beaten.
6. **The Death of Faith** 1997 (aka **Quietly in Their Sleep**) - Brunetti comes to the aid of a young nursing sister following the unexpected death of five patients.
7. **A Noble Radiance** 1997 - The owner of a farmhouse near the Italian Dolomites is summoned to the house when his workmen disturb a macabre grave.
8. **Fatal Remedies** 1999 - For Brunetti, it begins with an early morning phone call. A sudden act of vandalism shatters the quiet of the deserted city.
9. **Friends in High Places** 2000 - Brunetti investigates the death of a young building inspector after a mysterious fall from some scaffolding at a construction site.
10. **A Sea of Troubles** 2001 - The murder of two fishermen off the island of Pellestrina draws Commissario Brunetti into the island’s close-knit community, bound together by a code of loyalty and a suspicion of outsiders.
11. **Wilful Behaviour** 2002 - When one of his wife’s students comes to visit him with an interest in investigating the possibility of a pardon for her grandfather many years ago, Brunetti thinks little of it until the student is stabbed to death.
12. **Uniform Justice** 2003 - Brunetti takes on a case when a young cadet has been found hanged in Venice’s elite military academy. As he investigates, he is faced with a wall of silence at the school and in the government.
13. **Doctored Evidence** 2004 - When a universally disliked elderly woman is murdered, suspicion immediately falls on her Romanian housekeeper.

14. **Blood from a Stone** 2005 - Shortly before Christmas, a man is killed in Venice’s Campo Santo Stefano. At first, the crime seems like a simple case of murder, but as Commissario Guido Brunetti probes more deeply, he begins to suspect that this murder was the work of a professional.

15. **Through a Glass Darkly** 2006 - When the body of a watchman is found at a factory with an annotated copy of Dante’s *Inferno*, Brunetti must investigate.

16. **Suffer the Little Children** 2007 - A brutal attack on a pediatrician and the kidnapping of the doctor’s eighteen-month-old son, draws Commissario Guido Brunetti into a dangerous case involving a ring of baby traffickers.

17. **The Girl of His Dreams** 2008 - Commissario Brunetti respond to an emergency call reporting a body floating near some steps on the Grand Canal.

18. **About Face** 2009 - A socialite asks Guido Brunetti to investigate a murder that happened in the underworld surrounding southern Italy’s garbage dumping grounds.

19. **A Question of Belief** 2011 - A folder with court records has landed on Commissario Guido Brunetti’s desk. The records seem to indicate that corruption is rampant in the judicial system.

20. **Drawing Conclusions** 2011 - Commissario Guido Brunetti investigates the suspicious death of a Venetian widow.

21. **Beastly Things** 2012 - The Venetian police inspector must identify a man found stabbed to death and floating in a canal.

22. **The Golden Egg** 2013 - Commissario Guido Brunetti, out of a sense of guilt and at the urging of his wife, investigates the death of a disabled man.

23. **By Its Cover** 2014 - Brunetti is called to a library to investigate the thefts of several rare historical books and maps. The investigation takes a turn for the worse when one of the library researchers is found beaten to death.

24. **Falling in Love** 2015 – Violence is striking all around Opera Diva Flavia Petrelli. Brunetti attempts to protect his old friend from an apparent deranged stalker.

25. **The Waters of Eternal Youth** 2016 - Brunetti agrees to investigate a 15-year-old incident in which a teenager seemingly fell into a canal and nearly died before being rescued and is now living as a brain damaged woman.

Readers may also be interested in reading *Brunetti’s Venice: walks with the city’s best-loved detective* by Toni Sepeda; with an introduction by Donna Leon. New York: Grove Press, 2009. 914.531 S47B 2009

The volumes in these series may be available in all formats (hardbound or paperback print editions; large print editions; and, compact disk-CD audiobooks) at this library or through the Minuteman Library network.

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