Bay of Martyrs
Tony Black and Matt Neal

SUMMARY

True Detective set on Australia's south east coast: master of Tartan Noir, Tony Black, collaborates with Australian author and journalist, Matt Neal, to create a thrilling criminal case of murder, corruption and retribution revealing Australia's dark underbelly.

SALES POINTS

· A gritty new crime series set in an exciting new location
· Reeks of hard-boiled authenticity
· Introducing a great new investigator - downbeat journalist Clay Moloney
· All the ingredients for a hugely satisfying mystery

DESCRIPTION

Clay Moloney, a downbeat and cynical reporter with an Australian newspaper, uncovers corruption when he looks into the death of a young woman whose body is washed up at the Bay of Martyrs. The death is an inconvenience for Moloney, who's content filing obituaries and re-writing government press releases on the new $1.5 billion airport. A looming election, an eviction order from his landlord and a needy partner with a marriage timetable only add to his woes.

As Moloney becomes obsessed with the murder investigation, Bec, his bluntly to-the-point Irish photographer, suggests he may be using the case as a diversion away from a painful past. Moloney's suspicions about the crime point to local construction magnate, Lachlan Fullerton, and the region's election candidate, Wayne Swanson, the federal investment minister. Will Clay achieve justice for the young student, or will those in power stop him before he uncovers the truth?

PRAISE FOR TONY BLACK

'Tony Black is my favourite British crime writer' **Irvine Welsh**

'This is one hell of read, two authors is a tricky gig and most times results in desultoy effect. But here are two writers so in synch that it is seamless. A get in yer face, down and dynamic read that grips and enthrals. Tony Black at the very height of his terrific talent and now with a double act to enrich his solid rep.' **Ken Bruen**, author of *The Guards* and *Priest*

'This was a great read. Really cool, interesting and unusual locales, with a fast-paced thriller narrative and some very sexy lead characters. Highly recommended.' **Tony Cavanaugh**, author of *Promise* and *Dead Girl Sing*
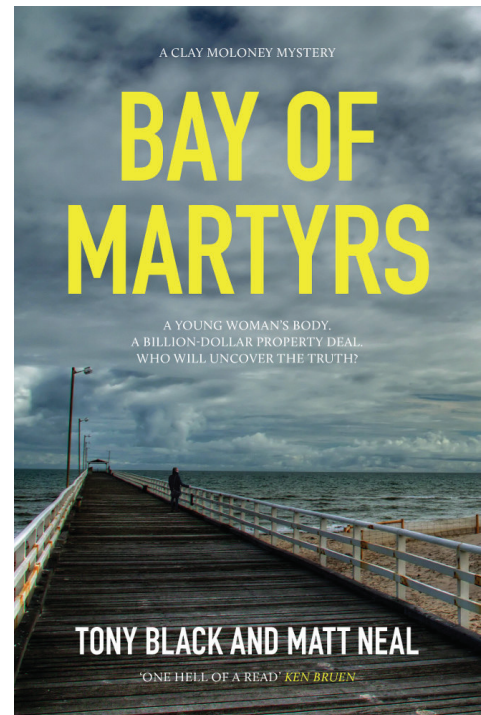
AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Tony Black was born in Australia and grew up in Scotland and Ireland. He is an award-winning journalist, editor, and novelist. He is the author of thirteen books including *Paying for It*, *Gutted*, *Long Time Dead*, and most recently *Summoning the Dead*. He has been nominated for a CWA Dagger seven times and was runner up in the *Guardian's* Not the Booker Prize for *The Last Tiger*.

Matt Neal is an Australian journalist, film reviewer, musician, songwriter. Born and raised in south-west Victoria, he's been a journalist with the Warrnambool Standard for 15 years. He's a prize-winning songwriter as well as a frequent movie reviewer for Australiaís ABC Radio.

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For fans of Denise Mina, Stuart MacBride and Alex Gray.

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