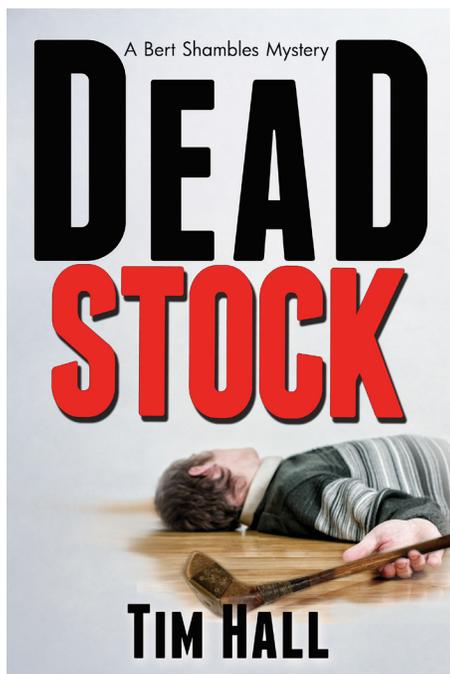


DEAD STOCK

Bert Shambles Mysteries #1

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Whoever said that thing about how no man is an island probably doesn't live on one.

Bert Shambles is Long Island's best amateur sleuth—*unfortunately*. The 23-year old thrift shop employee is living back in his suburban hometown, trying to stay employed and out of trouble—which wouldn't be a problem, except Bert has a knack for being at the wrong place at the wrong time. He's chivalrous and honest, and almost always returns his mother's calls, but when danger surfaces on the quiet streets of Mumfrey, Bert always finds himself caught in the middle.

Maybe it's his name—after all, what else would you expect from a guy named Shambles?

According to my mom our name was originally Chambliss, but it got mangled by some Ellis Island guard when my ancestors emigrated from France in the 1800s. I've often wondered why nobody bothered to change it back.

In *DEAD STOCK*, Bert learns about a large reward being offered for the return of a missing golf putter, and soon finds himself the target of a violent, van-driving lunatic and the chief suspect in a burglary at a mob wedding. Bert races to solve the mystery before the forces of good and evil close in around him and he winds up in jail—or worse.

Splice Today called *DEAD STOCK* “one of the best novels of 2013,” and had this to say:

“When reading *Dead Stock*, it's difficult to determine what is bigger, Hall's imagination, heart, or sense of humor. **Shambles is an amazing character.**”

DEAD STOCK heralds the arrival of a wonderful new voice in mystery fiction, as fresh and funny as the best work of Westlake, Evanovich, or Block.

The second book in the series, *TIE DIED*, was published in April 2015 by Cozy Cat Press.

