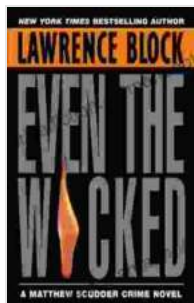


# Matthew Scudder: A Retrospective on Lawrence Block's Enduring Detective Character



Matthew Scudder is a fictional private detective created by American author Lawrence Block. Scudder is a recovering alcoholic who lives in New York

City and specializes in missing persons cases. He is a complex and deeply flawed character, but he is also a compassionate and determined investigator. Scudder has been featured in over 20 novels and short stories, and he has been played by Jeff Bridges in two films.



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### Scudder's Creation and Development

Block created Scudder in 1976, as a protagonist for his novel "The Sins of the Fathers." Scudder was inspired by several real-life private detectives that Block had met, as well as by the character of Philip Marlowe, created by Raymond Chandler.

Scudder is a loner who is haunted by his past. He is a recovering alcoholic, and he has a troubled relationship with his family. Despite his flaws, Scudder is a good man who is committed to helping others.

### Scudder's Novels and Short Stories

Scudder has been featured in over 20 novels and short stories. His most famous novels include:

\* "The Sins of the Fathers" (1976) \* "Time to Murder and Create" (1979) \*  
"Eight Million Ways to Die" (1982) \* "A Walk Among the Tombstones"  
(1992) \* "The Last Dance" (2009)

Scudder's novels and short stories have been praised for their realism, their suspense, and their complex characters. Block has won numerous awards for his work, including the Mystery Writers of America Grand Master Award.

## **Scudder's Adaptations**

Scudder has been adapted for film and television several times. In 1982, Jeff Bridges starred as Scudder in the film "8 Million Ways to Die." In 1992, Scudder was played by Tom Berenger in the television series "A Walk Among the Tombstones."

## **Scudder's Legacy**

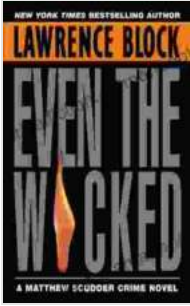
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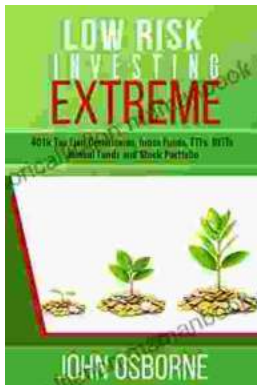
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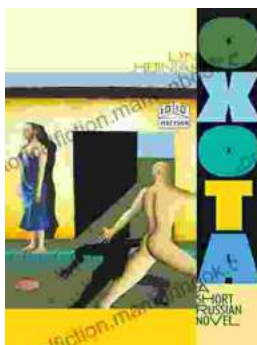


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