

The Point Between Style Guide

Dictionary: Webster's New World College Dictionary, Fifth Edition.

Style Manual: Chicago, 16th Edition

Mechanics:

Italics for direct internal dialogue

Regular font for paraphrased internal dialogue

Ellipses: space before/after except no after if at end of sentence/before final punctuation

Em dashes: no space before/after

Numbers: spell out unless multiple hyphenation required

Gate codes: spell out numbers

Decades: spell out, lowercase (e.g., fifties)

Time of day: numerals when more than single digit (e.g., 5:08) but spell out with *o'clock* or when single digit (e.g., "he got home at five a.m.")

Age: ten-year-old but 54 years

Ordinals: e.g. 70th or fiftieth (decide based on surrounding text)

Dates: use numerals

Phone numbers: spell out using hyphens

Street numbers: follow local spelling

Software version: use numbers (e.g., 3.0)

Acronyms: three letter or less: regular font. Four letters or more: use Small Caps character style

Regular emphasis: italics

Raised voice: all caps

Quotes: quotation marks when direct quotation; italics when indirect

Acts and legislation: regular font

Spelling: U.S. English

acetaminophen

acknowledgement

adrenalin

air-conditioning

all right

back seat (n) backseat (adj)

backyard

benzodiazepines (BZO)

cellphone

chiseled

counseled

counseling

crept

dealt

dialed

Douglas fir

flatscreen TV

focused

fueled

Google (n & v)

gray

hashtag

interferon

Internet

jewelry

judgment

Justice (personification)

labeled

latte

leapt

license (n & v)

lividity

lorazepam

M.E. (medical examiner)

Mercury (god)

Merlot

mosquitoes

Muslim

nerve-wracking

paliperidone

paroxetine

percent

petechia

petechial

Pinot gris

quantitate

rearview mirror

reveled

schizoaffective

slingback

smartphone

snotsicle

spilled

spit (past tense)

stone-faced

swiveling

T-shirt

tranny

traveled

traveling

unfocused

U.S.

web (Internet)

whiskey

Woden

Wednesday

Main Characters:

Lily Catherine Harrington, novelist. Age 52. Dyed dark-brown hair. 5', 101 lbs. Takes estrogen and paroxetine 10mg for menopause. Drives a hybrid. Likes to garden. Has flower and vegetable garden. DOB: 8 July 1962. Died wearing white sleeveless lace Armani shift dress and Stuart Weitzman white patent leather slingback sandals with multicolored cork soles. beige bra and panties. Platinum watch; brilliant-cut diamond earrings of approximately 8mm in diameter. French manicure, medium length. Toenails are painted red. The rope used was 1/2" twisted strand nylon anchor rope. Killed 4 June 2015. Gate and house code 8302.

Autopsy, 5 June 2015. Case number 2015-483WA.

Detective Paul Greene: early-50s, dark-haired but balding, bulbous nose and florid face of an alcoholic. Rumpled chin. Heavy eyebrows, hair in his ears. Wattle beneath chin. Average height, rotund frame. Wipes nose a lot with handkerchief he carries. His voice gruff as his manner. Born 13 August 1961; Ox. Wife: Ellie. Mother: Carolyn.

Marcus Mantova: fictional detective of Lily's novels. Italian descent. Handsome, late 30s. Silky black hair, broad shoulders, long-lashed dark-brown eyes, velvety voice. 5'8". Wears signature black trench coat and black wool fedora, black Italian leather loafers. Formerly **Joseph Esposito**.

Deputy David Edward Thornfield: one of two deputies in Point Roberts, WA. Taller than Greene. 30s. Small paunch, otherwise muscular body. Dark-brown crew-cut hair. Ex-military. Wears drab green, jumpsuit-style uniform, leather combat boots.

Penelope Winters: late Whatcom Homicide Detective and former love of Marcus Mantova. "Mid-thirties, tall, with shoulder-length blonde hair framing an attractive face unenhanced by makeup. Her knock-out figure was quietly clothed in flat-panel black trousers and a long-sleeved crisp white shirt buttoned all the way up save for the top one, revealing a triangle of flesh and the base of her long neck. She was a perfect specimen of female beauty—except for the half-inch hole right in the middle of her forehead." 5'11" tall; wearing one-inch heeled boots. Is a poltergeist. Mother, **Agnes Winters**, lives in Kansas City, Missouri. Called **The Homicide Hunter** by former peers.

Runa Jonsdottir: Lily's housekeeper. "Tall, big-boned Icelandic young woman." Shoulder-length ash-blond hair. Pale-blue eyes. Head of a serpent tattooed on her left inner forearm. Schizophrenic. Takes paliperidone, 3mg. Lives at Sunny Side RV park in rented single-wide mobile home. Drives white 1990 Toyota Corolla. She had been questioned over an alleged stalking of the actor-turned-state-assembly-member Stephen Harper; apprehended under section 5150 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code. Committed for 14 days under section 5250. She was released upon a promise to continue seeking help on an outpatient basis, but instead left the state. Gate code: 7948. Does not pronounce *g's*; *and* = 'n.

Richard Henry Owen: Lily's reclusive neighbor to the south. Mid-40s. "About six feet tall but appeared shorter on account of the way his shoulders were hunched over. He wore a grey knitted wool vest over a wrinkled white cotton short-sleeved shirt, khaki knee-length shorts, white calf-high socks, and moccasin slippers. His face was clean shaven but prematurely deeply lined, and dominated by buggy eyes that were made larger by high-prescription lenses housed in thick square-shaped plastic frames. He reminded Greene of a cross between Martin Scorsese and a pug." House is described on page 31. Born 27 January 1968. Moved to P.R. July 2008. Appears to have OCD: turns around 3 times before sitting; takes off his moccasins, left foot first, and aligns the heels, before going into his bedroom. Falsetto voice. Real name: Wesley.

Arni Heimirsson: Lily's gardener and toy boy. 25 years old. Home is rented towable trailer, about 18 feet long with a retractable awning. "Well built and tanned, with shock of blond hair that fell down over soulful blue eyes." Writer and illustrator of graphic novels. Gate code: 3720.

Donald Martin: Lily's agent at Creative Minds Agency. Short, slight, prominent Adam's apple, wiry gray hair, mid-60s. White-gold rimless eyeglasses. Nasally voice.

Dr. Clive Anderson: medical examiner, Bellingham. "Tall, gangly man whose lab coat hung unevenly off his bony shoulders, sprinkled with flecks of dandruff barely visible against the bleached white fabric." Silver-framed spectacles.

Secondary characters:

Anastasia, Marcus's love interest in *Love and Secrets*

Chief Clarence Babbitt, Whatcom Sheriff's Office. Has habit of rocking back on his heels. Southern accent and slang

Sergeant Billings, head of Homicide

Clarissa Brody, Lily's estate attorney

Carol, Ellie's sister

Cynthia Christenson, writer Donald Martin allegedly met on day Lily killed. Writes romance; is from Vancouver
Amanda Clarins, Lily's married sister. Lives in Santa Clara. Tel: 408-555-9368. Nicknamed **Nanda** by Lily
Deputy Jeff Clayton, head of Media Relations
Scott Clarins, Amanda's husband. Silicon Valley entrepreneur
Judge Colby, signed search warrant for Lily's property
Deputy Collins, second P.R. deputy
Carolyn Greene, Paul's mother
Ellie Greene, wife of Paul Greene. Has MS. Speckled brunette hair. In wheelchair
Jimmy Griggs, Arni's neighbor
Mrs. Gudmussen, neighbor of Runa
Stephen Harper, Assemblyman (state of CA)
Councilman Harris, Whatcom County council
Fred "Bag and Dash" Helder, middle-aged. "Pasty complexion of one who rarely sees the sun, and the hunched shoulders and deep facial lines of a man who squints at things most of the day." Thick John Lennon eyeglasses. Also referred to as **Pasty Man**.
Detective **Keith Iverson**, forensic computing, Investigative Assistance Division
Officer **Jaipal**, CBSA agent at Point Roberts
Oddný and Hjálmar Jónsdóttir, Runa's ancestors buried in Point Roberts cemetery
Brad Kline, in-house counsel, Sellinger Press
Syd Leventhal, Donald Martin's attorney in New York
Adam Liebowitz, CEO of Sellinger
Jean-Luc Lavoie, head of security, Fairmont YVR
Randy Markham, writer Donald Martin allegedly met on day Lily killed. Writes noir; from Seattle
Kevin Monk, Homicide detective, WSO
Sergeant Dale Morgan, RCMP
Nelson, Dr., Lily's G.P.
Brent Nickelson, CBSA Chief of Operations for the Pacific Highway crossing
Gwendolyn O'Grady (Lily's new birth name). Born: 15 September 2015. (Parents: **Mark O'Grady** and **Sally McManus**)
Pat O'Grady, Vital Records Division; wife **Siobhan**
Mrs. Owen, Richard's mother
Ralph, private detective/fixer that Donald Martin hired
Kerry Reeds, Forensics officer photographer
Ripley, dead girl. Ten years old. Wears "pink shorts, a pink T-shirt, white and pink sneakers, her blond hair French braided in a plait down her back."
Jarod Ross, Lily's editor at Sellinger Press
Mick Sheraton, forensics officer. Taller than Greene, slimmer and better looking
Ingólfur Solvason, Runa's ancestor, Oddný Jónsdóttir's paternal uncle
Brian Taylor, B.Sc., CLS (Clinical Laboratory Scientist). Pathology technologist; assistant to Anderson
Terry, IT
Tom, corpse being autopsied at morgue
Nancy Weissmann, head of marketing for Sellinger
Councilman White, Whatcom County council

Other personal names:

James Bond	John Lennon	Arnold Schwarzenegger
Jason Bourne	Lady Macbeth	Martin Scorsese
Joseph Campbell (writer)	Joni Mitchell	Shakespeare
Bob Dylan	Moriarty	Tolkien
Hannibal Lecter	Pope Francis	
Harper Lee	Mrs. Robinson	

Places:

56th Street , Tsawwassen, BC	Douglas border crossing (aka Peach Arch crossing)
Abbotsford , BC	East–West Connector , Richmond, BC
Airport Connector Bridge , Richmond, BC	Emerald City (nickname for Seattle)
Alabama Street , Bellingham	Everson , WA
Bellingham , WA	Grand Avenue , Bellingham
Central Avenue , Bellingham	Gulf Road , P.R.
Connecticut	Hamptons , the
Deas Slough Bridge , BC	Highway 17 , BC

Highway 17A, BC
Highway 99, BC
Julius Drive, P.R.
Kansas City, Missouri
Lyman, WA
Maritime Heritage Park, Bellingham
Napa Valley, CA
North Cascades Highway
North State Street, Bellingham
Olympia, WA
Prospect Street, Bellingham
Rex Street, P.R.
Roosevelt, neighborhood in Bellingham
Roosevelt Way, P.R.
San Francisco, CA
San Juan Islands, WA

Santa Clara, CA
Sea Island, BC
Seattle, WA
Sedro-Woolley, WA
Silicon Valley, CA
Skagit River, WA
Southern Gulf Islands, BC
South Hill, Bellingham
Sunny Side RV Park, P.R. (fake name)
Tsawwassen, BC, peninsula of
Tyee Drive, P.R.
Whatcom County, WA
Whatcom Creek Waterway, Bellingham
Willow Street, Bellingham (fake)
Zero Avenue

Trademarks (real and fictional), government agencies and other capitalizations:

Air Canada
Armani dress
Artists' Defense League (fake copyright defense org)
Auntie Pam's Country Store (on Gulf Road)
Barbie dolls
Blow Pop(s)
Blue Heron Gallery (on Gulf Road)
(Toronto) Blue Jays
(U.S. Customs and) Border Protection
Brewster's Fine Foods
Caffé Capanna (on Gulf Road)
California Welfare and Institutions Code
Calorie-Wise frozen entrées (fake)
Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)
Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA)
Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU)
Chiclets gum
Coney Island Cyclone
Creative Minds Agency, New York (fake)
Fairmont airport hotel
FastBack USB brand (fake)
Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor (CVPI)
(Ford) Police Interceptor Sedan
Formica
Gershwin theatre, NY
Globe restaurant, Fairmont hotel YVR
Gobstoppers
Grateful Dead
High Tech Unit, Investigative Assistance Division,
Washington State Patrol, Olympia
Homicide (Division, Whatcom County Sherriff's Office)
Investigative Assistance Division, Washington State
Patrol, Olympia (IAD)
Kiniski's Reef Tavern
Kool Off Spray (from Auntie Pam's)
La Guardia
Legion, the
Leventhal, King and Associates (fake law group)
LexisNexis Accurint (commercial database of financial
and public records nationwide)

Marketplace
(Seattle) Mariners
Mars bar
Media Relations (Whatcom County Sherriff's Office)
MLB (Major League Baseball)
NASA Space Station
National Crime Information Center database
Nirvana
NEXUS lane
Novocain
Pontiac GTO, 1973
Pulitzer (Prize)
Real Time Intelligence Centre
Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
Sellinger Press, New York (fake publisher)
Sentient Media (fake parent company of Sellinger Press)
Sharp calculator
ShareIT! (fake file-sharing company)
Stuart Weitzman shoes
Taser
Teflon
The Clash
Tiffany & Co.
Tootsie Roll(s)
Toyota Corolla
Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
Twitter
Vital Records (afterlife division)
Umpqua Bank, PR.
United Artists
Washington Crime Information Center database
Washington State Patrol, Olympia
Whatcom County Health Department, North State Street,
Bellingham
Whatcom County Sheriff's Office
Wikipedia
Windows
Word (Microsoft)

Media/Artworks:

Lily's books:

Bitter Revenge

The Haunting of Elside Manor

Mantova's Secret

Mystery at Castle Rock

Rendezvous Under the Moon

Love and Secrets (Runa's favorite)

Tragedy on Elk Island

Death's Door (mentioned in final chapter)

Farewell, My Love (unfinished final Mantova book)

Waves (unpublished literary novel)

Alien (movie)

All Points Bulletin (local PR newspaper), aka *Bulletin*

Cops (TV show)

Crime Fiction newsletter (fake)

Foxx News (fake)

Hamlet by Shakespeare

Hero With a Thousand Faces, The by Joseph Campbell

Jade Canoe, The by Bill Reid

Jeopardy (TV show)

"Knockin' on Heaven's Door" by Bob Dylan

Romeo and Juliet

Seinfeld

Vogue magazine

War and Peace by Tolstoy

Wheel of Fortune

Wicked

Wind in the Willows

Young and the Restless, The