

# Daunt & Dervish

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## Synopsis

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author	Guy Meredith
readBy	Anna Massey, Bill Paterson, Frances Barber, Full Cast, Imelda Staunton, Sean Scanlan, Sylvestra Le Touzel
inLanguage	english

All four series of the jaunty crime drama featuring two ex-spies who set up a private detective agency

London, 1953. Josephine Daunt and Susan Dervish both worked for the Ministry of Defence during the Second World War, doing top-secret, highly dangerous espionage work. But in peacetime, they find themselves without a job and feeling useless. Determined to put their talents to good use, they decide to set up a detective agency, with the help of former private eye Bill Mackie.

From their Covent Garden office, they handle a steady flow of business. But the ladies' lives really become exciting when they rescue a woman from drowning – only to discover that she's not what she seems. Soon, the daring duo are caught up in all manner of challenging cases, including a sporting assignment involving a priest and an Olympic boxing hopeful, a request to bid on a Monet that takes them on a trail across the Channel, a commission to investigate film actress Belinda Lane and a theft at a fashion designer's workshop that leads them into a world of Teddy boys, political machinations and murder....

Guy Meredith's light-hearted crime series stars Anna Massey as Josephine Daunt, while Imelda Staunton, Frances Barber and Sylvestra Le Touzel play Susan Dervish. Bill Paterson and Sean Scanlan co-star as Bill Mackie.

Written by Guy Meredith.

Format by Imelda Staunton and Anna Massey.

Series 1 produced by Cherry Cookson and directed by Janet Whitaker.

Series 2-4 produced and directed by Colin Guthrie.

Clarinet played by Julian Stringle (Series 3, Episode 1).

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