



**INSIDER** Tony Hutchinson

## 'Canoe man' cop is crime novel writer

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THE detective who led the investigation into the infamous 'canoe man' fraud has become a crime writer.

Tony Hutchinson, 58, brought more than 40 killers to justice and led the worldwide manhunt for conman John Darwin.

Now the ex-murder squad chief has written *Be My Girl*, in which DCI Sam Parker pursues a serial rapist, and *Comply Or Die* about "honour" violence.

The dad-of-two retired from Cleveland Police in 2008, after 30 years service.

He said: "I have always been an avid reader. I don't have to research investigations, as I was involved with them for 30 years. The same goes for criminals."

In 2007, he was the senior officer on the canoe man inquiry, which was his sensational final case.