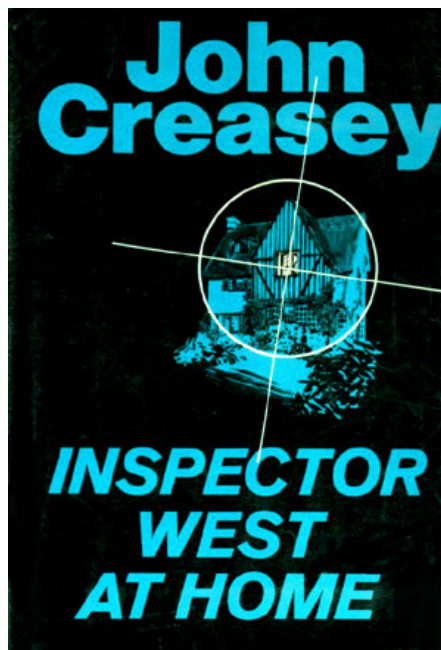




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Chief Inspector Roger West opened his front door to find his Superintendent, Abbott, standing before him. "I think you know why I've called," said Abbott, as he drew a folded piece of paper from his overcoat. It was an official search warrant. Facing a career on the verge of ruin, West must dive into a mystery that involves murder, conspiracy and, most shockingly, corruption at Scotland Yard.

Born in Surrey, England in 1908 into a poor family in which there were nine children, John Creasey grew up to be a true master story teller and international sensation. His more than 600 crime, mystery, and thriller titles have now sold 80 million copies in 25 languages. These include many popular series such as Gideon of Scotland Yard, The Toff, Dr Palfrey and The Baron.

Creasey wrote under many pseudonyms, explaining that booksellers had complained he totally dominated the 'C' section in stores.

Never one to sit still, Creasey had a strong social conscience, and stood for Parliament several times, along with founding the One Party Alliance which promoted the idea of government by a coalition of the best minds from across the political spectrum. He founded the British Crime Writers' Association, which to this day celebrates outstanding crime writing. The Mystery Writers of America bestowed upon him the Edgar Award for best novel and then in 1969 the ultimate Grand Master Award.

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George says

Another in the Chief Inspector Roger West of Scotland Yard series. This is a pre Chief Inspector early in his career mystery. West is elaborately framed and comes under investigation. He then works to clear himself and works his way through a number of suspects, twists, and turns unraveling the mystery.

A nice quickie read as are the others in this series that I have read.

Sarah says

Inspector West at Home is superb. I don't actually keep a top ten list, but this book would surely be in it if I did. I found the story compelling from the start. His co-workers come to search West's house and he has no idea what is going on. His bewilderment turns to shock when he realises that he is being framed, and his world is suddenly turned upside down. From there onwards the pace keeps up, but with a rhythm: periods of anxiety or fear, relief or even joy, all intermingled. On top of that, West seems more likeable than ever. I particularly like how he sometimes gets annoyed at himself – don't we all? The story unfolds, and we gradually learn more and more about his situation with some shocking revelations along the way. As the story nears its conclusion the excitement increases, and in the end I was left feeling that everything had been tied up in a satisfactory way. I have a, slightly annoying, habit of mentally editing the story in books that I feel are lacking in some way. That wasn't the case in this book, which is perhaps why I enjoyed it so much. 5 stars.

Delores Alger says

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