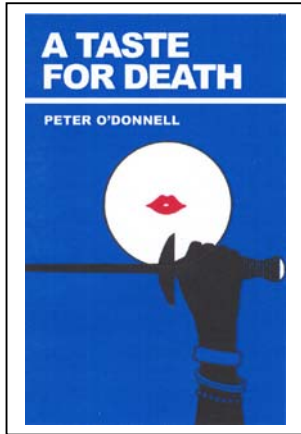


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# A Taste for Death

*A Modesty Blaise novel*

**PETER O'DONNELL**

“For almost 40 years, Peter O’Donnell’s iconic heroine drop-kicked her way through a swath of villains and into a unique place in popular culture.” ‘The Observer’

Peter O’Donnell’s Modesty Blaise adventure, *A Taste for Death*, will be broadcast on BBC Radio 4 this December.

With a script adapted by Stef Penney (bestselling author of ‘The Tenderness of Wolves’) from Peter O’Donnell’s classic crime novel, and starring Daphne Alexander as Modesty Blaise.

Appropriately enough, it is appearing shortly after the release of the latest James Bond movie ‘Skyfall’ as many critics regard the Modesty Blaise adventures as superior to those of Bond. Kingsley Amis once described the Modesty Blaise adventures as:

“One of the great partnerships in fiction, bearing comparison with that of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson.”

In *A Taste for Death* Modesty Blaise and Willie Garvin take on impossible odds, pitted against Simon Delicta, the man with a taste for death, in a duel to the death. As the adventure unfolds, travelling from London to the depths of the Sahara desert, the pair will need all their killing skills to survive.

*A Taste for Death* is the ideal introduction for a new generation to discover the heroine who inspired the creation of Lara Croft and Quentin Tarantino’s The Bride (from ‘Kill Bill’).

Peter O’Donnell created the revolutionary series *Modesty Blaise* in 1963 as a cartoon strip. The cartoon ran for nearly 40 years in the *Evening Standard* and led to a series of bestselling novels, all published by Souvenir Press: *Modesty Blaise*, *Sabre Tooth*, *I*, *Lucifer*, *The Impossible Virgin*, *Pieces of Modesty*, *A Taste for Death*, *The Silver Mistress*, *Dragon’s Claw*, *The Xanadu Talisman*, *The Night of the Morningstar*, *Dead Man’s Handle* and his final collection of stories about Modesty, *Cobra Trap*.