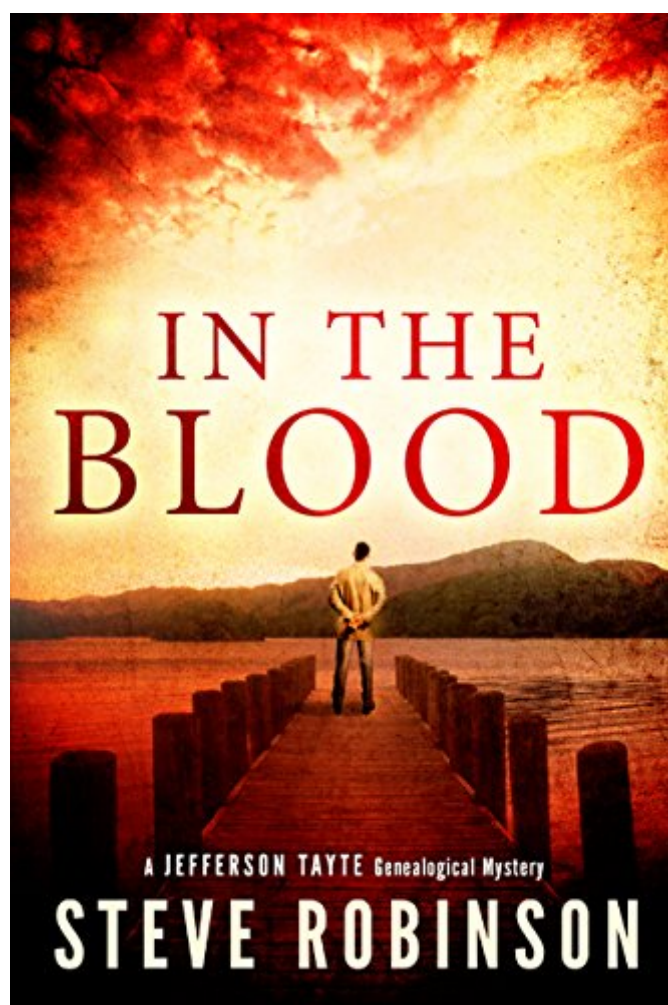


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# In The Blood (Jefferson Tayte Genealogical Mystery Book 1)



## Synopsis

Two hundred years ago a loyalist family fled to England to escape the American War of Independence and seemingly vanished into thin air. American genealogist Jefferson Tayte is hired to find out what happened, but it soon becomes apparent that a calculated killer is out to stop him. *In the Blood* combines a centuries-old mystery with a present-day thriller that brings two people from opposite sides of the Atlantic together to uncover a series of carefully hidden crimes. Tayte's research centres around the tragic life of a young Cornish girl, a writing box, and the discovery of a dark secret that he believes will lead him to the family he is looking for. Trouble is, someone else is looking for the same answers and will stop at nothing to find them. *In the Blood* is the first book in the Jefferson Tayte mystery series. Revised edition: Previously published as part of the Jefferson Tayte Genealogical Mystery series, this edition of *In the Blood* includes editorial revisions.

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## Customer Reviews

A genealogist is trying to trace a Loyalist family that returned to England after the Revolutionary War and then disappeared except for the father, a wealthy landowner with a title. His demanding client

sends him to the source and soon he is being violently warned off the trail. He finds a woman who seems to be on the same trail from a different source, a mysterious box. As the trails combine and the genealogical secrets begin to unravel, danger is amped up and the police get involved. I didn't get quite all the pieces put together before the reveal which was nice. The story was a little slow in parts but overall engaging read and interesting crime solving approach with the genealogy driving the motives and the story.

I agree with the previous reviews! I could not put this one down until I finished, (at about 3:20 a.m. this morning). Tayte won my heart as a vulnerable protagonist who surprised himself with his determination and grit. The combination of genealogy research, heavenly setting, believable, witty dialogue and cliff-hanging action created one bang-up read. Come on Steve Robinson, WE WANT MORE J.T.!

First in a series by a relatively new author, *In the Blood: A Genealogical Crime Mystery* by Steve Robinson, takes you on a wild ride through the Cornish coast in England. JT, the main character, is a professional genealogist, researching a family that appears to have vanished in the 1780's. His client demands that JT go to England and sort it out. JT arrives in England and discovers additional mysteries surrounding the same family, plus someone is out to kill him. One or two additional murders and some near misses and he starts to figure out the mystery and solve older mysteries. The characters are well developed, with the main character, JT, also promising to have his own mystery (he was adopted, and has never been able to unravel the mystery of his own birth) delved into in the future. The story line does shift between the present day and the era of the mystery, but the plot is easy to follow. People with any references to history and the Cornish coast will probably be able to guess what happened, but the ride is still fun and without any major plot holes. I enjoyed the first book so much that when I finished it, I had to get the second. It was just as good as the first and I am eagerly awaiting the third.

Ok, so I read mysteries because I like to jump into the story and become a third-party detective. A story in an interesting locale? All the better! Characters with some dimension? YES PLEASE! And a bit of history to keep it interesting? Perfect! There are secondary characters I am dying to meet again! So yes, a new series for sure! Hurrah! *In the Blood* does not disappoint. The story is intriguing and our genealogist, Tayte, is up to the challenge. It is a fine crime read, and a series I'll continue as they are published.

I bought this book based on the price, the star ratings and the reviews, and I was not disappointed. This book had me hooked from the first page. Very well written, not too many characters to get lost with, and the way he brought the different story lines together kept you so engrossed and wanting to find out what was coming up next. I love Tayte, I have a picture of him in my mind. With the way he told the story, you could envision the countryside, the landscape or the buildings just like you were there. His descriptions of the scenes were great. I commute 1 1/2 hours a day, and have my Kindle read to me, I can't imagine how many people watched me laugh outright when I was driving and reading this. Tayte could do that, his ride in the airplane, omg, I was rolling and the description of his car, what a hoot. When things kept happening to him, you could tell that he was completely out of his comfort zone and stretched to the limit. I am an avid reader, and this by far was one of the most enjoyable books I've read. This was my first book from this author, and I will certainly look for more.

So glad I took advantage of the offer of this book. I don't know why it took me so long to read it. I loved it. JT was a reluctant hero but he turned out to be a hero. Working as a genealogist never seemed to be a dodgy career with risk involved but in this book that is what JT walks into when he flies to London encounter to Cornwall to investigate the missing connection to his client's family. Little did either of them know that the investigation would uncover the murder of an entire family in 1783 and the subsequent outcomes. There are many twists and turns as in any good mystery but the fact that JP is not a detective of the usual sort, you don't expect old family records to reveal any facts that would make someone in today kill anyone who wants to unearth the truth. I liked the book very much and have already bought the remaining four in the series. I am listening to the Audible version and Simon Vance is superb as the narrator. Sometimes it is good to not discover a series until it is fully published. That way you can keep reading straight through. Will Julia and JP continue? Will Amy reappear?

I loved this genealogical mystery and the way the author put it all together! The author has created such an unusual marriage of past and present, with many well developed characters. I highly recommend this mystery and can't wait to read the next one in the series. My only thought for a small improvement would be a sketched map of the location, for those of us on the other side of the ocean : )

They don't come any better than this, and at the end it was almost impossible to put down. I do

genealogy which was the first thing that drew me to this. But you don't need to know anything about it to enjoy this novel, it's great! A little bit of everything from family history to romance, including murder, greed and revenge. Nothing graphic or gory, very little profanity and no explicit sexual situations, but if a book is really, really good then it doesn't need these props! And this one is that good. A job that starts with a routine, if difficult, assignment in the UK leads to much, much more. It's hard to say too much without giving anything away, but I can give this an unqualified two thumbs up, three if I had them! I would recommend this to anyone who loves a good read - and I will!

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