



THE SUICIDE SONATA

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Can a piece of music be cursed? A song linked to suicides is found with a victim's body, but was it really suicide—or a cleverly disguised murder?

About the Author

Author, poet, and journalist BV Lawson's award-winning stories, poems and articles have appeared in dozens of national and regional publications and anthologies. A four-time Derringer Award finalist and 2012 winner for her short fiction, as well as a contributor to the Anthony Award-winning *Blood on the Bayou*, BV's Scott Drayco series has been honored by the American Independent Writers, Maryland Writers Association, named Best Mystery in the Next Generation Indie Book Awards, and been a finalist for the Shamus and Silver Falchion Awards. BV currently lives in Virginia with her husband and enjoys flying above the Chesapeake Bay in a little Cessna.

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The fifth book in the Shamus Award-nominated Scott Drayco mystery series:

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When a young marine biologist is found dead of suicide, his father can't believe he took his own life and hires crime consultant Scott Drayco to prove it was murder. But what of the strange song found with the young man's body—the same song linked to a piano sonata that led to a wave of suicides in Hungary in the 1930s?

As Drayco digs deeper, he finds even more unusual aspects of the case not easily explained: the victim's missing cellphone; his "Gang of Five" friends and their interest in the Akashic Records spiritual philosophy; and the gun used by the victim that was mysteriously stolen from a friend's car.

Drayco fears a tragic incident from his own past may be clouding his objectivity. After all, the facts point to suicide, case closed. But when Drayco starts suffering from depression himself after playing the sonata, can he really be sure of what's real and what's imagined?

The *Suicide Sonata* is the fifth installment in the acclaimed Scott Drayco mystery series, a finalist for the Shamus, Silver Falchion, and Daphne Awards.

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