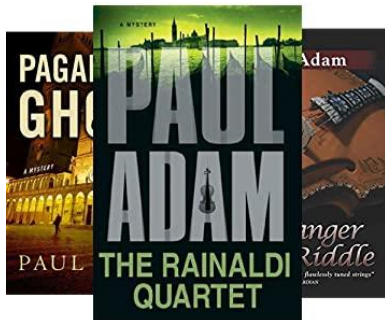




## We Read: The Cremona Mysteries Series by author Paul Adam By BJ Nicoletti

### Five out of five flutes!



The [Cremona Mysteries Series](#), of which there are three books so far, is a set of musically themed stories by [Paul Adam](#):

- [The Rainaldi Quartet](#)
- [Paganini's Ghost](#)
- [Hardanger Riddle](#)

If you love instruments, music and a good murder mystery then these books are for you. Further, they take place in Italy which makes the reading ride even lovelier. Repeated across the three books, the characters are down to earth, believable and the non-murdering ones are charming people you would like to meet, maybe even have a glass of Italian red with them (violin-maker Gianni Castiglione and his detective friend Antonio Guastafeste). This set of three fiction books was recommended to me by fellow flutist and GPFS member Adrian Dee whose wife thoughtfully keeps him stocked in musically themed books of one kind or another.

These murder mysteries take place in contemporary time, but dig into history while touring the world of violins, taking the reader deeply into the making, playing, collecting, and theft of great violins. While weaving the tale of murder and crime solving, the stories shine light on some of history's greatest instruments and players. There is often a complex story of an instrument's provenance weaved in as relevant to the solving of the crime. If you are a fan of murder mysteries or are even slightly curious about being taken into a world of crime related to music then these books are for you.

**All three of these novels are page-turners and read quickly.**

**Chances are, if you read the first, you'll want to read the second and third.**

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