

Petros Markaris
The Violence of Failure

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At the University of Athens, the humanities are under increasing financial pressure, while technological and economic subjects are being funded. Many students are vehemently opposed to these policies. When a maths professor is found dead, the suspicion immediately falls on the young agitators. Costas Haritos and Antigoni Ferleki investigate, but soon lose their way in the labyrinth of Greek educational institutions.

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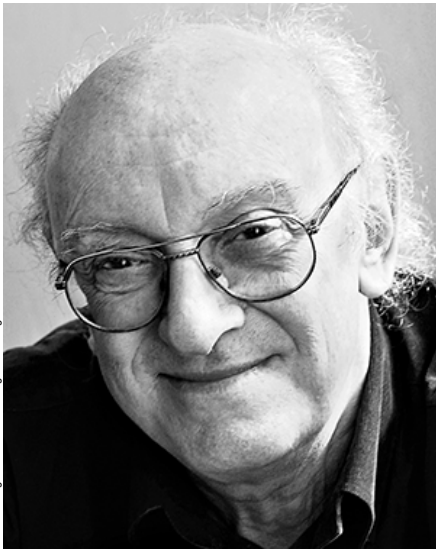
Movie adaptation

2024: **Kostas**

Director: Milena Coccozza
Cast: Stefano Fresi, Francesca Inaudi etc.

Awards

- 2023 ›Orden der Isabel la Católica‹ für die Verdienste um Kunst und Wissenschaft in Spanien verliehen
- 2019 ›Premio Concha de Bormio‹ des La Milanesiana Festivals, Bormio
- 2019 ›Premi Cubelles Noir‹ für die Krimifigur *Kostas Charitos* des Gènere Negre del Garraf Festivals, Barcelona
- 2019 ›Premi a la trajectòria literària‹ des El Segre de Negre Literaturfestivals, Lleida, Katalonien
- 2018 ›Premio Negra y Ciminal‹-Preis des 3. Festival Atlantico des Krimigenres ›Tenerife Noir‹ für sein Lebenswerk in der Stadtbibliothek von Santa Cruz de Tenerife
- 2016 Ehrendoktorwürde der Aristoteles Universität Thessaloniki in der Abteilung für Deutsche Sprache und Philologie
- 2014 ›Bundesverdienstkreuz 1. Klasse‹, verliehen in Athen vom Deutschen Botschafter
- 2013 Spanischer Übersetzerpreis ›Premio Literario Arcebispo Juan de San Clemente‹ für *Zahltag*
- 2013 ›Prix Le Point du polar européen‹ der französischen Wochenzeitung *Le Point* für *Faule Kredite*
- 2013 ›Goethe-Medaille‹
- 2012 Am 34. Fregene Prize for Journalism, Literature Scientific and Cultural Research ist Petros Markaris der Gewinner in der Kategorie ›International Prize‹
- 2012 VII Premi Pepe Carvalho für seine ›Kostas-Charitos‹-Romane
- 2011 ›Raymond Chandler Award‹ beim italienischen Film- und Literaturfestival ›Courmayeur Noir‹ für sein Lebenswerk
- 2005 Deutscher Krimipreis, 3. Platz in der Kategorie International für *Live!*



Petros Markaris, born in Istanbul in 1937, is a playwright and creator of a TV series who worked as an author with Theo Angelopoulos, and translated the works of German dramatists like Brecht and Goethe. He began writing crime novels in the mid-1990s, and became an international success. His accolades include the ›Pepe Carvalho Prize‹, the ›Goethe Medal‹ and an honorary doctorate from the University of Thessaloniki. Petros Markaris lives in Athens.

Praise

Petros Markaris

»One of the 10 best modern European crime writers.« – Brian Oliver / The Observer, London

»Markaris weaves suspense, humour and social criticism into a composite work of art.« – Welt am Sonntag, Berlin

»Petros Markaris is a seismograph of the present day's system of exploitation.« – Stefan Berkholtz / WDR3, Cologne

»Based on the best tradition of the crime novel, he consistently reminds us that no future is possible if we don't fight those who trample on our dignity.« – Ángeles López / La Razón, Madrid

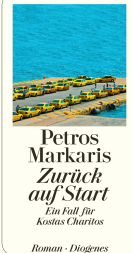
»Olympic-standard thrillers.« – Boyd Tonkin / The Independent, London

»A writer of Mediterranean noir in its most sublime and classy sense.« – La Repubblica, Rome

<p>The Revolt of the Caryatids 320 pages 2024</p>	<p>The Game of Fear 224 pages 2023</p>	<p>Conspiracy 288 pages 2022 Bestseller</p>	<p>The Melody of Money 320 pages 2021 Bestseller</p>
<p>Times of Hypocrisy 400 pages 2020 Bestseller</p>	<p>Diary of an Eternity 288 pages 2019</p>	<p>Three Graces 368 pages 2018 Bestseller</p>	<p>Offshore 368 pages 2017 Bestseller</p>



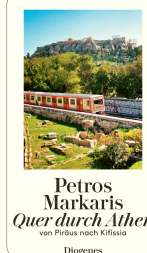
Odysseus' Death
224 pages
2016



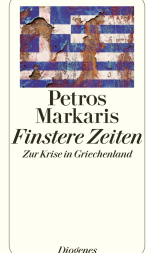
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2015
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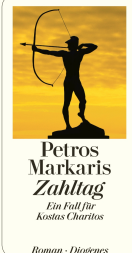
Reckoning
320 pages
2013
🏆 **Bestseller**



Crossing Athens
208 pages
2013



Time of Disorder
176 pages
2012



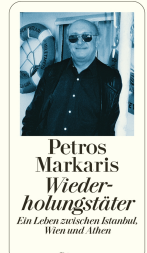
Payday
432 pages
2012
🏆 **Award winner**
🏆 **Bestseller**



Bad Credit
400 pages
2011
🏆 **Award winner**
🏆 **Bestseller**



The Nanny
320 pages
2009
🏆 **Bestseller**



A Life Between Athens, Vienna and Istanbul
192 pages
2008



The Major Shareholder
480 pages
2007
🏆 **Bestseller**



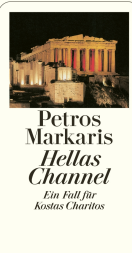
Balkan Blues
224 pages
2005



Che Committed Suicide
528 pages
2004
🏆 **Award winner**



Zone Defence
560 pages
2001



Deadline in Athens
464 pages
2000
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**