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Petros Markaris
Crossing Athens

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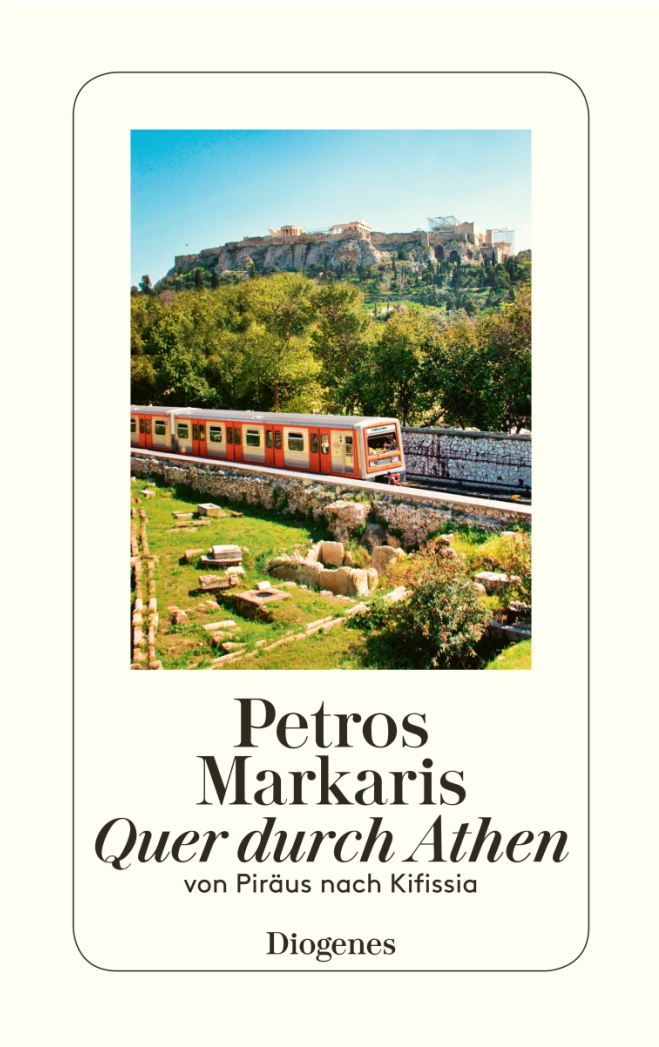

A Journey from Piraeus to Kifissia with 24 maps.
In his detective novels, Petros Markaris sends Inspector Haritos through the labyrinths of Athens – this time, he takes his readers along, travelling across the city with them on Line 1 of the venerable metro. If you take the old city train, affectionately known as ›the electric‹ by the locals, you can cross Athens in less than an hour. From the disreputable harbour area of Piraeus to former working-class quarters, today's mile of culture and cuisine to the city centre and the parliament building on Syntagma Square with its stunning views of the Acropolis and Lykavettos Hill. And from there he takes us onwards to Plaka, the heart of the city's nightlife, over the lively Omonia Square and then through the poorer suburbs with their potholes and concrete blocks of flats to the pine-strewn Kifissia where the royal family used to have their summer residence. With his excellent insider knowledge, Markaris invites us on his journey. He knows where to find the last antiquarian books written in German, where the best tavernas are, the last hot-food stalls and why a ›submarine‹ is a vital part of the Athens coffee experience.

Contemporary Literature, Travel Writing
208 pages
11.3 × 18 cm
August 2013

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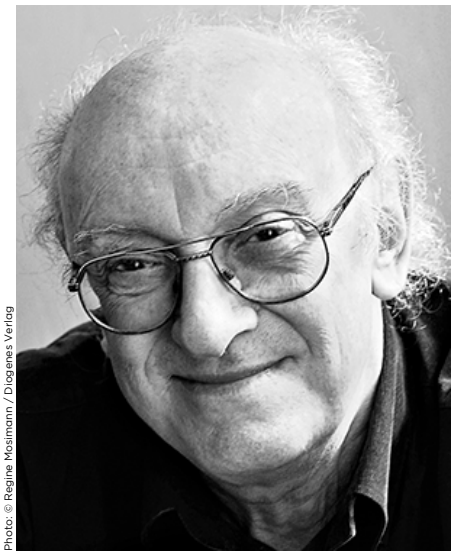
Movie adaptation

2024: Kostas
Director: Milena Cocozza
Cast: Stefano Fresi, Frasncesca Inaudi etc.

Awards

2023 ›Orden der Isabel la Católica‹ für die Verdienste um Kunst und Wissenschaft in Spanien verliehen
2019 ›Premio Contea di 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!*



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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.



Fraud is the Future
224 pages
2027



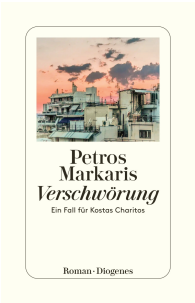
The Violence of Failure
288 pages
2026



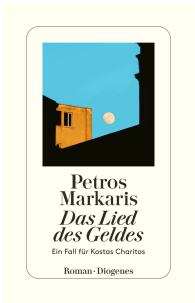
The Revolt of the Caryatids
320 pages
2024



The Game of Fear
224 pages
2023



Conspiracy
288 pages
2022
Bestseller



The Melody of Money
320 pages
2021
Bestseller



Times of Hypocrisy
400 pages
2020
Bestseller



Diary of an Eternity
288 pages
2019

Praise

Petros Markaris

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

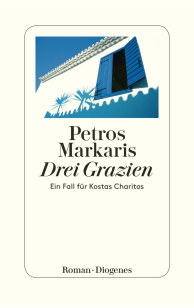
»Markaris weaves suspense, humour and social criticism into a composite work of art.« – Welt am Sonntag, Berlin

»Petros Markaris is a seismograph of the present day's system of exploitation.« – Stefan Berkholz / 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



Three Graces
368 pages
2018
Bestseller



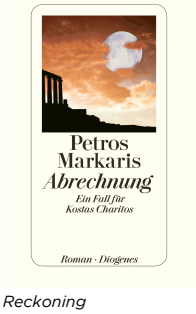
Offshore
368 pages
2017
Bestseller



Odysseus' Death
224 pages
2016



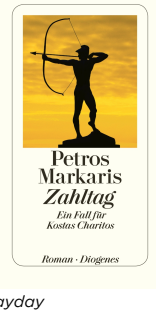
Back to the Start
368 pages
2015
Bestseller



Reckoning
320 pages
2013
Bestseller



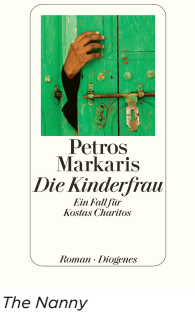
Time of Disorder
176 pages
2012



Payday
432 pages
2012
Award winner
Bestseller



Bad Credit
400 pages
2011
Award winner
Bestseller



The Nanny
320 pages
2009
Bestseller



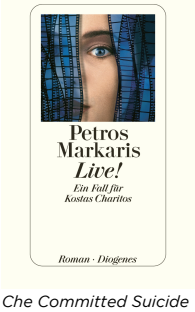
A Life Between Athens, Vienna and Istanbul
192 pages
2008



The Major Shareholder
480 pages
2007
Bestseller



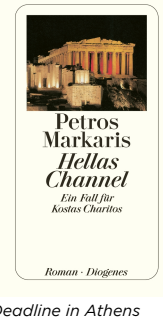
Balkan Blues
224 pages
2005



Che Committed Suicide
528 pages
2004
Award winner



Zone Defence
560 pages
2001



Deadline in Athens
464 pages
2000
Movie Adaptation