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*Ein Fall für
Kostas Charitos*

Roman · Diogenes

The novel on the financial crisis in Greece – from best-selling author Petros Markaris. Bitterly serious and fantastically funny. The crisis has brought Greece to a standstill. No-one is keeping to normal working hours, and there are debates and protests everywhere. Demonstrations jam the streets of central Athens more than the traffic ever did. Even the Haritos family need to tighten their belt. Costas and Adriani have just paid for their only daughter's wedding and bought a new car for the first time in thirty years – and now they have no idea how they are going to pay off the instalments. Then, when two bankers are gruesomely murdered in the space of a few days, the financial world goes on high alert. Especially as the media and police are not ruling out the possibility of a terrorist attack. The hate towards the financial world seems to grow and grow: Overnight, the city is plastered with stickers encouraging citizens to refuse to pay off their loans.

Book factsheet

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📌 Bestseller

International Bestseller

🎬 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 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 Criminal‹-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



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.

Awards (cont'd)

2005 Deutscher Krimipreis, 3. Platz in der Kategorie International für *Live!*

Praise

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»Wise and ironic: Markaris.« – Die Zeit, Hamburg

»A most enjoyable read!« – Wiener Zeitung

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

 <p>The Violence of Failure 288 pages 2026</p>	 <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>



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Offshore
Ein Fall für Kostas Charitos
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Offshore
368 pages
2017
🏆 **Bestseller**



Petros Markaris
Der Tod des Odysseus
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Odysseus' Death
224 pages
2016



Petros Markaris
Zurück auf Start
Ein Fall für Kostas Charitos
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Back to the Start
368 pages
2015
🏆 **Bestseller**



Petros Markaris
Abrechnung
Ein Fall für Kostas Charitos
Roman · Diogenes

Reckoning
320 pages
2013
🏆 **Bestseller**



Petros Markaris
Quer durch Athen
von Petros Markaris
Diogenes

Crossing Athens
208 pages
2013



Petros Markaris
Finstere Zeiten
Zur Krise in Griechenland
Diogenes

Time of Disorder
176 pages
2012



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



Petros Markaris
Die Kinderfrau
Ein Fall für Kostas Charitos
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The Nanny
320 pages
2009
🏆 **Bestseller**



Petros Markaris
Wiederholungstäter
Ein Leben zwischen Istanbul, Wien und Athen
Diogenes

A Life Between Athens, Vienna and Istanbul
192 pages
2008



Petros Markaris
Der Großaktionär
Ein Fall für Kostas Charitos
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The Major Shareholder
480 pages
2007
🏆 **Bestseller**



Petros Markaris
Balkan Blues
Diogenes

Balkan Blues
224 pages
2005



Petros Markaris
Live!
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Che Committed Suicide
528 pages
2004
🏆 **Award winner**



Petros Markaris
Nachfalter
Ein Fall für Kostas Charitos
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Zone Defence
560 pages
2001



Petros Markaris
Hellas Channel
Ein Fall für Kostas Charitos
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Deadline in Athens
464 pages
2000
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**