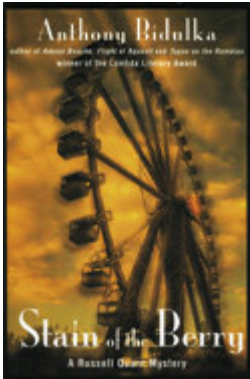


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### ***Stain of the Berry***

Anthony Bidulka  
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Saskatoon private detective Russell Quant is back for a fourth outing in the competent hands of author Anthony Bidulka.

This time, Quant is hunting down the “Boogeyman” responsible for the death of two young women. At the same time, he desperately is seeking the whereabouts of his dear friend, Seerena, who, as you may remember, utterly disappeared from Quant’s life at the end of *Tapas on the Ramblas*.

Bidulka ups the chill factor, notch by notch, making the tired old Boogeyman specter into a palpable presence.

Quant, for his part, finds the answers to more questions than he might have wished, and, in the end, must decide how he will use the information.

Familiar characters return: Quant’s quirky mom, as well as his dear friends, Anthony and Jared, one of whom sustains a life-threatening attack.

Bidulka is skilled at juggling a number of balls, keeping the plot and subplots spinning until the end, prompting the greedy reader to demand: “Where’s the next one?”