

# Rumours of My Demise!

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Twain replied, are greatly exaggerated!  
Of Miss Heming Jefferson said Callender  
had the situation grossly aggravated!  
Clinton did not have sexual relations  
Kennedy always in compromising situations!

Of Sabra, Shatila, Ariel Sharon once said  
My enemies tried to bury me too early!  
Of Archer's, Wait Till I'm Mayor, speech  
Some observed that he was somewhat surly!

Chatterley, Lawrence said, the real point  
Is: think of sex honestly, clearly, fully  
Hysteria, rumour and speculation disjoint  
And serve in making common thinking woolly

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### **Mutilation Murders**

The torso of a black child has been discovered in London's Kensington Gardens. Detective Chief Inspector Hawthorne and his men quickly discover that the boy was a victim of a ritualistic killing. At Heathrow airport a second child, Jubulani, and his mother disembark from their plane. On his arrival in London Jubulani is kidnapped. A Ju Ju witchdoctor in South London is preparing the new child, Jubulani, to be sacrificed. Hawthorne is racing against time to save the boy.

### **Midwinter's Children**

Georg, a nine-year-old street child, has been captured by human traffickers from Moscow and is about to be sold to a child pornography ring in Amsterdam. Detective Chief Inspector Hawthorne, from Suffolk CID, is on the case...

### **The Black Daimler**

Nexus, a London-based Chinese dissident, learns that his friend was found with an axe embedded in his head. As more of his politically active associates die, he becomes involved in a frantic struggle to understand and defeat the threat to himself and his organisation.

### **The Expendability Doctrine**

Oil tycoon Keith Connors is found dead in the garden of his villa; undoubtedly the work of a pro. His ex-wife flees to Libya, where she is linked to the brutal murder of the White House Trade Representative. In his investigations, Inspector Hawthorne discovers a sinister web of treachery and greed in the international oil business.

### **The Devil's Brothers**

Catherine Bronston, a fifteen-year-old girl, is snatched outside her local swimming pool. The kidnapers, ruthless Albanian mafiosi, issue a ransom demand containing dismembered body parts. Catherine's father fears that the ongoing police investigation could reduce the possibility of her being found alive.

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