

The "French Connection"™ once smuggled heroin from Turkey to France and then to the United States. This route was responsible for much of the heroin that came into the US during the late 1960s and early 1970s. In the 1970s the "Connection"™ was closed down through the cooperation of agencies in the US, Europe and Turkey. My novel Crystal was inspired by this closing of the French Connection, which then reopened again some years later "in my imagination". The fact is that heroin coming from Marseille was highly sought after. The French "chefs"™ had a wonderful reputation. Their heroin was fluffy, white, crystalline, pure. Heroin, dare I say, to die for. So a reopening of the French Connection was plausible enough. And this invited the violent "reclosing"™ that I imagine in my novel. (The Connection probably still operates to this day, in one form or the other, even if not on the old grand scale.) I did much research for Crystal, and visited most of the cities that figure in the book, including the docks of Istanbul, Marseille and New York. So, in the end, I believe the novel has an authentic sense of place and time. And in the end too, I could have grown, treated and made heroin myself. Much of the detail about how heroin gets from poppy planting in Turkey to the pretty, white crystalline stuff on the docks of New York is largely true, though I fudged some of the chemistry to avoid problems with crazies. I, personally, enjoyed writing Crystal and liked what I had written a lot. Century Press, in the UK, blurb: "Crystal is the brilliant new thriller from an author who has been widely praised for his three previous novels". St Martin's Press, in the US, blurb: "(The) critics rave about William Wingate's (books)". In getting Crystal into ebook form I rewrote some things and introduced changes to drop the jaws of even some of the more fanatic in my little band of Wingate cultists. So let me say that Crystal's taking down of the "New French Connection"™ is totally up to his own exacting standards of getting this kind of thing done quickly and efficiently, and without fooling around. Too many of our fictional assassins spend much too much time having their clothes expensively tailored, having their martinis stirred and not shaken "or shaken and not stirred" or trying to impress and lay women while on assignment. Not Crystal... With this novel I was able to define further the character who appears in all the novels. Crystal ... forever friendless, ever double-crossed, always seeking survival. A poster child for Darwin's Survival of the Fittest... James Bond was a show off. Other fictional heroes are do-gooders, killing to make the world better. Crystal is simply Darwin's survivor. He knows he must avoid women, though he is not gay. He avoids emotions because feelings impair judgment. He must, at any cost, avoid capture "emotional or physical. Face it, being taken prisoner drastically reduces the odds of survival. Crystal is not Giacomo Casanova nor Harry Houdini, and has no wish to be. Charles Darwin's forever alienated survivor is on everybody's Take-Him-Dead-or-Alive list and he lives alone in a meaningless, hostile and indifferent world. Taking it day by day, doing what he does best. And he does it in this novel that bears his name. If you like action/suspense, you will love Crystal. Promise...

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Crystal is statically type checked, so any type errors will be caught early by the compiler rather than fail on runtime. Moreover, and to keep the language clean, Crystal has built-in type inference, so most type annotations are unneeded. Personality assessments, predictions and coaching tools to understand anyone's personality for hiring, team building, sales and more.

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The Crystal Programming Language. Contribute to crystal-lang/crystal development by creating an account on GitHub. Crystal is a resource in ARK: Survival Evolved used for crafting various items. It is especially useful in the end-game. From Middle English crystal, cristal, cri?stall, from Old English cristalla (â€œcrystalâ€•), a borrowing from Latin crystallum (â€œcrystal, iceâ€•) (later reinforced from.

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