

GOING HOME: The year is 2004 and Caleb Dube, the former detective with the Zimbabwe Republic Police has been in exile in the United Kingdom for two years. A letter arrives from his old friend and colleague, Moses Musindo, alerting Dube to the fact that his former teacher and friend, Father Hugh Malloy, is in great danger. Friendship demands no less and Caleb Dube goes home to his native land. With no help from a partisan police force, Dube and Musindo set out to investigate. In the course of their enquiries deep in the rural areas, the two men meet a host of unforgettable characters, including Sami the AIDS orphan and Sami's friend, Tatenda, the hunter. The two boys are an indispensable part of the investigation and the search leads them to an old adversary of Dube's who holds the key to the mystery of the missing priest.

Going Home is the fifth in this series of detective stories set in Zimbabwe. The author is a Zimbabwean whose writing reflects her deep love and knowledge of the country. Case Closed, the first book in the Dube series, was a prize winner at the International Book Fair in Harare in 2002.

'PH' now writes a widely published weekly 'Letter from the Diaspora' commenting on unfolding events in Zimbabwe. The breakdown of law and order provides the backdrop for the Dube series. Using the genre of detective fiction, the author cleverly captures the reality of living in a country where law and order has been totally politicised. The Dube books poignantly bring that tragic reality to life.

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