

GCPC EPISODE 861 - Geocaching Mystery Novels w/ Dan DeKoning

SB Welcome everyone! It's Wednesday, it's 8:30 which means that it is once again time for the Geocaching podcast. My name is Scott Berks, and please welcome, our co-host from down-under: Seemysheila (gday)

CM: Gday Gday, its time for reading

SB: Tonight's Episode **861** recorded live on **April 23, 2025** is **Geocaching Mystery Novels**. The phone lines are open so give us a call at 808-468-7924, that's 808 GOT SWAG and for international callers, you can call us for free via the web at callinstudio.com/show/gcpc

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- Greetings GCPC. Just a quick message to let you know that the MOGA 2026 Event cache listing is now live. <https://coord.info/GCB40XQ>
- Another Dam MOGA at Saylorville Lake, north of Des Moines, Iowa on March 27-29, 2026.

SB:

- <https://dandekoning.com/books/>
 - How did you first discover geocaching, and what inspired you to blend it with mystery fiction?
 - Are any of your characters based on real geocachers you've met?
 - Have any real-world geocaches directly inspired scenes or puzzles in your books?
 - How do you balance accuracy in geocaching with the suspenseful pacing of a mystery?

- What role does location play in your novels? Do you visit the places you write about?
- Do you think geocaching lends itself particularly well to mystery storytelling?
- What's a puzzle or geocache idea that was too wild or complex to include in a book?
- What's something most readers don't realize about writing geocaching mysteries?

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