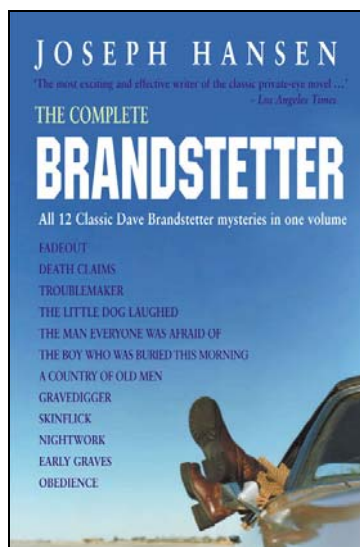


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JOSEPH HANSEN

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## AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY:

**Joseph Hansen** wrote over twenty novels in total including the renowned series of twelve Dave Brandstetter P.I. novels. He passed away on 24th November 2004 following a long illness.