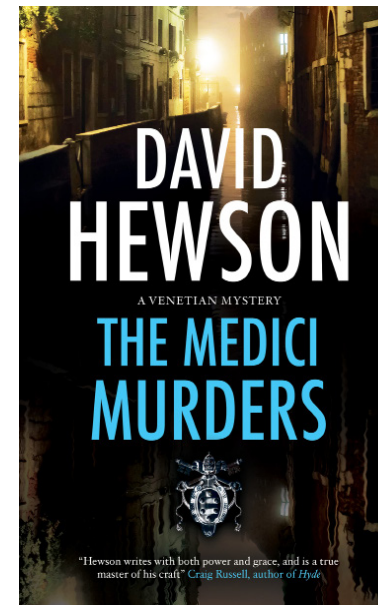


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The Medici Murders

A Venetian Mystery

DAVID HEWSON

Introducing Arnold Clover, a reluctant sleuth investigating murder in atmospheric Venice.

When a well-known British TV historian, Marmaduke Godolphin, is found murdered in the canals of Venice during carnival, stabbed by a stiletto blade, the Venetian police are eager to have the case solved and cleared up within a day - murder is bad for tourism!

The police recruit the help of retired archivist, Arnold Clover. Godolphin had hired his services on arriving in Venice to help sort through some historical papers of note. These dusty documents may contain previously unknown information about the assassination of the murderer, Lorenzino de' Medici, 500 years previously.

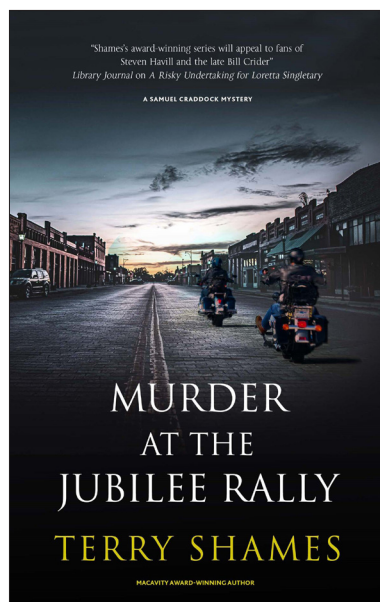
How coincidental that Godolphin meets his death in the same place as the Medici murderer, Lorenzino, on a cold, dark, bloody night. Can Arnold use his powers of perception to establish a link and solve the murder of Godolphin?

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Murder at the Jubilee Rally

A Samuel Craddock Mystery

TERRY SHAMES

Fans of Steven Havill and Bill Crider will love this twist-filled mystery set in small-town Texas.

Chief of Police Samuel Craddock faces a race against time to solve a perplexing murder at a motorcycle rally before the event comes to an end.

With the annual Jubilee Motorcycle Rally approaching, Jarrett Creek residents are divided. Some despise the rowdy, unsavory behaviour of the bikers, but they bring welcome money to local merchants. What's to be done?

At a town meeting to find a solution, temperatures flare as Amber Johnson and Lily Deverell - family women on opposing sides of the debate - throw accusations at each other. Attempting to appease both camps, Chief of Police Samuel Craddock enacts a curfew to dissuade late-night revellers.

Nevertheless, trouble strikes. With the rally in full swing, Amber is found murdered at the event. Why did Amber leave her home that night? What secrets was she hiding from her family?

Craddock quickly faces more challenges as he offers to take in his rebellious teenaged niece, Hailey, whose parents are at their wits' end. He soon understands their pain. Can Craddock keep Hailey under control, or will dealing with her allow a murderer to escape justice?

Award-winning author **Terry Shames** is the author of eight previous Samuel Craddock mysteries. As well as winning the Macavity Award for Best First Novel, *A Killing at Cotton Hill* was also nominated for The Strand Critics Award. *The Necessary Murder of Nonie Blake* won the RT Critics Award for Best Mystery. Her books have also been nominated for Left Coast Crime Awards for Best Mystery.

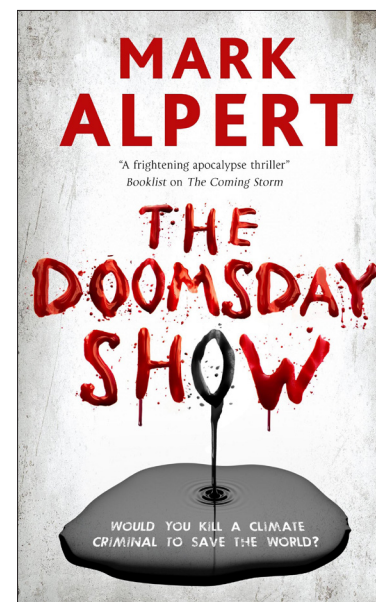
Terry grew up in Texas, and her Samuel Craddock series is set in the fictitious town of Jarrett Creek, which is based on the fascinating people, landscape, and culture of the small town where her grandparents lived. She is a member of Sisters in Crime and on the board of Mystery Writers of America.

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The Doomsday Show

MARK ALPERT

In this action-packed environmental thriller from the internationally bestselling author of Final Theory, a good-hearted climate activist must stop terrorists from assassinating the worst fossil-fuel tycoons.

Five climate criminals. One assassination plot. One man caught in the middle.

It's Climate Emergency Week in New York City. Thousands of environmentalists are protesting against the ongoing destruction of the planet. Also here are the five fossil-fuel tycoons and reactionary politicians who were labeled 'The Worst Climate Criminals' by Max Mirsky, former editor of the *Journal of Climatology*.

When Number Five on the list mysteriously dies as Max confronts him, quickly followed by Number Four, Max becomes the FBI's prime suspect. Things then go from bad to worse when his daughter is kidnapped.

Max can't sit back and wait for the FBI to solve the case. He must rescue his daughter and discover who the real assassins are. And he must stop the killings before the outrage and backlash destroy all hopes for a climate-change solution.

What will happen to Max's daughter - and all future generations - if he fails?

A former editor at *Scientific American*, **Mark Alpert** weaves cutting-edge science and mind-blowing ideas into high-energy thrillers. His first novel, *Final Theory*, was an international bestseller published in 23 languages and optioned for film. His nine other thrillers have also won acclaim; he received the Best Novel award from the William Faulkner Literary Competition and was a finalist for the Cybils, Nutmeg, and Beehive book awards.

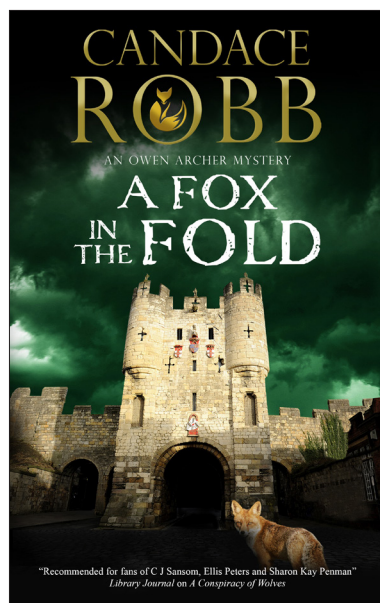
Mark majored in astrophysics at Princeton University and studied creative writing at Columbia University. He lives in Manhattan with his wife and is a proud member of *Scientific American's* softball team, the Big Bangers.

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A Fox in the Fold

An Owen Archer Mystery

CANDACE ROBB

A richly atmospheric, intricately plotted medieval mystery in the ever-popular Owen Archer series.

Owen Archer suspects an old adversary is on his tail as he seeks to solve the mystery surrounding a dead body found on the road to York.

October, 1376. Owen Archer is summoned by sheriff Sir Ralph Hastings regarding a stripped and bloodied body discovered on the road north to York. Could it be connected to an attack on a carter and his labourers who were transporting stone destined for St Clement's Priory? The carter fled, but his men stayed to fight and are now missing. Is the victim one of them?

At first Owen believes the catalyst for murder and menace in York is the arrival of the political pariah William Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester. But he soon suspects that a formidable and skillful adversary from his past has arrived in the city, thrusting him and his family into grave danger, and his investigation becomes a race to uncover the truth before his old nemesis destroys all he holds dear.

Candace Robb has read and researched medieval history for many years, having studied for a Ph.D. in Medieval & Anglo-Saxon Literature. She divides her time between Seattle and the UK, frequently visiting York to research the series. She is the author of thirteen previous Owen Archer mysteries, three Kate Clifford medieval mysteries, and the Margaret Kerr trilogy.

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The Stranger Vanishes

A Lily Dale Mystery

WENDY CORSI STAUB

Young widowed mom Bella Jordan investigates a missing person in this charming cozy mystery set in the real-life New York community of Lily Dale, populated solely by spiritual mediums!

New York Times bestseller Wendy Corsi Staub is back, with a new heart-warming cozy mystery set in the magical village of Lily Dale

In the quirky, picturesque lakeside community of Lily Dale, where the residents can talk to the dead, young widow Bella Jordan is the lone skeptic among believers. She doesn't believe in ghosts . . . but after a year in the village, she would admit that her new friends do sometimes seem to know impossible things.

Still, when a Black stranger dressed in old-fashioned clothing arrives unexpectedly at Bella's guesthouse at midnight on Juneteenth, only to vanish the next day as if he'd never existed, Bella's sure there has to be a logical explanation. One that has nothing to do with the strange warning Odelia, the medium next door, delivers from the Spirits: Beware of . . . Barry?!

Bella doesn't know a Barry, and she has enough people in her life already, what with her young son Max and their two kitties, handsome vet Drew, a plethora of kind but nosy neighbors and a full house of summer guests. But as the mystery of the missing stranger deepens, she starts to wonder: did the Spirits really mean Barry? Or did they mean bury . . .

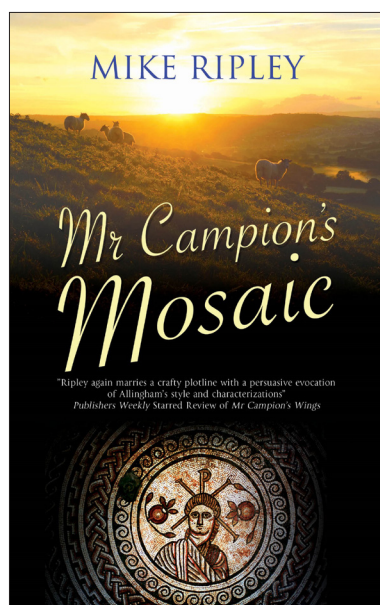
New York Times and *USA Today* bestseller **Wendy Corsi Staub** is the award-winning author of more than ninety novels, including young adult fiction, psychological suspense and traditional mysteries. She lives in the New York City suburbs with her husband, their sons, and a trio (give or take) of rescue kitties.

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Mike Ripley has twice won the Crime Writers' Association's Last Laugh Award, and is the author of twenty-four comedy thrillers and historical novels. He writes a hugely respected monthly review column for *Shots Magazine* entitled *Getting Away With Murder* and is also the author of *Kiss Kiss Bang Bang*, a 'reader's history' of the heyday of British action and spy thrillers, 1953-75, which won the H.R.F. Keating Award for non-fiction in 2017.

Mr Campion's Mosaic

An Albert Campion Mystery

MIKE RIPLEY

A cleverly plotted, charming historical mystery full of wit and intrigue.

Albert Campion travels to Dorset as he attempts to get to the bottom of a series of shocking events connected to a TV adaptation of one of Evadne Childe's famous novels.

London, 1972. The Evadne Childe Society has gathered in honour of what would have been the author's eighty-second birthday, and Albert Campion is there as a reluctant guest speaker and ceremonial birthday cake cutter.

But Campion's oratory skills aren't the only thing in demand. A TV remake of a twenty-year-old film adaptation of one of Evadne's classic novels, *The Moving Mosaic*, has been derailed by someone attempting to murder the leading man - the latest in a series of increasingly disturbing incidents - and the society wants Campion to investigate. Who is determined to sabotage the production at any cost, and why?

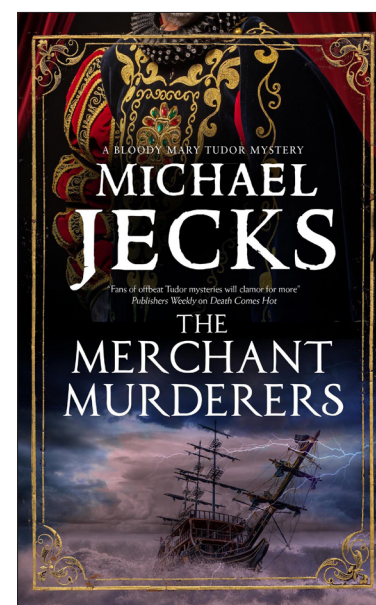
Travelling to the picturesque village of Kingswaller Manor in Dorset where filming is due to start, Campion soon stumbles upon dark secrets, ghosthunters, an impressive mosaic, and murder.

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Michael Jecks is the author of more than forty-five novels in the *Knights Templar medieval mystery series* and six previous *Bloody Mary Tudor mysteries*. A former Chairman of the Crime Writers' Association, he lives with his wife, children and dogs in northern Dartmoor.

The Merchant Murderers

A Bloody Mary Tudor Mystery

MICHAEL JECKS

This light-hearted Tudor mystery series never takes itself too seriously - and is all the more enjoyable for that!

August, 1556. Jack Blackjack is on a simple mission: make it back home to his beloved London. It should be simple, right? Wrong. He's made it as far as Exeter, but before he can secure a fresh steed in that hellish city, he's faced with a dead priest, ruthless thieves, and a devious Dean who's determined to see the back of Jack. That suits Jack just fine - he wants to leave!

So when wealthy merchant Wolfe, offers passage to London via sea, Jack jumps at the chance . . . and unwittingly into further danger! With thieves, pirates and potential murderers at every turn who can Jack trust? Will he uncover the truth behind the dead priest and missing merchant ships? But more importantly, will he ever make it home to London with his purse strings and limbs intact?

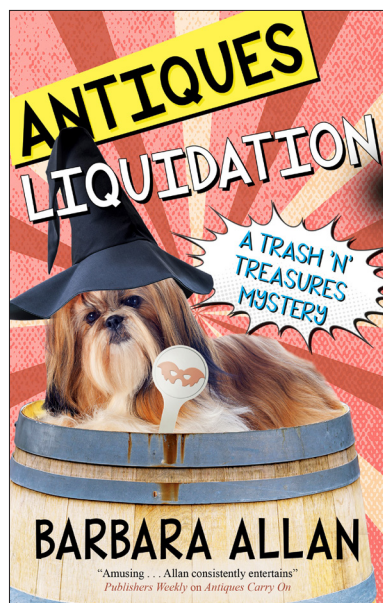
Set during the brief but exceedingly troubled reign of Queen Mary I, elder half-sister to the future Elizabeth I, (1553-1558) the *Bloody Mary series* features the amoral former cutpurse turned paid assassin, Jack Blackjack, as its cowardly, lecherous, yet strangely likeable amateur sleuth protagonist. The joke is always on Jack as he lurches from one crisis to the next, never quite sure what's going on, yet always - just about - managing to keep one step ahead of his many enemies and those who, for whatever reason, are trying to kill him.

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Antiques Liquidation

A Trash 'n' Treasures Mystery

BARBARA ALLAN

The sixteenth witty Trash 'n' Treasures cozy mystery sees antiques dealing - and true-crime writing - mom and daughter team Vivian and Brandy Borne get mixed up in murder when they discover the body of an auctioneer.

Trouble's on the wind when an auctioneer turns up dead in the new Trash 'n' Treasures cozy mystery - "one of the funniest cozy series going" (*Ellery Queen Magazine*)

Two o'clock in the morning is the perfect time to be asleep. So when long-suffering Brandy Borne is rudely awoken by her eccentric mother, Vivian, and invited on a surreptitious shopping trip, the idea is less than tempting.

But if Vivian - Serenity's true-crime writing, septuagenarian super-sleuth - has a nose for sniffing out antiques, Brandy's sense of smell is just as good . . . and trouble's on the wind.

A little light blackmail and one run-in with the police later, and Brandy and Vivian are the 'proud' owners of a selection of dead stock, liberated ahead of an upcoming warehouse sale from an unsavory auctioneer. Brandy's not convinced there's a fortune to be made in vintage toys, retro plates and pearl buttons - there's more mileage in their shop's new Halloween display - but she supposes it could be worse.

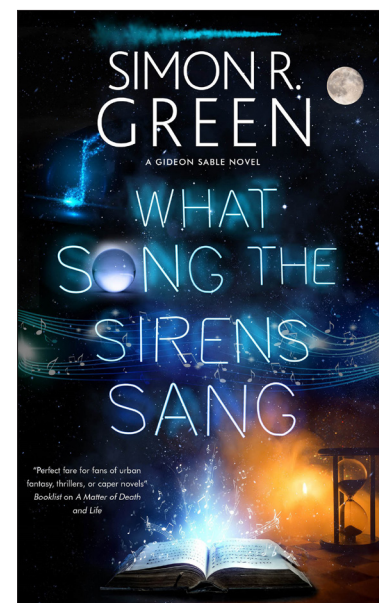
It soon is. After the auction's taken place, Vivian and Brandy make an unnerving discovery. It's not just the stock that's dead - so is the auctioneer . . .

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He is the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than seventy science fiction and fantasy novels, including the *Nightside*, *Secret Histories* and *Ghost Finders* series, the *Ishmael Jones* mysteries, and the brand-new *Gideon Sable* series.

What Song the Sirens Sang

A Gideon Sable Novel

SIMON R. GREEN

No one steals from master thief Gideon Sable and gets away with it . . . The new fast-paced supernatural heist thriller from New York Times bestselling, award-winning British fantasy author Simon R Green.

You can find everything you've ever dreamed of in the strange, old magical shop known as Old Harry's Place. The problem is, not all dreams are kind.

Gideon Sable - legendary master thief, conman and well-dressed rogue - and his partner in crime Annie Anybody don't want to be shopkeepers, but when the enigmatic Harry decides to retire, he blackmails the pair into taking the store on.

Before the grand reopening can happen, however, a menacing stranger arrives - with a rare and deadly item for them to appraise. A small piece of rock, with an unnerving aura, which 'Smith' claims contains the last echoes of the legendary sirens' song. Before they can find out more, however, Smith vanishes . . . leaving only the stone.

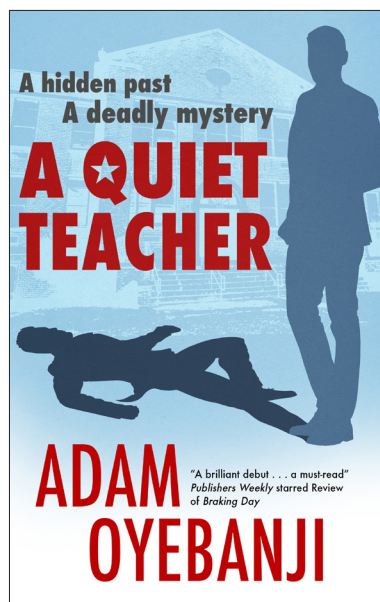
Some valuables are more trouble than they're worth. But before Gideon and Annie can work out if they've been set up, the stone is stolen from its impregnable hiding place. How? And why? Gideon only knows one thing for certain: no one steals from him and gets away with it . . .

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A Quiet Teacher

ADAM OYEBANJI

A spin on a classic mystery, with echoes of Graham Greene, executed with a unique contemporary voice.

A teacher trying to hide in the shadows finds himself embroiled in a murder investigation in this compelling and fresh read which tackles race, class and identity.

Greg Abimbola is a language teacher at the prestigious Calderhill Academy in Pittsburgh. Only that's not his real name . . . or the only secret he's hiding. Greg has a closetful.

When the murder of a wealthy parent on school premises shines an unwanted spotlight on Calderhill Academy, Greg is determined to avoid attention.

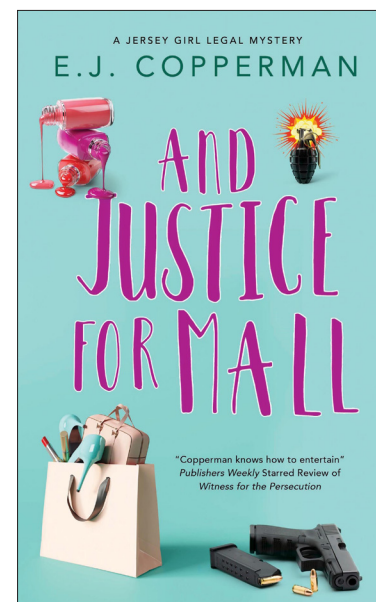
That is until the closest person to a true friend Greg has is arrested for the murder. To prove her innocence, Greg will reluctantly emerge from the shadows. But doing so will put him in danger. His past is determined to find him . . . and his past is full of bad things.

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And Justice For Mall

A Jersey Girl Legal Mystery

E J COPPERMAN

New Jersey prosecutor turned LA family lawyer Sandy Moss takes on an oddly intimidating pre-teen millionaire client in this fast-paced, funny instalment in the Jersey Girl cozy legal mystery series.

Hollywood, house hunting . . . and hand grenades?! Life turns explosive for New Jersey prosecutor turned LA family lawyer Sandy Moss when she takes on an unexpected new client: pre-teen millionaire Riley Schoenberg.

When Riley Schoenberg strides into family lawyer Sandy Moss's office without knocking and coolly sits down, Sandy's more irritated than amused. She has a client meeting to prepare for, and being interrupted by an eleven-year-old girl is not on her to-do list.

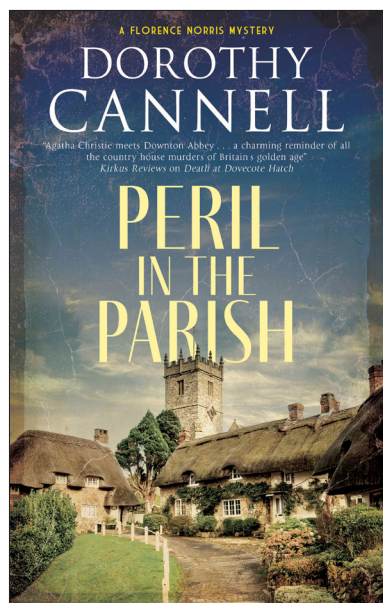
But then Sandy hears Riley's pitch, and it's a killer one: Riley's father's been convicted of murdering her mother . . . and the oddly intimidating pre-teen will do anything to get him out of jail.

Sandy, in turn, will do anything to get Riley out of her office. Which includes agreeing to look into her dad's case for free. A decision she regrets when it turns out Riley's inheritance has made her a multi-millionaire.

Still, Sandy's determined to get Riley the answers she needs. There's just one tiny problem: Riley might be convinced her father's innocent, but Jack Schoenberg is insisting he did it.

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Dorothy Cannell was born in Nottingham, England, and moved to the US in 1963. She became an aspiring writer after taking an English class at Illinois Central College. Seven years later, she sold her first short story. Dorothy enjoys collecting sea glass and beach stones in Maine, collecting vintage hats and Apostle Teaspoons, and going on reading binges.

Peril in the Parish

A Florence Norris Mystery

DOROTHY CANNELL

Florence gets embroiled in another murder mystery whilst trying to organise her wedding, in this charming compelling cosy village mystery.

Secrets, mystery and wedding bells at Dovecote Hatch!

1933, Dovecote Hatch, England. Florence Norris knows she has found a good man in George 'Birdie' Bird, the landlord of the local pub, *The Dog & Whistle*. They are set to marry in the parish church of their beloved village of Dovecote Hatch. But when a mysterious stranger seeks out George, sharing family secrets and talks of an illegal burial years ago, an ominous dread falls over the happy couple.

Meanwhile, Agnes Younger, a local recluse whose health is ailing, calls upon her cousin Sophie Dawson to come home. Sophie is relieved to be escaping a scandal, not of her making, but is soon in the thick of something far more dramatic! There may just be a link between Agnes's imminent demise and the poor soul who was buried illegally.

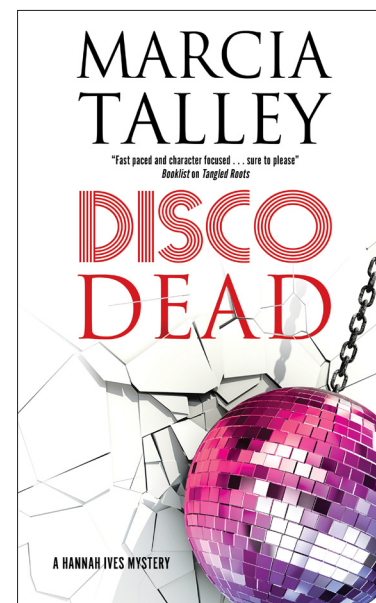
As Florence and George are pulled reluctantly into this mystery, they uncover unpleasant truths and dark entanglements in this idyllic English village. Not everyone is as they seem. Will Florence and George have the beautiful church wedding they long for, or will the truth stand in the way of their well-deserved happily ever after?

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Disco Dead

A Hannah Ives Mystery

MARCIA TALLEY

A compelling mystery with a dark twist set in Maryland.

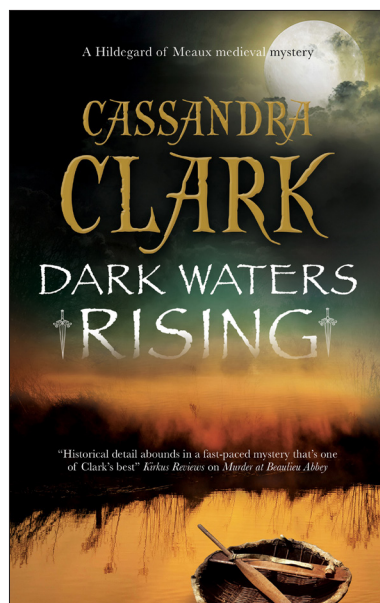
A trip to the local cemetery draws Hannah into a puzzling case stretching back forty years.

It may seem creepy, but Hannah Ives enjoys her expeditions to the local cemetery to help people find their deceased relatives. Usually a quiet affair, Hannah is surprised when she encounters Isabel 'Izzy' Randall laying flowers on the grave of Amy Madison, a college senior who was killed in 1978. Last seen in a popular Annapolis disco bar, Amy's murder remains unsolved.

Hannah's interest in the case leads her to join Silent Sleuths, a small, passionate group of 'citizen detectives' dedicated to trying to solve cases like Amy's, and their research soon suggests that Amy may have been the first of several victims targeted by a serial killer. As DNA from the scene of the murder throws up surprising results, their investigation takes them down unexpected avenues. Is Amy's killer still alive, or has an untimely death taken them beyond justice?

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Dark Waters Rising

A Hildegard of Meaux Medieval Mystery

CASSANDRA CLARK

Nun sleuth Hildegard investigates the shocking murder of a lay sister in the thrilling twelfth instalment of the acclaimed medieval mystery series.

A storm is coming . . . Can nun sleuth Hildegard solve the murder of a lay sister before the rising flood waters trap her with a cunning killer?

Autumn, 1394. All is not well at Swyne Priory. Dissension has arisen amongst the nuns. The new novices whisper in corners, spreading malicious rumours and sharing dark secrets.

The Prioress gives Hildegard an order: search out the cause of this unrest, and put a stop to it. But before Hildegard can investigate, she's forced to deal with a new problem: the arrival of a mysterious stranger in the middle of the night, claiming his life is in danger.

Hildegard isn't sure whether to believe him, but when a body is discovered near the priory, she's soon plunged into a dark and dangerous puzzle where nothing is as it seems. All she knows for certain is that a storm is coming, threatening to cut the priory off from the outside world and trap them with a killer . . .

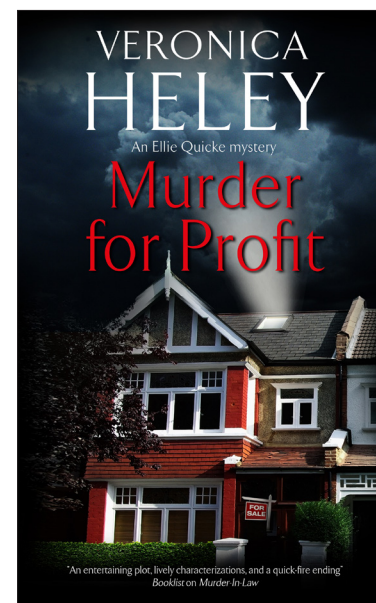
Medieval mystery at its finest - and a great pick for readers who love sleuthing monks and nuns like Peter Tremayne's Sister Fidelma, Ellis Peters' Brother Cadfael and Cora Harrison's Reverend Mother.

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Murder for Profit

An Ellie Quicke Mystery

VERONICA HELEY

A completely engrossing mystery with a quirky female lead.

The shocking death of a student in one of her charity's properties draws Ellie into another dark mystery.

Ellie Quicke returns from Canada to find her home in chaos and her housing charity tearing itself apart. A student has fallen to his death from the top of one of the charity's properties, let through a reputable local estate agency. Accused of corruption, the agency is the victim of a vicious social media campaign.

Was the student's death really an accident or something more sinister? Does someone have a grudge against the agency, or are they being set up to ensure the truth never comes out? As Ellie fights to save her charity's reputation, it seems her troubles are only just beginning . . .

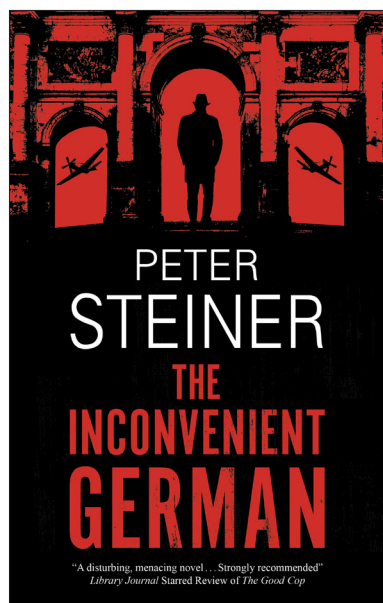
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Peter Steiner is the author of the critically acclaimed *Louis Morgon* series of crime novels. He is also a cartoonist for *The New Yorker* and is the creator of one of the most famous cartoons of the technological age which prompted the adage, 'On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog.'

The Inconvenient German

A Willi Geismeier Thriller

PETER STEINER

A chilling thriller set in Munich during World War II.

Willi Geismeier is proving to be a headache for the Nazis yet again as leader of the Flower Gang - a secret organisation helping people flee Germany. But is his cover about to be blown?

1944. Captain Charlie Herder's plane is shot down in woods near Munich. A week later, he has managed to evade capture by the SS, but for how much longer? As the American pilot desperately tries to make his way to the French border, a huge manhunt ensues.

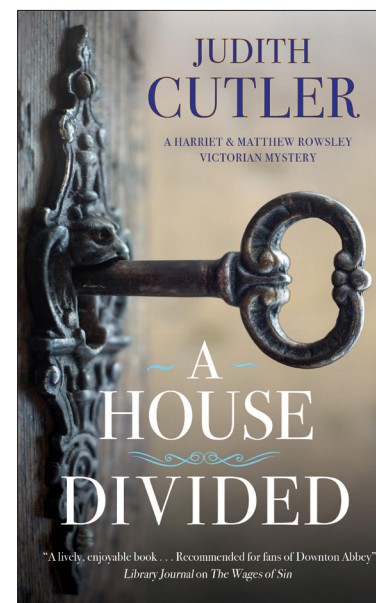
Former Munich police detective Willi Geismeier is still proving to be a thorn in the side of the Gestapo in his new incarnation as leader of the Flower Gang, a flourishing network of secret operatives helping Jews and others escape Germany. But a catastrophe occurs when the gang's plan to help Charlie is compromised, and Willi faces a race against time to work out how their scheme was derailed if he and his operatives are to stand a chance of surviving the war...

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Judith Cutler has been shortlisted for the CWA Dagger and the Barry Award. Her prize-winning short stories appear regularly in anthologies and leading crime fiction magazines. She is married to fellow crime-writer Edward Marston and is sometimes referred to as Birmingham's Queen of Crime.

A House Divided

A Harriet & Matthew Rowsley Mystery

JUDITH CUTLER

For fans of Downton Abbey, this is a compelling upstairs/downstairs Victorian mystery with a husband and wife detective duo.

Stranded at a house party - when a murderer strikes!

May 1861, Victorian England. When Matthew and Harriet Rowsley are invited to a house party at Clunston Park by Matthew's cousin, Colonel Barrington Rowsley and his wife Lady Hortensia, Harriet is nervous - surely the aristocratic guests will snub her? After all, they are but mere servants in their eyes! Her fears are realized on their first evening when the only person who deigns to speak to her is the spiteful Grafen Weiser and confirmed when she commits a major faux pas at the cricket match the following day.

But there's no escape! The cricket match is abandoned due to a storm, and flooding leaves the house guests stranded. Things worsen when Grafen Weiser is found murdered and the finger is quickly pointed at Clara, an eleven-year-old maid, as the culprit. Convinced that she cannot be guilty, Harriet and Matthew agree to investigate.

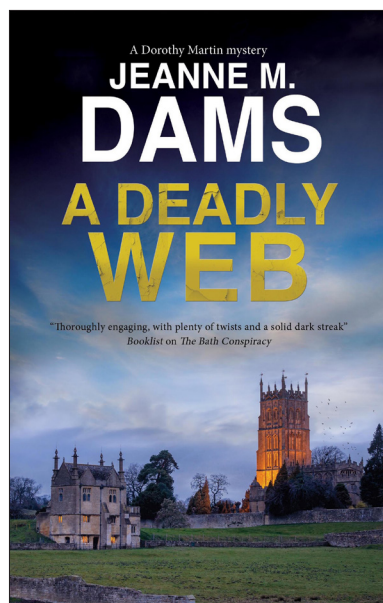
The aristocratic façade begins to crumble under their scrutiny, and they start to unlock the secrets of Clunston Park. Why does the Colonel allow his bullying friend Major Jameson so much leeway? Is there more to the befuddled Lord Pidgeon than meets the eye? Harriet and Matthew must uncover the truth, before they find themselves in deadly danger...

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Jeanne M. Dams, an American, is a devout Anglophile who has wished she could live in England ever since her first visit in 1963. Fortunately, her alter ego, Dorothy Martin, can do just that. Jeanne lives in South Bend, Indiana, with a varying population of cats.

A Deadly Web

A Dorothy Martin Mystery

JEANNE M DAMS

An utterly entertaining and intriguing cozy set in the fictional cathedral town of Sherebury.

When an 'unofficial' relative of Alan's arrives from the States, Dorothy and Alan are drawn into a tangled web of murder and lies.

Dorothy Martin is more than capable of dozing during a raging storm in her snug house in Sherebury, but the loud ping of an unexpected text on her husband Alan's phone quickly wakes her up. Alan's unofficial great-niece, Lucy Bowman, is coming over from the States for a conference.

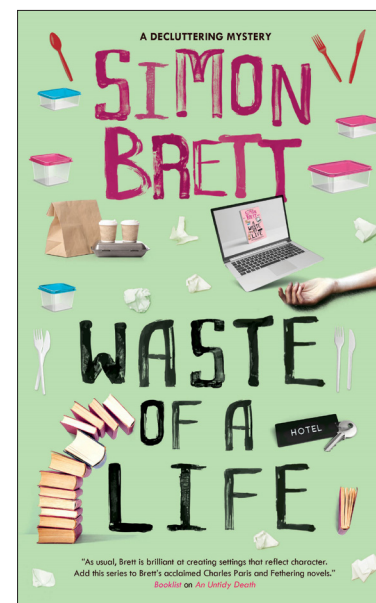
When Lucy arrives, she gushes about her fiancé, Iain. But Alan makes a disturbing discovery about Lucy's engagement ring, and no sooner has Iain set foot on UK soil when he's the victim of a mysterious hit-and-run. Was it an accident, or murder? Drawn into the police investigation, Dorothy learns that Iain was not all he seemed to be, and uncovers a shocking trail of deceit. Can she separate fact from fiction to untangle a deadly web of lies?

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Simon Brett worked as a producer in radio and television before taking up writing full-time. He is the author of more than 100 books, including the much-loved Feathering mysteries, the Mrs Pargeter novels and the Charles Paris detective series, as well as the brand-new Decluttering mysteries. In 2014, he was awarded the Crime Writers' Association's prestigious Diamond Dagger for sustained excellence and contribution to crime writing, and in the 2016 New Year's Honours he was awarded an OBE for services to literature.

Married with three grown-up children, six grandchildren and a ginger cat called Douglas, he lives in an Agatha Christie-style village on the South Downs.

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Waste of a Life

A Decluttering Mystery

SIMON BRETT

Ellen Curtis is about to her own life thrown into chaos in this third light-hearted Decluttering mystery.

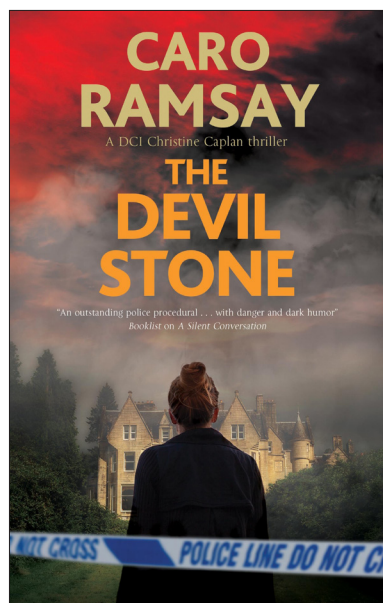
Declutterer Ellen Curtis has been working to bring order into the life of Cedric Waites, a recluse in his eighties who hasn't left his house or let anyone inside it since his wife died. On one of her regular visits, Ellen finds the old man dead.

Sad but, given his age, perhaps not unexpected. Nothing to get worked up about . . . until the police raise the suspicion that Cedric might have been poisoned! The cause seems to be something he ate, and as Ellen cleared away the old man's food containers, she is under suspicion. As is Dodge, who works for Ellen and has unhelpfully done a runner . . .

Meanwhile, a rival declutterer is out to sabotage Ellen's reputable business, her two grown-up children are back home and in crisis, and she has a potential love interest. Ellen's life has taken on a chaotic turn of its own! Can she uncover the killer and bring order back to her own life?

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Caro Ramsay was born and brought up in Glasgow, and now lives in a village on the west coast of Scotland. She is an osteopath, acupuncturist and former marathon runner, who devotes much of her time to the complementary treatment of injured wildlife at a local rescue centre. She is the author of thirteen previous Anderson & Costello thrillers and one standalone novel of psychological suspense. This is the first DCI Christine Caplan thriller.

The Devil Stone

A DCI Christine Caplan Thriller

CARO RAMSAY

The macabre massacre of a wealthy family brings DCI Christine Caplan to the Highlands in her first thriller in a brand new series.

In the small Highland village of Cronchie, a wealthy family are found brutally murdered in a satanic ritual and their heirloom, 'the devil stone', is the only thing stolen. The key suspects are known satanists - case closed? But when the investigating officer disappears after leaving the crime scene, DCI Christine Caplan is called in from Glasgow to investigate in a case that could restore her reputation.

Caplan knows she is being punished for a minor misdemeanour when she is seconded to the Highlands, but ever the professional, she's confident she can quickly solve the murders, and return home to her fractious family. But experience soon tells her that this is no open and shut case.

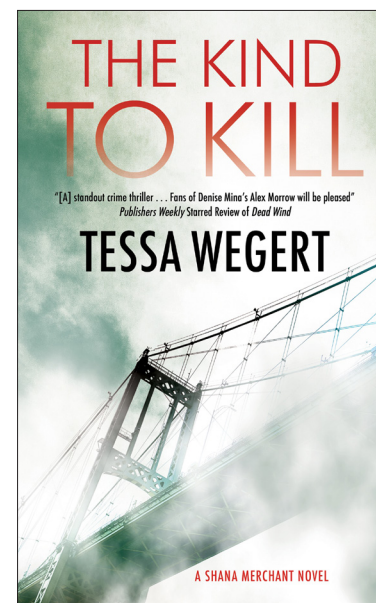
She suspects the murder scene was staged, and with the heir to the family estate missing, there is something more at play than a mythical devil stone. As she closes in on the truth, it is suddenly her life, not her reputation that is danger! Will Caplan's first Highland murder case be her last?

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The Kind to Kill

A Shana Merchant Novel

TESSA WEGERT

The fourth in the critically acclaimed Shana Merchant series - Agatha Christie with an edge.

A missing tourist spells trouble for Senior Investigator Shana Merchant in this page-turning twisty mystery set in an atmospheric island community with a small-town vibe.

Former NYPD detective Shana Merchant is a skilled Senior Investigator keeping New York's beautiful Thousands Islands community safe. She's a loving partner. A strong woman. A survivor.

She's also bound by blood to a serial killer. And after months of concealing the truth from the world as she hunted Blake Bram down, her secret is finally out.

Shana just wants to get on with her life and win back her community's trust. But as Alexandria Bay fills up with tourists in advance of the annual festival known as Pirate Days, a visitor goes missing, and the case threatens to destroy not just the celebrations, but what remains of Shana's reputation.

Shana's not to blame for the killer in her family, but people are starting to whisper that she attracts trouble. That A-Bay was safer before she arrived. And as the investigation deepens, Shana starts to fear that they may be right.

Because while Bram is gone, he is far from forgotten.

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The Whispering Dead

A Cordelia Hemlock Novel

DAVID MARK

A page-turning, twisty spy thriller from Sunday Times bestselling and Kindle chart-topping author David Mark, featuring secret agent Cordelia Hemlock.

Cordelia Hemlock is teetering on the verge of joining MI6 when she meets the enigmatic Walt, a high-ranking member of the Secret Intelligence Service, who tells her: *They won't want you to do well. They won't ever trust you. They don't trust me and I'm one of them.* She takes this as a challenge rather than a warning. She wants to protect the nation. Serve Queen and country. Who would turn down such a glorious opportunity?

Fourteen years later, Cordelia is desk-bound after finishing an undercover operation and going quietly mad with boredom. So when the call comes through on the top-secret Pandora line - so-called after the locked-box the telephone is kept in - she answers it.

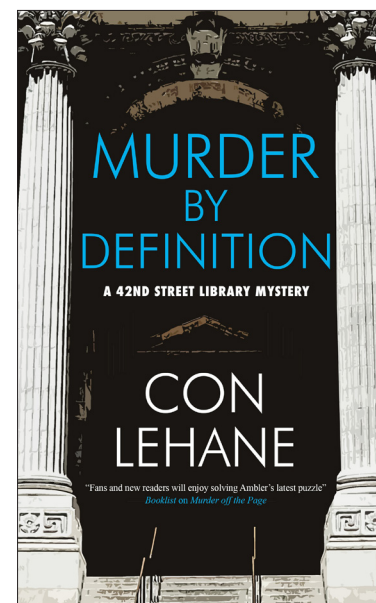
It's Walt. No longer officially MI6, he still inhabits the murky world of intelligence, where information always comes with a price. He tells her he has a secret to share with her - and only her. And once she knows it, nothing will ever be the same again . . .

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Murder by Definition

A 42nd Street Library Mystery

CON LEHANE

Police corruption, mayhem and murder in New York City . . . Truth is stranger than fiction in the fourth 42nd Street Library mystery, starring crime-fiction librarian - and reluctant amateur sleuth - Ray Ambler.

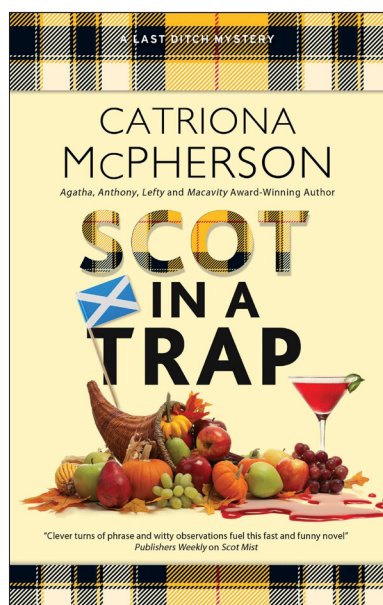
Crime-fiction librarian Ray Ambler gets more than he bargained for when he acquires the archives of a controversial hardboiled crime author in this contemporary twisty mystery set in New York City.

Hardboiled crime writer Will Ford might be critically acclaimed, but he's every bit as debauched and disreputable as the private eye in his novels. So when Ford offers Raymond Ambler - crime-fiction curator at New York City's prestigious 42nd Street Library - a collection of his papers, Ambler wonders if the project will be more trouble than it's worth. Still, the disgraced author is an important talent, and Ambler's never been afraid of a fight.

Ambler's ready for the controversy that greets news of the acquisition. He's not ready, however, for what he finds when he finally receives the papers: a gripping unpublished short story apparently based on a real case, with an explosive author's note. If it's true, there's been a shocking coverup at the heart of the NYPD - and a cop has got away with murder.

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Scot in a Trap

A Last Ditch Mystery

CATRIONA MCPHERSON

The fifth entry in the rip-roaring Last Ditch mystery series set in California featuring Scottish councillor-turned-amateur sleuth Lexy Campbell.

In this darkly funny mystery Lexy Campbell's first love turns up dead at the Last Ditch Motel on Thanksgiving . . . and she becomes the prime suspect.

A mysterious object the size of a suitcase, all wrapped in bacon and smelling of syrup, can mean only one thing: Thanksgiving at the Last Ditch Motel. This year the motel residents are in extra-celebratory mood as the holiday brings a new arrival to the group - a bouncing baby girl.

But as one life enters the Ditch, another leaves it. Menzies Lassiter has only just checked in. When resident counsellor Lexy Campbell tries to deliver his breakfast the next day, she finds him checked out. Permanently. Shocking enough if he was a stranger, but Lexy recognises that face. Menzies was her first love until he broke her heart many years ago.

What's he doing at the Last Ditch? What's he doing dead? And how can Lexy escape the fact that she alone had the means, the opportunity - and certainly the motive - to kill him?

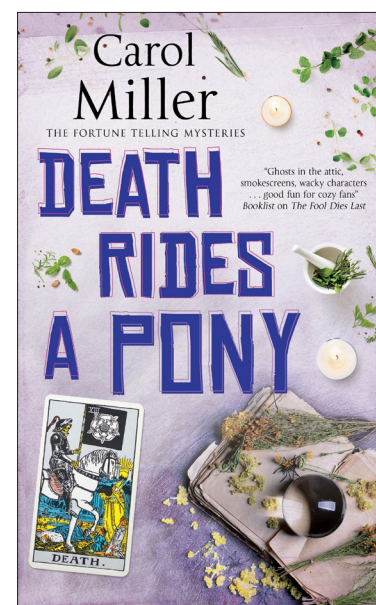
Born and raised in West Lothian, **Catriona McPherson** left Edinburgh University with a PhD in Linguistics and worked in academia, as well as banking and public libraries, before taking up full-time writing in 2001. For the last ten years she has lived in Northern California with frequent visits home. Among numerous prizes, she has won two of Left Coast Crime's coveted Humorous Lefty Awards for the Last Ditch comedies.

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Death Rides A Pony

The Fortune Telling Mysteries

CAROL MILLER

Fans of Steven Hockensmith or Anne George will enjoy this spiritual-themed cozy series.

The second entry in the fun-filled The Fortune Telling Mysteries series sees the Bailey sisters offering light-hearted fortune telling for charity that soon turns deadly.

Sisters Hope and Summer Bailey run Bailey's Boutique, a mystic shop in Asheville, North Carolina. The annual charity festival is approaching, and the sisters are roped in to offering fortune telling to raise money.

Before proceedings can begin, Summer receives a bad Tarot card reading. She fears she'll be left destitute from her upcoming divorce battle as the realtor charged with selling her and her soon-to-be ex-husband's home, Davis Scott, keeps making unwelcome appearances.

Davis's most troublesome appearance comes when he's found dead at the festival. Davis had a bad reputation amongst the Asheville community, but who would go to the lengths of killing him . . . and during a charity event, no less! The Tarot cards predicted a death, but do they hold clues to who the murder is?

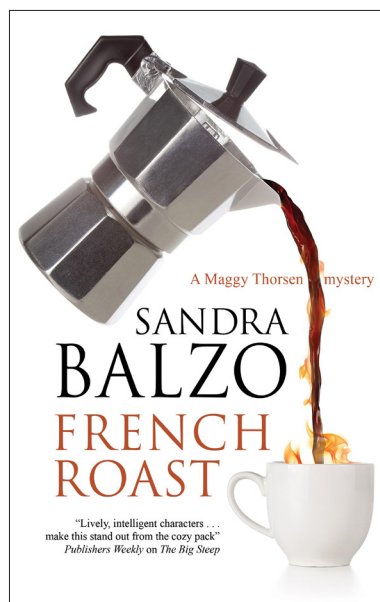
Carol Miller is the author of three Moonshine Mystery novels, including *Murder and Moonshine*, which was named an Amazon Best Book of the Month and a *Library Journal* Starred Debut of the Month upon release. *The Fool Dies Last* was Carol's first novel with Severn House and the first entry in *The Fortune Telling Mysteries* series. Carol is an attorney and lives in Virginia.

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Sandra Balzo built an impressive career as a public relations consultant before authoring the successful 'Maggy Thorsen' coffeehouse mysteries, the first of which, *Uncommon Grounds*, was published to stellar reviews and nominated for an Anthony and Macavity Award. She is also the author of the *Main Street Murders* mystery series published by Severn House.

French Roast

A Maggy Thorsen Mystery

SANDRA BALZO

A warmly entertaining coffeehouse cozy brimming with dark intrigue and shocking family secrets.

Things go from bad to worse for Wisconsin coffeehouse owner Maggy Thorsen when her cousin Jacque Oui finds himself in hot water.

Wisconsin coffeehouse owner Maggy Thorsen's cousin, Jacque Oui, is in trouble. Big trouble! Not only is his cash-strapped Schultz's Market facing competition from a major new grocery chain, but his ex-wife Paulette has arrived from Paris, spectacularly claiming that she and Jacque are still married, despite Jacque being engaged to Maggy's friend and star barista Amy Caprese.

When a huge fire rips through Schultz's Market overnight and a gruesome discovery is made in the shop's upper flat, Maggy is drawn into her cousin's affairs. But where is he? With Jacque suddenly missing, can Maggy uncover the truth behind the disturbing events triggered by Pauline's arrival, or is she about to be scorched by a determined killer?

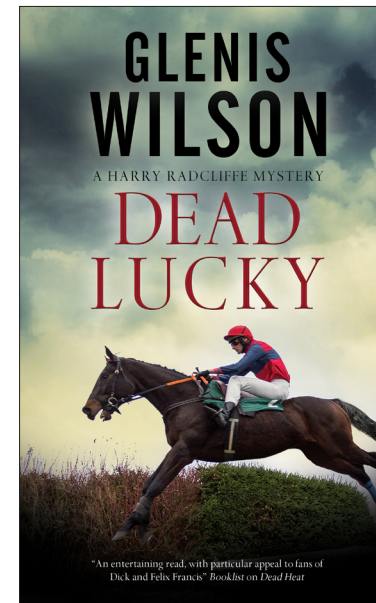
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Glenis Wilson was born and still lives in the cottage built by her great-grandfather in 1901, in Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire, where she does a lot of her writing in the big wild garden. She is a member of the RNA and CWA. She is also a qualified Reflexologist and Spiritual Healer of long standing.

Dead Lucky

A Harry Radcliffe Mystery

GLENIS WILSON

A chilling mystery packed with intrigue set in the fast-paced world of horse racing.

Jump jockey Harry Radcliffe is thrown into another dark mystery when a good friend is left fighting for his life after being struck by a bullet.

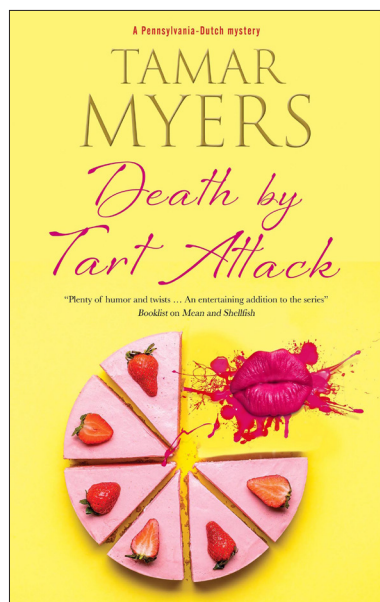
A day of celebration quickly turns into a nightmare for champion jockey Harry Radcliffe and his friend, horsebox driver Keith Whelan, when Keith is brutally shot in the head while driving the pair back from an engagement party. But was the bullet that smashed through the horsebox windscreen really meant for Keith, or for Harry himself? Harry escapes unscathed from the bloody scene, but Keith is left fighting for his life in hospital. It seems that Harry is dead lucky to be alive.

Despite his recent vow to focus solely on his racing, Harry determines to find out who committed such a brutal act, and quickly finds himself drawn into horse racing's dark and dangerous underbelly. Will his pursuit of justice for Keith prove to be a deadly step too far?

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Death by Tart Attack

A Pennsylvania-Dutch Mystery

TAMAR MYERS

A laugh-out-loud culinary cozy in the long-running Pennsylvania-Dutch mystery series.

Magdalena Yoder is accused of murdering her ex-husband in this delightfully quirky cozy mystery set among Pennsylvania's Amish-Mennonite community.

"You're going to be sorry, Aaron Paul Miller. Before I'm through with you, you're going to wish that you were dead."

Shockwaves are running through the small town of Hernia with the news that an enormous, biblical-themed amusement park is to be built on its doorstep, destroying the community's peaceful way of life for ever. And the man spearheading this so-called Armageddonland? None other than Magdalena's ex-husband, the duplicitous Aaron Miller.

At a public demonstration to showcase his plans for the new park, Aaron bites into a delicious homemade tart - with fatal consequences. It's clear the tart was poisoned . . . but who baked it?

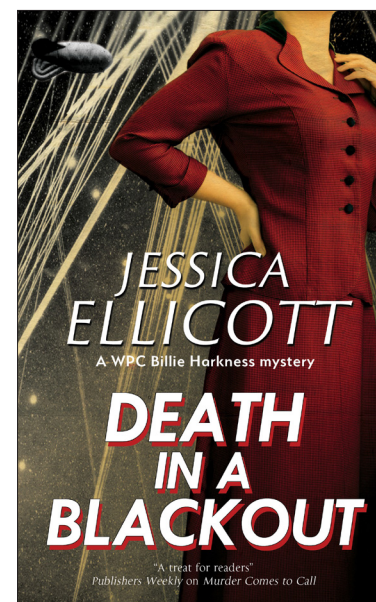
As the leader of the local resistance against the project and her acrimonious history with her ex well known, Magdalena immediately falls under suspicion. Determined to clear her name, she resolves to find the real killer, and soon finds herself wrestling with a number of scandalous secrets lurking beneath Hernia's seemingly staid surface.

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Death in a Blackout

An WPC Billie Harkness Mystery

JESSICA ELLICOTT

Rector's daughter turned policewoman Billie Harkness tackles her first case in this new Second World War mystery series set in the north of England.

The first in a brand-new WWII historical mystery series introduces WPC Billie Harkness - a female police officer who risks her life to protect the home front in the British coastal city of Hull.

1940. Britain is at war. Rector's daughter Wilhelmina Harkness longs to do her duty for her country, but when her strict mother forbids her to enlist, their bitter argument has devastating consequences.

Unable to stay in the village she loves, Wilhelmina - reinventing herself as Billie - spends everything she has on a one-way ticket up north.

The last thing Billie expects on her first evening in Hull, however, is to be caught in the city's first air raid - or to stumble across the body of a young woman, suspiciously untouched by debris.

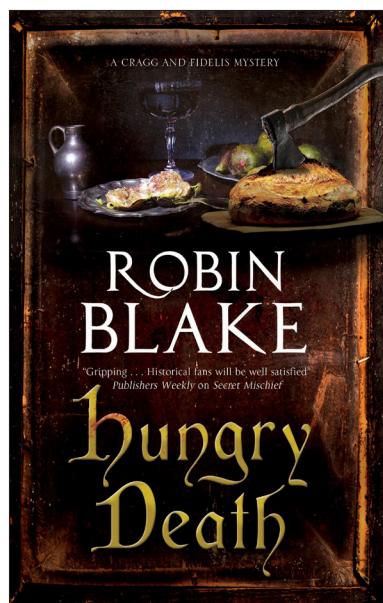
If the air raid didn't kill the glamorous stranger, what did? Billie is determined to get justice, and her persistence earns her an invitation to the newly formed Women's Police Constabulary. But as the case unfolds, putting her at odds with both high-ranking members of the force as well as the victim's powerful family, Billie begins to wonder if she can trust her new friends and colleagues . . . or if someone amongst them is working for the enemy.

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Hungry Death

A Cragg and Fidelis Mystery

ROBIN BLAKE

A richly detailed historical mystery with multiple twists set in 18th century northern England.

When a blackened body is discovered buried beneath a hot-house, Coroner Titus Cragg uncovers a tale of scandalous secrets stretching back almost twenty years.

"Coroner Cragg. You think you can find out what happened at this house? You are mistaken. You can never find out."

November, 1747. County Coroner Titus Cragg has been called to the scene of a gruesome slaughter at a rural farmhouse: a mother and her four children brutally murdered in their own home. Were they killed by the man who should have protected them: their husband and father? And what role is played by the peculiar religious cult the family belongs to? Perhaps the mute boy who lives in the dog kennel knows the truth.

Meanwhile, Titus's friend Dr Luke Fidelis is a guest of wealthy landowner and local magistrate John Blackburne at nearby Orford Hall. When a blackened but well-preserved body is discovered deep beneath Blackburne's hot-house, Cragg and Fidelis are asked to investigate. But how can they make headway when, as they soon learn, this corpse might have been in the ground for centuries?

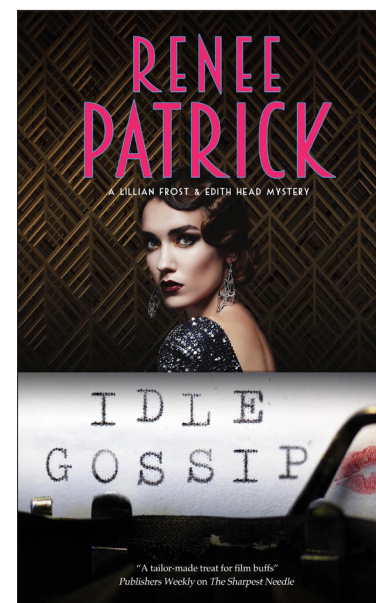
Gradually, Titus pieces together a tale of secrets, scandal and thwarted passion - and uncovers a shocking connection between the body under the hothouse and the slaughter in the farmhouse.

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Idle Gossip

A Lillian Frost & Edith Head Mystery

RENEE PATRICK

A scandalously entertaining mystery set in the Golden Age of Hollywood.

Gossip columnist Lorna Whitcomb knows every dirty secret in Hollywood . . . except who killed her tipster. Sleuthing duo Lillian Frost and Edith Head investigate in this head-turning mystery.

1940, Los Angeles. Hollywood's famous gossip columnist, Lorna Whitcomb, has summoned Lillian Frost and her sleuthing partner, costume designer extraordinaire Edith Head, to her office. Lorna's 'leg man' Sam Simcoe - the man who finds the scandalous material for her column - is in trouble. Tipster Glenn Hoyle has been murdered, and Sam is the LAPD's only suspect. But Sam didn't just find Glenn's body when he paid him a visit. Hiding in a wastebasket was a list of three names - a starlet, a producer and a director - and Sam's sure Glenn had an explosive story on all of them. Was it just idle gossip, or could it explain his murder?

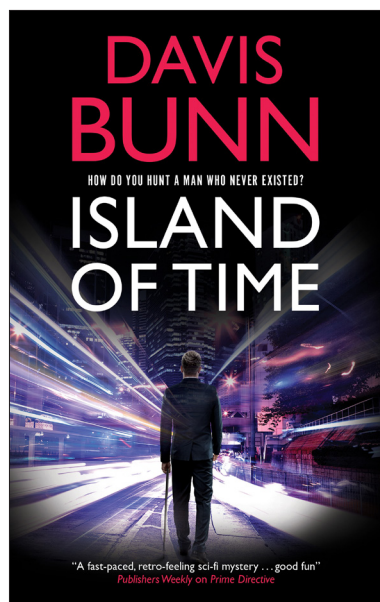
Lorna wants Edith and Lillian to find Glenn's killer before her powerful enemies strike. In a town full of secrets, Edith and Lillian must expose the dirtiest one of all: who killed Glenn Hoyle?

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Island of Time

DAVIS BUNN

A high-octane, mind- and time-bending urban fantasy novel from bestselling author Davis Bunn starring Interpol agent Jackson Burnett who must solve a case that is being erased from existence.

A mind-bending time heist novel that will appeal to fans of V.E. Schwab's *Shades of Magic* series.

The Geneva branch of Interpol - the international agency tasked with policing magic and the arcane arts - is where careers go to die. Action is rare as Switzerland banned magic seven hundred years ago. That's how Agent Jackson Burnett likes it.

But then reports of an explosion lead Jackson to the home of businessman Bernard Bouchon. What's there is unfathomable: The family and their possessions have vanished into ash.

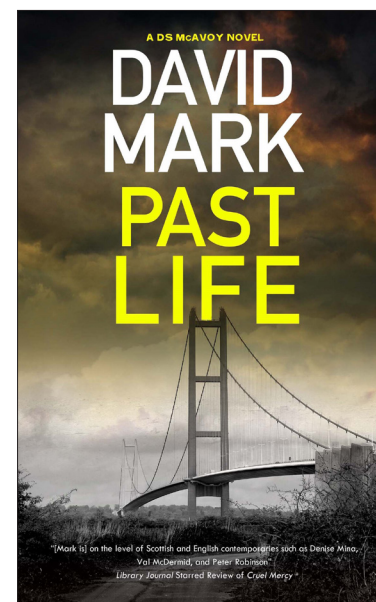
Jackson's enigmatic new partner Luca Tami, a blind Talent able to perform magic, suspects powerful supernatural forces are at play. The family weren't killed . . . they've been erased from time. With all traces of the family disappearing, the case is hours away from being forgotten.

How can Jackson solve a crime no one remembers happening? He must find a way to remember. He must discover who is behind the spell and why. Dangerous magics are in use, and it's clear those controlling them won't let anyone stand in their way.

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Past Life

A DS McAvoy Novel

DAVID MARK

Hull's DS Aector McAvoy must face his past in this explosive police procedural, the ninth in the addictive Sunday Times best-selling, Kindle chart-topping British crime series.

DS Aector McAvoy must face the dark, disturbing secrets of his past if he's to keep his family safe.

The clairvoyant is found with her tongue crudely carved out, a shard of blue crystal buried deep within her mangled ribcage.

The crime scene plunges DS Aector McAvoy back twelve years, to a case from when he was starting out. An investigation that proved a turning point in his life - but one he's tried desperately to forget.

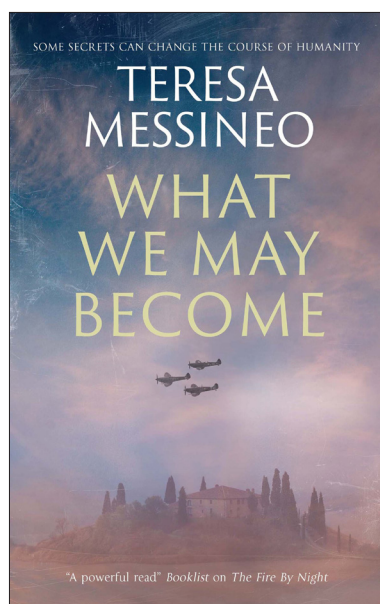
To catch the killer, he must face his past. Face the terrible thing he did. But doing so also means facing the truth about his beloved wife Roisin, and the dark secrets she's keeping have the power to destroy them both completely.

David Mark brings Hull to dark, brutal life in this gripping novel in the critically acclaimed DS McAvoy series - a perfect pick for fans of Denise Mina, Val McDermid and Peter Robinson.

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What We May Become

TERESA MESSINEO

A meticulously researched and plotted historical mystery set during World War II featuring a heroic American Red Cross nurse.

In 1945 secrets hidden at an Italian estate could prove just as vital to humanity's fate as the war efforts on the frontlines . . . if nurse Diana Bolsena can get to them first.

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When a shocking murder attracts more people to the isolated estate, Diana suspects Adler's hidden secrets could affect the course of history. But who will uncover them first? And what will happen to humanity if they fall into the wrong hands?

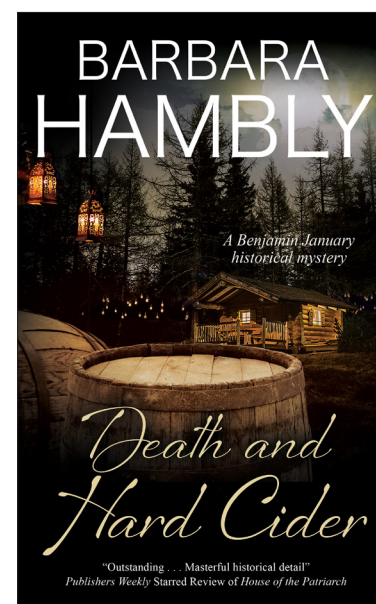
Teresa Messineo is motivated by social justice, and giving voice to the silenced. Her first novel, *The Fire by Night*, showcased the heroic and often overlooked work of frontline military nurses of the Second World War. Writing that novel involved seven years of research.

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Death and Hard Cider

A Benjamin January Mystery

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Musician, sleuth and free man of color Benjamin January gets mixed in politics, with murderous results.

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Soon, however, January has more to worry about than keeping his beloved family fed and safe. During an elegant reception thrown by New Orleans' local Whig notables, the son of a prominent politician gets into a fist-fight with a rival over beautiful young flirt Marie-Joyeuse Maginot - and, the day after the rally is over, Marie-Joyeuse turns up dead. The only black person amongst the initial suspects is arrested immediately: January's dear friend, Catherine Clisson.

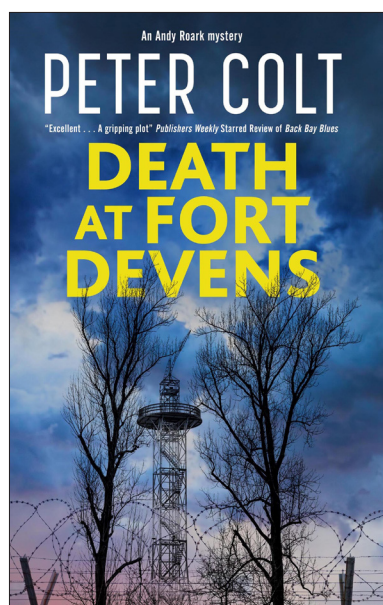
With Catherine's life on the line, January is determined to uncover the truth and prove her innocence. But his adversaries are powerful politicians, and the clock is ticking . . .

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Death at Fort Devens

An Andy Roark Mystery

PETER COLT

When the daughter of an old army buddy goes missing, Vietnam veteran turned Private Investigator Andy Roark swears to get her back - no matter the cost.

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Boston, 1985. Private Investigator Andy Roark left the military behind years ago, but his past comes flooding back when he's hired by an old army buddy who's worried about his rebellious teenage daughter's safety. There are bonds of blood between Roark and the highly-decorated Lieutenant Colonel Dave Billings, forged in the steamy Vietnamese jungle, and some debts aren't easy to forget.

Working the case for free, Roark's investigation quickly leads him to Boston's Combat Zone, five acres of sex, drugs and crime, right in the heart of one of America's oldest cities - and to Judy's unsavory new boyfriend, the drug-dealing K-nice.

Then Judy runs away, and the clock starts ticking in earnest. Roark is determined to save his friend's daughter from a life of drugs and prostitution, but it'll take more than missing-person flyers and polite questions to save the girl and get them both out of the concrete jungle of the Combat Zone alive.

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Fatal Conflict

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MATT HILTON

Private Investigator Tess Grey comes to the aid of a pregnant teenage girl in the ninth entry in the fast-paced Grey & Villere series.

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Where's Tony Vaughan? That's the question the Brogans are asking. And they don't ask nicely, as Private Investigator Tess Grey finds out. Angered by the Brogans' treatment of his fiancée, Nicolas 'Po' Villere is ready to enact retribution. As is Tess, who is itching for a new case and is troubled by Tony's apparent fate.

Tess and Po track Tony down and discover he's aided Leah Brogan - the heavily pregnant and oppressed daughter of one of the Brogans - in escaping the family. To make matters worse, the pair also stole money from someone they shouldn't have . . . someone who won't take such an insult lying down.

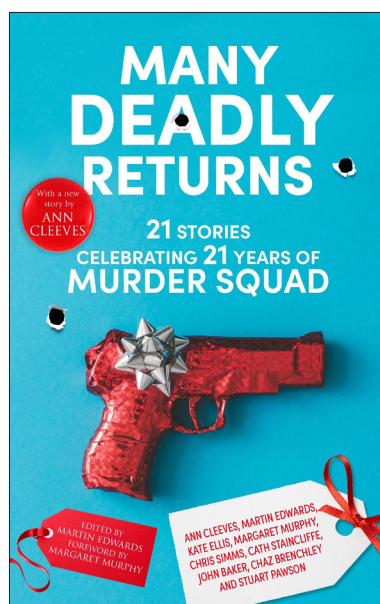
Leah dreams of freedom for her unborn child, but those chasing them will go to extreme lengths to deny her it. Tess is determined to fight for Leah and the child, but at what cost for her and Po's future?

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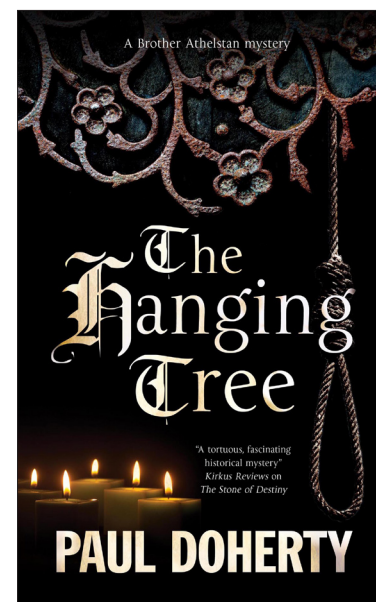
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The Hanging Tree

A Brother Athelstan Mystery

PAUL DOHERTY

Set in the late 14th century, the intricately plotted new historical mystery featuring friar-sleuth Brother Athelstan.

Brother Athelstan must solve a theft from the royal treasure chamber and the murders of six executioners in this gripping medieval mystery.

London. January, 1382. The Crown's treasury has been robbed. Tens of thousands of silver and gold coin mysteriously lifted from the most secure chamber in the kingdom; the five Clerks of the Dark who guarded the king's treasure brutally garrotted. Sir John Cranston and Brother Athelstan are appointed to investigate - but Athelstan has problems of his own. Clement the Key Master, who helped fashion the complex locks to the royal treasure chamber, has been found strangled in the nave of Athelstan's parish, St Erconwald's church.

At the same time, six of the city's hangmen have been savagely murdered, their bodies stripped. Pinned to each corpse is a scrawled note: "Vengeance! The Upright Men never forget!" The Guild of Hangmen who frequent the majestic tavern, The Hanging Tree, on the River Thames, have petitioned for Sir John and Brother Athelstan to find the culprit. But have the sleuthing pair taken on more than they can handle . . . and could the two investigations be connected?

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