



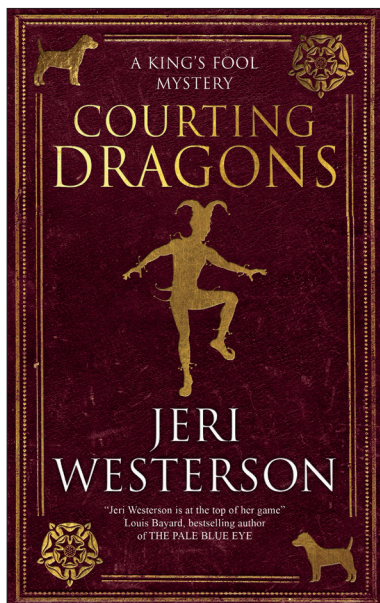
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“Odd bedfellows did murder make”

Jeri Westerson
Courting Dragons



Jeri Westerson was born and raised in Los Angeles. As well as fifteen Crispin Guest medieval mysteries, she is the author of three paranormal series and several historical novels. Her books have been nominated for the Shamus, the Macavity and the Agatha awards.

Courting Dragons

A King's Fool Mystery #1

JERI WESTERSON

Introducing Will Somers, the king's jester but nobody's fool in this exuberant, intriguing and thoroughly entertaining first in a new series set in Tudor England.

1529, London. Jester Will Somers enjoys an enviable position at the court of Henry VIII. As the king's entertainer, chief gossip-monger, spy and loyal adviser, he knows all of the king's secrets – and almost everyone else's within the walls of Greenwich Palace.

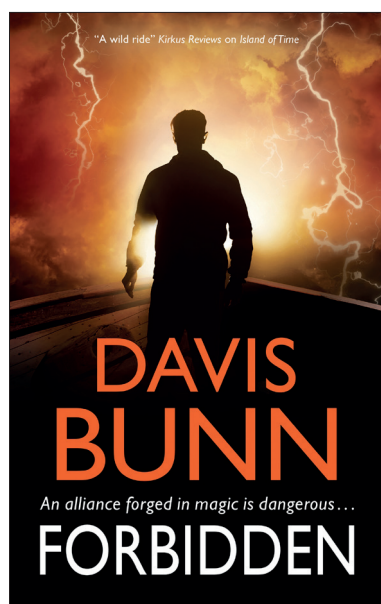
But when Will discovers the body of Spanish count Don Gonzalo while walking his trusted sidekick Nosewise in the courtyard gardens, and a blackmail note arrives soon after demanding information about the king, is one of his own closely guarded secrets about to be exposed? Trouble is afoot at the palace. Are the king's enemies plotting a move against him? Will must draw on all his wit and ingenuity to get to the bottom of the treacherous and deadly goings-on at the court before further tragedy strikes . . .

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DAVIS BUNN

In this sequel to Island of Time, a young renegade wizard flees the corrupt power structure controlling global magic, only to become embroiled in a conflict pitting supernatural forces against the federal government.

All wizard Chad Hagan wants is a quiet life.

A loner, a runaway, and a failed apprentice Talent, Chad was kicked out of one Institute of Magic for fighting, then fled another when the head wizard's vice caused the death of his closest friend. He may want a quiet life but when he meets Kara Sedgewick, he realizes that is not an option.

Kara has spent twenty years living a lie. Her mother was a gifted healer with powerful magical abilities, but not her. Or so the Institutes were led to believe... As Chad and Kara get close, they discover that their magical gifts, if combined, are dangerously powerful. And if they decide to forge this forbidden alliance, they could topple a system that has become rife with vicious infighting and sleaze.

But this seems like a dangerous, if not impossible task. Can they face the Institutes and their global network of magical force and triumph?

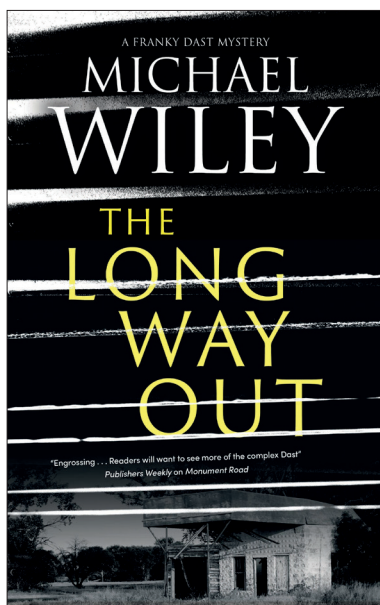
Davis Bunn is a bestselling author with more than eight million books in print. Davis was first published in 1990 and has gone on to have a prolific career with the release of over seventy books across twenty languages. He was born in North Carolina but now lives in Oxfordshire, England, and serves as writer-in-residence at Regent's Park College, University of Oxford. He has won the Christy Award four times and is a member of their Hall of Fame. In 2011 he won the *Library Journal* Best Book of the Year for *Lion of Babylon*. Davis also publishes under the pseudonym of Thomas Locke.

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Michael Wiley was brought up in Chicago, and now teaches creative writing and literature at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. As well as the Franky Dast thrillers, he is the Shamus Award-winning author of the Chicago-based Joe Kozmarski PI series, the Daniel Turner thrillers, and the Sam Kelson mysteries. His first Franky Dast thriller, *Monument Road*, was nominated for the 2018 Shamus Best PI Novel Award and the Sam Kelson mystery, *Head Case*, was nominated for the same award in 2022.

The Long Way Out

A Franky Dast Mystery #2

MICHAEL WILEY

A dark and grimy mystery with a complicated, fascinating amateur sleuth with a troubled past, and a serial murderer choosing victims on the fringe of American society.

Franky Dast is an unlikely hero.

Wrongly convicted and later exonerated of killing two boys, Franky went on to uncover the real murderer. Now a 'free man' but living on the edges of society, for some he will always be tainted by his dark past.

That's why a desperate Mexican family turn to him, rather than trust the authorities, to help them track down their teenage daughter's murderer. He is compelled to help but comes up against the detectives who wrongly put him away, and people who are determined to blame the dead girl.

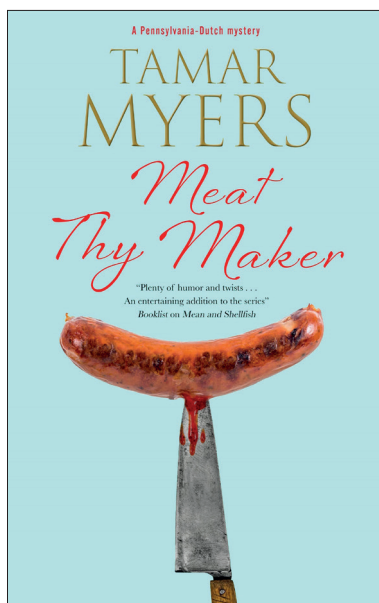
When another body shows up and he is personally threatened, Franky doubles-down on his investigation. Can Franky stop this vicious killer and find his own way out of his personal hell before it's too late?

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Tamar Myers was born in what was then the Belgian Congo in 1948, where her parents were American-Mennonite missionaries to a tribe of headhunters. She moved to the USA at the age of fifteen. On her mother's side, Tamar is descended from one of the first Amish families to settle in America in 1738. She is the author of more than forty mysteries and many short stories.

Meat Thy Maker

A Pennsylvania-Dutch Mystery #24

TAMAR MYERS

Sausages to kill for . . . The competition to go into business with Hernia's finest sausage makers is getting hotter than Magdalena Yoder's frying pan in this sizzling culinary cozy.

Schmucker Brothers' Sausages are the talk of the town. The good folk of Hernia are obsessed with the delectable meaty treats, and the prospect of going into partnership with the brothers is proving equally irresistible to investors far and wide, including Magdalena Yoder's current guests at the Penn-Dutch Inn – grocery store chain CEOs Christine Landis and Kathleen Dooley, restaurant owner Terry Tazewell, and Mr Duckworth Limehouse.

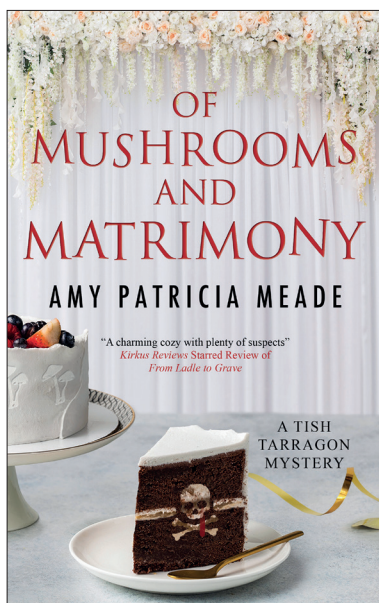
All four are in town to pitch a business deal to the Schmuckers. But after a visit to the brothers' pork factory, one of the would-be investors is found slaughtered back at the inn, and Mags must catch a murderer intent on turning her guests juicy pork dreams to rashers! Could there be more to the Schmuckers' sausages than meets the eye?

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Amy Patricia Meade is a native of Long Island, NY. Now residing in Bristol, England, Amy spends her time writing mysteries with a humorous or historical bent, and is a member of Sisters in Crime and The Crime Writers' Association.

Of Mushrooms and Matrimony

A Tish Tarragon Mystery #6

AMY PATRICIA MEADE

Tish Tarragon is catering for a wedding, but the weekend goes from sweet to sour when a guest at the venue is poisoned.

Literary caterer and owner of Cookin' the Books café Tish Tarragon is pushing thoughts of her impending eviction aside to prepare an appetising welcome buffet for a wedding weekend at Abbingdon Green Bed and Breakfast. While there, Tish witnesses one of the guests, controversial TV chef and restaurant critic, Gunner Randall, threatening staff after missing breakfast and making do with a mushroom omelet.

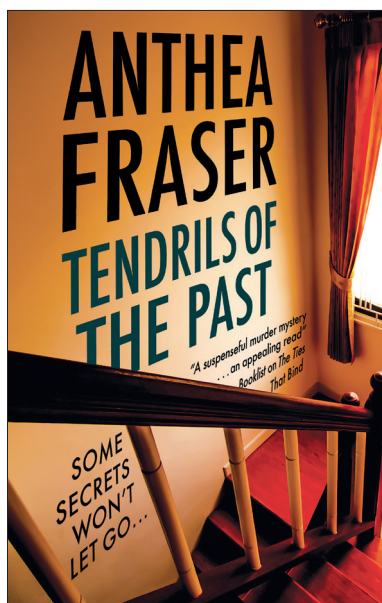
When Randall is found dead the following day, it soon becomes clear that poisoned mushrooms were behind his demise. With no shortage of potential suspects and motives, can Tish and her new beau, Sheriff Clemson Reade, uncover who was enraged enough with the unsavoury star to silence him for good?

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Anthea Fraser has now written a number of books ranging from suspense to the paranormal and crime fiction. *Tendrils of the Past* is her fifty-sixth book.

Tendrils of the Past

ANTHEA FRASER

Some secrets won't let go . . . Is the truth about a devastating family tragedy about to be unveiled?

Tragedy strikes a quiet Dorset town when the bodies of Sarah and Charles Drummond are discovered in their home one morning while their two young children, Abby and Mia, sleep upstairs. The police seem certain that Charles killed his wife before taking his own life, and the girls' grandmother, Cicely Fairfax, makes sure that they are shielded from the horrific truth.

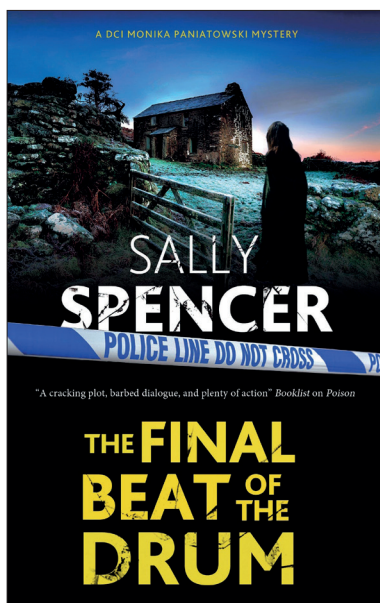
Until now. Sixteen years later, an accident at work leads Mia to have disturbing flashbacks to the night her parents met their untimely deaths. What did she see? What really happened that fateful evening? When Mia and Abby eventually share painful memories from the night that changed their lives forever, they get closer to uncovering the truth, and a dark secret from the past is finally revealed . . .

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Sally Spencer worked as a teacher both in England and Iran - where she witnessed the fall of the Shah. She now lives on the Costa Blanca with her partner, one cat, two dogs and innumerable fruit trees. Having once been an almost fanatical mah-jong player, she is now obsessed with duplicate bridge.

As well as the DCI Monika Paniatowski mysteries, Spencer is also the author of the successful Chief Inspector Woodend mysteries, the Inspector Blackstone series and the Jennie Redhead series.

The Final Beat of the Drum

A DCI Monika Paniatowski Mystery #15

SALLY SPENCER

DCI Monika Paniatowski's last case: the final, gripping instalment in the critically-acclaimed, long-running police procedural series.

DCI Monika Paniatowski is forced to think the unthinkable: could a good friend and long-standing colleague be guilty of murder?

On the day of her official retirement from the Force, DCI Monika Paniatowski looks at the two men and one woman who are no longer her team and thinks: *Whatever the future holds, I will always be proud of you.* She raises a toast. And just like that, her career as a homicide detective is over.

Then, fifteen years later, Monika's former sergeant, Kate Meadows, makes a terrible mistake.

Monika doesn't hesitate when Kate turns to her for help. She owes her, and she can hardly let her old friend go down for a crime she didn't commit.

But as Monika gets deeper into the investigation, she's forced to ask herself the unthinkable: is Kate really innocent, or is she helping her old friend get away with murder?

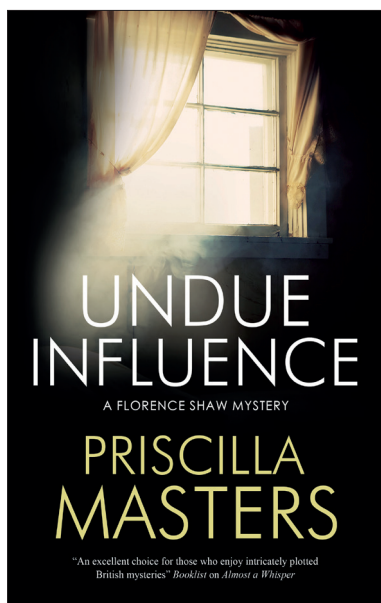
Packed with twists that will make you gasp out loud, the fifteenth – and final – DCI Monika Paniatowski mystery is a stunning conclusion to the long-running series. If you haven't met Monika yet, you're in for a treat.

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Priscilla Masters is the author of the popular DI Joanna Piercy series, as well as the successful Martha Gunn novels and a series of forensic psychiatrist mysteries featuring Dr Claire Roget. She lives near the Shropshire/Staffordshire border. A retired respiratory nurse, Priscilla has two grown-up sons and two grandsons.

Undue Influence

A Florence Shaw Mystery #1

PRISCILLA MASTERS

Nurse Florence Shaw investigates when a mysterious stranger walks into her patient's life – and then she disappears . . .

Where's Nora Selleck?

Nurse Florence Shaw is worried about her patient and friend, elderly widow Nora Selleck. When she encounters Nora in the market town of Stone seeming confused, Florence decides to pay her a visit in more familiar surroundings. But at Nora's house she meets Ben Evans, a mysterious young stranger who has befriended Nora. Who is Ben, and why is he encouraging Nora to miss her surgery appointments?

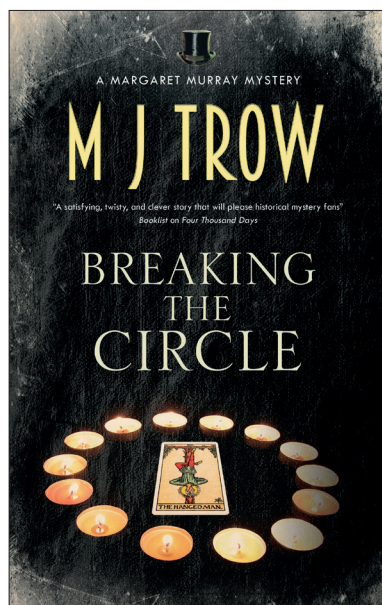
Florence doesn't trust Ben. She's sure he doesn't have Nora's best interests at heart and is a threat to her vulnerable patient. But no one else, not even Nora's doctor, shares her concern. Until, one day, Nora suddenly disappears . . .

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M.J. Trow is a military historian by training and the author of the long-running Inspector Lestrade and 'Mad Max' Maxwell detective series, as well as the Kit Marlowe Tudor mysteries, the Grand & Batchelor Victorian mysteries, and the brand-new Geoffrey Chaucer medieval mystery series. He lives on the Isle of Wight.

Breaking the Circle

A Margaret Murray Mystery #2

M J TROW

Turn-of-the-century archaeologist-sleuth Margaret Murray returns for the second in her captivating historical mystery series.

Famous Sensitive Found Dead. Police Baffled.

May, 1905. When one medium turns up dead, the police assume it is a robbery gone wrong, but when another is found obviously murdered, it's clear there's a killer on the loose!

Dr Margaret Murray, accomplished archaeologist and occasional sleuth, calls upon her police connections to investigate; who wants to see the mediums of London dead? Known for her sharp mind and quick wit, Margaret decides to infiltrate one of the spiritualist circles to narrow down the list of suspects.

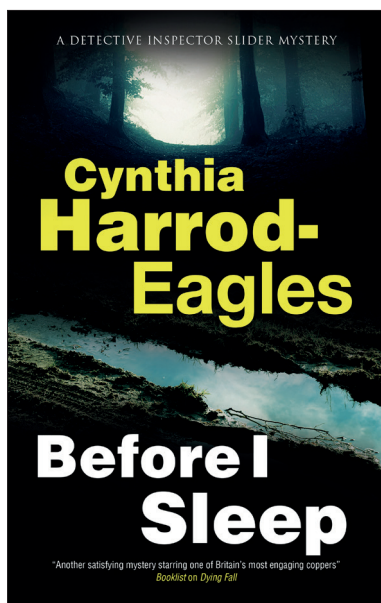
Her tactics seem to be working as she accidentally puts herself in the sights of the murderer. Unperturbed, Margaret sets an elaborate trap to uncover the culprit – but can she untangle the trail of clues before she too, passes beyond the veil?

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Cynthia Harrod-Eagles was born and educated in London and had a variety of jobs in the commercial world before becoming a full-time writer. She is the author of the internationally acclaimed Bill Slider mysteries and the historical Morland Dynasty series. She lives in London, is married with three children and enjoys music, wine, gardening, horses and the English countryside.

Before I Sleep

A Bill Slider Mystery #24

CYNTHIA HARROD-EAGLES

The clock is ticking for DCI Slider when a woman goes missing. Can he find her – and does she even want to be found?

Felicity Holland is missing.

She left her handsome West London house to go to her weekly pottery class and didn't come back. She's a mature, sensible woman with a stable home life and a happy marriage – no reason to abscond. Her distraught husband is convinced she must have been snatched.

DCI Bill Slider and his team know that when a woman goes missing, you have to move fast if there's to be a hope of finding her alive. But with no evidence of foul play – nothing to go on at all – where do you even start looking?

The clock is ticking. But as Slider tries to retrace the last known movements of Felicity Holland, he is led ever further down a dark and twisted path into the secret past of this beautiful, enigmatic woman.

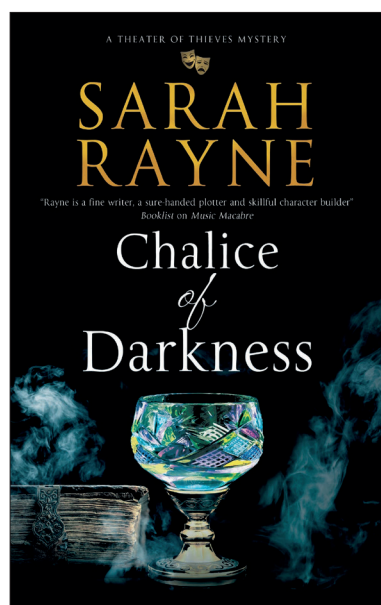
This critically-acclaimed British police procedural series is a great choice for fans of Catherine Aird, Ann Cleeves and Peter James. If you haven't met Bill Slider and his team, why not start now?

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Sarah Rayne is the author of many novels of psychological and supernatural suspense, including the Nell West & Michael Flint series as well as the historical mystery series, Phineas Fox. This is the first Theatre of Thieves mystery. She lives in Staffordshire.

Chalice of Darkness

A Theatre of Thieves Mystery #1

SARAH RAYNE

Introducing the Fitzglens and their theatre of thieves in this spellbinding gothic mystery.

London, 1908. The Fitzglens are proud of their reputation as one of London's leading theatre families. They are, however, equally proud of another profession which they pursue very discreetly . . . When not on stage, they are thieves.

Jack Fitzglen's latest plan is to seek out the infamous Talisman Chalice, steal it and create a dazzling piece of theatre around it. He travels to Vallow Hall in Northumberland to find the mysterious Maude – the last known link to the Chalice – but uncovers something far darker. Scandal, secrets and danger lurk in every shady corner. Perhaps the legend of the Chalice has come true: that in the wrong hands, the Chalice drags a person into a darkness from which he or she can never emerge . . .

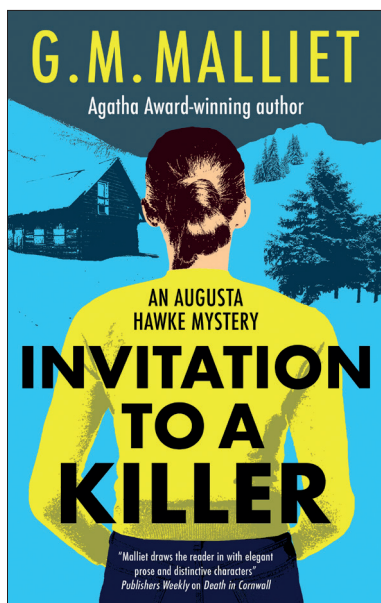
As past and present collide, can Jack find the Chalice, the truth and return to his theatre of thieves unscathed?

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Agatha Award-winning **G.M. Malliet** is the acclaimed author of two traditional mystery series and a standalone novel set in England. The first entry in the DCI St. Just series, *Death of a Cozy Writer*, won the Agatha Award for Best First Novel and was nominated for Macavity and Anthony Awards. The Rev. Max Tudor series has been nominated for many awards as have several of her short stories appearing in *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine* and *The Strand*. The Augusta Hawke mysteries, of which *Invitation to a Killer* is the second, are her first novels set in the U.S., where she and her husband now live.

Invitation to a Killer

An Augusta Hawke Mystery #2

G.M. MALLIET

Crime writer turned sleuth, Augusta Hawke finds herself drawn into her second mystery when a celebrity doctor is found dead at a party she is attending.

Callie Morgan is no ordinary aspiring writer. Notorious wife of a Washington lobbyist, Callie believes no publicity is bad publicity and that publishing her scandalous memoirs will help her achieve her heart's desire: a diplomatic posting. She just needs crime novelist Augusta Hawke to be her ghostwriter.

It's hard to say no to Callie, but Augusta does agree to attend her dinner party. The guest list is impressive, and it's Augusta's chance to meet celebrity doctor Doc Burke. But before Augusta really gets a chance to chat with the famous humanitarian, the evening ends in his untimely death.

Signs point to a heart attack, but Augusta isn't convinced. Especially when his niece tells Augusta about the mystery woman who claimed the doctor's remains.

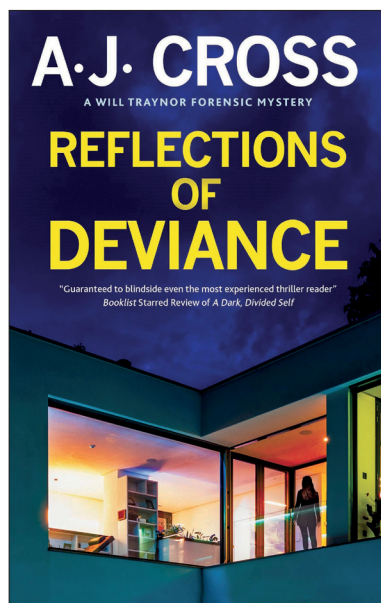
Augusta decides to host a writers' retreat and invite all the suspects, most of whom are connected in some way with writing. Isn't that what Agatha Christie would do? But the remote lodge soon becomes snowed in and the group starts to crack when it becomes clear the killer may not be finished killing. Can Augusta flush out the culprit before anyone else gets hurt?

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Reflections of Deviance

A Will Traynor Forensic Mystery #4

A J CROSS

A gripping, intricately detailed forensic mystery from an industry professional.

Rich. Successful. Dead . . . The mysterious death of Marion Cane leads criminologist Will Traynor into a deeply challenging and disturbing new case.

Marion Cane swapped a successful city career in New York and London for a quiet retirement in a wealthy village on the outskirts of Birmingham. So why was she found dead in her new home just a few months later?

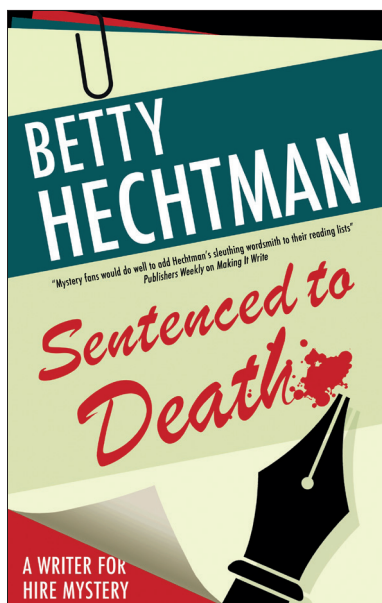
Marion's death was thought to be due to natural causes, until an anonymous note leads Superintendent John Heritage of West Midlands Police to ask DCI Bernard Watts and PC Chloe Judd to make enquiries. But when they arrive in Newton Heights, one of the villagers mysteriously vanishes. Still reeling from his own devastating news, criminologist Will Traynor is brought in to assist the team with an increasingly complex and disturbing investigation. Can Traynor push his own demons aside to see through distorted versions of reality, dangerous secrets and dark lies in his pursuit of the truth?

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Despite completing a Fine Arts degree, all **Betty Hechtman** ever wanted to be was a writer. She wrote a weekly column in her college newspaper and later wrote magazine and newspaper pieces, along with short stories and a prize-winning screenplay. Betty had her first novel published in 2006. Since then she has had over twenty books published across two cozy mystery series centered on another one of her loves - yarn craft. She lives with her family in Southern California.

Sentenced to Death

A Writer for Hire Mystery #4

BETTY HECHTMAN

Who knew being a writer for hire could be so dramatic? Join Veronica in her fourth adventure as writer-turned sleuth.

When writer for hire Veronica Blackstone is asked to write the copy for The Friends of Hyde Park's annual house and garden tour, she never expects to get involved in a violent death. But that's exactly what happens when famous author Landon Donte is found dead in his study during a dinner to highlight the tour.

With his career on the wane, and apparently having deleted his last manuscript, it looks as though Landon committed suicide. But Veronica isn't so sure. She discovers that left-handed Landon was killed by someone right-handed and becomes convinced someone murdered him.

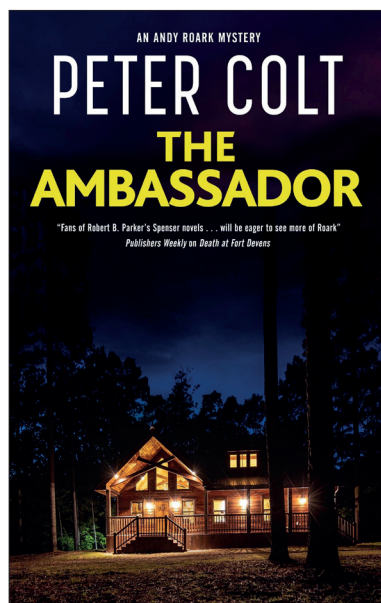
It's true that Landon had many enemies: his rival and neighbor, bestselling romance author RL Lincoln; his put-upon assistant, Brad; even his own daughter! But are any of them capable of murder? Veronica is determined to uncover the truth!

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Peter Colt is a 1996 graduate of the University of Rhode Island with a BA in Political Science and a 24-year veteran of the Army Reserve with deployments to Kosovo and Iraq as an Army Civil Affairs officer. He is currently a police officer in Rhode Island. He is married with two sons and two perpetually feuding cats.

The Ambassador

An Andy Roark Mystery #4

PETER COLT

A retired ambassador's life is in Andy Roark's hands in this explosive, fast-paced mystery featuring the Vietnam veteran turned private investigator.

Boston, 1985. Private Investigator – and former Special Forces operative – Andy Roark knows he doesn't fit in with the regular clientele at the Harvard Club, and that's fine by him. He's at the elegant bar for one reason only: to meet with the former ambassador of Laos. Ambassador Gordon Stevenson has a job for him . . . and Roark's here to turn it down.

So what if Stevenson's been getting death threats? After what he did during the Vietnam war, the lives lost under his incompetent command, Roark's almost tempted to cheer his would-be assassin on. But then Roark finds out why he's been headhunted for the job. The FBI believe one of Roark's old army comrades is behind the threats, and only a fellow Green Beret can hunt the culprit down.

Too many of Roark's brothers in arms are dead. If he can save an old friend from making a terrible mistake, he has no choice but to set his feelings aside and take the case. But old grudges and dark secrets are at play, and Roark soon finds it's not just the ambassador's life that's in danger - it's his own.

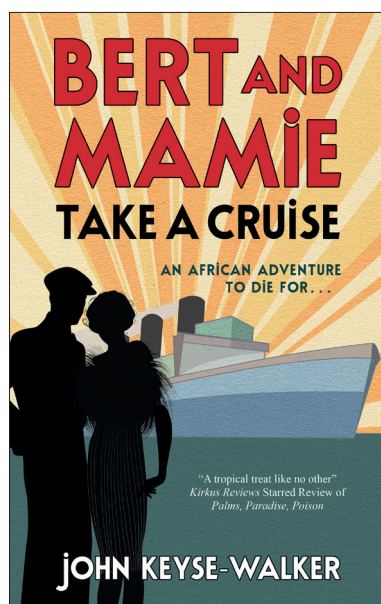
Written by a US Army veteran and New England police officer, *The Ambassador* is full of dry wit, page-turning action and shocking twists – if you haven't met Peter Colt's complex, intriguing hero, it's a great place to start.

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Award-winning author **John Keyse-Walker** practiced law for thirty years, representing business and individual clients, educational institutions and government entities. He is an avid salt- and freshwater angler, a tennis player, kayaker and an accomplished cook. He lives in Ohio with his wife.

Bert and Mamie Take a Cruise

JOHN KEYSE-WALKER

A brand new historical mystery series from the author of Havana Highwire and the Teddy Creque Mysteries.

February 1939. Mamie Mason isn't enthusiastic when Bert, her husband of thirty years, persuades her to join him on an African cruise. Bert might be pining for adventure, but Mamie's perfectly content with her comfortable life in Hills Corners, Ohio.

But once the couple board the glamorous SS *Columbus*, Mamie has to admit – much as it pains her – that Bert was right. Swimming in the pool, dancing under the stars, their own bedroom steward to serve their every whim . . . Mamie settles in and prepares to thoroughly enjoy all the sights that Africa has to offer, in the company of a motley collection of eccentric first-class passengers.

Then Mamie witnesses something shocking – and her vacation takes a twist that neither she nor Bert could ever have predicted. Far from home, with a killer in their midst, the couple's only choice is to turn detective. But surrounded by Nazis, spies and passengers with secrets, how can they uncover the killer – enjoy their vacation of a lifetime – and make it back to Ohio alive?

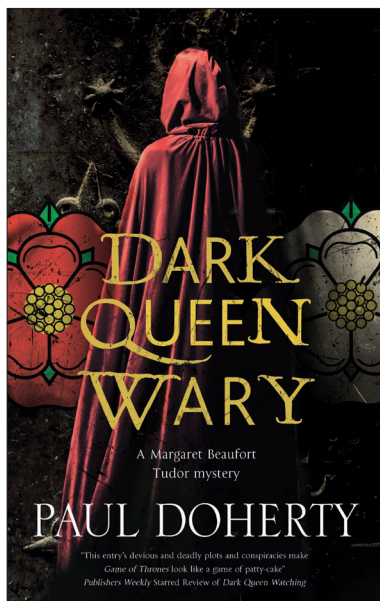
This page-turning historical mystery, set in the months before the outbreak of the Second World War, is a great choice for fans of Agatha Christie's *Death on the Nile*, Ruth Ware's *The Woman in Cabin 10*, and anyone who enjoys arm-chair travelling, with a dash of mystery and adventure!

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Dark Queen Wary

A Margaret Beaufort Tudor Mystery #4

PAUL DOHERTY

With an imposter prince claiming he is Henry Tudor, Margaret Beaufort must play the game of kings very carefully in this richly-imagined medieval mystery.

"Uneasy lies the head which wears the crown"

1472 Edward IV reigns triumphant over England and his rivals the Lancastrians. But he is uneasy for one true claimant remains: the young Henry Tudor, son of Margaret Beaufort, Countess of Richmond. His continued existence worries him, so he hatches a plan to bring a cuckoo into the nest – an imposter prince is presented to Margaret Beaufort as her son.

Margaret is no fool and knows she must play this game of kings carefully. When she is invited to George Neville's beautiful home 'The Moor' to help investigate some mysterious and gruesome murders she knows dark forces are at play. Whispers of a shadowy figure Acthitophel hang over them like the impenetrable mist that descended on the battle of Barnet the previous year and secured the crown for Edward. And as the body count increases, Margaret suspects there is a link to that fateful battle and the murderer who seems relentless in his thirst for blood.

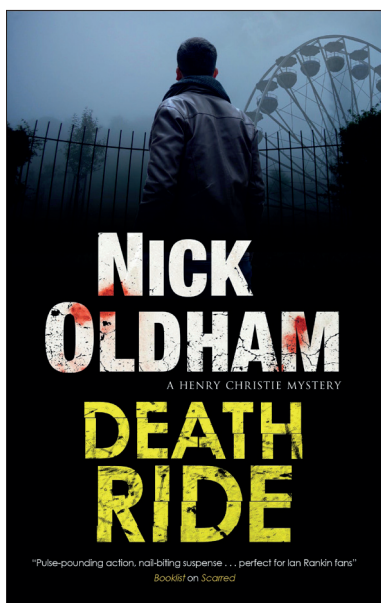
Can Margaret protect her life as well as her true son's claim to the throne?

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Nick Oldham is a retired police inspector who served in the force from the age of nineteen. As well as the acclaimed Henry Christie novels, he is the author of the Steve Flynn series.

Death Ride

A Henry Christie Mystery #31

NICK OLDHAM

An explosive rollercoaster of a thriller set in rural Lancashire.

An unwelcome face from the past at a local fair leads Henry Christie on a white-knuckled race against time to find a missing girl.

On the third day of the Kendleton Country Fair in Lancashire, thirteen-year-old Charlotte Kirkham goes missing. Retired detective superintendent Henry Christie is there as a volunteer steward, but Charlotte's sudden disappearance isn't the only thing troubling him. The man with the burger van looks familiar . . . for all the wrong reasons.

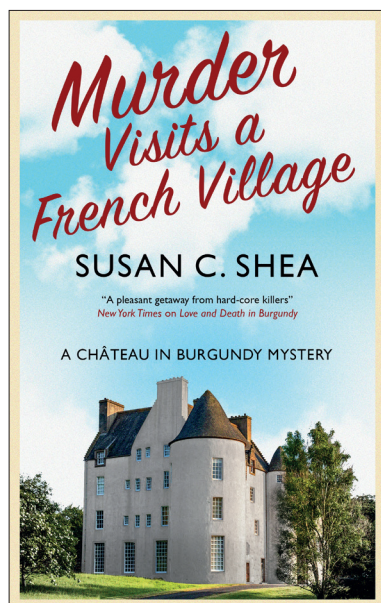
Leonard Lennox was jailed for twelve years for abducting a young girl. Henry rescued her, unharmed, and helped put Leonard behind bars. Now he's out, with his own criminal outfit, old scores to settle, and a son who was last seen talking to Charlotte at the fair. Is history about to repeat itself? Henry is soon drawn into another hair-raising, pulse-pounding race against time, and the stakes couldn't be higher . . .

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She lives in Marin County, California, where two cats pretty much rule the house!

Murder Visits a French Village

A Château in Burgundy Mystery #1

SUSAN C. SHEA

The first in a brand-new mystery series set in east-central France from the author of the French Village mystery series.

Ariel Shepherd is devastated by the sudden loss of her husband, but nothing could have prepared her for inheriting the rundown French chateau they'd visited on their honeymoon four years ago. With finances tight she has no choice but to swap her Manhattan apartment and city lifestyle for a renovation project in a peaceful French village.

When Ariel hires an expert to help her uncover the legacy of her beautiful ruin, life only becomes more complicated. Christiane, the historian is found dead in the moat, and although the local police aren't suspicious, Ariel is. She joins two other ex-pats, Pippa and Katherine to investigate, but with plenty of workmen – and errant tools – around the chateau, many people had the means, but who had the motive? Why would anyone want to kill a historian?

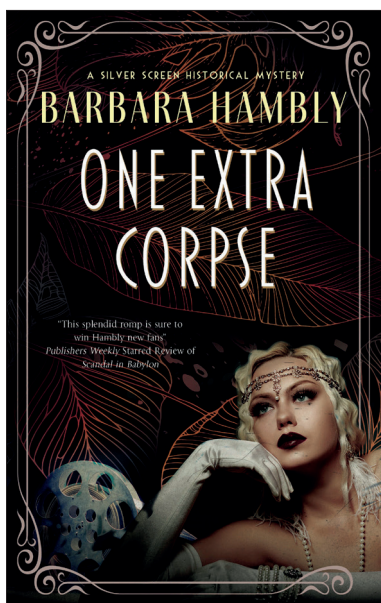
Ariel begins to suspect that her French village life will be anything but peaceful! Can she solve the suspicious murder and make her chateau in Burgundy the perfect new home?

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One Extra Corpse

A Silver Screen Historical Mystery #2

BARBARA HAMBLBY

Hollywood intrigue, glamor . . . and murder: Enter the roaring twenties in this thrilling Silver Screen historical mystery, starring two very different female sleuths.

May, 1924. It's been seven months since young British widow Emma Blackstone arrived in Hollywood to serve as companion to Kitty Flint: her beautiful, silent-movie star sister-in-law. Kitty is generous, kind-hearted . . . and a truly terrible actress. Not that Emma minds; she's too busy making her academic parents turn in their graves with her new job writing painfully historically inaccurate scenarios for Foremost Studios, in between wrangling their leading lady out of the arms of her army of amorous suitors.

So when one of Kitty's old flames, renowned film director Ernst Zapolya, calls Emma and tells her it's imperative he meet with Kitty that morning, she's not surprised. Until, that is, he adds that lives depend on it. Ernest sounds *frightened*. But what can have scared him so badly – and what on earth does cheerful, flighty Kitty have to do with it?

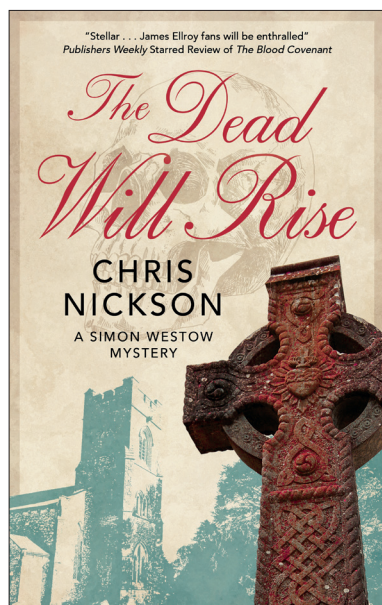
Only Ernst can provide the answers, and Kitty and Emma travel to the set of his extravagant new movie to find them. But the shocking discovery they make there only raises further questions . . . including: will they stay alive long enough to solve the murderous puzzle?

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The Dead Will Rise

A Simon Westow Mystery #5

CHRIS NICKSON

A page-turning historical mystery set in Leeds in the early nineteenth century.

Thief-taker Simon Westow is used to finding stolen goods, not stolen bodies . . . Can he hunt down those committing crimes against the dead in Leeds?

Leeds. April, 1824. Wealthy engineer Joseph Clark employs thief-taker Simon Westow to find the men who stole the buried corpse of Catherine Jordan, his employee's daughter.

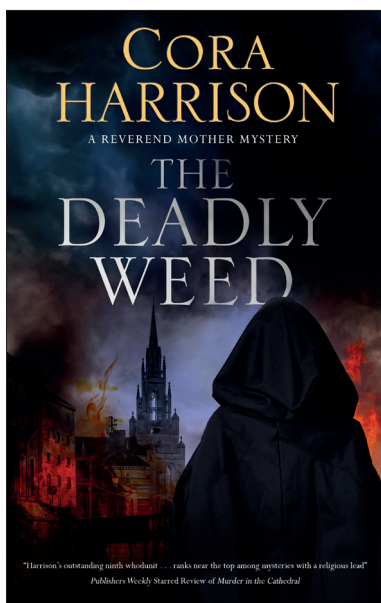
Simon is stunned and horrified to realize there's a gang of body snatchers in Leeds. He needs to discover who bought Catherine's body and where it is now. As he hunts for answers, he learns that a number of corpses have vanished from graveyards in the town. Can Simon and his assistant Jane bring the brutal, violent Resurrection men who are selling the dead to medical schools to justice and give some peace to the bereft families?

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Cora Harrison turned to writing historical fiction after she retired from teaching to live on a farm near the Burren in the west of Ireland. As well as the Reverend Mother mysteries, she is the author of the Gaslight mysteries series set in Victorian London, and the 'Mara' series of Celtic mysteries, set in 16th-century Ireland.

The Deadly Weed

A Reverend Mother Mystery #10

CORA HARRISON

The Reverend Mother's investigative skills are called into action when a local tobacco factory burns down and fingers are pointed at one of her ex pupils.

1920s. Cork, Ireland. Early one morning the Reverend Mother receives news of a deadly fire at the local cigarette factory, a place where she'd been so proud that some of her pupils had been given a steady job. In a city full of poverty, unemployment and political unrest, these ex pupils of hers had surely been blessed with such prospects. Now, though, she is worried . . . What happened at the cigarette factory and why are there rumours circulating that one of her 'girls' was responsible?

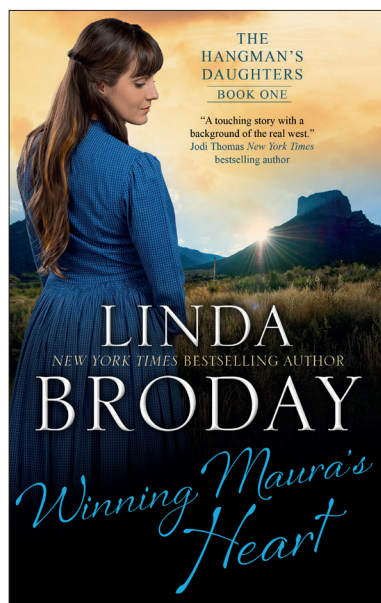
Inspector Patrick Cashman is under pressure to quickly find the cause of the fire – and identify a suspect – to placate the visiting Lord Mayor and Commissioner and secure his hopes of promotion. Patrick turns to his friend, the journalist and law student Eileen MacSweeney for help, along with the ever insightful and calm Reverend Mother. From the fog-ridden streets of the slums to the green pastures and prosperity of nearby Youghal, together they begin to unravel a seedy history of greed, ambition and a desire for power.

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Writing is her passion and drives her to keep penning stories that focus heavily on children and family. In her family, she's the storyteller, the one who records ancestral history. Linda comes from a long line of poor but prideful people and she's happy with that. It's her legacy.

Winning Maura's Heart

The Hangman's Daughters: Book One

LINDA BRODAY

A handsome stranger on her doorstep . . .

Texas, 1876. Maura Taggart is an outcast. She is the daughter of a hangman and tainted by association – no reputable man would ever want her as his wife. And now she is homeless, along with her sister and the group of children in their care. But Maura has grit. She finds a nearby mission where the nuns agree to take them in and set up an orphanage. But trouble is just around the corner.

The Calhoun brothers are identical twins but on opposite sides of the law. Cutter is a deputy Marshal, Jonas an outlaw. When Cutter attempts to break his brother out of a notorious gang, they are shot, and Maura finds one of them wounded, close to the mission – but which brother is it?

As the stranger regains his strength under Maura's care an attraction between them grows, but there's a question over his identity. Can he be trusted and why has his presence brought danger to their door? With the orphanage under threat can Maura trust this handsome stranger both with their safety and with her heart?

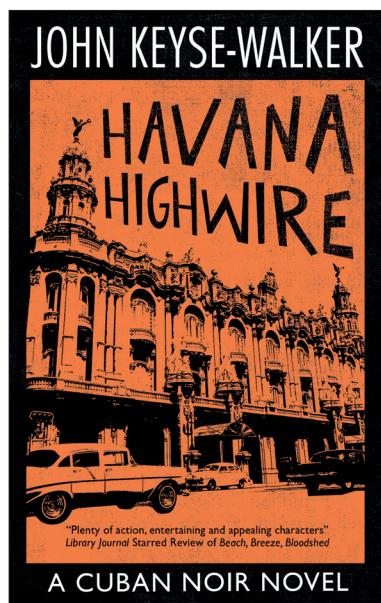
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Havana Highwire

A Cuban Noir Novel #1

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Set in the seamy underside of 1950s Havana, the first Cuban noir novel introduces cynical PI Henry Gore and will hold readers tight – right until the savage, gut-punch ending.

World-weary American Henry Gore was born in the cold Midwest. But a lucky connection – and a hundred peso bribe – scores him a license to operate as a private investigator in Havana, a place where he can finally get warm. Soon, he's trailing after cheating husbands to finance his permanent vacation in the land of sun, cigars and compliant señoritas.

But when he snaps the wrong man's photo at a fancy casino, he receives a fist in the face for his troubles – and a dark warning from the Mob. Private dicks are bad for business. If he carries on working, his license will be permanently revoked. *Capisci?*

No work means no money. No way to eat. No way to pay the rent. Desperate to make ends meet, Henry grabs an offer of work from Fulgencio Batista's military regime with both hands – setting in motion a chain of events with dark and deadly consequences.

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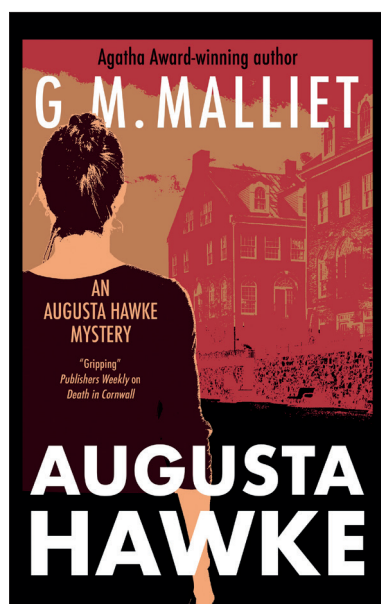
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Augusta Hawke

An Augusta Hawke Mystery #1

G.M. MALLIET

The first in a new mystery series from Agatha Award-winning author G.M. Malliet starring crime writer-turned-amateur sleuth Augusta Hawke that will appeal to fans of Tana French or Jules Maigret novels.

Sometimes it's safer not to know your neighbors' secrets. Where are Niko and Zora Norman? Crime writer Augusta Hawke puts her sleuthing skills to the test to solve the mystery of her disappearing neighbors in the first entry in a new series.

While Augusta Hawke is a successful author of eighteen crime novels, since her husband's death she's been living vicariously through her Jules Maigret-like detective Claude and his assistant Caroline. Then a handsome police detective appears investigating a real-life mystery.

Where are her neighbors, the Normans? No one has a clue what's happened – except Augusta. Although she isn't nosy, spending all day staring out the windows for inspiration means she does notice things. Like the Normans arguing. And that they've been missing a week.

Once the Normans' car is found abandoned, Augusta senses material for a bestseller and calls on the investigatory skills she's developed as a crime writer. But she soon uncovers long-hidden secrets and finds herself facing real-life dangers her characters never faced . . . ones she can't write her way out of.

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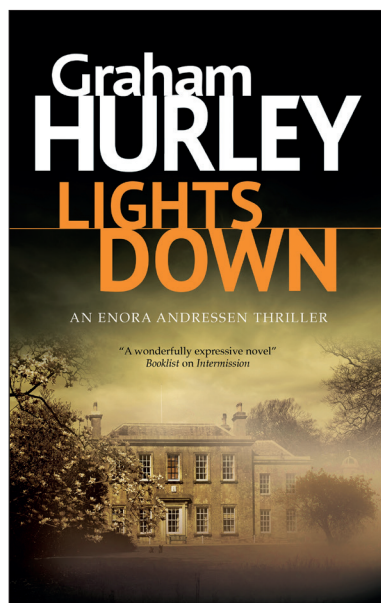
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Lights Down

An Enora Andressen Thriller #6

GRAHAM HURLEY

A taut and expressive thriller set in the English countryside.

Lights Down . . . when debts owed must be paid in blood.

Actress Enora Andressen is facing the perfect storm. Her favourite French director, Remy Despret, has lost his touch and is keeping dangerous company. Her agent, Rosa, has been seduced by a kiss-and-tell novel of doubtful provenance. While H, sicker by the day at home at Flixcombe Manor, is battling both Long Covid and something far darker.

Devoting herself to H, Enora needs good news, and it arrives in the shape of a fascinating Remy idea based on Flixcombe's role during the Second World War. But the tonic soon turns sour when Enora is drawn into the project, with chilling consequences.

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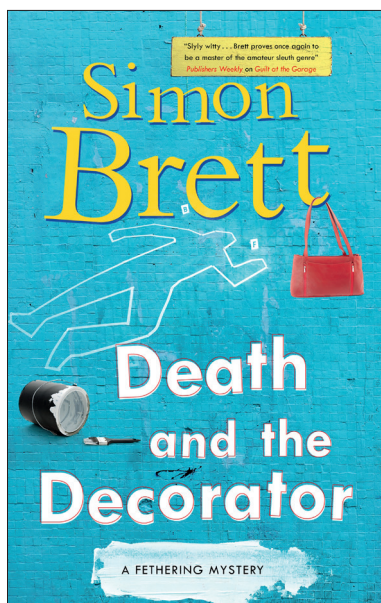
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Death and the Decorator

A Fethering Mystery #21

SIMON BRETT

A thoroughly entertaining, waspishly witty English village mystery in the long-running Fethering series.

Neighbours Carole and Jude uncover more than they bargained for when Jude decides to redecorate her cottage in this lighthearted cosy mystery.

Having decided to redecorate Woodside Cottage, Jude has engaged the services of local man Pete, who has painted and decorated the homes of Fethering residents for many years. Pete is currently working on Footscrow House, a large Victorian building which is being converted into holiday flats by a local developer.

Having arranged to meet at 'Fiasco House', as it is known locally due to the many failed business enterprises over the years, Jude and Pete make a surprising discovery behind a wall panel: a woman's handbag! The casual discovery becomes serious when the police identify the handbag's owner as Anita Garner, a young woman who vanished in suspicious circumstances twenty years earlier.

Determined to find out what really happened to Anita all those years ago, Jude and her neighbour Carole's investigations plunge them into a maze of deception and murder, as they uncover a number of uncomfortable secrets beneath the serene surface of Fethering life . . .

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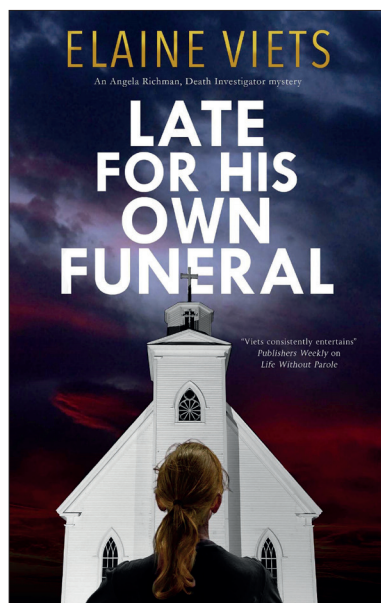
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Elaine Viets returned to her hardboiled roots with her Angela Richman, Death Investigator series. *Late for His Own Funeral* is the latest, following on from *Life Without Parole*, *Death Grip*, *A Star Is Dead*, *Fire and Ashes*, and *Brain Storm*, as well as the novella *Ice Blonde*. Elaine has thirty-four bestselling mysteries in four series. A St Louis native, Elaine took the Medicolegal Death Investigator Training Course for forensic professionals at St Louis University, and has won the Agatha, Anthony and Lefty Awards. Elaine lives in Fort Lauderdale with her husband, writer and reviewer Don Crinklaw.

Late for His Own Funeral

An Angela Richman, Death Investigator Mystery #6

ELAINE VIETS

Fans of Patricia Cornwell's Kay Scarpetta or Kathy Reichs' Temperance Brennan series will enjoy this police procedural that looks at the unusual role of Death Investigator.

Death Investigator Angela Richman suspects foul play when a disgraced resident of Chouteau Forest survives one car crash only to then be involved in another.

Until his Porsche careened off the road killing him instantly and not leaving much of him behind, Sterling Chaney was an influential member of Chouteau Forest – home of the one percenters. As the eulogies at his funeral commence, an unexpected guest interrupts . . . Sterling.

The story attracts widespread media coverage. Sterling's the man who showed up late for his own funeral. He revels in the spotlight, until it's revealed he earned his fortune via sordid means and exploiting the women who worked for him. It leaves him vilified and shunned by Chouteau society. Then there's another fatal crash.

This time, Death Investigator Angela Richman is tasked with confirming that Sterling has perished. But her investigation reveals more questions than answers. Were both crashes merely accidents, or was someone doubly determined to kill Sterling?

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Leslie Karst waited tables and sang in a band before deciding she was ready for a 'real' job and ending up at Stanford Law School. It was during her career as an attorney she rediscovered her youthful passion for food and cooking, and she once more returned to school – this time to earn a degree in culinary arts. Now retired from the law, Leslie and her wife and their Jack Russell mix split their time between Santa Cruz and Hilo, Hawaii.

The Fragrance of Death

A Sally Solari Mystery #5

LESLIE KARST

Champion chef and amateur sleuth Sally Solari sniffs out trouble – despite losing her sense of smell – in this witty, twisty instalment in the culinary cozy series.

Restaurateur Sally Solari has a nose for trouble, but when her sense of smell goes missing, it's not just her career on the line . . . it's her life.

Restaurateur Sally Solari is a champion, both in the kitchen and on the case, but after getting mixed up in one too many murders, she's noticed her *nonna's* friends have now taken to crossing themselves when they see her in the street. Adding to her woes, a sinus infection has knocked out her sense of smell, making cooking on the hot line difficult, indeed. Nevertheless, Sally is determined to stay out of trouble and focus on her work.

But then her old acquaintance Neil Lerici is murdered at the annual Santa Cruz Artichoke Cook-Off, and her powers of investigation are called into action once more. Could Neil have been killed by the local restaurant owner who took his winning spot at the competition? Or maybe by one of his siblings, who were desperate to sell the family farm to a real estate developer?

Sally plunges headfirst into the case, risking alienating everyone she knows – including the dapper Detective Vargas, who finds her sleuthing both infuriating and endearing. And soon it's not only her restaurant and tentative new relationship that are on the line – it's her life . . .

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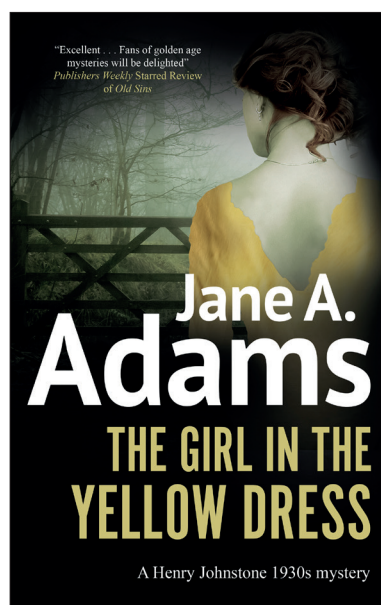
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The Girl in the Yellow Dress

A Henry Johnstone 1930s Mystery #8

JANE A. ADAMS

A twisty and engrossing historical mystery full of surprises.

Was the wrong man hanged for a young woman's murder, or is a copycat killer on the loose? DCI Henry Johnstone and DS Mickey Hitchens must crack a darkly complex case when the community close ranks.

1930, Leicestershire. Everyone in the quiet market town of East Harborough is convinced that local miscreant Brady Brewer is responsible for the brutal murder of Sarah Downham. Despite Brewer's protestations of innocence, and his sister's pleas for help from DCI Henry Johnstone and DS Mickey Hitchens, he is convicted and hanged.

Two weeks after the hanging, a farmworker finds the body of another young woman less than a mile from where Sarah was found – and there are other disturbing similarities between the two murders. Is a copycat killer on the loose, or was Brewer innocent after all? Where is the missing yellow dress that Sarah wore the night she was murdered? As the locals close ranks, Henry and Mickey soon discover that reputations – and the truth – are all on the line . . .

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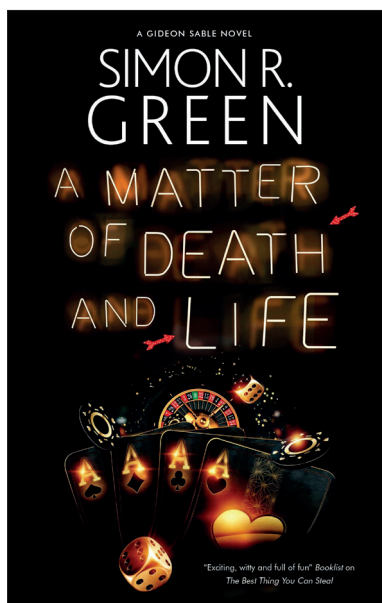
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He is the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than seventy science fiction and fantasy novels, including the *Nightside*, *Secret Histories* and *Ghost Finders* series, the *Ishmael Jones* mysteries, and the brand-new *Gideon Sable* series.

A Matter of Death and Life

A Gideon Sable Novel #2

SIMON R. GREEN

Master thief, rogue and chancer Gideon Sable has a Vegas casino vault in his sights, in this fast-paced supernatural heist thriller.

Judi Rifkin is one of the world's most successful collectors of the weird and unnatural. In a London underworld filled with criminals with very special talents, Judi is a force to be reckoned with.

And Gideon Sable – thief, rogue and chancer – owes her a very large favour.

Judi makes him an offer he can't refuse: steal her the legendary Masque of Ra, kept safe in a Las Vegas casino, and she'll wipe the slate clean.

This isn't Gideon's first heist by a long shot. But with old grudges threatening to cloud his judgment, an unpredictable crew who don't entirely trust each other and a formidable supernatural security team guarding his target, this job might be a gamble too far . . .

A Matter of Death and Life is the sequel to *The Best Thing You Can Steal*, and is the second supernatural heist thriller featuring master conman Gideon Sable from British SFF veteran and *New York Times* bestselling author Simon R. Green.

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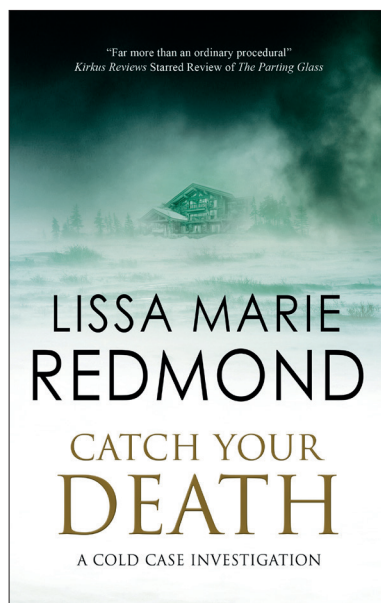
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Catch Your Death

A Cold Case Investigation #6

LISSA MARIE REDMOND

Fans of Kate Atkinson's Jackson Brodie series will love this claustrophobic mystery set during a snowstorm that sees cold case detectives solving a seventeen-year-old murder.

An atmospheric mystery sees Cold Case Detective Lauren Riley trapped within a hotel during a snowstorm with the prime suspects in an unsolved murder seventeen years earlier . . . and her partner is one of them.

When Cold Case Detective Lauren Riley's partner, Shane Reese, runs into an old friend, he's invited to a school reunion at a new luxury spa and resort. Lauren's also invited and it sounds like a perfect weekend getaway, except it brings up painful memories for Reese – like the unsolved murder of his high school friend Jessica Toakese seventeen years earlier.

The prime suspects will be at the reunion. Among those suspects is Reese, who has kept his involvement a secret from Lauren and the entire police force. As the friends reminisce an intense snowstorm traps them inside and tensions rise. After a heated confrontation, one of the party is brutally murdered and Lauren believes it's connected to Jessica's death.

But who could the murderer be: the jealous husband; the regretful trophy wife; the abused failed actor; the true crime podcast host; the drunken louse; the insecure millionaire; the desperate spa owner . . . or the cold case detective?

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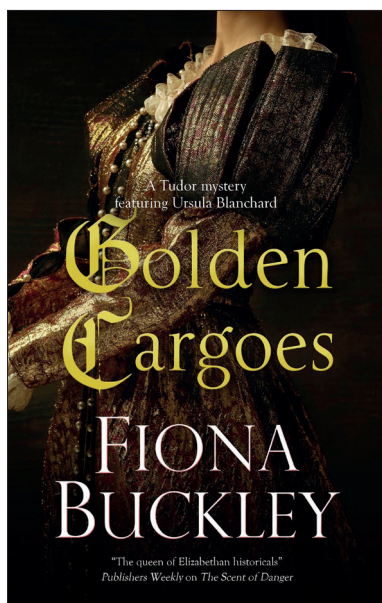
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Fiona Buckley is the author of twenty previous Ursula Blanchard mysteries. Under her real name, Valerie Anand, she is the author of numerous historical novels including the much-loved Bridges Over Time series. Brought up in London, she now lives in Surrey.

Golden Cargoes

An Ursula Blanchard Tudor Mystery #21

FIONA BUCKLEY

Ursula Stannard returns for another page-turning Tudor mystery as she investigates the suspicious riches of her tenant and hunts for hidden treasures!

May 1589. Being the queen's half-sister and occasional secret agent, can take its toll, which is why Ursula Stannard is looking forward to the simple pleasure of attending the wedding of her tenant's daughter. But on arrival, Arabella the bride-to-be is refusing to marry her intended.

Ursula tries to reason with Arabella on behalf of her mother, Joan Mercer, but she senses all is not well with her betrothed, or within the Mercer household. The family have gold and jewels beyond their means, and Ursula suspects they may not have gained such riches legally.

When the strangled corpse of local herbalist and suspected witch is found, and Ursula learns through her connections at Court that English vessels are being plundered by a trio of mysterious ships - she once again takes on the mantle of secret agent.

With someone willing to kill to protect their secrets and a bounty of golden cargo at stake, Ursula is in danger! Can she uncover the culprits, save the reluctant bride and remain unscathed herself?

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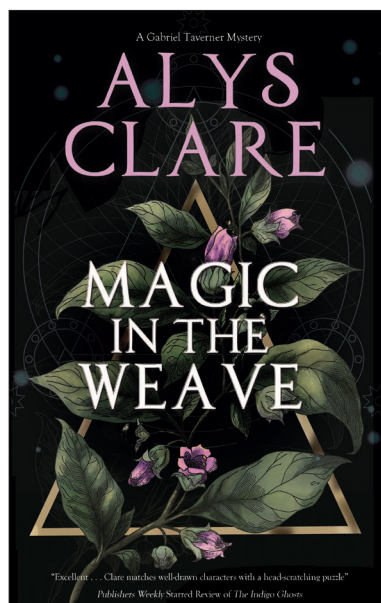
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Magic in the Weave

A Gabriel Taverner Mystery #4

ALYS CLARE

Seventeenth-century physician-sleuth Gabriel Taverner gets mixed up in a dark and dangerous mystery when Shakespeare's theatre company visit Portsmouth on their 'Plague Tour'.

October, 1604. Plague has hit London, and the theatres are closed. But the capital's loss is Plymouth's gain, when a London theatre troupe, the Company, arrive on their 'Plague Tour'.

Country physician Gabriel Taverner is both bewitched and unnerved by the Company's sexually charged staging of *Othello*. The play thrums with magic and witchcraft – perilous subjects, with the King's deadly spies lurking around every corner.

When Gabriel's good friend, Coroner Theophilus Davey, tells him of a dangerous, whispered conversation overheard during a brief break, suggesting one of the cast fled London in possession of a terrible secret, Gabriel is even more relieved the Company will soon be on their way.

But then one of the actors collapses, and Gabriel finds himself caught in a waking nightmare, where nothing is as it appears. Death is stalking the Company – but how can Gabriel hope to catch a cold-blooded killer, if he can't even trust the evidence of his own eyes?

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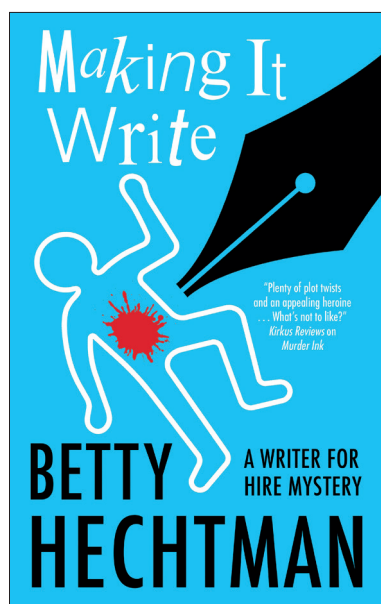
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Making It Write

A Writer for Hire Mystery #3

BETTY HECHTMAN

*A fourth-wall breaking entry in the **Writer for Hire** mystery series that will appeal to fans of Janice Hallet or Paige Shelton.*

Writer for Hire Veronica Blackstone's latest client is writing a memoir with a shocking twist ending, until she's found dead before finishing it. Can Veronica unravel the clues within the memoir to discover the killer?

As a writer for hire, Veronica Blackstone puts her keyboard to use to help others. That includes writing advertising copy for local businesses or love letters for those with romantic troubles, or helping people publish their memoirs. Maeve Winslow needs the latter.

Maeve is the wife of a famous artist nominated for a prestigious award, and the memoir is to be released ahead of the ceremony. All of Maeve's notes are given to Veronica but for the final few pages. There's a huge surprise within those last pages, but Maeve won't reveal it yet.

When Maeve is found dead at the foot of her stairs it looks like an accident, but Veronica isn't convinced. Was the scene staged? Was Maeve murdered to keep her silent? Could clues to the surprise, and the identity of the murderer, be hidden within the notes? It's up to Veronica to figure it out and write the real story.

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Her first novel in the Lola Wicks mystery series, *Montana*, won the Pinckley Prize for Crime Fiction and the High Plains Book Award, and was a finalist for the Shamus Award, an International Thriller Award and a Silver Falchion Award. She has since released four other books in the Lola Wicks series and one standalone novel. *Best Laid Plans* was the first book in the Nora Best series and her first with Severn House.

Best Practices

A Nora Best Mystery #3

GWEN FLORIO

A job in a wilderness therapy program for troubled teens seems like the perfect way for Nora Best to ease into the next phase of her life . . . until she uncovers the program managers' flagrant abuses and the lengths they'll go to keep it a secret.

Nora Best is starting her life over . . . again. Spotting a 'team leader' job with a therapy program for troubled girls at Serendipity Ranch, Nora thinks it's the perfect role. She'll be surrounded by the beautiful Montana wilderness and be able to make a difference in the kids' lives.

All is going well until it's revealed a girl recently died at the ranch. The other girls are struggling with the loss. The official line is she jumped from a cliff, but she was afraid of heights and would have struggled to get there alone.

As trouble at the ranch escalates and another shocking discovery is made, Nora's determined to find out the truth to protect the girls. However, with her recent troubles, the local community, police and program leaders won't take her seriously. Can Nora overcome her past to help the girls, or are the girls using her past to help themselves?

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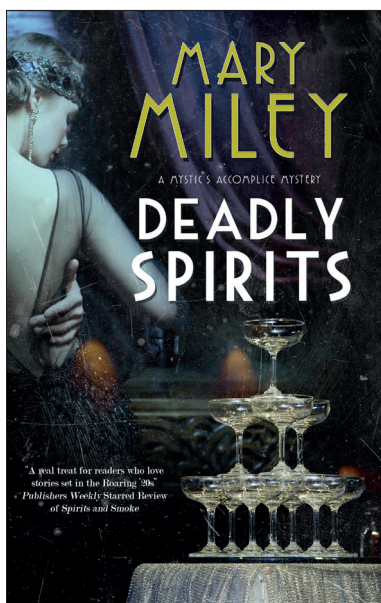
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Deadly Spirits

A Mystic's Accomplice Mystery #3

MARY MILEY

In the fast-paced third book in the 1920s, Chicago-set Mystic's Accomplice mystery series, young widow Maddie Pastore is forced to wonder, could her little sister be guilty of murder?

Summer, 1924. Young widow Maddie Pastore has been working for fraudulent spiritual medium Madame Carlotta for nearly a year – if 'work' you could call it. Investigating Carlotta's clients, and attending seances as her skill, keeps Maddie and her young son Tommy fed and clothed, and she's grown to love the kind, well-meaning spiritualist like family.

Still, Maddie – estranged from her abusive parents for over a decade – can't help but wonder what fates befell her brothers and sisters. So when she lucks into two free tickets to a glamorous Chicago speakeasy and recognizes the star performer as her pretty little sister Sophie, she's beyond delighted.

But before Maddie can meet with Sophie again, the telephone rings. It's Sophie's husband, calling in a panic to tell her that his wife is locked in the Cook County jail, charged with first-degree murder . . .

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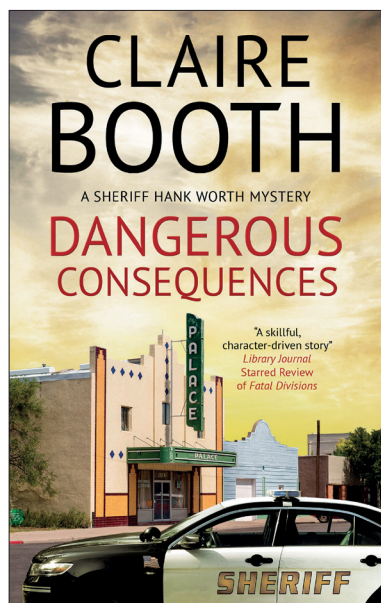
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Formerly a crime reporter for daily newspapers throughout the United States, **Claire Booth** has used this experience to write four previous Sheriff Hank Worth mystery novels based on small-town American life. She is also the author of one non-fiction book, *The False Prophet: Conspiracy, Extortion, and Murder in the Name of God*. She lives in California.

Dangerous Consequences

A Sheriff Hank Worth Mystery #5

CLAIRE BOOTH

Sheriff Hank Worth struggles to keep his team together and solve a brutal murder of a former antagonist in this captivating mystery.

Fans of Steven F. Havill's *Posadas County* and Lisa Regan's *Josie Quinn* series will enjoy this fascinating and complex story set in small-town Missouri.

Elderly tourists visiting Branson, Missouri for a fun time are instead becoming so sick and disoriented they end up in the ER with Dr Maggie McCleary. She asks the sheriff to investigate and, because he happens to be her husband, Hank Worth readily agrees.

When the tour operator denies responsibility, Hank digs deeper leaving Chief Deputy Sheila Turley to handle a simmering revolt within the ranks. Their policy to eliminate overtime pay has infuriated many long-time deputies. Those fired for insubordination have filed a lawsuit, while those still there sabotage Sheila at every turn.

With pressure mounting, they're called to a hit-and-run accident. But the victim's injuries haven't been caused by a car . . . she's been beaten to death and dumped by the side of the road. And she was someone they knew.

Will the victim's aggressive business dealings come to haunt them all? And can Hank and Sheila save their department from destruction?

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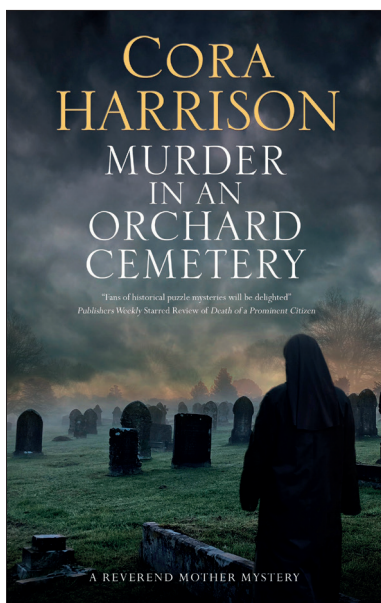
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Cora Harrison turned to writing historical fiction after she retired from teaching to live on a farm near the Burren in the west of Ireland. As well as the *Reverend Mother* mysteries, she is the author of the *Gaslight* mysteries series set in Victorian London, and the 'Mara' series of Celtic mysteries, set in 16th-century Ireland.

Murder in an Orchard Cemetery

A Reverend Mother Mystery #8

CORA HARRISON

A richly atmospheric, intricately plotted mystery in the 'Reverend Mother' series, set in 1920s' Ireland.

The peaceful atmosphere of the Reverend Mother's annual retreat is shattered by sudden, violent death in this gripping historical mystery.

1920s. Cork, Ireland. The Reverend Mother regrets the bishop's decision to invite the five candidates for the position of Alderman of the City Council to join them for their annual retreat. Constantly accosted by ambitious, would-be politicians hoping to secure the bishop's backing, she's finding the week-long sojourn at the convent of the Sisters of Charity anything but peaceful. What she doesn't expect to encounter however is sudden, violent death.

When a body is discovered in the convent's apple orchard cemetery, blown to pieces by a makeshift bomb, it is assumed the IRA are responsible. But does the killer lie closer to home? Was one of the candidates so desperate to win the election they turned to murder? Does someone have a hidden agenda? Once again, the Reverend Mother must call on her renowned investigative skills to unearth the shocking truth.

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