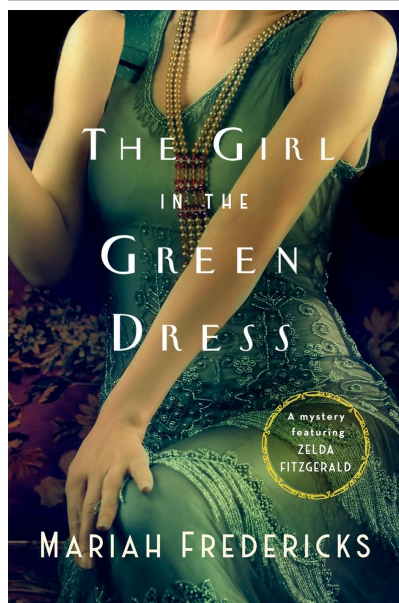




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The Girl in the Green Dress

A Mystery Featuring Zelda Fitzgerald

Mariah Fredericks

From the author of *The Lindbergh Nanny* comes an evocative mystery about the 1920 murder of the gambler Joseph Elwell, featuring *New Yorker* writer Morris Markey and Zelda Fitzgerald.

Summary

At the dawn of the Jazz Age, Morris Markey arrives in New York to become a writer. Having served in France, he needs to be in a place so distracting he cannot hear himself think. New in town, Markey hovers at the edge of the city's revels, unable to hear the secrets that might give him his first Big Story. Finally one night he spots Joseph Elwell, a man about town known for courting wealthy married women, with a glorious girl in a dress of silver and dollar green.

The next morning, Elwell's housekeeper runs out into the street screaming that Elwell has been shot. Every door and window in the house is locked. Did the ravishing woman kill her paramour? At last, Morris Markey has his story.

To penetrate the glittering world of Joseph Elwell, Markey turns to the newly famous Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald, who met Elwell the same fateful night he night. Bored while Scott is working on his next novel, Zelda offers to help Markey with his investigation.

Together, Markey and Zelda learn that there were many people in Elwell's life who had reason to want him dead. And when a second man is found shot in his home in a very similar way, Markey begins to suspect that the truth may be more complicated—a story so dangerous that after he finishes it three decades later, he himself is found dead in his home, a single bullet through his head.

Contributor Bio

MARIAH FREDERICKS was born, raised, and still lives in New York City. She graduated from Vassar College with a degree in history. She is the author of the Jane Prescott mystery series, which has twice been nominated for the Mary Higgins Clark Award. *The Lindbergh Nanny*, her first standalone novel, was nominated for the Agatha and Anthony Awards.

Quotes

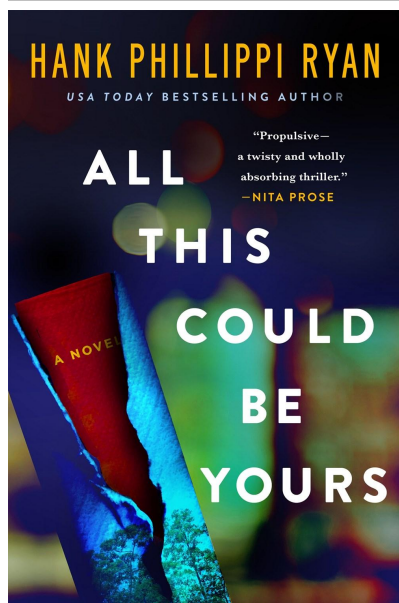
Praise for *The Wharton Plot*:

"Superb . . . Fredericks hits this one out of the park."—*Library Journal* (Starred Review)

"Fredericks' elegantly written narrative gives a lively look at an author way ahead of her time."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"Written with grace and wit, *The Wharton Plot* is a pleasure to read."—*Wall Street Journal*

"Come to this novel for the engrossing mystery, stay for the cinematic portrait of an aging woman who fears her popularity is waning and whose marriage is dissolving, even as she's struggling with feeling obsolete in a modernizing world."—*Oprah Daily*



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All This Could Be Yours

A Novel

Hank Phillippi Ryan

"Master of suspense" (*Publishers Weekly*) and *USA Today* bestselling author Hank Phillippi Ryan returns with a thrilling novel about a bestselling author being stalked on tour

Summary

Debut sensation Tessa Calloway is on a whirlwind book tour for her instant bestseller, *All This Could Be Yours*. In a different city every night, Tessa receives standing ovations from adoring fans while her husband Henry and their two children cheer her on from their brand-new dream house.

But there's a chilling problem with Tessa's triumphant book tour—she soon realizes she is being stalked by someone who's obsessed not only with sabotaging her career, but also with destroying her perfect family back home.

Tessa fears the fallout from an impossible decision she once made—what felt like a genuine deal with the devil—appears to be coming due. And she's realizing that every high-stakes bargain comes with a high-stakes price. If Tessa can't untangle who's threatening to expose her darkest secrets, she'll lose her career, her family—and possibly her life.

Contributor Bio

USA Today bestselling author HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN has won five Agatha Awards, five Anthony Awards, the Daphne, the Macavity, and the Mary Higgins Clark Award. As on-air investigative reporter for Boston's WHDH-TV, she's won thirty-seven Emmy Awards and many more journalism honors. A past president of national Sisters in Crime, a founder of Mystery Writers of America University, and a board member of International Thriller Writers, Ryan lives in Boston.

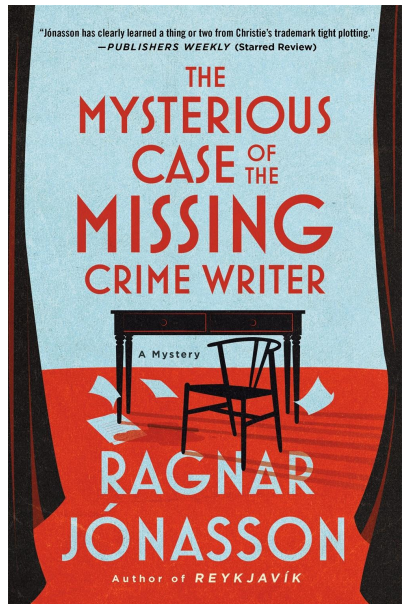
Quotes

"A propulsive page-turner about a bestselling author keeping dangerous secrets about her past. But fame has a funny way of pointing to the truth in this twisty and wholly absorbing thriller."

—Nita Prose, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Maid* and *The Mystery Guest*

"A wildly entertaining cat and mouse thriller! I absolutely loved this!" —Ashley Elston, *New York Times* bestselling author of *First Lie Wins*

"Riveting! A deliciously tense read."—Riley Sager, *New York Times* bestselling author



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The Mysterious Case of the Missing Crime Writer

Ragnar Jónasson

The next thrilling golden-age-style mystery from #1 Icelandic bestseller Ragnar Jónasson, author of *Death at the Sanatorium* and *Reykjavík*.

Summary

One winter evening, bestselling crime author Elín S. Jónsdóttir goes missing.

There are no clues to her disappearance and it is up to young detective Helgi to crack the case before its leaked to the press.

As Helgi interviews the people closest to her—a publisher, an accountant, a retired judge—he realizes that Elín’s life wasn’t what it seemed. In fact, her past is even stranger than the fiction she wrote.

As the case of the missing crime writer becomes more mysterious by the hour, Helgi must uncover the secrets of the writer's very unexpected life.

Contributor Bio

RAGNAR JÓNASSON is the award-winning Icelandic author of the international bestselling Hulda series, the Dark Iceland series, and standalone crime fiction, with five million copies sold across 36 territories. Ragnar was also an executive producer of the CBS Studios TV series *The Darkness*, based on the first novel in his Hulda series, starring Lena Olin and directed by Lasse Hallström. His novel *Outside* is being developed for the screen by Ridley Scott.

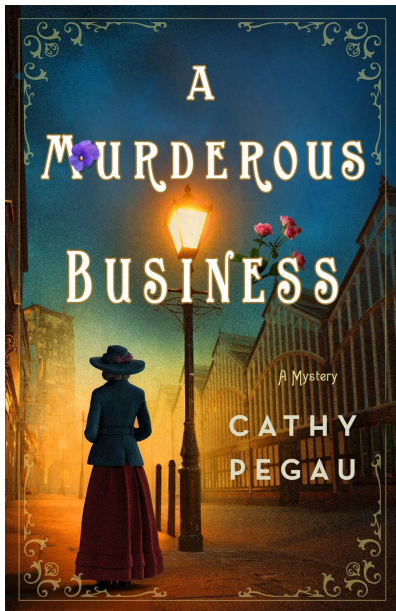
Quotes

Praise for Ragnar Jónasson:

“A slow-burning, spellbinding whodunit. Agatha Christie, to whom it’s dedicated, would be proud.”—*Kirkus Reviews* (Starred Review)

“Another meticulously plotted whodunit worthy of Agatha Christie . . . With scrupulously fair-play plotting, Helgi’s tumultuous relationship with his live in girlfriend as an emotional anchor, and a worthy payoff, this is another winner from Jónasson.”—*Publishers Weekly* (Starred Review)

“*Reykjavik* . . . qualifies as a breakout: seamlessly plotted, with terrific characters and plenty of surprising, earned twists.”—*The New York Times*



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A Murderous Business

A Harriman & Mancini Mystery

Cathy Pegau

A sharp, captivating historical mystery about two queer women in turn-of-the-century New York, for fans of *Lavender House* and *A Most Agreeable Murder*

Summary

There can be a blurry line between what is ethical and what is legal.

Margot Baxter Harriman took the reins of B&H Foods after her father passed. It's not easy being a business woman in 1912, but she is determined to continue what her grandparents started decades ago, no matter what it takes.

So when Margot finds Mrs. Gilroy, her father's former assistant, dead in the office with a half-finished note confessing to nebulous misdeeds at B&H, she seeks out help from a very discreet, private investigator to figure out what's going on. Her company, and her good name, are at stake if scandal breaks...and she could lose everything, including her freedom.

Loretta "Rett" Mancini has run her father's investigation operation since he started becoming increasingly forgetful. When Margot offers her the chance to look into the potential scandal with B&H, she jumps at the chance.

But the more the two dig in, the more it becomes clear that Margot's company may be too far lost...and someone is willing to kill them both to keep things quiet.

Charming and witty, Cathy Pegau's *A Murderous Business* is perfect for fans of Lev Ac Rosen, Enola Holmes by Nancy Springer, and the Mr. Darcy and Miss Tilney mysteries by Claudia Gray.

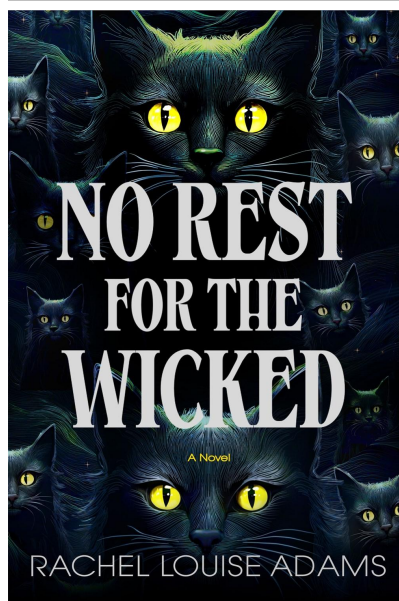
Contributor Bio

CATHY PEGAU is the author of the Charlotte Brody historical mystery series and LGBTQ romances with Carina Press. She lives in a small fishing town in Alaska with her spouse, pets, and the occasional black bear wandering through the yard. Read more on her website at: <http://cathypegau.com/>

Quotes

"A fresh and engaging mystery set in 1910s New York... Readers will root for Margot, as her pursuit of the truth leads her to aspiring investigator Rett Mancini."—Mariah Fredericks, author of *The Lindbergh Nanny*

"With a twisty plot, vivid historical setting, and a delightful cast of characters led by two smart, capable sleuths, Cathy Pegau's *A Murderous Business* has everything I love most in a mystery." - Katharine Schellman, author of *Last Call at the Nightingale*



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No Rest for the Wicked

A Novel

Rachel Louise Adams

With an expert hand, Rachel Louise Adams's debut *No Rest for the Wicked* reads like an edge of your seat, heart-pounding scary movie.

Summary

In one Halloween obsessed Midwestern town, everyone's on red alert after a local politician goes missing. Little do they know it's only the beginning.

It's been close to twenty years since forensic pathologist Dolores Hawthorne left her hometown of Little Horton, Wisconsin. The town is famous for its Halloween celebrations, but also its history of violent deaths linked to the holiday. To Dolores, it's the place she fled, family, bad memories, and all. Until the FBI calls to tell her that her father--the former mayor turned US Senator--is missing under mysterious circumstances.

Some people count to ten to wake up from a nightmare. Dolores always counts the bones of her head instead: sphenoid, frontal, lacrimal. But no matter how many times she counts them, it doesn't change the fact that her father is missing, that his final words of warning to her were to trust no one, and that now, the rest of her family is giving Dolores a chilling welcome. With Halloween fast approaching, Dolores must face the past she left behind before it's too late.

Contributor Bio

RACHEL LOUISE ADAMS was raised in a small town in Brittany by a French father and a North American mother. After studying literature at university, she wrote her PhD thesis on American fast foods and meat-eating. When she isn't writing or reading, she can be found advocating for animal rights, spending time with her fiancé, her friends, and her two cats.

Quotes

"A dark, twisty mystery with a cascade of blood splatter, Rachel Louise Adams's debut had me on the edge of my seat until the very end, with twists I never saw coming and characters to die for." –Kelsey Cox, author of *Party of Liars*

"An eerie small-town mystery that builds to a pulse-pounding conclusion." –Olivia Worley, author of *So Happy Together*



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A Dark and Deadly Journey

Julia Kelly

Evelyne Redfern returns in *A Dark and Deadly Journey*, the next book in international bestselling author Julia Kelly's captivating historical mystery series.

Summary

After being sidelined for a pesky gunshot wound, typist-turned-field agent Evelyne Redfern is ready for her next assignment with Britain's secretive Special Investigations Unit. When a British Intelligence informant in Portugal mysteriously disappears just after hinting that he has vital information about German plans that could tip the balance of World War Two, Evelyne and her dashinglly irksome partner, David Poole, are sent headed to Lisbon to find him.

Once they land, Evelyne and David aren't even able to leave the airport, before she discovers one of their fellow aeroplane passengers murdered and uncovers a diary with a clear link between the victim and their missing informant. With their mission in jeopardy before it can truly begin, Evelyne and David fight to keep their cover intact as they descend deeper into the shadows that surround Lisbon's glittering collection of wealthy expats and dangerous spies. This case will test Evelyne and David's training, charm, and wit—and their growing attraction for one another.

Contributor Bio

JULIA KELLY is the international bestselling author of emotional historical fiction about extraordinary women and intriguing historical whodunnit mystery novels. Her books have been translated into fourteen languages. In addition to writing, she's been an Emmy-nominated producer, journalist, marketing professional, and (for one summer) a tea waitress. Julia called Los Angeles, Iowa, and New York City home before settling in London with her husband.

Quotes

Praise for the Evelyne Redfern Mysteries

"Exceptional." –*Wall Street Journal*

"Pays homage to Agatha Christie's locked-room mysteries." –Oprah Daily

"Tautly plotted, with layered historical detail and plenty of dry wit." –Shelf Awareness

"Romance, feminism, and historical detail combine in an exciting new series." –*Kirkus Reviews*

"Fans of Susan Elia MacNeal's Maggie Hope series will delight in following the adventures of a promising new World War II spymaster." –First Clue



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The Sisterhood

A Lady Emily Mystery

Tasha Alexander

Lady Emily investigates the murder of a glamorous debutante in the latest irresistible mystery of Tasha Alexander's *New York Times* bestselling series.

Summary

London, 1907: When the Season's most accomplished and elegant debutante, Victoria Goldsborough, collapses and dies at her engagement ball, the great and good of London Society prepare to mourn the tragic loss of an upstanding young woman. But all is not what it seems, and after a cup of poisoned tea is revealed to be the cause of death, the king himself instructs Lady Emily and her husband Colin Hargreaves to unearth the truth.

Who would want to harm one of the most popular women of the year? Is it her fiancé with whom she had an unusually brief courtship; a rival for his affections bitter at being cast aside; her best friend who is almost certainly hiding a secret from Colin and Emily; a disappointed suitor with a hidden gambling habit; or a notorious jewel thief who has taken a priceless tiara from the Goldsborough home? When a second debutante succumbs to poison, the race is on to find a ruthless killer.

Emily and Colin's investigation leads to a centuries old tomb in the center of London with a mysterious link to another death dating back to Roman times and the violent reign of Boudica, ancient Britain's fearsome warrior queen. As the stakes rise and the clock ticks down, Emily must find the killer before they strike again.

Contributor Bio

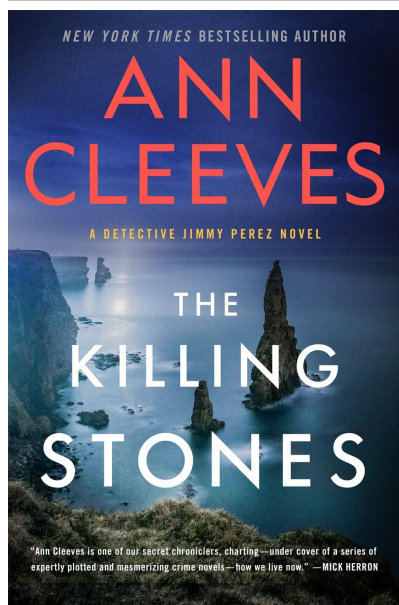
TASHA ALEXANDER is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling Lady Emily mystery series. The daughter of two philosophy professors, she studied English literature and medieval history at the University of Notre Dame. She and her husband, novelist Andrew Grant, live on a ranch in southeastern Wyoming.

Quotes

"A mystery that keeps you guessing while you enjoy the historical retrospective on the Mad King." —**Kirkus Reviews on *Death by Misadventure***

"As is always the case with the Lady Emily series, there is suspense galore, a colorful cast of characters, spot on period research and whimsical humor throughout."
—**Bookpage, starred review on *A Cold Highland Wind***

"Surprising, with a twist readers won't see coming. Alexander consistently entertains."
—**Publishers Weekly on *Secrets of the Nile***



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The Killing Stones

A Detective Jimmy Perez Novel

Ann Cleeves

The Killing Stones marks the eagerly awaited return of Ann Cleeves' beloved detectives from the Shetland series, and a gripping new investigation with a stunning new setting

Summary

It's been several years since Detective Jimmy Perez left Shetland. He has settled into his new home in Orkney, the group of islands, off the northern coast of Scotland, with his partner Willow Reeve and their growing family. One stormy winter night, his oldest and closest friend, Archie Stout, goes missing. Ever the detective, Perez catches a boat to the island of Westray, where Archie worked as a farmer and lived with his wife and children.

But when he arrives he finds a shocking scene: Archie's body, on an archaeological dig site and an ancient Westray story stone with precise spirals carved into it beside him, the clear murder weapon. The artifact, taken from a nearby museum, seems to suggest a premeditated murder.

But Perez is so close to the case that he struggles to maintain an objective distance from the potential suspects. He finds it difficult to question Archie's wife, whom he's known for years. Rumors swirl about the dead man's relationship with a young woman new to the island, an artist. With each new lead, the case becomes more twisted and Perez wonders if he will ever find out what happened in his friend's final days.

Contributor Bio

ANN CLEEVES is the multi-million copy bestselling author behind three hit television series—*Shetland*, starring Douglas Henshall, *Vera*, starring Academy Award Nominee Brenda Blethyn, and *The Long Call*, starring Ben Aldridge. The first Shetland novel, *Raven Black*, won the Crime Writers' Association Gold Dagger for best crime novel, and Ann was awarded the CWA Diamond Dagger in 2017. She was awarded the OBE in 2022 for services to reading and libraries. Ann lives in the United Kingdom.

Quotes

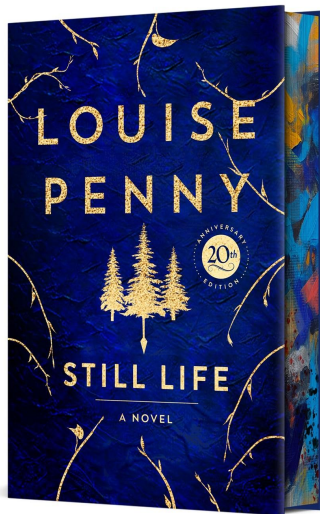
Praise for *The Dark Wives*:

"Forceful . . . Multiple narrators and a core cast of keenly rendered characters lend the tale dimension while furthering the series arc. Cleeves's fans will be well satisfied."
—*Publishers Weekly*

"A taut police procedural enhanced by relevant social consciousness."—*Booklist*

"An excellent character-driven entry that highlights major problems in Britain's child welfare system."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"*The Dark Wives* is a hell of a good story."—*BookPage*



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Still Life Deluxe Edition

A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel

Louise Penny

The award-winning debut of the beloved, unforgettable, #1 bestselling Armand Gamache series, back in hardcover in a gorgeous 20th Anniversary Edition.

Summary

In 2005, with *Still Life*, bestselling author Louise Penny introduced her iconic mystery series starring Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Surêté du Québec and his team of investigators as they are called into the scene of a suspicious death in a picturesque rural village somewhere south of Montreal, a village not found on any map, a village with three majestic pine trees presiding over the village green, a sign to weary travelers that they had reached a place of safety.

Still Life is the beginning of not only an engaging series starring Inspector Gamache—a man whose integrity and quiet courage, whose humanity, is an example to everyone around him—but also the launch of one of the most dynamic voices in American popular fiction today.

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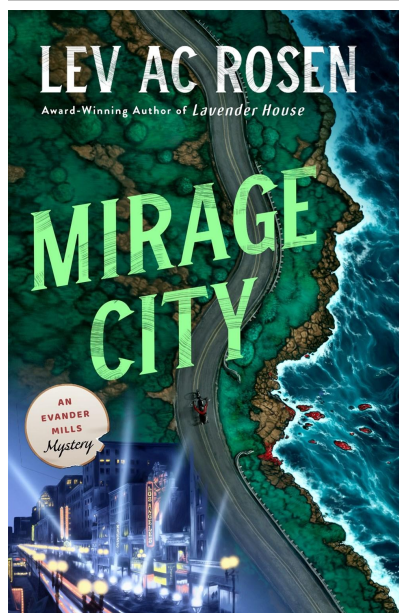
Louise Penny is the multi-award winning author of the Chief Inspector Gamache novels, set in her home province of Québec, Canada. Her books, including *State of Terror* written with Hillary Rodham Clinton, have sold more than 18 million copies worldwide, topped international bestseller lists, including the *New York Times*, and been translated into 32 languages. The recipient of both the Order of Canada and l'Ordre national du Québec, her country's highest civilian honours, her Three Pines Foundation reaches out to those in crisis and offers financial and emotional support, with a special focus on literacy as well as dementia care. Her husband, Michael, died of dementia in 2016. She lives with her Golden Retrievers Muggins and Charlie in a village south of Montréal.

Quotes

"[An] auspicious debut... [Penny's] deceptively simple style masks the complex patterns of a well-devised plot." —Marilyn Stasio, *The New York Times Book Review*

"It's hard to decide what provides the most pleasure in this enjoyable book: Gamache, a shrewd and kindly man constantly surprised by homicide; the village, which sounds at first like an ideal place to escape from civilization; or the clever and carefully constructed plot." —*Chicago Tribune*

"Cerebral, wise and compassionate, Gamache is destined for stardom. Don't miss this stellar debut." —*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)



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Mirage City

An Evander Mills Mystery

Lev AC Rosen

Lev AC Rosen delivers a new and captivating historical mystery in this dazzling, award-winning series

Summary

PI Evander "Andy" Mills' next case is going to take him out of his comfort zone in San Francisco and back home to Los Angeles and his mother.

When the secretive queer rights organization the Mattachine Society hires Andy to find some missing members, his investigation takes him first to a motorcycle gang, and then to LA, where between avoiding his Mom and searching for the missing people, he also learns a thing or two about closeted movie stars.

But when the case leads him to the psychological clinic his mother works at, worlds start to collide, and Andy realizes he's going to have to burn something down this time if he wants to pull off a rescue. Secret societies, motorcycle gangs, drugs and doctors swirl around him, and time is running out for him to make it safely back home.

Contributor Bio

LEV AC ROSEN writes books for people of all ages, including the Evander Mills series, which began with the Macavity Award winning *Lavender House*, and continues with *The Bell in the Fog* and *Rough Pages*. Rosen's books have been nominated for Anthony and Lambda Awards and have been selected for Best of lists from The Today Show, Library Journal, Buzzfeed, Autostraddle, Forbes, and many others. He lives in NYC with his husband and a very small cat.

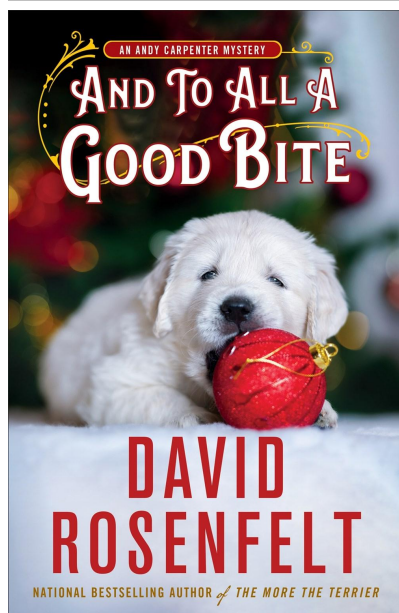
Quotes

"Movingly explores the strain of trying to pass as straight at a time when living an authentic life could be deadly." –*New York Times Book Review*, on *Lavender House*

"Rosen's smart, bittersweet tale plays with the oldest truth of all: the price we pay for our identity in America." –Walter Mosley, on *Lavender House*

"A new take on a Golden Age crime novel...richly cinematic." –*Washington Post* on *Lavender House*

"Gripping... Readers will be ready for the next Mills adventure as soon as this one ends" –*Publishers Weekly*, on *The Bell in the Fog*



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And to All a Good Bite

An Andy Carpenter Mystery

David Rosenfelt

David Rosenfelt's bestselling Andy Carpenter series returns when a Christmas miracle turns into a murder.

Summary

The Christmas season is winding down for reluctant lawyer Andy Carpenter and family. He's ready for the new year, when an old case in Paterson, New Jersey is reopened.

Two years ago, a gas leak in an office building led to a tragic explosion that killed six people. Jeff Wheeler was there to pick up his girlfriend, but ran into the building to help. All he heard was the barking of a dog, Rufus. The pup was the sole survivor and Jeff was named a hero.

Initially, Rufus went to the Tara Foundation since the owner had died in the accident. But Andy met Jeff and liked him, respecting his courage and allowed him to adopt Rufus. Since then, Jeff and Rufus have forged an unbreakable bond.

The accident never sat right with Jeff. He believed that one of the building owners was responsible for the tragedy. Two years later, the owner of the building has been murdered. When Jeff is arrested for the crime, Rufus goes back to the Tara Foundation. Andy remembered Jeff's tremendous bravery and with the lingering Christmas spirit, decides to help reunite the two.

With David Rosenfelt's signature humor and hijinks, it's time to close this case for good and bid it a good night.

Contributor Bio

DAVID ROSENFELT is the Edgar-nominated and Shamus Award-winning author of almost 30 Andy Carpenter novels, most recently *Dog Day Afternoon*; nine stand-alone thrillers; two nonfiction titles; and four K Team novels, a series featuring some of the characters from the Andy Carpenter series. After years of living in California, he and his wife moved to Maine with twenty-five of the four thousand dogs they have rescued.

Quotes

Praise for *The More the Terrier*:

"David Rosenfelt is a literary jewel and his Andy Carpenter series continues to be the most satisfying in crime fiction today." —Rothenberg on WBAI/RADIO

"Andy's humor is intact: the world would be better if people were golden retrievers."
 —*Booklist*



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Sugar and Spite

An Agatha Raisin Mystery

M. C. Beaton, R.W. Green

Beloved *New York Times* bestseller M. C. Beaton's cranky, crafty Agatha Raisin—the star of her own hit T.V. series—is back on the case again.

Summary

When a series of deaths within the small Cotswolds birdwatching community begins to unravel her village, Agatha and her team at Raisin Investigators are certain there has been foul play involved. Now, they must dig up decades' worth of tempestuous relationships and simmering secrets among the birdwatching enthusiasts of the village in order to prevent any further deaths.

But with Agatha's own relationship with John Glass on the rocks after he is called away on his job as a cruise ship dance instructor, and Sir Charles Fraith now attempting to step into John's shoes as her lover, Agatha has her work cut out for her.

Agatha will have to break out her binoculars and embrace her bitter side to solve the murders and wrangle the sickly-sweet temptations in her own life. Will she be able to gather all the breadcrumbs and put together the clues before she becomes a sitting duck herself?

Contributor Bio

M. C. BEATON (1936-2019), the "Queen of Crime" (*The Globe and Mail*), was the author of the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling Agatha Raisin novels—the basis for the hit show on Acorn TV and public television—as well as the Hamish Macbeth series and the Edwardian Murder Mysteries.

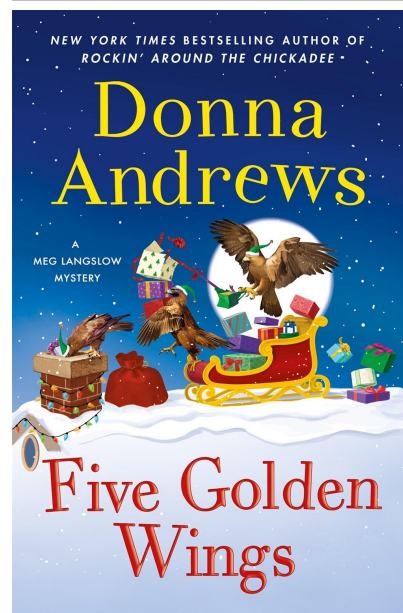
A long-time friend of M. C. Beaton, R.W. GREEN has written numerous works of fiction and non-fiction.

Quotes

"Trademark Beaton." —*Booklist* (starred) on *Down the Hatch*

"Green...ably continues the adventures of private detective Agatha Raisin, thorn in the side of conservative Cotswold society, in the diverting 32nd installment of this bestselling series...The prose sparkles as usual."
—*Publishers Weekly* on *Down the Hatch*

"Superb." —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review) on *Hot to Trot*



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Five Golden Wings

Donna Andrews

Readers will flock to *NYT* bestselling author Donna Andrews' latest installment in the award-winning Meg Langslow series.

Summary

Two of Meg's cousins, members of Mother's vast Hollingsworth clan, are getting married, and both have chosen Caerphilly for their Christmas destination wedding . . . on the same day, in the same venues. But while they're cousins they're also lifelong enemies. Mother's efforts to keep the peace are wearing her down, and the battling brides (and their mothers) are making the holiday season miserable for everyone. So Meg steps in to keep the peace. And it was going badly even before she stumbles over the murdered body of the wedding photographer.

Unfortunately, there are plenty of suspects. The photographer has been hitting on many of the guests, bridesmaids . . . possibly even one or both of the brides. He's also been slinking about and taking candid shots that are unflattering, embarrassing . . . occasionally even incriminating.

Can Meg help the local police nab the killer in time for the weddings to go on as planned? Unless, of course, the killer was one of the brides or grooms, in which case she needs to identify the killer in time to reveal their identity when she hears those fateful words, "If any of you can show just cause why they may not lawfully be married, speak now; or else forever hold your peace."

Contributor Bio

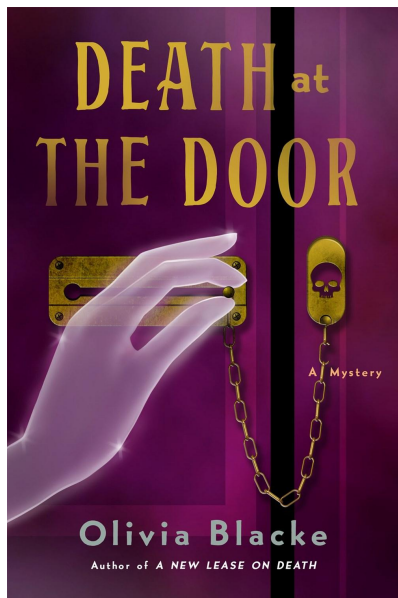
DONNA ANDREWS has won the Anthony, Barry, and three Agatha Awards, an RT Book Reviews Award for best first novel, and four Lefty and two Toby Bromberg Awards for funniest mystery. She is a member of the Mystery Writers of America, Sisters in Crime, and Novelists, Inc. Andrews lives in Reston, Virginia. *Five Golden Wings* is the 38th book in the Meg Langslow series.

Quotes

Praise for the Meg Langslow series:

"As always, Andrews knows her stuff. The plot is sufficiently intricate, and the story line involved enough for just about any reader of the genre. Andrews creates marvelous characters and puts them in situations that vary from almost slap-stick to Wodehouse-esque (is that a word?) contrivances to incredibly subtle bon-mots."
—Reviewing the Evidence on *Dashing Through the Snowbirds*

"Andrews lays on the good cheer with a trowel." —Kirkus Reviews on *The Gift of the Magpie*



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Death at the Door

A Ruby and Cordelia Mystery

Olivia Blacke

The odd couple of crime-solving returns in Olivia Blacke's *Death at the Door*, where a ghost and her living roommate find another mystery on their doorstep.

Summary

Ruby Young is slowly adjusting to her new life in Boston. A big part of that is her unexpected roommate—the ghost of the woman who lived there before. For Cordelia Graves, she may no longer be breathing, but it's still her apartment and Ruby is the somewhat unwanted houseguest. They're both happy they've managed to become friends, which is a miracle considering they struggle to communicate with each other. Cordelia even set Ruby up with her old job.

When Ruby discovers the body of a delivery guy at work, the new life she's been building hangs in the balance. The last time Cordelia dragged Ruby into a murder investigation, it was almost two ghosts living in the apartment, not one. Determined to protect Ruby, Cordelia tries to shield her from the investigation, but Ruby has other ideas. It will take both of them working together to navigate the fine line between the dead and the living to bring a killer to light.

Contributor Bio

OLIVIA BLACKE (she/her) had her first encounter with a ghost when she was only five, but her first involvement with an active crime scene wasn't until much later, when she accidentally stepped into a chalk outline on a Manhattan sidewalk. Armed with a Criminology and Criminal Justice degree, she found a way to channel her love of the supernatural and passion for writing into darkly humorous supernatural mysteries. She's also the author of the Record Shop Mysteries and the Brooklyn Murder Mysteries.

Quotes

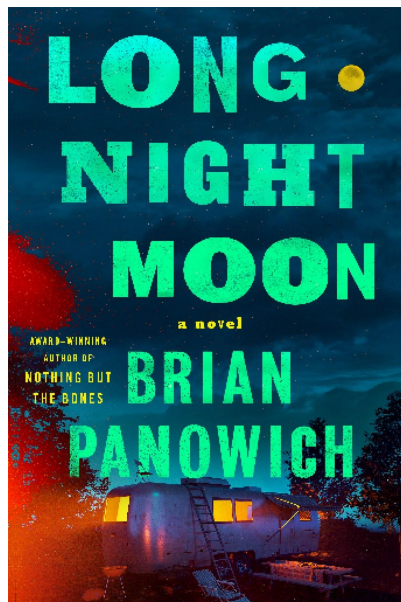
Praise for *A New Lease on Death*

"This pair of amateur detectives just works, and readers will root for them and the friendship they're building." *–Booklist*

"This novel is by turns funny and tingly scary, with a bit of gumshoe work thrown in." *–New York Journal of Books*

"A fun, supernatural mystery." *–Red Carpet Crash*

"Droll, a touch maudlin, and featuring two outstanding characters." *–First Clue*



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Long Night Moon

Brian Panowich

Brian Panowich's follow up to *Hard Cash Valley* brings us back to McFalls County, Georgia, with a gritty and timely journey of self-redemption.

Summary

Martin "Cookie" Cook Junior has been living like a ghost. Ever since he was released from a twelve-year prison sentence for drug addiction, he's been haunted by his past. He's become a recluse, only trusting a small circle of people into his life. But he would do anything for them so when his father is accused of sexually assaulting a young woman at a club, he runs to the rescue

The local police deputy is willing to turn a blind eye if Cookie helps him out with a suspicious errand, but when it turns out to be a setup with terrible consequences, Cookie turns to Georgia Bureau of Investigations agent Dane Kirby for help. With lyrical prose and a talent for bringing to life the sometimes twisty path of justice in McFalls County, Georgia, Brian Panowich once again delivers a crime story full of heart, with equal parts tragedy and hope.

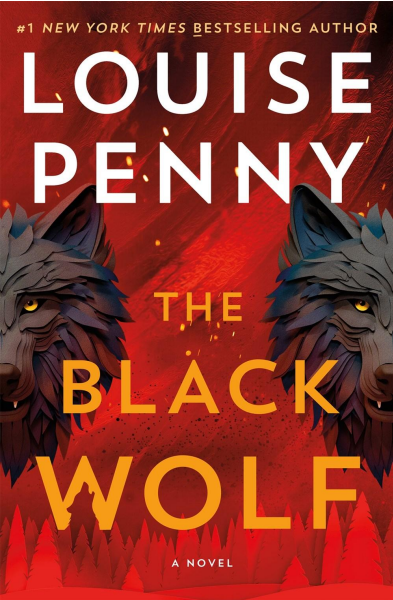
Contributor Bio

BRIAN PANOWICH is an award winning author, a Georgia firefighter, and a father to four incredible children. His first novel, *Bull Mountain*, was a *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize finalist, ITW Thriller Award winner for Best First Novel, Southern Book Prize winner, and a finalist for both the Anthony and the Barry Awards. He lives in Georgia with his family.

Quotes

"A moving, deeply felt take on Bonnie and Clyde whose inexorable trajectory still allows room for plenty of twists." —*Kirkus Reviews* on *Nothing But the Bones*

"Brian Panowich goes all-in with *Nothing But the Bones*, a novel of all that is human: love and friendship, lust and sin, sacrifice and murder. There is profound evil in this story but also enduring goodness, and while not everything is as it appears on the surface, befitting a very satisfying crime story, what is clear from the beginning is that this is a terrific, mesmerizing read that satisfies from beginning to end." —Viet Thanh Nguyen on *Nothing But the Bones*



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The Black Wolf

A Novel
Louise Penny

Summary

The next in the #1 bestselling series.

Contributor Bio

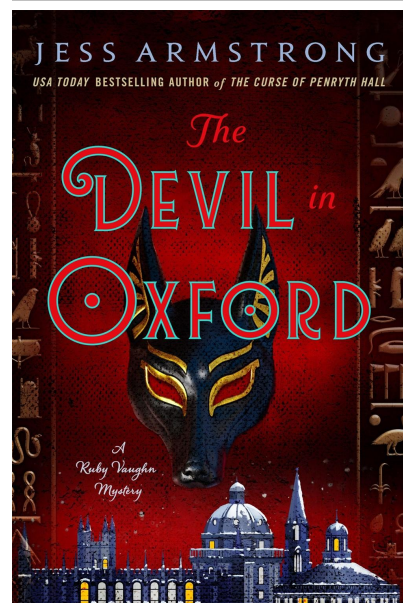
LOUISE PENNY is the author of the #1 *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Globe and Mail* bestselling series of Chief Inspector Armand Gamache novels, and coauthor with Hillary Rodham Clinton of the #1 *New York Times* bestselling thriller *State of Terror*. She has won numerous awards, including a CWA Dagger and the Agatha Award (nine times), and was a finalist for the Edgar Award for Best Novel. In 2017, she received the Order of Canada.

Quotes

Praise for *The Grey Wolf*:

"One of the series' best...Penny pulls off the narrative's uncharacteristically epic scope without a hitch, swapping fair-play puzzles for pulse-pounding cliffhangers without sacrificing intimate character moments. Gamache's fans will be eager for his next adventure" —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

"The story is complex and intense, and, as always, artfully constructed and lyrically delivered." —*Booklist* (starred review)



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The Devil in Oxford

Jess Armstrong

Armstrong's *USA Today* bestselling and award-winning series is historical gothic murder mystery at its best, and Ruby Vaughn returns in *The Devil in Oxford*.

Summary

If someone were to ask American heiress Ruby Vaughn how exactly the occult came to play such a large role in her life, she would point to her octogenarian housemate and employer, Mr. Owen. Together, they run a rare book shop in Exeter. Mr. Owen's penchant for arcane, unusual—and occasionally illegal—books has been known to get Ruby into her fair share of trouble. And after the last year, she's looking forward to spending a quiet holiday in Oxford while Mr. Owen attends the annual meeting of his antiquarian society. Secretly, Ruby's also looking for a holiday from her confounding feelings for Ruan Kivell, the intriguing folk healer Pellar that she met in Cornwall.

When Mr. Owen secures two tickets to an upcoming exhibition of artifacts amassed by disgraced scholar Julius Harker, Ruby reluctantly agrees to attend. The evening turns out to be more eventful than either of them bargained for. Harker's dead body is discovered amongst the collection, his business partner is arrested, and Ruan arrives...wanting to speak with Ruby.

The murder case is suspicious at best, but the last thing Ruby wants is another investigation. That is, until an old friend comes begging for help. It becomes clear that there's more going on in Oxford than meets the eye. Ruby and Ruan will have to uncover the dark secrets of the competitive world of antiques while trying to understand the peculiar force that keeps drawing them back together.

Contributor Bio

JESS ARMSTRONG is the *USA Today* bestselling author of the Ruby Vaughn Mysteries. Her debut novel, *The Curse of Penryth Hall*, won the Minotaur Books/Mystery Writers of America First Crime Novel Award. She has a master's degree in American history but prefers writing about imaginary people to the real thing. Jess lives in New Orleans with her historian husband, two children and ever growing number of pets and plants.

Quotes

Praise for the Ruby Vaughn Mysteries

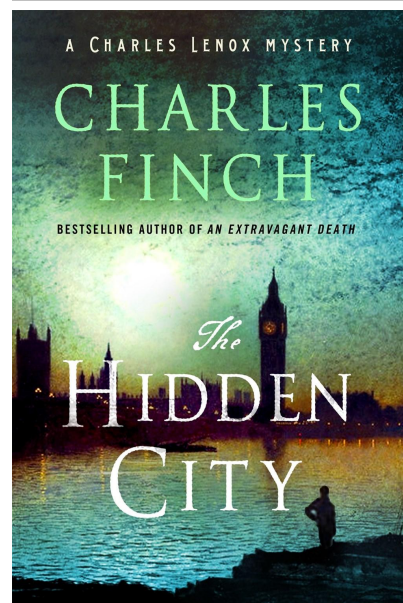
"Delightful." –*People*

"Evocative." –*South Florida Sun Sentinel*

"Atmospheric." –*Library Journal* (starred review)

"Never ceases to surprise and delight." –*Kirkus Review*

"Irresistible." –*Publishers Weekly*



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The Hidden City

A Charles Lenox Mystery

Charles Finch

Against the vivid backdrop of Victorian London, sleuth Charles Lenox must unlock a mystery concealed in the architecture of the city itself in this new novel from acclaimed author Charles Finch.

Summary

It's 1879, and Lenox is convalescing from the violent events of his last investigation. But a desperate letter from an old servant forces him to pick up the trail of a cold case: the murder of an apothecary seven years before, whose only clue is an odd emblem carved into the doorway of the building where the man was killed. When Lenox finds a similar mark at the site of another murder, he begins to piece together a hidden pattern which leads him into the corridors of Parliament, the slums of East London, and ultimately the very heart of the British upper class.

At the same time, Lenox must contend with the complexities of his personal life: a surprising tension with his steadfast wife, Lady Jane, over her public support of the early movement for women's suffrage; the arrival of Angela Lenox, a mysterious young cousin from India, with an unexpected companion; the dizzying ascent of his brother, Sir Edmund Lenox, to one of the highest political posts in the land; the growing family of his young partners in detection, Polly and Dallington; and the return of the problems that have long bedeviled one of his closest friends, the dashing Scottish physician Thomas McConnell.

Featuring a beloved cast of characters, a top-notch puzzle, and Finch's trademark humor and richness of historical detail, *The Hidden City* is a novel by a master at the top of his form.

Contributor Bio

Charles Finch is a novelist, literary critic, and author of the *USA Today* bestselling Charles Lenox mysteries. He has written essays, articles, and reviews for *The New York Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Slate*, *New York*, and *The Guardian*, and was honored with the 2017 Nona Balakian Citation for Excellence in Reviewing by the National Book Critics Circle. He subsequently served on the NBCC's board, and has also been a board member of Ragdale and was a judge for the 2021 Pen-Faulkner Prize. He lives in LA with his family.

Quotes

"[Finch] shows a depth of knowledge that makes the story come alive....Intoxicating. "
—Charles Todd, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Ian Rutledge Series and Bess Crawford Series

"*The Hidden City* is one of the treats of the year and should be on everyone's wish list. Highly recommended!" **—Deborah Crombie, *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Killing of Innocents***



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False Witness

A Novel

Phillip Margolin

A lawyer who was set-up, imprisoned, and disbarred, only to be vindicated and reinstated, is determined to find out who set her up and cover their tracks with a trail of dead bodies

Summary

Defense Attorney Karen Wyatt exposed corruption in the police force and the District Attorney's office while getting her client exonerated in court. But in doing so, she put a target on her back and she was set-up on fake drug charge, imprisoned and disbarred until the conspiracy unraveled and her innocence was proven. Now reinstated to the bar, Wyatt is still interested in finding out who ordered her to be set-up - but the key figures were either killed or are in Witness Protection.

In the meantime, Wyatt is a practicing defense attorney, whose current client is either guilty of a heinous murder, or is a too-trusting patsy for an acquaintance set-up for a crime he didn't commit. It will take all of Wyatt's genius to defend her client successfully but that's just one piece of an increasingly complex puzzle.

With a deadly criminal drug gang, a powerful, corrupt figure hiding in the D.A.'s office, and a Congressman who turned up with an unbelievable story after disappearing for days, *Traitor* is twisty, breathtaking, and unpredictable thriller.

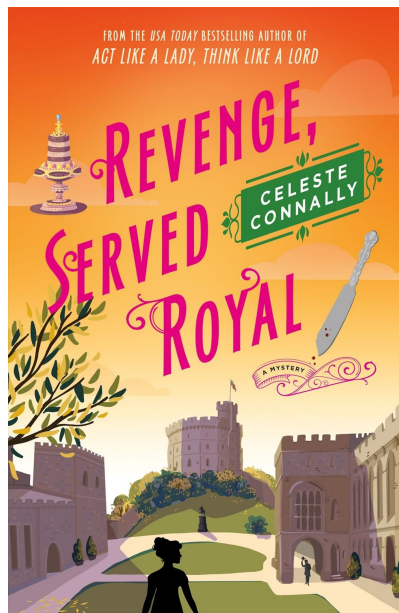
Contributor Bio

PHILLIP MARGOLIN is the author of over twenty-five novels, many of them *New York Times* bestsellers, including *Gone But Not Forgotten* and *The Third Victim*. Margolin was also a prominent criminal defense attorney for many years. He lives in Portland, Oregon.

Quotes

"Margolin is a talented storyteller. He's got a silky, deceptively simple style that snakes back around when you least expect it and grabs you." —*New York Journal of Books* on *Violent Crimes*

"Readers are in for a great ride...with one surprising what-the-hell-is-going-on moment after another." —*Booklist* (starred) on *The Darkest Place*



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Revenge, Served Royal

A Mystery

Celeste Connally

Bridgerton meets Agatha Christie in this dazzling third installment to the captivating Regency-era Lady Petra Inquires mystery series.

Summary

September, 1815. The most illustrious members of the ton are descending upon Windsor Castle for a week of celebrations surrounding the 54th wedding anniversary of King George III and Queen Charlotte.

Even better, Lady Petra Forsyth is serving as one of the four judges in a patisserie contest featuring the best cooks employed by London's finest houses—including her own cook, Mrs. Bing. Indeed, for Petra, the week is shaping up to be one of many delights, including reconnecting with Sir Rufus Pomeroy, England's most famous former royal chef-turned-cookbook author. Having begun his illustrious career at Buckfields when Petra was a child, Sir Rufus asks to meet with her while they both take part in the festivities.

Yet, as Petra goes to greet him, she instead finds a hysterical housemaid pointing to a body. Sir Rufus has been found strangled in the royal library, and his own valet found standing over him. What's more, the valet turns out to be Oliver Beecham, the ne'er-do-well brother of Petra's lady's maid, Annie.

In order to prove the innocence of Annie's brother—and avoid ruffling too many aristocratic feathers along the way—Petra will have to act like a lady, eat like a French chef, and think like the Royalty surrounding her. Will she be able to solve the case before her head gets served up on a platter?

Contributor Bio

CELESTE CONNALLY is an Agatha Award nominee, and a former freelance writer and editor. A lifelong devotee of historical novels and adaptations fueled by her passion for history—plus weekly doses of PBS Masterpiece—Celeste loves reading and writing about women from the past who didn't always do as they were told.

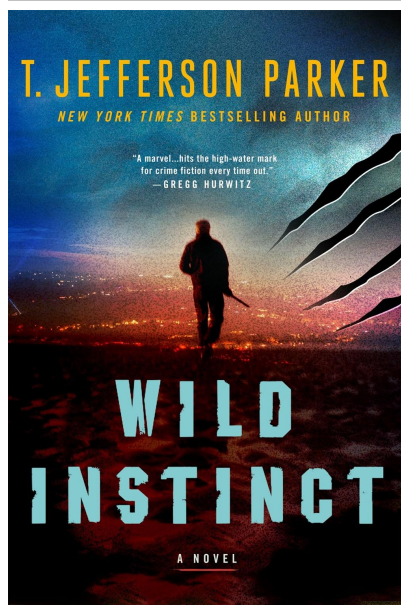
Quotes

Praise for *Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Lord*:

"Effervescent...A delightful period adventure with pitch-perfect banter." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Delightful...Petra is marvelously drawn—an easy-to-love, instantly memorable heroine—and Connally equips her with a brisk, page-turning adventure. This is catnip for historical suspense fans." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Refreshing for the complexity of its lead characters and will be popular with Bridgerton fans." —*Booklist*



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Wild Instinct

A Novel

T. Jefferson Parker

A gripping **thriller by an Edgar Award winning and *New York Times* bestselling author ("A marvel...hits the high-water mark for crime fiction every time out."—Gregg Hurwitz)**

Summary

Lew Gale, a former Marine sniper, now an Orange County California Sheriff's detective, is assigned to track and shoot a mountain lion that has killed a man in Caspers Park, in the rugged country east of Laguna Beach, California. The victim is Bennet Tarlow, a very rich developer and man-about-town in upscale coastal Orange County (and the world).

Lew and his deputy sheriff track the lion from his kill site in the Santa Ana mountains, where they learn that Bennet Tarlow was dead before the lion got to him... and while he might have been the first to die, he certainly will not be the last.

Contributor Bio

T. JEFFERSON PARKER is the author of numerous novels and short stories, the winner of three Edgar Awards, and the recipient of a *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize for best mystery. Before becoming a full-time novelist, he was an award-winning reporter. He lives in Fallbrook, California, and can be found at tjeffersonparker.com

Quotes

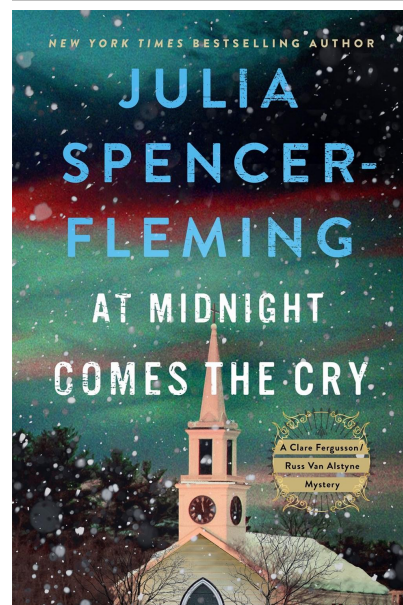
"Parker is one of the greats, and has been for years."—John Hart

"Parker already has two or three titles on my all-time best-ever list." —Lee Child

"For lovers of quality crime fiction; Parker never disappoints." —*Library Journal* (starred review) on *The Rescue*

"Stunning."—*Booklist* (starred review) on *The Rescue*

"*The Rescue* ain't no street mutt of a book, but rather a Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show blue-ribbon, pure pedigree of a novel with claws sharpened and fangs bared."
—Craig Johnson



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At Midnight Comes the Cry

A Clare Fergusson/Russ Van Alstyne Mystery

Julia Spencer-Fleming

New York Times bestseller Julia Spencer-Fleming returns to her beloved Clare Fergusson/Russ Van Alstyne mystery series

Summary

Christmas in Millers Kill, NY should be a magical time for Russ Van Alstyne, Rev. Clare Fergusson, and their tiny family. But Russ is unmoored after resigning from the police force, and Clare is torn between focusing on her family and reaching out to help another new mom - whose white supremacist husband may menace not only his wife, but the entire town.

When the young mother is kidnapped, and Russ and others discover a terror plot to be executed by Christmas, the alert goes out to law enforcement from Lake Placid to Albany. All Russ and Clare need to do is pick out a few faces from a crowd. But the militia hatred and terror has a long reach, and they find themselves in a desperate, claustrophobic race against time to save innocent lives - and their own.

Contributor Bio

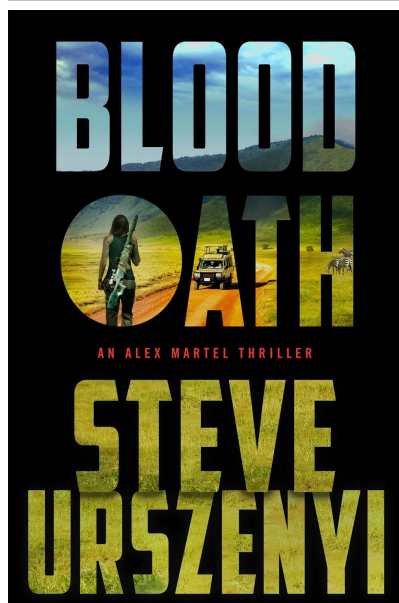
JULIA SPENCER-FLEMING is *The New York Times* bestselling author of *One Was A Soldier*, and an Agatha, Anthony, Dilys, Barry, Macavity, and Gumshoe Award winner. She studied acting and history at Ithaca College and received her J.D. at the University of Maine School of Law. Her books have been shortlisted for the Edgar, Nero Wolfe, and Romantic Times RC awards. Julia lives in a 190-year-old farmhouse in southern Maine.

Quotes

Praise for *Hid From Our Eyes*:

"...The mystery unfolds like a classic country whodunit, complete with lurid back stories for all the righteous grown-ups." —*The New York Times Book Review*

"New parents Clare Fergusson and police chief Russ Van Alstyne tackle three copycat murders and one testy baby in this riveting addition to an acclaimed series" —*People* magazine



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Blood Oath

An Alex Martel Thriller

Steve Urszenyi

In this action-packed thriller, Special Agent Alex Martel's fight becomes personal when her father is kidnapped by an African-based terrorist organization.

Summary

CIA Special Agent Alexandra Martel is on safari in Tanzania with her father, a retired US Army general, when they encounter a group of wildlife rangers under attack. After a gunfight, Alex and her father return to their camp, where they discover the unexpected arrival of Alex's boss, CIA Branch Chief Caleb Copeland.

The following day, Alex's father is kidnapped. Feeling guilty for not anticipating the danger, Alex assembles a crack team of mercenaries to track down her father. With the help of Caleb's elite unit and another CIA paramilitary officer, they embark on a dangerous mission to rescue the general from a terrorist network that has plans to sell him to a major African-based terrorist organization in exchange for deadly technology.

The situation becomes even more perilous when the team discovers that the terrorist group who kidnapped the general was supposed to kill him, not sell him. Furious at the betrayal, the leader who ordered the general's death has vowed to hunt down and eliminate everyone involved—and finish the job by killing the general himself. Alex and her team race against the clock to rescue her father and prevent the deadly military technology from falling into the terrorists' hands.

Contributor Bio

STEVE URSZENYI was a paramedic and a tactical medic with the Ontario Provincial Police, where he was a specialist in SWAT, CBRNE, HUSAR, and public order operations. Steve is also the former commander of the Province of Ontario's disaster medical response and all-hazards emergency management team, EMAT, and is a recipient of the Governor General of Canada EMS Exemplary Service Medal. Steve loves touring on his motorcycle with his wife, Lynne. They live in Toronto and have two grown children.

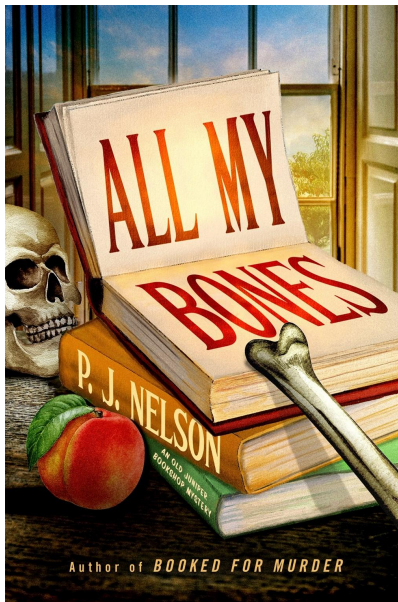
Quotes

Praise for *Out in the Cold*:

"Alex is a formidable addition to the pantheon of kick-ass heroines of military thrillers."
—*Publishers Weekly*

"Urszenyi's extensive use of military lingo and odd flashes of humor will appeal to aficionados of the spy genre." —*Booklist*

"This follow-up to *Perfect Shot* proves that Alex Martel and her cohorts lead one of the better special-ops series out there... Fans of these novels should have Urszenyi on their mandatory reading pile." —*First Clue*



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All My Bones

An Old Juniper Bookshop Mystery

P. J. Nelson

Madeline Brimley, new owner of a bookstore in a small Georgia town, finds herself playing sleuth when a friend is charged with the murder of a much-disliked woman.

Summary

Madeline Brimley recently inherited a bookstore in Enigma, Georgia, is embarking on her second career, after her first one (acting) founders upon the metaphorical rocks. Settling in, Madeline recruits her friend Gloria Coleman, the local Episcopal priest, to help her plant azaleas in the front yard of the old Victorian that houses the bookstore. Turning the soil, however, uncovers the body of one Beatrice Glassie, a troublesome woman who has been missing for the past six months.

When her friend Gloria is arrested for the murder, Madeline is determined to prove her innocence and, as she quickly finds out, there aren't many people in town who hadn't wanted to kill Bea Glassie at one point or another. And the very expensive and rare first edition of a particular volume of Grimm's Fairy Tales—ordered by the victim and her sister is somehow tied to the grim death. With the help of her not-quite-boyfriend, a local lawman, and her deceased aunt's bestfriend, Madeline plans to set a trap to catch the real murderer—before she becomes the next victim.

Contributor Bio

PJ NELSON is the pseudonym of an award-winning actor, dramatist, professor, and novelist (among other many other professions) who has done just about everything except run a bookstore. He lives in Decatur, Georgia.

Quotes

"A wonderfully rich narrative that ricochets between the past and the present, reminding us just how complex life can be." —*firstCLUE*

"*Booked for Murder* goes down like honey-drizzled cornbread chased with sweet tea. College kids, a grande dame, and a quirky Episcopalian priest help our out-of-her-depth, but not out-of-the-fight sleuth take on a peach basket full of suspects." —Julia Spencer-Fleming



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The Snow Lies Deep

Paula Munier

The latest thrilling installment in the bestselling Mercy Carr mystery series

Summary

Mercy and Troy are looking forward to baby Felicity's first holiday season, and they're determined to make it a Christmas to remember. At Northshire's annual Solstice Soirée, hosted by Northshire's finest and funded by Mercy's billionaire pal Feinberg, Amy's little girl Helena is sitting on Santa Claus's lap. She's telling him she'd like a Bitty Baby doll just like little Felicity when the bearded man leaps up, thrusts the toddler at her mother Amy, and staggers away from the festivities. He disappears into the woods. By the time Elvis and Mercy find him, Santa Claus aka the town mayor, is lying on his back, dead. A yule log made of oak sits on his chest, burning bright, a beacon of light on the darkest day of the year.

This strange murder is the first of a series of similar Solstice-themed killings targeting the town's most prominent citizens. Beloved family friend Lillian Jenkins, the grande dame of Northshire, could be next. Mercy and Troy and the dogs must team up with Thrasher and Harrington to capture The Yuletide Killer before he strikes again, this time far closer to home.

Contributor Bio

PAULA MUNIER is a literary agent and the *USA TODAY* bestselling author of the Mercy Carr mysteries. *A Borrowing of Bones*, the first in the series, was nominated for the Mary Higgins Clark Award and named the Dogwise Book of the Year. *Blind Search* was inspired by the real-life rescue of a little boy with autism. *The Hiding Place* debuted in March 2021. Paula credits the hero dogs of Mission K9 Rescue, her own rescue dogs, and a love of New England, where she lives, as her series' major influences

Quotes

Praise for *The Night Woods*

"Munier excels at multiple storylines in character-driven mysteries. This follow-up to *Home at Night* has a complex story that weaves together The Odyssey with murders and an account of returning veterans, such as Mercy and Elvis, who experience PTSD." - *Library Journal* (starred review)

"Cerebral clues and high adventure combine in an exciting character-driven brain teaser." - *Kirkus Reviews*



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Untitled Higashino

Keigo Higashino, Giles Murray

A tour de force crime novel from one of the international masters of the form, where a simple murder case questions the simple notions of good and evil, guilt and redemption.

Summary

Homicide Detective Godai of the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department is assigned to investigate the death of a lawyer, Kensuke Shiraishi, whose body was found on a Central Tokyo riverbank. His investigations leads him to one Tatsuro Kuraki, who claims to have had limited contact with Shiraishi - but, surprising the investigators, Kuraki not only confesses to the lawyer's murder, but another one from thirty years ago - for which another man was arrested and died in custody before trial. This brings unexpected resolution to two cases but there is one problem: to Detective Godai the confession rings false.

And Godai is not the only one who cannot accept Kuraki's explanation of both murders and his professed motives. The confessed murderer's son and the victim's daughter both feel strongly that both the act and the motive claimed are untrue.

As Godai investigates further, he discovers that the relation between the murder of thirty years ago and the recent one is complex, raising multi-faceted questions of guilt and innocence. *Swan and Bat* is a rich novel about crime and its aftereffects on those left behind by both the victim and perpetrator, a twisting, compelling work that will surprise and astonish.

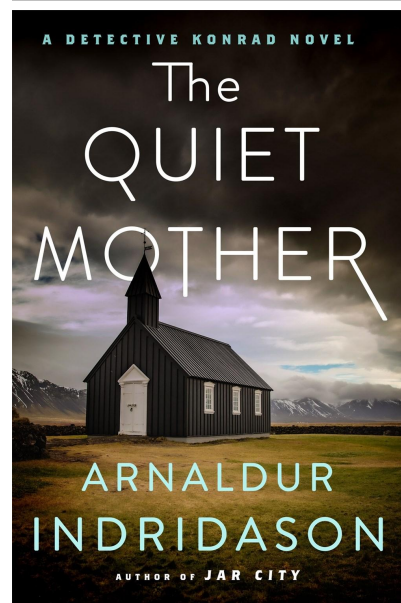
Contributor Bio

KEIGO HIGASHINO is one of Japan's best-selling novelists, his works translated into more than twenty languages. He's best known for this Detective Galileo mystery series (*The Devotion of Suspect X*) and his Kyoichiro Kaga series (*Malice, The Final Curtain*). In English, his work has been a finalist for both the Edgar Award and the CWA Dagger, along with many awards in his home country. He lives in Tokyo, Japan.

Quotes

"If David Foster Wallace had written a thriller, it would probably read something like a novel by Keigo Higashino. Compulsion, games, systems within systems, cultural bewitchment, politics: these two writers would have had a lot to discuss." —*South China Morning Post* on *Under the Midnight Sun*

"Think of the artfully precise, psychologically charged films of Alfred Hitchcock and you're close to what Higashino achieves." —*Richmond Times-Dispatch* on *Salvation of a Saint*



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The Quiet Mother

Arnaldur Indridason

Retired detective Konrad returns to Reykjavik in *The Quiet Mother* by Arnaldur Indridason, "one of the most brilliant crime writers of his generation" —*The Sunday Times* (UK)

Summary

A woman is found murdered in her home, and on her desk is a note with ex-police officer Konrad's phone number on it. It turns out that the woman contacted Konrad shortly before her death and asked him to find a child – the child she gave birth to nearly fifty years earlier and gave up or adoption. Distressed at having declined her request, Konrad vows to make up for it.

The Quiet Mother is a hard-hitting and ruthless depiction of shame and desperation, intense regret, and the enduring echo of evil deeds.

Contributor Bio

ARNALDUR INDRIDASON has won many international prizes, including the CWA Gold Dagger Award for *Silence of the Grave*. He is the only author to win the Glass Key Award for Best Nordic Crime Novel two years in a row, for *Jar City* and *Silence of the Grave*. He is an internationally bestselling author whose books have been translated into more than forty languages, and have sold over 12 million copies. He lives with his family in Reykjavik.

Quotes

Praise for *The Girl by the Bridge*:

"An unnerving story of old crimes and their enduring reverberations, [with] a powerful and well-earned denouement. This a treat for fans of brainy, complex mysteries." - *Publisher's Weekly*

"What affected me most was the rueful tenderness of Indridason's prose.... Indridason's signature melancholy still wafts through the novel." - *New York Times Book Review*

"An outstanding work, an uncanny tale of evils past and present" - *The Wall Street Journal*