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PARAPROSDOKIANS

Paraprosdokians (Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. A repeat appearance. Enjoy

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, Notify:' I put 'DOCTOR'.
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure..
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.
18. Albert Einstein: "The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.
19. Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.."
20. A fool and his money are soon elected." — Will Rogers
21. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine

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READERS' REVIEWS

Barbara

Jance, J. A. - TRIAL BY FURY 1986 - #3 Beaumont - 4.5
The dead body discovered in a Seattle dumpster was shocking enough-but equally disturbing was the manner of death. The victim, a high school coach, had been lynched, leaving behind a very pregnant wife to grieve over his passing, and to wonder what dark secrets he took to his grave. A Homicide detective with twenty years on the job, J.P. Beaumont knows this case is a powder keg and he fears where this investigation will lead him. Because the answers lie on the extreme lethal edge of passion and hate, where the wrong kind of love can breed the most terrible brand of justice. Wonderful sense of place as Beaumont struggles to get across Seattle several times. Many twist, turns and red herrings, and ending make this book riveting.

Griffiths, Elly - A DYING FALL - 2013 - #5 Ruth Galloway - 4.6
Ruth Galloway is shocked when she learns that her old university friend Dan Golding has died tragically in a house fire. But the death takes on a sinister cast when Ruth receives a letter from Dan written just before he died. The letter tells of a great archaeological discovery, but Dan also says that he is scared for his life. Was Dan's death linked to his find? The only clue is his mention of the Raven King, an ancient name for King Arthur. Then Ruth is invited to examine the bones Dan found. Ruth travels to Lancashire-the hometown of DCI Nelson-with both her eighteen-month-old daughter, Kate, and her druid friend, Cathbad, in tow. She discovers a campus living in fear of a sinister right-wing group called the White Hand. She also finds that the bones revealed a shocking fact about King Arthur-and they've mysteriously vanished. When Nelson, visiting his mother in Blackpool, learns about the case, he is drawn into the investigation, especially when Ruth and his beloved Kate seem to be in danger. Who is willing to kill to keep the bones a secret? A very exciting ending

Hechtman, Betty - FOR BETTER OR WORSTED - 3.7
When Molly is invited to a major society wedding, she expects some wedding drama. Though she never anticipated this much trouble. The bride is the daughter of Molly's close friend Mason-and has been planning this wedding for a long time. But at the reception, things go amiss when the wealthy groom ends up dead. To make matters worse, the bride's mother is found holding the murder weapon-and, as the newest addition to a reality show, she's happy to fuel the media frenzy. Molly agrees to open her home to Thursday, the distraught bride, who needs a little peace from the paparazzi. But when it turns out that Thursday and her groom were on shaky ground, the blushing bride takes the spotlight as the prime suspect.

Hechtman, Betty - KNOT GUILTY - 2014 - 3.7
Molly and her friends can't wait to get more people hooked on crochet at the annual SoCal Knit Style Show, where Shedd & Royal has been granted a vendor booth. In the past, the show

has always been about knitting, and this is the first year there'll be crochet classes and a crochet competition. The show's organizer is K. D. Kirby, publisher of several knitting magazines and owner of a yarn store that caters to an elite Beverly Hills crowd. Everyone is shocked when K.D. doesn't show up for the opening reception, but that's nothing compared to how they feel when she's finally found-dead in her hotel suite. Suspicion immediately falls on Adele, one of the Tarzana Hookers, who locked horns with K.D., and whose handmade crochet hook is found at the murder scene. Certain that Adele's been framed, Molly starts her own investigation, hoping to get their pal off the hook and find a killer before another guest checks out...

Hechtman, Betty - IF HOOKS COULD KILL - 2014 - 3.5
When a television crew descends on Tarzana, Molly Pink and the rest of her crochet group, the Tarzana Hookers, put up with the inconvenience as best they can-until the residence of one of their own becomes a real-life crime scene...The television crime show L.A. 911 has taken over Tarzana, making cinematic backdrops out of the town's most mundane locations, including the yard of Kelly Donahue, the newest member of the Tarzana Hookers. And at the end of the day, the TV shoot isn't all that's wrapped. It seems someone silenced Kelly-permanently-and no one heard a thing. Without any leads, Molly and her pals must stitch together the clues to catch the killer-before someone else dials 911.

Fluke, Joanne - CHERRY CHEESECAKE MURDER - 3.7
At the end of the last book, Hannah has two marriage proposals and this must have left her fans waiting anxiously. Interesting how Hannah handles this and not sure it would work that well in real life:-) Hannah Swensen and her bakery, The Cookie Jar, bask in the glow of Hollywood glamor when Main Street becomes a movie set. And although tensions simmer as the cameras roll, no one expects the action to turn deadly. . .until it's too late. . .There's no such thing as privacy in Lake Eden, but Hannah never thought things would go this far. Everyone has been telling her what to do ever since she got not one but two marriage proposals. Movie mania soon shoves Hannah's marriage dilemma into the background and even gives her cat a shot at stardom. The Cookie Jar serves as snack central with Main Street rented out for the week. She stirs lots of fresh gossip, whipping up treats for cast and crew, including demanding director Dean Lawrence's favorite--cherry cheesecake. Joanne Fluke does have some amazing sounding recipes.

Fluke, Joanne - PEACH COBBLER MURDER - 3.5
With The Cookie Jar, Hannah Swensen has a mouthwatering monopoly on the bakery business of Lake Eden, Minnesota. But when a rival store opens, tensions begin to bubble. As she sits in her nearly empty store on Groundhog Day, Hannah can only hope that spring is just around the corner--and that the

popularity of the new Magnolia Blossom Bakery is just a passing fad. The southern hospitality of Lake Eden's two Georgia transplants, Shawna Lee and Vanessa Quinn, is grating on Hannah's nerves--and cutting into her profits. At least Hannah has her business partner Lisa's wedding to look forward to. She's turned one of Lisa's favorite childhood treats into a spectacular Wedding Cookie Cake. And Lisa's aunt will be bringing her famous Peach Cobbler to the reception. But Hannah starts to steam when she finds out that Shawna Lee has been invited --and is bringing her own Peach Cobbler. So when she sees lights on at the Magnolia Blossom Bakery after the reception, she investigates--and finds Shawna Lee shot to death. Everyone in town knew the Cookie Jar was losing business to the Magnolia Bakery--a fact that puts Hannah at the top of the initial list of suspects.

Chitra

Patterson, James & Ellis, David: GUILTY WIVES [2012] – 2.5
A girls-only weekend turns deadly for four friends who find that what happens in Monte Carlo definitely doesn't stay in Monte Carlo. Former U.S. Olympic skier Serena Schofield footed the bills for Abbie, British diva Winnie Brookes and South African beauty Bryah Gordon as they prepared for an unforgettable weekend in Paris. A race car driver and his bodyguard are shot and the women are framed - by one of their husbands?

Lovesey, Peter: ANOTHER ONE GOES TONIGHT – 4.0
Two police officers are about to head home after a long night shift when they receive one last call. En route to investigate, the patrol car spins off the road, killing one of the cops and leaving the other in critical condition. The author toys with the reader with writings from what appears to be a serial killer's diary. I found the exploits of Det. Supt. Peter Diamond thrilling to the end.

Hill, Antonio: THE GOOD SUICIDES [2013] – 3.75
"After a company retreat in a remote country house, senior employees of Alemany Cosmetics return with a dark secret. They've each received an anonymous, menacing email of only two words: 'never forget.' What's worse, the message is accompanied by a nightmarish photo attachment showing the bodies of dogs hung to death from a tree near the very same farm estate they just visited. When they begin killing themselves, one by one, the connection between the shocking photos and the suicides baffles Barcelona law enforcement and corporate think tanks alike, threatening a terrifying end for everyone involved" -- [Copied from the dust jacket]

Muller, Marcia: SOMEONE ALWAYS KNOWS [2016] -2.5
McCone and Hy Ripinsky, think that their biggest problem on moving into their brand-new office building is the hideous sculpture noted Latino artist Flavio St. John stuck over the entryway. Gage Renshaw, who once joined Ripinsky in private flights delivering dubious people and goods to shady locations in Southeast Asia, appears in their life after a long absence. He makes no secret of the fact that he has dropped in at

McCone and Ripinsky's new office to torment them but refuses to say what he knows or wants. McCone takes a case for an apparently unrelated client, Chad Kenyon, whose latest purchase—a decrepit house on Webster Street, in San Francisco's Western Addition—seems a lot less canny when he learns that it is infested with lowlifes. McCone goes to check out the building and gets shoved down a flight of stairs. Not one of Muller's better books.

Khan, Vaseem: THE UNEXPECTED INHERITANCE OF INSPECTOR CHOPRA [2015] – 3.75

On the day he retires, Inspector Ashwin Chopra inherits two unexpected mysteries. The first is the case of a drowned boy, whose suspicious death no one seems to want to solve. And the second is a baby elephant. His search for clues takes him across the teeming city of Mumbai, from its grand high rises to its sprawling slums and deep into its murky underworld, Chopra begins to suspect that there may be a great deal more to his last case and his new ward, the elephant than he thought. This is first in the series - A Baby Ganesh Agency Investigation. I liked the fact that the areas described in the book were all familiar to me

Khan, Vaseem: THE PERPLEXING THEFT OF THE JEWEL IN THE CROWN [2016] – 4.0

This is the second novel in the Baby Ganesh Detective Agency series. The Koh-i-Noor diamond originally belonged to an Indian maharaja and is now part of the British Crown Jewels. The Crown Jewels go on display in Mumbai, and security is everyone's principal concern. On the very day Inspector Chopra visits the exhibition, the diamond is stolen. The heist was daring and seemingly impossible and the hunt is on for the culprits. It was interesting for me to read about Arthur Road Jail. A fast moving tale.

Laura

Dugoni, Robert - MY SISTER'S GRAVE - 3.5
Haunted by the kidnap and murder of her sister twenty years ago, Tracy Crosswhite quits her job as a chemistry professor and becomes a homicide detective. A man had been convicted of the murder and put in jail though the body was never



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found. Tracy does not believe the man is guilty. When her sister's body is located in a shallow grave she is assigned to the murder investigation and tries to get the convicted killer a new trial while trying to find the real killer. Though much of what happens is unbelievable it is a simple read and fairly well written. Also read his prequel short story, *The Academy*.

Estes, Kelli - *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes 3.5
This book is told in interwoven stories by two narrators. In the present day Inara Erickson is left her aunt's estate on an island in Washington. While renovating it she finds an intricately stitched piece of fabric. In 1886 Mei Lien and her family, who is living in Seattle, are driven from their home by the white population there. By researching the fabric Inara uncovers the history of Mei Lien during the time the immigration laws were excluding people from the United States based on their Chinese race. Mei Lien's story is gripping and well written; however, Inara's story is flat and reminded me of a romance novel. Also, there are so many coincidences throughout the story it is sometimes unbelievable. But it was worth reading as I had never heard of this part of the United States' history.

Crais, Robert - *THE PROMISE* (Elvis Cole and Joe Pike) 3.5
Meryl Lawrence wants Cole to find where her missing friend and co-worker has gone after she embezzled a lot of money from the company they work for and she wants Cole to find the identity of a man who could lead to the whereabouts of Amy. Meryl appears to be paranoid as she pays in cash, demands instant meetings in parking lots and never gets out of her car. This story goes on to get more complicated. The characters are one dimensional as none of them have much personality. Predictable ending.

May, Peter - *THE LEWIS MAN* (Lewis 2) - 4.5
Almost didn't read it because of the long descriptions in the first. Am I ever glad I did! The former detective inspector returns to the Isle of Lewis to identify a corpse found in a peat bog. The only clue to its identity is a DNA match to a local farmer, Tormod, who is now senile. The book goes back and forth between the past and present by first letting the reader go into Tormod's mind through a combination of his fragmentary recollections and second following Fin's investigation as Tormod's childhood experiences first in an orphanage and then shipped to a family in the islands are uncovered. Beautifully written, almost poetical. You really get a sense of the surroundings as well as the characters. It was suspenseful and I couldn't put it down. Great unexpected ending.

May, Peter - *THE CHESSMEN* (Lewis 3) - 4.75:
Again the writing is beautiful and descriptive giving one a sense of place and bringing the characters to life. Like the first

two books it goes back and forth between past and present. Also, as with the first two books, the book is a psychological study of the characters as well as a mystery. May brings many hypotheses into play so you really don't know what the ending will be. Suspenseful and unexpected ending.

Eriksson, Kjell - *THE PRINCESS OF BURUNDI*—#1 - 3.5
Little John, who was a respectable family man and a local expert on tropical fish, is found in the snow brutally murdered. His teenage son knows enough of his father's secrets that he could put the police on the trail of his father's murderer but chooses to confide in no one. Other citizens are murdered and the question is whether these murders are connected or not. It is more of a psychological study of all the characters so you don't get much of an insight into the investigation. Though it is a study of the characters there isn't much development of them. It is odd how sometimes it is interesting and suspenseful and other times it is ridiculous and boring.

Eriksson, Kjell - *THE CRUEL STARS OF THE NIGHT* - 4.0
This book is so much better written than his first (see review above). It is a more involved story. Thirty-five-year-old Laura Hindersten goes to the police to report that her father, a local professor, is missing. Her father was a tyrant and now without him she's tasting freedom but years of repressed anger snaps out as we watch her spiral into insanity. Inspector Ann Lindell and her colleagues can find no motive for the man's disappearance. At the same time the corpses of two elderly men turn up but neither of the dead men is the missing academic. The detectives begin looking for the killer getting help from one of the professor's colleagues, who believes there is a link between the murders and the disappearance of Professor Hindersten. I found this to be very suspenseful.

Susan

Jance, J.A. - Beaumont series several (in the past) fits topic.

Doiron, Paul - *WIDOWMAKER* - 4.75
Game Warden Mike Bowditch is asked by a woman who claims she is the mother of Mike's half brother to find him. Throughout this story, Mike is asked to confront his demons regarding his relationship with his father, the enemies his father made and how all this interfaces with his half brother. The brother, Adam, has been released from prison and listed as a sexual predator. He had been convicted of sex with a minor. He was living in a logging camp populated by sexual deviants that cannot be housed anywhere else. Now someone may be stalking all sexual predators in the area, as listed on the web. Is this a good thing or bad? Sometimes it's hard to tell.

Grisham, John - *CALICO JOE* - 4.5
The summer of 1973 Joe Castle was brought up to the majors of the Cubs and was an overnight sensation. To the son of a

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Mets pitcher, Paul Tracey, he was a hero. When the two baseball players, hero and father, met in Shea Stadium in August, something bad happened. Thirty years later Paul tries to rectify it. Good story of baseball, father/son relationships and letting go of fear and anger.

Rollins, James - THE BONE LABYRINTH - 5

I haven't enjoyed a book like this in a while. Not a murder mystery, but a thriller. Sigma Force (a secret government espionage/covert action group) is called to help extract an archeology group studying Neanderthals in Croatia after they were attacked. Separately, two scientist sisters are working on a genetic answer to why 50,000 years ago there was a Great Leap Forward in human intelligence/arts/language/ingenuity after at least 150,000 years of no change. To further their studies, they have genetically manufactured and have raised from birth a male low land gorilla, Baaka. Covertly, their research is funded by the Chinese government and they want to reap the benefits of this study. Meanwhile the other half of the Sigma force is following up on research of Father Carlos Crespi and Father Athanasius Kircher (both of these are real people). Finally, there was an expedition into Equador by a group including Neil Armstrong (true) looking for traces of an ancient civilization (Atlantis?). This book is filled with true and interesting facts

Example: When there is a total eclipse of the sun, the moon totally covers the face of the sun. This can only be because the moon is exactly 1/400 the size of the sun and is exactly 1/400 of distance between the earth and the sun.

Example 2: Gematria (like numberology) The first line of the Bible (In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth) the total value of the words is 2701. $2701 = 37 \times 73$ the two prime numbers used again and again in the Bible. If you multiplied each letter's value by the number of letters then divided that number by the same as the word value, it is 3.1415.

Example 3: In DNA there are certain codes that are not mutable. It is a complex set of rules that govern how DNA produces protein. The atomic mass of every amino acid that makes up our bodies (20 of them) is a multiple of 37. The odds of this pattern emerging by random is calculated to be one in decillion, which is 1 followed by 33 zeros.

By the way, the human body's temperature is 37 celcius.

Plakcy, Neil S. IN DOG WE TRUST
DOG BLESS YOU
DOG HELPS THOSE 4.9

An ex-con becomes an adjunct professor at a small Pennsylvania college and inherits a golden retriever dog when his neighbor is killed. These books are about the adventures they have helping their friend the police detective solve the local murders. One of the things I love about these books is the characters names, such as Dustin DeBree, Oscar Lavista, Verri M Parshall, Van Dryver and Don Kashane.

Karen

Dosa, David, MAKING ROUNDS WITH OSCAR -3.0

And M.D. working with end of life patients and his interaction with the staff and relatives of patients and learning to accept Oscar, a cat that sleeps by the side of the patients before they die.

Handler, David - LAVENDER LANE LOTHARIO - 2.5

Mitch Berger, movie critic and love Des Mity work to solve the murder of the town building inspector whose body is found in the burned down "Pit". The victim turns out to be having affairs with at least 6 women (thus the title)... as well as being a hardline building inspector. Berger and Mity are a bi-racial couple.

Barnes, Emily - FINE ART OF MURDER - 2016 - 3.25

Retired Police Chief searches for the murderer of a young woman who was working on restoring a mansion that is due to become an Art gallery/historical site. Grandmother Katherine Sullivan, works with other retired people to solve.

Thurlo, David and Aimee - PAWNBROKER - #1 - 2014 - 2.75

Two Army buddies buy a pawnshop in Albuquerque and inherit problems of previous owner and use deadly force when needed to solve the shooting of said previous owner. May read more... but not to be on a must read list.

Lovesey, Peter - ANOTHER ONE GOES TONIGHT 6 - 4.0

Peter Diamond, homicide officer in Bath, England with two of his homicide officers is assigned to investigate a fatal accident of a police vehicle. Diamond soon finds the body (still alive) of an old man on a tricycle. With two survivors both unable to give information the search is somewhat complicated... Short entries in italics... reveal a serial killer is at work.

Khan, Ausma Zehanat - THE UNQUIET DEAD - 2014 - 4.9

Rachel Getty and her boss Esa Khattak investigate the death of Christopher Drayton who is soon revealed to be a war criminal from Bosnia. Historically devastating is quotes in chapter headings. A small problem with Esa's unwillingness to share his knowledge with Rachel...thus only 4.9

Muller, Marcia - SOMEONE ALWAYS KNOWS - 3.5 -

Hy takes off to resolve a South American problem and on the way home gets called in by FBI to solve a hostess problem. Meanwhile Sharon copes with an old partner of Hy's bent on revenge. Somewhat slow moving but a decent story.

Tracy, P.J. - THE SIXTH IDEA - #7 - 2016 - 4.9

The whole gang is here but the emphasis is on Leo and Gino (the cops) as they investigate the deaths of two men who are descendants of men involved with the making of the atomic bomb. An entertaining and welcome return of the Minnesota Monkeewrench gang.

O'Sullivan, Kathryn - NEIGHING WITH FIRE - #3 - 2015 - 2.0

Female fire chief and male police chief on outer island with wild horses investigate a couple of murders and an arson fire... all is

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solved and an ending with a wedding of one of the firemen.

Khan, Vaseem – THE UNEXPECTED INHERITANCE OF INSPECTOR CHOPRA - #1 – 3.75

Chopra, on the day he retires receives a baby elephant from his uncle. He also starts to investigate the death of a young man and immediately finds his bosses want the case closed as an accident. Humorous scenes ... but the color isn't as well done as the Tarquin Hall series.1

Graham, Scott – CANYON SACRIFICE - #1 – 2014 – 4.0
Called a National Park Mystery and featuring an archaeologist, Chuck Bender who has recently married a woman with two young daughters. While on a camping trip to the Grand Canyon, the older girl is kidnapped. Heavy on setting and background detail it becomes an excellent start to a new series. MOUNTAIN RAMPAGE is next.

Wolf, Steven D. – COMET'S TALE – 2012 – nonfiction – 4.0
Memoir of author's severe disability with back pain and his love of a greyhound he acquired from a rescue farm. Learning to live with Comet and eventually to train her to become his service dog is inspiring and touching... even with the author's very slow learning to appreciate the life he has... rather than fighting to gain what he has lost.

Gutcheon, Beth – DEATH AT BREAKFAST – 2016 – 2.0
two old (in their 50's) On a vacation in Maine to a hotel where a cooking seminar is being held... get involved in solving the murder of the father of a recently deceased movie star. A fire burns his body, but a dead rattlesnake his found under his obese body. Started on a CD but skimmed the book when I discovered I didn't much like any of the characters.

Hyde, Katherine Bolger – ARSENIC WITH AUSTEN - 3.75
Middle aged Emily Cavanaugh, Reed professor, inherits a quiet Oregon coastal town from her great Aunt Beatrice where forces are hoping to build resorts, etc. With the help of her high school love, the town police chief, she must solve the murder of her aunt and attempts on her life. Book has 3 cats and chapters that begin with Austen quotes. For those who

like to visit the Oregon coast.

Carbo, Christine – MORTAL FALL - #2 – 2017 – 4.0
Monty Harris, Glacier NP police officer investigates the death of two people found at the bottom of a cliff. One a biologist and one a person from an academy where Monty's brother was abused as a teenager.

Graham, Scott- MOUNTAIN RAMPAGE - #2 – 2015 – 4.0
This National Park mystery finds Chuck Bender, archaeologist, running a field school for college students at an abandoned mine at the Colorado Rocky Mountain National Park. His new family is there in a park cottage. His young step-daughter suffers a seizure when a fever peaks and the rush to the hospital finds a handsome ER doctor making eyes at his beautiful young wife. Twist at the end was a bit rushed but acceptable.

Lehane, Con – MURDER AT 42ND STREET LIBRARY – 2.5

Head of the archival librarian in the mystery section helps answer question about several murders. An assistant moves into a NYC apartment and befriends a young black shoe-shiner. ...who brings various threads together.

Joan

Dugoni, Robert – BODILY HARM – #3 - 4.5

Bodily Harm opens with a big win for David Sloane and his new partner, Tom Pendergrass, in a malpractice case centered on the death of a young child. But on the heels of this seeming victory, an unlikely character—toy designer Kyle Horgan—comes forward to tell Sloane that he's gotten it all wrong: Horgan's the one who's truly responsible for the little boy's death and possibly others—not the pediatrician Sloane has just proven guilty. Ordinarily, Sloane might have dismissed such a person as a crackpot, but something about this case has always troubled him—something that he couldn't quite pinpoint. When Sloane tries to follow up with Horgan, he finds the man's apartment a shambles—ransacked by unknown perpetrators. Horgan has



vanished without a trace. Together with his longtime investigative partner Charles Jenkins, Sloane reexamines his clients' son's death and digs deeper into Horgan's claims, forcing him to enter the billion-dollar, cut-throat toy industry. As Sloane gets closer to the truth, he trips a wire that leads to a shocking chain of events that nearly destroys him. To get to the bottom of it all and find justice for the families harmed, Sloane must keep in check his overwhelming desire for revenge.

Walter, Jess – OVER TROUBLED GRAVES – 2000 = 4.0

Prostitutes are disappearing and Detective Karen Mabry is on a stakeout of a pimp when it all goes wrong as he is shot at and ends up in the river where he dies and his would be drug buyer escapes. Shortly thereafter a woman's body is discovered nearby with 2 twenty dollar bills in her hand, but no way to identify her. Then another body is discovered, same M.O. Karen poses as a streetwalker and goes on stakeout and tries to befriend the other girls but they are somewhat leery of her. She thinks that she is being followed by someone in a red car and one night she follows a would be John, he leads her into a back yard where another body is found in an old refrigerator. Despite all that's going on in her personal life she sticks with case and gets it solved.

Jance, J.A. – SECOND WATCH – 2013 – 3.75

When Beaumont was a young patrol officer he and his partner were called to an investigation where the body of a young girl was found in a large vat used for the disposal of cooking grease, but the case went unsolved. Now, years later he is having knee replacement surgery and is in a hospital and having hallucinations about said case. He recalls that he and his partner had been given a promotion, but he had no idea who had recommended it. He now decides to have the case reopened and that stirs up a lot of things. Some innocent people lost their lives and some who thought they were untouchable were brought down. \

Bowen, Rhys – TIME OF FOG AND FIRE – 3.25

Molly's husband is sent to San Francisco on a mission that is very secret, but when she gets a letter from him in which she thinks that he wants her there, she gets ready and with child in tow she heads off, but on arrival she is given the sad news that he fell off a cliff and he is already buried. She demands that the body be exhumed and meanwhile the city is in a buzz over the visit of Enrico Caruso. Then the earthquake and fire and she gets separated from her child, but he is eventually found with a family. She is reunited with her husband who explains it all to her.

Yvonne

McKinney, Gary - DARKNESS BIDS THE DEAD GOOD"BYE – 5.0

Sheriff Gavin Pruitt is a divorced, but newly married man with a baby along the way. He is an ex-pat smoking, diehard follower of Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead. He uses a float tank to unwind and solve an extraordinary brutal murder of a beautiful young woman, Wilma Gillespie, who as one of his police department employees. The story is a mix of small town folksiness, underground grit and drug trafficking. There is a vivid mix of small town characters, criminals and victims, honest cops and corrupt cops. Action takes place in southwest Washington.

Baldacci, David – THE LAST MILE – 5.0

Melvin Mars, nicknamed "Jumbo" by prison guards because he happens to be inmate number 7-4-7, is awaiting the death penalty after being convicted of murdering his father and mother nearly two decades prior. At the time, Mars was a Heisman Trophy finalist, and the top-ranked running back leading up to the NFL Draft. He had his whole life and career in front of him. Then it was gone. A creature of habit, he still maintains his body by performing a strict and grueling workout routine each day in his cell. On the night of his execution, Mars planned to walk what's known as 'the last mile.'. He tells himself dying will be just like going to sleep, without ever waking up. He's no longer afraid, but rather he's accepted his fate. Just before his execution is scheduled to begin, officials escort him from his small Texas cell to a much bigger room. There, Mars is informed that a man on death row in Alabama has confessed to murdering Mars' parents. But before his confession can exonerate Mars, an investigation must first confirm the man's claims. Until then, Melvin Mars has to go back to his cell and wait. Amos Decker has just taken a job with the FBI to serve on a newly assembled team of agents and civilians with unique traits who, together, will re-open and investigate cold cases. He's still in the process of moving to the East Coast when he first hears about Mars' situation in Texas and immediately remembers the former Texas Longhorn from his own playing days at Ohio State University. Furthermore, Decker is intrigued by several parallels between himself and Mars: Both were collegiate football players for major universities, both had their playing careers cut short, both had their lives ruined after their families were murdered, and in both cases, someone came forward to confess to the killings after an extended period of time. After he was settled into his new apartment and met his team members, Decker lobbied hard for them to take a look into Mars' case, which they do. The investigation seems straightforward enough until one of the team members turns up missing as a result of their poking around. Soon things begin to unravel as Decker races to answer a series of questions, including who might want to help free Melvin Mars, and why. (copied from online review)

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DUE IN OCTOBER

A Terrible Beauty [Lady Emily Ashton #11] by Tasha Alexander

Without Mercy [Body Farm #10] by Jefferson Bass Oct 4

In the most suspenseful installment of the *New York Times* bestselling Body Farm series to date, forensic anthropologist Dr. Bill Brockton investigates a bizarre murder—and confronts a deadly enemy he thought he'd put behind bars for good. Forensic anthropologist Bill Brockton has spent twenty-five years solving brutal murders—but none so bizarre and merciless as his latest case: A ravaged set of skeletal remains is found chained to a tree on a remote mountainside. As Brockton and his assistant Miranda dig deeper, they uncover warning signs of a deadly eruption of hatred and violence.

Skin and Bone [Titus Cragg & Luke Fidelis #4] by Robin Blake

No Witness but the Moon [Jimmy Vega #3] by Suzanne Chazin Oct 25

On a clear, moonlit night in December, police detective Jimmy Vega races to the scene of a reported home invasion in an upscale New York community. As Vega arrives, he spots a Hispanic man who fits the description of the armed intruder, running from the victim's estate. Vega chases him into the woods. When the suspect refuses to surrender—and reaches into his pocket—Vega has only seconds to make a life-or-death decision

Smile and Be a Villain [Dorothy Martin #18] by Jeanne M. Dams

The Heavens May Fall by Allen Eskins, \$15.95 Seventh Street Oct 4

Detective Max Rupert and attorney Boady Sanden's friendship is being pushed to the breaking point. Max is convinced that Jennavieve Pruitt was killed by her husband, Ben. Boady is equally convinced that Ben, his client, is innocent. As the case unfolds, the two are forced to confront their own personal demons. Max is still struggling with the death of his wife four years earlier, and the Pruitt case stirs up old memories. Boady hasn't taken on a defense case since the death of an innocent client, a man Boady believes he could have saved but didn't. Now he is back in court, with student Lila Nash at his side, and he's determined to redeem himself for having failed in the past. Vividly told from two opposing perspectives, the truth about the stunning death of Jennavieve Pruitt remains a mystery until the very end.

Poison Feather [Gibson Vaughn #2] by Matthew FitzSimmons

Triple Crown [Jeff Hinkley] by Felix Francis -Oct 11

Jeff Hinkley, investigator for the British Horseracing Authority, has been seconded to the US Federal Anti-Corruption in Sports Agency (FACSA) where he has been asked to find a mole in their organization—an informant who is passing on confidential information to those under suspicion in American racing. At the Kentucky Derby, Jeff joins the FACSA team in a raid on a horse trainer's barn at Churchill Downs, but the bust is a disaster, and someone ends up dead. Then, on the morning of the Derby itself, three of the most favored horses in the field fall sick.

The Trespasser [Dublin Murder #6] by Tana French

Smoke and Mirrors [Magic Men #2] by Elly Griffiths [1st US edition] Oct 18

It's Christmastime in Brighton, and the city is abuzz about a local production of *Aladdin*, starring the marvelous Max Mephisto. But the holiday cheer is lost on DI Edgar Stephens. He's investigating the murder of two children, Annie and Mark, who were strangled to death in the woods, abandoned alongside a trail of candy—a horrifying scene eerily reminiscent of Hansel and Gretel.

Fields Where They Lay [Junior Bender #6] by Timothy Hallinan Oct 25

It's three days until Christmas and Junior Bender, Hollywood's fasttalking fixer for the felonious, is up to his ears in shopping mall Santas, Russian mobsters, desperate holiday shoppers, and ('tis the season) murder. The halls are decked, the deck is stacked, and here comes that jolly old elf. Junior Bender, divorced father of one and burglar extraordinaire, finds himself stuck inside the Edgerton Mall, and not just as a last-minute shopper (though he is that too). Edgerton isn't exactly the epicenter of holiday cheer, despite its two Santas, canned Christmas music, chintzy bows, and festive lights. The mall is a fossil of an industry in decline; many of its stores are closed, and to make matters worse, there is a rampant shoplifting problem.

All the Little Liars [Aurora Teagarden #9] by Charlaine Harris

Wait for Dark [Bishop SCU] by Kay Hooper

Love You Dead [Roy Grace #12] by Peter James Oct 1

An ugly duckling as a child, Jodie Bentley had two dreams in life - to be beautiful and rich. She's achieved the first, with a little help from a plastic surgeon, and now she's working hard on the second. Her philosophy on money is simple: you can either earn it or

marry it. Marrying is easy, it's getting rid of the husband afterwards that's harder, that takes real skill. But hey, practice makes perfect . . . Detective Superintendent Roy Grace is feeling the pressure from his superiors, his previous case is still giving him sleepless nights, there have been major developments with his missing wife Sandy, and an old adversary is back. But worse than all of this, he now believes a Black Widow is operating in his city. One with a venomous mind . . . and venomous skills. Soon Grace comes to the frightening realization that he may have underestimated just how dangerous this lady is.

Night Watch [NS] by Iris Johansen & Roy Johansen

The Lost Boy [Patrik Hedström & Erica Falck #7] by Camilla Läckberg

From the #1 international bestseller and Swedish crime sensation, Camilla Lackberg's latest psychological thriller ensnares Detective Patrik Hedstrom in a confounding new murder case. Detective Patrik Hedstrom is no stranger to tragedy. A murder case concerning Fjällbacka's dead financial director, Mats Sverin, is a grim but useful distraction from his recent family misfortunes. It seems Sverin was a man who everybody liked yet nobody really knew — a man with something to hide . . . His high school sweetheart, Nathalie, has just returned to Fjällbacka with her five-year-old son — perhaps can she shed some light on who Sverin really was?

With Six You Get Wally [John Bekker #5] by Al Lamanda

Strong Cold Dead [Caitlin Strong #8] by Jon Land Oct 4

Texas Ranger Caitlin Strong returns in Jon Land's *Strong Cold Dead*, a thriller with heart-stopping action and a high-stakes terrorist plot. The terrorist organization ISIS is after a deadly toxin that could be the ultimate weapon of mass destruction. The same toxin holds the potential to eradicate cancer. There is a frantic race to see who can get to it first, even as Caitlin Strong begins to assemble the disparate pieces of a deadly puzzle. At the center of that puzzle is an Indian reservation where a vengeful tycoon is mining the toxin, disguising his effort as an oil-drilling operation. This is the same reservation where Caitlin's great-great-grandfather, also a Texas Ranger, once waged a similar battle against the forces of John D. Rockefeller.

Incensed [Taipei Night Market #2] by Ed Lin

In Taiwan, the Mid-Autumn Festival is a time for prioritizing family. When 25-year-old Jing-nan's gangster uncle, Big Eye, asks a favor, Jing-nan can't exactly say no, especially because two goons are going to follow him around to make sure he gets it done right. The favor is this: Big Eye's 16-year-old daughter, Mei-ling, has a biker boyfriend from the wrong side of the tracks—in Big Eye's gangster opinion—and Big Eye wants Jing-nan to bring her to Taipei, away from the bad influences, and straighten her out.

Precious and Grace [No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency #17] by Alexander McCall Smith

The Twelve Dogs of Christmas [Andy Carpenter #15] by David Rosenfelt Oct 18

Defense lawyer Andy Carpenter usually tries to avoid taking on new cases at all costs. But this time, he's happy—eager, even—to take the case that's just come his way. Andy's long-time friend Martha "Pups" Boyer takes in stray puppies that the local dog rescue center can't handle, raises them until they're old enough to adopt, and then finds good homes for them. Not everyone admires the work Pups does as much as Andy does, however. With Christmas just around the corner, one of Pups's neighbors has just reported Pups to the city for having more than the legal number of pets in her home under the local zoning laws.

A Most Novel Revenge [Amory Ames #3] by Ashley Weaver

"Well, darling, who do you suppose will turn up dead this time?"

With two murder investigations behind them and their marriage at last on steady ground, Amory and Milo Ames intend to winter quietly in Italy. The couple finds their plans derailed, however, when Amory receives an urgent summons to the English countryside from her cousin Laurel. At Lyonsgate, the country house of Laurel's friend Reginald Lyons, Amory and Milo are surprised to discover an eccentric and distinguished group of guests have also been invited, led by the notorious socialite Isobel Van Allen. After years of social exile, Isobel has returned to England to write a sequel to her scandalous first book, the thinly fictionalized account of a high society murder at the very country house to which the Ames family have been called.

Seduced [Hannah Smith #4] by Randy Wayne White



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A death in the family : a Detective Kubu mystery / by Stanley, Michael. Published 2015

A distance to death : a Tink Elledge mystery / by Menino, H. M. Published 2014

A virtuous death / by Trent, Christine. Published 2014

An empty death : a thriller / by Wilson, Laura, 2011

Brush with death : a Gray Whale Inn mystery / by Mac-Inerney, Karen, 1970- Published 2013

Clubbed to death : a dead-end job mystery / by Viets, Elaine, 1950- Published 2008

Death & the redheaded woman : an Auction Block Mystery / by Ross, Loretta, 1966- Published 2015

Death and the brewmaster's widow by Loretta Ross – 2016

Death angel : a novel / by Powers, Martha. 2006

Death at Breakfast by Beth Gutcheon – 2016

Death at Gills Rock : a Dave Cubiak Door County mystery / by Skalka, Patricia, Published 2015

Death at the Door / by Hart, Carolyn G. Published 2014

Death by chocolate : a Savannah Reid Mystery / by McKevett, G. A. Published 2003

Death in August / by Vichi, Marco, 1957- 2012

Death in Cantera by John Nesbitt – 2016 - Western

Death in paradise / by Parker, Robert B., 2001

Death in Salem / by Kuhns, Eleanor. Published 2015

Death in the family / by McGown, Jill. Published 2003

Death is not the end : an Inspector Rebus novella / by Rankin, Ian 2000

Death of a bacon heiress by Lee Hollis – 2016

Death of an artist / by Wilhelm, Kate. 2012

Death of an avid reader / by Brody, Frances, 2016

Death of the mantis : a Detective Kubu mystery / by Stanley, Michael 2011

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Death over easy : (Emma Trace) by Speed, Toby. 2013

Death Sits down to Dinner by Tessa Arlen – 2016

Death song : (Kevin Kerney) by Michael McGarrity 2008

Death was in the blood /by Richards, Linda, 1960- 2013

Death Wears a Mask by Ashley Weaver – 2016

Doctor Death : a Madeleine Karno mystery / by Kaaberbøl, Lene. Published 2015

Downward facing death by Michelle Kelly – 2016

Glow of Death by Jane K. Cleland

Ornaments of death : a Josie Prescott antiques mystery / by Cleland, Jane K. Published 2015

Presumption of death / by O'Shaughnessy, Perri. 2003

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Shadow of death : (Brady Coyne) by Tapply, William G.

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Sudden death / by Rosenfelt, David. Published 2005

The anteater of death : a Gunn Zoo mystery / by Webb, Betty. Published 2008

The death artist : a novel of suspense / by Santlofer, Jonathan 2002

The death of Lucy Kyte : a Josephine Tey mystery / by Upson, Nicola. Published 2014

The death trust / by Rollins, David, 1958- Published 2007

The koala of death : a Gunn Zoo mystery / by Webb, Betty. Published 2010

The last death of Jack Harbin : a Samuel Craddock mystery / by Shames, Terry. Published 2014

The necessary death of Lewis Winter : a novel / by Mackay, Malcolm, 1982- Published 2015

The ring of death / by Spencer, Sally. 2010

The theory of death : a Decker/Lazarus novel /by Kellerman, Faye, Published 2015

To darkness and to death : a Clare Fergusson/ mystery / by Spencer-Fleming, Julia. Published 2005

Untimely death : a Shakespeare in the Catskills mystery / by Duncan, Elizabeth J. Published 2015

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