

WHO DONE IT?

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A REPEAT MONTH



What's Next

May 22
Same old stuff
(April list again
Carbo, Graham, Hillerman,
McCafferty Mizushima and
Wilson)

June 26
Legal Eagles

July 24
Raymond Chandler

August 28
Small Town Cops

Vital Details

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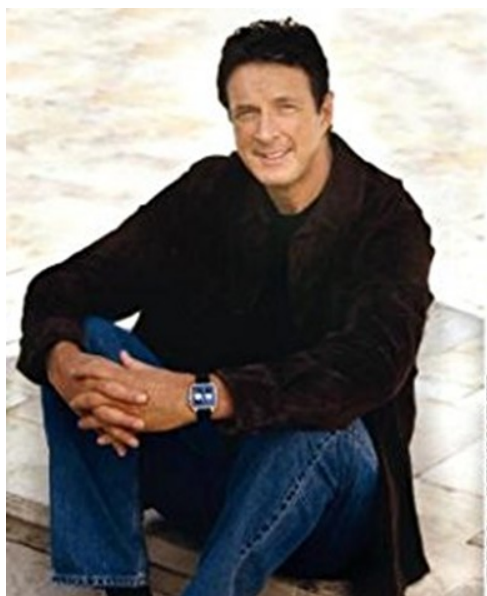
Meeting Day
4th Mon. except on
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found by googling the au-
thor's name on the internet.



Michael Crichton

Michael Crichton was born in Chicago in 1942. His novels include Next, State of Fear, Prey, Timeline, Jurassic Park, and The Andromeda Strain. He was also the creator of the television series ER. One of the most popular writers in the world, his books have been made into thirteen films, and translated in thirty-six languages. **He died in 2008.**

DRAGON TEETH, a new book by Michael Crichton will be published May 30, 2017
Wonder who really wrote this book? Or is he rather like his animals in Jurassic Park?

This book is based on the real life rivalry between two paleontologists in 1876. . Warring Indian tribes still populate America's western territories even as lawless gold-rush towns begin to mark the landscape. In much of the country it is still illegal to espouse evolution. Against this backdrop two monomaniacal paleontologists pillage the Wild West, hunting for dinosaur fossils, while surveilling, deceiving and sabotaging each other in a rivalry that will come to be known as the Bone Wars. Into this treacherous territory plunges the arrogant and entitled William Johnson, a Yale student with more privilege than sense. William has joined world-renowned paleontologist Othniel Charles Marsh on his latest expedition. But when the paranoid and secretive Marsh becomes convinced that William is spying for his nemesis, Edwin Drinker Cope, he abandons him in Cheyenne, Wyoming,

It sounds like a real winner for anyone who is a fan of the author.

Inside and out you will find...

Mysteries due in May

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BOOKS DUE IN MAY

Allan, Barbara. *Antiques Frame*. With Brandy in the frame for the murder of her beau's ex-wife, Vivian and Sushi, their shih tzu, must find a killer in a rogue's gallery of suspects.

Atherton, Nancy - *Aunt Dimity and the Widow's Curse* (#22) When an elderly quilter in the village admits to killing her first husband, Lori, with the help of the ghostly Aunt Dimity, goes to the neighboring town to investigate, only to find that opinion is divided—she either killed five men or she is entirely innocent

Atkins, Ace - *Robert B. Parker's Little White Lies* (Spenser) Spenser and Hawk are on the trail of a con man who has defrauded investors and misled the news media with his supposed CIA connections, but who has now disappeared completely

Barnes, Emily. *Death in the Abstract* . Former police Chief Katherine Sullivan is called back to work when a former colleague goes missing in a case that may be connected to the murder of a local woman.

Black, Cara. *Murder on the Quai*. In a prequel set in 1989, Aimée Leduc, a Parisian medical student, takes over her father's detective agency while he is in Germany on a case.

Blauner, Peter - *Proving Ground* (Lourdes Robles -#1) An Iraqi war veteran returns to NYC for the funeral of his estranged attorney father, who was murdered while suing the FBI on behalf of a Muslim mail carrier who was turned over to the Macedonians for "enhanced interrogation." Highly recommended.

Bourland, Barbara - *I'll Eat When I'm Dead* | An assistant editor of a fashion magazine and an NYPD detective team up to solve the murder of the editor of the magazine whose demise may be linked to designer eye drops from an upscale cosmetics shop.

Brown, Dale - *The Price of Duty* (Patrick McLanahan - The U.S. and its Western allies come under a diabolical Russian cyber warfare attack in this action-packed military techno-thriller)

Brown, Rita Mae - *A Hiss Before Dying* (Mrs. Murphy-#25- Rita Mae Brown and her feline co-author Sneaky Pie Brown are back chasing mystery with their unique circle of Southern sleuths. And though the changing colors of fall are a beauty to behold, this year the scattered leaves hide a grim surprise.)

Bryan, Mollie Cox. *No Charm Intended*. A weekend crafting retreat at her Victorian mansion turns ugly for Cora when a local nanny goes missing and her boyfriend asks for her help.

Buckley, Julia. *Death in Dark Blue*. In the second in this series featuring an aspiring suspense writer, she is again plunged into a real murder when a blogger who attacked her boyfriend is found dead.

Campbell, Michele - *It's Always the Husband* A twisty page-turner about three friends at a toney New England college who become fast friends despite a tragedy in their freshman year—and a murder two decades later

Child, Lee - *No Middle Name* (Jack Reacher The complete Reacher short stories in one volume

Child, Lincoln - *Full Wolf Moon* Jeremy Logan, an investigator of the supernatural and fantastic, is at a writer's retreat in the Adirondacks when a dead hiker is found savagely mauled and among the strange explanations is that it was the work of a werewolf.

Copperman, E. J. - *Edited Out* (Mysterious Detective -#2) . In the second in this funny series, a mystery author whose fictional character has become a flesh-and-blood person finds herself helping out Duffy Madison look for a missing person, who just may have information on the person Duffy was before he became Duffy Madison

Corby, Gary. *The Singer from Memphis* . Athenian investigator Nicolaos is hired by the historian Herodotus to accompany him to Egypt to do research, but they arrive at the time that the country is rebelling against the Persian Empire.

Crichton, Michael - *Dragon's Teeth* (see feature)

Cussler, Clive and Graham Brown *Nighthawk* [NUMA Files #14] Kurt Austin and his crew are hunting for a missing experimental aircraft in a race to find it before the Russians and the Chinese—and before it could destroy the planet

Dennison, Hannah - *Murderous Mayhem at Honeychurch Hall* In the latest in this delightful cozy series, Kat must find the only copy of her romance-writer mother's latest manuscript, taken during a series of thefts in the area

Dickinson, David - *Death Comes to Lynchester Close* (Lord Francis Powerscourt- #15)

Donlea, Charlie. *The Girl who was Taken*. After one of two abducted girls returns, the scientist sister of the still-missing girl tries to piece together what happened to the two in a case that becomes more urgent when the body of a young man is found.

Drew, Alan - *Shadow Man* A detective returns to his California hometown looking for a more peaceful life, but a serial killer shatters the peace of the community, a community that has a dark secret that may be revealed by the suicide of a teenager

Duncan, Elizabeth - *Murder Is for Keeps* [Penny Brannigan #8] When she finds a body on the grounds of the local castle near her home in North Wales, artist and spa-owner Penny discovers a connection between the victim's family and a 20-year-old [theft](#)

Easley, Warren C. Blood for Wine. Portland lawyer Cal Claxton agrees to represent a friend and neighbor, a vintner accused of murdering his estranged wife, but further investigation uncovers murder and a blackmail scheme tied to the area's booming wine business.

Farrow, John - Perish the Day Retired Montreal detective Emile Cinq-Mars and his wife are in New Hampshire for the graduation of her niece, but the murder of another student sends Cinq-Mars on a quest for the killer, despite opposition from the state trooper in charge of the case

Freeman, Brian - Marathon (Jonathan Stride- #8) Duluth police detective Jonathan Stride investigates when a bomb explodes during a marathon after a right-wing rabble-rouser taunts the Muslim community

Green, Marti - Justice Delayed (Innocent Prisoners Project -#5) Dani Trumball's most personal case yet, as she races to stop an execution and identify the real killer. The brutal murder of sixteen-year-old Kelly Braden sends shock waves through a community—and an intellectually disabled man to jail. The only witness to Kelly's murder is the five-year-old cousin she was babysitting. The young girl names their neighbor, Jack Osgood, as the bat-wielding criminal. Two decades later, Osgood faces execution.

Griffiths, Elly - The Chalk Pit (Ruth Galloway - #9) The discovery of a cannibalized skeleton in an underground Norfolk tunnel catapults archaeologist Ruth Galloway into a case that leads to the murder of a homeless man—and a surprising revelation from the wife of her married lover, DCI Nelson

Gudenkauf, Heather – Not a Sound (May 30) When a tragic accident leaves nurse Amelia Winn deaf, she spirals into a depression that ultimately causes her to lose everything that matters—her job, her husband, David, and her stepdaughter, Nora. Now, two years later and with the help of her hearing dog, Stitch, she is finally getting back on her feet.

Haines, Carolyn - Sticks and Bones (Sarah Booth Delaney - #17) Sarah Booth and her partner in detection are hired to check into the veracity of a former resident's memoir by a film company interested in doing a screen adaptation, but the more they learn, the closer they get to the sordid truth—and the bullets start flying

Hamilton, Ian. The Princeling of Nanjing Ava Lee is in Shanghai on business when she discovers that her friend is being pressured by the head of the Tsai family to begin trading drugs, so she agrees to help. Ava is one kick-ass accountant!

Hamilton, Steve - Exit Strategy (Nick Mason-#2) . Ex-con Nick Mason is tasked by the man who helped him get out of prison to infiltrate the Witness Protection Program in order to kill three men scheduled to testify against him in the second in this excellent series

Hart, Carolyn - Walking on My Grave (Death on Demand- #26) Annie and Max Darling investigate when a wealthy woman has an “accidental” fall after a dinner for her prospective beneficiaries and one of the suspects is found murdered

Hawkins, Paula - Into the Water . A twisty psychological thriller about a woman who returns to a sleepy English village when

her estranged sister is found dead in a part of the local river known as the Drowning Pool, and known for a long history of woman who've died there

Hogsett, Annie - Too Lucky to Live (Wind Up Dead) When a professor wins a \$550 million lottery jackpot, he is not too pleased, but the youngster who helped him pick the winning numbers is ecstatic—until three men are dead and his mother is hospitalized—in a funny debut cozy

Hunter, Stephen - G-Man (Bob Lee Swagger-#10) When Bob Lee Swagger finds his grandfather's memorabilia dating from 1934 when he was an FBI agent hunting for notorious gangster Baby Face Nelson, he discovers that someone else is very interested in what he found.

Jaynes, Jennifer - The Stranger Inside A mystery writer who volunteers at a crisis center receives a call from a man who tells her that a woman has been killed and that she is the only one who can stop the killer, so she is forced to match wits with a killer who continues to kill in an intricately-plotted mystery

Kies, Thomas - Random Road (1st, Geneva Chase) In the first of a new series, a journalist whose bad choices have sent her back to her hometown is the first reporter on the scene of a multiple murder at a Long Island sex club, and she thinks that the story could revive her career.

Lehane, Dennis - Since We Fell . A former journalist who can now barely leave her house is helped by her husband, whom she met when she was looking for the identity of her real father and later married, but as she gets better, she begins to doubt the man she loves. I loved this for the strong portrait of relationships

Lepucki, Edan. Woman No. 17. When a Los Angeles author leaves her husband, she hires a nanny to help with her children while she finishes her book, but the nanny begins to behave in disturbing ways that make her wonder about her motives for taking the job in a noir novel of psychological suspense.

Lotz, Sarah - The White Road A man who fractured his skull in a climbing accident starts a website with spooky videos and scary images leading him to the wilds of Wales to film a cave system where three explorers have died, helped by a possibly unbalanced guide

Macy, Meg - Bearly Departed (Teddy Bear) As manager of the family teddy bear shop and factory, thirty-one-year-old Sasha Silverman leads a charmed life. Well, except for the part about being a single divorcée with a ticking biological clock in small-town Silver Hollow. And that's just kid's stuff compared to Will Taylor, the sales rep who's set on making drastic changes to the business her parents built from scratch—with or without Sasha's approval .

McKevett, G. A. Every Body on Deck. PI Savannah Reid is onboard with her new job protecting a famous mystery

MAY BOOKS(CONT.)

writer during an Alaskan cruise, but when the writer and her husband are found dead after a mysterious explosion, she discovers that the writer's life was more mysterious than her fiction

Mina, Denise - *The Long Drop* (Alex Morrow) In a stand-alone set in 1950s Glasgow, a man whose family was butchered, and who is saved by a clever lawyer, becomes an amateur crime-solver and when he meets a career criminal who promises to show him where the murder weapon is hidden, the action moves between a bizarre pub crawl with the murderer and the trial of the real murderer

Mukherjee, Abir - *A Rising Man* A debut set in Calcutta in 1919 featuring a former Scotland Yard detective assigned to the British Imperial Police Force, whose first case is the murder of a top aide to the lieutenant governor, a case that may be the work of anti-Raj forces

Nesbø, Jo, and Neil Smith - *The Thirst* (Harry Hole-#11) Harry is drawn back into the Oslo police force to hunt for a serial killer targeting Tinder daters, a killer with an MO similar to that of Harry's nemesis

Palmer, Matthew. *Enemy of the Good*. An agent who was raised in Kyrgystan is recruited to go undercover to infiltrate an underground democracy movement, but she soon finds that nothing is as it initially seemed.

Patterson, James - *16th Seduction* (Women's Murder Club)

Peacock, Caro - *Fool's Gold* [Liberty Lane #8] On their honeymoon in the Greek Isles in 1841, PI Liberty Lane and her husband investigate when a guest of an Englishman goes missing from his villa

Peden, Peggy O'Neal - *Your Killin' Heart* - A debut featuring a Nashville travel agent who accompanies her boyfriend as he goes to get some paintings from the widow of a legendary country music star, but when they find the woman murdered, she decides to do some sleuthing on her own

Persson, Leif G. W. - *The Dying Detective* A famous detective, retired from the Swedish National Criminal Police, suffers a stroke, and while in the hospital investigates an unsolved case of a murdered nine-year-old girl with the help of an amateur detective and a man closely involved in the case

Pyper, Andrew. *The Only Child* When a forensic psychiatrist meets a nameless man who is accused of the most twisted crimes, she is shocked when he says that he is two hundred years old—and her father—in a suspenseful and creepy new novel.

Reilly, Matthew. *The Four Legendary Kingdoms*. Jack West is kidnapped and forced to compete in a series of deadly challenges to fulfill an ancient ritual in another suspenseful action adventure.

Ryan, Alex - *Hong Kong Black* (Nick Foley) When bodies begin washing up near Hong Kong, a former Navy SEAL agrees to investigate in a case that involves bio-terrorism on a global scale

Salvalaggio, Karin - *Silent Rain* (Macy Greeley) Montana state detective Macy Greeley goes to a college town to investigate the death of a writer and his artist wife in a house fire and finds that everyone she interviews had reason to hate the writer

Sardar, Gian. *You Were Here*. A woman long haunted by nightmares of being buried alive returns to her Minnesota hometown in an attempt to track down the cause, only to discover ties to her family and a long-ago love triangle involving her own grandmother in a truly scary gothic novel of suspense.

Sendker, Jan Philipp - *The Language of Solitude* [Paul Lebovitz #2] An ex-pat journalist living in Hong Kong travels to a small village outside of Shanghai where a mysterious illness is affecting the locals, but the quest for justice against corporate corruption and greed could be more dangerous than the illness

Stabenow, Dana - *Less than a Treason* [Kate Shugak #21] In the newest Kate Shugak mystery, the Alaska PI is hired to find a missing husband, shortly after she finds a cache of human bones

Swinson, David - *Crime Song* [Frank Marr #2] - DC PI Frank Marr is tailing a cousin whose mother is worried that he is missing his university classes, but he soon discovers that boy is dealing drugs, then the boy is found dead in his apartment and Frank becomes the chief suspect. The interesting thing about this series is that the protagonist is a drug addict himself

Thompson, Victoria - *Murder in the Bowery* (Gaslight-#20) . Frank and Sarah investigate the murder of a society woman whose death may be connected to the murder of the brother of Frank's client.

Turow, Scott - *Testimony* A U.S. attorney working for the International Criminal Court in The Hague investigates a 2004 war crime where 400 members of a Roma community were killed in Bosnia.

Wechsler, Pamela - *The Graves* (Abby Endicott -#2) Boston ADA Abby Endicott is hunting for a killer targeting college girls working as escorts in a case that soon becomes political in the second in this funny and smart series

Williams, Timothy - *The Second Day of the Renaissance* [Commissario Trotti #6] Trotti comes out of retirement when a friend from Siena warns him that a notorious hit man has returned to Italy to kill him

THIS AND THAT

RED OR BLUE PILL

PART 1 Which pill would you take?

The Red Pill – Transports you to your favorite fictional world

Or

The Blue Pill – Brings characters from your favorite fictional world to your world

And explain why please.

Part 2 You've chosen your pill .

KEY WORDS

An idea presented in the new issue of THE MYSTERY SCENE.:

A new fad among writers and editors is to provide keywords that may or may-not trigger emotional or intellectual responses.

An example for the recent movie GIFTED is:

Child prodigy, grandmother-granddaughter relationship, prize, cat, math, gifted, custody hearing, title spoken by character, teacher, mother-son relationship, uncle-niece relationship mathematics, gifted child, father-daughter relationship, child custody.

Take the idea and apply to a recent mystery reading and create a list of 25 keywords. In May we will guess what book you have made a list for. It might be best to pick a book you have reported on to the group sometime in the last year.

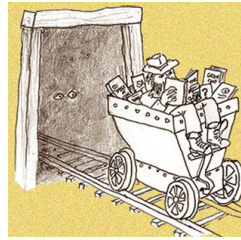
Here is my list for a book I read recently.

ghost, digitalis, orchestra, . Poison garden, lighthouse, cliff, priest, whiskey, hotel developer, baseball stats, music director, Ireland, rain, psychic, museum, suicide, concerto. Murder, African-American.



Left Coast

Crime 2018



CRIME ON THE COMSTOCK

March 22-25, 2018

Registration until Dec 31 is \$195. Cancellation until Jan.20, 2018 involves only a \$25.00 fee. One can register online at <http://www.leftcoastcrime.org/2018/index.html>

William Kent Krueger is a guest of honor and as you all know one of my favorite authors. The Toastmaster is Todd Borg, whose series set in Lake Tahoe is also one I really like. However his books have never been available at the library, Naomi Hirahara is the other guest of honor - she writes a series about a Japanese gardener who survived the WWII bombings. Finally the ghost of honor is Jack London. In the past the ghost of honor is given one evening of movies. This time a presentation by McAvoy Layne-who seems to be a well know impersonator of Jack London. From information on his website we will have a fun event.

I've got my hotel room at the convention rate of \$85 a day., which is the best deal in several years.

BY THE NUMBERS

fill in the missing #

Acres
Angry men
Arabian Nights
Baker Street
Behind the ball
Blackjack
Blind mice
Bo Derek
Brides for brothers
Catch
Century Fox
Chicago
Clowns
Coins
Commandments
Days of Christmas
Deadly sins
Deck of cards
Dollar Baby
Downing Street
Dwarfs
Easy pieces
Even
Eyed Jacks
Fahrenheit
For the road

Fortune
Heaven
Heinz
High
Horsemen
In hand
Indianapolis
Ivory Pure
Labors
Leagues
Little pigs
Magazine
Marathon
Men Out
Musketeers
O'clock jump
Ocean's
Of July
Or fight
Parallel
Piano
Pins
RPM (3)
Samurai
Seas
Shooter

Skidoo
Spirit of
Stalag
States
Steps
Stripes
Sweet
Tea for
The Magnificent
Trombones
Up
Veils
When I'm ____
Wreck of the Old

I do not have all the answers - try your luck.

MEMBERS' EMAILS IN MARCH

Since I cancelled the March meeting due to my nasty cold here are some comments I heard about before the meeting.

From Gale

Have read some mysteries this month: Peter Lovesey "Another One Goes Tonight" a good old fashion puzzler(4) & Phil Rickman "All of A Winters Night" -love this series. Read 1 chapter of Woman in Cabin Ten 🗨️🗨️ Also read "S P Q R History of Ancient Rome" by Mary Beard Excellent!! Say hi to everyone. Gale 🐱

From Susan

Got the newsletter and it occurs to me I need to let you know I will not be there Monday. Am driving up to help sister with court appearance for mother's probate case. Only books I have read are Thomas Perry's Jane Whitefield books. Protagonist is a Seneca who helps people disappear.

From Karen Cooper

I have never been to any of these book conventions and since next one is in Reno, maybe I can plan that one. I see Naomi Hirahara will be there and she was at our Author Lunch on March 12. Didn't we read her way back in our old days at the Anaheim library? Good to hear your daughter was with you as I know that made it more fun. Did you read Behind Closed Doors? Author last name Paris if I remember. It is a real psychological thriller and I read it in a day and a half. I saw that movie rights were sold and it would be a fabulous movie. Still have not seen Girl on a Train but enjoyed the book. Lots of good tips on good books in the newsletter

From Nancy

I just wanted to let you know that I will not be at the March meeting. I will be on vacation in Hawaii. I read Shinju by Laura Joh Rowland, a Sanjo Ichiro mystery and would give it a 4. Samuri Sanjo Ichiro works as an investigator for the Shogun. Despite warnings from his supervisors to stop investigating the deaths of wealthy young Yukiko and low-born artist Noriyoshi, Sanjo cannot accept that their deaths were a double suicide of secret lovers. Sanjo believes that there has been a double murder, and he is willing to risk his future and possibly even his life in order to uncover the truth.

This historical novel is full of wonderful descriptions of the culture and setting of the period. I have visited Japan and many of its historical sites, and I have watched Japanese movies of this era (with subtitles). This probably helped me to better appreciate the book. I was very impressed that the author is the child of Chinese and Korean immigrants and has a degree in science. I wonder where she gained her knowledge of Japanese history. Well done.

From Barbara

Shinju (Sano Ichiro Book 1) by Laura Joh Rowland "Shinju vividly re-creates a world of ornate tearooms and gaudy pleasure-palaces, cloistered mountaintop convents and dealthy prisons. Part love story, part mystery, *Shinju* will entertain all who read."

From Laura

I haven't been reading much. Ed and I seem to find something to do every day. I did just finish Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi which Ed's niece, who lives in the area, gave me for Christmas. Now I can finally read The Language of Secrets by Ausma Zehanat Khan, which I had started quite a while ago. I'm having to read it from the beginning as it's been so long. Homegoing was good but not a "can't put down" book, at least for me. I know Khan's book will be. Next I'll read Among the Ruins. Then next after those on my list are Ascension and The Confabulist by Steven Galloway. I liked "The Cellist of Saragevo" so much I bought these two in hardback (used) so I could keep them on my book shelf after reading them. Hope they are as good as The Cellist! Have any of you read a "5" book lately?

