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SMALLTOWN CRIMES, SMALL TOWN COPS BY D P LYLE

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August 28
Small Town Cops

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At home in Italy

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Some Dead Authors

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(2016 publication)

December 18
It's Cold Outside
somewhere

Vital Details

Meeting Time
2 PM except for special
events,

Meeting Day
4th Mon. except on
holidays

Meeting Place -
Community Room of
Public Library

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For me, small town crimes are big time fun. Crimes set in big cities, with large and sophisticated police forces, are good but when murder happens in a more closed community, it's more personal. The cops, or PIs, or amateur sleuths who investigate such tragedies more often than not know the victims, and the suspects. That's the way it is in small towns.

The cop likely got the job because no one else wanted it. The coroner is the local undertaker. Homicide detectives? Nope. Don't have one of those. Maybe Barney, at best. So the pressure on the investigators is even greater. And the watchful eyes of the community add another layer of conflict. Good stuff.

The police station is in an old house, the chief hangs out at the local diner, the corruption a personal affront. No faceless bad guys here. The killer is part of the community. The secrets are tightly bound to local history. There are many examples.

The best, in my opinion, is James Lee Burke's Dave Robicheaux series. Dave is an ex-New Orleans cop who now lives near New Iberia, Louisiana—the home of Tabasco—a small town nestled among the swamps in the Atchafalaya Basin. Nowhere in modern literature does the locale play such a role in stories. The geography, the weather, the colorful characters create a feeling that is real and actually makes your clothes stick to your body as you read them. Mr. Burke puts you there. And Dave is constantly battling his past and nefarious characters who seem to continually slither from the swamp.

Linwood Barclay's Promise Falls series is set in a small upstate New York town that has seen better days and has secrets within secrets. And it's these secrets that often drive the narrative. His cast of characters include a cop, a PI, a newspaper man, and all the usual suspects you see in small town America.

And then there's Chief Kate Burkholder, Linda Castillo's wonderfully complex and con-

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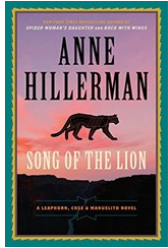
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READERS' LISTS

Anne

Cleeves, Ann - RAVEN BLACK -First in Jimmy Perez in Shetland Island series - 4.0



Hillerman, Anne - SONG OF THE LION - Leaphorn, Chee & Manuelito— continued by Tony's daughter- 4.5

Martini, Steve - SHADOW OF POWER - Paul Madriani, lawyer series - 4.0

Yvonne

Seigel, Sheldon THE CONFESSION -ex-priest lawyer Mike Daley in San Francisco - 4.5

Wilhelm, Kate - CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER - Barbara Holloway, lawyer in Eugene OR - 3.5

Barrows, Ann - THE TRUTH ABOUT US -female reporter in West Virginia during the Depression - 4.5

Susan

Borg, Todd - TAHOE DEATHFALL - Owen McKenny, P.I. has a harlequin Great Dane as a sidekick -3.75

Borg, Todd - TAHOE BLOWUP - 4.0

Stabenow, Dana - LESS THAN A TREASON -Kate Shugak, native Alaskan investigator #21 in series - 4.5

Doiron, Paul - KNIFE CREEK - Maine game warden Mike Bowditch - #8 in series - 4.75 (I am looking forward to this one)



Chitra

Higashino, Keigo - SALVATION OF A SAINT- Detective Galileo - 4.0

Verve, Jules - A JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH -set in Iceland - 3.75

Higashino, Keigo - A MIDSUMMER'S EQUATION - 3.5

Pam

Gordon, Alexia - MURDER IN G MAJOR -- Gethsemane Brown, classical musician in Irish seaside village 4.0

Franze, Anthony - THE ADVOCATE'S DAUGHTER -- Supreme Court lawyer 5.0

Margolin, Phillip - WOMAN WITH A GUN - novelist Stacey Kim is inspired by a photograph- 5.0+

Easley, Warren C. - MATTERS OF DOUBT -- Cal Claxon, lawyer in Dundee Oregon - 5.0



Casey, Donis - THE OLD BUZZARD HAD IT COMING - Alafair Tucker in 1900's Oklahoma- 4.0

Karen

Nohr, Katherine - LAND SHARKS - lawyer in Hawaii - 4.0 (set in Hawaii)

McIntosh, D K. - RUSH TO JUSTICE - lawyer in Seattle - 2.5

Franze, Anthony - THE OUTSIDER - Washington D.C. lawyer - 5.0+ My best of the month - Supreme Court setting

Margolin, Philip and daughter - VANISHING ACTS - child with lawyer father in OR- 3.0

Easley, Warren - BLOOD FOR WINE Oregon lawyer- 5.0 set in the wine country 10 miles from my home town

Easley, Warren - NOT DEAD ENOUGH - 4.5 central and eastern Oregon

Dunbar, Tony -TRICK QUESTION - lazy lawyer in New Orleans 3.0

Margolin, Philip - WORTHY BROWN'S DAUGHTER - Portland in 1850 3.0

Margolin, Philip - WILD JUSTICE Amanda Jaffe, lawyer in Portland, Oregon - 3.5

Carbo, Christine - THE WEIGHT OF NIGHT-wild fires in Glacier National Park - 4.25

Greenlaw, Linda - FISHERMAN'S BEND Insurance investigator in Maine - 3.0

Noonan, R.J. - WHERE THE LOST GIRLS GO - 3.5 Another book set in Oregon.—near Lake Oswego, OR.

D. P. LYLE (CONT.)

flicted ex-Amish cop. When Kate left the fold, she was shunned by many members of the order, yet in each story she must return to that community to solve one sordid crime after another. Her past not only allows her to understand the community but also causes personal and political conflicts she must navigate. This is what great storytelling is all about.

And what about the death rates in Kinsey Millhone's Santa Teresa, California, and Jessica Fletcher's Cabot Cove? This would give anyone pause before moving to either. But these towns and their skeletons play major roles in Sue Grafton's alphabet novels and the hit "Murder, She Wrote" TV series. These stories simply wouldn't be the same if they played out in a larger, more impersonal locale.

Small towns and small town cops make the best stories. The geography, the closed communities, and the many secrets these places strive to protect, complicate the stories in a way a large urban area never could.

SIGNING REMINDERS

Saturday July 29

C. J. Box will be signing PARADISE VALLEY at THE BOOK CARNIVAL at 2:00 p.m. I checked this morning there doesn't seem to be an alternate sign and it is hard to believe that Anne hasn't arranged one. If a last minute change is made I will send an email.

Sunday July 30

Glen Erik Hamilton will be signing EVERY DAY ABOVE GROUND—the third in his Van Shaw series. The first two are available in our library and I will request that the third one be purchased. One is located in the fiction section and the other in the mystery section (I hope to remedy that)

In September Craig Johnson and William Kent Krueger will be signing. Craig Johnson's signing will be a launch party for his THE WESTERN STAR. On Tuesday Sept. 5. On details later. Kent Krueger will be there on Saturday the 16th.

THIS AND THAT

HUNTING GROUND by Margaret Mizushima is due out on August 8th. I've ordered a Kindle copy, for those of you who like this K-9 series you might check /and or request the library to buy it.

A nomination list for awards at Bouchercon (which is being held in New Orleans this year) and the winners at Thrillerfest

Barry Awards Nominations

Best Novel

Where It Hurts by Reed Farrel Coleman
The Wrong Side of Goodbye by Michael Connelly
The Second Life of Nick Mason by Steve Hamilton
Wilde Lake by Laura Lippman
A Great Reckoning by Louise Penny
The Second Girl by David Swinson

Best First Novel

Dodgers by Bill Beverly
I'm Traveling Alone by Samuel Bjork
IQ by Joe Ide
The Drifter by Nicholas Petrie
I'm Thinking of Ending Things by Ian Reid
Missing, Presumed by Susie Steiner

Thriller Award Winners Announced

The 2017 Thriller Awards were announced July 15 during the International Thriller Writers ThrillerFest XII at the Grand Hyatt in New York City. Congratulations to all the winners!

BEST HARDCOVER NOVEL

Before the Fall, by Noah Hawley

BEST PAPERBACK ORIGINAL NOVEL

The Body Reader, by Anne Frasier

BEST FIRST NOVEL

The Drifter, by Nicholas Petrie

BEST EBOOK ORIGINAL NOVEL

Romeo's Way, by James Scott Bell

BEST YOUNG ADULT NOVEL

Steeplejack, by A.J. Hartley

DUE IN AUGUST

Backlund, J. R. - **AMONG THE DEAD** - Ex-SBI agent Rachel Carver must hunt a group of killers on her own before time runs out in this gripping debut. (Rachel Carver)

Bowen, Rhys - **ON HER MAJESTY'S FRIGHTFULLY SECRET SERVICE** (Royal Spyness #11 - In her 11th adventure, Lady Georgiana heads to Italy on a mission for the Queen and one of her own. Her best friend is there awaiting the birth of her illegitimate child and Georgiana would dearly love to be with her. The Queen wants her to do everything she can to ensure a secret wedding doesn't take place between the Prince of Wales and the dreadful Mrs. Simpson. To heighten the work, she's got to juggle all of this while attending a house party hosted by woman she knew at school, a woman with whom she shares a mutual loathing.)

Camilleri, Andrea, and Stephen Sartarelli - **A NEST OF VIPERS** (In his 21st book, Insp. Montalbano investigates the shooting of a wealthy man at the seashore. Questioning his children elicits a history of corruption and gives him a list of suspects. The revelation of scandalous photos provides the Inspector with many, many more.)

Clare, Alys - **THE DEVIL'S CUP** (Hawkenlye #17 medieval mystery)

Clark, Marcia - **SNAP JUDGEMENT** (Samantha Brinkman - #3) - When the daughter of prominent civil litigator Graham Hutchins is found with her throat slashed, the woman's spurned ex-boyfriend seems the likely suspect. But only days later, the young man dies in what appears to be a suicide

Cleave, Paul - **A KILLER HARVEST** The death of his father is traumatic enough but it does allow Joshua to receive corneal transplants that will allow him to see again. But the trauma is doubled when he begins to see what his father had seen.

Cook, Robin - **CHARLATANS** - The new Chief Resident of a famed Boston hospital is suspicious of a series of deaths due to anesthesia during operations

Cooperman, E. J. - **DOG DISH OF DOOM** [Agent to the Paws #1] - Debut in a new comic series with Kay Powell, talent agent for animal actors. Her new find, Bruno, is in a movie but the director has a hard time with the dog's owner. Things get weird when the director is found face down in a water bowl with a knife in his back.

Cotterill, Colin - **THE RAT CATCHER'S OLYMPICS** (Dr. Siri Paiboun. Dr Siri in his 12th book. Accompanying the Laotian Olympic team to Moscow, Siri begins to think something odd is going on. His fears are confirmed when one of the athletes is accused of murder and an international stink erupts.)

Deutermann, P.T. - **RED SWAN** [NS] - Written with the authority of twenty-six years of military and government service at sea and in Washington, *Red Swan* is a brilliant, provocative thriller about the contemporary war that no one sees, but which will shape the future of America and China.

Ellory, R. J. - **A DARK AND BROKEN HEART** - NYPD Det. Madigan is a good cop who is up to his eyebrows in debt to an East Harlem drug lord. To clear his debt, he engineers a heist of the dealer's money, planning to pay off his debt with the guy's own money. Nice plan - it all goes to hell.

Ford, G. M. - **FAMILY VALUES** (Leo Waterman) - Returning to Seattle after a business trip, retired PI Leo Waterman is shocked to find his girlfriend, Rebecca Duvall, unconscious on the bathroom floor, her house filled with gas. Officials believe it was a suicide attempt in the wake of a humiliating scandal.

Garrett, Kellye - **HOLLYWOOD HOMICIDE** (Detective by Day) - Dayna Anderson doesn't set out to solve a murder. All the semi-famous, mega-broke black actress wants is to help her parents keep their house. After witnessing a deadly hit-and-run, she figures pursuing the fifteen-grand reward isn't the craziest thing a Hollywood actress has done for some cash.

Gerritsen, Tess - **I KNOW A SECRET** [Jane Rizzoli & Maura Isles #12] - 12th and, we're warned, possibly the last with Rizzoli and Isles. The pair investigates when a woman is found dead on her bed, peaceful as if asleep. No sign of how she died but her eyes were removed and placed in her palm, like the scene out of one of the horror movies she produced.

Goldman, Matt - **GONE TO DUST** - Sharp wit, complex characters, and masterful plotting makes Goldman a writer to watch. Irreverent and insightful, private detective Nils Shapiro is sure to become a fan favorite

Grafton, Sue - **Y IS FOR YESTERDAY** [Kinsey Millhone #25 - 12th and, we're warned, possibly the last with Rizzoli and Isles. The pair investigates when a woman is found dead on her bed, peaceful as if asleep. No sign of how she died but her eyes were removed and placed in her palm, like the scene out of one of the horror movies she produced

Hall, Rachel Howzell - **CITY OF SAVIORS** (Det. Elouise Norton -#4 - Los Angeles Homicide Detective Elouise Norton encounters her toughest case yet in *City of Saviors*, the fourth installment in the critically acclaimed mystery series)

Hannah, Sophie - **KEEP HER SAFE** - Pushed to the breaking point, Cara Burrows flees her home and family and escapes to a five-star spa resort she can't afford. Late at night, exhausted and desperate, she lets herself into her hotel room and is shocked to find it already occupied - by a man and a teenage girl. A simple mistake at the front desk... but soon Cara realizes that the girl she saw alive and well in the hotel room is someone she can't possibly have seen: the most famous murder victim in the country, Melody Chapa, whose parents are serving natural life sentences for her murder.

Hanson, Hart - **THE DRIVER** - Michael Skellig is a limo driver waiting for his client in the alley behind an upscale hotel. He's spent the past twenty-eight hours ferrying around Bismarck Avila, a celebrity skateboard mogul who isn't going home any time soon.

Hunter, Lindsay - **EAT ONLY WHEN YOU'RE HUNGRY**, - Achingly funny and full of feeling, *Eat Only When You're Hungry* follows fifty-eight-year-old Greg as he searches for his son, GJ, an addict who has been missing for three weeks. Greg is bored, demoralized, obese, and as dubious of GJ's desire to be found as he is of his own motivation to go looking.

Johns, Roger - **DARK RIVER RISING** - Craig Johnson approves

Keller, Julia - **FAST FALLS THE NIGHT** [Bell Elkins #6] - The first drug overdose comes just after midnight, when a young woman dies on the dirty floor of a gas station bathroom. To the people of the small town of Acker's Gap, West Virginia.

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Kellerman, Faye - KILLING SEASON [NS] - young man's investigation into his sister's death draws him into the path of a sadistic serial killer]

Krueger, William Kent - SULFUR SPRINGS [Cork O'Connor #16]

Law, J. S. - DEFIANCE. (Lt. Danielle Lewis, while admired for her investigative skills, is not known for one to strictly obey orders when it comes to an investigation. She insists on seeking justice even when ordered to stand down. Her latest case will test that, as she's been tasked with finding a female sailor who disappeared from a nuclear submarine.)

Mizushima, Margaret - HUNTING HOUR [Timber Creek K-9 #3]

- Deputy Mattie Cobb and her K-9 partner Robo search for a missing teen soon after another was found dead on the hill behind the high school. The girl is someone she knows. -

Mrazek, Robert J. - DEAD MAN'S BRIDGE (Jake Cantrell) - Unfairly disgraced former army officer Jake Cantrell has only one friend left: Bug, a wolf-dog he saved while serving in Afghanistan. Together, they try to put his bitter past behind him and Jake settles for employment at the bottom rung of the campus security ladder of a small upstate New York college

Muller, Marcia - THE COLOR OF FEAR [Sharon McCone #34] - 33rd with PI Sharon McCone. Her father, a nationally celebrated Shoshone artist, is attacked by a mob while visiting her for the holidays. The police are trying but making little progress finding the men who put Elwood into a coma. McCone gets to work finding the thugs.

Norton, Graham - HOLDING - Charming debut novel set in an idyllic Irish village where a bumbling investigator has to sort through decades of gossip and secrets to solve a mysterious crime.

Overholt, Cuyler - A PROMISE OF RUIN (Dr. Genevieve Summerholt) - What evil lurks around the steamship piers and in the hidden dens of New York City?

Parker, T. Jefferson - THE ROOM OF WHITE FIRE [Roland Ford #1] - PI Roland Ford is both an ex-cop and a vet. He has his own ghosts from service in the Middle East. But he has a stellar reputation for tracking and finding anyone. Clay Hickman is an Air Force vet who has fled a mental institution. Ford takes the job, hoping he can do some good finding and helping Hickman. But as soon as he is working he realizes that there's a veil of secrecy that hangs over Hickman, his service, and his escape, a veil that promises trouble.

Penny, Louise - GLASS HOUSES Armand Gamache #13] -

Pryor, Mark - THE SORBONNE AFFAIR (7th with Paris Embassy security man Hugo Marsten. When an American novelist finds a spy camera in her hotel room, she calls the embassy. Marsten is dispatched to find out what is going on. Quickly, a hardcore film of the novelist and one of her students hits the internet...and then the bodies begin to hit the floor. - Aug 22)

Putnam, Jonathan F. - PERISH FROM THE EARTH Lane

(Abraham Lincoln and Speed)

Quartey, Kwei - DEATH BY HIS GRACE (5th with Ghanaian Chief Inspector Darko Dawson. One of his wife's cousins was murdered the night before her divorce was final. As Darko looks into the killing, he finds there were three people who had a motive to kill the woman. Aug 29)

Raskin, Erika - BEST INTENTIONS -Medical mystery

Richtel, Matt - DEAD ON ARRIVAL - An airplane touches down at a desolate airport in a remote Colorado ski town. Shortly after landing, Dr. Lyle Martin, a world-class infectious disease specialist, is brusquely awakened to shocking news: Everyone not on the plane appears to be dead.

Rickstad, Eric - THE NAMES OF DEAD GIRLS - detectives Frank Rath and Sonja Test in Vermont

Robinson, Peter - SLEEPING IN THE GROUND There's been a massacre outside a church in a picturesque Yorkshire village. It's Banks' duty to solve the horrific crime. 24th in the series.

Scottoline, Lisa - Exposed [Rosato & DiNunzio] - . Mary DiNunzio wants to represent her old friend Simon Pensiera, a sales rep who was wrongly fired by his company, but her partner Bennie Rosato represents the parent company. When she confronts Mary, explaining this is a conflict of interest, an epic battle of wills and legal strategy between the two ensues—ripping the law firm apart, forcing everyone to take sides and turning friend against friend. .

Sharp, Zoe - FOX HUNTER [Charlie Fox #12] - In the latest novel in this energetic series, ex-special forces soldier Charlie Fox finds herself on a mission to the Iraqi countryside to track down a missing comrade-in-arms.

Slaughter, Karin - THE GOOD DAUGHTER [NS] - Packed with twists and turns, brimming with emotion and heart, The Good Daughter is fiction at its most thrilling.

Sternbergh, Adam - THE BLINDS - Out in West Texas is a strange town filled with oddball folks. What they don't remember is that they're all criminals who've had their memories erased before being deposited in The Blinds. It's Sheriff Cooper's job to keep a lid on things and that's been relatively simple for a long time. But the lid's starting to slip. The publisher is promising that this Edgar-nominated writer's new book will be a cross between Jim Thompson and the Coen Brothers

Storey, Erik - A PROMISE TO KILL [Clyde Barr #2] - Clyde Barr, the drifter with lethal skills, is alone again, wandering the highways of the American West in search of something to believe in.

Thurlo, David - KILL THE HEROES Charlie Henry #4 - pawnshop owner in Albuquerque. I

Tracy, P. J., and Traci Lambrecht - NOTHING STAYS BURIED. The Monkeewrench computer brains have tired of their work with the police and hope to focus on their work and, perhaps, helping with the odd missing persons case. But the recognition that a serial killer has begun a rampage brings them back into a grisly partnership with the Minneapolis cops. 8th in this series.

TV SERIES 'LOCH NESS' AND REAL MONSTERS

OLINE H. COGDILL



The Loch Ness Monster is one of those monster tales that has always fascinated me.

Does it, or did Nessie ever exist? Could it have been a dinosaur that somehow survived? A real monster lurking under the water? Or a figment of many imaginations? A legend that somehow became more real than reality?

The myth provides some of the backstory for the atmospheric new six-part crime drama *Loch Ness* that will stream on Acorn TV through July 24. It began June 19 so now you can start bingeing, because you will not be satisfied with watching just episode at a time. (A screener of the first four episodes was provided for review.)

Scotland's famous loch is a stunning place to visit, so naturally it makes an evocative setting for the imaginative *Loch Ness*, written by Stephen Brady (*Fortitude*, *Vera*). The small town of Lochnafoy relies on its monster, Nessie, for its tourist trade. Without the legend of Nessie, most people would not have heard of the town. And local residents aren't above "creating" their own monsters, cobbling animal skeletons to resemble a Nessie, and posting the photos. It brings in the press, and visitors. It's good for business.

But murder isn't good for business.

D.S. Annie Redford (Laura Fraser) is called in to solve her first murder case—or maybe cases. The body of local resident Niall Swift, a piano teacher, is found at

the foot of Carn Mohr Mountain and, in an unrelated situation, an isolated human heart turns up on the loch shore. The deaths rock the small town's residents who wonder if the killer is one of them.

Suspicion falling on local residents is a common theme in crime fiction, but *Loch Ness* rises above the clichéd for a gripping tale of a community and a woman juggling her career and her family life, especially her stubborn teenage daughter, Evie.

Loch Ness also becomes a female buddy series as Annie Redford teams up with DCI Lauren Quigley (Siobhan Finneran, who played Clare on *Happy Valley* and scheming maid Sarah O'Brien on *Downton Abbey*).

The series also features Don Gilet as forensic profiler, Blake Albrighton, who assists on the case. He has an unusual way of working but is known for getting results.

Laura Fraser—so terrific as the coolly lethal Lydia on *Breaking Bad*—is equally effective as an insightful detective trying to prove her skills to her colleagues, and herself. The scenes with Fraser and Finneran provide some



of the most tense and intelligent.

The shots of the untamed nature near Lochnafoy are gorgeous and will make you want to book a trip to Scotland tomorrow—or after you've seen all six episodes.

AUGUST READING SUGGESTIONS

Books that are available at the Yorba Linda Library
are in color

RHYS BOWEN

Evan Evans, a village constable in Llanfair, Wales:

1. Evans Above (1997)
2. Evan Help Us (1998)
3. Evanly Choirs (1999)
4. Evan and Elle (2000)
5. Evan Can Wait (2001)
6. Evans to Betsy (2002)
7. Evan Only Knows (2003)
8. Evan's Gate (2004)
9. Evan Blessed (2005)
10. Evanly Bodies (2006)

LINDA CASTILLO

Kate Burkholder, chief of police in the Amish town of Painters Mill, Ohio:

1. Sworn to Silence (2009)
2. Pray for Silence (2010)
3. Breaking Silence (2011)
4. Gone Missing (2012)
- 4.5. Long Lost (2013)
5. Her Last Breath (2013)
6. The Dead Will Tell (2014)
- 6.5. A Hidden Secret (2015)
7. After the Storm (2015)
- 7.5. Seeds of Deception (2016)
8. Among the Wicked (2016)
9. Down a Dark Road (2017)

BILL CRIDER

Dan Rhodes, a laid-back sheriff with a motley crew of deputies, in Blacklin County, Texas:

1. Too Late to Die (1986)
2. Shotgun Saturday Night (1987)
3. Cursed to Death (1988)
4. Death on the Move (1989)
5. Evil at the Root (1990)
6. Booked for a Hanging (1992)
7. Murder Most Fowl (1994)
8. Winning Can Be Murder (1996)
9. Death By Accident (1998)
10. A Ghost of a Chance (2000)
11. A Romantic Way to Die (2001)

12. Red, White, and Blue Murder (2003)
13. A Mammoth Murder (2006)
14. Murder Among the O.W.L.S. (2007)
15. Of All Sad Words (2008)
16. Murder in Four Parts (2009)
17. Murder in the Air (2010)
18. The Wild Hog Murders (2011)
19. Murder of a Beauty Shop Queen (2012)
20. Compound Murder (2013)
21. Half in Love with Artful Death (2014)
22. Between the Living and the Dead (2015)
23. Survivors Will Be Shot Again (2016)
24. Dead, to Begin With (2017)

J.A. JANCE (only as e-book)s

Joanna Brady, a deputy sheriff's widow, now elected sheriff in Cochise County, Ariz

1. Desert Heat (1993)
2. Tombstone Courage (1994)
3. Shoot, Don't Shoot (1995)
4. Dead to Rights (1996)
5. Skeleton Canyon (1997)
6. Rattlesnake Crossing (1998)
7. Outlaw Mountain (1999)
8. Devil's Claw (2000)
9. Paradise Lost (2001)
10. Partner In Crime (2002)
11. Exit Wounds (2003)
12. Dead Wrong (2006)
13. Damage Control (2008)
14. Fire and Ice (2009)
15. Judgment Call (2012)
16. Remains of Innocence (2014)
- 16.5. The Old Blue Line (2014)
17. Downfall (2016)

CRAIG JOHNSON

Walt Longmire, veteran sheriff in Absaroka County, Wyoming:

1. The Cold Dish (2004)
2. Death Without Company (2006)
3. Kindness Goes Unpunished (2007)
4. Another Man's Moccasins (2008)
5. The Dark Horse (2009)
6. Junkyard Dogs (2010)
7. Hell Is Empty (2011)

AUGUST READING SUGGESTIONS CONT.

- 7.5. Divorce Horse (2012)
- 8. As the Crow Flies (2012)
- 8.5. Christmas in Absaroka County (2012)
- 8.6. Messenger (2013)
- 9. A Serpent's Tooth (2013)
- 10. The Spirit of Steamboat (2013)
- 11. Any Other Name (2014)
- 12. Dry Bones (2015)
- 13. An Obvious Fact (2016)
- 14. The Western Star (2017)

MARGARET MIZUSHIMA

Mattie Cobb, a police officer, her K-9 police dog Robo, and veterinarian Cole Walker, in the small mountain town of Timber Creek, Colorado

- 1. Killing Trail (2015)
- 2. Stalking Ground (2016)
- 3. Hunting Hour (2017)

ROBERT B. PARKER

Jesse Stone, a police chief in Paradise, Massachusetts:

- 1. Night Passage (1997)
- 2. Trouble in Paradise (1998)
- 3. Death in Paradise (2001)
- 4. Stone Cold (2003)
- 5. Sea Change (2006)
- 6. High Profile (2007)
- 7. Stranger in Paradise (2008)
- 8. Night and Day (2009)
- 9. Split Image (2010)
- 10. Killing the Blues (2011)
- 11. Fool Me Twice (2012)
- 12. Damned if You Do (2013)
- 13. Blind Spot (2014) - Coleman
- 14. The Devil Wins (2015) - Coleman
- 15. Debt to Pay (2016) - Coleman
- 16. The Hangman's Sonnet (2017)

LOUISE PENNY

Armand Gamache, Chief Inspector of the Sûreté du Québec, in the village of Three Pines, in southern Quebec, Canada

- 1. Still Life (2005)
- 2. Dead Cold (2006)
aka *A Fatal Grace*
- 3. The Cruellest Month (2007)
aka *The Cruellest Month*

- 4. The Murder Stone (2008)
aka *A Rule Against Murder*
- 5. The Brutal Telling (2009)
- 6. Bury Your Dead (2010)
- 6.5. The Hangman (2010) e-book available
- 7. A Trick of the Light (2011)
- 8. The Beautiful Mystery (2012)
- 9. How the Light Gets In (2013)
- 10. The Long Way Home (2014)
- 11. The Nature of the Beast (2015)
- 12. A Great Reckoning (2016)
- 13. Glass Houses (2017)

TERRY SHAMES

Samuel Craddock, the former chief of police in the fictional town of Jarrett Creek, in central Texas:

- An Unsettling Crime for Samuel Craddock (2017)
- 1. A Killing At Cotton Hill (2013)
 - 2. The Last Death of Jack Harbin (2014)
 - 3. Dead Broke in Jarrett Creek (2014)
 - 4. A Deadly Affair at Bobtail Ridge (2015)
 - 5. The Necessary Murder of Nonie Blake (2016)
 - 6. A Reckoning in the Back Country (2018)

MARTIN WALKER

Benoît "Bruno" Courrèges, Chief of Police, in St. Denis in the Périgord region of south-western France:

- 1. Bruno, Chief of Police (2008)
aka *Death in the Dordogne*
- 2. The Dark Vineyard (2009)
- 3. Black Diamond (2010)
- 4. The Crowded Grave (2011)
- 5. The Devil's Cave (2012)
- 5.5. Bruno and the Carol Singers (2012)
aka *Bruno and le Pere Noel*
- 6. The Resistance Man (2013)
- 7. Children of War (2014)
aka *The Children Return*
- 7.5. A Market Tale (2014)
- 8. The Dying Season (2015)
aka *The Patriarch*
- 9. Fatal Pursuit (2016)
- 10. Templars' Last Secret (2017)