

WHO DONE IT?

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WHAT MYSTERY CHARACTERS WOULD YOU LIKE TO INVITE TO THANKSGIVING?

Here a couple of suggestions to give you ideas.

Poke and Rose and Miaow, but dinner would be at the Bistro in Three Pines.

Wolfe and Archie, but Wolfe would have to lend me Fritz to make the dinner.

What's Next

November 27
Award Winners
(written in 2016)

December 19
Wishing for Cold
Read about it

January 22
Birthday Luncheon
Best Read of the Year

Vital Details

Meeting Time
2 PM except for special events,

Meeting Day
4th Mon. except on holidays

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Community Room of
Public Library

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Backgammon
Equality
Somewhere over the Rainbow

Time on your hands
Wake up in a good mood

Turn over a new leaf
Paraguay

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READERS' REVIEWS

Chitra

Wagner, David P.: COLD TUSCAN STONE [2013] 3.0
Beppo Rinaldi thinks Rick Montoya would be the perfect guy to help him find out who is stealing Etruscan burial urns from the graves around Volterra and smuggling them to discreet private collectors around the world.

Wagner, David P.: DEATH IN THE DOLOMITES [2014] 3.0

Alexander, Tasha.: DEATH IN THE FLOATING CITY [2012] 3.5
Emily's childhood nemesis, Emma Callum, scandalized polite society when she eloped to Venice with an Italian count. Emma's father-in-law is murdered, and her husband has vanished. There is no one she can turn to for help but Emily, who leaves at once for Venice with her husband, Colin Hargreaves. Emily soon realizes that to solve the present-day crime, she must first unravel a centuries-old puzzle. A ring clutched in the dead man's hand, is made of gold with a ruby set high in the center, with the inscription "Amor Vincit Omnia" — love conquers all — and the engraved initials N.V.-B.B. 19th c Venice comes alive and we are taken back to age-old family rivalries.

Lagercrantz, David.: THE GIRL WHO TAKES AN EYE FOR AN EYE [2017] -3.75

It is the second novel in the Stieg Larsson-created series - Lisbeth searches for answers to her own traumatic past with the help of Mikael Blomkvist, while also, true to her character, making enemies of an anti-Muslim gang, the Russian mafia, and a group of people involved in a "pseudoscientific experiment" called The Registry]

Pryor, Mark.: THE SORBONNE AFFAIR [2017] -3.0
American author Helen Hancock thinks someone is spying on her. While in Paris to conduct research, and teach a small class of writers, she discovers a spy camera hidden in her room at the Sorbonne Hotel. She notifies the US Embassy, and former FBI profiler Hugo Marston is dispatched to investigate. A hotel employee who appears to be responsible for bugging Hancock's suite is found dead. The next day, a salacious video clip explodes across the Internet, showing the author in the embrace of one of her writing students--both are naked. Seems that almost everyone at the Sorbonne Hotel has something to hide, and no one is being fully honest with Hugo. He teams up with Lieutenant Camille Lerens to solve the case, but he himself has a close call on the streets of Paris – could he be the killer's next target?

Drosten, Julia.: THE LIONESS OF MOROCCO [2017] 4.0
Independent-minded Sibylla Spencer feels trapped in

nineteenth-century London, where her strong will and progressive views have rendered her unmarriageable. Still single at twenty-three, she is treated like a child and feels stifled in her controlling father's house. She marries Benjamin Hawkins and his career whisks them both away to exotic Morocco; Sibylla is at last a citizen of the world, reveling in her newfound freedom by striking her first business deals, befriending locals...and falling in love for the first time with a charismatic and handsome Frenchman. Descriptions of Morocco brought back our trip and loved the idea of an emancipated young lass as far back as the 19th century

Davis, Fiona.: THE ADDRESS [2017] -4.0

It is a compelling novel about the thin lines between love and loss, success and ruin, passion and madness, all hidden behind the walls of The Dakota, New York City's most famous residence. Sara Smythe arrives from England and has a chance encounter with Theodore Camden. Bailey Camden, fresh out of drug rehab, accepts a job from her party-girl cousin to remodel the shabby apartment that she inherited in the old Dakota building. As Bailey researches the building, she discovers Sara's tragic history, her romance with the architect who designed the Dakota, Theo Camden, and her eventual conviction for his murder. Two historical eras in this historical novel - jumps between Gilded Age and Reagan-era New York City. DNA techniques are used to determine the rightful owners of the apartment that is being renovated by Bailey. The book, is rife with historical description and architectural detail, and appealed to a history buff like me.

Grafton, Sue.: Y IS FOR YESTERDAY [2017] -2.0

Connelly, Michael.: THE LATE SHOW [2017] - 4.0

Lauraa

De Giovanni, Maurizin: THE CROCODILE _3.75:
THIS WAS AN INTERESTING BOOK. Well written. Simple but suspenseful. It goes back and forth between the different investigators, the victim(s) and the perpetrator(s) (though you don't know who that person(s) is until the end). Very well developed characters. At first I didn't like the ending but then after much thought I understood why it worked. I won't say more as it would give it away if you do read it.

De Giovanni, Maurizin: THE BASTARDS OF PIZZOFALCONE 3.75
Again, the same type of writing as The

Crocodile. The characters were even more developed. His books are both about the solving of the mystery and the characters. Suspenseful. Great, unexpected ending.

Horn, Dara:-ALL OTHER NIGHTS -3.75

I was so disappointed with this book. As you know she is one of my favorite authors and this is the last of her books that I have read. It was very slow and not as beautifully written as all of her others. Though I did learn a little about the Civil War of which I am sorely ignorant of. The setting and some of the characters were historical. It was especially interesting about the Jews living in the North and South.

Penny, Louise:-GLASS HOUSES- (4.5

Yvonne

Larson, Erik - THE DEVIL IN WHITE CITY - NF - 5.0

Leon, Donna - THE JEWELS OF PARADISE - 4.5

Wagner, David - DEATH IN THE DOLOMITES 3.5

Rick Montoya is looking forward to a break from his translation business in Rome—a week of skiing in the Italian Alps with old college buddy Flavio. But Rick's success helping the Italian police with a murder in Tuscany sends the Campiglio cops his way.

Cocco, Giovanni and Amneris Magella - SHADOWS ON THE LAKE-4.5 During the construction of a new road to the Swiss border in the mountains above Lake Como, the remains of a young man are unearthed on the powerful Cappelletti family's property. On the case is Stefania Valenti, forty-five, divorced with a young daughter, and a brilliant, determined police inspector.

Nancy

Cocco, Giovanni and Amneris Magella - SHADOWS ON THE LAKE-3.75

Kent, Cristobel - A MURDER IN TUSCANY - 3.25

PI Sandra Cellini is called to an American Italian artistic retreat in a castle outside of Florence to look into the death of the charming ruthless director. The local police say it was a car accident but everyone staying at the retreat had a good reason to wish him dead.

Johnson, Craig - THE WESTERN STAR - 3.5

Connelly, Michael - THE LATE SHOW - 4.75

Franze, Anthony - THE OUTSIDER -4.75

Krueger, Wm Kent - SULFER SPRINGS - 4.2

Cleeves, Ann - THE SEAGUL - 5.0

Scottoline, Lisa - EXPOSED - 3.75

Penny, Louise - GLASS HOUSES - 5.0

Pam

Leon, Donna - THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY - rather slow going - 4.9

Krueger Wm Kent - WINDIGO ISLAND - 5.0

MANITOU CANYOON - 5.0

SULPHER SPRINGS - 5.0

Karen

Burke, James Lee - THE JEALOUS KIND - 2016 -

Houston - CD 4.7

Quartey, Kwei - DEATH BY HIS GRACE - #5 - 2017 - 4.2 - Kindle - Ghana.

Johnson, Craig - THE WESTERN STAR - 2017 - #13 - Wyoming - 3.26

Silvis, Randall - TWO DAYS GONE - 2017 - Pennsylvania - 4.0 The violent death of the family of a famous author who becomes the prime suspect. State trooper DeMarco has met Huston and questions his guilt but follows him. Huston's sections reveal his mind as an author. Lots of literary references. Marco treats his boss like a very dumb little brother - a bit of weird.

Dionne, Karen - THE MARSH KING'S DAUGHTER - 2017- U.P. Michigan - 4.5

Daughter of a man who abducted a 14 year old girl and kept her 14+ years until the daughter escapes. Told by daughter in flashbacks when her father escapes from prison. Intertwined with Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale. Violent in part - growing up with a survivalist in the woods.

Parker, T. Jefferson - THE ROOM OF WHITE FIRE - #1 - 2017 - San Diego - 3.0.

Bolton, Sharon - DEAD WOMAN WALKING - 2017 - Scotland - 3.75 Woman who is the only survivor a hot air balloon disaster can identify a killer who had seen her. Too much time spent in Patrick's point of view (the killer)

Pryor, Mark - THE SORBONNE AFFAIR - 20187 - Paris - #7 - 4.25

Dugoni, Robert - CLOSE TO HOME - 2017 -#7 - Seattle - 3.0 Tracy Crosswhite 's case involves a hit and run that results in the death of a 14 year old boy. The accused is defended by a JAG lawyer. An overdose death due to a bad form of heroin is also in question.

THINGS EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ?

The word "queue" is the only word in the English language that is still pronounced the same way when the last four letters are removed.

Beetles taste like apples, wasps like pine nuts, and worms like fried bacon.

Of all the words in the English language, the word 'set' has the most definitions!

What is called a "French kiss" in the English speaking world is known as an "English kiss" in France.

"Almost" is the longest word in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order.

"Rhythm" is the longest English word without a vowel.

A cockroach can live several weeks with its head cut off!

Human thigh bones are stronger than concrete.

You can't kill yourself by holding your breath

There is a city called Rome on every continent.

Your heart beats over 100,000 times a day!

Horatio Nelson, one of England's most illustrious admirals was throughout his life, never able to find a cure for his sea-sickness.

The elephant is the only mammal that can't jump!

One quarter of the bones in your body, are in your feet!

Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different!

The first known transfusion of blood was performed as early as 1667, when Jean-Baptiste, transfused two pints of blood from a sheep to a young man

Fingernails grow nearly 4 times faster than toenails!

Most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin!

The present population of 5 billion plus people of the world is predicted to become 15 billion by 2080.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Adolf Hitler was a vegetarian, and had only ONE testicle.

Honey is the only food that does not spoil. Honey found in the tombs of Egyptian pharaohs has been tasted by archaeologists and found edible.

Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th."

Coca-Cola would be green if colouring weren't added to it.

On average a hedgehog's heart beats 300 times a minute.

More people are killed each year from bees than from snakes.

The average lead pencil will draw a line 35 miles long or write approximately 50,000 English words.

More people are allergic to cow's milk than any other food.

Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand.

The placement of a donkey's eyes in its' heads enables it to see all four feet at all times!

The six official languages of the United Nations are: English, French, Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish.

Earth is the only planet not named after a god.

It's against the law to burp, or sneeze in a church in Nebraska, USA.

You're born with 300 bones, but by the time you become an adult, you only have 206.

Some worms will eat themselves if they can't find any food!

Dolphins sleep with one eye open!

It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open

The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds

Slugs have 4 noses.

Owls are the only birds who can see the colour blue.

A man named Charles Osborne had the hiccups for 69 years!

A giraffe can clean its ears with its 21-inch tongue!

The average person laughs 10 times a day!

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain

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COMING IN NOVEMBER

BROWN ITEMS ARE DUE TO BE AT THE LIBRARY

Adams, Ellory. *The Secret, Book & Scone Society*. In the first of a new series, a former librarian scarred emotionally and physically by a tragedy in her past moves to a North Carolina resort town to open a bookstore, where she helps her customers solve their problems by giving them the perfect book to read, but when one of her customers is found dead, she vows to find out the truth.

Airth, Rennie. *The Death of Kings* Inspector Madden is called out of retirement in 1949 when new evidence is found in the 1938 murder of an actress, killed on the estate of a close friend of the king, a case that ended in the execution of a man who may well have been innocent.

Albanese, Laurie Lico. *Stolen Beauty*. A novel about the Austrian painter Gustav Klimt and the beautiful Jewish woman who inspired him, Adele Bloch-Bauer, in fin-de-siècle Vienna as well as the story of her niece who managed to survive during WWII under the Nazis. An inspiring story beautifully told.

Axelrod, Steven. *Nantucket Red Tickets*. Twenty years after he buried his dead business partner, a businessman has become mean and heartless, but when the body is unearthed, and Nantucket police chief Henry Kennis investigates the crime, the truth of the death leads to a sentimental, heart-warming ending

Baldacci, David. *End Game*. Agents Will Robie and Jessica Reel

Banks, Leo W. *Double Wide*. A debut novel by a Tucson writer featuring a former professional baseball pitcher who receives a box containing the severed hand of a close friend, a former catcher, and in his search for his friend he uncovers a body—with both hands—and loses his neighbor, who disappears

Bowen, Rhys. *The Ghost of Christmas Past*. Molly Murphy Sullivan and her husband are spending Christmas with a wealthy family at their mansion on the Hudson when a young woman arrives at the door, announcing that she is the daughter who had disappeared in the snow 10 years before.

Child, Lee. *Midnight Line*.

Clark, Mary Higgins and Alafair Burke. *Every Breath You Take*. Television journalist Laurie Moran decides

to investigate the death of a wealthy donor to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, who was thrown to her death during *the Met Gala*

Crosby, Ellen. *The Vineyard Victims*. When vintner Lucy Montgomery investigates the death of a former presidential candidate with everything to live for, she discovers a murder in his past and someone who doesn't want her investigating old cases or new ones.

Daniels, Casey. *Smoke and Mirrors*. In the first of a new series, the sister of P.T. Barnum must clear the name of the Lizard Man of Borneo when a family friend is found murdered near the mermaid exhibit in Barnum's American Museum.

Dolan, Harry. *The Man in the Crooked Hat*. In the first of a new series, a PI searching for the man who murdered his wife finds a cryptic clue that sets him on a collision course with a man who has a dark secret.

Duncan, Elizabeth J. *Much Ado about Murder*. When the replacement director for the production of *Much Ado About Nothing* is found shot to death, costume director for the Catskills Shakespeare Theater Company Charlotte decides to investigate in the third theatrical cozy.

Dyer-Seeley, Kate - *In Cave Danger* (Pacific Northwest) A debate is raging over the use of public lands, and to cover the story for *Northwest Extreme* magazine, Meg joins a congressman and several others on a subterranean adventure

Early, Hank. *Heaven's Crooked Finger*. A debut series launch featuring a PI who is called home to the mountains of northern Georgia when his preacher father is found dead, but one of his flock suggests that he is still alive, and then disappears himself.

Hallinan, Timothy. *Fool's River*. Poke Rafferty agrees to help his adopted daughter's boyfriend, whose "sexpat" father has been kidnapped while the abductors siphon off his credit card and bank accounts before killing him.

Havill, Stephen F. *Easy Errors*. A prequel set in 1986 with undersheriff Bill Gastner investigating the death of a young woman found shot in a canyon the day after three of her friends die in an car accident.

MORE DUE IN NOVEMBER

Higashino, Keigo. *A Midsummer's Equation* . When a body is found at the foot of a cliff near a fading resort town outside of Tokyo, the physicist known as Detective Galileo investigates and discovers that the victim was a former policeman poisoned by carbon monoxide—

Higashino, Keigo, and Alexander O. Smith - Newcomer (Kyochiro Kaga #9, #3 in English)

Indridason, Arnaldur. *The Shadow District* . The discovery of the body of an elderly man—who was murdered—leads back to a murder in Reykjavik in 1944 as police attempt to connect the two in a new series.

Kinchloe, Jennifer. *Woman in the Camphor Trunk*—Los Angeles, 1908. In Chinatown, the most dangerous beat in Los Angeles, police matron Anna Blanc and her former sweetheart, Detective Joe Singer, discover the body of a white missionary woman, stuffed in a trunk in the apartment of her Chinese lover. If news about the murder gets out, there will be a violent backlash against the Chinese. Joe and Anna work to solve the crime quietly and keep the death a secret, reluctantly helped by the good-looking Mr. Jones, a prominent local leader

Littlejohn, Emily. *A Season to Lie*. Small-town Colorado police officer Gemma Monroe investigates the murder of a bestselling author on the grounds of an elite private school in the second in this western series.

Lyle, H. B. *The Irregular* A London man who as a boy worked for Sherlock Holmes as one of the “Baker Street Irregulars” is recruited by the head of intelligence at the War Office to investigate German espionage at a munitions factory in the first of a new series set in 1909.

Niederhoffer, Gal. *Poison* Nov. A journalism professor finds that her area of expertise comes in handy when it becomes clear that her second husband is trying to kill her and take custody of her toddler son .

Perry, Anne. *A Christmas Return* . After receiving an ominous Christmas present that recalls memories of a twenty-year-old murder that destroyed her friendship with the victim's widow, Charlotte's grandmother journeys to Sussex to reconcile with her friend and solve the crime.

Quinn, Anthony J. *Trespass* . A Belfast police detective hunting for a missing boy abducted by Travellers finds a

politically-charged connection with the unsolved mystery of a Traveller woman suspected of being an IRA informer during the Troubles.

Ritter, Krysten. *Bonfire* A debut legal thriller about an attorney who returns to her hometown for a case against a chemical company, but finds that there is a link between her case and the disappearance of a popular young woman ten years before.

Schofield, Douglas. *Killing Pace* . A customs officer in Florida, suffering from amnesia after a car crash, suddenly recovers her memory and realizes that she has been held prisoner, so she is determined to continue her investigation into an international adoption scheme and a missing baby.

Smith, Alexander McCall. *The House of Unexpected Sisters* . Precious and Grace investigate the case of a woman who claims she was fired unjustly from her job, even as Precious must deal with personal problems of her own including the reappearance of her disreputable ex and the appearance of an unknown sister.

Street, Karen Lee. *Edgar Allan Poe and the London Monster* . In a debut mystery, Edgar Poe and his fictional detective C. Auguste Dupin team up to investigate a series of assaults that occurred decades earlier,. Poe's maternal grandparents may be implicated.

Thompson, Victoria. *City of Lies* . In the first of a new series set in late nineteenth-century New York, a woman who is on the run after parting a wealthy man from his ill-gotten gains joins with a group of suffragette society ladies in order to hide, but she is in danger of being discovered by the son of one of the members.

Weir, Andy—Artemis - caper novel on the Moon.



2017 AWARD WINNERS

Agatha Awards

Best Contemporary Novel - A GREAT RECKONING
by Louise Penny
Best Historical Novel - THE REEK OF RED HER-
RINGS by Catriona McPherson
Best First Novel - THE SEMESTER OF OUR DIS-
CONTENT by Cynthia Kuhn

Anthony Awards

Best Novel A GREAT RECKONING by Louise Penny
Best Paperback Original-HEART OF STONE by
James Ziskin
Best First Novel—IQ by Joe Ide
Best Childrens/YA—THE GIRL I USED TO BE by April
Henry

Arthur Ellis Awards

Best Crime Novel - THE FORTUNATE BROTHER by
Donna Morrissey
Best First Crime Novel - STRANGE THINGS DONE by
Elie Wild

Bloody Scotland McIlvanney Prize

THE LONG DROP by Denise Mina

Dagger Awards

Diamond Dagger –for body of work is Ann Cleeves
Dagger in the Library—Mari Hannah
Other Daggers have not been given yet.

Deadly Pleasures Barry Awards

Best Novel: A GREAT RECKONING, by Louise Penny
Best First Novel: THE DRIFTER, by Nicholas Petrie
Best Paperback Original: RAIN DOGS, by Adrian
McKinty
Best Thriller: GUILTY MINDS, by Joseph Finder

Edgar Awards

Best Mystery Novel - BEFORE THE FALL by Noah
Hawley
Best First Novel - UNDER THE HARROW by Flynn
Berry
Best Paperback Original - RAIN DOGS by Adrian
McKinty

Hammett Prize

THE WHITE DEVIL by Domenic Stansberry

The Hillerman Prize

HEARTS OF THE MISSING by Carol Potenza

Left Coast Crime “Lefty” Awards

Best Humorous Mystery Novel - BODY ON THE BAYOU
by Ellen /Byron
Best Historical Mystery Novel - THE REEK OF THE RED
HERRINGS by Catriona McPherson
Best Mystery Novel - A GREAT RECKONING by Louise
Penny
Best Debut Mystery Novel - MURDER IN G MAJOR by
Alexia Gordon

Macavity Awards

Best Novel - A GREAT RECKONING by Louise Penny
Best First Novel - IQ by Joe Ide
Sue Feder Memorial Award for Best Historical - HEART
OF STONE by James Ziskin

Ned Kelly Awards

Best Crime Novel - POLICE AT THE STATION AND
THEY DON’T LOOK FRIENDLY by Adrian McKinty
Best First Crime Fiction - THE DRY by Jane Harper

Nero Awards

The "Nero" is presented annually by The Wolfe Pack for
the best American Mystery. The award is presented at the
Black Orchid Banquet, which is traditionally held on the
first Saturday in December in New York City.

Shamus Awards

Best PI Hardcover - WHERE IT HURTS by Reed Farrell
Coleman
Best First PI Novel - IQ by Joe Ide
Best Original Paperback - THE PERPLEXING THEFT OF
THE JEWEL IN THE CROWN by Vaseem Khan

Thriller Awards

Best Novel - BEFORE THE FALL by Noah Hawley
Best First Novel - THE DRIFTER by Nicholas Petrie
Best Paperback Original - THE BODY READER by Anne
Frasier
Best eBook Original Novel = ROMEO’S WAY by James
Scott Bell