

WHO DONE IT?

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What's Next

February 26
**"Bone Up On
Mysteries"**

March 26
Owen Laukkanen

April 23
"Read a Masterpiece"
Art or Artists

May 21
Due to Holiday
Mette Evie Harrison

June 25
"Take a Trip"
Plane, Train or Boat

July 23
Michael Sears

Vital Details
Meeting Time
2 PM except for
special events,

Meeting Day
4th Mon. except on
holidays

Meeting Place -
Community Room of
Public Library

Location -
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Yorba Linda, CA

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REMINDER

Our annual Birthday Luncheon will be held at Marie Callender's this year. The plan is to gather there at 1:30.

Plan to tell you favorite Crime Novel of the year.

Three authors not included in the list of "Boning Up" are Lyn Hamilton, Beverly Conner and Elizabeth Peters. Hamilton and Conner are not available at Yorba Linda but are available at other libraries. I have omitted Peters as my memory of the few books I read that there was very little of "bones." But if you would like to read or report on previous reading of any of these authors I will not jump up and rank and rave. Lyn Hamilton has an extensive website at: lynhamiltonmysteries.com

SUE GRAFTON DIES

Sue Grafton died of cancer on December 28 at a hospital in Santa Barbara, California. The younger daughter of mystery writer-lawyer C. W. Grafton first married in 1959, aged 18, to James L. Flood, with whom she had a son and a daughter. The two divorced by the time Grafton graduated from college in 1961. Her second marriage was with Al Schmidt in 1962 but it ended with protracted divorce and custody proceedings over their daughter. She married her third husband, Steven F. Humphrey, in 1978.^[10] They divided their time between Santa Barbara, California, and Louisville, Kentucky;^[5] Humphrey taught at universities in both cities.^[15] In 2000, the couple bought and later restored Lincliff, a 28-acre Louisville estate .



Two of her early novels were published (KEZIAH DANE and THE LOLLY-MADONNA WAR, in the '60's) before A IS FOR ALIBI in 1982 .. She co-wrote for TV programs such as "Rhoda" and "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" and two TV movies based on Agatha Christie's novels To her, A IS FOR ALIBI, the first in the Kinsey Millhone series, "was a ticket out of Hollywood." She received three Lifetime Achievement Awards: one from the Private Eye Writers of America in 2003 (The Eye); second from the Crime Writers Association of Britain in 2008 (The Diamond Dagger); and third from the Mystery Writers of America in 2009 (The Grand Master). She won awards for B IS FOR BUGLAR (1985), G IS FOR GUMSHOE (1990), and K IS FOR KILLER (1994), and F IS FOR FUGITIVE. Her last novel was Y IS FOR YESTERDAY (Putnam, 2017), and her alphabet series has ended at Y because she did not allow any movies or TV shows or continuation sequels. She was 77.

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MEMBER REVIEWS

Nancy

Andrews, Sarah - IN COLD PURSUIT

Valena Walker is headed to Antarctica to work on her master's theses in glaciology. When she arrives she learns her mentor has been arrested for murder. Valena sets out to find the real killer.

Delany, Vicki - UNDER COLD STONE - 3.5

Constable Molly Smith's mother is vacationing at the Banff Springs Hotel with Molly's boss, when the boss's estranged son is missing and suspected of killing his roommate. Molly is asked to assist

Egan, Jennifer - MANHATTEN BEACH - 3.5

Historical best seller about Anna Kerrigan, who worked at the Brooklyn Naval Yard before and during the war.

Crompton, Richard - HOUR OF THE RED GOD - 4.5

A Det. Molle Novel set in Kenya and Nairobi. An exotic, hard-boiled noir full of indigenous sights and sounds and an interesting, troubled hero.

Connelly, Michael - TWO KINDS OF TRUTH - 4.0

Pam

Casey, Donis - WRONG HILL TO DIE ON

Casey Donis - HELL WITH THE LID BLOWN OFF The series gets better and better. All 5.0's Next one is due in February.

Yvonne

Hayes, J. M. - THE SPIRIT AND THE SKULL - 2.0

Raven, an aging spirit man is called into help the members of his Paleolithic tribe while crossing Alaska. His strange dreams cause intrigue- he sees himself as a talking skull in the future.

Delany, Vicki - UNDER COLD STONE - 3.0

More of a novel than a mystery but one with a satisfying conclusion.

Anne

Johnson, Craig - SPIRIT OF STEAMBOAT - 4.0

Walt Longmire on Xmas eve is told a story that takes him back to 1988 and a Xmas eve blizzard and a flight of a plane called Steamboat to save a young girl's life.

Stabenow, Dana - KILLING GROUNDS - 3.0

Summer in Alaska and Kate is deck-handing and hauling in salmon, also the body of a murdered fisherman.

Saunders, George - LINCOLN IN THE BARDO - 5.0++

Bardo a transitional state in the Tibetan tradition - a purgatory where ghosts debate and argue over Lincoln's young son's soul. Civil war is less than 1 year old when 11 year old Willie is laid to rest in Georgetown Cemetery where Lincoln returns alone, heart-broken, several times to hold his boy's body. (The author is included in a list of the 100 most influential people in the world and teaches in the creative writing program at Syracuse University.

Karen

Kinchelow, Jennifer - THE WOMAN IN CAMPHOR TRUNK - #2 - 2017 - 3.0 - 1907 LA.

Anna Blanc steals a severed head and carries it in a bucket to work - as a police matron in Los Angeles. With and without the help of her love she solves crimes in Chinatown.

Brandman, Michael - MISSING PERSONS - #1? 2017 - 3.75 California

Enjoyable and rather short. Buddy Steel goes to small CA town where his father is sheriff with Lou Gehrig disease. Buddy is to be acting sheriff and the case he solves is that of the missing wife of a local ministry mogul. Buddy is a wisecracking cop and fun to spend time with..

Turner, Ann - OUT OF THE ICE - 2016 - Antarctica - 4.25 Kindle

When environmental scientist Laura Alvarado is sent to a remote Antarctic island to report on an abandoned whaling station, she begins to uncover more than she could ever imagine.

Smith, Lachlan - BEAR IS BROKEN - #1 - 2013 - San Francisco - 2.75

Leo Maxwell, new lawyer is lunching with his brother when the brother (famous defense lawyer) is shot in the head. Slow development as Leo decides he must find the killer and to finish the brother's active case.

Ward, Sandi - THE ASTONISHING THING - 2017 - 3.0 - How a cat named "boo" saved a family. Told from the cat's point of view. Cute

Heller, Peter - CELINE - 2017- 3.5 - East Coast various and Montana

Celine (70+) and husband in Montana to seek answers to Gabriela's father. Told in very disjointed flashbacks (perhaps due to being "read" on CD's)

Dyer-Seeley, Kate - IN CAVE DANGER - #5 - 2017 - Oregon - 4.0- Kindle

Writer for Adventure magazine Meg goes to Bend Oregon to follow a case involving use of lava cave for a meth import business. It's Oregon, it can't be bad.

Littlejohn, Emily - INHERIT THE BONES - 2016 -Cedar Creek, Colorado? - 4.9

Detective Gemma Monroe catches a the case of a murder victim at a circus who turns out to have "died" three years earlier. Eventually ties into a 30 year old case of two young cousins missing and found buried recently . Gemma is pregnant and manages in the last 2-3 chapters to enter the home of the killer without back up... thus a lower than perfect grade.

Barrett, Casey - UNDER WATER - #1 - 2017 - New York City - 4.0

Drunk PI is hired to find a missing daughter. The PI is an ex competitive swimmer as is the daughter he seeks and her brother. First lead is to the coach the three have had. Many water illusions... many drugs injected by the PI as well as much beatings and torture. Well written but nasty piece of work. A grade that does not reflect my enjoyment which was closer to a 2.0

Tracy, P. J. - RETURN OF THE MAGI - 2017 - Las Vegas - 5.0 - Kindle

A charming Christmas story about a young black con-man who on his 23 arrest is sent to a community rehab program (at a locked in facility for mental patients) where he meets two old ladies convinced he is the third magi.

Susan

Shelby, Ashley - SOUTH POLE STATION 2.25 stars

It was a book on theme. So I read it. The characters were introduced haphazardly, equipment used was named, but not explained. Lots of scientific jargon I did not understand. Also, not a mystery. Just like a journal of girl lost on her way to becoming a fulfilled person.

Delany, Vicki - GOLD MOUNTAIN - 3.75 stars

A woman with a checkered past operates a dance hall/saloon in Dawson, Yukon Territory in 1898. She has her 12 year old son with her. A man associated with Soapy Smith of Skagway has a treasure map that he is sure will make him the king of the Klondike. He kidnaps Fiona to go with him to search for this treasure. It is September in the Yukon and he is a city slicker, with no wilderness knowledge and Fiona is kidnapped in an evening dress. Question one: how will they survive? And question two: will her son and Corporal Sterling of the NWMP find her in time? A much better read than the first one I read.

Perry, Anne - A CHRISTMAS RETURN - 2.75 stars

Charlotte Pitt's grandmother, Mariah Ellison, returns to a village she lived long ago to help her friend and her grandson to clear her name from gossip that she had killed her husband twenty years previously. A slow read that ends predictably.

Rollins, James - THE DEMON CROWN 2.75 stars

Once again, as in all Sigma Force thrillers, they are called in to save the world. This time a wealthy Japanese capitalist is behind a plan to get back at the Western world because his wife had been killed during a robbery of a piece of amber from the Smithsonian. Huh? Yeah, that's the idea. This time using prehistoric wasps that can burrow into people and eat them from the inside out.

It was nice to have another set of villains. I was getting tired of all villains as being Muslim. This book did not hold my interest and I just slugged my way through, hoping for a quick end.

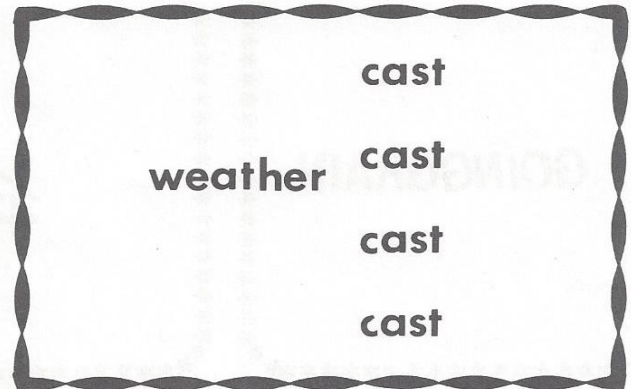
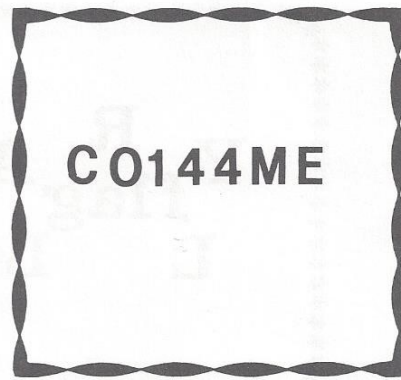
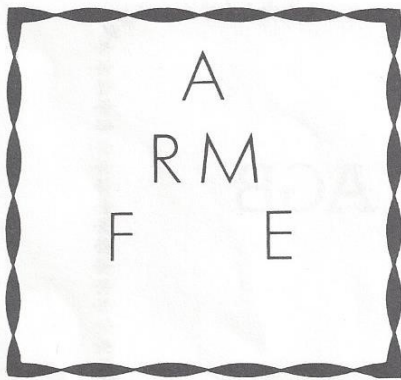
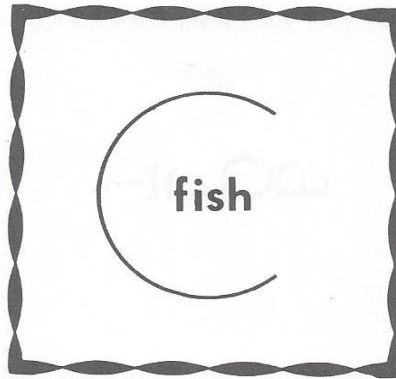
MARIAN BABSON DIES

Marian Babson (real name: Ruth Stenstream) died in mid-December in London, UK after suffering from dementia and weakening health. American-born Babson emigrated to England in the 1960's and wrote over 45 so-called "Murder-Most-British"-style mystery books. Her first novel, COVER-UP STORY (Collins, 1971), introduces Douglas Perkins and Gerry Tate, two public-relations men in London. REEL MURDER (Collins, 1986) is the first in the series featuring Trixie Dolan and Evangeline Sinclair, two aging actresses in London. She served as secretary to the Crime Writers of Britain and won the 1996 CWA Dagger in the Library. Her last novel was NO COOPERATION FROM THE CAT (Windsor, 2012), featuring Dolan and Sinclair. Most of her novels feature a cat on the cover. I do not believe that the cats play an active role in the mystery but are part of the narrative She was 88.



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A-frane
gross income
Little fish in a big sea a Stitch in time
overblate weather forecast

WORD PLAY



BONE UP ON MYSTERIES

ARCHAEOLOGY—BOOKS IN BOLD PRINT IN OUR LIBRARY

Jefferson Bass•

Dr. Bill Brockton: forensic anthropologist in Tennessee

1. CARVED IN BONE (2006)
2. FLESH AND BONE (2007)
3. THE DEVIL'S BONES (2008)
4. BONES OF BETRAYAL (2009)
5. THE BONE THIEF (2010)
6. THE BONE YARD (2011)
7. THE INQUISITOR'S KEY (2012)
8. CUT TO THE BONE (2013)
9. THE BREAKING POINT (2015)
10. WITHOUT MERCY (2016)



Simon Beckett

Dr David Hunter forensic anthropologist in England

- THE CHEMISTRY OF DEATH (2006)
 WRITTEN IN BONE (2007)
 WHISPERS OF THE DEAD (2009)
 THE CALLING OF THE GRAVE (2010)

Barbara Cleverly

Leatitia Talbot: archeologist based in post-WWI France

- THE TOMB OF ZEUS
 BRIGHT HAIR ABOUT THE BONE

Aaron Elkins

Gideon Oliver: anthropology professor in Port Angeles, Washington

1. Fellowship of Fear (1982)
2. The Dark Place (1983)
3. Murder in the Queen's Armes (1985)
4. Old Bones (1987)
5. Curses! (1989)
6. Icy Clutches (1990)
7. Make No Bones (1991)
8. DEAD MEN'S HEARTS (1994)
9. TWENTY BLUE DEVILS (1997)
10. Skeleton Dance (2000)
11. GOOD BLOOD (2004)
12. Where There's a Will (2005)
13. UNNATURAL SELECTION (2006)
14. LITTLE TINY TEETH (2007)
15. UNEASY RELATIONS (2008)
16. SKULL DUGGERY (2009)
17. DYING ON THE VINE (2012)
18. Switcheroo (2016)



Mary Anna Evans

Faye Longchamp: black archaeology student digging up artifacts for the black market on her plantation on North Florida's Gulf Coast,

1. Artifacts (2003)
2. Relics (2005)

3. Effigies (2007)
4. Findings (2008)
5. Floodgates (2009)
6. Strangers (2010)
7. PLUNDER (2012)
8. RITUALS (2013)
9. Isolation (2015)
10. Burials (2017)
11. Undercurrents (2018)

Elly Griffiths

Dr. Ruth Galloway: forensic archaeologist, and Harry Nelson, a detective chief inspector, in the Saltmarsh area near Norfolk, England

1. THE CROSSING PLACES (2009)
2. THE JANUS STONE (2010)
3. THE HOUSE AT SEA'S END (2011)
4. A ROOM FULL OF BONES (2011)
- 4.5. Ruth's First Christmas Tree (2012)
5. A DYING FALL (2012)
6. THE OUTCAST DEAD (2014)
7. THE GHOST FIELDS (2015)
8. THE WOMAN IN BLUE (2016)
9. The Chalk Pit (2017)
10. The Dark Angel (2018)



Erin Hart

Nora Gavin, an American pathologist, in Ireland

1. HAUNTED GROUND (2003)
2. LAKE OF SORROWS (2004)
3. FALSE MERMAID (2010)
4. THE BOOK OF KILLOWEN (2013)

Raymond Khoury

Tess Chaykin, an archaeologist, and Sean Reilly, an FBI anti-terrorist specialist, and dealing with historical secrets and threats

1. THE LAST TEMPLAR (2005)
2. THE TEMPLAR SALVATION (2010)
3. THE DEVIL'S ELIXIR (2011)
4. RASPUTIN'S SHADOW (2013)

Tom Knox

Archeological historical thrillers
 THE GENESIS SECRET (2009)
 MARKS OF CAIN (2010)
 THE LOST GODDESS
 THE BABYLON RITE (2012)
 The Deceit (2013)



Rett MacPherson

Victory (Torie) O'Shea: genealogist in New Kassel, Missouri

1. Family Skeletons (1997)
2. A Veiled Antiquity (1998)
3. A COMEDY OF HEIRS (1999)
4. A MISTY MOURNING (2000)

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5. KILLING COUSINS (2002)
6. BLOOD RELATIONS (2003)
7. IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING (2004)
8. THICKER THAN WATER (2005)
9. DEAD MAN RUNNING (2006)
10. DIED IN THE WOOL (2007)
11. THE BLOOD BALLAD (2008)

Jeanne Matthews

Dinah Pelerin: amateur sleuth and wannabe anthropologist, here and there around the world

1. BONES OF CONTENTION (2010)
2. Bet Your Bones (2011)
3. BONEREAPERS (2012)
4. HER BOYFRIEND'S BONES (2013)
5. WHERE THE BONES ARE BURIED (2015)

Kathy Reichs

Temperance Brennan: forensic anthropologist in the Province of Quebec, Canada, and Charlotte, North Carolina

1. DEJA DEAD (1997)
2. DEATH DU JOUR (1999)
3. DEADLY DECISIONS (2000)
4. FATAL VOYAGE (2001)
5. GRAVE SECRETS (2002)
6. BARE BONES (2003)
7. MONDAY MOURNING (2003)
8. CROSS BONES (2005)
9. BREAK NO BONES (2006)
10. BONES TO ASHES (2007)
11. DEVIL BONES (2008)
12. 206 BONES (2009)
13. SPIDER BONES (2010)
14. FLASH AND BONES (2011)
15. BONES ARE FOREVER (2012)
- 15.5. Bones In Her Pocket (2013)
16. BONES OF THE LOST (2012)
- 16.5. Swamp Bones (2014)
17. BONES NEVER LIE (2012)
- 17.5. Bones on Ice (2015)
18. SPEAKING IN BONES (2015)
19. A Conspiracy of Bones (2018)also



THE BONE COLLECTION - four novellas (which may contain some of the half numbers)

NEW BOOKS I WILL BE LOOKING FOR IN FEBRUARY

Armstrong, Kelley - THIS FALLEN PREY (Casey Duncan)

Casey, Donis - FORTY DEAD MEN (Alafair Tucker)

Hart, John—THE HUSH

Kellerman, Jonathan—NIGHT MOVES (Alex Delaware #33)

Khan, Ausma Zehanat - A DANGEROUS CROSSING

Lawson, Mike - HOUSE WITNESS (Joe De Marco-#12)

Lescroart, John - POISON (Dismas Hardy)

Lippman, Laura - SUNBURN

OTHER NEW TITLES SOME MAY FIND INTERESTING.

DEATH OF AN HONEST MAN [Hamish Macbeth #34] by M.C. Beaton

THE DECEIVERS [John Wells #12] by Alex Berenson

THE UNDERTAKER'S DAUGHTER [Ilka Jensen #1] by Sara Blaedel

FORCE OF NATURE [Aaron Falk #2] by Jane Harper

SHALLOW GRAVE [South Shores #4] by Karen Harper

SHADOW PLAY [Bill Slider #20] by Cynthia Harrod-Eagles [1st US edition]

A WHISPER OF BONES [Jane Lawless #25] by Ellen Hart

THE SECRET PARTNER (Paul Madriani) by Steve Martini

DO"WN THE RIVER UNTO THE SEA by Walter Mosley

THE GATEKEEPER [Ian Rutledge #20] by Charles Todd

CUT YOU DOWN [Wakeland #2] by Sam Wiebe

THE LEGACY [Freyja & Huldar #1] by Yrsa Sigurdardottir [1st US edition]