

Who Done It?

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When in Doubt?

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Art or Artists

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Linda Castillo

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Michael Stanley

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Meeting Time
2 PM except for special
events,

Meeting Day
4th Mon. except on
holidays

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found by googling the au-

I've tried to assemble a reading list that centers around a work of art or artist or takes place in a museum, gallery or show. The authors in the list below have an a protagonist or featured character that paints at least occasionally. The first three are among my favorite authors while the last two are authors I have never read... but won't be ones I will try.. Now if you can't find something that appeals from the longer list and want to read one of the books by these authors you may find a reference or two to asrt.

Daniel Silva
Louise Penny
Keith McCafferty
Harly Jane Kozak
Peter Helton --with Chris Honeysett

A new author that I read for Left Coast Crime is Nancy Tingley. The Library does not carry her books butt they are available on Amazon as Kindle books.

The protagonist is Jenna Murphy, a young Asian art curator at a Marin County museum, and amateur sleuth, based in California and the two books are:

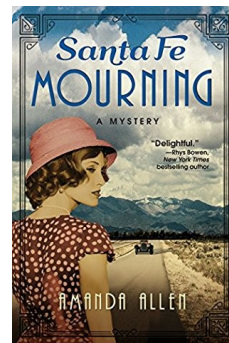
A HEAD IN CAMBODIA and A DEATH IN BALI (due out April 6)

The details of the art Jenna Murphy sees and the description of the county in A HEAD IN CAMBODIA has me putting this author on my must be read list.

And one other book from "Due in March":

Amanda Allen's, - SANTA FE MOURNING (Santa Fe Revival) #1
Brilliant new heroine Maddie Vaughn-Alwin makes her daring debut, discovering that speakeasies conceal more than just liquor.

Madeline's picture-perfect life fades to gray when her childhood sweetheart perishes in the Great War. The aspiring painter leaves her wealthy New York family behind to travel across the country and start over in California. But when Maddie reaches Santa Fe, New Mexico, she halts her westward journey, certain she's found her new home amid the striking scenery and inspiring artistic community.



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Members Reports

A HEAD IN CAMBODIA by Nancy Tingley - 2017 - 4.5 - Karen
 A MAN CALLED OVE by Fredric Backman 2012 - 5.0 Anne
 A RECKONING IN THE BACK COUNTRY by Terry Shames - 2018 - 5.0 Susan and 4.5 - Karen
 A RISING MAN by Abir Mukherjee - 2016 - 3.75 - Chitra
 A WRINKLE IN TIME by Madeleine L'Engle - 1962 -3.0 - Karen
 ANTEATER OF DEATH by Betty Webb - 2008 - 4.5 - Susan
 BEAR ISLAND by Nevada Barr -2016 - 3.0 - Susan
 BLUEBIRD, BLUEBIRD by Attica Locke - 2017 - 4.8 - Karen
 BOMB MAKER, THE - by Thomas Perry - 2017 - 4.0 - Karen
 BONE BED by Patricia Cornwell - 2012 - 3.0 - Karen
 BONE HOUSE by Brian Freeman- 2016- 4.0
 BONES ARE FOREVER by Kathy Reichs - 2012 - 3.5 - Yvonne
 BOOKS OF KILLOWEN, THE by Erin Hart -2013 - - 4.25 - Nancy and - 5.0 Anne
 BURNING BRIGHT by Nick Petrie - 2017 - 4.0 -Nancy
 CHAINED by Eileen Brady 2017 - 3.75 - Susan
 DEATH ASSEMBLAGE by Susan Cummins Miller - 2002 - 5.0 - Pam and - 3.75 - Karen
 DEATH BY HIS GRACE by Kwei Quartey--2017 - 4.5 - Yvonne
 DETACHMENT FAULT by Susan Cummins Miller - 2004 - 5.0 - Pam
 DRIVER, THE - by Hart Hanson - 2017 - 5.0 - Karen
 EARTHLY REMAINS by Donna Leon - 2017 - 5.0 - Nancy
 FALSE MERMAID by Erin Hart - 2010 - 5.0 - Anne
 FIX, THE by David Baldacci - 2017 - 5.0 - Susan
 FLASH AND BONES by Kathy Reichs - 2011 - 3.5 - Karen
 FORTY DEAD MEN by Donis Casey - 2018 - 4.95 - Susan and— 4.25 - Karen
 HANGMAN'S SONNET, THE (Jesse Stone) - by Reed Farrel Coleman - 2017 - 4.25 - Nancy
 HAUNTED GROUND by Erin Hart -2003 - 4.5 - Nancy and 5.0 - Anne
 HELL'S GATE (Detective Mollel) by Richard Crompton - 2014 - 3.75 - Nancy

HUNTING HOUR by Margaret Mizushima -2017 - 4.95 - Susan
 INHERIT THE BONES by Emily Littlejohn -2016 - 4.5 - Susan
 KOALA OF DEATH - by Betty Webb - 2010 - 4.5 - Susan
 LAKE OF SORROWS by Erin Hart - 2004 - 5.0 - Anne
 LAST PLACE YOU LOOK, The by Kristen Lepionka - 2017- 3.0 - Karen
 LIGHT IT UP by Nick Petrie - 2018 -5.0- Karen
 LLAMA OF DEATH - by Betty Webb - 2013 - 4.5 - Susan
 LOST ONES, THE by Sheena Kamal - 2017 - 3.5 - Karen
 MALTESE GODDESS, The by Lyn Hamilton - 1998 - 3.25 -Nancy
 MIDNIGHT LINE by Lee Child - 2017 - 4.25 - Karen
 MURDER AT THE 42ND STREET LIBRARY by Con Lehane -2016 - 3.0 - Anne
 QUARRY by Susan Cummins Miller - 2006 - 5.0 - Pam
 QUESTIONABLE REMAINS by Beverly Connor - 1997 - 4.85 - Yvonne
 RED HAIR WOMAN by Orhan Pamuk - 2017 - 4.0 - Chitra
 RETURN OF THE RAVEN MOCKER by Donis Casey - 2017 - 5.0 - Susan
 RIGHTEOUS by Joe Ide - 2017 - 3.9 - Karen
 ROOSTER BAR by John Grisham - 2017 - 5.0 Susan
 SIXTH IDEA, THE - by .P. J. Tracy - 2016 - 5.0 - Susan
 SPIDER BONES by Kathy Reichs -2010 -4.0 - Yvonne
 STRANGER by Harlan Coban - 2015 - 4.75 - Susan
 STRONG TO THE BONE by Jon Land - - 5.0 - Karen
 TEA PLANTER'S WIFE by Dinah Jefferies - 2016 - Chitra
 TERMINATED by Ray Daniel - 2014 - 4.2 - Karen
 THE GOOD DAUGHTER by Karin Slaughter 2017 - 3.5 - Chitra
 THIS FALLEN PREY by Kelly Armstrong - 2018 - 4.85 - Karen
 WANTED, THE -Robert Crais - 2017 - 4.9 - Karen
 WIDOWS OF MALABAR HILL, THE by Sujata Massey 4.5 - Nancy and—4.0 - Karen and -Chitra
 WIFE, THE by Alafair Burke - 2018 - 3.5 - Karen
 WOMAN IN THE WINDOW by A.J. Finn - 2018 - 3.5 - Karen
 WRINKLE IN TIME,A by Madeleine L'Engle - 1962 - 3.0 - Karen
 Y IS FOR YESTERDAY by Sue Grafton -2017 - 4.25 - Nancy
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Word Puzzle

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Books Due in April

- A Loyal Spy [NS] by Simon Conway [1st US edition]
 A Necessary Evil [Captain Wyndham & Sergeant Banerjee #2] by Abir Mukherjee [1st US edition]
 Abbott, Megan - Give Me Your Hand
 Adams, Ellery - Murder in the Locked Library
 Adler, Rebecca - Cinco de Murder (Taste of Texas)
 Albert, Susan Wittig - Queen Anne's Lace (China Bayles)
 Allan, Barbara - Antiques Wanted (Trash'n'Treasures)
 Baldacci, David - The Fallen ntral (Memory Man)
 Bannalec, Jean-Luc - The Fleur de Sel Murders (Commissaire Dupin)
 Barnes, Julian - The Only Story
 Beaufort, Simon - Mind of a Killer [Alec Londale #1]
 Birtcher, Baron R. - Fistful of Rain
 Blackhurst, Jenny - Before I Let You In
 Blackwell, Juliet - A Magical Match (Witchcraft)
 Blum, Christine E. - Murder Most Fermented (Rose Avenue Wine Club)
 Brenner, Jaimie - The Husband Hour
 Burns, V. M. - Read Herring Hunt
 Cameron, Stella - Whisper the Dead (Alex Duggins)
 Chance, Maia - Bad Neighbors (Agnes and Effie)
 Chapman, Julia - Date with Malice (Sampson and Delilah)
 Clark, Becky - Fiction Can Be Murder (Mystery Writer's)
 Clark, Mary Higgins - I've Got My Eyes On You
 Clarke, Angela - Follow Me [Freddie Venton & Nasreen Cudmore #1] [1st US edition]
 Cleland, Jane - Antique Blues (Josie Prescott)
 Cooley, M. P. - Savage Gods (June Lyons)
 Coulter, Catherine and J.T. Ellison- The sixth Day
 Coyle, Cleo - Shot in the Dark (Coffeehouse)
 Daheim, Mary - A Case of Bier (Bed-and-Breakfast)
 Dawson, Janet - The Ghost in Roomette Four (California Zephyr)
 Deaver, Jeffery - The Cutting Edge (Lincoln Rhyme)
 Delaney, Devon - Expiration Date
 Downing, David - The Dark Clouds Shining (Jack McColl)
 DuBois, Brendan - Hard Aground (Lewis Cole)
 Duncan, Elizabeth - The Marmalade Murders [Penny Brannigan #9]
 Dunnett, Kathlyn - Crime & Punctuation [Deadly Edits #1]
 Ellis, Kate The Mechanical Devil [W. Peterson #22]
 Enmon, Larry - The Burial Place (Rob Soliz and Frank Pierce)
 Evans, Mary Ann - Undercurrents (Faye Longchamp)
 Fredericks, Mariah - A Death of No Importance
 Gibbins, David - Inquisition (Jack Howard)
 Gibson, William - Agency
 Goldberg, Lee - True Fiction [Ian Ludlow #1]
 Grecian, Alex - The Saint of Wolves and Butchers
 Griffin, Neal - By His Own Hand (Newburg)
 Grimes, Martha - The Knowledge
 Haas, Derek - The Way I Die
 Hale, Patricia - Durable Goods (Cole and Callahan)
 Hampton, Nell - Lord of the Pies (Kensington Palace Chef)
 Harris, C. S. - Why Kill the Innocent (Sebastian St. Cyr)
 Heaberlin, Julia - Paper Ghosts [NS]
 Heley, Veronica - False Pride [Abbott Agency #12]
 Helton, Peter Lock 13 [Chris Honeysett #7] [1st US edition]
 Hill, Sasscer - The Dark Side of Town
 Hill, Will - Slenderman
 Hillerman, Anne - Cave of Bones (Leaphorn, Chee, & Manuelito)
 Hollis, Lee - Death of a Cookbook Author (Hayley Powell)
 Hooper, Kay - Hold Back the Dark (Bishop/SCU)
 Hornsby, Wendy - Number 7, Rue Jacob (Maggie MacGowen)
 Howe, K. J. - Skyjack (Thea Paris)
 Howell, Dorothy - Pocketbooks and Pistols (Haley Randolph)
 Howells, Debbie - Part of the Silence
 Jackson, Lisa - One Last Breath
 Jewell, Lisa - Then She Was Gone
 Johansen, Iris - Shattered Mirror (Eve Duncan)
 Juska, Elise - If We Had Known
 Kerr, Philip - Greeks Bearing Gifts (Bernie Gunther)
 Kiernan, Olivia - Too Close to Breathe
 Knight, Alanna - Murder Lies Waiting (Rose McQuinn)
 Kope, Spencer - Whispers of the Dead
 Longworth, M.L. - The Secrets of the Bastide Blance
 Malliet, G. M. - In Prior's Woods (Max Tudor)
 Masterton, Graham - Dead Men Whistling [Kate Maguire #9] by Graham Masterton [1st US edition]
 Maxwell, Edith - Turning the Tide (Quaker Midwife)
 McKeveit, G. A. - Hide and Sneak (Savannah Reid)
 McKinlay, Jenn - Wedding Cake Crumble (McPherson, Catriona - Scot Free (Last Ditch)
 Meredith, Anne, and Martin Edwards - Portrait of a Murderer

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Miller, Derek B. - American by Day
 Mukherjee, Abir - A Necessary Evil (Sam Wyndham)
 Nay, Roz - Our Little Secret
 Nesbo, Jo - Macbeth
 Oldham, Nick - Bad Cops [Henry Christie #25]]
 Olsson, Frederik - Acts of Vanishing
 Owen, Howard - Annie's Bones
 Palmer, Daniel, and Michael Palmer - The First Family
 Paretsky, Sara - Fallout (V. I. Warshawski)
 Parker, Ann - A Dying Note (Silver Rush)
 Parsons, Tony - Girl on Fire [Max Wolfe #5]
 Patterson, James 17th Suspect -
 Perry, Anne - Twenty-One Days (Daniel Pitt)
 Rhodes, Jewell Parker - Ghost Boys
 Ricciardi, David - Warning Light
 Richards, Penny - Murder Will Speak (Lilly Long)
 Rosett, Sara - Mother's Day, Muffins, and Murder (Ellie Avery)
 Ross, Ann B. - Miss Julia Raises the Roof
 Sandford, John - Twisted Prey (Lucas Davenport)
 Scottoline, Lisa - After Anna
 Shelton, Paige - Lost Books and Old Bones [Scottish Bookshop #3]
 Shepard, Sara - The Elizas
 Shreve, Anita - The Stars are fire
 Soule, Charles - The Oracle Year
 Souza, Joseph - The Neighbor
 Street, Karen Lee - Edgar Allan Poe and the Jewel of Peru (Poe and Dupin)
 Swanson, Peter - All the Beautiful Lies
 Sylvain, Dominique - Dirty War (Lola and Ingrid)
 Talley, Marcia - Mile High Murder [Hannah Ives #16]
 Taylor, Andrew - The Fire Court
 Templeton, Aline - Human Face
 Torjussen, Mary - The Girl I Used To Be
 Weiss, Kirsten - Bleeding Tarts (Pie Town)
 Whittle, Tina - Necessary Ends (Tai Randolph)
 Willan, Jane - The Shadow of Death (Sr. Agatha and Fr. Selwyn)
 Woods, Stuart - Shoot First (Stone Barrington)
 Yocum, Robin - A Perfect Shot
 Yocum, Robin - A Winning Exit

Net News

Kate Wilhelm died March 8th in Eugene, Oregon. She was most famous for her science-fiction writing and won many awards in that community. BUT she also wrote two mystery series that have been favorites of mine. Her Barbara Holloway series is available in our library (at least some of the 14 books) Kate and her husband Damon Knight were guests of honor at the 1980 Worldcon (Science-fiction convention). Wilhelm was inducted to the Science Fiction Hall of Fame in 2003. She was 89.

Bill Crider died on Feb. 12, Crider wrote a Texas series featuring Sheriff Dan Rhodes - 24 volumes that were often quite humorous. Crider was also the author of a well written blog on the internet and a frequent presence at mystery events. He was 78.

Peter Temple died March 8th in Victoria, Australia. His mysteries won many awards in Australia and his THE BROKEN SHORE won the 2007 Gold Dagger Award from the Crime Writers Association of Britain, and its semi-sequel, TRUTH (2009), received the 2010 Miles Franklin Award as a novel of the highest literary merit in Australia. He was 71.

Mary Freeman died on March 11 in Washington of a plane crash she was piloting. She was known as a science-fiction author (Mary Rosenblum) and also wrote a cozy mystery series about Rachel Connoor, a landscaper in Blossom, Oregon. She was 65.

Robert Levinson died on March 14th. The library has a copy of his FINDERS, KEEPERS, LOSERS, WEEPERS

Better news is that Michael Connelly will receive the Diamond Digger for his career of sustained excellence writing mysteries. The award will be given in October.

Some new nominations:

2018 Hammet Prize

THE MARSH KING'S DAUGHTER by Karen Dionne
 THE TRAGEDY OF BRADY SIMS by Ernest J Gaines
 AUGUST SNOW by Stephen Mack Jones
 TWO DAYS GONE by Randall Silva

2018 LATimes Book Prize in the Mystery/thriller category
 THE LATE SHOW by Michael Connelly
 THE NIGHT OCEAN by Paul La Farge
 BLUEBIRD, BLUE BIRD by Attica Locke
 A BOOK OF AMERICAN MARTYS by Joyce Carol Oates
 WONDER VALLEY by Ivy Pochoda

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Art Mysteries at YLPL

A Dangerous Talent by Charlotte and Aaron Elkins

Alix London, daughter of a convicted art forger, accompanies new collector Christine Lemay to New Mexico to authenticate a supposed Georgia O'Keeffe, which becomes complicated after a bungled theft of the painting reveals a murder

A fool and his Monet by Sandra Orchard

Driven by a hope she may uncover clues that could identify her grandfather's killer and recover the painting that was stolen from him, Serena Jones joined the FBI's Art Crime team despite her parents' objections

A Kind of Grief by A.D. Scott

Joanne Ross investigates the death of an artist and alleged witch, who was found dead in her home in Scotland.

Angels & Demons (Robert Langdon, #1) by Dan Brown

Arsenic and Old Paint by Hailey Lind

A scream interrupts artist and faux finisher Annie Kincaid and her team while they're doing restoration work at an exclusive men's club in San Francisco

Blotto, Twinks and the rodents of the Riviera / by Simon Brett.

While giving a guided tour of the house's Long Gallery Blotto is stunned to discover that two of the family portraits - a Gainsborough and a Reynolds - are missing. Tawcester Towers has been the victim of art thieves! Blotto is forced to summon his brilliantly intelligent sister Twinks

Color Blind by Jonathan Santlofel

When two hideously eviscerated bodies are discovered and the only link between them is a bizarre painting left at each crime scene, the NYPD turns to former cop Kate McKinnon, the woman who brought the serial killer the Death Artist to justice.

Death of an Artist by Kate Wilhelm

When an artist from their Oregon coastal resort town dies amid speculation about her husband's secret effort to sell her work, widowed Marnie and her granddaughter, Van, enlist the help of a former New York City cop to prove the artist has been murdered.

Ghost Hero by S.J. Rozan

Investigating a rumor about new paintings by a famous contemporary Chinese artist who has been dead for 20 years, private investigator Lydia Chin and her partner, Bill Smith, discover that a new client is not who he claims to be.

Half in Love with Artful Death by Bill Crider

"The local community college and an antique dealer team up to have a workshop for artists. One local man, Burt Collins, isn't fond of the art, and he isn't fond of having the artists in town. Sheriff Dan Rhodes is called to the antique store because Collins has been accused of vandalizing some paintings.

Hollywood Hills : a novel / by Joseph Wambaugh

After a pair of drug-addled criminals aims to make a planned art heist their own, LAPD veteran "Hollywood Nate" Weiss, surfer cops Flotsam and Jetsam, and the rest of the team at Hollywood Station have a deadly situation on their hands..

Losing ground by Catherine Aird

Full of poetical, biblical and Shakespearian references, this fun read delivers a denouement that finishes the game well under par. Nicely played."

Mansions of the dead by Sarah Stewart Taylor plus

Still as Death

Judgment of the grave

Murder at the National Gallery by Truman, Margaret

Painted Ladies by Robert B., Parker

Called upon by The Hammond Museum and renowned art scholar Dr. Ashton Prince, Boston PI Spenser accepts his latest case: to provide protection during a ransom exchange-money for a stolen painting. The case becomes personal when Spenser fails to protect his client and the valuable painting remains stolen

Quicksand by Gigi Pandian

Historian, or "treasure hunter," Jaya Jones returns in her third adventure but this time she's running from the law after an art heist at the Louvre goes awry. Trying to clear her name in France, Jaya turns to clues from a strange illuminated manuscript, which takes her from the Parisian streets to the titular quicksand of Mont Saint-Michel

Sidney Chambers and the shadow of death / by Runcie, James,

Introduces unconventional clergyman Sidney Chambers, who teams up with roguish Inspector Harry Keating to investigate a suspicious suicide, a jewelry theft, the unexplained demise of a jazz promoter, and a shocking art forgery.

Stealing Mona Lisa : a mystery / by Carson Morton,

Entreated by a beautiful new client to steal the Mona Lisa, art forger Eduardo de Valfierno and a sophisticated band of con artists encounter such challenges as a relentless police inspector and a dangerous flood, in a story inspired by the 1911 theft from the Louvre..

The Art of Murder by Elaine Viets

PI Helen Hawthorne must pose as a painter at Fort Lauderdale's famous Bonnet House Museum to catch an artful killer.

The Art Whisperer (Alix London #3) by Charlotte Elkins

Art restorer Alix London discovers that a Pollock painting at her museum may be a forgery, earning her the anger of the senior curator and the attentions of FBI Special Agent Ted Ellesworth, with whom she ruined a budding relationship.

More Art in Mysteries

The Bellini card / by Jason Goodwin,-

The burning gates by Parker Bilal

Set in Cairo the intrepid investigator plunges into the world of art dealers and high-stakes art theft. Fellow exile and artist/ automobile restorer Ali Shibaker introduces Makana to Aram Kasabian, a rich and well-connected art dealer who, it appears, is on the lookout for certain modern masterworks that disappeared during the Nazi regime

The Death Artist by Jonathan Santlofer

Art historian and PBS host Kate McKinnon gets drawn back into her past as an NYPD officer when a series of ritualistic murders makes victims of her peers in the New York art world.

The Fine Art of Murder : a Murder, she wrote mystery by Donald Bain

The Garden of Evil by David Hewson

The discovery of two corpses next to an unknown Caravaggio masterpiece in an art studio in Rome sends Detective Nic Costa on a quest to uncover the truth about a modern-day crime and a centuries-old secret concealed in the painting

The Good Thief's Guide to Paris (Good Thief's Guide, #2) by Chris Ewan

Charlie's fence commissions him to break into an apartment to steal an apparently worthless painting, and the apartment's real owner turns up dead in Charlie's apartment.

The Muralist (Hardcover) Fiction by B.A. Shapiro

Auction-house employee Danielle Abrams investigates the unsolved disappearance of her famous-artist great-aunt when she discovers enigmatic paintings hidden behind Abstract Expressionist works created decades earlier.

also **The Art Forger**

The Mystery of the Lost Cezanne by M.L. Longworth

Picturesque Aix-en-Provence, the birthplace of artist Paul Cezanne, is also home to Judge Antoine Verlaque and his companion, law professor Marine Bonnet. In this fifth mystery (after *Murder on the Ile Sordou*) in Longworth's enchanting series, Verlaque uncovers an unknown Cezanne painting found hidden in an apartment building

The Perfect Fake by Barbara Parker

Struggling to work as a graphic artist in spite of his probation officer's machinations, former master forger Tom Fairchild accepts a precarious but lucrative job from the millionaire father of his former girlfriend only to discover that the assignment involves a dubious ulterior motive.

Fiction list

Me and Kaminski by Daniel Kehlmann ; translated from the German by Carol Brown Janeway.

Confronting a series of personal, romantic, and professional

failures, Sebastian Zollner prepares to interview Manuel Kaminski, an eccentric and legendary painter living in seclusion as he loses his sight, with the intent of writing a definitive biography of the artis

Girl with a Pearl Earring (Paperback) fiction by Tracy Chevalier

Lulu meets God and doubts him /Danielle Ganek.

In the aftermath of an emerging artist's untimely death on the night of his first opening, gallery receptionist and aspiring artist Mia McMurray witnesses a fierce competition for possession of the late artist's most-coveted painting.

My name is Red /Orhan Pamuk ; translated from the Turkish by Erdağ M. Göknar.

In sixteenth-century Istanbul, a furor erupts when the Sultan hires a group of artists to illuminate a great book in the European style at a time in which all figurative art is considered Islamic heresy, but the situation becomes worse when one of the miniaturists vanishes.

Oil and Marble: a novel of Leonardo and Michelangelo by Stephanie Storey

A stunning art history thriller. From 1501 to 1505, Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo Buonarroti both lived and worked in Florence. Leonardo was a charming, handsome fifty year-old at the peak of his career. Michelangelo was a temperamental sculptor in his mid-twenties, desperate to make a name for himself.

Sacre bleu :a comedy of art /Christopher Moore.

Baker-turned-painter Lucien Lessard and bon vivant Henri Toulouse-Lautrec vow to discover the truth behind the untimely death of their friend Vincent van Gogh, which leads them on a surreal odyssey and brothel-crawl deep into the art world of late 19th century Paris

The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer by Anne-Marie O'Connor

The Last Painting of Sara de Vos by Dominic Smith

The author deftly bridges the historical and the contemporary, tracking a collision course between a rare landscape by a female Dutch painter of the golden age, an inheritor of the work in 1950s Manhattan, and a celebrated art historian who painted a forgery of it in her youth.

The Man who stole the Mona Lisa by Robert Noah

A fictionalized but accurate account of the successful 1911 plot to steal Da Vinci's famous painting from the Louvre pits three criminal masterminds against the museum and tells how the Mona Lisa actually left the building carried under a coat.

Report on Left Coast Crime

This page will be completed (redone) after my return and sent out later MEANWHILE....

I have been trying to read some of the attending authors books before I go...mainly from "freebies" received at previous conventions. So to fill this page for now here are my mini reviews of the ones I've read this month

Burrell, Teresa - THE ADVOCATE - 2009 - 3.9 - San Diego -

Sabre Brown is a legal rep for Alexis Murdock....who seems to be unwilling to talk about her family. Sabre's missing brother comes to have a part in the history of the case. Sabre's best buddy - lawyer Bob is there for most of the action but misses the real danger to Sabre.

Burrell, Teresa - THE ADVOCATE'S BETRAYAL -#2 - 2010 - 3.0 San Diego - Kindle

Sabre takes on an adult murder case when a friend is accused of killing her husband. Sabre has a new boy friend. JP and Bob help solve the details that the client refuses to reveal :This is something of an Enginizer bunny series as Sabre gets into a lot of danger (capture by the villain).

Beason, Pamela - RACE FOR JUSTICE - 2018 - 4.5 - Tanzania and Wash. State - Kindle and a YA book

Another endurance race - in Tanzania as Tan has seen a woman she believes is her dead mother. As the start of the race is beginning she finds Sebastian (the bastard son of the ex-President) is to be her partner. A four day race and a race to stop those who killed her family. 3rd in a trilogy.

Burrell, Teresa - THE ADVOCATE'S CONVICTION -#3 - 2011 - 4.0 - San Diego—

A troubled teenager and a group of 5 children under 8 are Sabre's cases. When the teen and the oldest boy disappear amid rumors of Satanic rituals, Sabre, Bob and JP have their hands full

Sellers, L J - WRONGFUL DEATH - #10 - 2015 - 4.0 Eugene, OR—

Wade Jackson, detective in Eugene catches a case of a fellow detective killed in an area of homeless residents. The cousin of the victim is assigned a case of abused teens and the blackmail of the parents. Although quite late in the series easy enough to follow...

and create an interest to delve further in the series.

Borg, Todd - TAHOE SILENCE - #5 - -2007 - 4.25 - Lake Tahoe –

Owen is asked to find two missing (kidnapped) children, one who is on the autism spectrum and is taken while spinning. Spot (the Dalmatian) and Sweet (Owen's girlfriend!) help in his search while he learns much about the girl called Silence and autism. Her brother and guardian is soon found dead.

Elkins, Aaron - SWITCHEROO - #18 - 2016 - 3.5 and falling - Channel Islands, UK

Start of book was intriguing, but the skipping in leaps and bound to present day lost my interest. A strange case where keeping it a historical would have been more to my liking

Beason, Pamela - THE ONLY WITNESS - #1 - 2011 - 4.25 - Washington State

When Neema (gorilla) sees a baby's kidnapping - she has a most difficult time convincing Grace (her teacher of signing) what she saw. The young mother faces as many problems convincing authorities she had nothing to do with it. But a determined cop, Matt Finn, works hard to believe both

None of these are available in the library, but I did try one by Jamie Mason which I did find at the library. But it didn't work as it was compared to GONE GIRL and you all know how much I liked that book.