

Oct-Nov 2018

What's Next

November 26 2018 Award Winners

December 17 Mysteries set in Japan

January 28 Birthday Luncheon

Vital Details Meeting Time 2 PM except for special events,

Meeting Day 4th Mon. except on holidays

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Mystery Book Awards Given in 2018 for books printed in 2017

> Best Mystery Penny, Louise - GLASS HOUSES Locke, Attica - BLUEBIRD, BLUEBIRD Robinson, Peter - SLEEPING IN THE GROUND Dionne, Karen - THE MARSH KING'S DAUGHTER Krueger, William Kent - SULFUR SPRINGS Horowitz, Anthony - MAGPIE MURDERS Parker, T. Jefferson - THE ROOM OF WHITE FIRE Sager, Riley - FINAL GIRLS

Best First Mystery Garrett, Kellye - HOLLYWOODD HOMICIDE Butler, Dave - FULL CURL Harper, Jane - THE DRY Harper, Jordan - SHE RIDES SHOTGUN Kamal, Sheena - THE LOST ONES Lepionka, Kristen - THE LAST PLACE YOU LOOK Howe, K. J. - THE FREEDOM BROKER

Best Paperback Rader-Day, Lori - THE DAY I DIED Eskens, Allen - THE DEEP DARK DESCENDING Mazzola, Anna - THE UNSEEING Zahradnik, Rich - LIGHTS OUT SUMMER Bell, Christine - GRIEVANCE

Best Historical Bowen, Rhys - IN FARLEIGH FIELD (3 awards)

Humorous Bell, E. C. DYING ON SECOND Byron, Ellen - A CAJUN CHRISTMAS KILLING

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BOOKS DUE IN NOVEMBER

Allen, Amanda. Santa Fe Mourning . In a debut mystery set in 1922, a wealthy New York artist and war-widow moves to Santa Fe, turning sleuth when her housekeeper's body is found and his teenaged son is accused of murder.

Avon, Joy. *In Peppermint Peril*. In a debut mystery, a woman returns home for Christmas and while helping her aunt cater a book-themed tea finds that a dead body, a mysterious will, and a missing heirloom ring make for a less-than-festive season.

Baldacci, David. *The Long Road to Mercy*. An FBI agent assigned to protect the area around the Grand Canyon must investigate when one of the mules is stabbed and its rider is missing, but her superiors abruptly call her off the case just as she finds evidence of a larger plot.

Broderick, Willian - *The Silent Ones*[Father Anselm #6] Monk-turned-lawyer-turned-novelist William Brodrick has proven with each new installment of his Father Anselm series that he's the "writer of choice for those who prefer a cerebral challenge with a moral and social message"

Brown, Rita Mae. *Homeward Hound*. Sister Jane and the hounds must discover who killed one of the controversial members of the hunt, the president of an energy company pushing for a pipeline through the Virginia countryside.

Carrasco, Katrina - *The Best Bad Things-* A vivid, sexy barn burner of a historical crime novel, *The Best Bad Things* introduces readers to the fiery Alma Rosales - detective, smuggler, spy

Child, Lee. **Past Tense**. Jack Reacher decides to visit the small New Hampshire town that his father was from only to discover that no one named Reacher had ever lived there.

Clark, Mary Higgins and Alafair Burke. **You Don't Own Me**. Television producer Laurie Moran is approached by the family of a talented doctor who was murdered in his driveway, and whose wife has been suspected by his family of being responsible, but when she investigates Laurie finds that the family and the doctor himself have plenty of secrets. I love this series, which is cozy, but not too, suspenseful, and clever.

Crosby, Ellen. *Harvest of Secrets*. Virginia vintner Lucie Montgomery has her hands full with the discovery of human remains on her family land and the murder of a French winemaker who had taken a job at a neighboring winery.

Delany, Vicky. *A Scandal in Scarlet*. When Gemma puts on an afternoon tea with a charity auction to rebuild the town's museum, the event is cut short by the discovery of a body in the backroom, so she and her friend must find a killer after a neighboring merchant falls under suspicion in the fourth of this cozy series. **Disher**, Garry. *Signal Loss*. Hal Challis of the Australian Peninsula police investigates when a bushfire reveals the bodies of a meth lab and two enforcers for a drug kingpin, while his new colleague is on the trail of a serial rapist who leaves no clues.

Driscoll,Sara - *Storm Rising* - FBI Special Agent Meg Jennings and her search-and-rescue K-9 companion confront the fury of nature

Eskins, Allen. *The Shadows we Hide* Minneapolis report Joe Talbert investigates the murder of a man who could have been his father, and discovers a man thoroughly disliked by his neighbors, who may have been in line to inherit millions from his late wife who committed suicide in a nuanced story of family and self-discovery.

Flower, Amanda. *Death and Daisies* American florist Fiona has decided to open a flower shop in Aberdeenshire after inheriting her godfather's cottage with its magic garden, but opening day is marred by the discovery of a body on the beach in the second in this cozy, magical series.

Hallinan, Timothy. *Nighttown* a woman in an orange wig offers him \$50,000 to break into the house of a recently deceased recluse and steal a doll from her collection, Junior Bender is suspicious, but when a friend is murdered, he decides that it's time to find out who she is and what she is really after. I love this series—it's funny, well-plotted, intelligent, and sometimes really poignant.

Harper, Karen - *Silent Scream -* When an old college roommate invites Claire Britten to join her on an archaeological dig at a Florida peat bog, it's an offer the renowned forensic psychologist can't refuse.

Harvey, John. **Body & Soul**. In the fourth and final of the series featuring former Nottingham police detective John Elder, who discovers that his emotionally fragile daughter has become a person of interest in a murder case.

Havill, Steven F. *Lies Come Easy* The disappearance of a Forest Service range tech and the murder of a woman in the nearby border town overshadow Christmas festivities in Posadas County, NM.

Horowitz, Anthony. *Forever and a Day*. A prequel to lan Fleming's *Casino Royale* that provides the story of the beginnings of James Bond, who joins the Double-0 section to find the killer of the agent known as 007, probably the victim of the Corsican mobsters he was investigating in Marseilles.

Kelly, Stephen. *Hushed in Death*. In the third in this series set in England during WWII, DCI Lamb investigates the murder of a gardener at a country house turned into a treatment center for traumatized war veterans, and discovers that a similar murder took place during WWI.

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Kelly, Diane. *The Long Paw of the Law*. Megan and her K9 partner Sergeant Brigit investigate when an infant is found abandoned at a local fire station only to discover a connection to the compound of a religious sect outside the Fort Worth city limits.

Kopfler, Pamela. *Downright Dead*. When a famous debunker of hauntings arrives at Holly's B&B to question her haunted house, he is converted from a skeptic to a believer after he is pushed off the widow's walk and arises as a ghost, but now he wants her to find his murderer.

Lethem, Jonathan. *The Feral Detective*. A woman hires a hirsute detective who lives in the Mojave Desert with his dogs and an opossum to find the missing daughter of a friend and their quest leads them to California's Inland Empire filled with hippies and vagabonds who live off the grid.

Littlejohn, Emily. *Lost Lake*. Colorado police detective Gemma Moore investigates the disappearance of a curator of a history museum, a disappearance seemingly explained by the simultaneous disappearance of a valuable historic diary, but when the director is murdered after a large fundraising gala, it seems that a killer is still at large.

Lupica, Mike. *Robert B. Parker's Blood Feud*. PI Sunny Randall investigates when her ex-husband is shot at on the Boston streets and it becomes clear that someone is targeting his mobbed-up family. Sunny is basically Spenser in a skirt, but great fun nonetheless.

McCall Smith, Alexander. *The Colors of all the Cattle* Precious Ramotswe reluctantly agrees to run for a seat on the Gabarone City Council to prevent a flashy hotel from being built next to the graveyard in the latest in this charming series.

Penny, Louise. *Kingdom of the Blind*. Gamache is on suspension from the Sûreté du Québec, but he manages to become embroiled in another murder when he and psychologist-turned-bookseller Myrna are enlisted to be executors of a stranger's will and one of the beneficiaries turns up dead.

Perry, Anne. *A Christmas Revelation* Two London boys see a young woman being abducted from the street, so they go to rescue her only to discover that she doesn't want to be rescued—the abductors murdered her father and she wants revenge.

Preston, Lisa. *The Clincher*. The first of a new cozy series featuring a farrier (horseshoer) in a small Oregon ranching town who becomes a suspect when one of her clients is found murdered and turns sleuth to clear her name. This is a stellar debut with an interesting protagonist, interesting horse lore, and a nicely twisty plot.

Rimington, Stella. *The Moscow Sleepers* . MI5 agent Liz Carlyle investigates a shady private school in Suffolk that

enrolls only boys with advanced computer skills from Eastern Europe and which appears to be a training ground for hackers run by Moscow.

Rosen, Leonard - *The Kortelisy Escape* Caught in a Three Strikes law that sends him to prison for life, Nate Larson negotiates with prosecutors for an early release in exchange for testifying against his brother in an upcoming trial. As part of the deal, he demands custody of his fourteen-year-old granddaughter, Grace, who's survived a string of disastrous foster homes.

Robotham, Michael - *The Other Wife* - Childhood sweethearts William and Mary have been married for sixty years. William is a celebrated surgeon, Mary a devoted wife. Both have a strong sense of right and wrong. This is what their son, Joe O'Loughlin, has always believed. But when Joe is summoned to the hospital with news that his father has been brutally attacked, his world is turned upside down.

St. Vincent, Sarah. *Ways to Hide in Winter*. A woman who has retreated from life to work in a state park in Pennsylvania's Blue Ridge Mountains befriends a stranger who claims to be a student from Uzbekistan, but he seems to be terrified in a story of violence and redemption, betrayal and empathy.

Thomas, Will. **Blood is Blood**. After their London office is dynamited and enquiry agent Cyrus Barker is hospitalized with his injuries, his assistant looks for the five men who have grudges against Barker, with the help of Barker's brother, a Pinkerton agent newly arrived from the U.S.

Todd, Charles. *The Gate Keeper*. While driving in Suffolk, DI Ian Rutledge comes upon a woman with bloodstained hands standing over a dead man, and discovers that the man is a local bookseller shot by a man who stepped into the road and then ran away.

Truss, Lynne - **A Shot in the Dark** - The charming first novel in a new comic crime series, from one of Britain's most-loved writers, the incomparable Lynne Truss Brighton, 1957. Inspector Steine rather enjoys his life as a policeman by the sea. No criminals, no crime, no stress.

Wojtas, Olga. *Miss Blaine's Prefect and the Golden Samovar*. A very funny debut featuring an Edinburgh librarian—trained at the finest educational institution in the city in everything from martial arts to quantum physics—who is recruited to time-travel to Tsarist Russia to prevent a miscarriage of romance only to discover that a murderer is on the loose.

Yokoyama, Hideo. **Seventeen**. A thriller based on the crash of a Japanese airliner, featuring a reporter who is put in charge of covering the crash and who must weigh the public's need to know against the concerns of his superiors and the government, and years later he makes good on a promise he made that holds the key to the mystery of the tragedy.

WHAT WE READ IN SEPTEMBER

Bobbi

Khan, Ausma Zehanat - THE UNQUIET - 5.0 Imrie, Celia - SAIL AWAY - 4.5 Easley, Warren - NEVER LOOK DOWN - 4.0 Cross, Andrew - 15 SECONDS - 5.0 O'Connell, Carrol - IT HAPPENS IN THE DARK - 5.5 Harris, Gregory - THE DALWICH DESECRATION - 3.5 Baldacci, David - NO MAN'S LAND - 5.5 Doerr, Anthony - ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE - 5.0

Karen

Brandmman, Michael - ONE ON ONE - 4.0 Mulford, Carolyn - SHOW ME THE GOLD - 4.0 Sandford, John BURIED PREY - 3.5 Dronbush Jennifer Graeser - THE CORONER - 4.25 Coleman, Reed Farrel - COLORBLIND - 4.5 Doiron, Paul - STAY HIDDENB - 3,0 Munier Paula - A BORROWING OF BONES - 4,9 Mizushima,m Margaret - BURNING RIDGE - 4.9 Bowen Peter - SOLUS - 4.0 Goldberg, Lee - TRUE FICTION - 3.75 Parker, T. Jefferson - SWIFT VENGEANCE - 4.0 Johnson, Craig - DEPTH OF WINTER - 2.5 Hamilton, Steve - DEAD MAN - 4.5

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Quartey, Kwei - WIFE OF THE GODS - 5.0 Quartey;, Kwei - CHILDREN OF THE STREET - 5,0 Quartey, Swei - MURDER OF CAPE THREE POINTS - 5.0

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Silva, Daniel - THE OTHER WOMAN - 4.5 Coyle, Matt - YESTERDAY'S ECHO - 4.5 Patterson, James and Andrew Bourelle - TEXAS RANGER - 3.45 Margolin, Philip - PROOF POSITIVE - 4.5

Margolin, Philip - EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE - 5.0

Penny

Perry, Anne - LONG POOL LANE - 5.0 Doerr, Anthon;y - ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE - 5.0

Susan

Khan, Vaseem - THE UNEXPECTED INHERITANCE OF INSPECTOR CHOPRA - 4.25 Silva, Daniel THE OTHER WOMAN - 4.0 Tallman, Shirley; - THE RUSSIAN HILL MURDERS - 4.35 Stanley, Michael - DEATH OF THE MANTIS - 4.5 Doiron, Paul - STAY HIDDEN - 4.5 Jance, J. A - FIELD OF BONES - 5.0 Mulford, Carolyn - SHOW ME THE MURDER - 3.5 Mulford, Carolyn - SHOW ME THE DEADLY DEER - 3.0

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Hall, Tarquin - THE CASE OF THE MISSING SERVANT Hall, Tarquin - THE CASE OF THE MAN WHO DIED LAUGHING

Silva, Daniel - A DEATH IN VIENNA

Yvonne

Khan, Vaseem - THE PERPELEXINBBG THEFT OF THE JEWEL IN THE CROWN - 3.9 Khan, Vaseem - THE STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE BOLLYWOOD STAR - 3.85 Khan, Ausma Zehanat - THE LANGUAGE OF SECRETS - 4.5



This and that

From the LIBRARY

Thrills and Chills:Mystery Author Panel October 29 at 7 P.M . in the Community Room Join us for a Sisters in Crime mystery author panel discussion. Mystery authors Jill Amadio, Jeri Westerson, and Greta Boris will discuss all things spooky, creating a suspenseful mood, the writing process, and more. There will also be an opportunity to purchase titles for an author signing. This event is provided in partnership with Sisters in Crime Orange County and sponsored by The Friends of the Yorba Linda Public Library.

From THE BOOK CARNIVAL

Martin Limon will be signing THE LINE on Saturday Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. Limon's mystery is set in the Korean Demilitarized Zone in the 1970s.

Joe Ide is signing Wrecked on Sunday Nov. 4 at 3 p.m.

Lisa Brackmann and Timothy Hallinan will sign their new books on Saturday November 10 at 2. P.M. Tim's new book is NIGHT TOWN with Junior Bender

Mike Lupica has writer a new Sunny Randall (a Robert B. Parker character) and will be there Wed. November 28 at 7::30 P.M.

Matt Coyle's will sign WRONG LIGHT on Saturday Dec. 8 at 2 P.M

A TALL TALE

In 1869, while digging a well at an upstate New York farm just outside the town of Cardiff, workers found what appeared to be the petrified body of a man, but not just any man —a ten-foot tall giant. When New York cigar maker George Hull, who had hired the workers, found out about their discovery, he began touring with the petrified body, which was known as the Cardiff Giant. He charged people 50 cents to see it. P.T. Barnum, who knew a good thing when he saw it, offered to buy the giant from Hull, and when Hull refused, he simple created his own giant and put in on display. He then sued Hull, declaring the original to be a fake. During the trial, Hull admitted the giant was an elaborate hoax, carved from gypsum and washed with sulfuric acid to make it look old. He created the hoax for two reasons: first, because he had an argument with a fundamentalist preacher concerning the "giants in the Earth"" mentioned in the Bible; and second, to make a bunch of money off the rubes of the Earth.

THANKSGIVING True and False Quiz

- 1. Canada also has Thanksgiving. They have their holiday on the second Monday in October.
- The first ever Thanksgiving was held in 1621 at Plymouth by the Pilgrims.
- 3. All turkeys can fly.
- 4. The Pilgrims only "celebrated" three days the Sabbath, fast days, and days of thanksgiving.
- 5. All turkeys gobble.
- 6. The first department store to hold a Thanksgiving parade was Macy's.
- 7. Every year the President of the United States pardons a turkey, who spends the rest of its life on a historical farm.
- 8. Cranberries are tasted to see if they are sweet enough to harvest.
- 9. More than half of the people in the Plymouth colony died that winter of 1621.
- 10. Turkeys can see behind themselves.



should bounce about 4 inches high.

- Cranberries are bounced to see if they are ripe. They .6
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 - turkeys.
- Only male turkeys gobble. They do so to attract female ٠ς ənı .4
 - eating cannot because they are too heavy.
- Wild turkeys can fly, but those domestically grown for .ε land before the Pilgrims ever came to the New World.
- Thanksgiving teasts were part of early religion in Eng-.2 ənı L .Ι
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TURKEY AWARDS

Once upon a time our group awarded "TURKEYS" to various books we had read during the year. I hope we can do it again so I am including two forms in case you want to pick more that one that has disappointed you or maybe even thrilled you



THE WORST

Pick from the worst written, the most annoying or most boring mystery you have read this year.



Pick from the best written mystery or the most interesting character you read this year.





THE WORST

Pick from the worst written, the most annoying or most boring mystery you have read this year.

THE BEST

Pick from the best written mystery or the most interesting character you read this year.

