

What's Next

October 22 New Authors in 20 18 November 26 Mystery Award Winners (2017 books)

December 17 Mysteries set in Japan

January 28 Birthday Luncheon

Meeting Time 2 PM except for special events

Meeting Day 4th Mon. except on holidays

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Barnard, J E - WHEN THE FLOOD FALLS (Falls Mystery, book 1) - With her career in tatters and her marriage receding in the rear-view mirror, ex-RCMP corporal Lacey McCrae trades her uniform for a tool belt, and the Lower Mainland for the foothills west of Calgary.

Bartley, D.A., BLESSED BE THE WICKED - (Abish Taylor Mystery) - In D. A. Bartley's compelling debut, Detective Abish Taylor returns home to Utah and uncovers dark secrets lurking within the quiet Mormon community. Detective Abish Taylor left Utah for a reason. But with her husband's passing, it's time to come home.

Bauer, Chris - JANE'S BABY - Whatever happened to Jane Roe's baby? Norma McCorvey, of Caddo-Comanche heritage, did not terminate the pregnancy that led her to become the anonymous plaintiff of the landmark case *Roe v Wade* because in 1971, was illegal. The Jane Roe would now be a woman in her late forties, A religious rights splinter group has blackmailed its way into learning the identity of the Roe baby, Tourette's-afflicted K9 bounty hunter Judge Drury, a Marine, stands in the way of the splinter group's attempt at stacking the Supreme Court

Brydon, James - THE MOMENT BEFORE DROWNING one of the season's most remarkable debuts and the launch of a complex and truly memorable protagonist, Captain Jacques le Garrec, a lion of the French Resistance, now disgraced by his intelligence service and returned to his hometown in Brittany, where he's charged with investigating a cold case murder.

Carr, Jack, TERMINAL LIST - A Navy SEAL has nothing left to live for and everything to kill for after he discovers that the American government is behind the deaths of his team in this ripped-from-the-headlines political thriller.

Cleveland, Karen, NEED TO KNOW - A CIA analyst who has developed a program to identify Russian sleeper agents finds a dossier that pits her loyalty to her country against her loyalty to her family. I read this in one night and loved it for wonderfully twisty plotting.

Copenhaver, John, DODGING AND BURNING - In a small Virginia town still reeling from World War II, a photograph of a beautiful murdered woman propels three young people into the middle of a far-reaching mystery.

Cotton, Peter - DEAD HEAT (Darren Glass, book 1) When the battered body of a young Aboriginal woman washes up onto a beach at Jervis Bay, Australian Federal Police Detective Darren Glass is brought in from Canberra to investigate.

Dornbush, Jennifer Graeser - THE CORONER_Summoned from her promising surgical career first to her estranged father's bedside, and then his post as medical examiner when his small town needs urgent help with a suspicious death, Emily Hartford discovers home is where the bod-(Continued on page 2)

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MORE FIRST TIME MYSTERIES

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ies are in this pitch perfect mystery debut.

Enmon, Larry, THE BURIAL PLACE - When the mayor's daughter goes missing in Dallas, maverick police detectives Rob Soliz and Frank Pierce must race to find her alive in this thrilling procedural debut from a seasoned law enforcement officer.

Fleet, Rebecca - THE HOUSE SWAP - When Caroline and Francis receive an offer to house swap, they jump at the chance for a week away from home. After the difficulties of the past few years, they've worked hard to rebuild their marriage for their son's sake; now they want to reconnect as a couple. On arrival, they find a house that is stark and sinister in its emptiness

Frear, Caz - SWEET LITTLE LIES Twenty-six-year-old Cat Kinsella overcame a troubled childhood to become a Detective Constable with the Metropolitan Police Force, but she's never been able to banish these ghosts. When she's called to the scene of a murder in Islington, not far from the pub her estranged father still runs, she discovers that Alice Lapaine, a young housewife who didn't get out much, has been found strangled.

Freeman, Dianne - A LADY'S GUIDE TO ETIQUETTE AND MURDER (Countess of Harleigh Mystery, book 1) In this exciting historical mystery debut set in Victorian England, a wealthy young widow encounters the pleasures - and scandalous pitfalls - of a London social season . . .

Gunnis, Emily THE GIRL IN THE LETTER - A heartbreaking letter. A girl locked away. A mystery to be solved.1956. When lvy Jenkins falls pregnant she is sent in disgrace to St Margaret's, . Her baby is adopted against her will.

Hetherton, J.G., LAST GIRL GONE -Investigative journalist Laura Chambers is back in her tiny hometown of Hillsborough, North Carolina, the one place she swore never to return. Fired from the *Boston Globe*, her career in shambles, she reluctantly takes a job with the local paper. The work is simple, unimportant, and worst of all, boring - at least until a missing girl turns up dead, the body impeccably clean, dressed to be the picture of innocence.

Hill, Edwin. LITTLE COMFORT . A debut set among Boston's elite featuring a Harvard librarian with a side business as a finder of the lost, who is hired to find a missing con man who has used his charm & good looks to prey women..

Huang, Christopher - A GENTLEMAN'S MURDER The year is 1924. The cobblestoned streets of St. James ring with jazz as Britain races forward into an age of peace and prosperity. London's back alleys, however, are filled with broken soldiers and still enshadowed by the lingering horrors of the Great War. Only a few years removed from the trenches of Flanders himself, Lieutenant Eric Peterkin has just been granted membership in the most prestigious soldiers-only club in London:

Hunt, Tom, KILLER CHOICE - Gary Foster's life is finally heading in the right direction. After years of trying, his wife, Beth, is pregnant, and he recently opened a business with his brother. But one phone call changes everything.... After collapsing suddenly, Beth has been rushed to the hospital. Tests reveal a devastating diagnosis: an inoperable brain tumor. Their only hope is an expensive experimental treatment available abroad, with a cost that's out of their reach.

Immergut, Debra Jo, THE CAPTIVES - Prison psychologist Frank Lundquist is astonished to see Miranda Greene walk into his office 15 years after they graduated from school as his incarcerated newest client. Though she doesn't remember him, Frank remembers every word Miranda ever spoke to him back when she was a beautiful, long-haired teenager

Jacobs, Nova, THE LAST EQUATION OF ISAAC SEVERY -In this "riveting... brilliant" (*Booklist*) debut, Hazel Severy, the owner of a struggling Seattle bookstore, receives a letter from her adoptive grandfather - mathematician Isaac Severy - days after he dies in a suspected suicide.

Jones, Sandie - THE OTHER WOMAN Emily thinks Adam's perfect, the man she thought she'd never meet. Lurking in the shadows is a rival, a woman who shares a deep bond with the man she loves. And she'll stop at nothing: Emily chose Adam, but she didn't choose his mother .

King, Janna, THE SEASONAIRES - For a 21-year old, there is no summer job better than seasonaire. No responsibilities, school is months away, and you're surrounded by chic, beautiful people. Intoxicating and seemingly carefree, what could possibly go wrong?

Klehfoth, Elizabeth - ALL THESE BEAUTIFUL STRANGERS One summer day, Grace Fairchild, the beautiful young wife of real estate mogul Alistair Calloway, vanished from the family's lake house without a trace, leaving behind her seven-year old daughter, Charlie, and a slew of unanswered questions.

Langley, Mark, PATH OF THE DEAD - (Arthur Nakai Mystery, book 1) - Ex-marine Arthur Nakai spent years as a member of the Shadow Wolves, an ICE tactical unit tasked by the US government to hunt human traffickers and drug smugglers on the US/Mexico border. He put that life of confronting violence in the darker contours of the desert landscape behind him and settled into a quiet existence in New Mexico with his wife, Sharon, a local TV reporter.

Lewin, J C - ALL YOUR FAULT - She's saved so many lives. But can she save her own daughter? Social worker Suzanne Walker has spent her life protecting children from abuse. Then one of her young wards is found dead. And her own teenage daughter, goes missing. Suzanne's cosy life shatters to pieces. Lovering, Carola - TELL ME LIES Lucy Albright is far from her Long Island upbringing when she arrives on the campus of her small California college and happy to be hundreds of miles from her mother, whom she's never forgiven for an act of betrayal in her early teen years

Mangan, Christine, TANGERINE - The last person Alice Shipley expected to see since arriving in Tangier with her new husband was Lucy Mason. After the accident at Bennington, the two friends - haven't spoken in over a year.

Massey, Gale, THE GIRL FROM BLIND RIVER - Everyone says the Elders family are nothing but cheats, thieves, and convicts - a fact nineteen-year old Jamie Elders has been trying desperately to escape. She may have the natural talent of a poker savant, but her dreams of going pro and getting the hell out of the tiny town of Blind River are going nowhere fast.

McLaughlin, James A., BEARSKIN - Bearskin is visceral, raw, and compelling - filled with sights, smells, and sounds truly observed. It's a powerful debut and an absolute show-case of exceptional prose.

Meyerson, Amy - THE BOOKSHOP OF YESTERDAYS -Miranda grew up in the stacks of her uncle's bookstore, solving the inventive scavenger hunts he created just for her. On Miranda's twelfth birthday, her uncle suddenly disappeared.

Miller, Tom, PHILOSOPHER'S FLIGHT - A thrilling debut from ER doctor turned novelist Tom Miller, *The Philosopher's Flight* is an epic historical fantasy set in a World War I-era America where magic and science have blended into a single extraordinary art.

Molloy, Aimee, THE PERFECT MOTHER Soon to be a major motion picture starring *Scandal*'s Kerry Washington.

Munier, Paula - A BORROWING OF BONES After their last deployment, when she got shot, her fiancé Martinez got killed and his bomb-sniffing dog Elvis got depressed, soldier Mercy Carr and Elvis were both sent home, her late lover's last words ringing in her ears: "Take care of my partner."

Owens, Delia - WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when hand-some Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl.

Owens, Lauren Doyle, THE OTHER SIDE OF EVERYTHING

- A curmudgeonly widower emerges from a hermit-like existence in the wake of a neighborhood murder that implicates an artistic cancer survivor who creates suspiciously realistic paintings of the crime scene.

Redmond, Heather - A TALE OF TWO MURDERS A, young Charles Dickens is a journalist on the rise at the *Evening Chronicle*. Invited to dinner at the estate of the newspaper's co -editor, Charles is smitten with his boss's daughter, vivacious

nineteen-year-old Kate Hogarth. They are having the best of times when a scream shatters the pleasant evening.

Redmond, Lissa Marie, A COLD DAY IN HELL - Lauren Riley is an accomplished detective who has always been on the opposite side of the courtroom from slick defense attorney Frank Violanti. But now he's begging to hire her as a private investigator to help clear his client of murder.

Reid, Joseph - TAKEOFF - Air-marshal-turned-investigator Seth Walker embarks on his first case: accompanying female pop-star Max Magic to Los Angeles and delivering her to the FBI. But when their routine flight ends in a hail of gunfire at LAX, Walker has to grab the frightened diva and TAKE OFF.

Richard, Saralyn, MURDER IN THE ONE PERCENT - A powerful and rich playboy, a rare and naturally-occurring poison, a newly divorced woman with an ax to grind, and pressure from the former President of the US are just a few of the challenges facing Detective Oliver Parrott. African-American and a former college football hero making a name for himself in the criminal justice system,

Rosenberg, Jordy, CONFESSIONS OF THE FOX - "I devoured this book because of its Dickensian devotion to gnarly historical steam punk realism. Really it's such an obsessive read, sad it was over. I couldn't stop wanting to go there." -

Rowley, Emma - WHERE THE MISSING GO _The twisty, gripping psychological thriller about a mother working at a missing persons helpline who receives a desperate phone call from her own daughter, who went missing four years before

Shafransky, Renee, TIPS FOR LIVING - It's taken Nora three years. With the help of her best friend, she fled New York City for a small resort town, snagged a job as the advice columnist for the local paper, and is cautiously letting a new man into her life. But when Hugh and his perfect new family move into a house nearby, Nora backslides. Coping with jealousy, humiliation, and resentment again is as hard as she feared. It's harder still when Hugh and his wife are shot to death in their home.

Steadman, Catherine - SOMETHING IN THE WATER ---Erin is a documentary filmmaker on the brink of a professional breakthrough, Mark a handsome investment banker with big plans. Passionately in love, they embark on a dream honeymoon to the tropical island of Bora Bora, where they enjoy the sun, the sand, and each other. Then, while scuba diving in the crystal blue sea, they find something in the water..

Walker, Nico - CHERRY "A wrenching, clear-eyed staredown into the abyss of war, addiction and crime, a dark tumble into scumbaggery, but it's also deeply humane and truly funny. That is one of the reasons I love it so much: it makes you laugh and ache at the same time."

READER'S REVIEWS

Anne

Tallman, Shirley - THE RUSSIAN HILL MURDERS - 4.0

Though her own San Francisco law firm barely tolerates her, gutsy young attorney Sarah Woolson flouts proper feminine behavior in this nineteenth-century mystery. While her mother begs her to settle down, her chauvinistic boss tries to come up with ever more spiteful ways to pressure his only female associate into quitting. Naturally, Sarah digs in her heels and vows to retain her position at any cost.

Tallman, Shirley - SCANDAL ON RINCON HILL - 4.0

A body is found just blocks from attorney Sarah Woolson's home on Rincon Hill. Sarah is on the case, but 19th-century San Francisco is soon thrown into a state of panic as a gruesome crime spree begins to take hold of the city.

McNamara, Michelle - I'LL BE GONE IN THE DARK — 4.0 Non-fiction true crime of Golden State Killer. Author died before the book was finished.

Hawley, Noah - A CONSPIRACY OF TALL MEN -5.0

In this remarkably smart thriller, Noah Hawley cracks through our last remaining illusions about life in America to expose the dark, eccentric paranoia that thrives at its center. Linus Owen is a professor of conspiracy theory at Modesto College in San Rafael, California. He teaches, among other things, a graduate -level class on JFK and gives seminars on magic bullet theories and how the symbols on the dollar bill reveal the presence of a secret government leading the world toward biblical Armageddon. Crackling with energy and style, populated by gritty, off-beat characters all harboring their own hidden agendas, **A Conspiracy of Tall Men** provides a fast-paced, literate look into the ominous rebirth of American nervousness.

Bobbi

Muller, Marcia and Bill Pronzini - THE DANGEROUS LA-DIES AFFAIR - 2016 - 4.0

Sabina Carpenter and John Quincannon Professional Detective Services are presented with a couple of new opportunities to solve mysterious crimes in San Francisco in the late 1890's in "The Dangerous Ladies Affair". Bill Pronzini and Marcia Muller alternate every few chapters telling the intricacies of how the detective pair investigate and solve the puzzles they are hired for.

Perry, Anne - THE WHITECHAPEL CONSPIRACY -#21-

2001 -4.5 The grisly killings of Whitechapel prostitutes by Jack the Ripper remain a frightening enigma. In a packed Old Bailey courtroom, distinguished old soldier John Adinett is sentenced to hang for the inexplicable murder of his friend Martin Fetters. It should be a time for Pitt to rejoice and bask in the praise of his superiors, but through the machinations of the Inner Circle he is sacked from Bow Street and transferred to

Special Branch. Far from his family and home he is now in the squalid and dangerous slums of London's East End

Perry, Anne - SOUTHAMPTON ROW - #22 - 2002 - 5.0

Charles Voisey, of the Inner Circle, plans to run for Parliament against the Liberal candidate, Aubrey Serracold, whose wife attends séances in Southampton Row. But when the stylish clairvoyant is found brutally murdered the scandal could damage Serracold's reputation and allow Voisey the chance to sweep to power and corrupt Parliament from within. Emily, wife of an MP, steps in to help Pitt with his investigations, as Charlotte and the children are away on holiday at the coast, but are they free from danger?...

Sullivan, Matthew - MIDNIGHAT AT THE BRIGHT IDEAS BOOKSTORE -2017 - 5.0

When a bookshop patron commits suicide, his favorite store clerk must unravel the puzzle he left behind in this debut novel

Stanley, Michael - A CARRION DEATH - #1 - 2008 - 5.0 When Kalahari game rangers stumble on a human corpse midmeal, it turns out the murder wasn't perfect after all. Enough evidence is left to suggest foul play. Detective David "Kubu" Bengu of the Botswana Criminal Investigation Department is assigned to the case.

Jennings, Luke - CODENAME VILLANELLE - 2017 - 3.0

Villanelle (a codename, of course) is one of the world's most skilled assassins. A catlike psychopath whose love for the creature comforts of her luxurious lifestyle is second only to her love of the game, she specializes in murdering the world's richest and most powerful. But when she murders an influential Russian politician, she draws a relentless foe to her tail. Basis for TV show "Killing Eve"

Coyle, Matt - YESTERDAY'S ECHO - #1 - 2013 - 4.5

Rick Cahill was never convicted of his wife's murder, but he was never exonerated either. Not by the police. Not by the media. Not even by himself. Eight years later, police suspicion and his own guilt remain over his responsibility in his wife's death

Gyasi, Yaa - HOMECOMING - 2016 - 5.0

A book read for the "her Story" group. Tow sisters in Ghana in the eighteenth century.

Oakley, Don - THE ADVENTURE OF CHRISTIAN FAST -

1927 The story of my relative - Christian Fast was born in Maryland in 1762, the youngest son of German immigrants, Johann Nicklaus Fast and Cadarina Dörner, who were from Göcklingen, Germany and Ilbesheim, Germany, although he spent much of his youth in Pennsylvania/Virginia. He joined the Virginia Militia in 1780, as a substitute for his brother Jacob, and helped man a local fort for a short while. In mid-1781 he joined the Pennsylvania Militia, soon becoming part of an

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expedition headed by General George Rogers Clark, under the direct command of Colonel Archibald Lochry. The purpose of the expedition was to capture Fort Detroit, while subduing some of the intervening Native American tribes who had sided with the British. Christian, however, along with many of his fellows, was very soon captured by the Delaware Indians in an engagement usually referred to as "Lochry's Defeat". Large numbers of the prisoners were killed after capture, but Christian, who was wounded during the fight, was given the personal protection of a Delaware warrior of some fame. Tom Lyons, who admired the young Fast's courage, and was especially entertained by his ability to walk on his hands, something he had not seen before. In fact, Christian was adopted into the Delaware tribe, complete with appropriate grooming and attire. As an "Indian" he met some notable historical individuals: the Delaware chief, Captain Pipe, as well as Simon Girty, a much-hated American who now sided with the Indians and the British,. He eventually lived out his relatively long life in Ohio, dying in 1841.

Chitra

<u>McCleary, Carol: The Formula for Murder</u> [2012]: History, mystery, murder, and mayhem accompany gutsy and fearless Victorian newspaper reporter Nellie Bly when she travels to the haunted moors of England to investigate the mysterious death of another journalist. Loved the descriptions of England of yore. [3.50]

Brightwell, Emily: Mrs. Jeffries Questions the Answer [1997]: Hannah Cameron was not well-liked, but who was it that stabbed her in the back? Almost everyone thought that she was killed by a burglar. Inspector Nivens is assigned to the case, so Mrs. Jeffries and the rest of the household tiptoe around this case and meet often enough to find the real killer. [3.75]

Harris, C.S.: When Falcons Fall [2016]: A Sebastian St. Cyr Mystery - Book 11. Ayleswick-on-Teme, 1813. Sebastian St. Cyr, Viscount Devlin, has come to this Shropshire village to honor a slain friend and also to learn more about his own ancestry. The body of a lovely widow, Emma is found on the banks of the River Teme, with a bottle of laudanum at her side, the village's inexperienced new magistrate turns to St. Cyr for help. Lucien Bonaparte, the estranged brother of the French emperor Napoleon is held captive under the British government's watchful eye. The investigation takes a turn when it is discovered that Emma was not the first or even the second beautiful young woman in the village to die under suspicious circumstances. Wonderful descriptions of the eerie ruins of an ancient monastery, and Ayleswick village in general. You find it to be a dark and dangerous place of secrets that have festered among the villagers for decades!! [3.75]

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Darznik, Jasmin - SONG OF A CAPTIVE BIRD: Inspired by the Life and Poetry of Forugh Farrokhza 4.0

Berry, Steve - THE BISHOP'S PAWN - 2018 - MLK; Cotton Malone - 3.5

Thompson, Laura - AGATHA CHRISTIE: A Mysterious Life - Biography 3/0

Ross, Steven J. - HITLER IN LOS ANGELES: How Jews Foiled Nazi Plots Against Hollywood and America - 4.0

Scipioni, Angela & Scipioni, Julie - IRIS & LILY: Book One - 2015 - 3.5

EVICTED: POVERTY AND PROFIT Desmond, Matthew IN THE AMERICAN CITY 2016 Milwaukee [3.75] Darznik, JASMINTHE GOOD DAUGHTER: A Memoir of My Mother's Hidden Life 2011 [4.25] THE QUIET SIDE OF PAS-McCall Smith. ALEXANDER **SION -** 2018 An Isabel Dalhousie Novel [3.50] Cleeton, Chanel NEXT YEAR IN HAVANA - 2018 [4.25] Simonson, Helen THE SUMMER BEFORE THE WAR -2016 [3.75]

Karen

Parker, Ann - LEADEN SKIES- #3 - 2009 -3,9 - Leadville, Colorado 1880 Inez, Saloon owner - Flo, brothel owner, ex president Grant in town... fire at the brothel, murder of a young woman, etc... Inez's missing husband..her lover the preacher, etc. too much mud ...

Castillo, Linda - A GATHERING OF SECRETS - #10 - 2018 -3.75 -Ohio When a young Amish man is burned to death in a barn fire, Kate Burkholder leads the investigation

Dugoni, Robert - A STEEP PRICE - #6 -2018 - 4.5 - Seattle Tracy Crosswhite and others members of the Seattle police force investigate. Tracy catches a missing Indian girl..(later found dead) and Faz and Del catch a case of a mother shot in a drive-by shooting

Hetherton, J. G. - LAST GIRL GONE -2018 - #1 - 3.0 - North Carolina -Kindle Laura Chambers returns to her home town as a disgraced reporter from Boston... takes on the case of a missing child. Definingly not as good as the reviews.

Johansen Iris and Roy - BOUBLE BLIND -#6 -2018 -3.75 - San Diego Kendra Michaels gets involved in a murder case when a note on the body indicates the victim wants to reach Kendra.

Krueger, Wm Kent - DESOLATION MOUNTAIN - #17 - 2018 -4.8 - Minnesota Kindle Cork's son Steven is having problems coping with a vision he has had and then a plane with a Senator aboard crashes into Desolation Mountain.

READERS COMMENTS

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McCarthy, Rob - A HANDFUL OF ASHES 2018 - #2 - 3.75 -London ER doctor is asked to verify death of female whistle blower. Who felt the deaths of 4 heart surgery children may have been caused by the surgeon.

McGarrity, Michaell - RESIDUE - #17 - 2018- - 4.0 - New Mexico Kevin Kerney is arrested for murder at his wife's retirement party from the Army Lots of details to sum up all of Kevin's background but a bit frantic in the search for the real answers

Mulford, Carolyn - SHOW ME THE DEADLY DEER - 2013 -#2 - 4.0 - Missouri - A man dies with a deer antler in his back. This begins a search for a "mad deer" or a killer.

Muller, Marcia - THE BREAKERS -# 33 - 3.5 - San Francisco When daughter of next door neighbors disappears, Sharon is asked to locate her.

Muller, Marcia - THE NIGHT SEARCHERS - 2014 - #30 - 3.5 -San Francisco -CD Sharon saves a wife from the "the night searchers." The wife has been gaslighted.

Parker, T. Jefferson - THE ROOM OF WHITE FIRE - 2017 -3.0 - San Diego county P.I. Roland Ford is hired to locate Clay Hickman, who has escaped from a private mental facility and is believed to be psychotic. Clay gets help from a neighboring teen and Roland gets help from Clay's shrink. Some in my mind glaring leaps of belief and an obvious reveal of military involvement in torture in days before Obama put a stop to it. Coverups galore. - murders plenty

Rich, Christopher - THE MOONLIT EARTH - 2010 - 3.0 -Hong Kong and more CD Megann Reynolds and her brother Cameron (an airline attendant) work to get him free of the terrorist bombing he is accused of.

Robb, J.D. - TREACHERY IN DEATH - #32 - 2011 - 3.75 -NYC CD Bad cops run by daughter of previous top cop. Due to Peabody overhearing a murder plot

Ruggle, Kaatie - RUN TO GROUND #1 - 2017 - 2.75 - Colorado Jules + 4 siblings on the run end up in Monroe Colorado and then into a police K-9 officer and his dog who are depressed over the loss of their previous partners who committed suicide. A Romance not a Mystery and a dog that seeks love from Jules family.

Pam S

Sears, Michael BLACK FRIDAYS MORTAL BONDS LONG WAY DOWN SAVING JASON - all 5.0

Dyer-Seeleys, Kate - IN CAVE DANGER - 4.0 Dyer-Seeleys, Kate - NATURAL THORN KILLER - 4,0

Barr, Nevada - TRACK OF THE CAT (1)- 4.5

Barr, Nevada - SUPERIOR DEATH - (2) - 4.5

Pam T

World's Greatest Sleuth! (Holmes Series) – Steve Hockensmith – 1.0

Big Red and Old Red Amlingmeyer (brothers who are cowboys and wannabe detectives) are summoned to the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. It seems that a best -selling magazine is about to reveal the truth behind the death of Sherlock Holmes, by sponsoring a mystery-solving contest. They are up against fierce competition,, but the contest has barely started when the organizer is found dead under suspicious circumstances.

A Study in Revenge – Kieran Shields – 3.0

Three mysteries intertwine for Portland, Maine Police Detective Archie Lean and his one-time partner criminalist Perceval Grey (a half Abenaki Indian). Mystery #1 is a trail of ashen footprints near a badly scorched body next to a wall bearing occult symbols – Mystery #2 is the disappearance of a wealthy man's granddaughter – Mystery #3 is the theft of the thunderstone, a peculiar heirloom marked with curious symbols owned by the wealthy man's family. The three mysteries intertwine drawing Lean and Grey into a maze of murder, deceit, and revenge.

Origin – Dan Brown – 4.0

Arriving at the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain for a special presentation by a former student of his, Edmond Kirsch, Professor Robert Langdon, and the other guests are intrigued by the event which was announced as "the unveiling of a discovery that will change the face of science and answer two of the fundamental questions of human existence. But the carefully orchestrated event turns into chaos and Langdon is forced to leave Bilbao. With him is Ambra Vidal, the museum director who worked with Kirsch to stage the event. Together they travel to Barcelona to locate the password that will unlock Kirsch's secret. There they uncover clues that bring them face -to-face with Kirsch's discovery and the truth that has eluded mankind.

I'll Be Gone In The Dark – Michelle McNamara – 4.0

For more than ten years, a mysterious and violent predator committed 50 sexual assaults in Northern California and

then moved to Southern California where he committed ten sadistic murders. His message to the victims before killing them was, with clenched teeth, "You'll be silent forever, and I'll be gone in the dark". He was given the title of "Golden State Killer" by the author, a true crime journalist, who was determined to find him. The book portrays her methods, her involvement with using technology to find him, her interactions with various police investigators, interviews with victims and her determination to pursue the truth.

The Snowman – Jo Nesbo (Harry Hole Series) – 3.75

One night, after the year's first snowfall, a young boy wakes up and discovers that his mother his missing. The only Duer-Seelthing remaining of hers is a pink scarf which was his Christmas gift to her and which is now being worn by a mysterious snowman that appeared in the front yard. Inspector Harry Hole suspects a link between the missing woman and a letter he recently received. A pattern seems to be emerging; over the past ten years eleven women have vanished, all on the day of the first snow. The killer, who makes his own rules and who breaks his pattern just the keep the game an interesting one, as he tries to draw Harry closer into his web.

Penny

Stanley, Michael - A DEADLY TRADE (The Second Death of Goodluck Tinubu) - 5.0

Detective Kubu faces his most disturbing investigation yet when he finds himself caught up in a case of betrayal and mistaken identity on the outskirts of northern Botswana. Goodluck Tinubu, an ex-Zimbabwean who has taught in Botswana for many years, is viciously murdered at the Jackalberry bush camp

Perry, Anne - 5.0 -

Susan

Hockensmith, Steve - ON THE WRONG TRACK - 3.5

It's 1893 and the Amlingmeyer brothers, Otto and Gustav, former farmers and cattle drovers, are looking to become detectives, a la Sherlock Holmes. They get hired on the SP RR to guard a train from Utah to Oakland. There are murders, robberies, run away trains, an array of characters and some humor. Once when the brothers do not want other to overhead their talk, they are so "close together they could be in each other's socks." Gustav has excellent sight and it is said he could tell the sex of a mosquito at a hundred feet. I might go on and read the second in the series.

Hockensmith, Steve - THE BLACK DOVE - DNF

A Continuation of the first book but when a better read came along, I quickly gave it up. They are okay but not first class writing when the author grabs you and keeps you reading.

Rosenfelt, David - RESCUED - 4.75

Sometimes attorney Andy Carpenter gets involved when a

truck transporting dogs for adoption is involved in a murder investigation. At the same time an old boyfriend of his wife shows up saying he has committed the murder. However, nothing is what it appears.

Bowen, Rhys - FOUR FUNERALS AND MAYBE A WED-DING - 4.5

Finally, it appears Georgie and Darcy are going to get married. But, both being penniless, housing will be a problem until a former husband of Georgie's mother asks them to live at his estate in his absence. Sounds great until Georgie gets there and all is not what she remembers. Finally, Georgie shows her iron will, inherited from great grandmother, Queen Victoria, and begins to sort things out when everything falls apart completely.

Thone

Grecian, Alex - THE YARD

Scotland Yard's Murder Squad #1 in London in late 1880's -When a member of the squad is found murdered in a trunk with his lips sewn shut the remaining members must find the killer. Insight into how technology begins to change 'London.

Grecian, Alex - THE BLACK COUNTRY - #2

The British Midlands. It's called the "Black Country" for a reason. Bad things happen there. When members of a prominent family disappear from a coal-mining village - and a human eyeball is discovered in a bird's nest - the local constable sends for help from Scotland Yard's new Murder Squad.

Grecian, Alex - THE DEVIL'S WORKSHOP - #3 - 2.0

April, 1890: London wakes to the shocking news of a mass prison escape. The Scotland Yard Murder Squad must recapture the four convicted murderers before night settles,

Grecian, Alex - THE HARVEST MAN - #4 - 4.5

When London discovered that Jack the Ripper was back, it sent Scotland Yard's Murder Squad into chaos. But now it is even worse. There are two of them - Harvest Man begins killing, carving people's faces off their skulls.

Grecian, Aalex - LOST AND GONE FOREVER - #5 - 5.0

Many changes have happened to the Murder Squad. Rash actions have cost Sergeant Nevil Hammersmith his job, and in response he has set up his own private detective agency. Inspector Walter Day has been missing for a year, and no one knows where he is - though there is a strong suspicion that Saucy Jack has him. Hammersmith has made finding Day his primary case, and he has company - a pair of bounty hunters, a man and a woman. It is only gradually that he has come to realize that they are not what they seem

Silva, Daniel - THE KILL ARTIST -#1, THE ENGLISH AS-SASSIN #2 and THE CONFESSOR - #3 - all 5.0

READERS COMMENTS CONCLUDED

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Gabriel Allon is the main protagonist in the thriller and espionage series that focuses on Israeli_intelligence. The main characters refer to their employer as 'the Office', Allon's career began in 1972 when he, Eli Lavon and several others were plucked from civilian life by Ari Shamron to participate in an act of vengeance to hunt down and eliminate those responsible for killing the Israel athletes in Munich.

Vel

Pearl, Matthew - THE DANTE CLUB - 4.5

Boston. 1865. A small group of elite scholars prepares to introduce Dante's vision of hell to America. But so does a murderer. The literary geniuses of the Dante Club - poets and Harvard professors Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Dr Oliver Wendell Holmes, James Russell Lowell and publisher J. T. Fields - are finishing America's first translation of The Divine Comedy. The powerful old guard of Harvard College wants to keep Dante in obscurity, believing that the infiltration of such foreign superstitions will prove as corrupting as the immigrants invading Boston Harbor. The members of the Dante Club fight to keep their sacred literary cause alive, but their plans fall apart when a series of murders erupts through Boston and Cambridge. Only this small group of scholars realises that the gruesome killings are modelled on the descriptions of Hell's punishments from Dante's Inferno. With the police baffled, lives endangered and Dante's literary future at stake, the Dante Club must shed its sheltered literary existence and find a way to stop the killer.

Warren Easley - NEVER LOOK DOWN - 4.0

Cal Claxton in his third mystery encounter a female tagger, Kelly, who paints in visible but hard to reach places. Kelly observes a murder and soon becomes the target

Box,, C J - STONE GOLD- 4.0

14th in the Joe Pickett series This one begins as Joe, who's officially still a game warden but unofficially assigned to handle special projects for the state governor, is given the task of finding out what's happening at a huge ranch in a remote area of the Black Hills.

Yvonne

Anne Perry - LONG SPOON LANE - 4.85

Early one morning Pitt is summoned to Long Spoon Lane where anarchists are plotting to attack. Bombs explode, destroying the homes of many poor people. He finds there is more to the terrorism than the destructive gestures of misguided idealists. The police are running a lucrative protection racket and clues suggest that Inspector Wetron of Bow Street is the mastermind. He is the shadowy leader of the Inner Circle and is using his influence with the Press to whip up fears of more attacks. Pitt must team up with his old enemy, Sir Charles Voisey, and with Charlotte and Great Aunt Vespasia, they must stop a conspiracy that will strike at the very heart of the British way of life...

Tallman, Shirley - MURDER ON NOB HILL - 3.0

Sarah Woolson has always dreamed of becoming a lawyer. The trouble is, in the San Francisco of 1880, polite society believes it is willful and unfeminine for a young lady to concern herself with such things., Sarah uses her brains and a little subterfuge to finagle her way into a prestigious law firm. Her first client is a lovely young society matron accused of stabbing to death her wealthy but abusive husband. Sarah is sure of her client's innocence, but the revelation of the woman's secret lover may make that innocence impossible to prove. When four more victims fall prey to the killer's knife, Sarah fears she has bitten off more than she can chew. Sarah finds herself embroiled in shady legal maneuvers, a daring China-town raid, a secret and very scandalous sex club, and a powerful and dangerous tong lord in the city's Chinese district. Murder on Nob Hill is an irresistible blend of history, romance, and murder.

Harris, C S - WHAT DARKNESS BRINGS -#8 - 4.9

The death of a notorious London diamond merchant draws aristocratic investigator Sebastian St. Cyr and his new wife Hero into a sordid world of greed, desperation, and the occult, when the husband of Sebastian's former lover Kat Boleyn is accused of the murder

Black cats were once believed to be witch's familiars who protected their powers



HALLOWEEN FUN AND HISTORY



Halloween is an annual holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and Halloween 2018 occurs on Wednesday, October 31. It originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31 they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints; soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating sweet treats.

According to folklore, the jack-o'-lantern got his name from a man named Jack.

Turnips and beets served as the original jack-o'-lanterns.

Jack o' lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts.

Pumpkins originated in Central America . When Europeans arrived in the New World, they found pumpkins plentiful and used in cooking by Native Americans.

Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers leading the way. . $9\,$

DUE IN OCTOBER.

Abbott, Jeff - The Three Beths Alexander, Ellie - The Pint of No Return [Sloan Krause #2 Alexander, Tasha - Uneasy Lies the Crown (Lady Emily) Andrews, Donna - Lark! The Herald Angels Sing \$24.99 Minotaur (Meg Lanslow -24) Axelrod, Stephen - Nantucket Counterfeit (Henry Kennis-#5) Beaton, M. C. - The Dead Ringer (Agatha Raisin) Belfoure, Charles - The Fallen Architect Bolton, Sharon - The Craftsman Brown, Rita Mae, - Homeward Hound [Jane Arnold #11] Byron, Ellen - Mardi Gras Murder (Cajun Country) Carpenter, Dana Chamblee - Book of the Just (#3, Bohemian) Childs, Laura, and Terrie Farley Moran - Glitter Bomb (Scrapbooking) Clare, Alys - The Angel in the Glass (Gabriel Taverner) Connolly, Michael - Dark Sacred Night (Bosch and Ballard) Copperman, E. J., and Jeff Cohen - The Question of the Dead Mistress (Asperger's) Duffy, Margaret - Stone Cold, Stone Dead (Patrick Gillard and Ingrid Langley) Elliott, Lauren - Murder by the Book (Mystery Bookstore) Farrow, Sharon - Killed on Blueberry Hill (Berry Basket) Flynn, Vince, and Kyle Mills - Red War (Mitch Rapp) Francis, Felix - Crisis French, Tana - The Witch Elm Gregory, Susanna - Intrigue in Covent Garden [Thomas Chaloner #13] Griffiths, Elly - The Vanishing Box (Magic Men) Haines, Carolyn - A Gift of Bones (Sarah Booth Delaney) Harris, Charlaine - An Easy Death (1st, Gunnie Rose) Harvey, Michael - Pulse Heley, Veronica - Murder by Suggestion (Ellie Quicke) Ide, Joe - Wrecked (IQ-#3) Johanson, Iris - Vendetta Jonasson, Ragnar - The Darkness Knopf, Chris - Four Thousand Rounds Limon, Martin - The Line (Sqts. Sueño and Bascom) Lin, Ed - 99 Ways to Die (Taipei Night Market) McKevett, G. A. - Murder in Her Stocking (Granny Reid) McPherson, Catriona - Go to My Grave Paretsky, Sara - Shell Game (V. I. Warshawski) Robb, Candace - A Murdered Peace (Kate Clifford) Rosenfelt, David - Deck the Hounds (Andy Carpenter-#18) Sandford, John - Holy Ghost (VirgilFlowers #11) Tucker, James - The Holdouts (Det. Buddy Locke) Unger, Lisa - Under My Skin Waite, Lea - Thread Herrings (Mainely Needlepoint) Webb, Wendy - Daughters of the Lake Wendelboe, C. M. - Hunting the Saturday Night Strangler (Bitter Wind) Woods, Stuart - Desperate Measures (Stone Barington #46)

