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Mette Ivie Harrison

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Meeting Time
2 PM except for special
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4th Mon. except on
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Meeting Place -
Community Room of
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Location -
18181 Imperial Highway
Yorba Linda, CA

Short Biography

Mette Ivie Harrison is the critically acclaimed author of 8 YA books, including *Mira*, *Mirror* and *The Princess and the Hound* series. In 2014, she published her first adult novel, a mystery entitled *The Bishop's Wife*, about a Mormon bishop's wife who is drawn into solving crime when a young wife and mother in her ward goes missing. His Right Hand, book 2 of that series, is about a transgender ward member who is found dead in the church building. Book 3, *For Time and All Eternities*, is about an independent polygamous group where Linda is called to investigate a murder. Mette writes a regular blog about faith and Mormonism at Huffington Post. Mette holds a PhD in Germanic Languages and Literatures from Princeton University and is an All-American triathlete. She lives in Utah with her husband and five living children. She attends Mormon church regularly and serves as the "Ward Historian".

And some information in her own words

A lot of people have asked me when I left the Mormon church. I attend Mormon church, but I have undergone a significant faith transition after a five-year bout of depression and a crisis of faith triggered by the loss of my sixth child (Mary Mercy) at birth in 2005. A lot of the answers offered me for why this happened were unsatisfying. I did not want to believe that I was at fault for my daughter's death, but I also could not believe that it was "God's will" that she died in order to teach me a "lesson."

For a time, it became easier to believe that there was no God at all. And because I also could not contemplate the idea of navigating a massive change in my family life, I spent five years as an atheist within the Mormon church. As a result of that, I gained a unique perspective on why Mormons believe and act the way they do, seeing them from this perspective.

In 2011, I decided that I wanted to try to believe in God again. I honestly felt lonely as an atheist. I wrote *The Bishop's Wife* as part of this attempt, trying to conceive of a Mormon woman whom I might one day be, thoughtful, skeptical, critical, and incisive. I wanted to be

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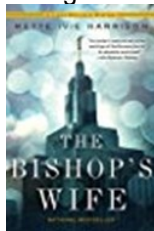
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METTE IVIE HARRISON (CONT.)

able to reject the parts of Mormonism that seemed horrible to me, but to keep the parts I loved. I wanted to be a Mormon, but not the way I had been before, and not according to some outline that someone else had drawn. To some degree, that attempt has been successful. I believe in God again, and to my surprise, I have become rather devout about it. I pray every night and have had some very important experiences about God's love through that. However, though Linda Wallheim and I share the loss of a child and a faith crisis that led to atheism, she is far more orthodox in her Mormonism than I am at this point in my life. Why do I think I am entitled to speak about Mormonism if I am not an Orthodox Mormon? There are many Mormonisms and all of them deserve a voice. Also, because I grew up very orthodox, I believe I see the culture rather keenly and understand orthodox doctrine well. I sometimes say that because of my years of atheism, I became a kind of anthropologist of Mormonism. Non-Mormons sometimes find this refreshing, as I tend to write about Mormonism neutrally, that is, without bearing testimony. But I recognize that more orthodox Mormons feel like I am missing the most important part of the faith. So what happens to a sometimes public critic of the Mormon church who is also trying to remain within it? The full truth is that I've lost some very dear friends and my relationships with family members have become strained. I've had some talks with my bishop about my writings, but so far, have not been called to a disciplinary hearing.

The Books

1. [The Bishop's Wife](#) (2014)
2. [His Right Hand](#) (2015)
3. [For Time and All Eternities](#) (2017)
4. [Not of This Fold](#) (November 2018)



(Mette's blog topics for the Religion Section of the Huffington Post are listed on her web page with links. She also has a much extended version of her biography. Her website is metteivieharrison.com)

P. L. GAUS

Another mystery series about the Amish which I will bring my copies to the meeting.

Paul L. Gaus writes The Amish-Country Mysteries, set authentically in the Amish settlements of Holmes County, Ohio. Three life-long friends - Professor Michael Branden, Sheriff Bruce Robertson, and Pastor Caleb Troyer - work sometimes together and other times at crossed purposes to solve mysteries involving the often inscrutable Amish sects of the region.

Series

Ohio Amish Mystery

1. [Blood Of The Prodigal](#) (1999)
2. [Broken English](#) (2000)
3. [Clouds Without Rain](#) (2001)
4. [Cast a Blue Shadow](#) (2003)
5. [A Prayer for the Night](#) (2006)
6. [Separate from the World](#) (2008)
7. [Harmless as Doves](#) (2011)
8. [The Names of Our Tears](#) (2013)
9. [Whiskers of the Lion](#) (2014)
- [Murder Most Amish](#) (omnibus) (2010)



LINDA CASTILLO

Linda Castillo is the New York Times bestselling author of the **Kate Burkholder** series, including **Sworn to Silence** and **Gone Missing**, crime thrillers set in Amish country. **Sworn to Silence** was recently adapted into a Lifetime original movie titled **An Amish Murder** starring Neve Campbell as Kate Burkholder. Castillo is the recipient of numerous industry awards, including the Daphne du Maurier Award of Excellence and the Holt Medallion, and she received a nomination for the Rita.

Originally from Ohio where her Amish thrillers are set, Linda Castillo knew from an early age that she wanted to be a writer--and penned her first novel at the age of thirteen. She's published thirty books for three New York publishing houses and won numerous industry awards, including a nomination by the International Thriller Writers for Best Hardcover, the Golden Heart, the Daphne du Maurier Award of Excellence, and a nomination for the prestigious Rita.

Her debut thriller, **Sworn to Silence**, garnered starred reviews from Library Journal, Publisher's Weekly, and Booklist--and spent four weeks on the New York Times bestseller list. The following books in the series also hit the NYT and USA Today lists and became international bestsellers. **Sworn to Silence** was recently adapted into a two-hour original movie re-titled **An Amish Murder** and starring Neve Campbell as Kate Burkholder.

In her spare time, Linda enjoys trail riding, and dabbles in barrel racing. She resides in Texas with her husband, two rescued Blue Heelers, and two Appaloosa horses. She's currently at work on her next novel, a thriller set in Amish Country and featuring Chief of Police Kate Burkholder.

Kate Burkholder

1. Sworn to Silence (2009)
2. Pray for Silence (2010)
3. Breaking Silence (2011)
4. Gone Missing (2012)
- 4.5. Long Lost (2013) novella
5. Her Last Breath (2013)
6. The Dead Will Tell (2014)
- 6.5. A Hidden Secret (2015)
7. After the Storm (2015)
- 7.5. Seeds of Deception (2016)
8. Among the Wicked (2016)
9. Down a Dark Road (2017)
10. A Gathering of Secrets (2018)



KAREN HARPER

Yet another author that writes an occasional mystery set in the Amish country is Karen Harper. She writes several other series but those based on the Amish are: I will bring a couple to the meeting that have come to the Book Corner

Dark Road Home (2004)

Dark Harvest (2004)

Dark Angel (2005)

Fall from Pride (2011)

Return to Grace (2012).

Finding Mercy (2012)

Upon A Winter's Night (2013)

The Covered Bridge (2016)



WHAT WE HAVE READ RECENTLY

We welcomed two new (to us) mystery readers, Bobbie LeCombe and Penny Sherry. These ladies arrived with reports on books they have read. So we begin the list with their reports. Because I forgot to take notes (as usual) I can only mention the books or add internet information (mea culpa).

Penny

KILL SHOT by Owen Laukkanen and books by Kristin Hannah
THE LOTUS EATERS by Tatjana Soli

A unique and sweeping debut novel of an American female combat photographer in the Vietnam War, as she captures the wrenching chaos and finds herself torn between the love of two men. When, the North Vietnamese army is poised to roll into Saigon, the two lovers make their way through the streets to escape. Helen Adams, an American photojournalist, must take leave of a war she is addicted to and a devastated country she has come to love. Linh, the Vietnamese man who loves her, must grapple with his own conflicted loyalties of heart and homeland. Tatjana Soli paints a searing portrait of an American woman's struggle and triumph in Vietnam, a stirring canvas contrasting the wrenching horror of war and the treacherous narcotic of obsession with the redemptive power of love. Readers will be transfixed by this stunning novel of passion, duty and ambition among the ruins of war.

Bobbie

KIND OF CRUEL by Sophie Hannah and books by Charles Todd

THE SCARRED WOMAN by Jussi Adler-Olsen
Detective Carl Morck of Department Q, Copenhagen's cold cases division, meets his toughest challenge yet when the dark, troubled past of one of his own team members collides with a sinister unsolved murder. In a Copenhagen park the body of an elderly woman is discovered. The case bears a striking resemblance to another unsolved murder investigation from over a decade ago, but the connection between the two victims confounds the police. Across town a group of young women are being hunted. The attacks seem random, but could these brutal acts of violence be related? Detective Carl Morck of Department Q is charged with solving the mystery.

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT KEVIN by Lionel Shriver - 2003
Two years ago, Eva Khatchadourian's son, Kevin, murdered seven of his fellow high-school students, a cafeteria worker, and a popular algebra teacher. Because he was only fifteen at the time of the killings, he received a lenient sentence and is now in a prison for young offenders in upstate New York. Telling the story of Kevin's upbringing, Eva addresses herself to her estranged husband through a series of letters. Fearing that her own shortcomings may have shaped what her son has become, she confesses to a deep, long-standing ambivalence about both motherhood in general and Kevin in particular. How

much is her fault? Lionel Shriver tells a compelling, absorbing, and resonant story while framing these horrifying tableaux of teenage carnage

IN THE LAND OF INVISIBLE WOMEN: A FEMALE DOCTOR'S JOURNEY IN THE SAUDI KINGDOM by Qanta Ahmed

"In this stunningly written book, a Western trained Muslim doctor brings alive what it means for a woman to live in the Saudi Kingdom. I've rarely experienced so vividly the shunning and shaming, racism and anti-Semitism, but the surprise is how Dr. Ahmed also finds tenderness at the tattered edges of extremism, and a life-changing pilgrimage back to her Muslim faith." - Gail Sheehy

Susan

NINETEEN MINUTES by Jodi Picoult 4.0

This book looks at a high school shooting from all angles, the shooter, his parents, his friend, his school mates and teachers. It was a real eye opener for me to consider all these views.

VANISHING ACTS by Jodi Picoult 4.0

As an adult with a four year old daughter, Delia Hopkins finds out she was abducted as a small child. Was her divorced father wrong to save her from a life living with an alcoholic mother? Was he just being selfish, thinking he could do better? Again, an emotional issue is shown from all sides of the problem.

Pam T

THE CUBAN AFFAIR by Nelson DeMille - 4.0

After serving five years in the Army, Dan MacCormick (Mac) settles in Key West and becomes a charter fishing boat captain. When he is approached for a ten-day fishing tournament in Cuba by an anti-Castro group Miami lawyer, which entails a covert mission and a sizable paycheck. The Mission is to recover \$60M dollars hidden in Cuba when the Castro revolution restarted. Mac understands that if he accepts this job, he will either walk away rich or not at all. Written brilliantly, paced expertly and told with DeMille's signature wit.

THE MIDNIGHT LINE by Lee Child - 3.0

Strolling through a small Wisconsin town Reacher spots a familiar ring in a pawn shop. Entering the shop he discovers it is a woman's ring with her initials. Why would she give up her West Point ring? HE makes the decision to track her down and return the ring. The journey takes him over dangerous terrain through the upper Midwest, where he encounters bikers, cops, crooks, muscle and a Missing Person PI in Wyoming and a vast criminal enterprise - drugs.

THE EDGE by Jeffery Deaver - 3.5

THE READING LIST (CONT.)

Washington DC police detective Ryan Kessler is targeted by Henry Loving. HE and his family are immediately put under government protection. Loving is a ruthless "lifter", hired to extract information from his victims and he will use whatever means are necessary, including kidnapping, torturing or killing. Looks like Deaver is going in a new direction after being successful with the Lincoln Rhymes series.

Pam S

CRADLE IN THE GRAVE by Sophie Hannah (50%)
Fliss Benson is a TV producer struggling to deal with a personal tragedy in her own life. She receives at work an anonymous card which consists of 16 numbers arranged in four rows of four. These numbers mean absolutely nothing to her. At the same time, she is handed a particularly unwelcome assignment: she has to work on a documentary about cot death and three mothers accused (wrongly, it seems) of murder: The scenario here darkens when one of the three women is found dead at her home. On the body is a card with the same layout of numbers arranged in four rows of four that Fliss Benson had been sent.

HOODOO by Susan Cummins Miller - 4.0
Southeastern Arizona is a tinderbox. Down Under Copper's mineral exploration plans pit landowners, worried about their water supply and land values, against those hoping to profit from the mining venture. Someone snaps. In the traditional homeland of the Chiricahua Apaches, an environmental lawyer's body lies in the burned wreckage of his trailer

FRACTURE by Susan Cummins Miller - 4.5
Geologist Frankie MacFarlane and P.I. Philo Dain, just back from Afghanistan, are packing for an R&R trip to a cooler clime when Philo's Aunt Heather is murdered in her empty Tucson mansion. Her husband, wealthy developer Derek Dain, is the prime suspect. The day before, Heather had left town with the Dain coin collection, worth millions. Now it's missing.

Anne

THE PROFESSIONAL by Owen Laukkanen 4.0
\$ college friends, recent graduates, not seeing any prospects because of the terrible job market, decide to turn to kidnapping until the job market picks up. For two years they are successful because they do not demand a lot of money. Then they kidnap the husband of a wife who is connected to organized crime. Now they have the police, the FBI and the mob looking for them.

CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE by Owen Laukkanen - 4.0
Another case bringing together FBI Special Agent Carla Windermere and Kurt Stevens. This time they are the trail of a bank robber.

THE CARRIER by Sophie Hannah

DNF - Maya try again as it did win the UK National Book Award and the 2013 crime thriller of the year.

THE HOUSE OF UNEXPECTED SISTERS by Alexander McCall Smith- 4.0

Precious discovers a sister she did not know she had while investigation the wrongful dismissal of a woman at a shop dealing in Office furniture. A shop planning to expand into home furniture.

DEATH BY HIS GRACE by Kwei Quartey - 4.0

A Darko Dawson mystery. Chief insp. Dawson of Ghana police is looking for the killer of his wife's cousin. Witchcraft and religion play a part - old and new customs. Very Good and interesting picture of Ghana

DANCING OTTERS AND CLEVER COYOTES by Gary Buffalo Hornman and Sherry Firedancer

Using animal energies the native American way.

Karen

ONE PERFECT LIE by Lisa Scottoline - - 2017 - 4.5-
Pennsylvania

Chris Brennen accepts a position as teacher and coach at a Penn. High school. Would appear to be planning to blow something up as he makes friends with various members of the varsity baseball team. We eventually learn he is undercover for the AFT

THE NIGHT TRADE by Barry Eisler - - #2 - - 2018 - 4.5
Thailand - CD

Livia goes to Thailand to hunt and kill those who kidnapped her as a child and ends up working with Dox (Rain's friend from earlier series) Much action... good series!

THE TUSCAN CHILD by Bowen, Rhys - - 2018 - 4.0 - Surrey
England and Italy

Hugo Langley -at end of WWII and his daughter in 1973 tell of Hugo's life in rotating chapters

GODDESS OF FIRE by Kirchner, Bharti - - 4.5 -

Set in India in the 1680's. Moorti married and widowed at 1;7 and set on her husband's funeral pyre is rescued by Job Charnock of the British East Indian Trading Company. A fictionalized history of the trials Moorti renamed Maria faces early and when she becomes the wife of Charnock and a leader of their factory. And the ending is the town they founded

NEVER LOOK DOWN by Easley, Warren C. - - 4.0

Cal Claxton looks into the murder of his PI friend's girlfriends murder When it becomes apparent a tagger who climbs to paint has seen the murder, cops, villains' and Cal are looking for HER. Kelly's chapter's interweave with Call's and tell a story of her life on the streets., Gun trafficking seems to be involved

Books Due in May

Adams, Jane A. *Fakes and Lies* . Naomi Black, a blind former police detective, is asked by a friend to help investigate the death of an artist and successful forger despite the fact that the police view the death as natural causes, in a case involving the murder of a gallery owner and the theft of his paintings.

Alexander, Rebecca. *A Baby's Bones* . In the first of a series, an archaeologist is called in when a body is found in a well, but the discovery of the skeletal remains of a woman and an infant dating from Tudor times is not the only mystery in the area—the owners of the property where the bones were found claim their house is haunted and the vicar is receiving abusive phone calls.

Allan, Barbara. *Antiques Wanted* . Antiques dealer Brandy must help when her mother decides to run for county sheriff, but when they visit the local assisted living home to corral votes for the campaign, a series of murders occur, forcing them to find a killer before there's nobody left to vote for Vivian.

Almony, Kalau, and Fuminori Nakamura - *Cult X* The magnum opus by Japanese literary sensation Fuminori Nakamura, *Cult X* is a story that dives into the psychology of fringe religion, obsession, and social disaffection. When Toru Narazaki's girlfriend, Ryoko Tachibana, disappears, he tries to track her down, despite the warnings of the private detective he's hired to find her. *Cult X* is an exploration of what draws individuals into extremism. It is a tour de force that captures the connections between astrophysics, neuroscience, and religion; an invective against predatory corporate consumerism and exploitative geopolitics; and a love story about compassion in the face of nihilism.

Andrews, Mary Kay. *The High Tide Club* . When an attorney is summoned by a wealthy elderly woman to her home, she is surprised that the woman wants her to help to protect her land from developers and to set things right from a long-ago murder in a tale of friendships renewed, true love found, and justice delivered. The perfect summer vacation read.

Bailey, Robert - *The Last Trial* (McMurtrie and Drake - Legal Thriller #3) Former law professor Tom McMurtrie has brought killers to justice, and taken on some of the most infamous cases in Alabama's history. Now he's tackling his greatest challenge.)

Barron, Laird. *Blood Standard*. A mob enforcer from Alaska resettles in upstate New York, but he is unable to leave his past behind when a teenaged girl disappears and he delves back into the underworld in a new series.

Bonnert, Kenneth. *The Mandela Plot* . A teenaged South African boy becomes involved with an American college student teaching in a black township when she stays with his family, but he soon discovers that she is a political activist trying to topple the apartheid regime in a literary thriller set in the 1980s.

Brown, Holly. *How Far She's Come* . A recent college graduate is offered a job as a newscaster at a major network, but she begins receiving excerpts from the diary of a woman who formerly had her job

Brown, Rita Mae. *Probable Claws* . When an architect friend is shot to death right in front of her by a man on a motorcycle, Harry Haristeen investigates along with her furry friends, and discovers a connection to corruption and greed beginning in Virginia's post-Revolutionary past.

Carbo, Christine. *A Sharp Solitude* When a journalist is killed in northern Montana near the Canadian border, one of her interviewees is accused of the murder, but FBI investigator Ali Paige becomes involved unofficially because the suspect is her former boyfriend.

Cleverly, Barbara. *Fall of Angels* . In the first of a new series set in 1920s Cambridge, featuring the young DI John Redfyre, raised in Cambridge and able to navigate the split between town and gown, who investigates the death of a beautiful musician,

Dodd, Christina. *Dead Girl Running* A young woman with amnesia, on the run although she's not sure why, takes a job at a remote Pacific Coast resort, and when a former employee is murdered, she fears that the investigation could uncover her own past.

Freeman, Brian. *Alter Ego* When a film begins shooting in Duluth based on a serial killer he captured, police lieutenant Jonathan Stride is concerned, but when an intern on the film is shot, he investigates after it turns out that she was using a false identity to spy on the lead actor.

Green, Marti. *The Good Twin* Twins who were separated at birth—one remaining with her mother and the other adopted by a wealthy family—meet as young adults and find themselves dealing with a present filled with lies, fraud, revenge, and murder in a twistily-plotted novel of psychological suspense.

Griffiths, Elly. *The Dark Angel* . Archaeologist Ruth Galloway is hired to work in an Italian hill town identifying bones, but while she hears rumors of a strong resistance movement in the area during WWII and feels that there are dark secrets buried in the area, it's not until a murder occurs in the present that she begins to wonder if there is a connection with the ancient bones she's studying.

Heaberlin, Julia. *Paper Ghosts*. A twisty tale of an elderly man, who may or may not have dementia, who may or may not be a serial killer, who is taken on a road trip through Texas by a woman who may or may not be his daughter. A tour-de-force of suspense.

Hechtman, Betty - *On the Hook* (Crochet))

Hezroni, Nir. *Last Instructions*. In the second in this Israeli espionage series, psychopathic agent 10483 is seeking revenge against those he feels were responsible for his betrayal by tracking down a nuclear warhead, but two groups within the Organization are on his trail.

Hopkins, Ellen. *A Sin Such as This*. A woman who is married to a rich and successful surgeon must juggle the tensions in her new life when her niece begins dating her attractive stepson, but worse than this domestic drama is the re-entry into her life of figures from her past, people who may be very dangerous.

Indridason, Arnaldur. *The Shadow Killer*. In Reykjavik in 1941, a man is found dead in a small apartment, sending police officers Flovent and Thorson on a case that becomes increasingly dark and personal.

John, D.B. *Star of the North* A Korean American searching for her twin sister who was kidnapped on a South Korean beach by North Korean operatives learns that she may still be alive thirty years later and agrees to work for the CIA to go undercover in North Korea to find her.

King, Stephen. *The Outsider* When the body of a young boy is found, a Little League coach is arrested for the murder despite his alibi, but did he really do it? Is he an innocent victim or a monster?

Koontz, Dean. *The Crooked Staircase* Jane Hawke, the widow of a decorated Marine who was murdered in a conspiracy tracks down the operative who killed him.

Koryta, Michael. *How It Happened*. An FBI agent is willing to accept an unsubstantiated confession in a murder case even though the woman confessing is known as a liar and gives incorrect details about what happened because the case brings back memories of the inexplicable death of his own mother when he was a child.

Laukkanen, Owen. *Gale Force*. A woman who captains a salvage boat along the Alaskan coastline finds herself and her crew in danger when a Japanese freighter carrying a man who stole more than \$50 million in bearer bonds from the Yakuza founders in a storm—and the gangsters want their money back.

Lepionka, Kristen. *What You Want to See* PI Roxane Weary is hired by a man who thinks his fiancée is having an affair and, when she is shot in the street, he becomes a murder suspect, but as Roxane investigates the victim's life she discovers that the woman had been involved with a group of con artists scamming the elderly.

Martini, Steve - *The Secret Partner* (Paul Mandriani) Defending a medical researcher accused of murdering a colleague raises one of the most difficult ethical questions attorney Paul Madriani has ever faced: how far should science go to find a cure for our most life-threatening diseases?

McCarthy, Rob. *A Handful of Ashes* London medical examiner Harry Kent is summoned to look into the stabbing suicide of a pediatrician who had been fired after reporting irregularities in patient care, in particular the deaths of four young patients.

McConnell, Thomas J. *The Wooden King* A pacifist history professor in Czechoslovakia in 1939 must decide how best to protect his family when the Nazis invade his homeland, and later finds himself, like his country, caught between the Germans and the Soviet Union.

McKevett, G. M. *Hide and Sneak* PI Samantha Reid is hired by an actor to find his missing wife and toddler who disappeared shortly before the nanny was murdered, but her investigation uncovers some unsavory doings in the couple's marriage.

McLachlin, Beverley. *Full Disclosure* A Canadian defense attorney takes the case of a man accused of murdering his wife, but she finds that the evidence is overwhelmingly against him and all the witnesses are surprisingly uncooperative in a debut legal thriller.

Milchman, Jenny. *Wicked River* When a couple honeymooning in the Adirondacks become lost and do not return home, their teenaged niece raises the alarm, but she doesn't know that they have been taken in by a lonely psychopath who has plans for them.

Montealegre, Eva. *Body on the Backlot*. An LAPD homicide cop must investigate when the victim in her latest case walks out of the morgue in a case that pits her against a voodoo cult and a pharmaceutical company.

O'Donovan, Gerard. *The Long Silence*. In the first of a new series set in Hollywood in 1922 a New York City cop is hired by producer Mack Sennett to prove that Mabel Normand did not kill film director William Desmond Taylor.

Last of Books due in May

Orenduff, J. Michael. *The Pot Thief who Studied Edward Abbey* Albuquerque pot salvager Hubie Schuze is teaching ceramics at UNM when he becomes a suspect in the murder of a beautiful life model in the latest in this quirky southwestern series.

Pattison, Eliot. *Savage Liberty*. In the fifth in this series set in eighteenth-century America, exiled Scotsman Duncan McCallum finds himself in trouble after a ship arriving from London explodes in Boston harbor and soon finds himself caught between the British officials who charge him with treason and the colonists who are fomenting revolution.

Pearl, Matthew. *The Dante Chamber*. When a man is found dead in London in 1870 with a stone around his neck etched with a verse of the Divine Comedy, Christina Rossetti fears that her brother, painter Dante Gabriel Rossetti will be the next victim, so she enlists the help of fellow poet Tennyson and Browning to decipher the clues

Pettus, Charlton. *Exit Strategy*. When the founder of a medical technology start-up finds his work and life a shambles, he calls on a company to take him out of his life and give him a new one, but he soon begins to wonder about his old life and what actually happened, so much so, that he decides to break the one rule—return to his old life—in a suspenseful thriller.

Quinn, C. S. - The Changeling Murders (Thief Taker)

Riggs, Cynthia - Widow's Wreath (Martha's Vineyard) -a ninety year old sleuth.

Robertson, L.F. *Madman Walking*. In the second in this legal series, an attorney who specializes in defending death-row inmates takes the case of a man accused of arranging the shooting of a drug dealer, who was exonerated by the man who pulled the trigger, but whose mental illness prevents him from advocating for himself.

Stein, Stephen Robert. *The Oath*. A French Jewish doctor who volunteered to help Mengele and other SS doctors at Auschwitz to save his family is working as a physician in the U.S. after WWII when another former prisoner tells him that one of the worst of the doctors is also living and practicing medicine in the U.S. and tries to convince him to help him kill the doctor.

Sweazy, Larry. *See Also Deadline* Indexer Marjorie Trumain, a recent widow, sets aside the large job that she has to help the sheriff look for a missing disabled girl, a search that becomes more serious when the body of a murdered man is found on her family's property in the third in this series set in 1960s North Dakota.

Talton, Jon. *The Bomb Shelter*. David Mapstone investigates the bombing death of a Phoenix journalist forty

years ago, a case the solution to which left numerous questions unanswered, but the reopened investigation leads to a new series of murders, re-enactments of the city's mobster past.

Tompson, Victoria. *Murder on Union Square*. Frank Malloy finds himself the main suspect in the murder of his adopted daughter's father when the man is found beaten to death after demanding money for relinquishing his daughter.

Torjussen, Mary. *The Girl I Used to Be*. When a real estate agent in a northern English town wakes up after a night of heavy drinking, she has more to worry about than a nasty hangover when she begins receiving photos of her behaving very badly—none of which she can remember—in a mystery of blackmail and revenge and very twisty plotting.

Webb, Betty. *The Otter of Death*. When zoo keeper Teddy rescues a smart phone carried by an otter, she sees a photo of a murder in progress, leading to the discovery of the body of a marine-biology instructor notorious for sexual harassment of his students, and to the arrest of her friend, one of his accusers.

Wechsler, Pamela. *The Fens*. When the catcher for the Red Sox goes missing, Boston ADA Abby Endicott discovers that it's more than a case of a missing celebrity when another player turns up dead in the latest in this legal series.

Wishaw, Iona. *It Begins in Betrayal*. When Inspector Darling is compelled to return to England for questioning in the death of a rear gunner under his command in 1943, Lane follows, and after he is charged with murder she finds herself caught between a return to a life she had happily left at the end of WWII and seeing the man she loves hanged.

I have no idea which ones will be purchased by the library but there are two I will buy if necessary. Christine Carbo's and Michael Orenduff's. I will be waiting for longer and more information on some of the others. Sorry about the length but May seems to be a prime month for releases.