

Who Done It?

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Mysteries in the Land of the Rising Sun

What's Next

December 17 (third week)
Mysteries set in Japan

January 28rd
Meeting will be at a restaurant of our choice. We will be meet at the restaurant at 1:15 P.M.

February 25
Caribbean Mysteries

March 26

Vital Details
Meeting Time
2 PM except for special events

Meeting Day
4th Mon. except on holidays

Meeting Place -
Community Room of
Public Library

Location -
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Yorba Linda, CA

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The mystery genre has been, and is, enormously popular in Japan. A major newspaper survey in revealed that the most popular author in the country was a mystery writer and three of the top four were also writers of detective stories. In a country where guns are strictly regulated and rare and the crime rate is relatively low (but there are organized crime groups known as the Yakuza), crime fiction is universally admired and avidly consumed. Crime stories had a rather early start in Japan as evidenced by the publication of a collection of criminal cases by Saikaku Ihara in 1689.

In Japan the mystery genre is remarkably vigorous and always changing. In general, there is still an old fashioned tendency to emphasize the puzzle-solving dimension of the genre. Given the absence of guns, murders are often rather messy and/or very imaginatively performed - methods may vary from axes to sound! The majority of mysteries are police procedurals and there is a dearth of flashy and flamboyant private eyes, no doubt a reflection of the Japanese penchant for order and predictability. Level-headed police inspectors are preferred although blood, gore and sexual titillation are allowed. Reputation or "face" is a very persistent and frequent motive for many crimes and their solution. The genre is enormously popular and the output of mystery literature is prodigious. And, if one wants a lively, accurate and imaginative peek into a society that is rapidly changing and dealing with social pathologies once thought to be uniquely "western", the Japanese mystery field is one of the most entertaining and effective entryways.

(from an article by G M Demko's "Landscapes of Crime" website.)

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What we read in October

Susan

On Theme:

The Last Equation of Issac Severy by Nova Jacobs DNF

Loosley disorganized thoughts, did not seem a cohesive story, boring characters.

The Moment Before Drowning by James Brydon DNF
Very wordy descriptions from page one.

On my Own:

Christmas Cake Murder by Joanne Fluke 3.0

I guess I am getting tired of this series, same predictable scenarios, characters and cookie recipes. This episode reveals the beginnings of these characters, their relationships and the Cookie Jar store.

London by Edward Rutherfurd 5.0

Second reread of this fascinating fictionalized history of London from pre history to modern times.

The Burning Ridge by Margaret Mizushima 4.75
Mattie and Robo, the K9 unit, are called in to help with identifying a burned homicide victim. This leads to establishing Mattie's family background.

Chitra

Karon, Jan - TO BE WHERE YOU ARE (2017-Mitford series) 2.5

Krueger, Wm Kent - DESOLATION MOUNTAIN (2018-Cork O'Conner) - 3.75

Paris, B.A. - BEHIND CLOSED DOORS (2016 - 4.2

Adler-Olsen, Jussi - THE HANGING GIRLS - (2014 - Insp. Carl Morck) - 3.25

Burton, Jesse - THE MINIATURIST -(2014) - 4.0

Hosseini, Khaled - SEA PRAYER - (2018) - 3.0

Hollis, Rachel - GIRL, WASH YOUR FACE: STOP BELIEVING THE LIES - (2018) - 3.0

Silva, Daniel - THE OTHER WOMAN - (2018 - Gabriel Allon) - 4.0

Ford, Samantha - THE ZANZIBAR AFFAIR (2015) 4.0

Ford, Samantha - A HOUSE CALLED MBABATI - 4.0

Ford, Samantha - A GATHERING OF DUST -2018- 4.0

Steadman, Catherine - SOMETHING IN THE WATER (2018) - 3.0

Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee - QUEEN OF DESIRE - 3.50

Sweeney, Cynthia D'Apris - THE NEST (2018)

Pam T

Perry, Thomas - SILENCE – 4.75

Six years prior Private Investigator Jack Till helped Wen-

dy Harper to disappear so that she would never be found. Now her former business partner and ex-boyfriend, Eric Fuller, is being framed for her death in order to get her out of hiding. Till must find her before tango-dancing assassins Paul and Sylvie Turner do, as they were hired to do a job and would prefer to remain anonymous. When they discover that a middleman has let the true employer know their identities, finishing the job is no longer an option. They need to double-cross the man who wants Wendy dead before he can double-cross them.

Miller, John Ramsey - INSIDE OUT – (Winter Massey Series) – 4.5

The Justice Department is hunting Sam Manelli, godfather of one of America's biggest crime families. However, they need Dylan Devlin, the sociopathic hit man whose testimony will put Manelli away for good. Haunted by the crash that killed his wife and blinded his son, U.S. Marshal Winter Massey now has to keep a killer and his wife alive at any cost. When the government's witness protection program explodes in a hail of bullets and blood, Massey realizes that he is up against a killer who is able to go anywhere, be anyone and strike at any time. Massey is about to be blindsided by an adversary more lethal than the mob and more dangerous than any psychopath.

Yvonne

Kleithoth, Elizabeth - ALL THE BEAUTIFUL STRANGERS - 3.0

A young woman haunted by a family tragedy is caught up in a dangerous web of lies and deception involving a secret society in this highly charged, addictive psychological thriller that combines the dishy gamesmanship of *Gossip Girl* with the atmosphere of *The Secret History*.

Others

Silva, Daniel - THE OTHER WOMAN - 5.0

Wonderfully written spy novel - fast and filled with double crosses and twists. Gabrielle Allon is determined to uncover the "other" woman and find the mole in the English intelligence force.

McCallister, Green - GIRL IN DISGUISE - 4.0

In the tumultuous years of the Civil War, the streets of Chicago offer a woman mostly danger and ruin—unless that woman is Kate Warne, the first female Pinkerton detective and a desperate widow with a knack for manipulation.

Bass, Diana Butler - CHRISTIANITY AFTER RELIGION
- 4.0

American religious life is changing and the author explains how experience, connection and service are replacing theology. A great read, interesting, insightful, impressive and important.

Bobbi

McLaughlin, James A. - **BEARSKIN** -(2018) 4.5

Rice Moore has found a job protecting a remote forest preserve in Virginian Appalachia where his main responsibilities include tracking wildlife and refurbishing cabins. Rice finds the carcass of a bear killed on the grounds, More bears are killed on the preserve and Rice's obsession with catching the poachers escalates, leading to hostile altercations with the locals and attention from both the law and Rice's employers.

Morgan, Fidelis - THE MURDER QUADRILLE (2011) - 4.0

An intriguing mystery where the author plays tag with the reader, taking them through the minds of six guests at a dinner party where Murder is on the menu. Humorous with twists and turns

Morgan, Fidelis - UNNATURAL FIRE - (2000) - 4.0

London 1699. Anastasia Ashby de la Zouche, Baroness Penge, Countess of Clapham, former mistress to Charles II, has fallen on hard times. Cast in into the notorious Fleet Prison by the bum-bailiffs, she is forced to turn to journalism: gathering salacious tit-bits for a scandal sheet. But the Countess and Alpiev, her maidservant, encounter more intrigue than they bargained for when a mysterious woman hires them to follow her husband Beau, whom she suspects of adultery. The book is full of scandal, it's naughty and funny.

Harris, Gregory - THE FRAMINGHAM FIEND - (2018) 3.5

Two sleuths solving crimes in Victorian England. The murder scene is similar to a Jack the Ripper murder.

Gross, Andrew - BUTTON MAN - (2018) - 4.5

Based on the true atory of the author's grandfather, Harry Rabishevsk who began working in the garment district at the age of twelve and by 21 he and his brother became the owners. When their youngest brother becomes a "button man (killer) for the organized crime family is pitted against each other.

Hauser, Thomas - THE FINAL RECOLLECTIONS OF CHARLES DICKENS - 5.0

A historically-accurate telling of Dickens's life with a gripping portrait of betrayal, murder, obsession, and love. It's the story of Dickens's deflowering and coming of age,

caught between the worlds of England's ruling elite and the seamy underside of London society. In this experience we witness the seeds being sown for what will become Dickens's most popular and revered novels, and the social philosophies —rich versus poor —behind them. Meticulously researched and masterfully told, *The Final Recollections of Charles Dickens* captures the voice of the beloved author, the divided city of London, and the uncertain tenor of the times.

O'Connell, Caroll - BLIND SIGHT - (2016) - 5.5

Detective Kathy Mallory was counting on herself to save his life. It took her a while to realize that the missing-person case she was pursuing was so intimately connected to the massacre on the mayor's lawn. But there was something about the boy she was searching for that reminded her of herself all those years ago, when she was an orphan adrift in a world over which she had little control, and determined never to let that happen again. She would find him - she just hoped it'd be in time. This book is a real thriller and the second best in the series.

Other reads:

Willis, Connie - BELLWETHER - 3.0

Carlson, Tucker - SHIP OF FOOLS - 4.0

Karen

Recent reads on Topic

Dornbush, Jennifer Graeser - THE CORONER 4.9

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 bodies are in this pitch perfect mystery debut.

Munier, Paula - A BORROWING OF BONES 4.9

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."

On my own

Rosenfelt, David. DECK THE HOUNDS. 2.75

Andy Carpenter offers his garage apartment to a homeless veteran at the urging of his wife, and when the man is arrested for murder, he takes the case -

Butler, Dave - NO PLACE FOR WOLVERINES 4.0

Park Warden Jenny Wilson initiates a covert inquiry into a proposed ski hill in Yoho National Park. She is drawn into a web of political, environmental, and criminal intrigue

Books due in December

Ahnem, Stefan - EIGHTEEN BELOW [Fabian Risk #3]

Allen, Amanda—A MOMENT IN CRIME

Bailey, Sarah - INTO THE NIGHT (Gemma Woodstock -#2)

Blackmoore, Stephanie - GOWN WITH THE WIND (Wedding Planner -#4)

Brant, Kylie - COLD DARK PLACES (Cady Maddix)

Child, Lincoln and Douglas Preston - VERSES FOR THE DEAD (Pendergast #18)

Childs, Laura - EGGS ON ICE [Cackleberry Club #8]

Chisholm, P.F. - A SUSPICION OF SILVER [Sir Robert Carrey #9]

Clifford, Joe - THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

Cook, Robin - PANDEMIC (Jack Stapleton / Laurie Montgomery, book 11)

Cox, Susan - THE MAN IN THE MICROWAVE OVEN (Theo Bogart - #2)

Coyle, Matt - WRONG LIGHT [Rick Cahill #5]

Cross, A J - COLD, COLD HEART (Dr. Kate Hanson #5)

Dawson, Lucy - THE MEMORY

Eastman, Dawn - DO NO HARM [Dr. Katie LeClair #2]

Eaton, J. C. - BOTCHED 4 MURDER (Sophie Kimball)

Ellis, Kate - THE BOY WHO LIVED WITH THE DEAD (Albert Lincoln #2)

Forbes, Elena - A BAD,BAD THING -(Eve West)

Fowler, Christopher - BRYANT AND MAY: HALL OF MIRRORS (Peculiar Crimes)

Fox, Sarah - WINE AND PUNISHMENT (Literary Pub)

Furlong, Susan - FRACTURED TRUTH (Bone Gap Travelers - #2)

Goldstein, Debra H. - ONE TASTE TOO MANY (Sarah Blair)

Gruley, Bryan - BLEAK HARBOR

Hall, Paatricia—PLAYING WITH FIRE (London in the 1960's

Harrison, Mette Ivie - NOT OF THIS FOLD [Linda Wallheim #4]

Hoag, Tami - THE BOY

Hooper, Kay - FINAL SHADOWS (Bishop Files #3)

Hunter, Maddy - CATCH ME IF YUKON (Passport to Peril - #12)

Jones & Watts - THE BIG EMPTY [Nathan Active #6]

Knopf, Chris—ROU'RE DEAD

Lloyd, Catherine - DEATH COMES TO BATH (Kurland St. Mary - #6)

Marston, Edward—POINTS OF DANGER

McDermid, Val - BROKEN GROUND [Karen Pirie #5]

Meier, Leslie - VALENTINE CANDY MURDER

Miller, Emma, and Laura Bradford - THE AMISH SWEET SHOP

Novak, Brenda - BEFORE WE WERE STRANGERS

Oates, Joyce Carol - MYSTERIES OF WINTERTHURN

Obregon, Nicolas - SINS AS SCARLET

Olafsson, Olaf - ONE STATION AWAY

Potenza, Carol - HEARTS OF THE MISSING [Nicky Matthews #1] *Beautifully written with a riveting plot and a richly drawn, diverse cast of characters, Hearts of the Missing is the mesmerizing debut from 2017 Tony Hillerman Prize recipient Carol Potenza.*

Poyer, David - DEEP WAR [Dan Lenson #18]

Pressey, Rose - FASHIONS FADE, HAUNTED IS ETERNAL (Haunted Vintage -#7)

Quinn, Anthony J - THE LISTENERS

Rankin, Ian - IN A HOUSE OF LIES (Rebus)

Reilly Matthew - THE THREE SECRET CITIES (Jack West, Jr. -#5)

Ripley, Mike - MR CAMPION'S WAR

Robertson, Michael - A BAKER STREET WEDDING (Baker Street Letters -#6)

Ross, Barbara - STEAMED OPEN (Maine Clambake -#7)

Shaw, M. B. - MURDER AT THE MILL (Iris Grey)

Simon, Clea - A SPELL OF MURDER [Witch Cats of Cambridge #1]

Stevens, Taylor - LIARS' PARADOX [Jack & Jill #1]

Smiley, Patricia - THE SECOND GOODBYE (Pacific Homicide -#3)

Stabenow, Dana - DEATH OF AN EYE

Tesh, Jane—DEATH BY DRAGONFLY

Thomson, E. S. - THE BLOOD [Jem Flockhart #3]

(Those I'm going to check a bit more will be in color)

This and That

Holiday Tunes

- Away in a Manger
- Choir of the Bells
- Dominick the Donkey
- Frosty the Snowman
- Holly Jolly Christmas
- Jingle Bell Rock
- Jingle Bells
- Let it Snow
- Little Drummer Boy
- Little St Nick
- O Holy Night
- Rudolph
- Santa Baby
- Silent Nigh
- Silver Bells
- The Christmas Song
- The First Noel
- Winter Wonderland



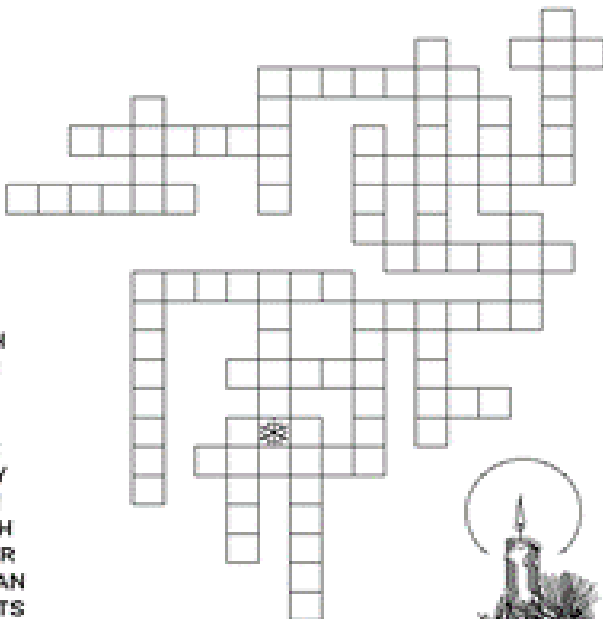
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Chicken Scratch NY

Christmas Crossword

Place all the words fit into this crossword.
 Each word is only used once.

- ELF
- TOY
- GIFT
- BELL
- TREE
- STAR
- SANTA
- COMET
- CUPID
- VIXEN
- CANDY
- FROSTY
- WREATH
- DASHER
- DONNER
- SLEIGH
- DANCER
- CHIMNEY
- BLITZEN
- RUDOLPH
- PRANCER
- SNOWMAN
- PRESENTS
- REINDEER



How many words can you make from the words

CHRISTMAS TREE



<http://printthistoday.com>

Japan mysteries at YLPL (plus a few)

- Clavell, James SHOGUN
- Dallas, Sandra TALLGRASS (Japanese intern-
ment camp in Colorado - WWII)
- Eisler, Barry RAIN FALL HARD RAIN ZERO
SUM THE DETACHMENT (John Rain series - com-
pared to James Bond)
- Goenawan, Clarissa` RAINBIRDS
- Higashino, Keigo SALVATION OF A SAINT A
MIDSUMMER'S EQUATION A Detective Galileo Novel
 UNDER THE MIDNIGHT SUN MALICE
A Detective Kaga (a second in this series NEWCOMER due
in Nov) THE DEVOTION OF SUSPECT X
- Hirahara, Naomi SUMMER OF THE BIG BACHI - #
HIROSHIMA BOY -#7 (last)
- Honda, Tetsuya THE SILENT DEAD
- Hunter, Stephen - THE 47th SAMURAI
- King, Laurie R. DREAMING SPIES - Mary Russell series
- Lancet, Barry TOKYO KILL
- Massey, Sujata GIRL IN A BOX THE
BRIDE'S KIMONO THE FLOATING GIRL
THE PEARL DIVER THE TYPHOON LOVER
THE SAMURAI'S DAUGHTER and SHIMURA TROUBLE
 Rei Shimura Mysteries
- Matsumoto, Seicho INSPECTOR IMANISHI INVESTI-
GATES -(1980 - author died in 1992
- Murakami, Haruki KILLING COMMEDATORE
1Q84 (several others - just fiction)
- Murasaki Shikibu THE TALE OF GENJI
- Nakamura, Fuminori CULT X - another book is avail in
digital form - THE THIEF
- Obregon, Nicholas BLUE LIGHT YOKOHAMA
- Pandian, Gigi THE NINJA'S ILLUSION
- Parker, I.J. THE HELL SCREEN - #2 - series set in
11th Century Japan THE DRAGON SCROLL -#3
THE MASUDA AFFAIR, A Sugawara Akitada Mystery
- Rowland, Laura Joh THE FIRE KIMONO 1600's
Japan
- Spann, Susan CLAWS OF THE CAT A
Shinobi Mystery -#1 BLADE OF THE SAMURAI
A Shinobi Mystery -#2 FLASK OF THE DRUNKEN
MASTER, _____A Shinobi Mystery -#3
- Yokoyama, Hideo SIX FOUR - SEVENTEEN
is due in Nov.

A series I found mentioned on Amazon
(The Tokyo Lost Series Book) Kindle
by Chris Ward

1. Broken (2014) At first Miyu can't stand Jack,
the spoiled delinquent from Britain sent to college in Ja-
pan to keep him out of trouble. Then her ailing father
dies, leaving behind a mystery which turns everything
she knew about herself on her head. Pushed into an
uneasy alliance with Jack, together they travel from the
seedy underbelly of Tokyo to the rice fields of Nagano,
searching for the truth about Miyu's mother, who aban-
doned her sixteen years before
2. Stolen (2016)
3. Frozen (2017)

