

# WHO DONE IT?

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## 2019 MYSTERY WINNERS

### What's Next

August 26  
New Hampshire, Vermont  
and Maine

September 23  
Dick Francis/  
Felix Francis

October 28  
Jeffery Deaver  
J. A. Jance

November 23  
First time authors of 2019

December 23 or 30  
Award Winners or  
Christmas Short Stories

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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### Best Novel

Hillier, Jennifer - JAR OF HEARTS - (Thriller)  
Winslow, Don - THE FORCE - (Maltese Falcon-Japan)  
Lippman, Laura - SUNBURN (Strand critics - tie) (e-Dunnit- CrimeFest -England)  
Atkinson, Kate - TRANSCRIPTION (Strand critics - tie)  
Emery, Anne - THROUGH THE HEAVENS DALL (Arthur Ellis - Canada)  
Byron, Ellen - MARDI GRAS MURDER (Malice Domestic)  
Mosley, Walter - DOWN THE RIVER UNTO THE SEA - (Edgar)  
Braithwaite, Oyinkan - MY SISTER< THE SERIAL KILLER - (Los Angeles Teime)  
Berney, Lou - NOVEMBER ROAD - (Lefty -LCC)  
Lawson, Mike - HOUSE WITNESS - (Spotted Own -Portland OR group)

### Best First Novel

Tudor, C.J. - THE CHALK MAN - (Thriller) (Strand critics)  
Devlin, A J - COBRA CLUTCH - (Arthur Ellis - Canada)  
Freeman, Dianne - A LADIES GUIDE TO ETIQUETTE AND MURDER (Malice Domestic - tie) - (Lefty-LCC)  
Randall, Shari - CURSES BOILED AGAIN (Malice Domestic -tie)  
McLaughlin, James A - BEARSKIN - (Edgar)  
Massey, Sujata - THE WIDOWS OF MALABAR HILL (Mary Higgins Clark)  
Paretsky, Sara - SHELL GAME - (Sue Grafton Memorial)

### Best Historical

Massey, Sujata - THE WIDOWS OF MALABAR HILL -(Malice Domestic ) - (Lefty - LCC)

### Best Paperback Original

Harper, Jan - THE LOST MAN - (Thriller)

### Best e-Book

Orloff, Alan - PRAY FOR THE INNOCENT - (Thriller)  
Gaylin, Alison - IF I DIE TONIGHT - (Edgar)

### Audible Sounds of Crime

Galbraith, Robert - LETHAL WHITE (read by Robert Glenister) -(CrimeFest)

### Best Humor

Truss, Lynne - A SHOT IN THE DARK (CrimeFest -Last Laugh)  
McPherson, Catriona - SCOT FREE - (Lefty - LCC)

### Best Foreign Translation

Horst, Jorn Lier - THE KATHARINA CODE (CrimeFest Petrona)

### Other awards to come:

Shamus (Private Eye Writers) , Barry Awards (Deadly Pleasures), Harper Lee for Legal Fiction Mcllvanney (Bloody Scotland Festival) Theakston Old Peculier Festival, Anthony (Bouchercon) CWA Daggers, Hammett Prize

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# READERS' REVIEWS

## Susan

**THE LONG AND FARAWAY GONE** by Lou Berney 3.25 stars  
This book deals with two tragedies, one a theater employee massacre and the disappearance of a teen aged girl at the county fair. One survivor in each tragedy is obsessed with why they survived and how that day changed their lives forever. The endings were "oh well" and not exciting or clever. I finished the book because I was supposed to, not because I enjoyed reading the book. I never connected with either of the two main protagonists, probably because I was never enamored with alcohol or drugs, which play a part in their lives.

**DECEPTION COVE** by Owen Laukkanen 4.5 stars  
An ex con gets released from prison and wants to reconnect with a dog he trained while in prison. Lucy the dog now belongs to a former US Marine with PTSD. When he tracks down the dog, he finds that the local sheriff has taken the dog as hostage until the Marine, Jess, tells him where a package of contraband is hidden. Quite an exciting book, with good characters and description of the area.

**REDEMPTION** by David Baldacci 4.75 stars  
While visiting the graves of his wife and daughter, Amos Decker is approached by a man he helped convict of four murders. The man asks Amos to clear his name as he is not guilty. The more Amos looks into the situation, the more he questions his own investigation thirteen years ago.

**THE PROFESSIONALS** by Owen Laukkanen 4.9 stars  
Four unemployed UW graduates are looking to make money in a bad jobs market. They settle on a kid napping scheme. They demand a modest amount of money, give the kidnappee back unharmed and everybody is happy. Then things go wrong. Really wrong. On the other side of the coin, an FBI agent and a Minnesota state investigator start the pursuit. The bad guys are not really bad people and as the reader, you almost root for them to succeed. I really did not expect this caliber of writing in this the author's first book. A really good story, great character development and fast action.

**CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE** by Owen Laukkanen 5 stars  
In this episode of FBI agent Windemere and Minnesota state investigator Stevens, an accountant turns to crime. He is 40ish, married with two kids and a huge mortgage when he is let go from his big salaried job. He quickly runs out of money and the small one man accounting practice he starts just isn't big enough. While waiting for an appointment with the local bank loan officer, he has an idea. We watch as he transitions from normal family man to cruel, self centered, cold blooded killer. Windemere and Stevens are working for their own agencies, but they run across a thread that binds their two cases and the chase is on.

## Chitra Kirsh

Delaney, J.P.—*The Girl Before* 2017 3.75  
Mizushima, Margaret—*Burning Ridge*—2018 - A Timber Creek K-9 Mystery 4.00  
Vijay, Madhuri *The Far Field* 2019 3.50  
Berney, Lou *The Long and Faraway Gone* 2015 - 3.75  
Box, C.J. *Wolf Pack* 2019 Joe Pickett 3.75  
Shamsie, Kamila *Home Fire* 2017 3.50  
Massey, Sujata *The Satapur Moonstone* 2019 A  
Perveen *Mystery Novel* 3.75  
Lehane, Dennis *Shutter Island* 2003 2.00  
Hoffman, Beth *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* 2010 3.25  
Barry, Jessica *Freefall* 2019 4.25

## Karen Bevers

Lansdale, Joe R. - *THE ELEPHANT OF SURPRISE - #12* 2019 - - Texas - 4.0  
When returning from a P.I. job Hap and Leonard pick up an Albino girl injured on the highway is a horrific storm. When they are shot at they suspect the girl with a cut-off tongue may be in real trouble.

Laukkanen, Owen - *DECEPTION COVE - 2019 - 5.0*  
Released felon who has trained Lucy discovers she is about to be put down for attacking a Sheriff's deputy. He travels to Washington State and Deception Cove to save her. Lucy has been given to Jess Winslow, a ex-Marine, as a therapy dog. Jess is being harassed by the deputy for something that belonged to his criminal business. Exciting

Schaffhausen, Joanna - *NO MERCY - #2 - 2019 -Boston - 3.5*  
Ellery Hathaway while attending survivors group meets a woman who survived a fire some 35 years ago and a more recent rape victim. With the help of her FBI friend she solves the mysteries. with the major irritation of the police officer assigned to a newer case.

Housewright, David - *DEAD MAN'S MISTRESS -#16 - 2019 - Minnesota - 3.5*  
Rushmore is asked to locate three missing paintings of a famous artist that have been in the position of his mistress for the last 35 years. . Too easy

Nickless, Barbara - *DEAD STOP - #2 - 2017 - Colorado - 4.0 -*  
Sydney Parnell is called to the scene of a female's death by train Soon learns her husband and two sons have been shot. And the daughter is missing. The search leads to a 35 year old murder and a fight between two train company owners.

Hall, Rachell Howzell - LAND OF SHADOWS -#1 - - 3.0  
17-year-old Monique Darson is found dead at a condominium construction site, hanging in the closet of an unfinished unit. Homicide Detective Elouise "Lou" Norton's new partner, Colin Taggart, fresh from the Colorado Springs police department, assumes it's a teenage suicide. Lou isn't buying the easy explanation.

Finder, Joseph - JUDGMENT - 2019 - Boston area - 3.5  
Juliana Brody, judge in Boston on a case of harassment has a one night stand with an Argentinean... and then becomes the victim of blackmail. Works to free herself and goes beyond the rules of law.

Deaver, Jeffery - THE NEVER GAME-2019 Silicon Valley 4.25  
Colter Shaw, rescues lost people, etc.. when a reward is offered. He accepts a case of a missing woman when the father finds the police are unwilling to help. When successful he hears of another kidnapping... as he comes to learn all is tied to the computer gaming world.

Baldacci, David - THE LAST MAN STANDING 2001 - DC area 4.0  
Web London is frozen at the beginning of an ambush attack on his FBI team- The following efforts to determine what happened lead to bigger issues. Connections between his shrink, the mother of a child who died in an earlier rescue and who all may be involved ... comes to a violent end for many but Web lives. Not a series.

Massey, Sujata - THE SATAPUR MOONSTONE - #2 - - 4.88  
Perveen Minstry, Esquire handles a dispute between two royal widows of Satapur on the education of the young maharaja. When murders take place and poisoning is occurring, Perveen has much to worry about.

Barry, Jessica - FREEFALL - 2019 - Maine and trip from Rockies to Maine - 4.0  
Told in alternating chapters between mother, Maggie and daughter who has survived a plane crash, Allison. Allison's story is told in flashbacks as she struggles to survive from the crash that supposedly killed her and her fiancé and Maggie's efforts to find out what happened to her daughter that she hasn't seen for 4 years.

### **Pam**

The Hunting Wind (Alex McKnight Series) – Steve Hamilton – 4.50

On a typical chilly night in Paradise, Alex is sitting in his usual seat at the local inn drinking his Canadian beer, unaware that someone from his past, the crazy southpaw pitcher from their minor-league days, is enroute from California to engage him in finding someone he fell in love with 30 years ago. Even though McKnight cannot believe what he is hearing, he agrees to help look for her in Michigan. The search takes them to Detroit and as the search deepens, McKnight realizes he is an unwilling player in a very dangerous game.

Defending Jacob – William Landay – 3.75  
Assistant District Attorney, Andy Barber, is being put to a test that would devastate any parent. His son, Jacob, has been arrested for the murder of a fellow student at his school. Andy believes his son is innocent, the son claims he is innocent, but as facts and shocking revelations surface, as his marriage threatens to crumble and the trial intensifies, the crisis reveals how little Andy knows about Jacob. For years Andy has been hiding a past he has tried to bury and now is facing a future he cannot conceive.

### **Thone**

Berney, Lou– THE LONG AND FARAWAY GONE—5.0  
Three masterful plots. First answers why Wyatt survived a theatre killing. The second Wyatt's job to help save a feisty woman's business and the third involves the 22 year old disappearance of a woman.

### **Marcia**

Berney, Lou—NOVEMBER ROAD -excellent

Rao, Shobha—GIRLS BURN BRIGHTER—not a favorite

Ryan, Jennifer—CHILBURY'S LADIES CHOIR  
Set in WWII the women of Chilbury village forge an uncommon bond and defy the Vicar's edict to close the choir and instead "carry on singing,

**Vel, Pat or Patricia or maybe even Thone** (no name listed and I didn't do this soon enough to remember who gave it to me)

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT KEVIN by Lionel Shriver - 4.0?

BIG LITTLE LIES by Liane Moriarty - \$.0  
School PTA's - competition and murder

THE WIFE by Alafair Burke -3.7

A man is accused of inappropriate behavior at work and begins a nightmare of accusation. Lots of twists

THE MITFORD MURDERS by Jessica Fellowes - 3.8

LONG AND FAR AWAY GONE by Lou Berny - 5.0

KINGDOM OF THE BLIND by Louise Penny - 4.3

### **Anne**

Hall, Rachel Howzell - THEY ALL FALL DOWN -2.0  
Seven strangers receive an invitation to a private island --all clients of the same lawyer -to attend a funeral service for him. Similar to Christie's "And then there were None"

Hall, Rachel Howzell - SKIES OF ASH - 3.0  
Lou Norton, LAPD Homicide detective investigate a suspicious house fire.

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# NEW BOOKS DUE IN AUGUST

Titles in purple are ones I am looking forward to reading.

**KILL ZONE** [NS] by Kevin J. Anderson & Doug Beason - Deep within a mountain in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a Cold War-era nuclear weapons storage facility is being used to covertly receive more than 100,000 tons of nuclear waste stored across the US. Only Department of Energy employee, Adonia, and a few others, are allowed access.

**TERNS OF ENDEARMENT** [Meg Langslow #25] by Donna Andrews

**BENEATH THE ATTIC** (Dollanganger, book 6) by V C Andrews

**THE SIXTH WICKED CHILD** (4MK, book 3) by J D Barker

**A KILLER EDITION** [Booktown #13] by Lorna Barrett - New Hampshire setting

**FORGOTTEN BONES** (Dead Remaining, book 1) by Vivian Barz

**THE LAKE OF LEARNING** (Cassiopeia Vitt Adventure, book 2) by Steve Berry and M J Rose

**PRIDE, PREJUDICE & POISON** [Jane Austin Society #1] by Elizabeth Blake - In this Austen-tatious debut, antiquarian bookstore proprietor Erin Coleridge uses her sense and sensibility to deduce who killed the president of the local Jane Austen Society.

**DROWNED LIVES** by Stephen Booth

**LOVE AND DEATH AMONG THE CHEETAHS** [Royal Spyness #13] by Rhys Bowen

**THE BITTERROOTS** [Cassie Dewell #4] by C.J. Box

**OUTFOX** by Sandra Brown

**AND THEN THEY WERE DOOMED** [Little Library #4] by Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli - Zoe Zola is one of ten invitees to an Agatha Christie symposium. Tempers flare... and then there are nine. Can Jenny Weston save Zoe from murder on the Upper Peninsula?

**THIRTEEN** [Eddie Flynn #4] by Steve Cavanagh - Murder wasn't the hard part. It was just the start of the game. Joshua Kane has been preparing for this moment his whole life. He's done it before. But this is the big one. This is the murder trial of the century. And Kane has killed to get the best seat in the house. But there's someone on his tail. Someone who suspects that the killer isn't the man on trial. Kane knows time is running out -.

**INVITATION TO DIE** [John Redfyre #2] by Barbara Cleverly - Cambridge, 1924 in early summertime. May Balls, punting

on the Cam, flirting and dancing the tango are the preoccupations of bright young people, but bright young Detective Inspector John Redfyre finds himself mired in multiple murders.

**DEATH COMES TO DARTMOOR** (Merriweather & Royston Mystery, book 2) by Vivian Conroy

**THE PERFECT WIFE** by J P Delaney

**SILENT NIGHT, DEADLY NIGHT** (Year Round Christmas Mystery, book 4) by Vicki Delany

**AND THEN SHE VANISHES** by Claire Douglas

**CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR** [NS] by Hallie Ephron - Emily Harlow is a professional organizer who helps people declutter their lives; she's married to man who can't drive past a yard sale without stopping. He's filled their basement, attic, and garage with his finds.

**I KNOW EVERYTHING** by Matthew Farrell

**BELOW THE LINE** [Charlie Wald #2] by Howard Michael Gould Former LAPD detective Charlie Waldo was living in solitude deep in the woods, pathologically committed to owning no more than one hundred possessions, until his PI ex-girlfriend Lorena dragged him back to civilization to solve a high-profile Hollywood murder. Now Waldo and Lorena have their hands full with a new client, a wild and privileged L.A. teenager named Stevie Rose who tells lies as easily as she breathes.

**THE ARRANGEMENT** [NS] by Robyn Harding

**THE WINEMAKER'S WIFE** by Kristin Harmel

**A DEADLY DECEPTION** (Constance Piper Mystery, book 3) by Tessa Harris

**THE WAREHOUSE** by Rob Hart

**DEAD AT FIRST SIGHT** [Roy Grace #15] by Peter James

**DESPERATE CREED** (Ryder Creed, book 5) by Alex Kava

**SIMPLY DEAD** [Will Rees #7] by Eleanor Kuhns - set in Maine

**THE GIRL WHO LIVED TWICE** (Millennium, book 6) by David Lagercrantz

**HOME TRUTHS** by Susan Lewis

**THE SWALLOWS** by Lisa Lutz

**THE HIDDEN THINGS** [NS] by Jamie Mason

**BLOOD ON THE ROCKS** [Joanna Piercy #14] by Priscilla Masters

**WHAT YOU DID** by Claire McGowan

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# READERS' REVIEWS (CONT.)

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## Penelope

*Sincere apologies to Penny for she is indeed correct that T. Jefferson Parker has been at the YLPL -on a Saturday morning*

Hall, Rachel Howzell - TRAIL OF ECHOES - 5.0

Lou and partner, Taggart investigate the death of a 13 year old who lived in the same building Lou had (as a child)

Hall, Rachel Howzell - CITY OF SAVIORS - 5.0

After a long Labor Day weekend, 73-year-old Eugene Washington is found dead in his Leimert Park home. "Lou" Norton is called to investigate the death and learns that the only family Washington had was the 6,000-member congregation of Blessed Mission Ministries, led by Bishop Solomon Tate.

Fellowes, Jessica - BRIGHT YOUNG DEAD - 4.0

Death of 20 year old male. English upper class party.

Descriptive and easy.

Rao, Shobha - GIRLS BURN BRIGHTER - 4.0

Set in India and covers sex trade of young girls. Depressing because all is occurring now.

## Bobbi

Hall, Rachel Howzell - LAND OF SHADOWS - 4.5

LA Homicide cop Louise Norton and new partner Colin Taggart investigate the death of 17 year old found hanging in a closet - leads to solving sister Tori's death.

Doss, James D. - WHITE SHELL WOMAN - 2003 - 5.0

Charlie Moon on a case of a young Native American girl found murdered in an archaeological dig. Cantankerous Aunt Daisy sticks her nose in. She is the star of the series. Aunt and nephew's say one thing (*and what they really mean is written in italics*).

Siger, Jeffery - THE MYKONOS MOB - #10 - 2019- 3.5

Author said after the publisher had the book events in book started to come true. A former police colonel who runs a protection racket is gunned down on Mykonos.

Hamilton, Steve - THE SECOND LIFE OF NICK MASON - 5.0

Nick Mason -5 years in prison on a 25 year sentence is offered a job... release and set up with townhouse, car and \$10,000 a month but must answer the phone and do what ever is required. Meanwhile he hopes to rebuild a life with his daughter and ex-wife.

Rao, Shobha - GIRLS BURN BRIGHTER - 2.0

Story of two young girls in India who are treated poorly by either their family or in the case of one her new husband and her evil mother-in-law.

Tripp, Dawn - GEORGIA - 2.5

Novel of Georgia O'Keeffe's love affair with Alfred Stieglitz

## Nancy

Berney, Lou - THE LONG AGO AND FAR AWAY - 4.5

Two cold cases from 1986. P.I. Wyatt, only survivor of theatre robbery in Oklahoma helps Julianne find her sister who has disappeared.

Hall, Rachel Howzell - LAND OF SHADOWS - 4.5

Lou Norton and Colin Taggart solve case of hanged teen in condominium in same area of LA where Lou's sister went missing. Business man, Nicholas Case, is involved

Hall, Rachel Howzell - TRAIL OF ECHOS - 4.5

Norton and Taggart solve case of serial killer of teen girls.

Hall, Rachel Howzell - SKIES OF ASH - 4.5

Lou and partner investigate the death of woman and two children who died in a house fire. Who started the fire -the husband, an arsonist or a son who likes fire?

Burrell, Teresa - THE ADVOCATE'S GEOCACHE - 3.5

Sten, Vivica - STILL WATERS - 3.5

Owens, Delia - WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING - 4.75

Kya Clark, the Marsh Girl is abandoned by her family and raises herself in a shack in the marsh along the NC coast. She becomes involved with 2 young men from the nearby village and they both disappoint her. Later, she is accused of murdering one of them.

Hillerman, Anne - THE TALE TELLER - 4.0

Joe Leaphorn is hired to find two missing items from a museum. Sgt. Chee is working a burglary case and Officer Manuelito discovers a dead body while out jogging. All three cases end up related.

Siger, Jeffrey - SONS OF SPARTA - 3.75

Special Crimes Division Detective Yiannis Kouros is summoned from Athens to the Mani by his uncle, Kouros fears his loyalty to his boss, Chief Inspector Andreas Kaldis, is about to be tested by family pressure on the detective to act in some new vendetta, for this uncle once headed the Mani's most significant criminal enterprise. The uncle is killed, and acting swiftly, Kouros solves the murder

Siger, Jeffrey- THE MYKONOS MOB - 4.5

C.I. Andreas Kaldis and assistant Yiannis Kouros travel to Mkoonos to confront one of the top crime bosses about the murder of a corrupt ex-police colonel.

Box, C. J. - WOLF PACK - 4.5

Game Wardens Katelyn Hamm and Joe Picket are tracking a drone that is being used to stampede animals when they are warned off by two obnoxious FBI agents.

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THE WHITE FEATHER KILLER [Silas Quinn #5] by R.N. Morris

RIVAL'S BREAK (Sharpe & Donovan, book 9) by Carla Neggers

THE WHISPER MAN by Alex North

**THE LAST GOOD GUY** [Roland Ford #3] by T. Jefferson Parker

THE INN by James Patterson

THE WARNING by James Patterson and Robison Wells

**A BETTER MAN** [Armand Gamache #15] by Louise Penny

CITY OF WINDOWS [Lucas Page #1] by Robert Pobi

OLD BONES [Nora Kelly #1] by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

THE BASTILLE SPY (Revolution Spy, book 1) by C S Quinn

HER SILENT CRY (Detective Josie Quinn, book 6) by Lisa Regan

NEVER EVER (Eva Rae Thomas Mystery, book 3) by Willow Rose

FAVOURITE DAUGHTER by Kaira Rouda

THE TWICE-HANGED MAN [Prioress Eleanor #15] by Priscilla Royal

THE MURDER LIST [NS] by Hank Phillippi Ryan

THE MYSTERY OF THE WANDERING SCHOLAR (Laetitia Rodd Mystery, book 2) by Kate Saunders

THE DARWIN STRAIN [R.J. MacCreedy & Yann Thorne #1] by Bill Schutt & J.R. Finch

BENEATH THE SURFACE [Tom Reynolds #2] by Jo Spain [1st US edition]

THE TURN OF THE KEY [NS] by Ruth Ware  
When she stumbles across the ad, she's looking for something else completely. But it seems like too good an opportunity to miss - a live-in nannying post, with a staggeringly generous salary. And when Rowan Caine arrives at Heatherbrae House, she is smitten - by the luxurious "smart" home fitted out with all modern conveniences, by the beautiful Scottish Highlands, and by this picture-perfect family.

CONTRABAND [Stone Barrington #50] by Stuart Woods - Stone Barrington is getting some much-needed rest and relaxation in the Florida sun when trouble falls from the sky

- literally. Intrigued by the suspicious circumstances surrounding this event, Stone joins forces with a sharp-witted and alluring local detective to investigate. But they run into a problem: The evidence keeps disappearing.

EMPTY HEARTS [NS] by Juli Zeh - A political and psychological thriller ripped from tomorrow's headlines, by one of Germany's most celebrated contemporary novelists. A few short years from now, the world is an even more uncertain place than it is today, and politics everywhere is marching rightward: Trump is gone, but Brexit is complete, as is Frexit; there's a global financial crisis, armed conflict, mass migration, and an ultrapolulist movement governs in Germany.

## END OF REPORTS

See., Lisa - WOMEN OF THE SEA - 4.0

Coben, Harlan - RUN AWAY - 4.25

Simon and Ingrid search for missing daughter, Paige.

Massey, Sujata - THE SATAPUR MOONSTONE - 4.25  
Perveen Mistry is sent to help settle a dispute between 2 maharaja (mother and daughter-in-law) about where the crown prince should be educated. Perveen is determined to bring peace to the royal house and make a sound recommendation for the young prince's future, but she arrives to find that the Satapur palace is full of cold-blooded power plays and ancient vendettas. Too late, she realizes she has walked into a trap.

### Yvonne

Ware, Ruth—TO A DARK, DARK WOOD—5.0

Great read with prose-like descriptions. Nora hasn't seen her former best friend, Clare, for ten years. Not since Nora walked out of school one day and never went back. Until, out of the blue, an invitation to Clare's hen party arrives.

Westlake, Donald—THE AXE

For 25 years, Burke Devore has provided for his family and played by the rules. Until now. Downsized from his job, Devore is slipping away: from his wife, his family, and from all civilized norms of behavior..

Keal, Jenny—PAINTING WITH PASTELS

Jenny Keal shares her passion for soft pastels in this inspiring and practical guide. She takes us through the basics of painting such as composition, color theory and composition

# THIS AND THAT

## Have you read a KNOCKOUT BOOK?

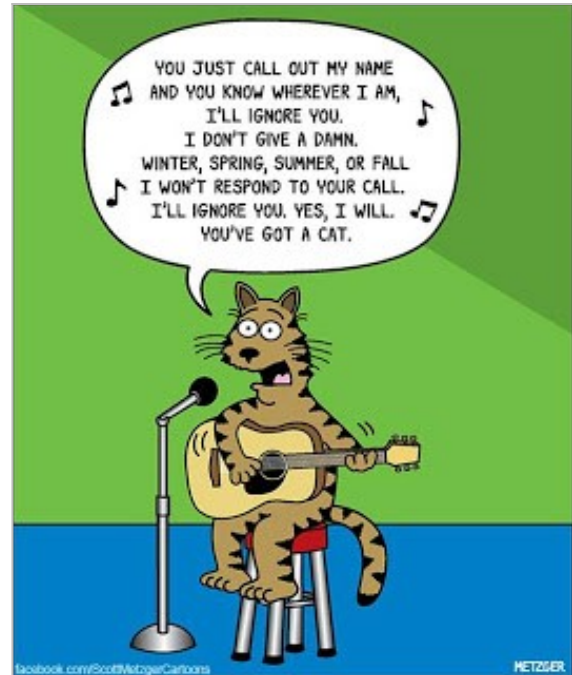
1. You tear through the book because you've got to find out what happens, when you would really prefer to be reading slowly, to savor it.
2. You stay up way too late because you are forced to finish reading it.
3. Anything else in your life feels like an interruption.
4. You are able to read in less than ideal circumstances. Though you may normally require quiet, you can read a knockout novel while the TV is blaring, there is yelling, jumping, cat chasing and breaking news.
5. When you have to tear yourself away, you do so grudgingly, with your eye on the moment you can pick the book back up.
6. Finishing the book is both enormously satisfying and a huge let down. You feel lost, unfettered, as if the planet's gravity has lost its hold on you.
7. After you finish reading it, you have no enthusiasm for starting another book.
8. You want to spend time with the novel after you've finished, reading the jacket blurbs, and piecing together early clues, etc.
9. You must rave about it for days if not months.

### NOW NAME ONE

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### THINK WEIRD for this QUIZ

1. On which side of a cup is it best to have the handle?
2. Where did Noah strike the last nail in the ark?
3. What living thing has only one foot?
4. Would you rather a tiger attack you or a lion?
5. What kind of dog, found in every country, has legs but never runs?
6. How can you drop a raw egg on a concrete floor without cracking it??
7. What do you always get hanging from apple trees?
8. How can a man go eight days without sleep?



## READING LIST CONT.

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Linda Greenlaw - FISHERMAN'S BEND and SLIPKNOT

*Jane Bunker: former Florida police detective, now a marine insurance investigator and later a sheriff's deputy in coastal Green Haven, Maine*

Linda Howard - ICE

Michael Koryta - HOW IT HAPPENED

Paul Doiron - WIDOWMAKER and KNIFE CREEK and others

*Mike Bowditch: game warden in the wilds of Maine*

Peter Swanson - ALL THE BEAUTIFUL LIES

Sarah Graves - THE GIRLS SHE LEFT BEHIND and THE BOOK OF OLD HOUSES and others

Stuart Woods - DARK HARBOR

William G Tapply - DARK TIGER and GRAY GHOST  
*Stoney Calhoun: works at a bait and tackle shop rural Maine*

# READING LIST FOR NEW ENGLAND

Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire all available at YLPL

## Vermont

Clinch, Wendy DOUBLE BLACK and FADE TO WHITE

Greenwood, T. - WHERE I LOST HER

MacDonald, Patricia J - SUSPICIOUS ORIGIN

Mayor, Archer series with Joe Gunther: police detective in Brattleboro, Vermont

McMahon, Jennifer - THE NIGHT SISTER and ISLAND OF LOST GIRLS

Munier, Paula A BORROWING OF BONES  
*Mercy Carr, a retired Army Corporal, and her bomb-sniffing Belgian shepherd Elvis, in Vermont:*

Olshan, Joseph - BLACK DIAMOND

Perry, Thomas - THE OLD MAN

## New Hampshire Mysteries

Auralee Wallace - HAUNTED HAYRIDE WITH MURDER

Ben H. Winters - WORLD OF TROUBLE  
*Hank Palace: police detective living under the threat of an impending asteroid collision, in Concord, New Hampshire*

Jane K. Cleland DOLLED UP FOR MURDER and KILLER KEEPSAKES and ANTIQUES TO DIE FOR and DEADLY APPRAISAL and CONSIGNED TO DEATH and GLOW OF DEATH and Ornaments of Death and BLOOD RUBIES  
*Josie Prescott: antiques dealer in a small town in coastal New Hampshire, in the Antiques mysteries*

Joe Clifford - RAG AND BONE - #5 in Jay Porter Series - released this June - NOT at YLPL but good for fans of Dennis Lehane

Lorna Barrett - BOOK CLUBBED and A FATAL CHAPTER DEADLY THREADS and Chapter & Hearse and BOOKMARKED FOR DEATH - and NOT THE KILLING TYPE and MURDER ON THE HALFL SHELF and MURDER IS BINDING and BOOKPLATE SPECIAL and MURDER IN THREE VOLUMES  
*Tricia Miles: running a mystery bookstore, Haven't Got a Clue, and the cat Miss Marple, in fictional small-town Stoneham, New Hampshire, a town full of bookstores*

## Maine Mysteries

B. B. Haywood - TOWN IN A CINNAMON TOAST and TOWN IN A WILD MOOSE CHASE and others  
*Candy Holliday, running a blueberry farm with her dad Henry "Doc" Holliday, near the fictional seaside town of Cape*

Wilmington, Maine

Claire Donally - CAT NAP and THE BIG KITTY

Donald Bain - MURDER SHE WROTE: A FATAL FEAST

Eleanor Kuhns THE DEVIL'S COLD DISH  
*Will Rees: former soldier in the American Revolution, working as a traveling weaver in 1790s Maine*  
*The Devil's Cold Dish*

Erica Ferencik - THE RIVER AT NIGHT

James Paterson and James O. Born - HAUNTED

Jennie Bentley - HOME FOR THE HOMICIDE

Jessica Barry - FREEFALL

John Connolly- THE LOVERS – and A SONG OF SHADOWS and others  
*Charlie "Bird" Parker, an ex-NYPD detective turned private investigator in cases taking him to locations in North America:*

Joy Avon - IN PEPPERMINT PERIL

Kaitlyn Dunnett - X MARKS THE SCOT and KILT AT THE HIGHLAND GAMES and others  
*Liss MacCrimmon: 20-something dancer forced into early retirement by a knee injury, helping at her aunt's Scottish store, in Moosetookalook, Maine*

Karen MacInerney MURDER MOST MAINE and DEATH RUNS ADRIFT + others  
*Natalie Barnes: inn proprietor on Cranberry Island, Maine, in the Gray Whale Inn mysteries*

Katherine Hall Page - THE BODY IN THE WAKE  
*Faith Fairchild, who marries a clergyman and leaves New York City for a small town in New England:*

Kimberly McCreight - THE OUTLIERS

Lee Hollis - DEATH OF A KITCHEN DIVA

Lee Wait - DANGLING BY A THREAD and TWISTED THREADS and others  
*Maggie Summer: owner of the antique print business named Shadows in Maine*

Leslie Meier-WEDDING DAY MURDER and BAKE SALE MURDER and others  
*Lucy Stone: sleuthing wife and mother of four in*

*Tinker's Cove, Maine (continued on page 7)*