



# WHO DONE IT?

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## DID IT GET BETTER?

### What's Next

**Jan 27 –Did It Get Better?**  
Reread an old favorite.

**Feb 24 –T. Jefferson Parker, Matt Coyle and/or Raymond Chandler**

**March 23—Time for a bit of the Green– Irish Authors**

**April 27—Earth Day— Environmental Mysteries**

**May 18— Faye Kellerman and Harlan Coben**

### 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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We discussed rereading a book we loved 30 years ago or even more. I needed to expand that directive a bit since I haven't been one to reread much of anything.

I am more likely to take the topic and have the "it" refer to an author. This means I can read a book by an author who was writing 30 years ago. Of course I run into the problem that I didn't rate books I read in the 80's and many of the authors no longer write or are alive to write.

As I write this a couple of books come to mind. BANK SHOT had me in tears (of laughter) when I read it in 1973, Maybe I will reread that one, or a more recent DORTMUNDER adventure (if I have one in my bookshelves.) This series is about a rather inept thief and his team and is written by Donald Westlake.

I hesitate to read one of the Travis McGee books, which I remember devouring as they were published. Travis would be in a lot of trouble in the "Me, too" era. I do have a vast number of John D MacDonald mysteries. Maybe if I read one I would be moved to donate them all to the bargain box at the library.

Then there is Peter Robinson. If I can get my hands on the first or second in the DCI Banks series that would meet the 30 year timeframe.. I've been watching the TV series on Netflix and like the character. I did read IN A DRY SEASON many years ago, which caused me to create a list of drowned towns., but I don't remember liking it very much. So in his case It might indeed get better.

For those who read Anne Perry, her first nine Charlotte and Thomas Pitt books were written before 1989. The first was CATER STREET HANGMAN. And then of course you could always read an Agatha Christie classic. Speaking of classic..maybe Dickens's A CHRISTMAS CAROL?

Has this muttering given you ideas for what you would like to read?. When all else fails—Just read whatever you want and I will pretend it happened 30 years ago. One

Because I spent several hours putting together an alpha list of the Best Mystery Novels of 2018,,,,, you all get to see how I waste time.

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# WHAT WE READ

## BOBBI

October reading:

Deaver, Jeffery - ROADSIDE CROSSES - 2017

Deaver, Jeffery - SOLITUDE CREEK - 2019

Gross, Andrew - THE FIFTH COLUMN - 2019

Ersenault, Emily - THE EVENING SPIDER --2016

Fredrickson, Jack - THE DEAD COLLER FROM CHICAGO - 2013

Connelly, Michael - THE SCARECROW 2009

Russell, Ona - O'BRIAN'S DESK - 2004

Hirsch, Paddy - HUDSON'S KILL - 2019

and

November reading

Adler-Olsen, Jussi - THE ALPHABET HOUSE - 2014 - 5.0

British pilots James Teasdale and Bryan Young have been chosen to conduct a special photo-reconnaissance mission near Dresden, Germany. Intelligence believes the Nazis are building new factories that could turn the tide of the war. When their plane is shot down, James and Bryan know they will be executed if captured. With an enemy patrol in pursuit, they manage to jump aboard a train reserved for senior SS soldiers wounded on the eastern front. In a moment of desperation, they throw two patients off the train and take their places, hoping they can escape later. But their act is too convincing and they end up in the Alphabet House, a mental hospital located far behind enemy lines, where German doctors subject their patients to daily rounds of shock treatments and experimental drugs. The pilots' only hope of survival is to fake insanity until the war ends, but their friendship and courage are put to the ultimate test when James and Bryan realize they aren't the only ones in the Alphabet House feigning madness.

Barclay, Linwood - ELEVATOR PITCH - 2019 - 5.0  
It all begins on a Monday, when four people board an elevator in a Manhattan office tower. Each presses a button for their floor, but the elevator proceeds, non-stop, to the top. Once there, the doors don't open. Instead, the elevator begins to descend floor by floor. Then it plummets. Right to the bottom of the shaft. It appears to be a random accident. But on Tuesday, it happens again, in a different Manhattan skyscraper. And then Wednesday brings yet another tragic high-rise catastrophe. In only three days, one of the most vertical cities in the world is plunged into chaos.

Clearly, this is a cold, calculated bid to terrorize the city.

Gott, Robert - THE HOLIDAY MURDERS - 2013  
On Christmas Eve, 1943, the newly formed but undermanned Homicide division of the Melbourne police force is called to investigate the vicious double murder of a father and son. When Military Intelligence becomes involved, Homicide's Inspector Titus Lambert must unravel the personal from the political.

Bannister, Nonna - THE SECRET HOLOCAUST DIARIES - 2009

For half a century, a terrible secret lay hidden, locked in a trunk in an attic... photos, official documents, and scraps of a diary written by a young girl. "The time has come when I must share my life story... some facts from the past that could make a contribution, however small it may be, to the history of mankind."

## CHITRA

Morton, Kate - THE FORGOTTEN GARDEN - 2008 - 4.25

The story is about a young woman who decides to uncover the secret of her grandmother's strange arrival in Australia in 1913. Cassandra is a young Australian woman who lives with her grandmother, Nell O'Connor, in a small house near Brisbane. She knows nothing about her grandmother's past because Nell didn't like to discuss the subject under any circumstances.

Russo, Richard - CHANCES ARE - 2019 - 3.75  
The uncertainty of Jacy Rockafellow's fate haunts three men who were all infatuated with her 40-odd years ago and are now returning to the last place they ever saw her, Martha's Vineyard. She vanished there after graduation, during a Memorial Day weekend getaway. As former college buddies Lincoln, Teddy, and Mickey reconvene for a weekend of catching up, they confide in one another, dig up old secrets, and confront the past with fresh eyes.

Jenoff, Pam - THE KOMMANDANT'S GIRL - 2007 - 4.25

Nine-teen year old Emma has two lives. In one life she is Emma, a very Jewish bride separated by the war from her groom, Jacob. Love of Judaism, the

Kazimierz community, parents, relatives, and friends, all have constrained Emma's existence when the Nazis move into the Krakow area. In her other life, she is the 'girl,' renamed Anna and relocated by the Resistance movement into Krakow, where, anonymous and insecure, she passes as a Polish gentile, and goes to work for the Kommandant in Krakow's Nazi headquarters. With her new Polish identity firmly established and accepted, she gains physical comfort and faces emotional and physical challenges that forms the basis of the novel. Uncertainty plagues both Jacob and Emma, miles apart and knowing little about each other's daily life. The Kommandant's human complexity unfolds as Jenoff moves her tale through the war years.

Burrell, Teresa - FINDING FRANKIE - 2019 - .0  
A hit-and-run driver leaves Tuper's best friend for dead. But why? And how did Squirrely, a homeless man, acquire a duffle bag stuffed with thousands in cash, a pistol, and a 25-year-old newspaper? As Squirrely lies in a coma, Tuper's techie sidekick, Lana, uncovers fifty-year-old secrets about his connection to the death of a high school classmate. The cold case pops up when a second classmate dies in the same manner. A Senator, his barren wife, and a long-ago illegal adoption heat up the complications. As Tuper and Lana dig deeper, lies, fraud, and blackmail bubble to the surface. When they get too close, the killer panics and their lives are also in danger.

Quirk, Katie - A GIRL CALLED PROBLEM - 2013 - 4.0  
Thirteen-year-old Shida, whose name means 'problem' in Swahili, has a lot of problems in her life — her father is dead, her depressed mother is rumored to be a witch, and everyone in her rural Tanzanian village expects her to marry rather than pursue her dream of becoming a healer and get an education.

Spann, Susan - FLASK OF THE DRUNKEN MASTER - 2015 - 3.5  
When a rival artisan turns up dead outside Ginjiro's brewery, and all the evidence implicates the brewer, master ninja Hiro Hattori and Portuguese Jesuit Father Mateo must find the killer before the magistrate executes Ginjiro and seizes the brewery, leaving his wife and daughter destitute. A missing merchant, a vicious debt collector, and a female moneylender join

Ginjiro and the victim's spendthrift son on the suspect list. But with Kyoto on alert in the wake of the shogun's recent death, a rival shinobi on the prowl, and samurai threatening Hiro and Father Mateo at every turn, Ginjiro's life is not the only one in danger. Fast-paced.

### **KAREN**

Lodge, Gytha - SHE LIES IN WAIT #1 - 2019 UK 4.0  
- from 1<sup>st</sup> list

McDonald, Christina - THE NIGHT OLIVIA FELL - 2019 -Washington State - 3.0 from 1<sup>st</sup> list

Mitchell, Kirk - SKY WOMAN FALLING #4 - 2004 - New York Oneida Reservation 3.0 Audible  
Emmett and Anna investigate the death of a native woman falling from a plane. Somewhat too long and a bit boring.

Olsen, Gregg - LYING NEXT TO ME (A) - 2019 - Seattle - 4.0

Adam Warner's wife is kidnapped as he watches from a boat in the canal with his daughter. He becomes a suspect until DNA evidence shows she had an affair with Conner Moss, who is staying in a cabin nearby with his wife. Tricky

Blackstock, Terri - SMOKE SCREEN -2019 Colorado - 2.5

A HotShot (smoke jumper) is severely burned when he rescues a family - that turn out to be a US Senator. He is sent on leave and returns to his home town where his father has just been released from prison (for killing the father of his high school love) And then things get more complicated... but all is solved by prayer and the evil people are found out. More religion that most hard-boiled mysteries have sex.

### **NANCY**

Johnson, Sara E MOLTEN MUD MURDER - 3.5 from 1<sup>st</sup> list

Vijay, Madhuri - THE FAR FIELD - 3.75 from 1<sup>st</sup> list

Penny, Louise - A BETTER MAN 2019 - 5.0e

Connelly, Michael - THE NIGHT FIRE - 2019 - 5.0

Crais, Robert - A DANGEROUS MAN - 2019 - 5.0

### **PAM**

is half way thru John Grisham's THE GUARDIANS  
is halfway thru Greg Iles CEMETERY ROAD

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# READER'S REVIEWS (CONT.)

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## **PENNY**

Baldacci, David - END GAME -2017 - 4.0

Plot speed at end of the book is nearly unbelievable  
Introduction of new character near end of book may allow the series to continue

Rhys, Rachel - DANGEROUS CROSSING - 2018 - 5+

1939: Europe is on the brink of war when young Lily Shepherd boards an ocean liner in England, bound for Australia. She is ready to start anew, leaving behind the shadows of her past. The passage proves magical, complete with live music, cocktails, and fancy-dress balls. With stops at exotic locations along the way - Naples, Cairo, Ceylon - the voyage shows Lily places she's only ever dreamed of and enables her to make friends with those above her social station, people who would not ordinarily mingle with her. She even allows herself to hope that a man she couldn't possibly have a future with outside the cocoon of the ship might return her feelings. But Lily soon realizes that she's not the only one hiding secrets. Her newfound friends - the toxic wealthy couple Eliza and Max; Cambridge graduate Edward; Jewish refugee Maria; fascist George - are also running away from their pasts. As the glamour of the voyage fades, the stage is set for something sinister to occur. By the time the ship docks, two passengers are dead, war has been declared, and Lily's life is irrevocably changed.

Perry, Anne - CHRISTMAS SERIES

Currently there are 16 in this novella series. All are feel good reads and worth 5.0

CHRISTMAS VISITOR - 2004

CHRISTMAS QUEST - 2005

CHRISTMAS ODYSSEY - 2010

A NEW YORK CHRISTMAS - 2014

Penny, Louise - STILL LIFE - 2005 - 5.0

First in the Inspector Gamache series - twisty and interesting

Smith, Carrie - FORGOTTEN CITY -2016 - 5.0

Second in Claire Codella series. NYPD Detective Claire Codella is chomping at the bit for a new case. Lieutenant McGowan is determined to keep her out of the news, but she's about to be back in the public eye in a big way. Broadway legend Lucy Merchant has

tragically succumbed to early onset Alzheimer's. At age fifty-six, she's tucked away in the dementia care unit of the ultra-exclusive Manhattan care facility Park Manor. When she falls asleep and doesn't wake up, her billionaire husband is ready for the funeral, but her daughter demands an investigation. Only three months back on the job after cancer treatment, Codella finds herself at the center of a high profile case where the forensic evidence raises alarming questions.

## **SANDY**

Alex ichaelides, Alex THE SILENT PATIENT - 5.0 - from 1<sup>st</sup> list

Hillanbrand, Laura - UNBROKEN - 3.5

The story of Louie Zamperine, long distance Olympic runner (1936 Olympics) Army Air Force Bombardier and Japanese prisoner of war and beyond.

Cornwell, Patricia - AT RISK - 2006 - 3.5

A Massachusetts state investigator, Winston Garano, is asked to investigate a case by his boss, the district attorney, attractive but hard-charging, who is planning to run for governor, and as a showcase she's planning to use a new crime initiative called At Risk-its motto: "Any crime, any time." In particular, she's been looking for a way to employ cutting-edge DNA technology, and she thinks she's found the perfect subject in an unsolved twenty-year-old murder-in Tennessee. If her office solves the case, it ought to make them all look pretty good, right? Her investigator is not so sure about anything to do with this woman, when , a shocking piece of violence intervenes.

## **VEL**

has been reading Jeffery Deaver and offers up CEMETERY ROAD by Greg Iles as her "Turkey" of the year.

## **YVONNE**

Downing, Samantha - MY LOVELY WIFE -3.5 - from 1<sup>st</sup> list

Fitzgerald, Lydia - LIGHT ALL NIGHT LONG - 4.5 - from 1<sup>st</sup> list

Ryan, Jannifer - AT WOLF RANCH-- 2015 - 2.75  
Ella Wolf, escapes to Montana after she witnesses her twin sister murdered by her uncle who is the trustee and conservator of the multi-million dollar fortune left to the girls. - Too much like a romance novel.



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# BEST MYSTERIES OF 2019

Oline Coghill(OC), Washington Post (WP), NPR, BOLO (B) Deadly Pleasures (DP), NYT - Bibliofile (BF) - BookList (BL) - New York Library - (NYL) AuntAgatha (AA) - Bookbub (BB) - Google List (G) Amazon -(AA)

Atkinson, Kate - BIG SKY - WP  
Barry, Kevin - NIGHT BOAT TO TANGIER - NYL  
Barton, Fiona - THE SUSPECT - G  
Bartz, Andrea - THE LOST NIGHT - BL- G  
Benedict, Laura - THE STRANGER INSIDE - OC  
Benn, James WHEN HELL STRUCK TWELVE - AA  
Bowen, Rhys - LOVE AND DEATH AMONG THE CHEETAHS - AA  
Box, C. J. - WOLF PACK -DP - BB  
Boyle, William -A FRIEND IS A GIFT YOU GIVE YOURSELF- NPR - DP  
Burke, Alafair - THE BETTER SISTER - OC - WP - B - BB- G  
Burke, James Lee - NEW IBERIA BLUES-DP - NYT -G  
Camilleri, Andrea - THE OTHER END OF THE LINE- NPR - WP  
Campbell, Michele - A STRANGER ON THE BEACH - G  
Cavanagh, Steve - THIRTEEN - OC  
Cha, Steph - YOUR HOUSE WILL PAY- OC - B- G  
Chaney, JoAnn - AS LONG AS WE BOTH LIVE-DP  
Cleeves, Ann - 'THE LONG CALL - B - AA  
Coben, Harlan - RUN AWAY - BF- G  
Connelly, Michael - THE NIGHT FIRE - OC - MYT- G- AA  
Cornwell, Patricia - QUANTUM - G  
Crais, Robert A DANGEROUS MAN-DP  
Criaco, Gioacchino - BLACK SOULS- NPR  
Crouch, Blake - RECURSION- NPR - BF-G  
Cumming, Laura - FIVE DAYS GONE- NPR  
Deaver, Jeffery - THE NEVER GAME - NYT  
Delaney, J P- THE PERFECT WIFE - NYL - AA  
DeMille, Nelson - THE DESERTER - G  
Dow, David R. - CONFESSIONS OF AN INNOCENT MAN-DP-1st  
Downing, Samantha - MY LOVELY WIFE - BF - NYL  
Eldridge, Tori - THE NINJA DAUGHTER - OC-1st  
Ellroy, James - THIS STORM-DP  
Ephron, Hallie - BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR - B  
Eskens, Allen - NOTHING MORE DANGEROUS - OC  
Fargo, Layne - TEMPER - OC - 1st  
Faye, Lyndsay - THE PARAGON HOTEL-DP  
Gailey, Sarah - MAGIC FOR LIARS- NPR  
Gardner, Lisa - NEVER TELL  
Gaylin, Alison - NEVER LOOK BACK - B  
Giolito, Malin-Persson - BEYOND ALL REASONABLE DOUBT - WP  
Giordano, Marlo - AUNTIE POLDI AND THE VINEYARDS OF ETNA-DP  
Goldin, Megan - THE ESCAPE ROOM - OC - 1st  
Golding, Melanie - LITTLE DARLINGDS - AA  
Greaney, Mark - MISSION CRITICAL  
Grebe, Camilla - AFTER SHE'S GONE-DP  
Griffiths, Elly - THE STANGER DIARIES-DP - AA  
Grimes, Martha - THE OLD SUCCESS - NYT  
Grisham, John - THE GUARDIANS - WP - AA  
Hall, Rachel Howzell - THEY ALL FALL DOWN - OC - B - BB  
Hammer, Chris - SCRUBLANDS-DP-1st  
Harper, Jane - THE LOST MAN - OC -DP - BF- BB  
Hart, John - THE WAREHOUSE - B(crossover)  
Heller, Peter - THE RIVER-DP  
Hendricks, Greer and Sarah Pekkanen - AN ANONYMOUS GIRL-DP  
Hill, Joe - FULL THROTTLE - AA  
Hepworth, Sally- THE MOTHER-IN-LAW - G  
Hillerman, Anne - THE TALE TELLER - BB  
Horowitz, Anthony - THE SENTENCE IS DEATH- NPR - BB  
Hurwitz, Gregg - OUT OF THE DARK-DP  
Iles, Greg - CEMETERY ROAD-DP  
Jewell, Lisa - THE FAMILY UPSTAIRS - G  
Johnston, Tim - THE CURRENT-DP - NYL AA  
Jones, Stephen Mack - LIVES LAID AWAY - AA - BB  
Kepler, Lars - STALKER-DP  
Kerr, Philip - METROPOLIS-DP  
Kim, Angie - MIRACLE CREEK - OC-1st - B-1st - DP- G  
Kim, Lin-Su - THE PLOTTERS-DP-1st - WP - BL  
King, Stephen - THE INSTITUTE - BF- G- AA  
Koryta, Michael - IF SHE WAKES - OC  
Kwok, Jean - SEARCHING FOR SYLVIE LEE - BB - G  
Krueger, William Kent - THIS TENDER LAND - OC - AA

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Laskowski, Tara - ONE NIGHT GONE - B -1st  
Laukkanen, Owen - DECEPTION COVE - OC -DP  
Lawson, Mike - HOUSE ARREST-DP  
Le Carre, John - AGENT RUNNING IN THE FIELD-  
NPR G  
Lelchuk, S. A. - SAVE ME FROM DANGEROUS MEN-  
DP-1st - BL  
Leon, Donna - UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN - BL  
Lillie, Vanessa - LITTLE VOICES - B-1st  
Lippman, Laura - LADY IN THE LAKE- NPR - OC - WP  
- NYL  
Locke, Attica - HEAVEN, MY HOME- NPR - NYT -G  
Lutz, Lisa - THE SWALLOWS - B  
Macmillan, Gilly - THE NANNY - NYL  
Mason, Jamie - THEHIDDEN THINGS - OC  
Massey, Sujata - THE STAPUR MOONSTONE - AA -BB  
McDonald, Christina - THE NIGHT OLIVIA FELL - BL-  
G  
McHugh, Laura - THE WOLF WANTS IN - OC  
McIlvanney, Liam - TH QUAKER - WP  
McKinty, Adrian - THE CHAIN -BF - G -AA  
McMahon, John - THE GOOD DETECTIVE - NYT - BL  
McPherson, Catriona - STRANGERS AT THE GATE -  
B  
Medearis, Wil - RESTORATION HEIGHTS - BL  
Michaelides, Alex- THE SILENT PATIENT - B -1st - BF -  
AA—G  
Mina, Denise - CONVICTION- NPR - WP - NYT G  
Montclair, Allison - THE RIGHT SOSRT OF MAN - AA  
Montgomery, Jess - THE WIDOWS - OC - 1st - AA  
Mukherjee, Abir - SMOKE AND ASHES - BB  
North, Alex - THE WHOSPER MAN - G - AA  
Och Dag, Niklas Natt - THE WOLF AND THE WATCH-  
MAN- NPR  
Olsen, Gregg - LYING NEXT TO ME - G  
Panowich, Brian - LIKE LIONS-DP  
Pavone, Chris - THE PARIS DIVERSION-DP  
Penny, Louise - A BETTER MAN - AA  
Philips, Julia - DISAPPEARING EARH- NPR - NYL  
Pobi, Robert - CITY OF WINDOWS - OC  
Prescott, Lara - THE SECRETS WE KEPT - NYL  
Quirk, Matthew - THE NIGHT AGENT-DP

Robb, J D - CONNECTIONS IN DEATH  
Robotham, Michael - GOOD GIRL, BAD GIRL-DP  
Roy, Lori - GONE TOO LONG-DP  
Rozan, S J - PAPER SON - AA -BB  
Runcie, James - THE ROAD TO GRANTCHESTER-DP  
Ryan, Hank Phillippi - THE MURDER LIST - B  
Sager, Riley - LOCK EVERY DOOR - BF - BB- G - AA  
Sallis, James - SARAH JANE - NYT  
Sandlin, Lisa - THE BIRD BOY NYT  
Scottoline,m Lisa - SOMEONE KNOWS - BB -G  
Shaber, Sarah - LOUISE'S CROSSING - AA  
Sigurdardottir, URsa - THE RECKONING - BB  
Silva, Daniel - THE NEW GIRL - AA  
Smith, Alexander McCall - THE DEPARTMENT OF SENSI-  
TIVE CRIMES - BB  
Sveistrup, Soren - THE CHESTNUT MAN - NYT - AA  
Swanson, Peter - BEFORE SHE KNEW HIM - G  
Thor, Brad - BACKLASH-DP  
Todd, Charles - THE BLACK ASCOT - BB  
Tokaraczuk, Olga - DRIVE YOUR PLOW OVER THE BONES  
OF THE DEAD- NPR  
Tyce, Harriet - BLOOD ORANGE - BL  
Unger, Lisa - THE STRANGER INSIDE - B  
Ware, Ruth - THE TURN OF THE KEY - BF - NYL - BB- G  
White, Christian - THE NOWHERE CHILD - OC - 1st  
Wilkinson, Lauren - AMERICAN SPY-DP-1st - NPR - NYL- G  
Winslow, Don - THE BORDER -DP - NPR - BL -G



# WHAT'S NEW FOR JAN. 2016



**Adams, Jane A. *Kith and Kin*** . In this police procedural set in 1928, the discovery of two bodies found in the Kentish marshes, and the fact that one of them has a strange round wound, causes Scotland Yard DCI Henry Johnstone to concentrate on the local area where similar wounds have been found, despite the fact that one of the men worked for a London crime boss.

**Alexander, Tasha. *In the Shadow of Vesuvius*** . Lady Emily and her husband rent a villa near Pompeii, and while exploring the ruins come across the body of an American journalist, who may have a relationship to an archaeologist working there.

**Bartlett, Lorraine and Gayle Leeson. *Murder Ink*** . When a tattoo parlor is slated to move into charming Victoria Square, the other shop owners are not pleased, but when the owner of the space is found electrocuted in the space, Katie decides to investigate.

**Black, Benjamin. *The Secret Guests*** . During the Blitz of 1939 the young royal princesses are evacuated to an isolated estate in neutral Ireland, guarded by a young female secret service agent, but the villagers around the estate begin to speculate about the identity of the young ladies in a suspenseful novel that the author swears is based on fact.

**Blackwell, Juliet. *The Vineyards of Champagne*** . A recent widow visiting Provence discovers a cache of letters dating from WWI about the women of the area who used a labyrinth of tunnels to shelter from onslaught of gunfire and who kept other secrets as well.

**Correa, Armando Lucas. *The Daughter's Tale*** . After her husband is sent to a concentration camp, a Berlin bookseller flees to the south of France with her two daughters, only to be caught up in the horrible atrocity of WWII, the Nazi massacre of civilians in the village of Oradur-Sur-Glane.

**Daniels, Casey. *Smoke and Mirrors*** . In the first of a new series, the sister of P.T. Barnum must clear the name of the Lizard Man of Borneo when a family friend is found murdered near the mermaid exhibit in Barnum's American Museum.

**Day, Maddie. *Murder on Cape Cod*** . A new series set among the members of a mystery book group that finds one of the members a suspect in the murder of a local handyman, sending the whole group to the library to learn sleuthing tips from the mystery classics.

**Dornbush, Jennifer Graeser. *Secret Remains*** . Dr. Emily Hartford is called in to investigate when the bones of a woman who went missing twelve years earlier are uncovered, and evidence implicates the sheriff, her high-school love, but she soon discovers that many others in town have strong motives for murder.

**Dorsey, Tim. *Naked Came the Florida Man*** . While on a tour of famous Florida cemeteries, Serge and Coleman come across the legend of a man haunting the sugar cane fields and decide to "investigate."

**Dundas, Chad. *The Blaze*** . In a debut set in Montana, an army veteran who received a brain injury that led to memory loss re-

turns home after the suicide of his father and finds that witnessing a fatal house fire triggers a memory of another fire fifteen years before--and his regained memory puts him in danger.

**Elon, Emuna. *House on Endless Waters*** . An Israeli writer travels to Amsterdam where he is shocked to discover a pre-WWII photograph of his parents in the National Jewish Museum, leading him to research his mother's resistance work during the war, saving Jewish children from the Nazis.

**Engberg, Katrine. *The Tenant*** . A retired Copenhagen academic is shocked by the murder of her tenant in a flat two floors below her, especially because the details of the woman's death were lifted from the manuscript of a murder mystery that the academic was writing.

**Finder, Joseph. *House on Fire*** . Nick Heller is hired by one of four children of the owner of a pharmaceutical company notorious for creating the opioid-addiction epidemic to find the laboratory results that show that the company was aware of the dangerously addictive nature of its successful drug, but the murder of another "security consultant" who was a former lover turns the quest into a murder investigation..

**Fleischmann, Raymond. *How Quickly She Disappears***. In a novel of obsession, a woman who lives in a remote area of Alaska is willing to risk her family and her life to discover what happened to her sister who disappeared when they were both children.

**Fox, Candice - *Something So Dark*** - Jan 23 - LA-set thriller with an unlikely female duo at its heart.

**Furlong, Susan. *Shattered Justice*** . Deputy sheriff Brynn Callahan must find a killer who is creating tensions between the Irish Traveller group to which she belongs and the other citizens in the small Appalachian town where she lives.

**Gardner, Lisa. *When You See Me*** . Boston detective D.D. Warren and FBI agent Kimberly Quincy travel with Flora Dane to a small Georgia town where evidence is found relating to a deceased serial kidnapper, but they soon realize that the evidence also points to a present-day crime.

**Geddes, Luke. *Heart of Junk***. A funny, quirky debut mystery set in a Wichita antiques mall, where the vendors band together to hunt for a missing child beauty pageant star in an effort to attract a





# WHAT'S NEW FOR JAN. 2016

TV show production crew to their mall. Despite the fact that there is a missing child, this falls definitely into the cozy category with eccentric characters and surprisingly touching moments.

**Gentill, Sulari. *Give the Devil his Due*** . Rowland Sinclair decides to race at Australia's most dangerous racetrack, but finds that racing is not the most dangerous thing when three murders occur.

**Goldberg, Lee - *Lost Hills*** (Eve Ronin#1) A video of Deputy Eve Ronin's off-duty arrest of an abusive movie star goes viral, turning her into a popular hero

**Grant, Andrew. *Too Close to Home*** . Former intelligence officer Paul McGrath who is working as a janitor in a courthouse to find his father's murderer discovers that a missing file holds the key to the dismissal of charges of the man he believes is guilty, and leads to a sinister web of corruption that had entangled his own family.

**Green, Amy K. *The Prized Girl*** . The death of a former teenaged beauty queen in a small New England town is assumed to be the work of an obsessed fan, but her half-sister believes otherwise in a debut novel of psychological suspense.

**Hambly, Barbara - *Lady of Perdition*** (Ben January #17)

**Hammer, Chris. *Scrublands*** . In a debut mystery, a journalist recovering from the trauma of his war-time reporting is sent to a small drought-plagued Australian town to report on the aftermath of a brutal crime where the local priest killed five parishioners before being killed himself, but the discovery of the bodies of two German backpackers who disappeared at the time of the shooting could mean that the accepted view of the crime may be completely wrong.

**Hauty, Chris. *Deep State*** . An Army veteran working at the White House uncovers a plot against a divisive populist president in a debut, very topical thriller.

**Hollis, Lee. *Poppy Harmon and the Hung Jury*** . In the second in this funny series set in a Palm Springs retirement community, Poppy leaves her detective agency to her partners while she has jury duty, but when a fellow juror is found murdered, she must save herself from similar fate by finding the killer.

**Hurwitz, Gregg. *Into the Fire*** . Evan Smoak agrees to help a man whose accountant cousin has left him a flash drive with information about a money laundering scheme used by L.A.'s criminal underworld. Hurwitz creates a suspenseful thriller with detailed character development.

**Ide, Joe. *High Five*** . IQ is hired by a drug kingpin to prove the innocence of his daughter who was a witness to the murder of her fiancé. The only catch is that the woman has multiple personality disorder and all of the five personalities witnessed part of the crime.

**Johansen, Iris & Roy -*Hindsight*** (Kendra Michaels #7)

**Jones, Tanen. *The Better Liar*** . A woman conceals her sister's

death in order to collect a joint inheritance, but the woman she finds to impersonate her sister has dangerous secrets as does she herself in a novel of suspense set in Albuquerque.

**Kelly, Julia. *The Whispers of War*** . When Germany invades Poland in 1939, three friends must band together to keep one of them, a German ex-pat, from being interned in the camps for enemy aliens.

**Keplar, Lars. *The Rabbit Hunter*** . Detective Joona is asked by the Swedish Prime Minister to investigate the death of the foreign minister, but he soon discovers that a serial killer targeting politicians.

**Levy, Lawrence H. *Near Prospect Park*** . When her journalist husband is murdered while working on a story about corruption in high places, Brooklyn detective Mary Hanley must turn to Commissioner Teddy Roosevelt for help in the latest in this series set in 1890s New York.

**Luna, Louisa. *The Janes*** . PIs Alex Vega and Max Caplan are asked by the San Diego police to help track down the identities of two unidentified girls left on the outskirts of the city in hopes that the knowledge will help them prevent other killings.

**MacRae, Molly. *Thistles and Thieves*** . American ex-pat bookseller in the Scottish Highlands Janet Marsh comes across the body of a retired doctor and then days later his brother is found stabbed to death in a mystery involving rare books and mistaken identities.

**Melinek, Judy M.D. and T.J. Mitchell. *First Cut*** . A San Francisco medical examiner investigates when a suspected overdose case suggests an underworld plot, even though her superiors encourage her to drop it, but soon more bodies show up.

**Montgomery, Jess. *The Hollows*** . The newly-elected sheriff of a small Ohio town in the 1920s investigates the death of a woman by the railroad tracks amid tales of ghostly apparitions, but the trail takes her to a shuttered asylum and the secrets that it harbors.

**Montgomery, Jess. *The Widows*** . Set in Ohio in 1924, the widow of a sheriff killed while transporting a prisoner is shocked when a woman arrives at her door seeking her help after her daughter has gone missing—an encounter that shows both women that the sheriff was not the man they thought they knew and that his death may have been more complex.

**Parker, Ann. *Mortal Music*** . Pianist Inez Stannert must investigate when a diva for whom she is accompanist is menaced by someone who murders her pet bird and destroys her theatrical costumes in a mystery set in 1880s San Francisco.

**Parry, Ambrose. *The Art of Dying*** . In the second in the series of medical mysteries set in 19<sup>th</sup> century Edinburgh where Will Raven must clear the name of his mentor when patients begin dying of a mysterious malady all over the city.

**Perry, Thomas. *A Small Town*** . After a prison break that leads

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to 1000 prisoners rampaging through a small Colorado town, a police detective whose lover was killed in the violence learns that the twelve ringleaders are still at large and sets out to kill them with the secret backing of the town officials.

**Petrie, Nick. *The Wild One*** . Peter Ash agrees to help a woman whose daughter was murdered and whose grandson was abducted by the main suspect, her son-in-law, in a case that takes him to Iceland only to find that the U.S. government wants him to stay out of the case

**Quartey, Kwei. *The Missing American*** . In the first of a new series set in Ghana, a young private investigator is hired by an American to find his missing father who came to Ghana to visit his online girlfriend to whom he has sent thousands of dollars in a case of Internet scams and fetish priests.

**Riva, Peter. *Kidnapped on Safari*** . A safari guide and a wildlife photographer join forces to find and release the guide's son who has been kidnapped and taken from Kenya to Tanzania by the terrorist group Boko Harum in a series set in East Africa.

**Robinson, Peter. *Many Rivers to Cross*** . Inspector Banks has to deal with two cases: the death of a heroin addict and the murder of an unidentified Muslim .

**Rowland, Laura Joh. *The Woman in the Veil*** . When Victorian photographer Sarah Bain comes across the body of a gravely-injured unidentified amnesiac woman on the banks of the Thames, she is pleased to find her family, but when other claimants to the woman are murdered, she and her associates must uncover the mystery of her identity and her attackers.

**Russell, Craig. *The Devil Aspect*** . Set in Czechoslovakia in 1935, a psychiatrist takes a job at a notorious asylum for the criminally insane to study the six inmates, while a detective investigating a series of murders in Prague asks for the psychiatrist's help because he fears that there is a connection between the killer and the asylum in a brilliant combination of horror and mystery set in the shadow of Nazism.

**Sadowsky, Nina. *The Empty Bed*** . A British woman who is involved in an organization that helps people disappear is asked to look into the disappearance of a woman of a woman on an anniversary vacation with her husband in Hong Kong.

**Spindler, Erica. *The Look-Alike*** . A woman returns home to care for her mentally-ill mother ten years after she had stumbled upon a murdered classmate, but she begins getting threatening phone calls and fears that she is being watched, and she is terrified that she may be succumbing to her mother's paranoia.

**Stabenow, Dana. *No Fixed Line*** . Alaska PI Kate Shugak and ex-Trooper Jim Chopin investigate a mysterious airplane crash in a remote area in the mountains during a blizzard, where they find two young children who can't speak English.

**Staalesen, Gunnar. *Wolves at the Door*** . Norwegian PI Varg Veum investigates the supposedly accidental deaths of two men

in prison for child pornography and sexual assault, and finds evidence of a crime that puts him in jeopardy.

**Stanley, Michael. *Facets of Death*** . In a prequel set at the beginning of Kubu's career in the Botswana CID, he must solve a diamond robbery that leaves the three robbers killed execution-style in South Africa.

**Stevens, Taylor. *Liar's Legacy*** . Trained assassins who are twins are sent to hunt down and kill deadly assassins who have been released by their handler's death, but soon find themselves caught between the U.S. and Russia in the second in an intricately-plotted espionage series. Stevens demonstrates that women can write edgy, high-octane thrillers as well as men.

**Taylor, Andrew. *The Second Midnight*** . In 1939 an agent tasked with a minor mission for British Intelligence takes his son with him to Prague as cover, but when German tanks roll in he is forced to flee, leaving the boy who is taken care of by a Nazi colonel.

**Thynne, Jane. *The Words I Never Wrote*** . A woman who buys a vintage typewriter that belonged to a celebrated journalist discovers that inside the case there is a novel based on the WWII experiences of the journalist and her sister who married a German industrialist in the 1930s in a powerful look at women's roles during the rise of Nazism.

**Tsao, Tiffany. *The Majesties*** . After one of the daughters of a fabulously wealthy Chinese-Indonesian family poisons everyone during a family celebration, her sole surviving sister thinks back on her sister and the family secrets that bind them together as she fights for her life.

**Tudor, C.J. *The Other People*** . A man sees his daughter in the window of a stranger's car, and when he arrives home the police tell him that his wife and daughter have both been shot by an intruder, but he knows what he saw,

**White, Christian - *The Wife and the Widow*** . Set in a small town on an island off the Australian coast, two women, one discovering the secret life of her recently-dead husband and the other confronting the evidence of her husband's guilt come together and find answers about the men they thought they knew.

