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The Killings at Badger's Drift Caroline Graham 2014-10-15 A quaint English village is home to a murderer in the MacArthur Award-winning mystery series debut that launched the British crime drama *Midsomer Murders*. Badger's Drift is the English village, complete with vicar, bumbling local doctor, and kindly spinster. But when the spinster dies suddenly, her friend kicks up a fuss loud enough to attract the attention of Detective Chief Inspector Barnaby Rudge. And when Barnaby's eager-beaver deputy starts poking around, they uncover a swamp of ugly scandals and long-suppressed resentments hidden below the picture-postcard prettiness. In the grand English tradition of the quietly intelligent copper, Barnaby has an irresistibly dry sense of humor and a keen insight into what makes people tick. *The Killings at Badger's Drift* marks Detective Chief Inspector Barnaby's debut, and offers ample proof that Caroline Graham may indeed be "simply the best detective writer since Agatha Christie" (*Sunday Times of London*). "Murder most pleasing . . . a corking good mystery." —*Los Angeles Times*
The Movie-Town Murders Josh Lanyon 2022-05-29 Murder: Live and in Technicolor Working undercover gives FBI Agent Jason West the illusion that he's safe from his stalker, Dr. Jeremy Kyser. Though film history and film preservation are not Jason's area of expertise, he's intrigued by the case of a well-connected UCLA film studies student whose family believes she may have been murdered after discovering a legendary lost 1950s PI film. Meanwhile, on the other side of the country, BAU Chief Sam Kennedy gets disturbing news: the Roadside Ripper, the serial killer Sam believed murdered his college boyfriend, may not have been working alone.

A Reasonable Doubt Phillip Margolin 2020-03-10 A magician linked to three murders and suspicious deaths years ago disappears in the middle of his new act in New York Times bestseller Phillip Margolin's latest thriller featuring Robin Lockwood. Robin Lockwood is a young criminal defense attorney and partner in a prominent law firm in Portland, Oregon. A former MMA fighter and Yale Law graduate, she joined the firm of legal legend Regina Barrister not long before she was forced into retirement by early onset Alzheimer's. One of Regina's former clients, Robert Chesterfield, shows up in her office with an odd request—he's seeking help from his old attorney in acquiring patent protection for an illusion. Robert is a professional magician of some reknown and he has a major new trick he's about to debut. This is out of the firm's law firm's expertise, but when Robin Lockwood looks into his previous relationship with the firm, she learns that years ago he was arrested for two murders, one attempted murder, and was involved in the potentially suspicious disappearance of a very rich wife. At the time, Regina Barrister defended him with ease, after which he resumed his career as a magician in Las Vegas. Now, decades later, he debuts his new trick—only to disappear at the end. He's a man with more than one face and many enemies—is his disappearance tied to one of the many people who have good reason to hate him? Was his body disposed of, or did he use his considerable skills to engineer his own disappearance? Robin Lockwood must untangle the tangled skein of murder and bloody mischief to learn how it all ties together.

Stranger on the Shore Josh Lanyon 2014-05-05 Twenty years ago, little Brian Arlington was kidnapped from his family's Long Island estate and was never seen again. The trail went cold, but investigative journalist Griff Hadley has always thought there was more to the story—much more. When the Arlingtons' patriarch invites him to stay at their estate for his true crime book, Griff can't say no. It's the story of a lifetime. But not everyone is happy about Griff's presence, and staff alike regard him coldly, including Pierce Mather, the Arlingtons' attractive lawyer, who is more than a little suspicious of Griff's motives. When a stranger shows up claiming to be the long-lost Brian, Griff and Pierce are united in their quest. Startled to have found an ally in the buttoned-up lawyer, Griff soon realizes it's hard to keep a professional distance in the midst of a groundbreaking investigation, even in the face of a shocking family secret... 81,000

The Monuments Men Murders Josh Lanyon 2019-06-26 Despite having attracted the attention of a stalker, Special Agent Jason West is doing his best to keep his mind on his job and off his own troubles. But his latest case implicates the original Monuments Men in the theft and perhaps destruction of part of the world's cultural heritage--a lost World War II Naval Reserve Lt. Commander Emerson Harley wasn't just a World War II hero--he was the grandfather Jason grew up with.

idolizing. In fact, Grandpa Harley was a large part of what inspired Jason to join the FBI's Art Crime Team. Learning his grandfather might have turned a blind eye to American GIs "liberating" priceless art treasures at the end of the war is more than disturbing. It's devastating. Jason is determined to clear his grandfather's name, even if that means pursuing a collision course with romantic partner BAU Chief Sam Kennedy. Meanwhile, someone in the shadows is bidding for the One Hundred Years of Solitude. Gabriel Garcia Marquez 2003-06-24 One of the 20th century's enduring works, One Hundred Years of Solitude is a widely beloved and acclaimed novel known throughout the world, and the ultimate achievement in a Nobel Prize-winning career. The novel tells the story of the rise and fall of the mythical town of Macondo through the history of the Buendía family. It is a rich and brilliant chronicle of life and death, and the tragicomic fate of humankind. In the noble, ridiculous, beautiful, and tawdry story of the Buendía family, one sees all of humanity, just as in the history, myths, growth, and decay of Macondo, one sees all of Latin America. Love and lust, war and revolution, poverty, youth and senility -- the variety of life, the endlessness of death, the search for peace and truth -- these themes dominate the novel. Whether he is describing an affair of passion or the voracity of capitalism and the corruption of government, Gabriel García Márquez always writes with the simplicity, ease, and purity that are the mark of a master. Alternately reverential and comical, One Hundred Years of Solitude weaves the political, personal, and spiritual into a new consciousness to storytelling. Translated into dozens of languages, this stunning work is no less than an achievement in the history of the human race.

The Bone Magician E. Higgins 2011-02-15 Pin Carpue is on his own in the world. His mother is dead and his father is missing after being labeled a suspect in a rash of murders. Pin finds a job working for the local undertaker as a body watcher, making sure people are really dead before they're buried. The body he's supposed to be watching tonight is currently surrounded by three people engaged in a most unusual ceremony. An old man, a bone magician, and his female assistant are waking a woman so her grieving fiancé can have one last goodbye with her. Pin can't believe the work, but then the dead woman sits up and speaks. Pin is determined to discover how the magic works. He can't believe they are raising the dead. He cannot believe his father is a murderer. Then Pin himself nearly becomes the killer's victim. As this mysterious tale unfolds with delicious creepiness, Pin will learn more about the bone magician, the old man, and a hideous creature called the Gluttonous Beast that is kept in a local tavern where people pay for a glimpse of the dead. F.E. Higgins delivers a story that is full of intrigue and suspense.

Consumed Aaron Mahnke 2014-11-23 Aspiring author Ben Simmons hates imposing himself upon others, so when he is taken down in the small Rhode Island town of Kettering, he's forced to grit his teeth and lean on strangers for help. It's not his fault, though. His temporary host could not be more accommodating, and the local librarian quickly takes an interest in him, as well as the research for his next novel. Though unexpected, his short stay has the potential to be enjoyable. But when he stumbles upon the second murder in Kettering within a week, he realizes his presence in town might actually be threatening. Ben soon finds himself torn between leaving as soon as he can and his feelings for the alluring Ellen. However, the longer Ben stays in town, the more questions he has. Who is the killer? How are these murders connected to similar crimes committed thirty years before? And why haven't the townspeople done anything? As Ben's list of suspects grows, so too does the threat that haunts the people of Kettering. Together, these individuals must set aside their differences to find the killer before the body count climbs any higher, but time is running out. Something is in the woods, something is among the shadows that grow ever longer with winter's approach, and it's hunting all of them.

Severed John Gilmore 2006 Offers a documented and reasoned solution to one of the strangest of all unsolved murders in the annals of modern crime, the murder of aspiring starlet Elizabeth Short in Los Angeles in 1947.

Ghettoside Jill Leovy 2015-01-27 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, USA TODAY, AND CHICAGO TRIBUNE • A masterly work of literary journalism about a senseless murder, a relentless detective, and the great plague of homicide in America NATION CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD FINALIST • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The New York Times Book Review • The Washington Post • The Boston Globe • The Economist • The Globe and Mail • BookPage • Kirkus Reviews On a warm spring evening in South Los Angeles, a young man is shot and killed on a sidewalk minutes away from his home, one of the thousands of black Americans murdered that year. His assailant runs down the street, jumps into a SUV, and vanishes, hoping to join the scores of killers in American cities who are never arrested for their crimes. As the case is assigned to Detective John Skaggs, the odds shift. Here is the kaleidoscopic story of the quintessential, mostly ignored, American murder—a "ghettoside" killing, one young black man slaying another—and a brilliant and dedicated cadre of detectives whose creed is to pursue justice for forgotten victims at all costs. Ghettoside is a fast-paced, devastating crime, an intimate portrait of detectives and a community bonded in tragedy, and a surprising new look at the great subject of why murder happens in our cities—and how the epidemic of killings might yet be stopped. Praise for Ghettoside "A serious and kaleidoscopic achievement . . . [Jill Leovy is] a crisp writer with a crisp mind and the ability to boil entire skies of information into hard journalistic rain."—Dwight Garner, The New York Times "Masterful . . . gripping reporting that matches the police work behind it."—Los Angeles Times "Moving and engrossing."—San Francisco

"Penetrating and heartbreaking . . . Ghettoside points out how relatively little America has cared even as recently as the last decade about the value of young black men's lives."—USA Today "Functions both as a snappy police procedural and a significantly—as a searing indictment of legal neglect . . . Leovy's powerful testimony demands respectful attention."—Boston Globe

Base Notes Sara Elena Donnelly 2022-01-25 A lasting impression is worth killing for in this intoxicating novel about memories and murder by the author of the Amberlough Dossier series. In New York City everybody needs a sidekick. Perfumer Vic Fowler has developed a delicate art that has proved to be very lucrative: creating bespoke scents that evoke immersive memories--memories that, for Vic's clients, are worth killing for. But the city is expensive, and these commissions of artisanal murder doesn't pay the bills. When Joseph Eisner, a former client with deep pockets, offers Vic an opportunity to expand the enterprise, the money is too good to turn down. But the job is too intricate--and too dangerous--to refuse. Manipulating fellow struggling artists into acting as accomplices is easy. Like Vic, they too are on the verge of bankruptcy. But as relationships become more complicated, Vic's careful plans start to unravel. Hounded by a tenacious private investigator, Vic grows increasingly desperate to complete Eisner's commission. Is there anyone he'll love, coconspirators--that Vic won't sacrifice for art?

Eight Perfect Murders Peter Swanson 2020-03-03 New York Times bestseller "Swanson rips us from one startling revelation to the next... A true tour de force." —Lisa Gardner "[A] multilayered mystery that brims with duplicity, betrayal and suspense." —USA Today From the hugely talented author of *The Kind Worth Killing* comes a chilling tale of psychological suspense and an homage to the thriller genre tailor-made for fans: the story of a bookseller who finds himself at the center of a murder investigation because a very clever killer has started using his list of fiction's most ingenious murders. Years ago, a crime and mystery aficionado Malcolm Kershaw compiled a list of the genre's most unsolvable murders, those that are considered impossible to crack—which he titled "Eight Perfect Murders"—chosen from among the best of the best including Christie's *A. B. C. Murders*, Patricia Highsmith's *Strangers on a Train*, Ira Levin's *Deathtrap*, A. A. Milne's *The Red Shoes Mystery*, Anthony Berkeley Cox's *Malice Aforethought*, James M. Cain's *Double Indemnity*, John D. MacDonald's *The Drowning*, and Donna Tartt's *The Secret History*. But no one is more surprised than Mal, now the owner of the Old Bookstore in Boston, when an FBI agent comes knocking on his door one snowy day in February. She's looking for information about a series of unsolved murders that look eerily similar to the killings on Mal's old list. And the FBI isn't the only one interested in this bookseller who spends almost every night at home reading. The killer is out there watching his every move—a diabolical threat who knows way too much about Mal's personal history, especially the one he's never told anyone, even his recently deceased wife. To protect himself, Mal begins looking into possible suspects and sees a killer in everyone around him. But Mal doesn't count on the investigation leaving a trail of death in its wake. Suddenly, a series of shocking twists leaves more victims dead—and the noose around Mal's neck grows so tight that he can never escape.

Fair Play Josh Lanyon 2014-11-10 Fifty years ago, Roland Mills belonged to a violent activist group. Now, someone is willing to kill to prevent him from publishing his memoirs. When ex-FBI agent Elliot Mills is called out to examine the charred ruins of his childhood home, he quickly identifies the fire for what it is—arson. A knee injury may have forced him out of the Bureau, but it's not going to stop him from bringing the man who wants his father dead to justice. As Lance is still working to find the serial killer who's obsessed with Elliot and can't bear the thought of his lover perishing in additional danger. Straightlaced Tucker has never agreed with radical Roland on much—"opposing political views" is an understatement—but they're united on this: Elliot needs to leave the case alone. Now, Tucker would do nearly anything for the man he loves, but he won't be used to gain Elliot access to the FBI's resources. When the past comes back to haunt everything both men had known to be true is questioned, their fragile relationship is left hanging in the balance. Tucker and Elliot's relationship began in *Fair Game* 68,000 words

Too Many Magicians Randall Garrett 2013-11-25 Set in an alternate reality where Richard the Lionheart's descendants rule the Anglo-French Empire, the laws of magic have developed in place of the laws of physics. In this late 20th-century world, people still travel through pea fog by horse and carriage, but magic has made levitation and enchantment a norm, especially at a sorcerer's convention. The International Sorcerer's Convention is in full swing. Until London's Forensics Sorcerer, Sir James Zwinge, is found dead inside a locked room, that is. Master Sean O Lochlainn had bad odds with Sir James over competing breakthroughs in incision-free surgery, making him the prime suspect. It's up to Lord Darcy to solve Sir James' murder and exonerate his own forensic sorcerer and trusted assistant. But the mystery deepens when the murder of a Naval spy is connected to that of Sir James' death. Conflict with Poland, a dominating world power, changes the game and suddenly there is a lot more at stake than the freedom of Lord Darcy's old friend. *Too Many Magicians* was nominated for the Hugo Award in 1967, and the complete Lord Darcy series later won the Sidewise Award for Alternate History.

The Monet Murders Josh Lanyon 2019-03-25 Personal feelings must be put aside when legendary FBI profiler Sam Lacey requests Special Agent Jason West's help to catch a deranged killer targeting wealthy, upscale art collectors. A

calling card is a series of grotesque paintings depicting the murders.

Murder Artist John Case 2008-09-04 There's nothing in a glorious summer's day to suggest anything even remotely sinister. In fact, Alex Callahan, a news correspondent, surprises himself by enjoying the Renaissance Faire that his six-year-old sons, Kevin and Sean, have forced him to visit. The boys are delighted by the jugglers and magicians, jesters and food vendors, all dressed in full Elizabethan costume. But it's the joust that the boys have really been waiting to see. Alex takes a seat to watch, while keeping half an eye on the twins, but when he turns to see how they are enjoying themselves, they are to be seen. The perfect day has turned into every parent's nightmare. His sons have disappeared, and Alex is an immediate suspect. But no one can explain the bizarre origami figure he finds after he returns to his empty house. Or the bloodstain that has been left on the top shelf of the wardrobe. Or, the T-shirt soaked in blood... As police attention to the case and Alex's own investigations uncover a sinister, underground world that he never dreamed existed. A world where reality is portrayed as illusion, and where the reason behind the twins' disappearance is more terrifying than anything Alex could ever imagine...

A Wilderness of Error Errol Morris 2014-01-22 Soon to be an FX Docuseries from Emmy® Award-Winning Producer Werner Herzog and Smerling (The Jinx) featuring the author Errol Morris! Academy Award-winning filmmaker Errol Morris examines one of the most notorious and mysterious murder trials of the twentieth century In this profoundly original meditation on the justice system, Errol Morris—a former private detective and director of The Thin Blue Line—delves deeply into the infamous Jeffrey MacDonald murder case. MacDonald, whose pregnant wife and two young daughters were brutally murdered in 1970, was convicted of the killings in 1979 and remains in prison today. The culmination of an investigation spanning over twenty years and a masterly reinvention of the true-crime thriller, A Wilderness of Error is a shock because it shows that everything we have been told about the case is deeply unreliable and that crucial elements of the case against MacDonald are simply not true.

Fatal Shadows Josh Lanyon 2012-05 Someone's out to get Los Angeles bookseller Adrien English. His best friend has been viciously murdered, now he's getting weird phone calls and sinister gifts from a mysterious "admirer." The cops are trying to divert suspicion from himself--with the exception of sexy and homophobic homicide detective Jake Rion. Will he offer to help Adrien on the level or is he out to nail his favorite suspect--to the wall?

The Cat Saw Murder Dolores Hitchens 2021-12-09 One woman drugged, another murdered - and a cat is the only witness. If you like Miss Marple, you'll love this! Terrific classic crime - with a new introduction by Joyce Carol Oates. 'You will never regret having made the acquaintance of Miss Rachel Murdock' NEW YORK TIMES When Rachel Murdock and her sister Jennifer receive a call for help from their favourite niece, Lilly, they quickly hop on a train to see her - but find themselves collecting their prized cat Samantha in a picnic basket and bringing her along for the ride. Samantha, it turns out, is a heiress, the inheritor of a fortune left by a wealthy relative, and so the attempt on the cat's life, made right after the murder, comes as a shock. The cat survives, but Lilly, murdered soon thereafter, is not so lucky. By the time the police and the clues are already falling into place, with gambling debts just being the tip of a brutal killing spree iceberg. With the authorities distracted by lurid details, it's up to Rachel and her furry friend to uncover the truth.

The Shining Girls Lauren Beukes 2013-04-25 The jaw-dropping, page-turning, critically-acclaimed book of the year. A serial-killer thriller unlike any other from the award-winning Lauren Beukes. 'GONE GIRL has not exactly gone. BUT THE SHINING GIRLS have arrived' (The Times).

The Irish Assassins Julie Kavanagh 2021-08-03 A brilliant true crime account of the assassinations that altered the course of Irish history from the "compulsively readable" writer (The Guardian). One sunlit evening, May 6, 1882, Lord Frederick Cavendish and Thomas Burke, Chief Secretary and Undersecretary for Ireland, were ambushed and stabbed to death while strolling through Phoenix Park in Dublin. The murders were funded by American supporters of Irish independence and carried out by the Invincibles, a militant faction of republicans armed with specially made surgeon's blades. They were a far cry from the new spirit of goodwill that had been burgeoning between British Prime Minister William Gladstone and Irish nationalist leader Charles Stewart Parnell as the men forged a secret pact to achieve peace and independence in Ireland—where Gladstone had appointed Cavendish, Gladstone's protégé, to play an instrumental role in helping to do so. In a story that spans Ireland, Dublin, London, Paris, New York, Cannes, and Cape Town, Julie Kavanagh thrillingly traces the crucial events that led up to the assassinations before and after the murders. From the adulterous affair that caused Parnell's downfall; to Queen Victoria's prurient obsession with the assassinations; to the investigation spearheaded by Superintendent John Mallon, also known as "the Irish Sherlock Holmes," culminating in the eventual betrayal and clandestine escape of leading Invincible James Carey and the murder on the high seas, The Irish Assassins brings us intimately into this fascinating story that shaped Irish politics and engulfed an Empire. Praise for Julie Kavanagh's Nureyev: The Life "Easily the best biography of the year." —The Philadelphia Inquirer "The definitive biography of ballet's greatest star whose ego was as supersized as his talent." —The New York Times Brown, award-winning journalist and author

L.A. Despair John Gilmore 2005 New true crime classic from the acclaimed author of Severed: The True Story of the Manson Family and the Dahlia murder and a fascinating work of true crime literature and a singular book by one of the most defiantly original

authors of our time. L.A. Despair arrives as the long-awaited true-crime capstone to a collection of works celebrating generous helpings of bloody violence, sex and sordidness. Gilmore maintains his crosshair-focused obsession spanning decades on the high- and low-life of his hometown - Hollywood/Los Angeles.

Fair Game Josh Lanyon 2010-08-01 A crippling knee injury forced Elliot Mills to trade in his FBI badge for dusty chalkboards and bored college students. Now a history professor at Puget Sound university, the former agent has a life behind him—but it seems his old life isn't finished with him. A young man has gone missing from campus—and a family friend, Elliot agrees to do a little sniffing around. His investigations bring him face-to-face with his former partner Tucker Lance, the special agent handling the case. Things ended badly with Tucker, and neither man is ready to take on the fight that drove them apart. But they have to figure out a way to move beyond their past and work together. When two men go missing and Elliot becomes the target in a killer's obsessive game... 69,000 words

The Magician Murders Josh Lanyon 2019-03-26 Jason West, hot-shot special agent with the FBI's Art Crime Team, is sent to the Wyoming home of Behavioral Analysis Unit Chief Sam Kennedy, recuperating from a recent hit-and-run accident, to be asked to consult on the theft of a priceless collection of vintage magic posters.

The Art of Murder Josh Lanyon 2022-01-24 Murder in the Eye of the Beholder THE MERMAID MURDERS Special Agent Jason West is seconded from the FBI Art Crime Team to temporarily partner with disgraced, legendary "murderer" Sam Kennedy when it appears Kennedy's most famous case, the capture and conviction of a serial killer known as the Huntsman, may actually have been a disastrous failure. The Huntsman is still out there...and the killing has begun. MONET MURDERS The last thing Jason West, an ambitious young FBI special agent with the Art Crime Team, wants is peace—his uncertain and unacknowledged romantic relationship with irascible legendary Behavioral Analysis Unit Chief Sam Kennedy. And it's starting to feel like Sam is not thrilled with the idea either. But personal feelings must be set aside when Sam requests Jason's help to catch a deranged killer targeting wealthy, upscale art collectors. A killer who leaves behind a card is a series of grotesque paintings depicting the murders. THE MAGICIAN MURDERS Nothing up his sleeves. Not a gun. Not but murder... Jason West, hot-shot special agent with the FBI's Art Crime Team, is at the Wyoming home of Behavioral Analysis Unit Chief Sam Kennedy, recuperating from a recent hit-and-run accident, when he's asked to consult on the theft of a priceless collection of vintage magic posters.

First Class Murder Robin Stevens 2017-04-04 A murdered heiress, a missing necklace, and a train full of shifty, untrustworthy and suspicious characters leaves Daisy and Hazel with a new mystery to solve in this third novel of the Wells & Wong Mystery series. Hazel Wong and Daisy Wells are taking a vacation across Europe on world-famous passenger train the Orient Express—and it's clear that each of their fellow first-class travelers has something to hide. Even more interestingly, there's rumor of a spy in their midst. Then, during dinner, a bloodcurdling scream comes from inside one of the dining cars. When the door is broken down, a passenger is found murdered—her stunning ruby necklace gone. But the killer disappears as if into thin air. The Wells & Wong Detective Society is ready to crack the case—but this time, they've got competition.

Murder and Magic Randall Garrett 2013-10-08 The Sidewise Award-winning series. "If you are looking for something different in the way of mysteries a few hours with Lord Darcy is a fun way to go" (Daily Kos). This alternate history series starring detective Lord Darcy and his sorcerer sidekick, Sean O Lochlainn, takes us into a reality where Richard the Lionheart's descendants rule the Anglo-French Empire and the laws of magic have developed in place of the laws of physics. Murder and Magic, comprised of the first four stories of the acclaimed Lord Darcy series, finds Lord Darcy solving crimes using his wits, a keen eye for observation, and a few choice magic tricks. In "The Eyes Have It," Lord Darcy must identify the killer who killed the taciturn playboy, the Count D'Evreux. In the political thriller "A Case of Identity," Lord Darcy picks up the disappearance of the Marquis of Cherbourg, especially mysterious considering the escalating cold war with Poland. In "The Muddle of the Woad," Darcy and Master Sean investigate a body coated in blue paint already occupying a coffin built for the late Duke of Woad. "The Muddle of the Woad." Literary humor is at the heart of "In a Stretch of the Imagination," where the head of one of the most important publishing houses commits suicide under suspicious circumstances. Praise for the Lord Darcy series "Some of the finest fantasy ever written . . . Will certainly guarantee him a lasting place in the genre." —SF Chronicle "He has the best of the fantasy and detective genres—and made them work as science fiction." —Marion Zimmer Bradley "I can't count the number of times I have read 'Too Many Magicians'—each time with the same pleasure." —Andre Norton

See What I Have Done Sarah Schmidt 2017-08-01 "One of America's most notorious murder cases inspires this feverish debut" novel that goes inside the mind of Lizzie Borden (The Guardian). On the morning of August 4, 1892, Lizzie Borden calls out to her maid: Someone's killed Father. The brutal ax-murder of Andrew and Abby Borden in their home in Fall River, Massachusetts, leaves little evidence and many unanswered questions. In this riveting debut novel, Sarah Schmidt reimagines the day of the infamous murders as an intimate story of a family devoid of love. While neighbors struggle to understand why anyone would want to harm the respected Bordens, those close to the family have a different perspective: a father with an explosive temper, a spiteful stepmother, and two spinster sisters desperate for their independence. As the police search for clues, Lizzie's memories of that morning flash in scattered fragments. Had she been in the barn to help her father to escape the stifling heat of the house? When did she last speak to her stepmother? Were they really going to kill her?

everything be better now? Shifting among the perspectives of the unreliable Lizzie, her older sister Emma, the hotheaded Bridget, and the enigmatic stranger Benjamin, the events of that fateful day are slowly revealed through a high-stakes storytelling.

Unnatural Magic C. M. Waggoner 2019-11-05 A "brilliant and terrifically fun"* debut novel brings an enchanting new voice to fantasy. Onna can write the parameters of a spell faster than any of the young men in her village school. Her incredible abilities, she's denied a place at the nation's premier arcane academy. Undaunted, she sails to the city-state of Hexos, hoping to find a place at a university where they don't think there's anything untoward about a woman with a magical education. But as soon as Onna arrives, she's drawn into the mysterious murder of four young men. One is a troll who never quite fit into her clan, despite being the leader's daughter. She decides to strike out on her own for work in a human city, but on her way she stumbles upon the body of a half-dead human soldier in the snow. She nurses him back to health, an unlikely bond forms between them, one that is tested when an unknown mage makes a deal on Tsira's life. Soon, unbeknownst to each other, Onna and Tsira both begin devoting their considerable talents to finding out who is targeting trolls, before their homeland is torn apart... *Kat Howard, Alex Award-winning author of *Anthem* and *Of Magicians*

Apple Turnover Murder Corinne Fluke 2011-02-01 USA Today Bestseller: A Minnesota baker is pulled into the mix when a man from her past is murdered: "Charming...scrumptious recipes."—Publishers Weekly Early summer brings plenty of opportunities for baker Hannah Swensen, even before Mayor Bascomb's wife drops by The Cookie Jar to place an order for her event...for eleven hundred cookies! And Hannah almost flips when her business partner, Lisa, suggests setting up a turnover stand. But she places her faith in Lisa, and even agrees to be a magician's assistant in the fundraiser's fundraiser. The only snag is the show's host, college professor Bradford Ramsey. Hannah and her sister, Michelle, each had romances with Ramsey, and when the cad comes sniffing around between acts, Hannah tells him off. But when he doesn't go up, she discovers Ramsey backstage—dead, with a turnover in his hand. Now she must find a killer who is more than puff pastry, and far more dangerous... Includes cookie and dessert recipes from The Cookie Jar "The ever popular author writes engaging cozies with one part great characters, one part gentle story, and three parts the best recipes in the genre."—Library Journal "[A] delightful, thoroughly entertaining series."—Romantic Times

The Vanished Male Jeffery Deaver 2004-07 Hunting down a killer and master illusionist whose first of several brutal murders took place at a prestigious New York music school, investigator Lincoln Rhyme and his protégée, Amelia, work together to prevent a terrifying act of vengeance. Reprint.

The Invention of Murder Judith Flanders 2013-07-23 "Superb... Flanders's convincing and smart synthesis of the evolution of an official police force, fictional detectives, and real-life cause célèbres will appeal to devotees of true crime and fiction alike." -Publishers Weekly, starred review In this fascinating exploration of murder in nineteenth century Britain, Judith Flanders examines some of the most gripping cases that captivated the Victorians and gave rise to the fiction. Murder in the nineteenth century was rare. But murder as sensation and entertainment became ubiquitous. Blooded killings transformed into novels, broadsides, ballads, opera, and melodrama—even into puppet shows and dog-acts. Detective fiction and the new police force developed in parallel, each imitating the other—the founders of the Yard gave rise to Dickens's Inspector Bucket, the first fictional police detective, who in turn influenced Sherlock Holmes, ultimately, even P.D. James and Patricia Cornwell. In this meticulously researched and engrossing book, Judith Flanders retells the gruesome stories of many different types of murder in Great Britain, both famous and obscure: from the man who transported his dismembered fiancée around town by omnibus, to Burke and Hare's bodysnatching business in Edinburgh; from the crimes (and myths) of Sweeney Todd and Jack the Ripper, to the tragedy of the murdered woman in London's East End. Through these stories of murder—from the brutal to the pathetic—Flanders builds a rich and moving portrait of Victorian society in Great Britain. With an irresistible cast of swindlers, forgers, and poisoners, the most gripping and the utterly dangerous, *The Invention of Murder* is both a mesmerizing tale of crime and punishment, and his most readable.

The Mermaid Murder Josh Lanyon 2016-02-12 Special Agent Jason West is seconded from the FBI Art Crime Team to temporarily partner with disgraced, legendary "manhunter" Sam Kennedy when it appears Kennedy's most famous capture and conviction of a serial killer known as the Huntsman, may actually have been a disastrous failure. The killer is still out there...and the killing has begun again.

Secret at Skull House: An M/M Cozy Mystery Ellery Page 2020-04-28 Ellery Page is back--and in hot water again! Unlike everyone else in Pirate's Cove, Ellery Page, aspiring screenwriter, reigning Scrabble champion, and occasionally co-owner of the village's only mystery bookstore, is anything but thrilled when famed horror author Brandon Abbot tells he's purchased legendary Skull House and plans to live there permanently. Ellery and Brandon have history. Their relationship ended badly and the last thing Ellery wants is a chance to patch things up--especially when his relationship with Police Chief Jack Carson is just getting interesting. But then, maybe Brandon isn't all that interested in getting back together, either, because he seems a lot more interested in asking questions about the bloodstained past of his new home.

discussing a possible future with Ellery. What is Brandon really up to? Ellery will have to unscramble that particular post haste. Because after his former flame disappears following their loud and public argument, Ellery seems to be Chief Carson's first--and only--suspect.

The Myth of Ritual Murder R. Po-chia Hsia 1988-01-01 From the mid-fifteenth century to the early seventeenth, German Jews were persecuted and tried for the alleged ritual murders of Christian children, whose blood purportedly played a crucial part in Jewish magical rites. In this engrossing book R. Po-Chia Hsia traces the rise and decline of ritual murder trials during that period. Using sources ranging from Christian and Kabbalistic treatises to judicial records and polemical pamphlets, Hsia examines the religious sources of the idea of child sacrifice and blood symbolism and reconstructs the political context of ritual murder trials against the Jews. "This volume combines clarity of thinking, elegance of style, and exemplary scholarly attention to detail with intellectual sobriety and human compassion."--Jerome Friedman, *Sixteenth Century Journal* "Hsia has... succeeded in turning established knowledge to illuminatingly new purposes."--G.R. Elton, *New York Review of Books* "This meticulously researched and unusually perceptive book is social and intellectual history at its best."--*Library Journal* "A fresh perspective on an old problem by a major new talent."--Steven Ozment, *Harvard University* R. Po-chia Hsia, professor of history at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, is also the author of *Society and Politics in Münster, 1535-1618*

Who Censored Roger Rabbit? Gary K. Wolf 2015-05-21 "Who'd want to kill a dumb cartoon bunny?" That's what Eddie Valiant wants to know. He's the toughest private eye in Los Angeles, and he'll handle anything - if you're human. Toon, that's another story. Eddie doesn't like Toons - those cartoon characters who live side-by-side with humans the way they look, and especially not the way they talk: word-filled balloons come out of their mouths and then disappear leaving dust all over his rug. Eddie will work for a Toon if his cash supply is low enough. So he reluctantly agrees to investigate Roger Rabbit, a Toon who plays straight man (or should that be straight rabbit) in the Baby Herman cartoon series. To find out who's been trying - unsuccessfully - to buy his contract from the DeGreasy Brothers syndicate. Then Roger DeGreasy is murdered - and Roger is the prime suspect! The rabbit is also, as Eddie soon discovers, very, very de-censored Roger Rabbit? And who shot Rocco DeGreasy? Was it Roger, or was it Rocco's hot-cha-cha girlfriend, Jessica Rabbit? Why had Jessica - a pretty steamy number for a Toon - ever married a dopey bunny in the first place? And why does everybody want Roger's battered old teakettle? As Eddie combs L.A. from the executive suites of the DeGreasy Brothers to Sid Sleaze's porno comic studio, he uncovers art thefts, blackmail plots...and the cagiest killer he's ever faced. In Who Censored Roger Rabbit?, author Gary K. Wolf has created a wonderfully skewed - and totally believable - world of Toons compounded of equal parts Raymond Chandler, Lewis Carroll, and Walt Disney. This riotously surreal spoof of the boiled detective novel is packed with action and laughs. From first page to last, Who Censored Roger Rabbit? is a delight. Celebrated author Gary K. Wolf's cult classic and highly praised novel Who Censored Roger Rabbit? is the inspiration for the blockbuster Walt Disney/Steven Spielberg Academy Award winning film Who Framed Roger Rabbit. This version includes an author's sketch of Roger Rabbit PLUS autographs of Gary K. Wolf AND Roger Rabbit himself! The detective on the cover is portrayed by Mr. Wolf.

The Columbo Phile: A Casebook Mark Dawidziak 2019-11 When Columbo hit the airwaves in 1971, it quickly became the hottest TV detective series of the decade. Series creators Richard Levinson and William Link received an Emmy Award for their work; Peter Falk received three. The Columbo Phile offers fascinating behind-the-scenes information about the life of the character, the writing of the devious mystery plots, and the altercations between perfectionist Peter Falk and the bottom-line concerns of Universal Studios. Originally published in 1989 and long out-of-print, this 30th Anniversary Edition of the essential Columbo book features a new preface by author Mark Dawidziak, an overview of post-1989 Columbo developments, including the twenty-four new ABC mysteries, and a personal remembrance of Peter Falk. It remains the definitive guide to the rumbled Lieutenant Columbo and his career.

Rivers of London Ben Aaronovitch 2017-06-13 My name is Peter Grant and until January I was just probationary constable in that mighty army for justice known to all right-thinking people as the Metropolitan Police Service (and as the Metropolitan Police to everybody else). My only concerns in life were how to avoid a transfer to the Case Progression Unit - we do paperwork, real coppers don't have to - and finding a way to climb into the panties of the outrageously perky WPC Leslie Morrison. One night, in pursuance of a murder inquiry, I tried to take a witness statement from someone who was dead but did not know it, a valuable, and that brought me to the attention of Inspector Nightingale, the last wizard in England. Now I'm a Detective Constable and a trainee wizard, the first apprentice in fifty years, and my world has become somewhat more complicated with nests of vampires in Purley, negotiating a truce between the warring god and goddess of the Thames, and digging for secrets in Covent Garden ... and there's something festering at the heart of the city I love, a malicious vengeful spirit that haunts ordinary Londoners and twists them into grotesque mannequins to act out its drama of violence and despair. The city and its rebellion has awakened in the city, and it's falling to me to bring order out of chaos - or die trying.

The Murder of Moses Ben and Flem-Ath 2019-06-04 An investigation of how Moses was deceived and murdered by his brother-in-law, Reuel • Shows how the magician Reuel staged the Burning Bush that spoke to Moses and assumed Moses' identity

after his murder • Explains how early scribes edited the Exodus story to cover Moses' assassination and replaced fabricated Moses' origin story • Builds upon the Moses research of Goethe, Christopher Marlowe, and Sigmund Freud who spent the last 40 years of his life obsessed with solving Moses' murder The life of Moses, the greatest prophet of the Old Testament, has always been shrouded in mystery. The Bible mentions no witnesses to Moses' death, no funeral, no indication of his burial place, and the story of Exodus paints a very contradictory picture of this man so important to Judaism and Christianity. At times, he is depicted as a meek, stuttering figure and at others his tyrannical commands of rage terrorize the children of Israel. And, for the last years of his life, he chose to hide behind a veil. What is the explanation for these extreme shifts in character? Was Moses mentally ill? As Rand and Rose Flem-Ath reveal, the book points to something much more sinister: Moses was murdered and replaced by an impostor. The result of a decade-long investigation, this book continues and builds upon the research of Goethe, Christopher Marlowe, and Sigmund Freud who spent the last 40 years of his life obsessed with solving Moses' murder--and reaches a startling but well-evidenced conclusion that Moses was deceived and murdered by his father-in-law, Reuel. The authors show how Reuel was a magician trained at Egypt's prestigious House of Life and they reveal his motive: He was the son of Esau, from whom he stole his birthright, the leadership of the Hebrew people, a role that Moses was now assuming. The authors explain how magician Reuel used his sophisticated skills of manipulation and illusion to fake the Burning Bush that spoke to Moses as well as conceal his assumption of Moses' identity after the murder. They reveal how the early scribes of the Old Testament inserted lags of time into the Exodus story to cover Moses' assassination and replacement, fabricated Moses' origin story, and changed the location of the "Mountain of God" from Edom, where Reuel was a prince, to Sinai. Unveiling the truth about Moses' real story--and his murder and replacement--the Flem-Aths dramatically challenge the time line and details of biblical history, exposing a cover-up at the very origins of Western religion.

Winter Kill Josh Lanyon 2019-11-15 Clever and ambitious, Special Agent Adam Darling (yeah, he's heard all the jokes before) was on the fast track to promotion and success until his mishandling of a high profile operation left one dead and Adam "On the Beach." Now he's got a new partner, a new case, and a new chance to resurrect his career, he's up against a cruel and cunning serial killer in a remote mountain resort in Oregon. Deputy Sheriff Robert Haskell may seem laid back, but he's a tough and efficient cop -- and he's none too thrilled to see feeps on his turf -- even when one of the agents is handsome -- and probably gay. But a butchered body in a Native American museum is out of his small town deputy's league. For that matter, icy, uptight Adam Darling is out of Rob's league, but that doesn't mean Rob won't take him down.