

All the Devils Are Here by Louise Penny

The sixteenth in Louise Penny's #1 *New York Times* bestselling Chief Inspector Gamache novels.

Praise for *A Better Man*

'A Better Man,' with its mix of meteorological suspense, psychological insight and criminal pursuit, is arguably the best book yet in an outstanding, original oeuvre." - Tom Nolan, *Wall Street Journal*

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"Wrenching. . . Penny explores the depths of human emotion, both horrifying and sublime. Her love for (...)

Author Bio

LOUISE PENNY is the author of the #1 *New York Times* and *Globe and Mail* bestselling series of Chief Inspector Armand Gamache novels. She has won numerous awards, including a CWA Dagger and the Agatha Award (seven times), and was a finalist for the Edgar Award for Best Novel. In 2017, she received the Order of Canada for her contributions to Canadian culture. Louise lives in a small village south of Montreal.

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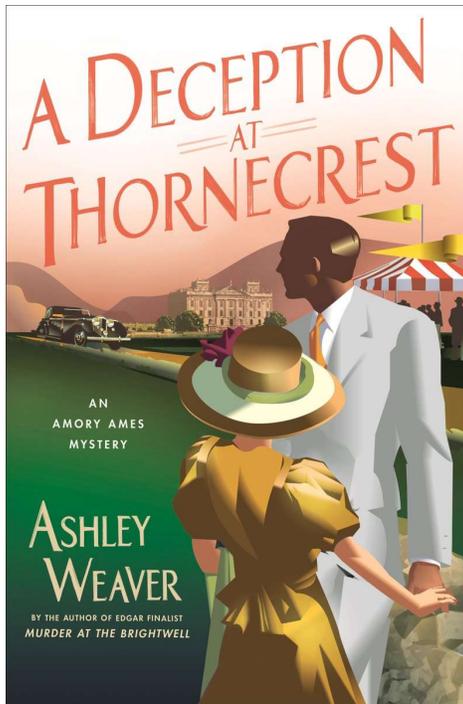
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A Deception at Thornecrest

An Amory Ames Mystery

by Ashley Weaver

The stylish, charming new novel in the Edgar-nominated Amory Ames mystery series, set in 1930s England.

Amory Ames is alone at her country house Thornecrest, enjoying her last few weeks of peace and quiet as she prepares for the imminent arrival of her baby. Her husband, Milo, is in London on business, and Amory is content to catch up on her correspondence, organize the nursery, and avoid the well-meaning if rather overbearing company of the ladies in the village as they prepare for the Springtide Festival. But then a woman appears on her doorstep, also claiming to be Mrs. Ames, Milo's wife.

Amory's marriage has had its ups and downs in the past, but her faith in her husband has been restored, and Milo has been nothing but thrilled about becoming a father. Though the supposed second Mrs. Ames seems earnest, Amory is convinced she must be mistaken, a belief that Milo confirms upon his homecoming. However, when a second unexpected visitor arrives at Thornecrest, secret identities and whirlwind romances appear to be becoming par for the course.

It's not until the day of the festival, when Milo's stable hand Bertie is found dead, that the strange characters appearing in town begin to seem more sinister, and Amory is determined to uncover the killer in the crowd.

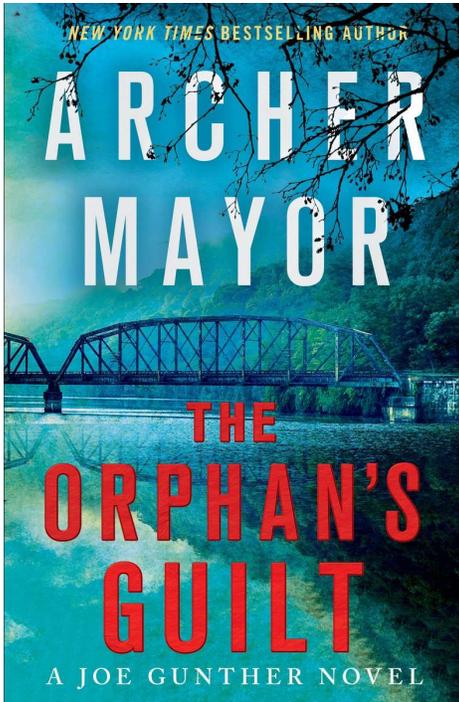
"[A] highly enjoyable and engrossing mystery. [Weaver has a] sure touch for evoking elegance and glamour." - Frances Brody on *The Essence of Malice*

"[Weaver's] books are a glittering, whirling throwback to the golden age of mysteries, yet crafted with a panache all their own." - Anna (...)

Author Bio

ASHLEY WEAVER is the Technical Services Coordinator at the Allen Parish Libraries in Oberlin, Louisiana. Weaver has worked in libraries since she was 14; she was a page and then a clerk before obtaining her MLIS from Louisiana State University. She is the author of *Murder at the Brightwell*, *Death Wears a Mask*, and *A Most Novel Revenge*. Weaver lives in Oakdale, Louisiana.





The Orphan's Guilt

A Joe Gunther Novel

by Archer Mayor

A simple drunk driving arrest snowballs into a homicide investigation, as Joe Gunther and his VBI team peel back layer upon layer of history to learn the long-hidden truth

John Rust is arrested for drunk driving at a routine stop by a Vermont state trooper. Looking to find mitigating circumstances, his lawyer hires a private eye to look into the recent death of the driver's younger brother. The brother died at twenty-eight due to medical issues arising from a childhood brain injury. But then it's revealed that the brain injury was the result of shaken baby syndrome, rendering his death a murder--bringing in Joe Gunther and his Vermont Bureau of Investigation team.

But that murder quickly becomes more than an ancient tale of avarice, betrayal, and murder as the vengeful memories of parties unknown are stirred to the point of violence. As the original subject, John Rust, disappears, Joe Gunther and his team must peel back the layers of history as the killings of the past lead quickly to the same in the present.

Author Bio

ARCHER MAYOR, in addition to writing the *New York Times* bestselling Joe Gunther series, is an investigator for the sheriff's department, the state medical examiner, and has twenty-five years of experience as a firefighter/EMT. He lives near Brattleboro, Vermont.

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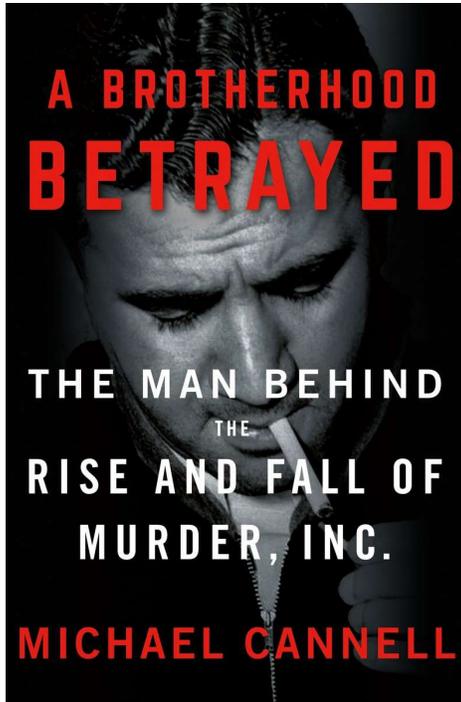
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A Brotherhood Betrayed

The Man Behind the Rise and Fall of Murder, Inc.

by Michael Cannell

The riveting true story of the rise and fall of Murder, Inc. and the executioner-turned-informant whose mysterious death became a legendary moment in Mob history.

In the fall of 1941, a momentous trial was set to begin that threatened to end the careers and lives of New York's most brutal mob kingpins. The lead witness, Abe Reles, had been a trusted executioner for Murder, Inc., the enforcement arm of a coast-to-coast mob network known as the Syndicate. But the man responsible for coolly silencing hundreds of informants was about to become the most talkative snitch of all. In exchange for police protection, Reles was prepared to rat out his murderous friends, from Albert Anastasia to Bugsy Siegel - until the morning of the trial, when his shattered body was discovered on a rooftop outside his heavily-guarded hotel room. Was it a botched escape, or punishment for betraying the loyalty of the country's most powerful mobsters?

Michael Cannell's *A Brotherhood Betrayed* traces the history of Murder, Inc. through Reles' rise from street punk to murder chieftain to stool pigeon, ending with his face-down death on a Coney Island rooftop. It resurrects a time when crime became *organized crime*: a world of money and power, depravity and corruption, street corner ambushes and elaborately choreographed hits by wise-cracking foot soldiers in double-breasted suits and zooty fedoras.

For a brief moment before World War II took over everything, America fixated on the delicate balance of trust and betrayal on the Brooklyn streets. This is the story of the one man who (...)

Author Bio

Location: New York City

Michael Cannell has written for the *New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Time*, *Newsweek* and many other publications. He was editor for *The New York Times* for seven years. His book, *The Limit*, was published by The Twelve in 2012. *The Limit* is now in development as a Sundance/AMC series. He lives in New York City.

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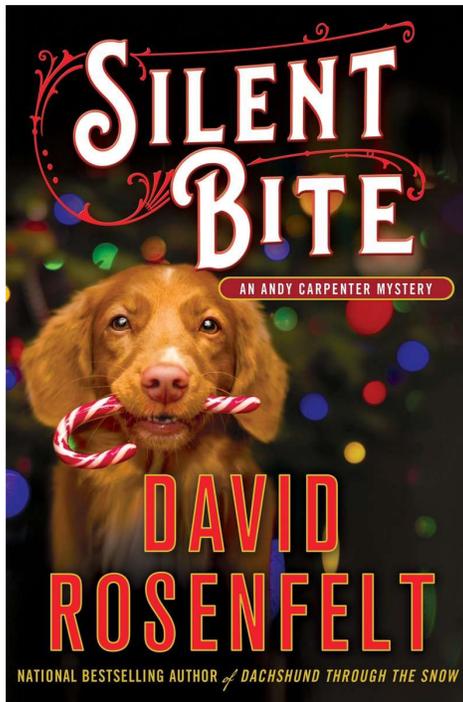
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MINOTAUR BOOKS
A THOMAS DUNNE BOOK

Silent Bite

by David Rosenfelt

Andy Carpenter and his golden retriever, Tara, are finding that all is not calm or bright in the latest Christmas mystery in this heartwarming series from bestselling author David Rosenfelt.

Lawyer Andy Carpenter can finally take a breath; he's back on dry land after a family Caribbean cruise forced on him by his wife, Laurie, to get into the Christmas spirit. Of course the family's first stop is to the Tara Foundation, the dog rescue organization that has always been Andy's true passion.

But when Andy arrives, his partner, Willie Miller, needs his help. Willie's old cellmate, Glenn Anson, has been arrested for murder. Andy doesn't necessarily believe in Glenn, but Willie does. And Andy believes in Willie, which is why Andy decides to take the case.

Once again David Rosenfelt puts readers in the Christmas spirit in a tale that is equal parts mystery and holiday cheer.

Author Bio

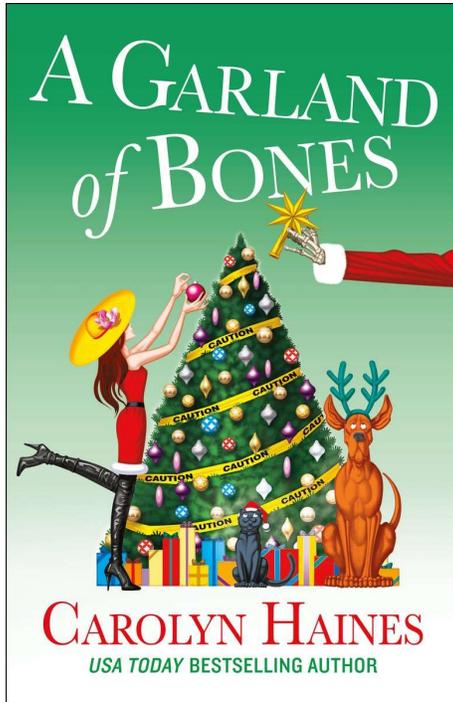
DAVID ROSENFELT is the Edgar-nominated and Shamus Award-winning author of more than twenty Andy Carpenter novels, including *One Dog Night*, *Collared*, and *Deck the Hounds*; the Doug Brock thriller series, which starts with *Fade to Black*; and stand-alone thrillers including *Heart of a Killer* and *On Borrowed Time*.

Rosenfelt and his wife live in Maine with an ever-changing pack of rescue dogs. Their epic cross-country move with the 25 of these dogs, culminating in the creation of the Tara Foundation, is chronicled in *Dogtripping*.



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A Garland of Bones

by Carolyn Haines

Spunky southern private investigator Sarah Booth Delaney tackles solving a string of strange accidents in the midst of celebrating the holiday season.

Sarah Booth is all set for Christmas. She's having a decoration party at Dahlia House and planning a festive Christmas dinner with all of her friends. There are parties everywhere. It seems the residents of Sunflower County have brought in a bountiful crop this year and everyone is in a party mood.

Each little Delta town has a special Christmas activity, and Tinkie proposes that they rent a limo and drive to Columbus, MS, and stay in a B&B for several days so they can Christmas shop and participate in a slate of annual Christmas activities that include Christmas karaoke, wassailing, and a parade with floats of blues musicians. Everyone is on board to go. Because a good journalist is never off work, Cece says she will cover it for the Zinnia Dispatch. Even Millie takes some time off from the café to party with her friends.

But their Christmas cheer soon mutates to Christmas fear, when at one celebratory event after the other, someone gets hurt. An electrified microphone and a slip down the stairs may seem like mere accidents, but each of these so-called "accidents" could have been fatal. The Christmas bells are ringing hauntingly in Columbus this year, and Sarah Booth and Tinkie-- with a little help from Sheriff Coleman Peters of course (...)

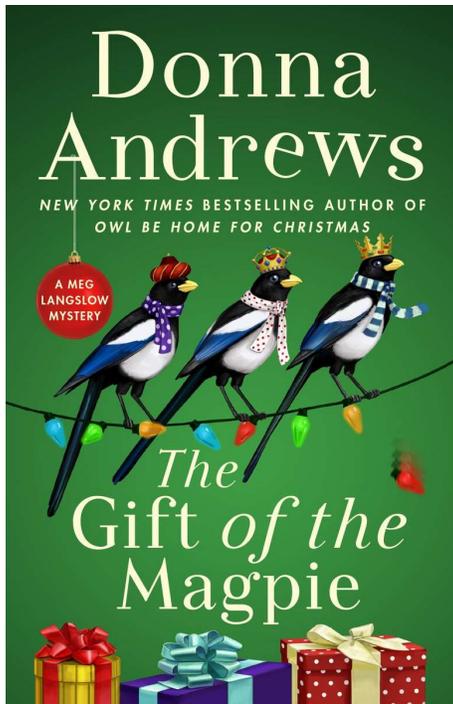
Author Bio

Carolyn Haines is the *USA Today* bestselling author of over 80 novels in a number of genres, mostly mystery and crime. She is the author of the long-running Sarah Booth Delaney mystery series, the Pluto's Snitch paranormal-historical mystery series, and the Familiar Legacy romantic suspense series featuring Trouble the black cat detective. She is the recipient of the Alabama Library Association's Lifetime Achievement Award, Harper Lee Award for Distinguished Writing, the Richard Wright Award for Literary Excellence, and the Mississippi Writers Guild Lifetime Achievement Award. She is a former journalist, bartender, photographer, farmhand, and college professor and lives on a farm where she works with rescue cats, dogs, and horses.



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The Gift of the Magpie

A Meg Langslow Mystery

by Donna Andrews

New York Times bestselling author Donna Andrews returns with another Meg Langslow mystery written "firmly in the grand tradition of Agatha Christie's Christmas books" (Toronto Globe and Mail).

The 28th book and the seventh Christmas mystery in the Meg Langslow series, *The Gift of the Magpie* is yet another wonderfully merry and funny book from New York Times bestselling author Donna Andrews.

Meg's hopes for a relatively peaceful (if busy) Christmas vanish when the magpie that has been bringing her bits of tinsel and costume jewelry shows up with a gift that may hold the clue to solving a crime.

Full of intrigue, this Christmas mystery will take readers home to Caerphilly, where the suspense falls as thick as the snow.

Author Bio

Donna Andrews is the author of the Meg Langslow mysteries, including *Stork Raving Mad* and *Swan for the Money*. She has won the Agatha, Anthony, and Barry awards, a *Romantic Times* award for best first novel, and four Lefty and two Toby Bromberg Awards for funniest mystery. When not writing fiction, Andrews is a self-confessed nerd, rarely found away from her computer, unless she's messing in the garden. She lives in Reston, Virginia.

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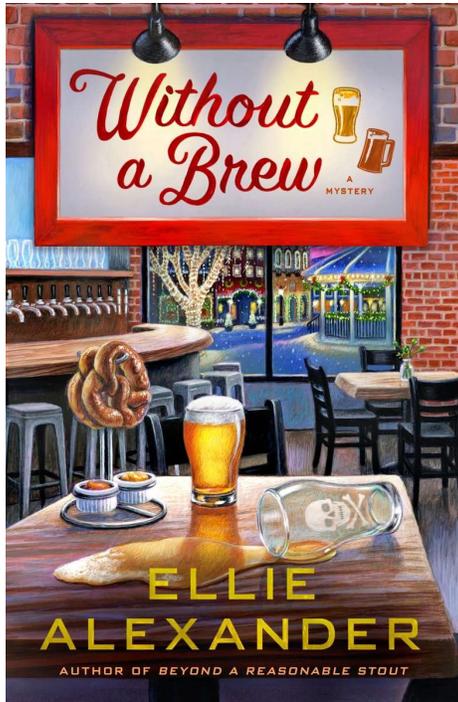
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Without a Brew

A Sloan Krause Mystery

by Ellie Alexander

Amateur sleuth Sloan Krause delves into a murderous winter wonderland in another delightful mystery from cozy writer Ellie Alexander.

It's winter in the Bavarian village of Leavenworth, Washington, which for Sloan Krause means lots of layers, pine and citrus-flavored craft beers, and getting the new guest rooms at Nitro, the brewery where she works, into tip top shape before the next weekend's IceFest. Unfortunately, Sloan and her boss Garrett are learning that not every guest in the brewery is up for a hopping good time.

While the couple staying with them, Brad and Ali, seem completely smitten, a quartet arrives in the evening demanding rooms and showing off flashy Seattle credentials. Sloan and Garrett are less than impressed, but agree to rent rooms to the quarelsome quartet. The final guest, Liv, wasn't planning on an overnight stay in Leavenworth, but seems eager to take Sloan up on the offer of sanctuary from the snow--at least before she has a strange run in with local mechanic Taylor, to say nothing of the knowing looks and even physical altercations that take place between Liv and the other guests.

Sloan could be imagining things, but when Liv's room is found trashed the next morning, a hateful message painted on her car, and Liv herself is no where to be found, Sloan is convinced another mystery is brewing. And with many of the potential suspects hunkering down under Nitro's roof, she knows her co-workers and friends won't be safe until serves up the killer a hoppy pint of justice.

Author Bio

ELLIE ALEXANDER is a Pacific Northwest native who spends ample time testing pastry recipes in her home kitchen or at one of the many famed coffeehouses nearby. When she's not coated in flour, you'll find her outside exploring hiking trails and trying to burn off calories consumed in the name of research. She is the author of the Bakeshop Mysteries, including *Meet Your Baker* and *A Batter of Life and Death*, as well as the Sloan Krause mysteries. You can find her on Facebook to learn more!





Hot to Trot

by M. C. Beaton

Beloved New York Times bestseller M. C. Beaton's cranky, crafty Agatha Raisin—now the star of a hit T.V. show—is back on the case again.

When Private Investigator Agatha Raisin learns that her friend and one-time lover Charles Fraith is to be married to a mysterious socialite, Miss Mary Brown-Field, she sees it as her duty to find out what she can about the woman. Coming up empty, Agatha—out of selfless concern for Charles, of course—does the only sensible thing she can think of: she crashes their wedding, which ends in a public altercation. Nursing a hangover the next morning, she gets a phone call from Charles, with even more disturbing news: Mary has been murdered.

Agatha takes on the case, and quickly becomes entrenched in the competitive equestrian world, in which Mary had been enmeshed—as well as the victim's surprisingly violent past. Agatha finds no shortage of motives among a wide range of characters, from Mary's old riding competitors, to enemies from her schoolgirl days, to her surly father, who threatens Agatha to mind her own business. Meanwhile, the police department has its money on another suspect: Agatha. Will she track down the criminal in time, or end up behind bars herself?

Once you meet Agatha Raisin, you'll keep coming back." - *New York Journal of Books*

"M.C. Beaton has a foolproof plot for the village mystery." - *The New York Times Book Review*

"Beaton has a winner in the irrepressible, romance-hungry Agatha." - *Chicago Sun-Times*

"Beaton's Agatha Raisin series just about defines the British cozy." - *Booklist*

"Every (...)

Author Bio

M. C. Beaton (1936-2019), the Queen of Crime" (*The Globe and Mail*), was the author of the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling Agatha Raisin novels - the basis for the hit show on Acorn TV and public television - as well as the Hamish Macbeth series and the Edwardian Murder Mysteries featuring Lady Rose Summer. Born in Scotland, she started her career writing historical romances under several pseudonyms and her maiden name, Marion Chesney.

In 2006, M.C. was the British guest of honor at Bouchercon.

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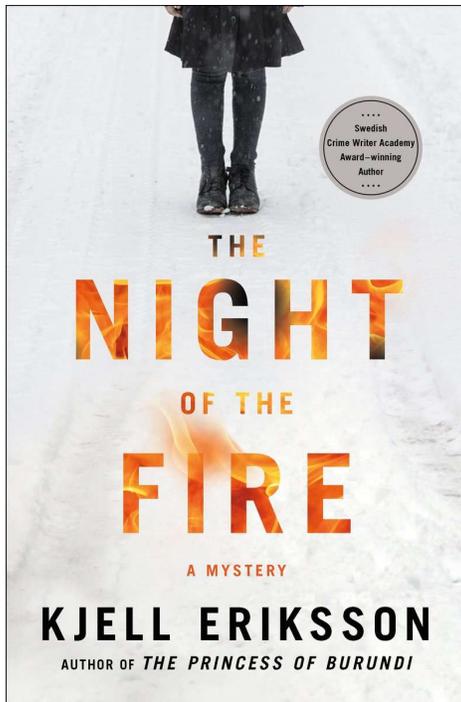
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The Night of the Fire by Kjell Eriksson

Swedish police inspector Ann Lindell finally returns in internationally bestselling and award-winning Kjell Eriksson's newest novel.

Ann Lindell is back! Police inspector Ann Lindell has left the Uppsala police and is living a quiet life, producing local cheese in a small town in Uppland. But life in the country is not as idyllic as it seems. On New Year's Eve someone sets fire to the former village school which is now a home for asylum seekers, and three people are killed. Ann Lindell's investigative instincts come back to life and soon she takes on the case. She is contacted by a person who has been involved in a previous investigation and who wants to warn her. His message is short and clear: Many will die. A few weeks later a bomb explodes in a suburb of Stockholm.

Kjell Eriksson wrote seven highly acclaimed novels about Ann Lindell, beginning with award-winner *The Princess of Burundi*, and now, after ten years, he returns to the Uppsala region and his sympathetic police inspector. *The Night of the Fire* is the first of two new volumes featuring Ann Lindell.

Author Bio

KJELL ERIKSSON is the author of the internationally acclaimed *The Princess of Burundi*, *The Cruel Stars of the Night*, *The Demon of Dakar*, *The Hand that Trembles*, and *Black Lies, Red Blood*. His series debut won Best First Novel 1999 by the Swedish Crime Academy, an accomplishment he later followed up by winning Best Swedish Crime Novel 2002 for *The Princess of Burundi*. He lives in Sweden and France.





Murder in Old Bombay

by Nev March

Newcomer Nev March's hero, Captain Angihotri, channels his idol, Sherlock Holmes, in 19th century Bombay in her Minotaur Books/Mystery Writers of America First Crime Novel Award-winning debut.

In 1892, Bombay is the center of British India. There, Captain James Agnihotri lays in hospital recovering from a skirmish on the wild northern frontier, with little to read but newspapers. The case that catches Jim's attention is being called the crime of the century: Two women fell from the university's clock tower in broad daylight. Moved by the spouse of one of the victims--his certainty that his wife and sister did not commit suicide--Jim is hired by the Parsee family to investigate what happened that terrible afternoon.

As Jim finds his unlikely Watson in one of the family's surviving sisters, and together they work to learn why the women were killed, he must fight the shadows that still loom over the Framji family.

Set against the vibrant backdrop of colonial India, Nev March's debut brings this dynamic historical age to life.

Author Bio

Nev March is the winner of the Minotaur Books/Mystery Writers of America First Crime Novel Award. Leaving a long career in business analysis in 2015 she returned to her passion, writing fiction. She is a member of MWA, the Hunterdon County Library Write-Group and volunteers with non-profit organizations. A Parsee Zoroastrian herself, Nev lives with her husband and two sons in New Jersey. *Murder in Old Bombay* is her debut novel.

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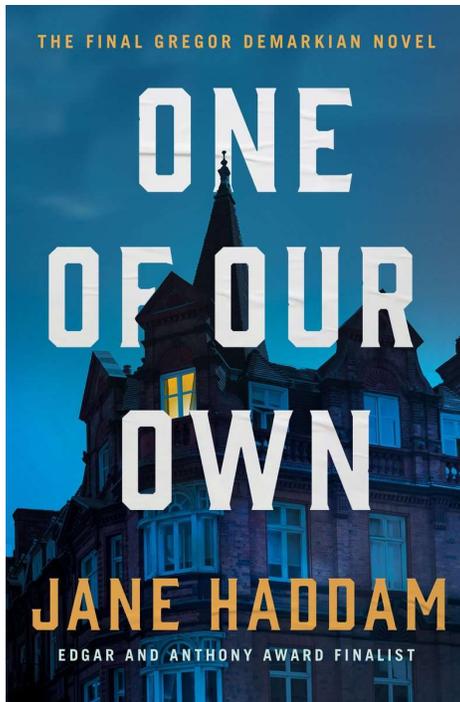
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One of Our Own

A Gregor Demarkian Novel

by Jane Haddam

Gregor Demarkian, former FBI agent and police consultant, returns for his final case—a surprising murder and an attempted murder, which threaten the safety of his Philadelphia neighborhood.

A mysterious black van is spotted by several people at various times in the area around Cavanaugh Street, Philadelphia's Armenian-American enclave. Presumed by some to be related to the increasing ICE raids around the area, the mystery deepens one night when a body falls out of the back of the van when speeding through the neighborhood.

Marta Warkowski, a reclusive older woman, is found bound up in a garbage bag after it falls out of the van. In a coma, Warkowski is unable to tell police how she ended up as she did. When they go to search her apartment, the police find the dead body of her building's super, a man with whom she has a history of conflict. How did she end up in garbage bag in the back of a mysterious van? How did he end up dead in her locked apartment? What does all of this have to do with the real estate holdings of infamous local developer, Cary Alder?

Gregor Demarkian, former FBI agent and consultant, is ready to retire. He and his wife Bennis have agreed to foster a child, Javier, with a mysterious past and limited language skills. But he is pulled in once again, for a final case, to uncover the truth about the murder—and attempted murder—on Cavanaugh Street.

Author Bio

JANE HADDAM was the fiction pseudonym of Orania Papazoglou, the author of over thirty novels, most featuring Gregor Demarkian. She was a finalist for both the Edgar and the Anthony Award. The widow of mystery writer William DeAndrea, Haddam died in 2019.





The Wicked Hour

A Natalie Lockhart Novel

by Alice Blanchard

From the award-winning author of *Trace of Evil*, a detective dealing with the scars must solve a seemingly unconnected string of murders, and face the impossible question of what to do when the killer may be amongst the ones you know, in Alice Blanchard's *The Wicked Hour* Readers will welcome a return to Burning Lake with Natalie at the helm." - *Associated Press*

"Lockhart is a relatable new heroine on the police-procedural scene, and one who will appeal to readers of Tana French." *Booklist*

The day after Burning Lake's notorious, debauched Halloween celebration, Detective Natalie Lockhart uncovers a heartbreaking scene - a young woman, dead and lying in a dumpster. There's no clue to who she is, save for a mystifying tattoo on her arm, and a callus underneath her chin. She's not from around here. No one knows who she is.

As Natalie retraces the young woman's steps leading up to her death, she uncovers even more horror - a string of murders and disappearances, seemingly unconnected, that may have ties to each other - and explain the abrupt disappearance of her best friend years ago.

As Natalie digs deeper to find the killer, old hurts are renewed and dark secrets uncovered. But deep within the mind of the hunter is a darkness Natalie could never have imagined, and as she draws closer to the truth, the killer is weaving a trap for her that may prove unescapable.

Author Bio

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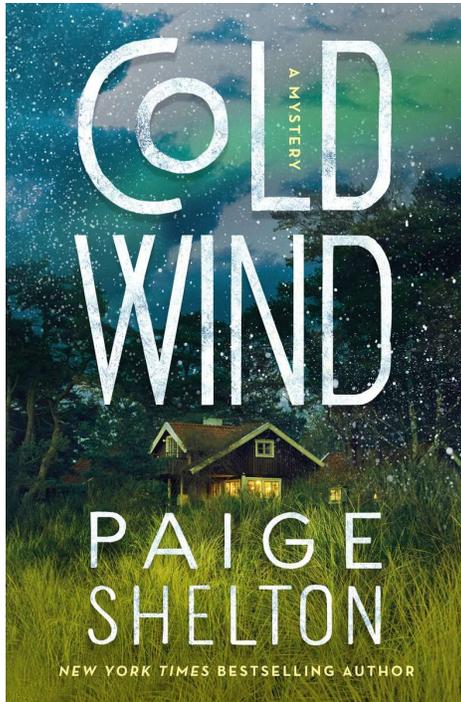
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Cold Wind

A Mystery
by Paige Shelton

Second in a new series set in Alaska from beloved cozy author Paige Shelton, *Cold Wind* will chill your bones.

Beth Rivers is still in Alaska. The unidentified man who kidnapped her in her home of St. Louis hasn't been found yet, so she's not ready to go back.

However, as October comes to a close, Benedict is feeling more and more like her new home. Beth has been working on herself: She's managed to get back to writing, and she's enjoying these beautiful months between summer and winter in Alaska.

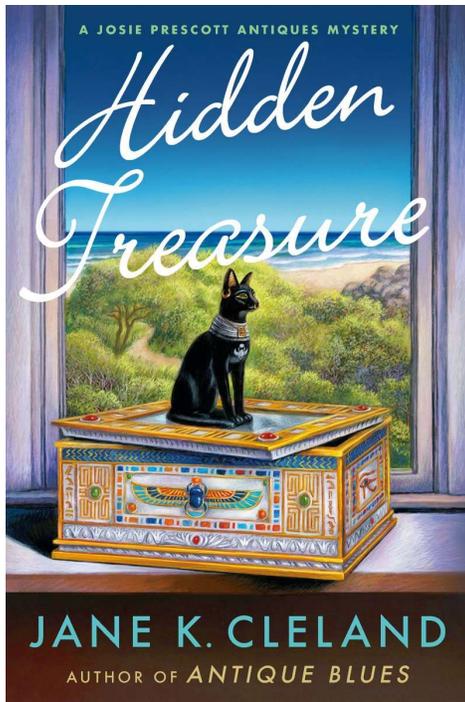
But everything in Benedict changes after a mudslide exposes a world that had been hidden for years. Suddenly, two mud-covered and silent girls appear, and a secret trapper's house is found in the woods. The biggest surprise, though, is a dead and frozen woman's body in the trapper's shed. No one knows who she is, but the man who runs the mercantile, Randy, seems to be in the middle of all the mysteries.

Unable to escape her journalistic roots, Beth is determined to answer the questions that arrive: Are the mysterious girls and the frozen body connected? Can Randy possibly be involved? And--most importantly--can she answer these questions before the cold wind sweeping over the town and the townspeople descends for (...)

Author Bio

PAIGE SHELTON had a nomadic childhood, as her father's job as a football coach took her family to seven different towns before she was even twelve years old. After college at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, she moved to Salt Lake City. She thought she'd only stay a couple years, but instead she fell in love with the mountains and a great guy who became her husband. After many decades in Utah, she and her family now live in Arizona. She writes the Scottish Bookshop Mystery series, which begins with *The Cracked Spine*





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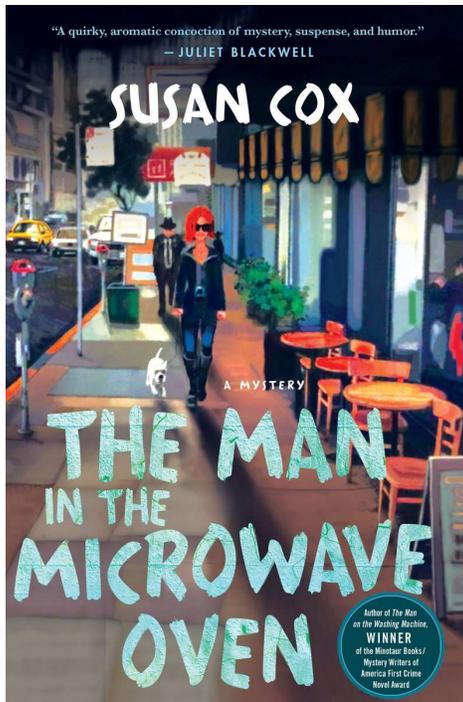
Josie Prescott, owner of Prescott's Antiques & Auctions, and her new husband Ty have finally found their dream home--a Victorian beauty on the beach, known in the town of Rocky Point as "The Gingerbread House." It was recently vacated by Maudie Wilson, an aging widow, whose concerned nieces have moved her into a nearby assisted living facility. Josie befriends Maudie, who seems surprisingly sharp, considering her family's doubts about her soundness of mind.

As Josie and Ty joyfully begin renovations on The Gingerbread House, the nieces report that Maudie, in her forgetfulness, may have left behind an old trunk, which she's desperate to get back. Sure enough, Josie finds the trunk inside a hidden dumbwaiter and within it a jewel-encrusted box holding a sculpture of a cat. Josie can understand the sense of urgency about getting the objects back--they look valuable, and not just in the sentimental sense. But when Josie goes to return the box to Maudie, the woman has vanished. And on the floor of her empty apartment lies the body of someone bludgeoned to death. Sick with worry for Maudie's safety, Josie begins to piece together the clues to the murder. Everyone around her seems to want to pitch in, from Maudie's family, to the receptionist at the facility, to the young couple helping Josie with her renovations. But when the killer may be lurking nearby, Josie can't let her (...)

Author Bio

JANE K. CLELAND once owned a New Hampshire-based antiques and rare books business. She is the author of several previous Josie Prescott Antiques mysteries, is the winner of two David Awards for Best Novel, and has been a finalist for the Macavity and Anthony Awards. Jane is the former president of the New York chapter of the Mystery Writers of America and chairs the Wolfe Pack's Black Orchid Novella Award. She won the Agatha Award for her book *Mastering Suspense, Structure and Plot*. She is part of the English faculty at Lehman College and lives in New York City.





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Once again Susan Cox has painted a delightful portrait of a colorful San Francisco neighborhood and a woman finding her way through just the kind of scandalous mystery she was trying so hard to leave behind.

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Author Bio

Location: San Francisco and Florida

SUSAN COX is a former journalist. She has also been marketing and public relations director for a safari park, a fundraiser for non-profit organizations, and the president of the Palm Beach County (Fla.) Attractions Association. She considers herself transcontinental and transatlantic, equally at home in San Francisco and Florida and with a large and boisterous extended family in England. She frequently wears a Starfleet communicator pin, just in case. Her debut novel, *The Man on the Washing Machine*, is available at www.minotaurbooks.com.



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