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The Devil and the Dark Water Stuart Turton 2020-10-01 CHOSEN AS A BOOK OF THE YEAR BY THE GUARDIAN, SUNDAY TIMES, DAILY MAIL, FINANCIAL TIMES, DAILY EXPRESS AND i PAPER 'A superb historical mystery: inventive, twisty, addictive and utterly beguiling... A TRIUMPH' Will Dean 'If you read one book this year, make sure it's this one' Daily Mail Three impossible crimes Two unlikely detectives One deadly voyage It's 1634 and Samuel Pippis, the world's greatest detective, is being transported from the Dutch East Indies to Amsterdam, where he is set to face trial for a crime that no one dares speak of. But no sooner is the ship out to sea than devilry begins to blight the voyage. Strange symbols appear on the sails. A figure stalks the decks. Livestock are slaughtered. Passengers are plagued with ominous threats, promising them three unholy miracles. First: an impossible pursuit. Second: an impossible theft. Then: an impossible murder. With Pippis imprisoned in the depths of the ship, can his loyal bodyguard, Arent Hayes solve the mystery before the ship descends into anarchy? A beguiling historical mystery from the award-winning author of the dazzling *The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle*. 'Wildly inventive, Turton's tale defies definition as either historical fiction or crime novel, but provides all the pleasures of both genres and more. No novel this year was more fun to read' Sunday Times 'A glorious mash-up of William Golding and Arthur Conan Doyle' Val McDermid 'A locked room murder mystery... by way of Treasure Island' Guardian SELECTED FOR THE BBC TWO BOOK CLUB BETWEEN THE COVERS AND THE RADIO 2 JO WHILEY BOOK CLUB SHORTLISTED FOR THE HWA GOLD CROWN SHORTLISTED FOR THE GOLDSBORO BOOKS GLASS BELL AWARD SHORTLISTED FOR THE CWA IAN FLEMING STEEL DAGGER AWARD

The Mermaid Murders 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 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 again.

The Murder of Moses Rand Flem-Ath 2019-06-04 An investigation of how Moses was deceived and murdered by his father-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 replacement and 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, and no indication of his burial place, and the story of Exodus paints a very contradictory picture of this man so important to both Judaism and Christianity. At times, he is depicted as a meek, stuttering figure and at others his tyrannical commands and fits 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 evidence 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 skilled magician trained at Egypt's prestigious House of Life and they reveal his motive: He was the son of Esau, from whom Jacob stole his birthright, the leadership of the Hebrew people, a role that Moses was now assuming. The authors explain how the 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 enigma of 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.

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 put his old life behind him—but it seems his old life isn't finished with him. A young man has gone missing from campus—and as a favor to a family friend, Elliot agrees to do a little sniffing around. His investigations bring him face-to-face with his

former lover, Tucker Lance, the special agent handling the case. Things ended badly with Tucker, and neither man is ready to back down on the fight that drove them apart. But they have to figure out a way to move beyond their past and work together as more men go missing and Elliot becomes the target in a killer's obsessive game... 69,000 words

City of Light, City of Poison: Murder, Magic, and the First Police Chief of Paris Holly Tucker 2017-03-21 "Tucker writes with gusto . . . high drama."—Marilyn Stasio, New York Times Book Review In the late 1600s, Louis XIV assigns Nicolas de la Reynie to bring order to Paris after the brutal deaths of two magistrates. Reynie, pragmatic and fearless, discovers a network of witches, poisoners, and priests whose reach extends all the way to the king's court at Versailles. Based on court transcripts and Reynie's compulsive note-taking, Holly Tucker's engrossing true-crime narrative makes the characters breathe on the page as she follows the police chief into the dark labyrinths of crime-ridden Paris, the halls of royal palaces, secret courtrooms, and torture chambers.

A Pocket Full of Murder R.J. Anderson 2016-01-14 A magical murder mystery set in a fantastical city fuelled by spell power. Isaveth Breck is brave, loyal, and zealous in the pursuit of justice, especially after her father is wrongfully arrested. Quiz, the eccentric eye patch-wearing street boy who befriends her, swears he can't resist a good mystery. Together they set out to solve the magical murder of one of Tarreton's most influential citizens and save Isaveth's beloved papa from execution. But as the list of suspects grows, finding the culprit becomes more of a challenge than the two young detectives anticipated. As her father's sentencing looms closer, Isaveth depends more and more on Quiz to help her solve the mystery. But when she discovers that the boy she trusted as an equal is far more privileged than he seems, it casts his motives into doubt and puts their whole partnership in jeopardy. And then Isaveth realises that Urias Breck was deliberately framed, and that the real murderer is protected by the powerful Lord Mayor of Tarreton himself. Can she ever prove her papa's innocence in time...?

The Devil In The White City Erik Larson 2010-09-30 'An irresistible page-turner that reads like the most compelling, sleep defying fiction' TIME OUT One was an architect. The other a serial killer. This is the incredible story of these two men and their realization of the Chicago World's Fair of 1893, and its amazing 'White City'; one of the wonders of the world. The architect was Daniel H. Burnham, the driving force behind the White City, the massive, visionary landscape of white buildings set in a wonderland of canals and gardens. The killer was H. H. Holmes, a handsome doctor with striking blue eyes. He used the attraction of the great fair - and his own devilish charms - to lure scores of young women to their deaths. While Burnham overcame politics, infighting, personality clashes and Chicago's infamous weather to transform the swamps of Jackson Park into the greatest show on Earth, Holmes built his own edifice just west of the fairground. He called it the World's Fair Hotel. In reality it was a torture palace, a gas chamber, a crematorium. These two disparate but driven men are brought to life in this mesmerizing, murderous tale of the legendary Fair that transformed America and set it on course for the twentieth century . . .

The Last Book on the Left Ben Kessel 2020 An equal parts haunting and hilarious deep-dive review of history's most notorious and cold-blooded serial killers, from the creators of the award-winning Last Podcast on the Left

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 person dead and Adam "On the Beach." Now he's got a new partner, a new case, and a new chance to resurrect his career, hunting 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 feebs on his turf -- even when one of the agents is smart, handsome -- and probably gay. But a butchered body in a Native American museum is out of his small town department's league. For that matter, icy, uptight Adam Darling is out of Rob's league, but that doesn't mean Rob won't take his best shot.

Magpie Murders Anthony Horowitz 2016-10-06 THE NUMBER ONE EBOOK BESTSELLER 'Want to read a great whodunnit? Anthony Horowitz has one for you: MAGPIE MURDERS. It's as good as an Agatha Christie. Better, in some ways. Cleverer.' Stephen King 'The finest crime novel of the year' Daily Mail ***** Seven for a mystery that needs to be solved . . . Editor Susan Ryland has worked with bestselling crime writer Alan Conway for years. Readers love his detective, Atticus Pünd, a celebrated solver of crimes in the sleepy English villages of the 1950s. But Conway's latest tale of murder at Pye Hall is not quite what it seems. Yes, there are dead bodies and a host of intriguing suspects, but hidden in the pages of the manuscript lies another story: a tale written between the very words on the page, telling of real-life jealousy, greed, ruthless ambition and murder. From the creator of Midsomer Murders comes a fiendish mystery perfect for fans of Agatha Christie's Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot. ***** Praise for Magpie Murders - the gripping Sunday Times bestselling crime thriller: 'Ingenious' Sunday Times 'Thrilling and compelling with a stunning twist' Daily Mail 'A stylish thriller' Sunday Mirror 'A cunning reinvention of the thriller' Mail on Sunday

The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle Stuart Turton 2018-02-08 Can you solve the mystery of Evelyn Hardcastle? WINNER OF THE COSTA FIRST NOVEL AWARD WINNER OF THE BOOKS ARE MY BAG NOVEL AWARD A WATERSTONES THRILLER OF THE MONTH SHORTLISTED FOR THE SPECSAVERS NATIONAL BOOK AWARDS SHORTLISTED FOR THE BRITISH BOOK AWARDS DEBUT OF THE YEAR LONGLISTED FOR THE THEAKSTON OLD PECULIER CRIME NOVEL OF THE YEAR Gosford Park meets Groundhog Day by way of Agatha Christie and Black Mirror - the most inventive story you'll read Tonight, Evelyn Hardcastle will be killed ... Again It is meant to be a celebration but it ends in tragedy. As fireworks explode overhead, Evelyn Hardcastle, the young and beautiful daughter of the house, is killed. But Evelyn will not die just once. Until Aiden - one of the guests summoned to Blackheath for the party - can solve her murder, the day will repeat itself, over and over again. Every time ending with the fateful pistol

shot. The only way to break this cycle is to identify the killer. But each time the day begins again, Aiden wakes in the body of a different guest. And someone is determined to prevent him ever escaping Blackheath... **SELECTED AS A BOOK OF THE YEAR BY THE GUARDIAN, I PAPER, FINANCIAL TIMES AND DAILY TELEGRAPH AND CURRENTLY BEING ADAPTED BY NETFLIX INTO A SEVEN PART SERIES** The mind-blowing new murder mystery from Stuart Turton, *The Devil and the Dark Water*, is **OUT NOW**.

Somebody Killed His Editor Josh Lanyon 2009-06-01 An isolated writer's conference. A brutal real-life murder. Way too many cocktails. Can a mystery author and an ex-cop combine their powers of deduction to find the killer? Turning forty has left much to be desired for mystery writer Christopher Holmes. After both his boyfriend and long-time publisher dump him, he worries his life is officially at the start of a steep decline. Stranded at a writing conference for the weekend, he never expected to bump into an old flame... or stumble across a dead body in the woods. Ex-cop JX Moriarity is soaking up all the newfound fame from his successful crime fiction. When the only bridge into the conference venue washes away to reveal a dead body, Moriarity falls back on old skills to secure and investigate the crime scene. But even his years of experience couldn't prepare him for the discovery of a second body: his irascible, but awfully cute ex-boyfriend Christopher. WAIT. ER, no, the corpse of Christopher's obnoxious editor. With all fingers pointing to Holmes, Moriarity has no choice but to clear the name of the man who broke his heart. Can the ex-lovers solve the murders and rekindle their passion, or will a killer attendee write them out of their Happy Ever After for good? *Somebody Killed His Editor* is the first book in the madcap Holmes & Moriarity romantic gay mystery series. If you like tongue-in-cheek humor, crazy twists and turns, and sizzling chemistry, then you'll love Josh Lanyon's kooky, quirky novel. Buy *Somebody Killed His Editor* to storm into a classic murder mystery today!

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 murders using his wits, a keen eye for observation, and a few choice magic tricks. In "The Eyes Have It," Lord Darcy must figure out who killed the taciturn playboy, the Count D'Evreux. In the political thriller "A Case of Identity," Lord Darcy picks apart the disappearance of the Marquis of Cherbourg, especially mysterious considering the escalating cold war with Poland. Lord Darcy and Master Sean investigate a body coated in blue paint already occupying a coffin built for the late Duke of Kent in "The Muddle of the Woad." Literary humor is at the heart of "In a Stretch of the Imagination," where the head of an important publishing house 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 combined the best of the fantasy and detective genres—and made them work as science fiction." —Marion Zimmer Bradley "I cannot count the number of times I have read 'Too Many Magicians'—each time with the same pleasure." —Andre Norton

We Keep the Dead Close Becky Cooper 2020-11-17 **SHORTLISTED FOR THE CRIME WRITERS' ASSOCIATION ALCS GOLD DAGGER FOR NON-FICTION** 'Brilliant and extraordinary' Philippe Sands 'Astonishing ... Cooper is one hell of a detective' Alex Marzano-Lesnevich, author of *The Fact of a Body* 'Seductive ... Haunting' Ariel Levy, author of *The Rules Do Not Apply* In 1969, Jane Britton, an ambitious graduate student at Harvard, was found bludgeoned to death in her apartment. A whisper network kept Jane's story alive: a rumour of an affair with a professor that ended in tragedy when Britton threatened to expose him. Forty years later, when curious undergrad Becky Cooper first heard the story, she felt compelled to find out more. *We Keep the Dead Close* is an account of her complex and fascinating investigation spanning a decade.

The Graveyard Book Neil Gaiman 2009-10-06 Neil Gaiman's perennial favorite, *The Graveyard Book*, has sold more than one million copies and is the only novel to win both the Newbery Medal and the Carnegie Medal. Bod is an unusual boy who inhabits an unusual place—he's the only living resident of a graveyard. Raised from infancy by the ghosts, werewolves, and other cemetery denizens, Bod has learned the antiquated customs of his guardians' time as well as their ghostly teachings—such as the ability to Fade so mere mortals cannot see him. Can a boy raised by ghosts face the wonders and terrors of the worlds of both the living and the dead? *The Graveyard Book* is the winner of the Newbery Medal, the Carnegie Medal, the Hugo Award for best novel, the Locus Award for Young Adult novel, the American Bookseller Association's "Best Indie Young Adult Buzz Book," a Horn Book Honor, and Audio Book of the Year. Don't miss this modern classic—whether shared as a read-aloud or read independently, it's sure to appeal to readers ages 8 and up.

The Grimrose Girls Laura Pohl 2021-10-26 A New York Times Bestseller Four troubled friends, One murdered girl... and a dark fate that may leave them all doomed. Once Upon a Time meets *Pretty Little Liars* in this queer, dark academia story about four reimaged fairy tale heroines who must uncover their ancient curses before it's too late. After the mysterious death of their best friend, Ella, Yuki, and Rory are the talk of their elite school, Grimrose Académie. The police ruled Ariane's death as a suicide, but the trio are determined to find out what really happened. When Nani Eszes arrives as their newest roommate, it sets into motion a series of events that no one could have predicted. As the girls retrace their friend's final days, they discover a dark secret about Grimrose—Ariane wasn't the first dead girl. They soon learn that all the past murders are connected to ancient fairytale curses...and that their own fates are tied to the stories, dooming the girls to brutal and gruesome endings unless they can break the cycle for good. Perfect for fans of: *Cinderella is Dead* and GRIMM Dark Academia Fairytale Retellings LGBTQ Rep Media Buzz for *The Grimrose Girls*: Buzzfeed called

it "a book definitely worth picking up" One of Book Riot's Top New YA Paperbacks for Fall A Buzzfeed Top LGBTQ+ YA Book to Devour A Culturess Thrilling New YA Release Featured on Tor as a new Young Adult SFF A Barnes & Noble OUR MONTHLY PICK for November 2021!!

The Monet Murders Josh Lanyon 2019-03-25 Personal feelings must be put aside when legendary FBI profiler Sam Kennedy requests Special Agent Jason West's help to catch a deranged killer targeting wealthy, upscale art collectors. A killer whose calling card is a series of grotesque paintings depicting the murders.

The Magician Murders Josh Lanyon 2019-03-26 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.

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 one of the original Monuments Men in the theft and perhaps destruction of part of the world's cultural heritage--a lost Vermeer. But Naval Reserve Lt. Commander Emerson Harley wasn't just a World War II hero--he was the grandfather Jason grew up idolizing. In fact, Grandpa Harley was a large part of what inspired Jason to join the FBI's Art Crime Team. Learning that 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 putting him on a collision course with romantic partner BAU Chief Sam Kennedy. Meanwhile, someone in the shadows is biding his time...

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil John Berendt 2010-05-12 NATIONAL BESTSELLER • "Elegant and wicked.... [This] might be the first true-crime book that makes the reader want to book a bed and breakfast for an extended weekend at the scene of the crime." —The New York Times Book Review Shots rang out in Savannah's grandest mansion in the misty, early morning hours of May 2, 1981. Was it murder or self-defense? For nearly a decade, the shooting and its aftermath reverberated throughout this hauntingly beautiful city of moss-hung oaks and shaded squares. John Berendt's sharply observed, suspenseful, and witty narrative reads like a thoroughly engrossing novel, and yet it is a work of nonfiction. Berendt skillfully interweaves a hugely entertaining first-person account of life in this isolated remnant of the Old South with the unpredictable twists and turns of a landmark murder case. It is a spellbinding story peopled by a gallery of remarkable characters: the well-bred society ladies of the Married Woman's Card Club; the turbulent young redneck gigolo; the hapless recluse who owns a bottle of poison so powerful it could kill every man, woman, and child in Savannah; the aging and profane Southern belle who is the "soul of pampered self-absorption"; the uproariously funny black drag queen; the acerbic and arrogant antiques dealer; the sweet-talking, piano-playing con artist; young blacks dancing the minuet at the black debutante ball; and Minerva, the voodoo priestess who works her magic in the graveyard at midnight. These and other Savannahians act as a Greek chorus, with Berendt revealing the alliances, hostilities, and intrigues that thrive in a town where everyone knows everyone else. *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* is a sublime and seductive reading experience. Brilliantly conceived and masterfully written, this enormously engaging portrait of a most beguiling Southern city has become a modern classic.

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 think he's trying to divert suspicion from himself--with the exception of sexy and homophobic homicide detective Jake Riordan. Is his offer to help Adrien on the level or is he out to nail his favorite suspect--to the wall?

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).

How to Book a Murder Cynthia Kuhn 2021-12-07 Perfect for fans of Jenn McKinlay and Kate Carlisle, in Agatha award-winning author Cynthia Kuhn's series debut, small-town bookseller and literary event planner Emma Starrs is out to close the book on a killer intent on crashing the party. To help save her family's floundering Colorado bookstore, Starlit Bookshop, newly minted Ph.D. Emma Starrs agrees to plan a mystery-themed dinner party for her wealthy, well-connected high school classmate Tabitha Baxter. It's a delightful evening of cocktails and conjecture until Tabitha's husband, Tip—hosting the affair in the guise of Edgar Allan Poe's detective C. Auguste Dupin—winds up murdered. In a heartbeat, Emma and her aunt Nora, a famous mystery writer, become suspects. Emma is sure the party's over for Starlit events, until celebrated author Calliope Nightfall, whose gothic sensibilities are intrigued by the circumstances, implores the bookseller to create a Poe-themed launch event for her latest tome. Throwing a bash to die for while searching for additional clues is already enough to drive Emma stark raven mad, but another shocking crime soon reveals that Silvercrest has not yet reached the final chapter of the puzzling case. Someone in this charming artistic community has murder on the mind, and if Emma cannot outwit the killer, she and her beloved aunt will land behind bars, to walk free nevermore.

Your Guide to Not Getting Murdered in a Quaint English Village Maureen Johnson 2021-09-14 NATIONAL BESTSELLER • Considering a trip to a quaint English village? You'll think twice after learning about the countless murderous possibilities lurking behind the bucolic façades, thanks to this illustrated guide from #1 bestselling author Maureen Johnson and illustrator Jay Cooper—perfect for fans of cozy mysteries. A weekend roaming narrow old lanes, touring the faded glories of a country manor, and quaffing pints in the pub. How charming. That is, unless you have the misfortune of finding yourself in an English Murder Village, where danger lurks around each picturesque cobblestone

corner and every sip of tea may be your last. If you insist on your travels, do yourself a favor and bring a copy of this little book. It may just keep you alive. Brought to life with dozens of Gorey-esque drawings by illustrator Jay Cooper and peppered with allusions to classic crime series and unmistakably British murder lore, *Your Guide to Not Getting Murdered in a Quaint English Village* gives you the tools you need to avoid the same fate, should you find yourself in a suspiciously cozy English village (or simply dream of going). Good luck! And whatever you do, avoid the vicar.

Old World Murder Kathleen Ernst 2010 Chloe Ellefson, starting fresh as curator of Old World Wisconsin, finds herself in the middle of a mystery when a woman looking for a priceless eighteenth-century Norwegian ale bowl dies in a mysterious car crash and Chloe begins to realize that someone is trying to erase all traces of the bowl's existence.

The Strings of Murder Oscar de Muriel 2015-02-12 'A hugely entertaining Victorian mystery' New York Times 'I enjoyed this - properly creepy and Gothic' Ian Rankin A spellbinding concoction of crime, history and horror - perfect for fans of Sherlock Holmes and Jonathan Creek. The First Case for Frey & McGray. Edinburgh, 1888. A violinist is murdered in his home. The dead virtuoso's maid swears she heard three musicians playing in the night. But with only one body in the locked practice room - and no way in or out - the case makes no sense. Fearing a national panic over another Ripper, Scotland Yard sends Inspector Ian Frey to investigate under the cover of a fake department specializing in the occult. However, Frey's new boss, Detective 'Nine-Nails' McGray, actually believes in such supernatural nonsense. McGray's tragic past has driven him to superstition, but even Frey must admit that this case seems beyond reason. And once someone loses all reason, who knows what they will lose next... *** 'This is wonderful. A brilliant, moving, clever, lyrical book - I loved it. Oscar de Muriel is going to be a name to watch.' Manda Scott 'A great cop double-act ... It's the pairing of the upright Frey and the unorthodox McGray that notches up the stars for this book. Like de Muriel, they're going places.' Sunday Sport 'One of the best debuts so far this year - a brilliant mix of horror, history, and humour. Genuinely riveting ... with plenty of twists, this will keep you turning the pages. It's clever, occasionally frightening and superbly written - *The Strings Of Murder* is everything you need in a mystery thriller.' Crime Review

The Art of Murder Box Set 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 "manhunter" 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 again. THE MONET MURDERS The last thing Jason West, an ambitious young FBI special agent with the Art Crime Team, wants—or needs—is 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 put aside when Sam requests Jason's help to catch a deranged killer targeting wealthy, upscale art collectors. A killer whose calling card is a series of grotesque paintings depicting the murders. THE MAGICIAN MURDERS Nothing up his sleeves. Nothing 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.

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 twins, Kevin and Sean, have forced him to visit. The boys are delighted by the jugglers and magicians, jesters and foodmongers dressed in full Elizabethan costume. But it's the joust that the boys have really been waiting to see. Alex takes a break to watch, while keeping half an eye on the twins, but when he turns to see how they are enjoying themselves, they're nowhere 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 bowl of water that has been left on the top shelf of the wardrobe. Or, the T-shirt soaked in blood... As police attention to the case wanes, 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 can imagine...

The Movie-Town Murders Josh Lanyon 2022-05-29 Murder: Live and in Technicolor Working undercover gives FBI Art Crime Team agent Jason West the illusion that he's safe from his stalker, Dr. Jeremy Kyser. Though film history and preservation are not Jason's area of expertise, he's intrigued by the case of a well-connected UCLA film studies professor 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 believes murdered his college boyfriend, may not have been working alone.

The Kind Worth Killing Peter Swanson 2015-02-03 A devious tale of psychological suspense perfect for fans of Paula Hawkins' *The Girl on the Train*—and is soon to be a major movie directed by Agnieszka Holland. In a tantalizing set-up reminiscent of Patricia Highsmith's classic *Strangers on a Train*... On a night flight from London to Boston, Ted Severson meets the stunning and mysterious Lily Kintner. Sharing one too many martinis, the strangers begin to play a game of truth, revealing very intimate details about themselves. Ted talks about his marriage that's going stale and his wife Miranda, who he's sure is cheating on him. Ted and his wife were a mismatch from the start—he the rich businessman, she the artistic free spirit—a contrast that once inflamed their passion, but has now become a cliché. But their game turns a little darker when Ted jokes that he could kill Miranda for what she's done. Lily, without missing a beat, says calmly, "I'd like to help." After all, some people are the kind worth killing, like a lying, stinking, cheating spouse. . . . Back in Boston, Ted and Lily's twisted bond grows stronger as they begin to plot Miranda's demise. But there are a few things

about Lily's past that she hasn't shared with Ted, namely her experience in the art and craft of murder, a journey that began in her very precocious youth. Suddenly these co-conspirators are embroiled in a chilling game of cat-and-mouse, one they both cannot survive . . . with a shrewd and very determined detective on their tail.

The Tarot Murders Mignon Warner 2017-08-04 Young women are being murdered, the only clue to the identity of their killer, a Tarot card left with their bodies. That is, according to Professor Rupert Roxeth, the recognised authority on the Tarot called in by the Gidding police to assist them in their enquiries into the murders. The clairvoyant, Edwina Charles, when approached privately by ex-Detective Chief Superintendent David Sayer, acting on behalf of friends of his, who have a vested interest in knowing the identity of the Tarot murderer, has other ideas. Her reading of the cards left by the Tarot murderer tells an entirely different story. Playing a lone hand, Mrs Charles pits her wits against the Tarot murderer, using both her knowledge of the Tarot and her undisputed natural psychic skills, before he claims yet another victim. It proves to be no easy task. She finds herself up against Professor Roxeth, who is far more interested in protecting his reputation than in finding the Tarot murderer. Added to the mix is Amery Walters, a prominent racehorse trainer with a guilty conscience, and young nursing students with petty jealousies. It becomes a game between the Tarot murderer and Mrs Charles, a deadly game that only one of them can win.

The Calapooia River Murders Ramona M. Clawson 2016-05-22 The Calapooia Murders is about a series of murders that take place in Sweet Home Oregon. There is a serial killer among them and the body count continues to rise as detectives try to solve these murders. The latest murder has them puzzled because there is little evidence and they're afraid he will kill again if they don't find solid evidence about these gruesome murders. Time is running out for them, will they find the killer before he strikes again?

The Vanished Man Jeffery Deaver 2009-06-25 From the bestselling Sunday Times author of The Goodbye Man, discover Jeffery Deaver's thrilling series that is now a major NBC TV series. Can Lincoln Rhyme catch a diabolical killer in a world of truth and lies? A killer flees the scene of a homicide at a prestigious Manhattan music school and locks himself in a classroom. Within minutes, the police have him surrounded. A scream rings out, followed by a gunshot. The police break down the door. The room is empty. Perplexed, the police bring in Lincoln Rhyme and Amelia Sachs to investigate. For the ambitious Sachs, solving the case could earn her a promotion. For the quadriplegic Rhyme, it means relying on his protégé to ferret out a master illusionist. Dubbed The Conjurer, this fiendish killer baits them with murders that become more and more diabolical with every crime. As the fatalities rise and the minutes tick down, the pair must move beyond the smoke and mirrors to prevent a terrifying act of vengeance that could become the greatest vanishing act of all. 'Deaver is the master puzzler' Sunday Telegraph

The Art of Murder Michael White 2010-10-28 If you like reading the likes of Cara Hunter, Stuart MacBride and Karin Slughter, then this grisly, thought-provoking and spine-tingling thriller from international bestselling author Michael White is perfect for you. The case just will not let you go... WHAT READERS ARE SAYING ABOUT THE ART OF MURDER 'Had me turning the pages' -- **** Reader review 'Loved it' -- **** Reader review

***** THE MOST FAMOUS KILLER IN HISTORY HAS A DISCIPLE - IN 21ST-CENTURY LONDON... In all his years on the force, Detective Chief Inspector Pendragon had never seen a corpse like this one. After the initial horror, he recognised the reference to the surrealist painter, Magritte. But that made the crime even more sickening - accomplished, as it had been, with a ferocity which placed it in another league from common or garden murder. It brought to mind the crimes committed in the Whitechapel area of London in the 1880s by a person who remains unidentified to this day: a series of sadistic murders of local prostitutes, which involved elaborate mutilation of the victims' bodies. Although the contemporary crimes are not directed exclusively at female targets, there is grotesque similarity in the mindset of the two perpetrators - divided, as they are, by more than a century. But Pendragon is determined that his pathologically brilliant killer will not escape detection.

The Tokyo Zodiac Murders Soji Shimada 2015-09-15 In this classic Japanese locked room mystery an amateur detective investigates a string of gruesome unsolved murders Astrologer, fortuneteller, and self-styled detective Kiyoshi Mitarai must solve a macabre murder mystery that has baffled Japan for 40 years—in just one week. With the help of his freelance illustrator friend, Kiyoshi sets out to answer the questions that have haunted the country ever since: Who murdered the artist Umezawa, raped and killed his daughter, and then chopped up the bodies of six others to create Azoth, 'the perfect woman'? With maps, charts, and other illustrations, this story of magic and illusion—pieced together like a great stage tragedy—challenges the reader to unravel the mystery before the final curtain falls.

Murder in Devil's Cove Melissa Bourbon 2020-08-22 #1 Amazon Bestseller! Perfect for fans of Ellery Adams, Carlene O'Connor, and Barbara Freethy. "...a deftly crafted and impressively original novel by an author with a genuine flair for originality...certain to be an unusual, immediate and enduringly popular addition to community library Mystery/Suspense collections..." ~Midwest Book Review After twenty years, Pippin Lane Hawthorne and her twin brother, Grey, return to their birth place—the Outer Banks island of Devil's Cove. But what was supposed to be a chance at a new life turns sinister when their father's old fishing boat reveals a dark secret. Now Pippin must embrace her fate as a bibliomancer and learn how to 'read' the books she's always shied away from. Only then will she be able to discover the truth about what really happened to her parents and continue their efforts to break the curse that has haunted the Lane family for two thousand years. "A magical blend of books, mystery, and smart sleuthing, Melissa Bourbon's Murder in Devil's Cove offers mystery readers everything they crave and stands out in the crowded cozy genre. This captivating new series will leave readers spellbound."-NYT and USA bestselling author, Ellery Adams

The Journalist and the Murderer Janet Malcolm 2011-06-22 A seminal work and examination of the psychopathology of journalism. Using a strange and unprecedented lawsuit by a convicted murder against the journalist who wrote a book about his crime, Malcolm delves into the always uneasy, sometimes tragic relationship that exists between journalist and subject. Featuring the real-life lawsuit of Jeffrey MacDonald, a convicted murderer, against Joe McGinniss, the author of *Fatal Vision*. In Malcolm's view, neither journalist nor subject can avoid the moral impasse that is built into the journalistic situation. When the text first appeared, as a two-part article in *The New Yorker*, its thesis seemed so radical and its irony so pitiless that journalists across the country reacted as if stung. Her book is a work of journalism as well as an essay on journalism: it at once exemplifies and dissects its subject. In her interviews with the leading and subsidiary characters in the MacDonald-McGinniss case -- the principals, their lawyers, the members of the jury, and the various persons who testified as expert witnesses at the trial -- Malcolm is always aware of herself as a player in a game that, as she points out, she cannot lose. The journalist-subject encounter has always troubled journalists, but never before has it been looked at so unflinchingly and so ruefully. Hovering over the narrative -- and always on the edge of the reader's consciousness -- is the MacDonald murder case itself, which imparts to the book an atmosphere of anxiety and uncanniness. *The Journalist and the Murderer* derives from and reflects many of the dominant intellectual concerns of our time, and it will have a particular appeal for those who cherish the odd, the off-center, and the unsolved.

Magic, Lies, and Deadly Pies Misha Popp 2022-05-10 Daisy Ellery's pies have a secret ingredient: The magical ability to avenge women done wrong by men. But Daisy finds herself on the receiving end in Misha Popp's cozy series debut, a sweet-as-buttercream treat for fans of Ellery Adams and Mary Maxwell. The first time Daisy Ellery killed a man with a pie, it was an accident. Now, it's her calling. Daisy bakes sweet vengeance into her pastries, which she and her dog Zoe deliver to the men who've done dirty deeds to the town's women. But if she can't solve the one crime that's not of her own baking, she'll be out of the pie pan and into the oven. Parking her Pies Before Guys mobile bakery van outside the local diner, Daisy is informed by Frank, the crusty diner owner, that someone's been prowling around the van—and not just to inhale the delectable aroma. Already on thin icing with Frank, she finds a letter on her door, threatening to reveal her unsavory secret sideline of pie à la murder. Blackmail? But who whipped up this half-baked plot to cut a slice out of Daisy's business? Purple-haired campus do-gooder Melly? Noel, the tender—if flaky—farm boy? Or one of the abusive men who prefer their pie without a deadly scoop of payback? The upcoming statewide pie contest could be Daisy's big chance to help wronged women everywhere...if she doesn't meet a sticky end first. Because Daisy knows the blackmailer won't stop until her business is in crumbles.

Bark Once for Murder Susie Gayle 2016-12-20 Handsome and kind-hearted Will Sullivan owns a pet shop in an idyllic seaside town. Business is good, and he's dating again for the first time since his divorce, but in the course of a single day, Will's whole life turns upside-down. A corporate giant threatens to destroy his business, his ex-wife decides to move back to town, and worst of all, he discovers a dead body. When Will's girlfriend is arrested as a suspect, it's up to Will, with the help of an adorably enthusiastic shelter dog, to uncover the identity of the killer, in a town where just about anyone could be a suspect.

On Murder Considered as one of the Fine Arts Thomas de Quincey 2020-12-08 *On Murder Considered as one of the Fine Arts* is an essay by Thomas De Quincey. A fictional account of a report made to a gentleman's club regarding the visual appreciation of murder. For friends of satire!