

Blackmail My Love A Murder Mystery

Blackmail, My Love-Katie Gilmartin 2014-10-20 Lambda Award 2015 for Best Gay Mystery! Josie O'Conner travels to San Francisco in 1951 to locate her gay brother, a private eye investigating a blackmail ring targeting lesbians and gay men. Jimmy's friends claim that just before he disappeared he became a rat, informing the cops on the bar community. Josie adopts Jimmy's trousers and wingtips, to clear his name, halt the blackmailers, and exact justice for too many queer corpses. Along the way she rubs shoulders with a sultry chanteuse running a dyke tavern called Pandora's Box, gets intimate with a red-headed madam operating a brothel from the Police Personnel Department, and conspires with the star of Finocchio's, a dive so disreputable it's off limits to servicemen — so every man in uniform pays a visit. *Blackmail, My Love* is an illustrated murder mystery deeply steeped in San Francisco's queer history, as established academic and first-time novelist Katie Gilmartin's diverse set of characters negotiate the risks of same-sex desire in a dangerous era. Set in such legendary locations as the Black Cat Cafe, the Fillmore, the Beat movement's North Beach, and the Tenderloin, *Blackmail, My Love* is a singular, stunning introduction to a new author and to gay noir.

Murder by the Book-Eric Brown 2013-07-01 Who is killing the crime writers of London? Find out in this “consistently entertaining crime debut from sci-fi veteran Brown” (Kirkus Reviews). London, 1955. When crime writer Donald Langham’s literary agent asks for his help in sorting out “a delicate matter,” little does Langham realize what he’s getting himself into. For a nasty case of blackmail leads inexorably to murder as London’s literary establishment is rocked by a series of increasingly bizarre deaths. With three members of the London Crime Writers’ Association coming to sudden and violent ends, what at first appeared to be a series of suicides looks suspiciously like murder—and there seems to be something horribly familiar about the various methods of dispatch. With the help of his literary agent’s assistant, the delectable Maria Dupre, Langham finds himself drawing on the skills of his fictional detective hero as he hunts a ruthless and fiendishly clever killer—a killer with old scores to settle. “A well-paced first mystery. Readers will hope a sequel is in the works.” —Publishers Weekly

Mike Hammer - Murder, My Love-Max Allan Collins 2019-03-19 Hammer is summoned to a meeting with Jamie Winters, United States Senator from New York, and Jamie's lovely, very smart wife, Nicole, considered by many to be the power behind the throne. Winters is being blackmailed, and Hammer is given a list of suspects who may be behind the threats to the Senator's career. But when the suspects begin to drop like flies, Hammer realises there is more to this case than just a salacious tape.

A Case of Blackmail in Belgravia-Clara Benson 2016-09-04 It's 1929, and Ticky Maltravers is the toast of London high society, adored by everyone—or so it seems, until somebody poisons him over dinner. Now it turns out that numerous people with secrets to hide had every reason to wish him dead. But which of them murdered him? For Freddy Pilkington-Soames, newspaper reporter and man-about-town, the question hits a little too close to home, thanks to an unfortunate drunken encounter with Ticky's corpse which he'd much rather the police didn't find out about—and thanks also to his exasperating mother Cynthia's seeming determination to get herself arrested by tampering with the evidence. But a pretty girl with big blue eyes is demanding his help in solving the mystery, so what can he do but agree? Now all he has to do is hide the wrong clues, find the right ones, and unmask the murderer before the police discover what's really been going on. That ought to be easy enough. If only people didn't keep getting killed...

A Talent for Murder-Andrew Wilson 2017-07-11 "Originally published in Great Britain in 2017 by Simon & Schuster UK Ltd."--Copyright page.

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd-Agatha Christie 2020-02-11 “Agatha Christie’s indelibly etched characters have entertained millions across the years and a love of her work has brought together generations of readers—a singular achievement for any author and an inspiration to writers across the literary landscape.”—Jacqueline Winspear, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Maisie Dobbs novels In this official edition featuring exclusive content from the Queen of Mystery, Hercule Poirot comes out of retirement in one of Agatha Christie’s ten favorite novels, which was also voted by the British Crime Writers’ Association as the “Best Crime Novel of all Time.” Roger Ackroyd knew too much. He knew that the woman he loved had poisoned her brutal first husband. He suspected also that someone had been blackmailing her. Then, tragically, came the news that she had taken her own life with an apparent drug overdose. However, the evening post brought Roger one last fatal scrap of information, but before he could finish reading the letter, he was stabbed to death. Luckily one of Roger’s friends and the newest resident to retire to this normally quiet village takes over—none other than Monsieur Hercule Poirot . . . Not only beloved by generations of readers, *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* was one of Agatha Christie’s own favorite works—a brilliant whodunit that firmly established the author’s reputation as the Queen of Mystery.

You Owe Me a Murder-Eileen Cook 2019 On a school trip to London that includes her ex-boyfriend and his new girlfriend, Kim meets risk-taker Nicki, who proposes a diabolical deal.

Chase's Calendar of Events 2016-Editors of Chase's 2015-09-11 Chase's Calendar of Events is the most comprehensive and authoritative reference available on special events, holidays, federal and state observances, historic anniversaries, astronomical phenomena, and more. Published since 1957, Chase's is the only guide to special days, weeks, and months.

The Murder on the Links-Agatha Christie 2019-02-10T02:49:49Z The Murder on the Links is Agatha Christie's second Poirot novel, featuring the brilliant Belgian detective and his sidekick, Captain Hastings. In this characteristic whodunit, Poirot is summoned to a seaside town in northern France by a desperate letter from a rich businessman, who fears that he is being stalked. Poirot arrives to find the businessman already dead, his body lying facedown in an open grave on a golf course, a knife in his back—the victim of a mysterious murder. Over the coming days Poirot clashes wits with an arrogant Parisian detective, Giraud, while Hastings finds himself pining after a beautiful but shadowy American expatriate known to him only as “Cinderella.” Together, Poirot and Hastings unravel the intricate web of mystery and deceit behind the murder. Christie based this mystery after a real-life French murder case, and it's believed that this is the first detective novel to use the phrase “the scene of the crime.” This book is part of the Standard Ebooks project, which produces free public domain ebooks.

From Mangia to Murder-Caroline Mickelson 2014-08-17 Little Italy, 1946 - Sophia Mancini would have enjoyed the grand opening celebration of her family's private detective agency if the volatile chef at Vincenzo's Ristorante had actually survived the meal. But before Sophia's chilled spoon hit the spumoni, someone plunged a knife into Vincenzo's back and the word on everyone's lips went from mangia to murder. Sophia soon finds herself trailing crime boss Frankie Vidoni, chatting with his mouthy mistress Maria, and dodging henchman Mooch DiMuccio. She's suspicious of Vincenzo's widow, Stella, and his assistant chef, Eugene, because they don't appear the least bit dismayed by Vincenzo's passing. There is no conversation Sophia won't eavesdrop on, no question she won't ask, and no danger she won't face to find the killer.

Murder on Ice-Carolyn Keene 2014-01-21 A weekend on the slopes is just what Nancy and Ned need to rekindle their romance. Joined by Bess and George, they head for the mountains—and run straight into deadly peril. First, Nancy's towline breaks, then she and Ned careen toward the edge of a cliff in an out-of-control Jeep! Among the suspects is a good-looking ski instructor who George is already falling for. Nancy's got to move fast—before an avalanche of murder buries them all!

A Mind to Murder-P.D. James 2012-04-17 The second book to feature Scotland Yard investigator Adam Dalgliesh, A Mind To Murder is a “superbly satisfying mystery” (Chicago Daily News) from bestselling author P.D. James. On the surface, the Steen Psychiatric Clinic is one of the most reputable institutions in London. But when the administrative head is found dead with a chisel in her heart, that distinguished facade begins to crumble as the truth emerges. Superintendent Adam Dalgliesh of Scotland Yard is called in to investigate and quickly finds himself caught in a whirlwind of psychiatry, drugs, and deceit. Now he must analyze the deep-seated anxieties and thwarted desires of patients and staff alike to determine which of their unresolved conflicts has resulted in murder and stop a cunning killer before the next blow.

Murder On My Street-Edwin Lanham 2019-01-19 A classic mystery!

Murder on Astor Place-Victoria Thompson 1999 Following a routine delivery in a rooming house, turn-of-the-century midwife Sarah Brandt discovers that another boarder, a young girl, has been murdered and, despite the hindrance of the girl's powerful family, joins forces with Sergeant Frank Malloy to find the killer before he can strike again. Original.

Murder by Misrule-Anna Castle 2014-06-01 Brilliant Francis Bacon is at a loss -- and in danger. Francis Bacon is charged with investigating the murder of a fellow barrister at Gray's Inn. He recruits his unwanted protégé Thomas Clarady to do the tiresome legwork. The son of a privateer, Clarady will do anything to climb the Elizabethan social ladder. Bacon's powerful uncle Lord Burghley suspects Catholic conspirators of the crime, but other motives quickly emerge. Rival barristers contend for the murdered man's legal honors and wealthy clients. Highly-placed courtiers are implicated as the investigation reaches from Whitehall to the London streets. Bacon does the thinking; Clarady does the fencing. Everyone has something up his pinked and padded sleeve. Even the brilliant Francis Bacon is at a loss — and in danger — until he sees through the disguises of the season of Misrule. "Castle's characters brim with zest and real feeling." — Kirkus Starred Review. Don't dally! Jump right into this first book in the award-winning Francis Bacon mystery series.

People Like Us-Dana Mele 2018 "When a girl is found dead at her elite boarding school, soccer-star Kay Donovan follows a scavenger hunt which implicates suspects increasingly close to her, unraveling her group of popular friends and perfectly constructed life"--

A Murder in Time-Julie McElwain 2017-04-11 When brilliant FBI agent Kendra Donovan stumbles back in time and finds herself in a 19th century English castle under threat from a vicious serial killer, she scrambles to solve the case before it takes her life—200 years before she was even born. Beautiful and brilliant, Kendra Donovan is a rising star at the FBI. Yet her path to professional success hits a speed bump during a disastrous raid where half her team is murdered, a mole in the FBI is uncovered and she herself is severely wounded. As soon as she recovers, she goes rogue and travels to England to assassinate the man responsible for the deaths of her teammates. While fleeing from an unexpected assassin herself, Kendra escapes into a stairwell that promises sanctuary but when she stumbles out again, she is in the same place - Aldrich Castle - but in a different time: 1815, to be exact. Mistaken for a lady's maid hired to help with weekend guests, Kendra is forced to quickly adapt to the time period until she can figure out how she got there; and, more importantly, how to get back home. However, after the body of a young girl is found on the extensive grounds of the county estate, she starts to feel there's some purpose to her bizarre circumstances. Stripped of her twenty-first century tools, Kendra must use her wits alone in order to unmask a cunning madman.

Your Murderer with Love-Volker Ferkauf 2020-11-23 Vincent Padock is a successful

entrepreneur. The journalist Lisa Armond, traumatized by the loss of her close ones, falls in love with the impressive man. Her 15-year-old daughter, Eva, is against the relationship. Vincent Padock is a psychopath, a merciless serial killer. He decides to settle down with Lisa and Eva and start a family life without deaths or blood. But he has to kill once more. As a gift of love! Eva is suspicious. She wants to protect her mother from the uncanny character and hatches an ominous plan that endangers not only her. Meanwhile, the former LKA (State Criminal Office) investigator Will Prenker is after the murderer. His pursuit leads him to the heart of obscurity because the disaster can no longer be stopped and plunges everyone involved into a deadly maelstrom. An incredibly captivating thriller with gruesome and surprising twists, narrated in a disturbingly haunting manner from the perspective of the perpetrator.

The Big Sleep-Raymond Chandler 2020-04-03 The Big Sleep and (1939 and) is a hardboiled crime novel by Raymond Chandler, the first to feature the detective Philip Marlowe. It has been adapted for film twice, in 1946 and again in 1978. The story is set in Los Angeles. The story is noted for its complexity, with characters double-crossing one another and secrets being exposed throughout the narrative. The title is a euphemism for death; the final pages of the book refer to a rumination about "sleeping the big sleep". In 1999, the book was voted 96th of Le Monde and 's "100 Books of the Century". In 2005, it was included in Time magazine and 's "List of the 100 Best Novels".

A Lady's Guide to Gossip and Murder-Dianne Freeman 2019-06-25 The adventurous Countess Harleigh finds out just how far some will go to safeguard a secret in Dianne Freeman's latest witty and delightful historical mystery . . . Though American by birth, Frances Wynn, the now-widowed Countess of Harleigh, has adapted admirably to the quirks and traditions of the British aristocracy. On August twelfth, otherwise known as the Glorious Twelfth, most members of the upper class retire to their country estates for grouse-shooting season. Frances has little interest in hunting—for birds or a second husband—and is expecting to spend a quiet few months in London with her almost-engaged sister, Lily, until the throng returns. Instead, she's immersed in a shocking mystery when a friend, Mary Archer, is found murdered. Frances had hoped Mary might make a suitable bride for her cousin, Charles, but their courtship recently fizzled out. Unfortunately, this puts Charles in the spotlight—along with dozens of others. It seems Mary had countless notes hidden in her home, detailing the private indiscretions of society's elite. Frances can hardly believe that the genteel and genial Mary was a blackmailer, yet why else would she horde such juicy tidbits? Aided by her gallant friend and neighbor, George Hazelton, Frances begins assisting the police in this highly sensitive case, learning more about her peers than she ever wished to know. Too many suspects may be worse than none at all—but even more worrying is that the number of victims is increasing too. And unless Frances takes care, she'll soon find herself among them . . . “Engrossing . . . Freeman takes a witty look at Victorian polite society. Historical mystery fans will be delighted.” —Publishers Weekly

Divas in Cahoots-Jon McDonald 2013-07-17 This work of contemporary woman's fiction also delights as a humorous murder mystery filled with women undone - women in love - and

women vs. women. Heiress Bella Harrington-Crenshaw Found Murdered - That was the shocking headline that rocked the quiet and complacent Santa Fe social scene. And one of their own just might have been the murderer. What rancor could have caused one of these sweet, mild tempered ladies to commit such an atrocious act? Or were there other unknown forces at work? International spies, senatorial murder, blackmail, art theft, hidden identities, and a masquerading drag queen, all humorously complicate a simple resolution to this tangled mystery. Cast of Women Characters: Bella Harrington-Crenshaw: Newly arrived to the Santa Fe scene from back east - she brings money, manipulation, and mystery. But what are the secrets that keep her attorneys so busy? Connye Andreatos: A leading doyenne and a woman in love, she becomes a woman undone by the scheming Bella - or does she? Sonora Livingston-Bundt: Connye's long time arch rival and also a woman in love - but maybe not. Far too independent to take nonsense from anyone, the power balance between her and Connye is threatened by Bella's obsessive power play. The Other Bella: Also newly arrived and not at all what one would expect - yet this Bella is the key to unraveling this humorous murder mystery. This is definitely not your ordinary who-done-it. It is also a gay FBI agent mystery. But you won't believe this ditzzy detective - is he for real? And what a scramble of fun these ladies are. These divas are truly in cahoots. How these women love to create trouble for one another with the ultimate in humor, murder and mystery. First introduced in *Divas Never Flinch*, this cast of irascible characters returns with new delights and magnificent battles. And for a great deal more please click on the "Look Inside" feature above to preview the first part of the book.

The Killings at Badger's Drift-Caroline Graham 2014-10-15 A quaint English village is home to a murderer in the Macavity Award-winning mystery series debut that launched the British crime drama *Midsomer Murders*. *Badger's Drift* is the ideal English village, complete with vicar, bumbling local doctor, and kindly spinster. But when the spinster dies suddenly, her best friend kicks up a fuss loud enough to attract the attention of Detective Chief Inspector Barnaby. And when Barnaby and his eager-beaver deputy start poking around, they uncover a swamp of ugly scandals and long-suppressed resentments seething below the picture-postcard prettiness. In the grand English tradition of the quietly intelligent copper, Barnaby has both an irresistibly dry sense of humor and a keen insight into what makes people tick. *The Killings at Badger's Drift* marks 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 Devil in Design-Chip Jacobs 2021-03-09 In 1979 the City of Angels had its fair share of devils. Howard Garrett was one of them. His contractor's license bought him an entrée into *Space Matters*, a real estate development company run out of a hip mansion on the edge of LA's Miracle Mile district. The company's owners, debonair, slick-talking Richard Kasparov and self-conscious, nerdy Jerry Schneiderman, were LA's Young Turks of interior architecture. When Richard interviewed the quiet, buzzard-faced Howard, he figured he'd found the perfect supervisor to oversee construction for a firm hungry to expand. What neither he nor his partner Jerry knew was that by hiring Howard, they'd unloosed a monster into their midst. In *The Darkest Glare: A True Story of Murder, Blackmail and Real Estate*

Greed in 1979 Los Angeles, author and journalist Chip Jacobs recounts a spectacular, noir true-crime saga from one of the most murderous times in American history. It's 1979 and the Los Angeles murder rate is the highest in recorded history. Even before Howard Garrett entered Richard and Jerry's lives, he had managed to slither away from a series of brutal crimes unprosecuted. But if Howard was the violent one of the trio, Richard was its resident grifter. As the firm expanded, Richard figured out ways to bleed the company dry for his own gain, including by hitting up Howard to put up his credit line in service of the company. When Richard's grift is exposed, Jerry cuts all ties to him while a--by now--enraged Howard loses everything. Using his steel blue El Camino to stalk his victims, Howard unleashes his blood thirsty vengeance and decides to create a murder-for-hire corporation employing a motley crew of junkies and bottom-scrappers. The first targets: the owners of Space Matters. But Howard's band of would be assassins bungled through his scheme, while Jerry finds himself in an odyssey of disguises, getting not-so-legal, legal advice from his lawyer while surreptitiously meeting in a graveyard, seeking protection from a charismatic, ex-Israeli mercenary, and being used as bait in a LAPD-orchestrated showdown at the La Brea Tar Pits. Whether its stumblebum killers or a mass murder averted by a kid watching Laverne & Shirley, you'll never read about bloodlust like this. Or see Southern California the same way. Chip Jacobs conducted hundreds of hours of interviews and reviewed thousands of pages in Howard Garrett's case to connect the dots. The resulting book is a feast for true crime lovers as well as for lovers of Los Angeles noir. The Darkest Glare is vintage true crime at its finest. As a bonus, The Darkest Glare includes an original true crime short also by Chip Jacobs, "Paul & Chuck". "Paul & Chuck" is the truly terrifying and weird story of crusading Los Angeles attorney Paul Morantz who in the late 1970s went to battle against one of the most dangerous and violent cults America has ever seen: Synanon. It's story that's guaranteed to make your skin crawl!

Too Many Murders-Colleen McCullough 2014-07-29 The second book in the Carmine Delmonico mystery series, Too Many Murders sees the resolute detective caught up in a seemingly insoluble, high-stakes case. It's a beautiful spring day in the little city of Holloman, Connecticut; the year is 1967, and the world teeters on the brink of nuclear holocaust as the Cold War goes relentlessly on. But Holloman has other things to worry about on April 3rd, 1967; twelve murders have taken place on one day. Suddenly Captain Carmine Delmonico, chief of detectives, has other, more important matters to occupy his mind than finding a satisfactory name for his infant son. With his cohorts Abe Goldberg and Corey Marshall giving him unfailing support, Carmine embarks on what looks like an insoluble case. All the murders are different, and no victim is connected to any of the others. One group centers around the great university, Chubb, while another is inextricably tied to the armaments giant, Cornucopia. And as if twelve murders were not enough, Carmine soon finds himself pitted against the mysterious Ulysses, a spy giving Cornucopia's armaments secrets to the Russians. Are the murders and espionage different cases, or are they somehow linked? Too Many Murders sees Carmine contending with a very different kind of problem than the one he faced in On, Off. It takes the addition of a new member to his team, the meticulous Delia Carstairs, to give Carmine the right bunch of people to solve the new case: a group that also includes the cantankerous Judge Douglas Thwaites, the smooth operator Commissioner John Silvestri, and his wife, Desdemona.

You Love Me-Caroline Kepnes 2021-04-06 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The highly anticipated new thriller in Caroline Kepnes's hit *You* series, now a blockbuster Netflix show—a compulsively readable trip into the deviant mind of the uniquely antisocial, savvy bookseller Joe Goldberg. “Fiendish, fast-paced, and very funny.”—Paula Hawkins, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Girl on the Train* ONE OF THE MOST ANTICIPATED BOOKS OF THE YEAR—Cosmopolitan, PopSugar, Literary Hub Joe Goldberg is done with the cities. He's done with the muck and the posers, done with Love. Now he's saying hello to nature, to simple pleasures on a cozy island in the Pacific Northwest. For the first time in a long time, he can just breathe. He gets a job at the local library—he does know a thing or two about books—and that's where he meets her: Mary Kay DiMarco. Librarian. Joe won't meddle, he will not obsess. He'll win her the old-fashioned way . . . by providing a shoulder to cry on, a helping hand. Over time, they'll both heal their wounds and begin their happily ever after in this sleepy town. The trouble is . . . Mary Kay already has a life. She's a mother. She's a friend. She's . . . busy. True love can only triumph if both people are willing to make room for the real thing. Joe cleared his decks. He's ready. And hopefully, with his encouragement and undying support, Mary Kay will do the right thing and make room for him.

You Could Call It Murder-Lawrence Sanders 2019-12-09 A missing person case brings private eye Roy Markham to the remote winter-bound college town of Cliff's End, New Hampshire. But what began as a routine investigation quickly becomes dark and dangerous. Six pornographic photos and a tidy little blackmail scheme result in a brutal and baffling murder, and no one is safe - especially Markham himself.

The Leather Daddy and the Femme-Carol Queen 2013-04-05 It's another night in San Francisco, and Miranda (aka Randy, when she's not dressed like a boy) has hit the streets looking for trouble. She has an eye for gay men in leather, and most nights she's too much of a girl for them. But tonight she meets her match: Jack, who thinks she's hot no matter who she is. This is San Francisco's notorious SOMA of the 1990s - home to dark alleys, tastefully appointed dungeons, hotel penthouses, clubs where gender dissolves and reshapes. In this bygone sexual utopia, Randy/Miranda embraces desires beyond gender and orientation, beyond what she ever thought she could contain... A FIRECRACKER ALTERNATIVE BOOK AWARD WINNER FOR BEST FICTION!

The Black Dahlia-James Ellroy 2008-08-01 The highly acclaimed novel based on America's most infamous unsolved murder case. Dive into 1940s Los Angeles as two cops spiral out of control in their hunt for The Black Dahlia's killer in this powerful thriller that is "brutal and at the same time believable" (New York Times). On January 15, 1947, the torture-ravished body of a beautiful young woman is found in a Los Angeles vacant lot. The victim makes headlines as the Black Dahlia -- and so begins the greatest manhunt in California history. Caught up in the investigation are Bucky Bleichert and Lee Blanchard: Warrants Squad cops, friends, and rivals in love with the same woman. But both are obsessed with the Dahlia -- driven by dark needs to know everything about her past, to capture her killer, to possess the woman even in death. Their quest will take them on a hellish journey through the

underbelly of postwar Hollywood, to the core of the dead girl's twisted life, past the extremes of their own psyches -- into a region of total madness.

Love Money and Murder-Clifford C. Leary 2015-07-24 The story follows Bob Nason from his days at Highview High school at New Brighton , Minnesota through many twists and turns of extreme tragedy. The mystery, intrigue and excitement found in the caves and tunnels under the city of Minneapolis. The reader will shed tears of sorrow and love as the story unfolds to an unbelievable surprise ending.

Roses Are Dead My Love-Penny Clover Petersen 2015-05-01 Blackmail is an ugly word but an even uglier deed, and dragging Mickey Mantle into it is just plain un-American, not to mention deadly. But things have been going well for the Forrest sisters. Their business is thriving, they have a handsome, slightly mysterious new neighbor, and, best of all, they haven't found a dead body in over six months. Under the spell of an early summer heat wave, Old Towne seems to be cursed. A dog house goes up in flames. Mail is being misdirected on an epic scale. The town has acquired an elusive jogger whose rather obscene indiscretions are frequent and obnoxious. Worst of all, there's an extortionist at work. Suddenly, Daisy and Rose Forrest find themselves knee deep in the middle of a sinister blackmail scheme. When the post mistress turns up bludgeoned to death, Rose is attacked in her own home, and their beloved dog is brutally duct taped the sisters know they have to get to the bottom of it. With their extraordinary mother, Angela, at their side, the ladies take on the hunt for an invaluable baseball card, a malicious prankster, and a blackmailing killer.

The Kiss Murder-Mehmet Murat Somer 2010-10-01 Late one night, our glamour-puss nightclub manager receives a visit from Buse. For many years, Buse has kept letters and photos of a compromising nature, from a former relationship with a powerful lover. But her apartment has been ransacked and Buse worries about the consequences. Being an obliging sort, our detective agrees to help out, but what initially appears to be a personal favour turns out to have repercussions that run much deeper. When the web of intrigue reveals that an arch-conservative politician and maybe even the Mafia are involved, it's time for our private eye to send out an urgent SOS via the underground Istanbul grapevine.

Model for Murder-Stephen Marlowe 2015-05-19 Pretty Phyllis Kirk was an interviewer for the Kinkaid Morals Report -- the shocker that out-Kinseyed Kinsey. In her possession were secrets about the intimate lives of some very important people. Phyllis didn't live very long... Jason Chase was a private-eye by accident. When Phyllis was discovered beaten to death, he found himself tangling with: WOMPLER, king of the cheesecake racket (with a little blackmail thrown in free)... JULIA, the drunken nymphomaniac who couldn't keep her hands off Jason... Voluptuous young STEFFY, who didn't mind posing for Wompler as long as she got Jason... Plus assorted B Girls, a lady wrestler, and some of the toughest hoods in town!

Ghosts and Goblins and Murder-Patti Larsen 2017-07-11 A fourth cozy mystery

installment to die for! It was almost as if someone wrapped the room in a cold hand, chill in the air triggering goosebumps on my skin. I caught motion in the corner of my eye, turned in time to see a glowing, ghostly figure float through the pocket door and come to a halt at the far end of the table. This time, rather than a static image, the young man raised both arms, eyes black pits of emptiness, mouth gaping open as he reached for Emelia. Who screamed and reached back. "Manuel!" I'd be nominating Sadie for an Oscar for this performance. Right after my terror at this new and utterly believable trick allowed me to breathe. When the psychic leading the seance she's attending ends up dead, Fee can't help but feel like her bad luck yet again put her in the wrong place at the wrong time. With Sheriff Crew Turner ordering her to stay out of it or else, her father, retired from the force or not, egging her on and a string of murders begging to be solved, she can either go home and be a good B&B owner or find out whodunit! cozy murder mystery series, cozy murder mystery, cozy murder mystery books, cozy murder, cozy murder mysteries, animal cozy mystery, animal cozy

Sex, Murder and a Double Latte Collection-Kyra Davis 2014-03-15 Follow the escapades of writer-turned-detective Sophie Katz in these four sexy mysteries from New York Times bestselling author Kyra Davis.... Sex, Murder and a Double Latte Mystery writer Sophie Katz suspects that a crazed fan is sneaking into her apartment to reenact scenes from her books. And when a filmmaker friend is brutally murdered in the manner of a death scene from one of his movies, she's convinced that a copycat killer is on the loose—and that she's the next target. The man who swoops in to save her is the mysterious new love interest Anatoly Darinsky. Of course, if this were fiction, Anatoly would be her prime suspect.... Passion, Betrayal and Killer Highlights When her brother-in-law turns up dead and her sister is accused of the crime, Sophie's priority is finding the real killer. With or without Anatoly's help. Her brother-in-law's secret life yields plenty of suspects, but the San Francisco police aren't taking any of them seriously. So Sophie does what comes naturally to her: she stirs up trouble (to lure the killer out, of course). Obsession, Deceit and Really Dark Chocolate Sophie's relationship with the irresistible and occasionally insufferable Anatoly is on the rocks when a friend recruits Sophie to decode her allegedly two-timing husband's strange behavior. Suddenly plunged into a crazy world of campaign mudslinging, dirt-digging and cover-ups, Sophie begins to uncover some pretty dirty secrets indeed. Way in over her head as usual, Sophie reluctantly—or not-so-reluctantly—enlists the help of her two-time sidekick and ex, Anatoly. Lust, Loathing and a Little Lip Gloss Sophie is head over heels in love—with a three-bedroom San Francisco Victorian. She's just got to have it, despite a few drawbacks. Her slimy ex is the realtor, and her first tour of the house reveals, well, a lifeless body clutching a cameo with a disturbing history of its own. There's no way Sophie is going to give up the ghost on her dreams of stained glass and original woodwork, though—especially since Sophie is 99 percent sure her problems are caused by someone six feet tall instead of six feet under....

Pineapple Upside Down Murder-Jodi Rath 2018-11-11 Introducing Jolie Tucker, an introverted yet passionate restaurant co-owner of Cast Iron Creations, who, at her best friend Ava's request, steps out of her comfort zone. This leads her into the shade of a killer in the small, cozy village of Leavensport, Ohio. The victim is the village's beloved Ellie Siler

who runs the village sweet spot, Chocolate Capers. Jolie finds her grandma Opal is a prime suspect and goes on a search for answers only to find out that her family's secret recipes may not belong to the Tucker family at all. Jolie's job, family, and livelihood are all on the line. The answers are assuredly lethal.

Murder at Bridge-J. M. Barrie 1931-01-01

The Murder on the Links-Agatha Christie 2019-04-30 Beloved detective Hercule Poirot made his second appearance in this tale of murder, blackmail, and forbidden love. Hercule Poirot rushes to France in response to an urgent and cryptic plea from a client. But the Belgian detective arrives just too late: the man who had summoned him is found dead on a golf course, stabbed in the back with a letter opener and wearing an ill-fitting coat with a mysterious love letter in its pocket. Strange circumstances multiply, culminating in the discovery of a second body stabbed with the same murder weapon. While the local authorities pursue the false leads suggested by the evidence, Poirot relies instead upon his famous "little grey cells" to cut through the confusion and untangle a story of blackmail, forbidden love, and a long-buried secret.

The Deep End-Julie Mulhern 2015-02-17 Swimming into the lifeless body of her husband's mistress tends to ruin a woman's day but becoming a murder suspect can ruin her whole life. It's 1974 and Ellison Russell's life revolves around her daughter and her art. She's long since stopped caring about her cheating husband, Henry, and the women with whom he entertains himself. That is until she becomes a suspect in Madeline Harper's death. The murder forces Ellison to confront her husband's proclivities and his crimes: kinky sex, petty cruelties and blackmail. As the body county approaches par on the seventh hole, Ellison knows she has to catch a killer. But with an interfering mother, an adoring father, a teenage daughter and a cadre of well-meaning friends demanding her attention, can Ellison find the killer before he finds her?

Freddy Pilkington-Soames Adventures-Clara Benson 2020-01-14 This omnibus edition contains the first three books in the Freddy Pilkington-Soames Adventure series Join chaotic 1920s reporter and accidental sleuth Freddy Pilkington-Soames on his adventures in this series of light-hearted mysteries! A CASE OF BLACKMAIL IN BELGRAVIA (Book 1) It's 1929, and Ticky Maltravers is the toast of London high society, adored by everyone—or so it seems, until somebody poisons him over dinner. Now it turns out that numerous people with secrets to hide had every reason to wish him dead. But which of them murdered him? For Freddy Pilkington-Soames, newspaper reporter and man-about-town, the question hits a little too close to home, thanks to an unfortunate drunken encounter with Ticky's corpse which he'd much rather the police didn't find out about—and thanks also to his exasperating mother Cynthia's seeming determination to get herself arrested by tampering with the evidence. But a pretty girl with big blue eyes is demanding his help in solving the mystery, so what can he do but agree? Now all he has to do is hide the wrong clues, find the right ones, and unmask the murderer before the police discover what's really been going on. That

ought to be easy enough. If only people didn't keep getting killed... **A CASE OF MURDER IN MAYFAIR (Book 2)** When Hollywood star Dorothy Dacres plummets six floors from her hotel terrace on the night of her greatest triumph, it initially looks like a tragic accident. But her death is so very convenient to her many enemies that press-man Freddy Pilkington-Soames, who was there on the night she died, begins to suspect foul play. And when cocaine is found in her room, it only complicates matters further. Soon Freddy is chasing across London on the trail of drug dealers, in reluctant company with his deadly rival Corky Beckwith, the most unscrupulous reporter in Fleet Street, who will do anything for a story. With the future of a film studio at stake, can Freddy find the culprit—and get one up on Corky—before he becomes the killer's next victim? **A CASE OF CONSPIRACY IN CLERKENWELL (Book 3)** The ladies of Clerkenwell Central Hall are none too pleased at having their Temperance meetings disrupted by the rowdy Communists next door, but for Miss Olive Stapleton in particular, the uneasy coexistence proves fatal when she is found stabbed through the heart with a paper-knife. Enter Freddy Pilkington-Soames, who's been recruited by British Intelligence to investigate a suspected Communist plot to stir up a general strike. Freddy thinks there's more to Miss Stapleton's death than meets the eye, but as he delves more deeply into the mystery it only becomes more puzzling. What is the connection between the murder and the coded newspaper advertisements? Is a Welsh firebrand politician really as harmless as he seems? And what does the beautiful wife of an Austrian revolutionary philosopher want from him? It all points to one thing: danger ahead. But time is running out, and Freddy must act fast to stop the conspirators, or risk becoming the unwitting pawn in a deadly game that threatens to bring the country to its knees.

Murder Is Easy-Agatha Christie 2011-06-21 A quiet English village is plagued by a fiendish serial killer in *Queen of Mystery* Agatha Christie's classic thriller, *Murder is Easy*. Luke Fitzwilliam does not believe Miss Pinkerton's wild allegation that a multiple murderer is at work in the quiet English village of Wychwood and that her local doctor is next in line. But within hours, Miss Pinkerton has been killed in a hit-and-run car accident. Mere coincidence? Luke is inclined to think so—until he reads in the *Times* of the unexpected demise of Wychwood's Dr. Humbleby....

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