

Mayhem in the A.M.

Book Discussion Group

Henderson Library

***Presumed Innocent* by Scott Turow (January 12, 2012)**

Rusty Sabich, a prosecuting attorney investigating the murder of Carolyn Polhemus, his former lover and a prominent member of his boss's staff, finds himself accused of the crime.

***The Ice Princess* by Camilla Lackberg (February 9, 2012)**

After she returns to her hometown to learn that her friend, Alex, was found in an ice-cold bath with her wrists slashed, biographer Erica Falck researches her friend's past in hopes of writing a book and joins forces with Detective Patrik Hedstrom, who has his own suspicions about the case.

***Careless in Red* by Elizabeth George (March 8, 2012)**

Scotland Yard's Thomas Lynley discovers the body of a young man who appears to have fallen to his death. The closest town, better known for its tourists and its surfing than its intrigue, seems an unlikely place for murder. However, it soon becomes apparent that a clever killer is indeed at work, and this time Lynley is not a detective but a witness and possibly a suspect.

***Killer Smile* by Lisa Scottoline (April 12, 2012)**

When she receives personal threats and an associate is murdered, young lawyer Mary DiNunzio realizes that her latest case, involving a World War II internment camp suicide, may have deadly modern-day ties.

***The Janissary Tree* by Jason Goodwin (May 10, 2012)**

When the Ottoman Empire of 1836 is shattered by a wave of political murders that threatens to upset the balance of power, Yashim, an intelligence agent and a eunuch, conducts an investigation into clues within the empire's once-elite military forces.

***Killed at the whim of a hat* by Colin Cotterill (June 14, 2012)**

Forced to relocate to rural Thailand with her eccentric family, crime reporter Jimm Juree fears that her career is over until the bodies of two hippies are discovered in a local farmer's field and a Buddhist abbot is murdered, a case that implicates a monk and a nun

***Poacher's Son* by Paul Doiron (July 12, 2012)**

Desperate and alone, game warden Mike Bowditch strikes up an uneasy alliance with a retired warden pilot, and together the two men journey deep into the Maine wilderness in search of a runaway fugitive--Mike's father. But the only way for Mike to save his father is to find the real killer--which could mean putting everyone he loves in the line of fire.

***Death Comes to Pemberley* by PD James (August 9, 2012)**

Pemberley is thrown into chaos after Elizabeth Bennett's disgraced sister Lydia arrives and announces that her husband Wickham has been murdered.

***Devotion of Suspect X* by Keigo Higashino (September 13, 2012)**

Yasuko Hanaoka thought she had escaped her abusive ex-husband Togashi. When he shows up one day, the situation quickly escalates and Togashi ends up dead. Yasuko's next-door-neighbor Ishigami offers his help, not only disposing of the body, but plotting the cover-up as well.

***Wicked Autumn* by GM Malliet (October 11, 2012)**

His tranquility as the established vicar of a New Age village shattered by the murder of an unpopular woman, former MI5 agent Max Tudor struggles with past demons while trying to identify a killer in his peaceful community.

***1222: A Hanne Wilhelmsen Novel* by Anne Holt (November 8, 2012)**

In the midst of a massive blizzard, a train steaming toward Norway's far north derails—1,222 meters above sea level. The good news: there's a grand old hotel nearby, mostly empty except for staff. The bad news: one of the passengers turns up dead. On hand is retired police inspector Hanne Wilhelmsen, paralyzed from a bullet in her spine, who reluctantly starts investigating.

***The Secret of the Old Clock: Nancy Drew Mysteries #1* by Carolyn Keene (January 10, 2013)**

What book made you a mystery reader? Was it Nancy Drew? Hardy Boys? We're going to revisit our favorites and discuss these life changers.

***Bleeding Hearts* by Susan Wittig Albert (February 14, 2013)**

When local football coach and hero Tim Duffy is accused of improper behavior, lawyer-turned-herbalist China Bayles investigates, following a trail of obsession and murder that may lead to her own doorstep.

***Drawing Conclusions: A Commissario Guido Brunetti Mystery* by Donna Leon (March 14, 2013)**

Commissario Guido Brunetti, with the help of Inspector Lorenzo Vianello and the ever-resourceful Signorina Elettra Zorzi, investigates the death of a Venetian widow in a Spartan apartment on Campo San Giacomo dell'Orio.

***Body in the Library* by Agatha Christie (April 11, 2013)**

In honor of National Library Week we are reading this classic mystery. Miss Marple endeavors to solve the murder of a misplaced dance hostess.

***Holmes on the Range* by Steve Hockensmith (May 9, 2013)**

In 1893, inspired by their hero, master sleuth Sherlock Holmes, two cowboys, Big Red and Old Red Amlingmeyer, put their detecting skills to use to uncover the truth about the murder of a ranch hand on their Montana cattle ranch. The main character wants to be the "western Sherlock Holmes." Please read one of the following short stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle:

* *Red-Headed League* * *Study in Scarlet* * *Stock-Broker's Clerk* * *Gloria Scott* *

***Stolen Prey* by John Sandford (June 13, 2013)**

Lucas Davenport has seen many terrible murder scenes. This is one of the worst. In the small Minnesota town of Deephaven, an entire family has been killed--husband, wife, two daughters, dogs. There's something about the scene that pokes at Lucas's cop instincts--it looks an awful lot like the kind of scorched-earth retribution he's seen in drug killings sometimes. But this is a seriously upscale town, and the husband was an executive vice president at a big bank. It just doesn't seem to fit. Until it does. And where it leads Lucas will take him into the darkest nightmare of his life

***Apple Turnover Murder* by Joanne Fluke (July 11, 2013)**

Hannah has excellent reasons to despise the caddish Bradford Ramsey, as do many other women. Nevertheless, she'd rather not expose her youthful indiscretions, especially to her policeman beau. Hannah is very busy with the mayor's wife Lake Eden, Minn. charity event at which Ramsey is host. So what should she say when she stumbles upon his murdered corpse?

***Cook the Books* by Jessica Conant-Park (August 8 2013)**

Chloe Carter desperately needs a job, so she takes one assisting a cookbook writer. Unfortunately it stirs up painful memories of her ex-boyfriend Josh, who left her for Hawaii. While compiling a book of recipes from Boston's top chefs, she comes in contact with one of Josh's friends, Digger. Chloe manages to stay cool until later she finds Digger's apartment charred--with Digger in it. Not believing that an expert chef would die from a grease fire, she sets about looking for Digger's killer. But things get sticky when the tragedy brings Josh back to Boston--and back into Chloe's life. G

***Gasa-Gasa Girl* by Naomi Hirahara (September 12, 2013)**

Both a riveting mystery and a powerful story of passionate relationships across a cultural divide, Gasa-Gasa Girl is a tale told with heart and wisdom: an unforgettable portrait of fathers, daughters, and other strangers.

***Murder on Astor Place* by Victoria Thompson (October 10, 2013)**

As a midwife in turn-of-the-century New York, Sarah Brandt has seen pain and joy. Now she will work for something more--a search for justice--in a case of murder involving one of New York's richest families.

***Damage Control* by Denise Hamilton (November 14, 2013)**

Critically acclaimed author Denise Hamilton weaves an engrossing story of teenage friendship and adult betrayal, featuring a high-powered crisis consultant who gets swept up in murder and scandal involving a wealthy political family.

***Visions of Sugar Plums* by Janet Evanovich (December 12, 2013)**

From the bestselling author of "Seven Up" and "Hard Eight" comes the perfect holiday gift. It's December in Jersey, and Stephanie Plum has bigger problems than the usual thugs, thieves, and hoodlums.

***Stranger House* by Reginald Hill (January 9, 2014)**

Arriving simultaneously in a tiny village in Cumbria, England, Samantha Flood and Miguel Madero pursue investigations of the links between the community and their families, endeavors that reshape their senses of identity.

***Love Kills: A Brit Montero Novel* by Edna Buchanan (February 13, 2014)**

Journalist Britt Montero makes an exciting comeback as she joins forces with the Cold Case Squad. Solving the mystery of the Honeymoon Killer while helping the squad find a killer of their own, Britt has to brave the dark waters of her heart and put old hurts behind her.

***California Fire & Life* by Don Winslow (March 13, 2014)**

Jack Wade was the rising star of the Orange County Sheriff's Department's arson unit, but a minor scandal cost him everything, except his encyclopedic knowledge of fire. Now working as an insurance claims investigator, Jack is called in to examine a suspicious claim: real estate millionaire Nicky Vale's house has burned to a crisp--with his young and gorgeous wife in it.

***Death Rides on the Zephyr* by Janet Dawson (April 10, 2014)**

A transcontinental train is stopped cold by an avalanche in a remote Colorado canyon. There's a murderer aboard, one who has already killed, and will kill again unless stopped.

***Iron Lake* by William Kent Krueger (May 5, 2014)**

Part Irish, part Anishinaabe Indian, Corcoran "Cork" O'Connor is the former sheriff of Aurora, Minnesota. Once a cop on Chicago's South Side, there's not much that can shock him. But when the town's judge is

brutally murdered, and a young Eagle Scout is reported missing, Cork takes on a mind-jolting case of conspiracy, corruption, and scandal.

***Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by C. Alan Bradley (June 12, 2014)**

It is the summer of 1950, and at the once-grand mansion of Buckshaw, young Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, is intrigued by a series of inexplicable events. For Flavia, life begins in earnest when murder comes to Buckshaw.

***What the Cat Saw* by Carolyn Hart (July 10, 2014)**

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***Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline (August 14, 2014)**

A captivating story of two very different women who build an unexpected friendship: a 91-year-old woman with a hidden past as an orphan-train rider and the teenage girl whose own troubled adolescence leads her to seek answers.

***Afterwards* by Rosamund Lupton (September 11, 2014)**

When her children's school is set ablaze, Grace runs into the burning building to rescue her teenage daughter, Jenny. In the aftermath, badly injured, Grace learns the police have identified the arsonist, but they have blamed the wrong person. Only Detective Sarah McBride, the sister-in-law Grace has never liked, is searching for the real arsonist--a hunt that becomes urgent when it's clear Jenny is still the perpetrator's target.

***Last Chinese Chef* by Nichole Mones (October 9, 2014)**

Maggie McElroy, an American food writer, is still mourning the death of her husband when she gets the shocking news that a paternity claim has been filed in China against his estate. Was it possible that he had fathered the now five-year-old girl while working in his law firm's Beijing office? When she's assigned to go to China to interview a half American, half Chinese chef, she decides to personally investigate the claim against her husband, with an unexpected outcome.

***In the Bleak Midwinter* by Julia Spencer-Fleming (November 13, 2014)**

When a newborn is abandoned and a young mother is brutally murdered, Clare Fergusson, the new Episcopal priest in Millers Kill, New York, must pick her way through the town's secrets.

***Clare Dewitt and the City of the Dead* by Sara Gran (December 11, 2014)**

In the first of a new mystery series featuring quirky private investigator Claire DeWitt, Claire investigates the disappearance of a top prosecutor in post-Katrina New Orleans.

***The Curiosity* by Stephen Kiernan (January 8, 2015)**

A gripping, poignant, and thoroughly original thriller that raises disturbing questions about the very nature of life and humanity--man as a scientific subject, as a tabloid plaything, as a living being, as a curiosity.... Dr. Kate Philo and her scientific exploration team make a breathtaking discovery in the Arctic: the body of a man buried deep in the ice. Remarkably, the frozen man is brought back to the lab and successfully reanimated.

***The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith (aka JK Rowling) (March 12, 2015)**

Detective Cormoran Strike investigates a supermodel's suicide. After losing his leg to a land mine in Afghanistan, Cormoran Strike is barely scraping by as a private investigator. Strike is down to one client,

and creditors are calling. He has also just broken up with his longtime girlfriend and is living in his office. Then John Bristow walks through his door with an amazing story. His sister, the legendary supermodel Lula Landry, known to her friends as the Cuckoo, famously fell to her death a few months earlier

Watching the Dark (Inspector Banks Novels) by Peter Robinson (April 9, 2015)

Detective Chief Inspector Alan Banks and his colleague DI Annie Cabbot are back in a case riddled with corruption. A decorated policeman is murdered on the tranquil grounds of the St. Peter's Police Treatment Centre, shot through the heart with a crossbow arrow, and compromising photographs are discovered in his room. Detective Chief Inspector Alan Banks is well aware that he must handle the highly sensitive and dangerously explosive investigation with the utmost discretion. And as he digs deeper, he discovers that the murder may be linked to an unsolved missing person's case from six years earlier and the current crime may involve crooked cops.

Live by Night by Dennis Lehane (May 14, 2015)

Boston, 1926. The '20s are roaring. Liquor is flowing, bullets are flying, and one man sets out to make his mark on the world. Joe Coughlin, the youngest son of a prominent Boston police captain, has long since turned his back on his strict and proper upbringing.

Share in Death by Deborah Crombie (June 11, 2015)

A week's holiday in a luxurious Yorkshire time-share is just what Scotland Superintendent Duncan Kincaid needs. But the discovery of a body floating in the whirlpool bath ends Kincaid's vacation before it's begun. One of his new acquaintances at Followdale House is dead; another is a killer. Despite a distinct lack of cooperation from the local constabulary, Kincaid's keen sense of duty won't allow him to ignore the heinous crime, impelling him to send for his enthusiastic young assistant, Sergeant Gemma James. But the stakes are raised dramatically when a second murder occurs, and Kincaid and James find themselves in a determined hunt for a fiendish felon who enjoys homicide a bit too much.

Joyland by Stephen King (July 9, 2015)

Set in a small-town North Carolina amusement park in 1973, "Joyland" tells the story of the summer in which college student Devin Jones comes to work as a carny and confronts the legacy of a vicious murder.

Murder at the Book Group by Maggie King (August 13, 2015)

A fun and sassy cozy mystery in which one woman must solve the murder of a book group member and untangle a web of secrets hidden by her bookish cohorts.

The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty (September 10, 2015)

Imagine that your husband wrote you a letter, to be opened after his death. Imagine, too, that the letter contains his deepest, darkest secret something with the potential to destroy not just the life you built together, but the lives of others as well. Imagine, then, that you stumble across that letter while your husband is still very much alive.

A King of Infinite Space by Tyler Dilts (October 8, 2015)

Haunted by all the things he's lost, Long Beach homicide detective Danny Beckett investigates the brutal murder of a popular high school English teacher. Soon Danny begins to understand that apprehending the murderer is not just a case to solve, but an act of personal redemption.

The Blue Hammer by Ross MacDonald (November 12, 2015)

The desert air is hot with sex and betrayal, death and madness and only Archer can make sense of a killer who makes murder a work of art.

An Anne Perry Christmas by Anne Perry (December 10, 2015)

This special two-in-one volume includes "A Christmas Journey" and "A Christmas Visitor"

A Christmas Journey - It's Christmas and the Berkshire countryside lies wrapped in winter chill. But the well-born guests who have gathered at Applecross for a delicious weekend of innocent intrigue and passionate romance are warmed by roaring fires and candlelight, holly and mistletoe, good wine and gorgeously wrapped gifts. It's scarcely the setting for misfortune, and no one—not even that clever young aristocrat and budding sleuth Vespasia Cumming-Gould—anticipates the tragedy that is to darken this light-hearted holiday house party. But soon one young woman lies dead, a suicide, and another is ostracized, held partly responsible for the shocking turn of events.

A Christmas Visitor - When the tranquility of a snowbound Victorian estate in the Lake District of England is shattered by a shocking murder, mathematician and inventor Henry Rathbone must put his analytical abilities to work to uncover the killer.

The Lady in the Lake by Raymond Chandler (January 14, 2016)

A couple of missing wives—one a rich man's and one a poor man's—become the objects of Marlowe's investigation. One of them may have gotten a Mexican divorce and married a gigolo and the other may be dead. Marlowe's not sure he cares about either one, but he's not paid to care.

The Cinderella Murder (Under Suspicion Novels) by Mary Higgins Clark & Alafair Burke (February 11, 2016)

Television producer Laurie Moran is delighted when the pilot for her reality drama, *Under Suspicion*, is a success. Even more, the program—a cold case series that revisits unsolved crimes by recreating them with those affected—is off to a fantastic start when it helps solve an infamous murder in the very first episode. Now Laurie has the ideal case to feature in the next episode of *Under Suspicion*: the Cinderella Murder

A Ticket to the Boneyard by Lawrence Sanders (March 10, 2016)

Matthew Scudder, ex-cop and recovering alcoholic, has finally gotten his life together. Suddenly, trouble arrives in the form of an old enemy, psychotic James Leo Motley, who is brutally murdering anyone close to Scudder—with Scudder's name on the list!

The Beach House by James Patterson (April 14, 2016)

Jack Mullen is a driven student of the law. His brother Peter is a servant of the rich, parking the cars of the Hamptons' elite—and perhaps satisfying their more intimate needs as well. Then Peter's body is found on the beach. Jack knows the drowning was no accident, but someone's unlimited power and money have bought the cops, the judges, the system. Now Jack is learning a lesson in justice he never got in law school ... and his astonishing plan to beat the billionaires will have you reeling—and cheering—to the very last page.

The Dark Place (Gideon Oliver Mysteries #2) by Aaron Elkins (May 12, 2016)

When bodies—killed by spears identical to those used by primitive hunters 10,000 years ago—appear in the primeval rain forests of Washington State, anthropologist Gideon Oliver must lure a terrifying predator out of his lair for a deadly final hunt.

The Body in the Gallery by Katherine Page (June 9, 2016)

Caterer and part-time sleuth Faith Fairchild makes catching a killer at a local museum a work of art.

***Fade Away* by Harlan Coben (July 14, 2016)**

For sports agent Myron Bolitar, the disappearance of a man he'd once competed against is bringing back memories. Now Myron must unravel the strange, violent life of a sports hero gone wrong, and come face to face with a past he can't relive--and a present he may not survive.

***Under Orders* by Dick Francis (August 11, 2016)**

Sid Halley, former jockey-turned-detective, returns. Death at the races is not uncommon, but three in one day--including a winning horse and champion jockey--are more than enough to raise Halley's suspicions.

***The Society* by Michael Palmer (September 8, 2016)**

At the headquarters of Boston's Eastern Quality Health, the wealthy and powerful CEO is brutally murdered. She's not the first to die - nor the last. A vicious serial killer is on the loose and the victims have one thing in common: they are all high-profile executives in the managed care industry.

***The Dead Will Tell* by Linda Castillo (October 13, 2016)**

Everyone in Painters Mill knows the abandoned Hochstetler farm is haunted. But only a handful of the residents remember the terrible secrets lost in the muted/hushed whispers of time and now death is stalking them, seemingly from the grave.

***The Thin Man* by Dashiell Hammett (November 10, 2016)**

Nick and Nora Charles are Hammett's most enchanting creations, a rich, glamorous couple who solve homicides in between wisecracks and martinis. At once knowing and unabashedly romantic, *The Thin Man* is a murder mystery that doubles as a sophisticated comedy of manners.

***All Mortal Flesh* by Julia Spencer-Fleming (December 8, 2016)**

After his wife kicks him out, Miller's Kill Police Chief Russ Van Alstyne figures it's nobody's business--until a neighbor finds the butchered corpse of Mrs. Van Alstyne. To many, the murder is proof that the rumors about Russ and Episcopal priest Claire Fergusson are true. But nothing is as it seems.

***The Cold Dish* (Walt Longmire Mysteries) by Craig Johnson (January 12, 2017)**

The body of a young man is found in Absaroka County, Wyoming. It is possible that Cody Pritchard is the victim of a hunting accident--or is someone seeking retribution for his part in raping a mentally disabled Cheyenne girl?

***212* by Alafair Burke (February 9, 2017)**

A celebrity mogul's bodyguard is slain in his boss's luxurious penthouse at an exclusive Manhattan address. At NYU, a sophomore is menaced on the Internet, stalked . . . and murdered. The two cases, equally sordid and shocking, end up falling to NYPD homicide detective Ellie Hatcher and her partner who soon find out that this is just the tip of a terrifying iceberg. Because in the city that never sleeps, death doesn't either."

***The Wrong Girl* (Jane Ryland #2) by Hank Phillippi Ryan (March 9, 2017)**

Does a respected adoption agency have a frightening secret? Tipped off by a determined ex-colleague on a desperate quest to find her birth mother, Boston newspaper reporter Jane Ryland begins to suspect that the agency is engaging in the ultimate betrayal reuniting birth parents with the wrong children. For detective Jake Brogan and his partner, a young woman's brutal murder seems a sadly predictable case of domestic violence, one that results in two toddlers being shuttled into the foster care system. Then Jake finds an empty cradle at the murder scene. Where is the baby who should have been sleeping there?

Rough Country (Virgil Flowers Novel) by John Sandford (April 13, 2017)

While competing in a fishing tournament in a remote area of northern Minnesota, Virgil Flowers receives a call from Lucas Davenport to investigate a brutal murder at a nearby resort for women only. As Virgil begins investigating, he finds a web of connections between the people at the resort, the victim, and some local women. Then Virgil discovers something that sends his investigation reeling. This is not the first murder connected to the Eagle Nest Lodge. Nor will it be the last...

The Anteater of Death: A Gunn Zoo Mystery by Betty Webb (May 11, 2017)

The Anteater was framed! But if Lucy, the pregnant Giant Anteater from Belize, didn't kill the man found dead in her enclosure, who did? California zookeeper Teddy Bentley must find the real murderer before her furry friend is shipped off to another zoo in disgrace.

Killing Trail by Margaret Mizushima (June 8, 2017)

When a young girl is found dead in the mountains outside Timber Creek, life-long resident Officer Mattie Cobb and her partner, K-9 police dog Robo, are assigned to the case that has rocked the small Colorado town. With the help of Cole Walker, local veterinarian and a single father, Mattie and Robo must track down the truth before it claims another victim.

Mademoiselle Chanel: A Novel by C. W. Gortner (July 13, 2017)

A creative reimagining of the life of iconic fashion designer Coco Chanel traces the development of her exceptional sewing skills in an orphanage, her transformation into a couturier and the private struggles behind her subsequent fame.

The Paris Librarian: A Hugo Marston Novel by Mark Pryor (August 10, 2017)

Hugo Marston investigates the death of a friend at the American Library in Paris and discovers a mystery dating back to World War II.

Forty Thieves by Thomas Perry (September 14, 2017)

Two married couples—one a PI team, the other a hit couple for hire—spar with one another, the latter attempting to eliminate the former, until they both find themselves in the crosshairs of a lethal gang of Russian jewel thieves.

Spider Woman's Daughter by Anne Hillerman (October 12, 2017)

When searching for a gunman, Navajo Nation Police Officer Bernie Manuelito and her husband, Sergeant Jim Chee, follow the trail to a cold case, but then find themselves inching closer to a killer who will do anything to prevent justice from taking its course. Anne Hillerman continues her father Tony Hillerman's popular Leaphorn and Chee mystery series.

Hunting Shadows (Inspector Ian Rutledge Mysteries # 16) by Charles Todd (November 9, 2017)

It's the summer of 1920, and Scotland Yard's Inspector Ian Rutledge has a tricky case on his hands - the murder of two seemingly unconnected men in the city of Ely in Cambridgeshire. There are a lot of questions, but perhaps the most pressing is whether Rutledge's memories of war, sparked by these recent murders, are distracting annoyances or the key to solving the case?

St. Nick by Alan Russell (December 14, 2017)

It's not looking like a very merry Christmas for San Diego cop Nick Pappas, but when a local mall decides it needs a secret Santa to help collar some muggers preying on its holiday shoppers, Nick is persuaded to

red-suit up to take the naughty punks down. But can this cop-turned-Claus also make a pair of Christmas wishes come true for two children in need...before it's too late.

***The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware (January 11, 2018)**

Travel journalist Lo Blacklock has just been given the assignment of a lifetime: a week on a luxury cruise with only a handful of cabins. Her relaxation is shattered when Lo hears a woman being thrown overboard, but all passengers remain accounted for--and so, the ship sails on as if nothing has happened, despite Lo's desperate attempts to convey that something (or someone) has gone terribly, terribly wrong.

***IQ* by Joe Ide (February 8, 2018)**

East Long Beach. The LAPD is barely keeping up with the neighborhood's high crime rate. Murders go unsolved, lost children unrecovered. But someone from the neighborhood has taken it upon himself to help solve the cases the police can't or won't touch. They call him IQ. Special Guest Appearance: Author Joe Ide joins us for a lively discussion of his award-winning debut novel.

***The Beekeeper's Apprentice: A Mary Russell Mystery* by Laurie R. King (March 8, 2018)**

Sherlock Holmes is retired and quietly engaged in the study of honeybees when he meets fifteen-year-old Mary Russell. Gawky, egotistical, and recently orphaned, her intellect impresses even Holmes. Soon after becoming partners, the pair is called to help Scotland Yard solve a case of international significance.

***Downfall: A Brady Novel of Suspense* by J. A. Jance (April 12, 2018)**

Cochise County Sheriff Joanna Brady already has her hands full when a puzzling new case hits her department. Two seemingly unconnected women have fallen to their deaths from a small nearby peak. Is this a case of murder/suicide or is it a double homicide? If it's someone else, is the perpetrator on the hunt for another victim?

***The Kill Room: A Lincoln Rhyme Mystery* by Jeffrey Deaver (May 10, 2018)**

Renowned investigator and forensics expert, Lincoln Rhyme, is drafted to investigate the sniper-killing of a U.S. citizen in the Bahamas. While his partner, Amelia Sachs, traces the victim's steps in Manhattan, Rhyme leaves the city to pursue the sniper himself.

***Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz (June 14, 2018)**

Ignoring the troubling behavior of an eccentric crime writer with whom she has worked for years, London book editor Susan Ryeland is dismayed when a subplot hidden in the author's latest manuscript reveals a real-world murder. A clever and original combination of two stories: a classic Agatha Christie-style whodunit wrapped in a contemporary mystery.

***Murder on the Quai (An Aimee Leduc Investigation)* by Cara Black (July 12, 2018)**

Paris, 1989: Aimee Leduc is going through a rough patch when she volunteers to take on a case involving an executed distant relative, in which her only task is to follow up on a lead, not to solve the murder. She soon finds herself dragged into a revenge scheme that leads back to the ravages of the Second World War and a missing treasure trove of stolen Nazi gold. A flashback instalment starring a young Aimee Leduc.

***Before the Fall* by Noah Hawley (August 9, 2018)**

The stories of ten wealthy victims of a plane crash intertwine with those of a down-on-his-luck painter and a four-year-old boy, the tragedy's only survivors, as odd coincidences surrounding the crash point to a possible conspiracy. Amid pulse-quickening suspense, the fragile relationship between the painter and

the young boy glows at the heart of this stunning novel, raising questions of fate, human nature, and the inextricable ties that bind us together.

***Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann (September 13, 2018)**

From New Yorker staff writer David Grann, a twisting, haunting true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history. The book investigates a series of murders of wealthy Osage people that took place in Osage County, Oklahoma in the early 1920s—after big oil deposits were discovered beneath their land.

***Celine* by Peter Heller (October 11, 2018)**

Celine has made a career of tracking down missing persons nobody else can find. But when a young woman, Gabriela, asks for Celine's help to find her father, a nature photographer who went missing years ago, a world of mystery and sorrow opens up. As Celine and her partner head to Yellowstone National Park to investigate a trail gone cold, it becomes clear that they are being followed and that this is a case someone desperately wants to keep closed.

***A Tap on the Window* by Linwood Barclay (November 8, 2018)**

Private investigator Cal Weaver is driving home one night when a rain-drenched girl taps on his car window and asks for a ride. After letting her in, Cal soon senses that something's not right with the girl or the situation. But it's too late. He's already involved. Drawn into a world of secrets, lies, and cover-ups in his small, upstate New York town, Cal knows that the only thing that can save him is the truth. And he's about to expose the town's secrets one by one—if he lives long enough.

***Fields Where They Lay* by Timothy Hallinan (December 13, 2018)**

The Edgerton Mall isn't exactly the epicenter of holiday cheer with stores closing and a rampant shoplifting problem. The Russian mobster who owns the place hires Junior Bender, burglar extraordinaire who sidelines as a private eye, but Junior's surveillance operation doesn't go well. As Christmas Eve approaches, two people are dead and it's obvious that shoplifting is the least of the mall's problems. To prevent further deaths, possibly including his own, Junior must confront his dread of Christmas—both present and past.

***Cold Earth* by Ann Cleeves (January 10, 2019)**

In the dark days of winter in the remote Scottish Shetland Islands, torrential rain triggers a landslide that sweeps down to the sea smashing through a house in its path. Everyone thinks the home is uninhabited, but in the wreckage, Detective Inspector Jimmy Perez finds the body of a dark-haired woman wearing a red silk dress. Perez soon becomes obsessed with tracing her identity and realizes he must find out who she was and how she died.

***The Ranger* by Ace Atkins (February 14, 2019)**

After years of war, Army Ranger Quinn Colson returns home to the rugged, rough hill country of northeast Mississippi to find his native Tibbehah County overrun with corruption, decay, meth runners, and violence. His uncle, the longtime county sheriff, is dead. A suicide, he's told, but others—like deputy Lillie Virgil—whisper murder. Now it's up to Colson to discover the truth.

***Still Waters* by Viveca Sten (March 14, 2019)**

After two bodies are discovered in Sweden's idyllic vacation island of Sandhamn, the residents are reeling. Police detective Thomas Andreasson turns to his childhood friend, local lawyer Nora Linde, to unravel the riddles left behind by these two mysterious deaths—while also trying to make sense of the difficult twists their own lives have taken since the shared days of their youth.

***Bruno, Chief of Police* by Martin Walker (April 11, 2019)**

Benoît Courrèges, aka Bruno, is a former soldier turned policeman, who has embraced the pleasures and slow rhythms of country life in the idyllic village of St. Denis in the South of France. But the murder of an elderly North African who fought in the French army interrupts his beloved routines with a politically delicate investigation. The first installment in the delightful, internationally acclaimed series.

***The Nature of the Beast* by Louise Penny (May 9, 2019)**

The death of a nine-year-old boy with a penchant for telling tall tales sends retired chief inspector Armand Gamache looking for clues deep in the forest outside a Quebec village. What he discovers sets off a sequence of events that leads to murder, leads to an old crime, leads to an old betrayal and leads right to the door of an old poet.

***The Chinese Orange Mystery* by Ellery Queen (June 13, 2019)**

This classic American mystery from 1934 involves perhaps the strangest crime scene in all fiction. Amateur sleuth Ellery Queen must solve the murder of an unknown caller, found dead in an empty waiting room. Nobody, it seems, entered or exited the room, and yet the crime scene clearly has been manipulated, leaving everything in the room turned backwards and upside down. Selected as one of the top ten locked room mysteries of all time.

***The Overnight Kidnapper* by Andrea Camillari (July 11, 2019)**

Inspector Montalbano's investigation into a series of odd kidnappings involving bank employees who are released hours later is complicated by a missing business owner suspected of arson, a secret affair, and a dead body. The twenty-third installment in the internationally bestselling Italian mystery series set in Sicily.

***The Dry* by Jane Harper (August 8, 2019)**

Receiving a sinister anonymous note after his best friend's suspicious death, federal agent Aaron Falk is forced to confront the fallout of a 20-year-old false alibi against a backdrop of the worst drought Melbourne has seen in a century. An atmospheric, page-turning debut mystery.

***The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century* by Kirk Wallace Johnson (September 12, 2019)**

On a cool June evening in 2009, twenty-year-old American flautist Edwin Rist grabbed hundreds of bird skins, some collected 150 years earlier, and escaped into the darkness. Two years later, Kirk Wallace Johnson was consumed by the strange case of the feather thief. What would possess a person to steal dead birds? This is the gripping story of a bizarre and shocking crime, and one man's relentless pursuit of justice. A true-crime story with all the elements of a classic mystery.

***A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles (October 10, 2019)**

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors, and leading him into a world of emotional discovery.

***The Witch Elm* by Tana French (November 14, 2019)**

Happy-go-lucky Toby is celebrating with friends when the night takes a turn that will change his life - he surprises two burglars who beat him and leave him for dead. Struggling to recover from his injuries, he takes refuge at his family's ancestral home to care for his dying uncle Hugo. When a skull is found in the trunk of an elm tree in the garden, Toby is forced to face the possibility that his past may not be what he has always believed.

***Silent Night, Deadly Night* by Vicki Delany (December 12, 2019)**

Residents of Rudolph keep the spirit of Christmas alive year-round—but their joy is threatened when a group of grinch visits the town, in the charming fourth installment of the Year-Round Christmas series.

***The Woman in the Water* by Charles Finch (January 9, 2020)**

In this prequel to Finch's long-standing historical series, set in 1850 London, a young Charles Lenox struggles to make a name for himself as a detective. Scotland Yard refuses to take him seriously, but when an anonymous writer sends a letter to the paper claiming to have committed the perfect crime--and promising to kill again--Lenox is convinced that this is his chance to prove himself.

***The Switch* by Joseph Finder (February 13, 2020)**

Michael Tanner picks up the wrong MacBook in an airport security line, a mistake he doesn't notice until he arrives home in Boston. This simple mix up throws an innocent man into the cross-hairs of sinister government secrets and ruthless political ambitions in this timely, electrifying thriller.

***The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton (March 12, 2020)**

"Evelyn Hardcastle will be murdered at 11:00 p.m. There are eight days, and eight witnesses for you to inhabit. We will only let you escape once you tell us the name of the killer. Understood? Then let's begin." - These are the instructions given to Aiden Bishop as he is trapped inside a time loop. Each morning Bishop awakens in another guest's body and relives that same day until Evelyn's death with eight do-overs to solve the mystery. A masterfully written debut novel.

***Suspect* by Robert Crais (April 9, 2020)**

Struggling to reclaim his career after the devastating murder of his partner eight months earlier, LAPD cop Max Kent is teamed with a traumatized military canine named Maggie who assists Max in an effort to track down his late partner's killer. Crais launches what looks like a stand-alone, but readers may hope that it's the beginning of a new series.

***Down the River Unto the Sea* by Walter Mosley (May 14, 2020)**

After serving time in Rikers Island solitary for assault, Joe King Oliver, who is an ex-NYPD investigator working as a private detective, receives a note from a woman who admits she was paid to frame him, compelling him to investigate. Mosley begins a new series, starring PI Joe King Oliver, and it rekindles some of the remarkable energy that drove his early Easy Rawlins novels.

***The Library Book* by Susan Orleans (June 11, 2020)**

On the morning of April 28, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. The fire was disastrous: it reached two thousand degrees and burned for more than seven hours. Susan Orleans re-opens the unsolved mystery of the most catastrophic library fire in American history, and delivers a dazzling love letter to the beloved institution of libraries.