What Rose Forgot

Nevada Barr

In *New York Times* bestselling author Nevada Barr's gripping standalone, a grandmother in her sixties emerges from a mental fog to find she's trapped in her worst nightmare.

Rose Dennis wakes up in a hospital gown, her brain in a fog, only to discover that she's been committed to an Alzheimer's Unit in a nursing home. With no memory of how she ended up in this position, Rose is sure that something is very wrong. When she overhears one of the administrators saying about her that she's "not making it through the week," Rose is convinced that if she's to survive, she has to get out of the nursing home. She avoids taking her medication, putting on a show for the aides, then stages her escape.

The only problem is—how does she convince anyone that she's not actually demented? Her relatives were the ones to commit her, all the legal papers were drawn up, the authorities are on the side of the nursing home, and even she isn't sure she sounds completely sane. But any lingering doubt Rose herself might have had is erased when a would-be killer shows up in her house in the middle of the night. Now Rose knows that someone is determined to get rid of her.

With the help of her computer hacker/recluse sister Marion, thirteen-year old granddaughter Mel, and Mel's friend Royal, Rose begins to gather her strength and fight back—to find out who is after her and take back control of her own life. But someone out there is still determined to kill Rose, and they're holding all the cards.

PRAISE

"Nevada Barr is one of the best." — *The Boston Globe* on *Burn*

"From the fabric of fiction she creates real worlds, sometimes beautiful, sometimes terrifying, but always convincing." — *The San Diego Union-Tribune* on *Winter Study*

"Engrossing...this is pure joy for a real fan. Barr has outdone herself." — *Charlotte Observer* on *The Rope*
The Long Call

Ann Cleeves

For the first time in 20 years, Ann Cleeves—international bestselling and award-winning author of the Vera and Shetland series, both of which are hit TV shows—embarks on a gripping new series.

In North Devon, where two rivers converge and run into the sea, Detective Matthew Venn stands outside the church as his father’s funeral takes place. Once loved and cherished, the day Matthew left the strict evangelical community he grew up in, he lost his family too.

Now, as he turns and walks away again, he receives a call from one of his team. A body has been found on the beach nearby: a man with a tattoo of an albatross on his neck, stabbed to death.

The case calls Matthew back into the community he thought he had left behind, as deadly secrets hidden at its heart are revealed, and his past and present collide.

An astonishing new novel told with compassion and searing insight, The Long Call will captivate fans of Vera and Shetland, as well as new readers.

PRAISE

Praise for Ann Cleeves:

“Ann Cleeves is one of my favorite mystery writers.”—Louise Penny

“Gripping from start to finish.”—Booklist

“Chilling . . . enough to freeze the blood.”—Marilyn Stasio, The New York Times Book Review

“The first Shetland novel, Raven Black, won the CWA Gold Dagger for best crime novel, and Ann was awarded the CWA Diamond Dagger in 2017. The Long Call is the first in the new Two Rivers series. She lives in the UK.
The Fifth Column

A Novel

Andrew Gross

New York Times bestseller Andrew Gross delivers a gripping WWII thriller about a down-on-his-luck New Yorker who uncovers a secret Nazi spy ring planning an attack here in the States.

New York City, 1941: Charles Mossman has lost his job, his wife, and his prospects after a short stint in prison for a bar fight gone awry. The only bright spots in his life are the afternoons he spends with his daughter after school, picking her up from the nanny who watches her and delivering her home before his wife gets home from her factory job in the evenings.

But one day he meets the elderly Swiss couple living next door to his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bauer, and something seems...not right about them. Maybe it's the German they're teaching his daughter, maybe it's all of the strangers he sees going in and out of their apartment. Though they claim to be as distraught over Hitler's actions in Europe as other Americans, he's not sure he believes them, and soon, he is convinced that there's more to these people than meets the eye. And he's determined to find out what's really going on.

What he finds could not only endanger his daughter but also all of New York City. As the shadow of war creeps closer to the States, one man has the ability to bring down a nest of Nazi spies doing Hitler's work in America. Based on the true story of the Duquense Spy Ring, Gross's once again delivers a tense, stirring thriller set against the backdrop of a nation about to go to war.

PRAISE

"This is a big, heartfelt handshake of a book, with all the street-scrambling energy that distinguishes the best fiction of Jeffrey Archer and Mario Puzo." —USA Today on Button Man

“Gross has written his most heartfelt and compelling book to date, and fans of World War II fiction should add this to their reading lists.” —Associated Press on The One Man


ANDREW GROSS is the New York Times and internationally bestselling author of nine novels, including No Way Back, Everything to Lose, and most recently, One Mile Under. He is also coauthor of five #1 New York Times bestsellers with James Patterson, including Judge & Jury and Lifeguard. His books have been translated into over 25 languages. He lives in Westchester County, New York, with his wife, Lynn. They have three children.
A Dangerous Engagement

An Amory Ames Mystery

Ashley Weaver


As they travel by ship to New York for her childhood friend Tabitha’s wedding, Amory Ames gazes out at the city’s iconic skyline, excited by the prospect of being a bridesmaid. Her husband Milo, however, is convinced their trip will be deadly dull, since Prohibition is in full swing. But when a member of the wedding party is found murdered on the front steps of the bride’s home, the happy plans take a darker twist.

Amory discovers that the dead groomsmen has links to the notorious—and notoriously handsome—gangster Leon De Lora, and soon she and Milo find themselves drawn into another mystery. While the police seem to think that New York’s criminal underworld is at play, Amory feels they can’t ignore the wedding party either. Tabitha’s fiancé Tom Smith appears to be a good man, but he has secrets of his own, and the others in the group seem strangely unaffected by the death of their friend . . .

In an unfamiliar city, not knowing who they can trust, Milo and Amory are drawn into the glamorous, dangerous world of nightclubs and bootleggers. But as they draw closer to unraveling the web of lies and half-truths the murdered man has left in his wake, the killer is weaving a web of his own.

PRAISE

Praise for the Amory Ames series:

“In this highly enjoyable and engrossing mystery Ashley Weaver—with her sure touch for evoking elegance and glamour—wafts her appealing and determined heroine Amory into the world of perfumers, family secrets, and the heady whiff of murder. I loved the evocation of scents, skillful shifts of suspicion and the satisfying conclusion.”—Frances Brody

“Sparkling . . . the power skirmishes between these equally clever spouses shine throughout.”—Publishers Weekly

“The Ameses make a beautiful pair, stylish and clever, and Weaver infuses her story with all of the Golden Age splendor a reader could want.”—Booklist

ASHLEY WEAVER is the technical services coordinator at the Allen Parish Libraries in Oberlin, Louisiana. Weaver has worked in libraries since she was fourteen; she was a page and then a clerk before obtaining her MLIS from Louisiana State University. She is the author of five previous Amory Ames mysteries: Murder at the Brightwell, Death Wears a Mask, A Most Novel Revenge, The Essence of Malice, and An Act of Villainy.
Bomber's Moon

*An Joe Gunther Novel*

Archer Mayor

The murder of a small-time drug dealer snowballs into the most complex case ever faced by Joe Gunther and his VBI team.

It is said a bright and clear bomber’s moon is the best asset to finding one’s target. But beware what you wish for: What you can see at night can also see you. Often with dire consequences.

*Bomber's Moon* is Archer Mayor’s latest entry in the Joe Gunther series and it may just be his best yet.

Two young women form the heart of this tale. One, an investigative reporter, the other a private investigator. Uneasy allies from completely different walks of life, they work together—around and sometimes against Joe Gunther and his VBI cops—in an attempt to connect the murders of a small town drug dealer, a smart, engaging, fatally flawed thief, and the tangled, political, increasingly dark goings on at a prestigious prep school.

While Gunther and the VBI set about solving the two murders, Sally Kravitz and Rachel Reiling combine their talents and resources to go where the police cannot, from working undercover at Thorndike Academy, to having clandestine meetings with criminals for their insider’s knowledge of Vermont’s unexpectedly illicit underbelly.

But there is a third element at work. A malevolent force, the common link in all this death and chaos, is hard at work sowing mayhem to protect its ancient, vicious, very dark roots.

**PRAISE**

"Outstanding... Mayor keeps the suspense high as he showcases each of his detectives' special talents... in this welcome addition to the long-running series."

—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review) on *Trace*

"In *Trace*, Archer Mayor, a writer with an easygoing style and a nice touch with Vermont’s geography and lifestyle, shows how smart and nimble he is in portraying savvy detectives at work." —*The Toronto Star*

“One of the most sophisticated stylists in the genre.” —*New York Times* on *The Skeleton’s Knee*

ARCHER MAYOR, in addition to writing the *New York Times* bestselling Joe Gunther series, is a death investigator for the state medical examiner and has twenty-five years of experience as a firefighter/EMT. He lives near Brattleboro, Vermont.
Blind Search
A Mercy and Elvis Mystery
Paula Munier

Former Army MP Mercy Carr and her retired bomb-sniffing dog Elvis are back in this sequel to the page-turning, critically acclaimed A Borrowing of Bones

It’s October, hunting season in the Green Mountains—and the Vermont wilderness has never been more beautiful or more dangerous. Especially for ten-year-old Henry, who’s lost in the woods. Again. Only this time he sees something terrible. When a young woman is found shot through the heart with a fatal arrow, Mercy thinks that something is murder. But Henry, a math genius whose autism often silences him when he should speak up most, is not talking.

Now there’s a murderer hiding among the hunters in the forest—and Mercy and Elvis must team up with their crime-solving friends, game warden Troy Warner and search-and-rescue dog Susie Bear, to find the killer—before the killer finds Henry. When an early season blizzard hits the mountains, cutting them off from the rest of the world, the race is on to solve the crime, apprehend the murderer, and keep the boy safe until the snowplows get through.

Inspired by the true search-and-rescue case of an autistic boy who got lost in the Vermont wilderness, this mystery is a compelling roller coaster ride through the worst of winter—and human nature.

PRAISE

Praise for A Borrowing of Bones:
"The believable dogs, the touches of humor, the independent, determined Mercy, and well-crafted characters will bring readers back." —Library Journal (starred review and debut of the month)

"A one-sit read that will make you happy you did." —Lisa Gardner, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Look for Me


PAULA MUNIER is the author of the bestselling Plot Perfect, The Writer’s Guide to Beginnings, Writing with Quiet Hands, and Fixing Freddie: A True Story of a Boy, a Mom, and a Very, Very Bad Beagle. She was inspired to write A Borrowing of Bones by the hero working dogs she met through MissionK9Rescue, her own Newfoundland retriever mix rescue Bear, and a lifelong passion for crime fiction. She lives in New Hampshire with her family, Bear, and a torbie tabby named Ursula.
Blood in the Water

Jack Flynn

An edge-of-the-seat ride in a roller coaster, action-packed thriller with international terrorism at its core and family at its heart.

Boston is in the grip of the coldest winter on record, but in its criminal underworld the temperature is rising. Harbor chief Cormack O’Connell has lived his life close to the wire – above and below the law. He knows every movement on his waterfront, and that's why someone wants him out of the way, fast.

Homeland security agent Kit Steele is committed to avenge terrorism. Also known as The Hunter, she’s got her eye on the prize. This time it’s personal, and she has nothing left to lose.

Her prey is Vincente Carpio, one of the world’s most dangerous criminals. He is clever, calculating and he's biding his time.

Diamond O’Connell is a daughter, a lover and a fighter. She’s seen things most nineteen-year-old girls couldn’t even begin to imagine. And she’s about to become a pawn in a deadly game of cat and mouse.

Everyone has their part to play, but now it seems that there are much darker, far-reaching forces at work which look to be preparing for the international stage.

PRAISE

Praise for Jack Flynn writing as David Hosp:
"Hosp hits the trifecta - brilliant, brawny, and totally believable." — David Baldacci

"Tremendously satisfying and suspenseful." — Library Journal

"Clever banter, interesting legalities and compelling characters put Hosp ... in the running for a top spot in the Boston legal thriller stakes." — Publishers Weekly on Innocence

"This gripping legal thriller (more in the vein of Phillip Margolin than John Grisham) will be a hit with genre fans across the board." — Booklist on Innocence

JACK FLYNN is a lawyer in Boston and has worked pro bono on behalf of wrongly convicted individuals. He lives south of the city and writes on his daily commute across Boston Harbor.
A Better Man

A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel

Louise Penny

Catastrophic spring flooding, blistering attacks in the media, and a mysterious disappearance greet Chief Inspector Armand Gamache as he returns to the Sûreté du Québec in the latest novel by #1 ...

It’s Gamache’s first day back as head of the homicide department, a job he temporarily shares with his previous second-in-command, Jean-Guy Beauvoir. Flood waters are rising across the province. In the middle of the turmoil a father approaches Gamache, pleading for help in finding his daughter.

As crisis piles upon crisis, Gamache tries to hold off the encroaching chaos, and realizes the search for Vivienne Godin should be abandoned. But with a daughter of his own, he finds himself developing a profound, and perhaps unwise, empathy for her distraught father.

Increasingly hounded by the question, how would you feel…, he resumes the search.

As the rivers rise, and the social media onslaught against Gamache becomes crueler, a body is discovered. And in the tumult, mistakes are made.

In the next novel in this “constantly surprising series that deepens and darkens as it evolves” (New York Times Book Review), Gamache must face a horrific possibility, and a burning question.

What would you do if your child’s killer walked free?

PRAISE

Praise for Kingdom of the Blind

“A captivating, wintry whodunit.” —PEOPLE

"A constantly surprising series that deepens and darkens as it evolves." —Marilyn Stasio, New York Times Book Review

“a spellbinder . . . another outstanding Gamache adventure... ingenious . . . what more could a mystery reader – or any reader for that matter – want?”—Maureen Corrigan, Washington Post

Louise Penny is the author of the #1 New York Times and Globe and Mail bestselling series of Chief Inspector Armand Gamache novels (Still Life, A Fatal Grace, and The Cruelest Month). She has won numerous awards, including a CWA Dagger and the Agatha Award (six times), and was a finalist for the Edgar Award for Best Novel. In 2017, she received the Order of Canada for her contributions to Canadian culture. Louise lives in a small village south of Montréal.
The Adventure of the Peculiar Protocols

Adapted from the Journals of John H. Watson, M.D.

Nicholas Meyer

From the author of the international bestseller, The Seven-Per-Cent Solution, comes a newly uncovered adventure of Sherlock Holmes.

With the international bestseller The Seven-Per-Cent Solution Nicholas Meyer brought to light a previously unpublished case of Sherlock Holmes, as recorded by Dr. John H. Watson. Now Meyer returns with a shocking discovery—an unknown case drawn from a recently unearthed Watson journal.

January 1905: Holmes and Watson are summoned by Holmes' brother Mycroft to undertake a clandestine investigation. An agent of the British Secret Service has been found floating in the Thames, carrying a manuscript smuggled into England at the cost of her life. The pages purport to be the minutes of a meeting of a secret group intent on nothing less than taking over the world: The Protocols of the Elders of Zion. A seeming forgery, Holmes and Watson are sent to determine its origins, and what the perpetrators of this hoax (if it IS a hoax), are trying to accomplish.

And why they are trying so hard to keep their handiwork out of the hands of the British Secret Service.

In an adventure that takes the famed duo—in the company of a bewitching woman—aboard the Orient Express from Paris into the heart of Tsarist Russia, Holmes and Watson attempt to trace the genesis of this explosive document. On their heels are desperate men of unknown allegiance, determined to prevent them achieving their task. And what they uncover is a puzzle that only the superior intellect of Sherlock Holmes has any hope of untangling.

PRAISE

"The discovery of unpublished work by John H. Watson is always a cause for joy, and this case is essential—not just for its globe-trotting adventure...but also for its timely resonance." —Glen David Gold, bestselling author of Carter Beats the Devil

NICHOLAS MEYER is the author three previous Sherlock Holmes novels, including The Seven-Per-Cent Solution, which was on the New York Times bestseller list for a year. He's a screen-writer and film director, responsible for The Day After, Time After Time, as well as Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan, Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home, and Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country among many others. A native of New York City, he lives in Santa Monica, California.
**Dachshund Through the Snow**

David Rosenfelt

*This Christmas, lawyer Andy Carpenter and his golden retriever, Tara, can't say no to helping young Danny and his dachshund, Murphy.*

Lawyer Andy Carpenter and his wife, Laurie, have started a new Christmas tradition. Their local pet store has a Christmas tree, where instead of ornaments there are wishes from those in need. One poignant wish leads Andy to a child named Danny, whose selfless plea strikes a chord. Danny asked Santa for a coat for his mother, a sweater for his dachshund, Murphy, and for the safe return of his missing father.

It turns out Danny’s father doesn't want to be found, he’s on the run after just being arrested for a murder that took place fourteen years ago – a murder that Danny’s mother swears he didn’t commit.

With his trademark humor and larger-than-life characters – including a police officer and his K-9 partner, Simon – Rosenfelt never fails to deliver as Andy and his eccentric crew dash to reunite a family in time for Christmas.

**PRAISE**

"The perfect holiday gift for animal lovers.” — *Publishers Weekly* on *Deck the Hounds*

“Dog lovers across the country drool at the thought of a new mystery about the curmudgeonly lovable lawyer and his quirky entourage…In each and every book, Rosenfelt manages to make the reading both humorous (laugh-out-loud funny) and edge-of-your-seat suspenseful.” — *Huffington Post* on *The Twelve Dogs of Christmas*

“Heartwarming… Carpenter’s endearing first-person narrative moves the story along with just the right mixture of humor and suspense.” — *Associated Press* on *The Twelve Dogs of Christmas*

DAVID ROSENFELT is the Edgar-nominated and Shamus Award-winning author of eleven stand-alones and nineteen Andy Carpenter novels, including *Bark of Night*, out July 2019. After years of living in California, he and his wife moved to Maine with twenty-five of the four thousand dogs they have rescued.
Owl Be Home for Christmas

A Meg Langslow Mystery

Donna Andrews

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


It's a few days before Christmas, and Meg's grandfather is hosting a scientific conference on owls at the Caerphilly Inn. Most of the family are there, helping out in one capacity or another, including Meg's grandmother, Cordelia--invited by Grandfather in rare gesture of peace-making, to share her expertise on rehabilitating large birds, including owls. An unexpectedly severe snow storm traps the conference-goers in the hotel, and one of the visiting ornithologists is murdered. Even if Caerphilly is able to clear the roads in time, Chief Burke doesn't want the various suspects to scatter to half a dozen continents before he identifies the killer, so there's a very real possibility that none of them will make it home for Christmas . . . at least not unless Meg comes to the rescue.

Full of intrigue and snow, this Christmas mystery will take readers home to Caerphilly for Christmas.

PRAISE

“Andrews manages her large cast with dexterity and drops clues to the culprits’ identity, but the ending will catch most readers by surprise.” —Publishers Weekly on How the Finch Stole Christmas!

“[A] satisfying, humorous entry in the long-running series.” —Booklist on How the Finch Stole Christmas!

"Meg, as well as her quirky extended family, makes this humorous cozy a holiday treat.” —Booklist on Duck the Halls

DONNA ANDREWS is a winner of the Agatha, Anthony, and Barry Awards, a Romantic Times Award for best first novel, and four Lefty and two Toby Bromberg awards for funniest mystery. She is a member of MWA, Sisters in Crime, and the Private Investigators and Security Association. Andrews lives in Reston, Virginia. Owl Be Home for Christmas is the 26th book and sixth Christmas mystery in the Meg Lansglow series.
Beyond a Reasonable Stout
Ellie Alexander

Amateur sleuth Sloan Krause delves into the murderous political world in another delightful mystery from popular cozy writer Ellie Alexander.

It’s the dead season in Leavenworth, Washington. The throngs of Oktoberfest crowds have headed home, and the charming Bavarian streets are quiet and calm—momentarily. Villagers use the reprieve to drink in the crisp fall mountain air and prepare for the upcoming winter light festival. Soon the town will be aglow with thousands of twinkling lights. Brewer Sloan Krause and her partner in crime Garrett Strong are using the slowdown to stock up on a new line of their signature craft beers at Nitro. The small brewery is alive with delicious scents and bubbling batches of brew.

Sloan loves the creativity and lowkey atmosphere at Nitro, which is soon threatened by the incumbent city councilmember Kristopher Cooper. Kristopher is running for re-election on a platform of making Leavenworth dry—a sure recipe for economic disaster. So when Kristopher turns up dead days before election night, Sloan quickly realizes that his murder isn’t the work of a stranger. Every business owner in town had a motive to kill him, including none other than April Ablin, Leavenworth’s self-described ambassador of all things German. Sloan finds herself defending April and trying to sleuth out a killer amongst a group of familiar faces.

PRAISE
"Satisfying... Alexander has created an appealing cast of characters and a lovely setting for them to live in. Best of all, she treats the reader to a fascinating look at the skill and artistry involved in brewing craft beer."—Publishers Weekly on The Pint of No Return

"A charming new series featuring Sloan Krause, a clever protagonist and a talented brewer whose knowledge of the science and art of brewing beer is both fascinating and fun. The cozy village and the quirky characters who inhabit it are a delight, and the intriguing mystery will keep readers enthralled to the very end."—Kate Carlisle, New York Times bestselling author

ELLIE ALEXANDER is a Pacific Northwest native who spends ample time testing pastry recipes in her home kitchen or at one of the many famed coffeehouses nearby. When she’s not coated in flour, you’ll find her outside exploring hiking trails and trying to burn off calories consumed in the name of “research.” She is also the author of the Bakeshop Mysteries, which began with Meet Your Baker. Find her on Facebook to learn more!
Strangers at the Gate

Catriona McPherson

From the Agatha-award winning author of Quiet Neighbors comes a twisty, fascinating standalone that begs the question: how well can we ever know the people around us?

When Finn and Paddy decide to move from their home in the city to the small town of Simmerton, it feels like everything has finally fallen into place. Paddy's been made partner at the law firm in town, and Finn has found full-time work as the deacon. Paddy's new boss has even offered them the use of a gate house on his property. Finn feels like this must be a fairy tale. Paddy thinks they've won the lottery. Either way, they agree: it's perfect.

But only days after moving into the gate house, Finn begins to have doubts. She keeps hearing strange sounds, and the thicket of trees make her feel claustrophobic rather than safe. When she and Paddy discover the bloody bodies of Paddy's boss and his wife, the fairytale has officially ended. A strange email—supposedly sent from the dead man—makes it clear: this was murder.

Paddy and Finn's dream of a new life quickly turns into a nightmare as the plot thickens and the tension grows. With strange neighbors and a haunting setting, Catriona McPherson once again weaves a page-turning tale of suspense.

PRAISE

Praise for Go to My Grave:

“Atmospheric, with mind-bending twists, a narrator who may or may not be reliable, and an ending that will take your breath away and leave you astonished.” —Louise Penny

“A Gothic feast of a novel...using the tricks and twists of the best Christie.”—Ann Cleeves

“Catriona McPherson has written another winner.”—Meg Gardiner

CATRIONA MCPHERSON was born in Scotland in 1965 and lived there until immigrating to the US in 2010. Her Dandy Gilver historical mysteries have won numerous awards, including two Agathas, and her contemporary novels have won two Anthony awards and been Edgar and Mary Higgins Clark finalists. Catriona is a proud member of MWA and a former national president of Sisters in Crime. She lives in Davis, California, where she writes full-time.
Beating About the Bush

M. C. Beaton

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

One of Private Detective Agatha Raisin's many quirks was her tendency to exclaim, every time she drove along a motorway bordered by dense woodland, "What a good place to dump a body!" Yet she's clearly not the only one to think so, the police realize, after poor elderly Mrs. Dunwiddy is found dead in the scrub by the road leading out of Mirechester.

Agatha digs into the case, facing off with everyone from secretive factory bosses to Russian officials as she wades deeper into the mystery surrounding the killing. And as if things weren't complicated enough, Agatha finds herself grappling with intensifying feelings for her friend and occasional lover, Sir Charles Fraith. Will Agatha get her man at last? Or will the killer get her first?

PRAISE

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

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

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

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

M. C. BEATON has been hailed as the "Queen of Crime" (*The Globe and Mail*). In addition to her *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling Agatha Raisin novels, Beaton is the author of the Hamish Macbeth series and four Edwardian mysteries. Born in Scotland, she currently divides her time between the English Cotswolds and Paris.
Lethal Pursuit

A Barker & Llewelyn Novel

Will Thomas

London, 1892—Cyrus Barker is brought into a game of international espionage by the Prime Minister himself.

Private enquiry agents Cyrus Barker and Thomas Llewelyn receive in the mail an unexplained key stamped with the letter Q. Barker, recognizing it for what it is, uses the key to unlock an anonymous door in the alleyway, which opens to an underground tunnel leading to Downing Street.

The Prime Minister has a small task for Cyrus Barker. A Foreign Office agent stole a satchel in Eastern Europe, but was then himself murdered at Charing Cross. The satchel contains a document desperately wanted by the German government, but while the agent was killed, the satchel remains in English hands. With a cold war brewing between England and Germany, it's in England's interest to return the document contained in the satchel to its original owners and keep it out of German hands.

The document is an unnamed first century gospel; the original owner is the Vatican. And the German government isn't the only group trying to get possession of it. With secret societies, government assassins, political groups, and shadowy figures of all sorts doing everything they can—attacks, murders, counter-attacks, and even massive street battles—to acquire the satchel and its contents, this small task might be beyond even the prodigious talents of Cyrus Barker.

PRAISE

"First-rate!" —Publishers Weekly on Blood Is Blood

"The latest of Thomas’ Victorian gems (Hell Bay, 2016, etc.) is a shocker, cleverly weaving historical tidbits about Japan into Barker’s slowly revealed past."
—Kirkus Reviews on Old Scores


WILL THOMAS is the author of the critically acclaimed Cyrus Barker and Thomas Llewelyn series, including Some Danger Involved, Fatal Enquiry, Old Scores, and, most recently, Blood is Blood. He lives in Oklahoma.
Murder Off the Page

*A 42nd Street Library Mystery*

Con Lehane

The third book in an amazing series that features crime à la library at America’s most famous institution of higher reading.

A note from bartender Brian McNulty, Raymond Ambler’s friend, confidant, and sometimes adviser, sets the librarian sleuth off on a murder investigation, one that he pursues reluctantly until a second murder upends the world as he knows it. The second victim is a lady friend of McNulty’s—and the prime suspect is McNulty himself.

As Ambler pursues his investigation, he discovers that the murdered woman had a double life. Her intermittent visits to the city—a whirlwind of reckless drinking and illicit liaisons with men she met in the cocktail lounges—had their counterpart in suburban Fairfield County Connecticut where, as Dr. Sandra Dean, she practiced dermatology and lived in a gated community with a doting husband and a young daughter.

While Ambler looks into the past of Dr. Sandra Dean to understand the murder of Shannon Darling in the present, NYPD homicide detective Mike Cosgrove investigates the men in Shannon Darling’s life. She might have been murdered because she frustrated the wrong man. It could have been a jealous wife. In fact, any number of people might have murdered Shannon Darling. Or, as Ambler suspects, did someone murder Dr. Sandra Dean?

Yet, no matter which way he turns, McNulty emerges as a suspect. Ambler’s dilemma seems insurmountable: Should he keep searching for the truth behind the murders if the deeper he probes, the more evidence he finds that points to the morally rumpled bartender as a murderer?

**PRAISE**

"Con Lehane has the whole package here: characters the reader cares about, plot twists like a grand slalom course, and in the middle of it, a story utterly relevant."—Sara Paretsky

"A nicely bookish series...highlights the formidable memory and ratiocinative skills of Ambler, the curator of crime fiction at the landmark New York Public Library."—*New York Times Book Review*

"Should particularly appeal to those of a bookish or historical turn of mind...witty"—*The Washington Post*

CON LEHANE is a mystery writer who lives outside Washington, DC. He’s published three previous crime novels featuring New York City bartender Brian McNulty. Over the years, he has worked as a college professor, a union organizer, a labor journalist, and has tended bar at two dozen or so drinking establishments.
The Angels' Share

A Wine Country Mystery

Ellen Crosby

Ellen Crosby pours up another corking mystery with The Angels' Share, a mystery with secret societies, murder, and, of course, wine.

When Lucie Montgomery attends a Thanksgiving weekend party for friends and neighbors at Hawthorne Castle, an honest-to-goodness castle owned by the Avery family, the last great newspaper dynasty in America and owner of the Washington Tribune, she doesn’t suspect the festive occasion will end in death.

During the party, Prescott Avery, the 95-year-old family patriarch, invites Lucie to his fabulous wine cellar to tell her he wants to buy a priceless cache of 210-year-old Madeira which her great-great-uncle, a Prohibition bootlegger, found hidden in the US Capitol in the 1920s. Lucie knows nothing about the precious cache of wine and tells Prescott she believes her father either sold or drank it. By the end of the party, Prescott is found dead in his wine cellar—apparently after an accidental fall that caused him to hit his head. But by the following day, it's become clear that his death was no accident: Prescott Avery was murdered.

Suspects abound, and at first the case looks like it will be open and shut, but when Lucie discovers Prescott's links to the Freemasons society, the case becomes more complicated...and more dangerous. Can she collar the killer before it's too late?

PRAISE

“Crosby keeps the reader guessing until the exciting climax.”—Publishers Weekly on The Vineyard Victims

“The wine industry and the ins and outs of running a winery provide the background for this mystery with its well-drawn characters and satisfying puzzles. Recommend The Champagne Conspiracy to...anyone who enjoys mysteries in which historical research plays a key role.”—Booklist

“Crosby has constructed a neat whodunit, supported by enough wine-making lore to give it some extra body.” —The New York Times on The Merlot Murders

ELLEN CROSBY is the author of the Virginia wine country mystery series, which began with The Merlot Murders. She has also written a mystery series featuring international photojournalist Sophie Medina. Previously she worked as a freelance reporter for The Washington Post, as the Moscow correspondent for ABC News Radio, and as an economist at the United States Senate.
Trace of Evil

_A Natalie Lockhart Novel_

Alice Blanchard

The first book in a new series by award-winning author Alice Blanchard brings a bold detective assigned to a gripping murder case in an isolated New England town!

Natalie Lockhart always knew she was going to be a cop. A rookie detective in Burning Lake, a town known for its dark past, she was raised on the wisdom of her chief-of-police father. Natalie uses these lessons and the scars of her past—a beloved sister, murdered as a teenager—to give families the closure she never got. Her task is to uncover the whereabouts of nine missing transients who have disappeared. One night, after a day of no leads, she offers a ride home to a fellow cop. What she sees next will unravel everything.

Daisy Bruckner—beloved schoolteacher, wife to a cop, pregnant—is dead on her kitchen floor. A suspect almost comes to mind immediately—Riley Skinner, Daisy’s student and one of the disenfranchised youths of Burning Lake. But it’s not that simple. Riley is in a coma, collapsed only hours after her death. And Daisy had secrets of her own.

Natalie knows there is more to this case, but as the investigation deepens, even she cannot predict the far-reaching consequences—for Daisy, for Burning Lake—and for herself. As the hunt for Daisy’s killer ties in with the loose thread of her sister’s murder, Natalie must use every skill she possesses to solve the crimes before her—and confront the darkest parts of herself.

Spellbinding and haunting, _Trace of Evil_ is a dazzling novel of twisting suspense and the effect of secrets left uncovered.

**PRAISE**

"A powerful and unexpected denouement. I look forward to reading more in the series."  — bestselling author Ann Cleeves

“Moody and atmospheric […] the kind of tale that lingers long after you’ve raced through its twists and turns to the utterly gripping finale.”  – Owen Laukkanen, award-winning author of the _Stevens & Windermere_ novels

"Alice Blanchard seems to be able to write just about anything she wants [...] shows off a veteran storyteller at the peak of her powers.”  – _New York Times_ bestselling author Jacquelyn Mitchard

Alice Blanchard is an award-winning author. She has received a PEN Award, a New Letters Literary Award, a Centrum Artists-in-Residence Fellowship, and a Katherine Anne Porter Prize for Fiction. Her debut novel, _Darkness Peering_, was a New York Times' Notable Book and a Barnes & Noble Best Mystery book. Her work has been published in 17 countries.
Thin Ice

A Mystery

Paige Shelton

First in a new series set in Alaska from beloved cozy author Paige Shelton, Thin Ice will chill your bones.

Beth Rivers is on the run – she’s doing the only thing she could think of to keep herself safe. Known to the world as thriller author Elizabeth Fairchild, she had become the subject of a fanatic’s obsession. After being held in a van for three days by her kidnapper, Levi Brooks, Beth managed to escape, and until he is captured, she’s got to get away. Cold and remote, Alaska seems tailormade for her to hideout.

Beth’s new home in Alaska is sparsely populated with people who all seem to be running or hiding from something, and though she accidentally booked a room at a halfway house, she feels safer than she’s felt since Levi took her. That is, until she’s told about a local death that’s a suspected murder. Could the death of Linda Rafferty have anything to do with her horror at the hands of Levi Brooks?

As Beth navigates her way through the wilds of her new home, her memories of her time in the van are coming back, replaying the terror and the fear—and threatening to keep her from healing, from reclaiming her old life again. Can she get back to normal, will she ever truly feel safe, and can she help solve the local mystery, if only so she doesn’t have to think about her own?

PRAISE

Praise for the Scottish Bookshop series:

"Move over Claire Fraser; American bibliophile Delaney Nichols is about to take Scotland...by storm!"—Ellery Adams

"A perfectly twisty-turny puzzler of a mystery... Full of wit and whimsy, with a clever plot and delightful characters, this mystery is a fantastic read!"— Jenn McKinlay

"This spotlessly clean, fun-filled read takes plenty of twists and turns on the way to the satisfying ending."— Publishers Weekly

PAIGE SHELTON had a nomadic childhood as her father’s job as a football coach took the family to seven different towns before she was even twelve years old. After college at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, she moved to Salt Lake City where she thought she’d only stay a few years, but she fell in love with the mountains and a great guy who became her husband. After a couple of decades in Utah, she and her family recently moved to Arizona.
Shatter the Night
A Detective Gemma Monroe Mystery

Emily Littlejohn

An enthralling, atmospheric new novel from the author of acclaimed debut Inherit the Bones, featuring Colorado police officer Gemma Monroe.

It’s Halloween night in Cedar Valley. During the town’s annual festival, Detective Gemma Monroe takes a break from trick or treating with her family to visit an old family friend, retired Judge Caleb Montgomery, at his law office. To Gemma’s surprise, Caleb seems worried—haunted, even—and confides in her that he’s been receiving anonymous threats. Shortly after, as Gemma strolls back to her car, an explosion at Caleb’s office shatters the night.

Reeling from the shock, Gemma and her team begin eliminating suspects and motives, but more keep appearing in their place, and soon another man is killed. Her investigation takes her from a chilling encounter with a convicted murderer at the Belle Vista Penitentiary, to the gilded rooms of the renovated Shotgun Playhouse, where Shakespeare’s cursed play Macbeth is set to open in a few weeks.

Yet most disturbing of all is when Gemma realizes that similar murders have happened before. There is a copycat killer at play, and if Gemma can’t stop him, he’ll carry out his final, deadly act.

PRAISE

Praise for the Gemma Monroe series:

“Small town Colorado police detective Gemma Monroe is a human and fallible heroine I can't wait to meet again, and Littlejohn’s prose is lyrical and gripping.” —Deborah Crombie

“Compelling writing, a stunning setting in a Colorado ski town, a plot that twists with surprises. I loved all of it.” —Margaret Coel, author of The Man Who Fell From the Sky

“An inviting read...satisfying and wrapped up in a way that readers won't see coming. Recommended to fans of Louise Penny's Inspector Gamache novels.” —Booklist

EMILY LITTLEJOHN was born and raised in Southern California. A former librarian, she now spends her time writing, raising a family, and working in city government in the Denver metro area. Inherit the Bones was her acclaimed debut novel in the Gemma Monroe series, which also includes Lost Lake and Shatter the Night.
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LOUISE PENNY is the author of the #1 New York Times and Globe and Mail bestselling series of Chief Inspector Armand Gamache novels. She has won numerous awards, including a CWA Dagger and the Agatha Award (six times), and was a finalist for the Edgar Award for Best Novel. In 2017, she received the Order of Canada for her contributions to Canadian culture. Louise lives in a small village south of Montréal.
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