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*“There is before.*

*There is after.*

*There is in between. Here lies a pause,  
a stillness where a breath is held as life  
teeters in the balance. The pendulum can  
swing this way or that. The wheel stops  
then turns again, and there’s another  
breath to take.*

*And then the platitudes come.*

*I have some bad news for you.*

*Please have a seat.*

*The doctor will be with you soon.*

*The pendulum swings again.*

*The wheel takes one more turn.*

*Will he turn left, or right? Will she live  
or die?”*

*Where She Lies  
Caro Ramsay*

# **THE HOME OF GREAT GENRE FICTION SINCE 1974 – FROM COZY CRIME TO GRIPPING THRILLERS, HISTORICAL MYSTERIES, HORROR, SCI-FI AND BEYOND**

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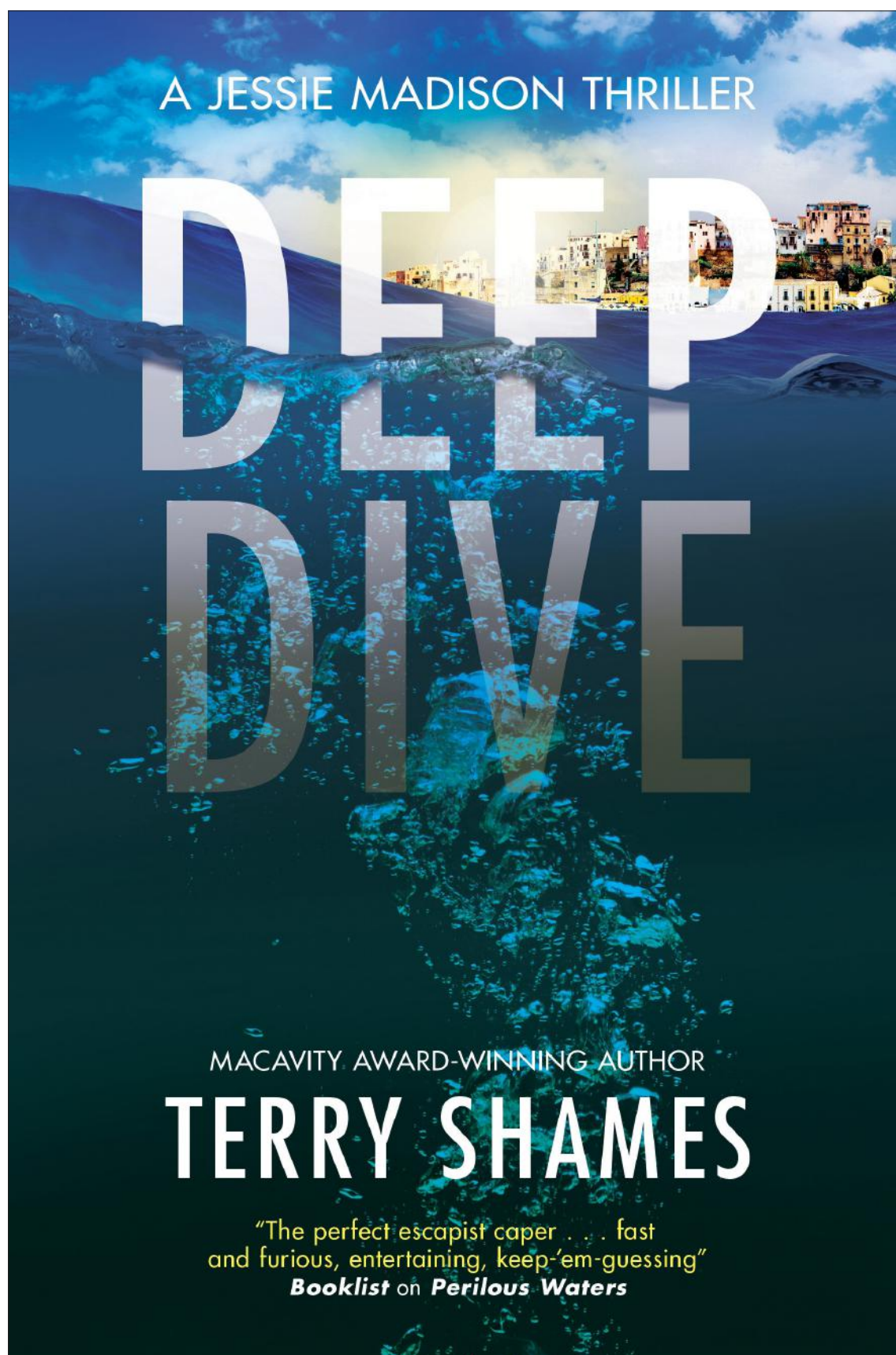
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Award-winning author **Terry Shames** is the author of the Samuel Craddock Mysteries. As well as winning the Macavity Award for Best First Novel, *A Killing at Cotton Hill* was also shortlisted for The Strand Critics Award. *The Necessary Murder of Nonie Blake* won the RT Critics Award for Best Mystery. Her books have also been shortlisted for Left Coast Crime Awards for Best Mystery. *Deep Dive* is the second in her new Jessie Madison thriller series, following *Perilous Waters*.

# DEEP DIVE

A JESSIE MADISON THRILLER #2

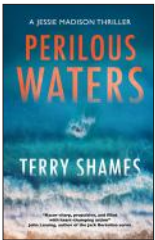
TERRY SHAMES

Jessie Madison joins an FBI dive mission in the Mediterranean, where she encounters deadly threats and dangerous secrets.

After a spine-chilling summer in The Bahamas, Jessie Madison jumps at the chance to join the FBI Underwater Search and Evidence Response Team. Seven elite divers are trying to reach a World War II plane stranded at the bottom of the sea, close to the stunning Aeolian Islands north of Sicily. But the mission isn't going to plan . . .

A series of increasingly terrifying incidents is rattling the team, and worse is yet to come. Is someone in the group trying to sabotage the operation? Why is the plane so important after eighty years? As Jessie uncovers disturbing secrets around the mission, her survival skills face the ultimate challenge.

A heart-racing thriller set in stunning Sicily, featuring a fearless female diver who faces danger and chilling secrets underwater, this addictive beach read is perfect for fans of Lucy Clarke and Sara Ochs.



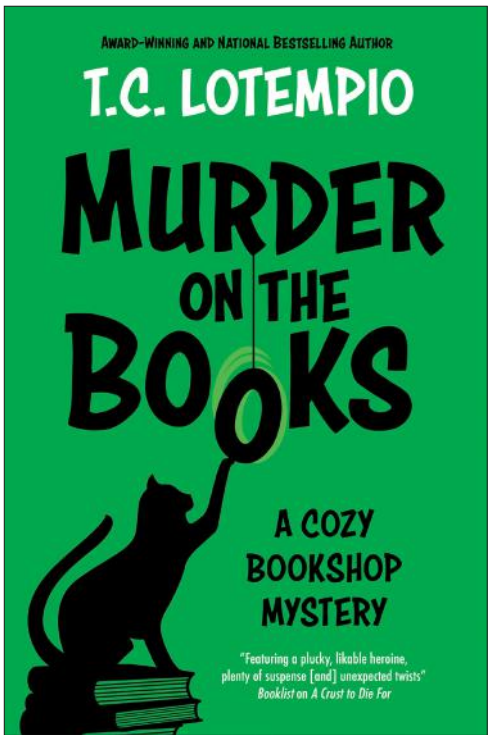
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**T.C. LoTempio** is the award-winning, nationally bestselling author of the Nick and Nora Mysteries, the Urban Tails Pet Shop Mysteries, and the Cat Rescue Mysteries. Born in New York City, she now resides in Phoenix, Arizona with her two cats, Maxx and Rocco. Rocco prides himself on being the inspiration for her Nick and Nora series!

# MURDER ON THE BOOKS

A COZY BOOKSHOP MYSTERY #1

T.C. LoTEMPPIO

Newly retired mystery writer Charley James returns to her small hometown only to find herself amidst a real-life murder mystery in this first book in the brand new Cozy Bookshop mystery series by award-winning and national bestselling author T.C. LoTempio.

Thirty-year-old Charlotte James, better known to her mystery fans as C.J. Barrett, decides to take a break from writing her popular Steve Sheppard mystery series. Leaving New York City, she moves back to her hometown of Austin to wind down, recuperate, and maybe come up with some new ideas for her books.

Settling into her new life, Charley reunites with her long-term friend and baker Zane who is about to open a charming double store front. But while Zane is ready to open her café, her business partner Sheila unexpectedly departs town, bailing on her bookshop and leaving nothing but a note behind.

Charley is more than happy to take over, but when she finds Sheila's body in a chest in the store's basement, things take a dramatic turn. Now Charley has to juggle the opening of her bookshop, a stoic but attractive Philadelphia detective, and a stray cat, all while solving Sheila's murder Sheppard-style before the killer can strike again!

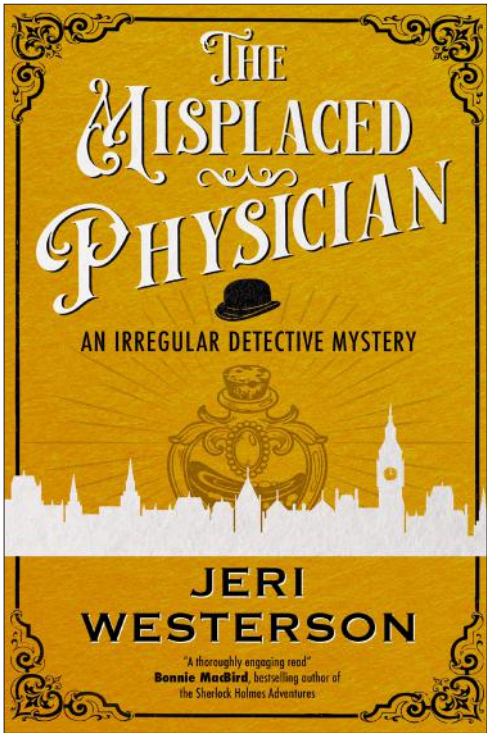
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# THE MISPLACED PHYSICIAN

AN IRREGULAR DETECTIVE MYSTERY #3

JERI WESTERSON

When Doctor John H. Watson is kidnapped while Sherlock Holmes is out of the country, private investigators Timothy Badger and Benjamin Watson must find the missing physician . . .

*London, 1895.* Former Baker Street Irregular Timothy Badger and his partner in detection Benjamin Watson are in a spin: the eminent Dr John H. Watson has been kidnapped!

The physician was enjoying a glass of sherry at his Baker Street residence before being bundled away in a barouche coach wearing only one slipper. Did Dr Watson know his captor, and where is he now? Could the mysterious ransom notes arriving in the post hold the answer?

With their mentor Sherlock Holmes out of the country, recovering the missing doctor could well be the biggest case the intrepid duo is ever likely to face . . . and if they don't do so quickly, it could be their last!



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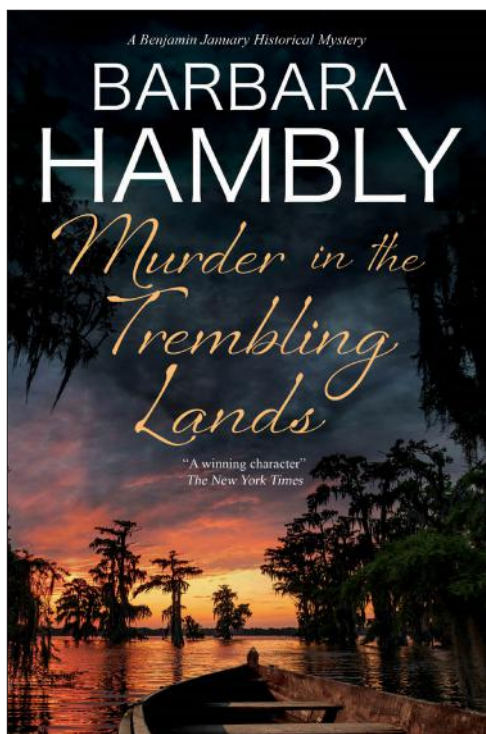
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**Barbara Hambly**, though a native of Southern California, lived in New Orleans for many years while married to the late science-fiction writer George Alec Effinger. Hambly holds a degree in medieval history from the University of California and has written novels in numerous genres.

## MURDER IN THE TREMBLING LANDS

A BENJAMIN JANUARY HISTORICAL MYSTERY #21

BARBARA HAMBLY

Masked balls, duels and murder: musician, sleuth and free man of color Benjamin January is caught up in a shocking crime in this gripping nineteenth-century mystery set in New Orleans.

*February, 1841.* It's Carnival season in New Orleans. Free man of color Benjamin January – a surgeon turned piano player, with a talent for attracting trouble – is playing at an opulent masked ball when a quarrel breaks out between two guests, and his services are requested at a duel. Young planter Bastien Damoreau has accused a recent arrival to town of passing himself off as white – an insult not to be borne.

The duel results in the stranger's death. But when January examines the body, he's disturbed to realise that young Damoreau couldn't possibly be the killer, as the dead man was shot from behind . . .

January knows it's murder, but this is white people's business, and calling attention to himself is not a risk he can afford to take. So when Detective Abishag Shaw asks if he'll investigate, he declines – a decision he will later come to regret.

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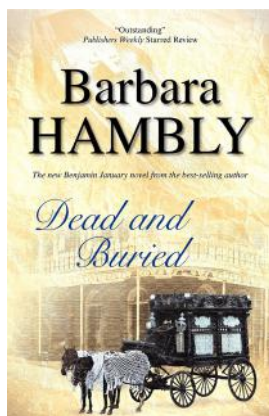
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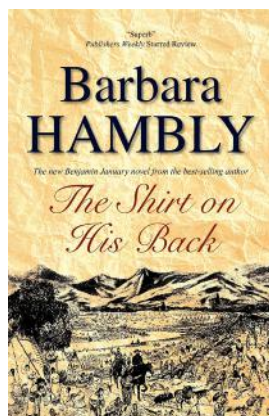
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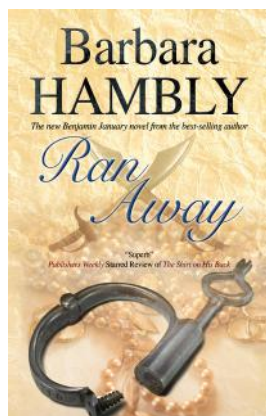
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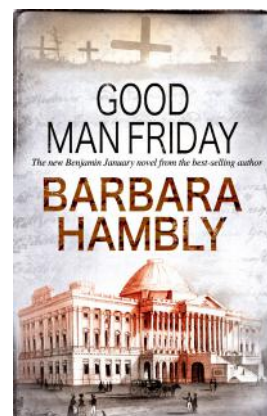
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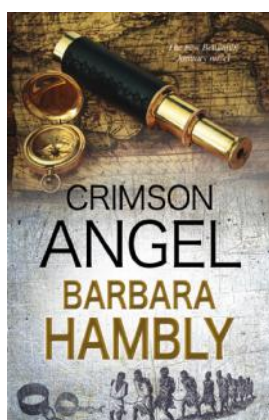
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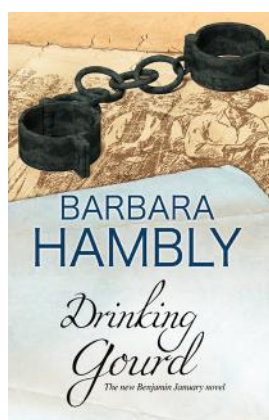
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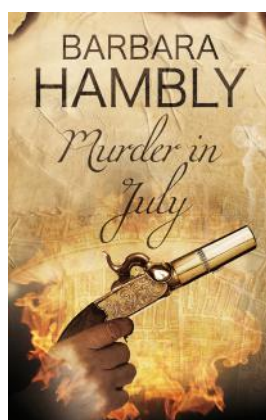
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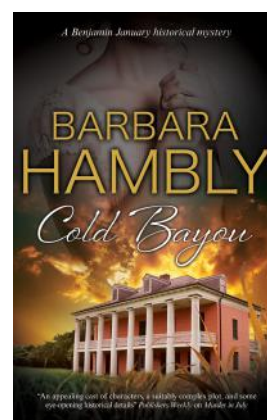
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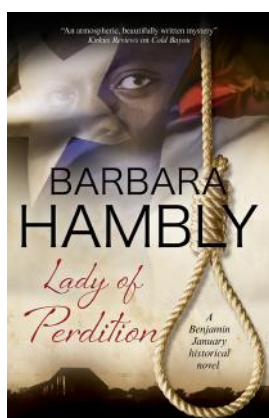
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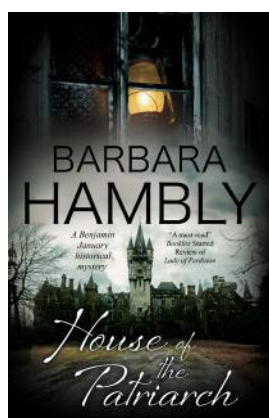
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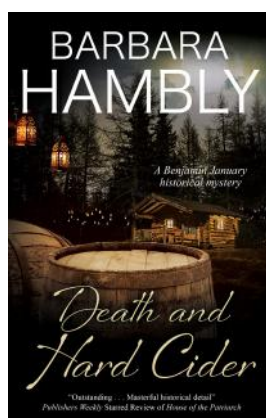
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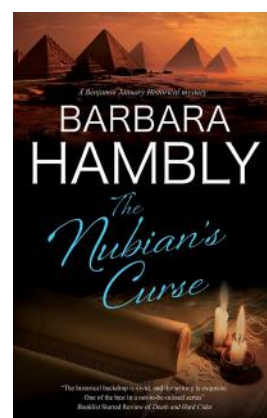
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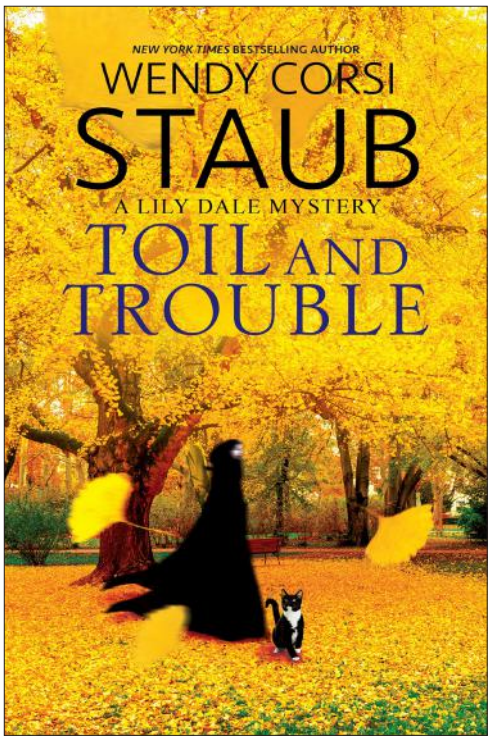
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# TOIL AND TROUBLE

A LILY DALE MYSTERY #7

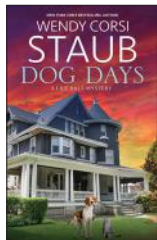
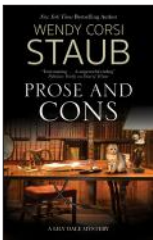
WENDY CORSI STAUB

Double double, toil and trouble . . . Bella Jordan faces ghosts, witches and a very real foe in the new instalment of *New York Times* bestseller Wendy Corsi Staub's heart-warming cozy mystery series set in Lily Dale, New York's Spiritualist home.

Bella Jordan doesn't have time to believe in supernatural entities. She has enough to tackle, what with running Lily Dale's Valley View guesthouse, wrangling her seven-year-old son and their growing army of pets, and dealing with her lovable but meddlesome neighbors.

So when Pandora Feeney, Valley View's highly eccentric – and reputedly highly psychic – owner, portentously predicts that *something wicked this way comes*, Bella shrugs off the warning. Besides, the local theatre is putting on a performance of *Macbeth*, so it's no wonder that sorcery and black magic are in the air.

Lily Dale is safe. Bella's sure of it. Even if one of her female guests at Valley View is setting her oddly on edge and Max is seeing witches behind every corner. Little does Bella know that a storm is coming, with the power to blow her life, and Max's, right off course . . . or far, far worse.



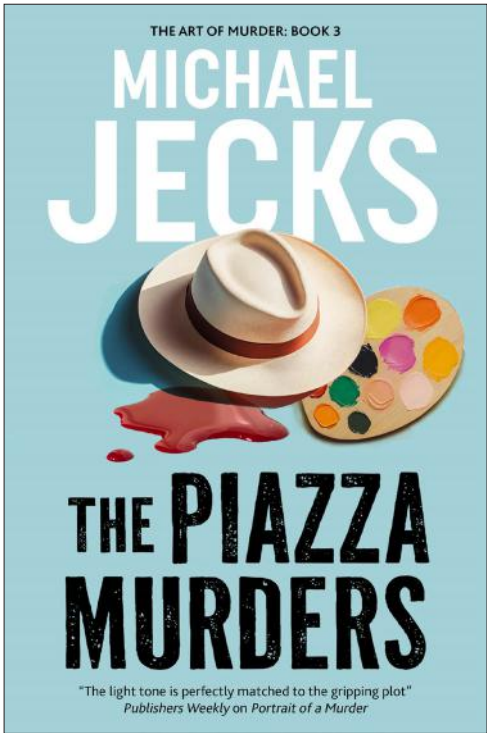
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**Michael Jecks** is the author of over fifty novels, including the acclaimed Last Templar medieval mystery series, modern spy thriller *Act of Vengeance*, Shanghai-based 1920s murder mystery *One Last Dance Before I Die*, and nine Bloody Mary Mysteries, as well as The Art of Murder series. A former Chairman of the Crime Writers' Association and founder of Medieval Murderers, he lives in northern Dartmoor.

# THE PIAZZA MURDERS

THE ART OF MURDER #3

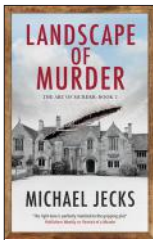
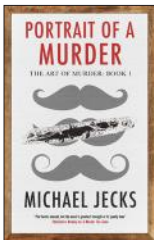
MICHAEL JECKS

Artist-turned-amateur sleuth Nick Morris is back, and this time he's swapped the English countryside for beautiful Italy. Only it's not long before another dead body (or two) lands in front of him!

Artist Nick Morris is in picturesque Piacenza, Italy to teach at an art retreat. A delightful gig, if only his budding artists weren't so . . . dramatic! Between the heartbroken, dying and just plain cantankerous, Nick's got his work cut out. Especially with world renowned – and universally despised – author Gregory Stone swanning about ruffling everyone's feathers . . . until Nick finds him dead in his hotel.

Another mystery is the last thing Nick wants to get involved in, but having befriended Stone's attractive publicist, he wonders, did Stone's bullying, misogyny and blatant plagiarism finally push someone too far?

As the investigation ramps up, so too does the suspect list. And soon Nick's fighting fires (literally!) all over the piazza. But it's the discovery of a second dead body – one of his students – that really throws him for a loop . . . Can Nick uncover the identity of the murderer before he himself becomes the next victim?



Also in the The Art of Murder series  
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# CARO RAMSAY

A DCI Christine Caplan Thriller

# WHERE SHE LIES

"Dark, suspenseful and atmospheric"  
*Booklist on The Devil Stone*



**Caro Ramsay** was born and brought up in Glasgow, and now lives in a village on the west coast of Scotland. She is an osteopath, acupuncturist and former marathon runner, who devotes much of her time to the complimentary treatment of injured wildlife at a local rescue centre. She is the author of thirteen Anderson & Costello Thrillers, one standalone psychological suspense novel and the DCI Christine Caplan thriller series.

# WHERE SHE LIES

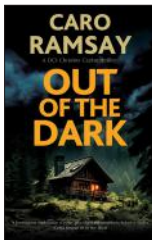
A DCI CHRISTINE CAPLAN THRILLER #4

CARO RAMSAY

A celeb wedding venue. A life gone viral. A dead It Girl. The stunning new DCI Christine Caplan thriller from critically acclaimed author Caro Ramsay, who has "a place in the upper echelons of Scottish crime writing" (*Financial Times*).

Koi, ex-supermodel and face of lifestyle brand the Sunflower Company, is #livingmybestlife in a Scottish castle with her famous family of nepo babies and influencers. Everything they do is posed, filtered and spun for the perfect story. Even when Koi is found on the rocks at the foot of a cliff, the media juggernaut rolls on, with the image of her body, battered and bleeding, splashed across every social platform around the world.

DCI Christine Caplan's job is simple – did Koi fall, jump or was she pushed? Only the family knows what really happened that night and, as with everything in their lives, they're only willing to engage with reveals they can stage. With the world's press breathing down her neck, Caplan must figure out what's real, what it takes to survive in the public eye, and how the truth of a story lies in the telling. As Caplan begins to see through Koi's glossy façade, she realises just how close to the edge she was, and how easy it can be for one misstep to bring everything crashing down .



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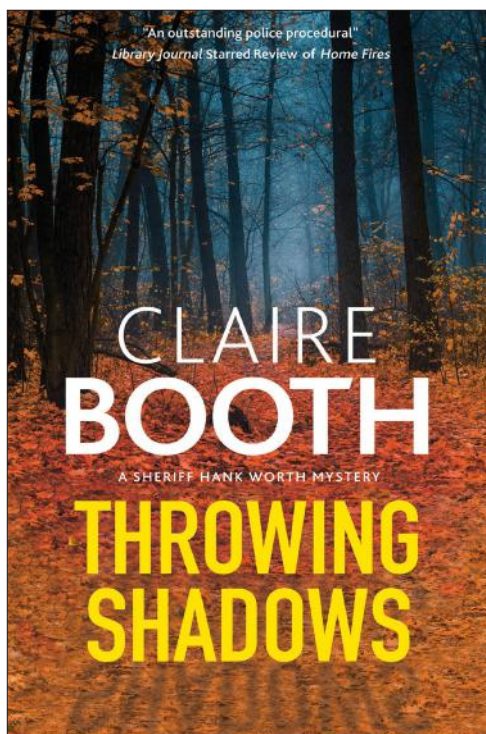
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**Claire Booth** is a former crime reporter for daily newspapers throughout the United States. She's used this experience to write six previous Sheriff Hank Worth mystery novels. She is also the author of one non-fiction book, *The False Prophet: Conspiracy, Extortion, and Murder in the Name of God*. She lives in California.

# THROWING SHADOWS

A SHERIFF HANK WORTH MYSTERY #7

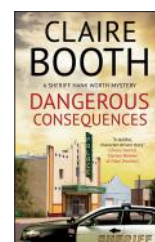
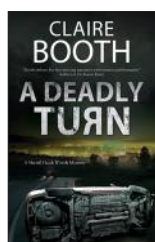
CLAIRE BOOTH

Fans of Steven F. Havill's Posadas County and Lisa Regan's Josie Quinn series will enjoy this fascinating and complex story set in small-town Missouri.

When a hiker stumbles from the woods raving about a dead man, Sheriff Hank Worth launches a search. Near the infamous landmark of Murder Rocks – a Civil War-era hideout for ambushers who robbed and killed passing travelers – they unearth two bodies and a skeleton.

Local legend says there's caches of stolen gold buried in the area. And – thanks to some recent nationwide publicity – the Ozark backwoods are now swarming with out-of-town treasure hunters, who have little concern for Hank's murder investigation. With the clock ticking, Hank must identify the victims . . . and the killer. But could the new pursuit of long-lost plunder really have led to multiple deaths?

Meanwhile, secrets uncovered in Hank's personal life are taking a toll. He and his wife are trying to bridge the painful gap that's widening daily. As it threatens to split them apart, Hank doesn't know what's tougher, murder or marriage. With both taking everything he has, all he does know is that old sins throw long shadows . . .



Also in the Sheriff Hank Worth mystery series

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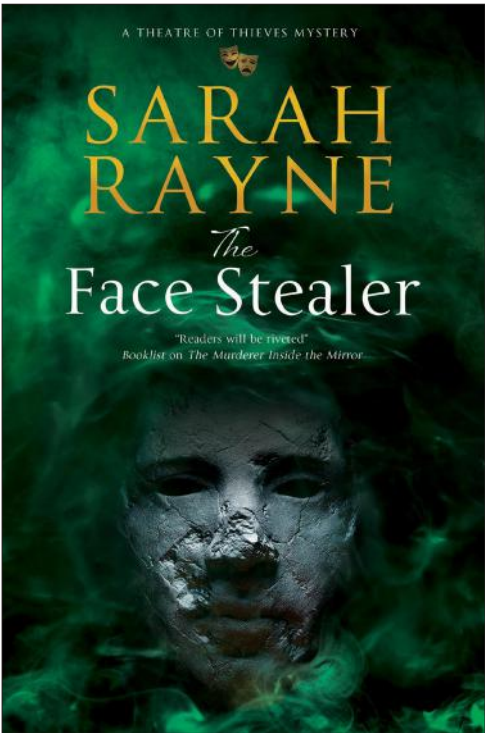
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**Sarah Rayne** is the author of many psychological and supernatural suspense novels, including the Nell West & Michael Flint Haunted House Mysteries, the Phineas Fox Mysteries and the Theatre of Thieves Mysteries.

# THE FACE STEALER

A THEATRE OF THIEVES MYSTERY #3

SARAH RAYNE

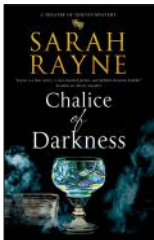
A puzzling mystery pulls the thieving Fitzglen family back to a shocking crime committed in the time of Catherine the Great in this third instalment of the spellbinding Theatre of Thieves gothic mystery series, set in Victorian England.

*London, 1909.* The Fitzglens combine running London's finest theatre with a very profitable side-line in stealing.

When a stranger approaches Jack Fitzglen after a performance, claiming that a Fitzglen has committed a grave crime in his village in faraway Russia, Jack knows exactly who's to blame: the unpleasant Saintly Simeon, who was chunked out of the family for breaking their code.

Simeon has stolen three valuable Stone Heads, the likenesses of children who vanished over a century ago. The Heads were locked away from the world in a remote Russian monastery . . . though whether to protect the priceless sculptures, or to protect the villagers from the Heads themselves, no one can say.

Jack joins forces with fellow actor Viola Gilfillan to retrieve the stolen goods and put things right. But as they investigate, peeling back layers of history, the ominous power of the Stone Heads begins to draw them down into a darkness from which they may never be able to escape . . .



Also in the Theatre of Thieves mystery series  
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# MURDER IN THE GREEK ISLES

A JESSE O'HARA  
NOVEL

"Clever, transportive,  
and laugh-out-loud funny"  
Andrea Bartz, *New York Times*  
bestselling author, on  
*Murder on the Spanish Seas*



WENDY CHURCH





**Wendy Church**, PhD, is the author of the Jesse O'Hara Mysteries, the first of which, *Murder on the Spanish Seas*, was named a Booklist Top 10 Debut Mystery & Thriller of 2023. She is also the author of the Shadows of Chicago Mysteries. *Knife Skills*, the first in the series, received a Starred Review from Kirkus Reviews. She lives in Seattle, Washington with her partner and several animals.

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# MURDER IN THE GREEK ISLES

A JESSE O'HARA NOVEL #3

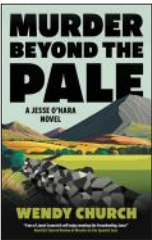
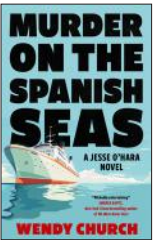
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Smart-mouthed Jesse O'Hara and her friends find themselves in the midst of a Greek crisis involving a radical nationalist group, mysterious spies and lots of Greek food!

When Jesse O'Hara and her friends are invited to present at the International Conference on Law Enforcement and Investigation, she jumps at the chance. Sure, the dreaded small talk isn't her favorite, but the conference is in Greece, and she's more than willing to endure it for the chance to explore ancient ruins and mouthwatering cuisine.

But her plans take an unexpected turn when she's approached with a high-stakes job offer from the Greek government. They want her help to dismantle a radical nationalist group that's rapidly gaining public support. The offer? A considerable fee, and a mission that's as intriguing as it is dangerous.

Jesse knows the risks, but nothing can prepare her for the challenges ahead – or the toll it will take on her friends. As she digs deeper into the operation, it becomes clear there's a hidden player in the mix, one with a singular goal: eliminate Jesse O'Hara and her team for good.

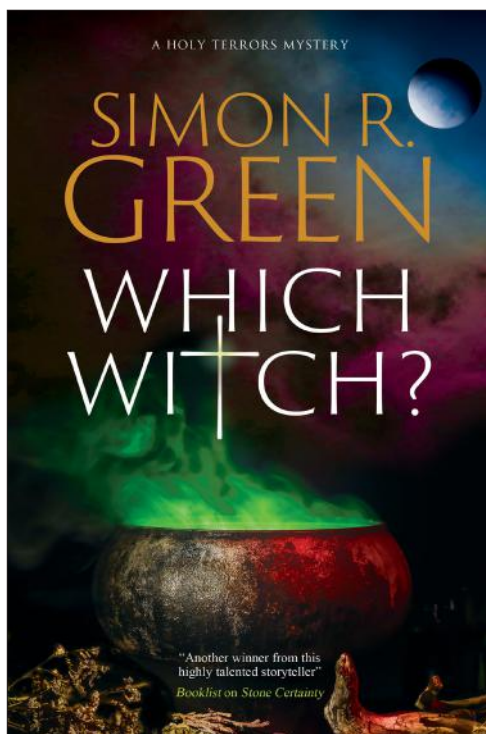


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## WHICH WITCH?

A HOLY TERRORS MYSTERY #3

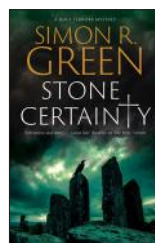
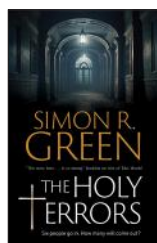
SIMON R. GREEN

Talented actress Diana and young bishop Alistair, her partner in crime-solving and supernatural sleuthing, face the terrifying curse of the Scottish Play in this witty, creeptastic paranormal mystery from *New York Times* bestselling British fantasy author Simon R. Green.

Miles away from town or city, and centuries away from civilization, three witches dance around a great brass cauldron. The Crone raises her voice to ask: 'When shall we three meet again?' . . . only for the cauldron to emit a thick, poisonous smoke, sending her, and her fellow actresses, fleeing for their lives.

For the director, it's the last straw. *Macbeth* is famously a cursed play, but the incident, not the first in a long line of creepy events, makes him wonder if someone – or something – is trying to sabotage the play.

Actress Diana Hunt, hired to give her Lady Macbeth, knows just the man to turn to for help: her partner in crime-solving, bishop Alistair Kincaid, whose help investigating a series of seemingly supernatural murders has earned them the nickname the Holy Terrors. But with evil and black magic wrapping the theatre in darkness, this investigation might cost Alistair and Diana far more than they're expecting.



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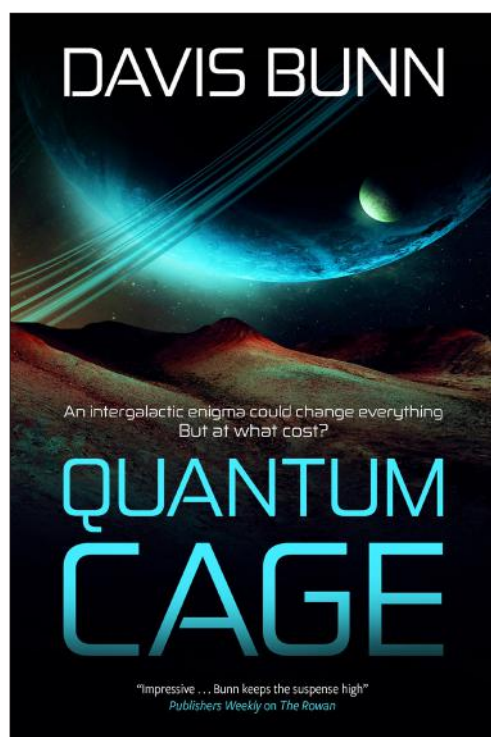
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## QUANTUM CAGE

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A group of physicists achieve something remarkable – a communication link to aliens that possess a groundbreaking enigma with the potential to transform life on Earth.

A team of scientists working on a secret NASA-funded project involving quantum theory bring in accountant Darren Costa to deal with some complex federal paperwork. But when the group reveal that they have accidentally established a communication link across space and time to four aliens, Darren suddenly finds himself becoming far more involved in their work than he expected.

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**Davis Bunn's** novels have sold in excess of eight million copies in twenty-six languages. He has appeared on numerous national bestseller lists, and his novels have been Main or Featured Selections with every major US bookclub. Recent titles have been named Best Book of the Year by both *Library Journal* and *Suspense Magazine*, as well as earning Top Pick and Starred Reviews from *Publishers Weekly*, *RT Reviews*, *Kirkus Reviews* and *Booklist*. Currently Davis serves as Writer-In-Residence at Regent's Park College, Oxford University. He speaks around the world on aspects of creative writing.

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A Wine Country Mystery

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# Deeds Left Undone





## DEEDS LEFT UNDONE

### A WINE COUNTRY MYSTERY #13

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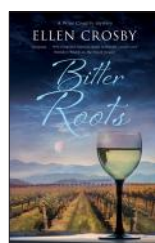
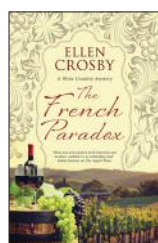
It's harvest time and trouble is fermenting for Virginia winemaker Lucie Montgomery in this warm-hearted, twisty mystery featuring small-town rivalries, buried secrets and full-bodied murder.

When a vineyard accident during harvest season leaves Lucie Montgomery without a valuable employee, it's her worst nightmare. But before she can search for a replacement, there's more bad news: Paul Merchant, her winery manager's husband, is found dead at the bottom of his swimming pool.

Police rule Paul's death an accident, but his wife insists he was murdered because of his leadership of a local conservationist group. And six weeks ago, Paul's predecessor also died under mysterious circumstances.

As Lucie is drawn into investigating Paul's death, she discovers more than one motive for the crime – and more than one person in their close-knit community who wanted Paul dead.

Either way, someone is determined to make sure Lucie hits a dead end before she even gets started. Even if it means committing murder. Again.



Also in the Wine Country mystery series

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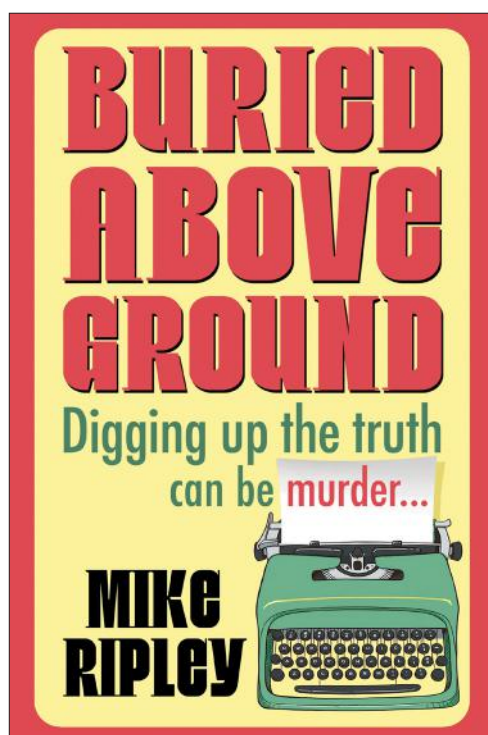
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## BURIED ABOVE GROUND

MIKE RIPLEY

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An original spin on the crime novel in which the race to gain the rights to an author's backlist proves to be more head-scratching – and deadly! – than the plots in his books.

**The Librarian:** It's been two decades since mystery writer Duncan Torrens was last published. I should know, I was his editor. So why a blogger would turn up asking questions about the rights to his books is beyond me . . .

**The Reader:** That librarian Roly is a bit odd. You'd think he'd be happy with my blog's research into a largely forgotten author, but he's . . . resistant. If I can get into Duncan's home – and his mysterious garden shed – I know I'll find what I'm looking for . . .

**The Publisher:** Torrens' books are crying out for a revival. I just need that blogger, Jacon, to work out who holds the rights to his backlist. Then I can acquire them before Duncan's old publishing house realizes they've missed a trick!

**The Editor:** I never worked directly with Duncan before he died, but if someone is sniffing round, there must be money involved. I just need to find out what's happened to the rights before they do . . .

**The Writer:** After twenty years, will the sudden interest in this author's forgotten mysteries reveal a dark – and deadly – twist?

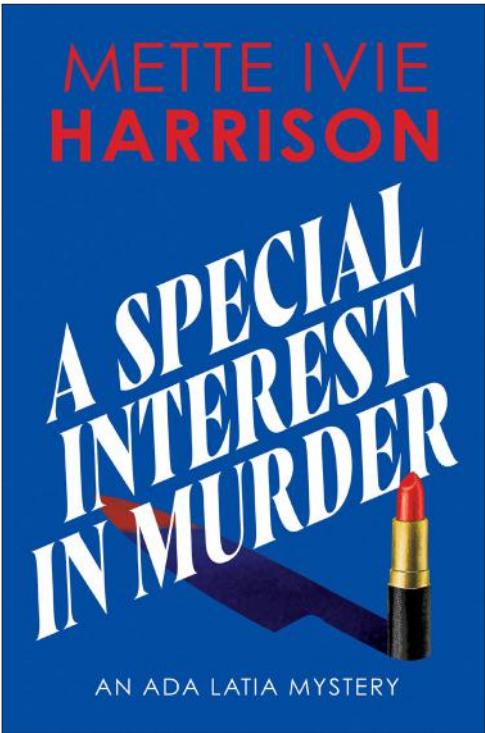
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# A SPECIAL INTEREST IN MURDER

AN ADA LATIA MYSTERY #1  
METTE IVIE HARRISON

A brilliant neurodivergent female sleuth colliding with an FBI agent with a secret. A crime that is not all it seems. A page-turning, red-herring-filled murder mystery, perfect for fans of Nita Prose, Richard Osman and Anthony Horowitz.

Ada Latia is twenty-four years old. She used to be the youngest millionaire in the cosmetics industry. She used to be married. Now, she spends her time studying ways to communicate with aliens. After all, aliens could not possibly be more cruel or deceitful than other humans.

Ada's spiteful ex-husband Rex believes autistic people like her are monsters, so she's not surprised when he calls her to share a clickbait article gleefully shouting that one autistic child has killed another at a special school in Idaho.

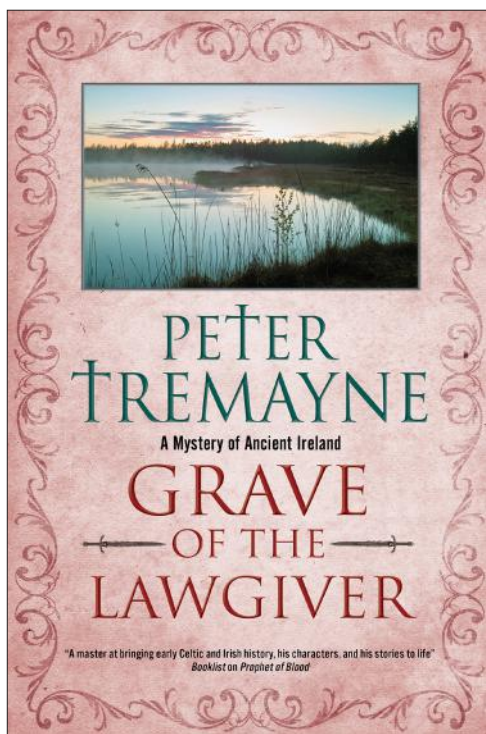
Rex just means to hurt her, but when Ada reads the article, it's not the lies about autism being fake that catch her eye: it's a disturbing photograph of the dead child. The image of the girl is perfect – too perfect. As if someone has committed a murder, and then carefully staged the scene to cover it up.

Ada reports her suspicions to the FBI, and the case crosses the desk of her old classmate Henry Bloodstone, who invites her to assist him. Ada's not a trained investigator. It's painful for her to come up against situations she's not an expert in. She barely remembers Henry, even though it's clear that he remembers her. But the death is a mystery – and Ada, who counts murder as one of her special interests, has never learned to let a mystery go.

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# GRAVE OF THE LAWGIVER

A SISTER FIDELMA MYSTERY #36

PETER TREMAYNE

Sister Fidelma returns in *Grave of the Lawgiver*, the thirty-sixth Celtic mystery by Peter Tremayne, acclaimed author of *Prophet of Blood*, *Death of a Heretic*, and *The House of Death*. If you love Ellis Peters, you'll be gripped by *Grave of the Lawgiver*.

*Autumn, AD 673.* Fidelma accompanies Eadulf to his hometown, Seaxmund's Ham in the Kingdom of the East Angles, to be greeted with the shocking news that Eadulf's uncle, Athelnoth, the lawgiver, has been murdered and his house burnt down. And Eadulf's younger sister is missing.

The locals accuse Fidelma and Eadulf of the crimes, and Fidelma's safety is threatened by the first council of the bishops and kings of the Angles and Saxons, who wish to expel all Hibernian missionaries and teachers from the kingdoms.

Against this opposition, Fidelma and Eadulf must unite to solve one of their most complex mysteries yet.

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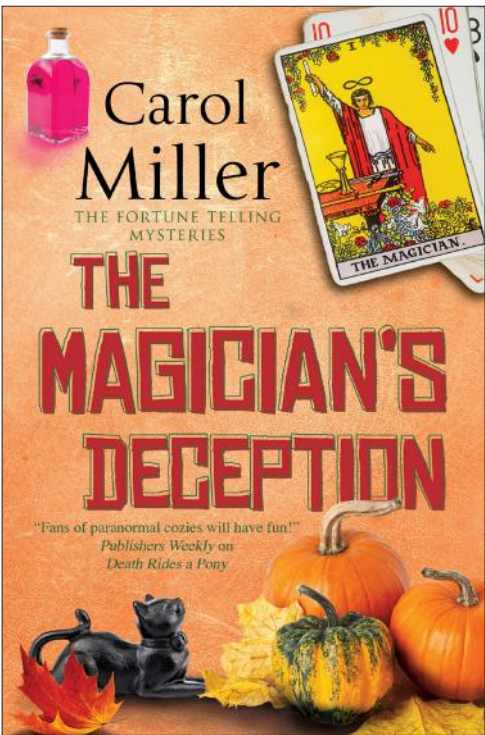
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# THE MAGICIAN'S DECEPTION

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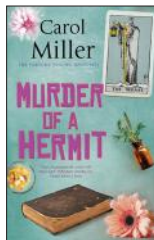
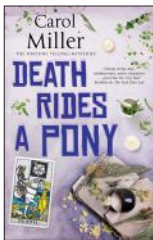
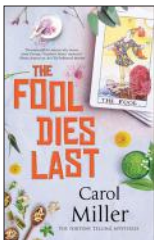
CAROL MILLER

Hope and Summer Bailey are gearing up for their infamous Halloween party, but a tarot reading featuring the Magician spells doom. Especially when a dead body is found at the party venue!

With just days until Halloween, preparations are in full swing for the Bailey sisters' annual spooktacular bash! To help a friend in need, the location has moved from Bailey's Boutique – much to the chagrin of some of their customers. Yet Hope and Summer still plan to make the ghoulish gathering a success. That is until a Tarot reading spells doom!

The sisters try to heed the warning of the Magician card, but avoiding strangers is easier said than done when a truck load arrives on their doorstep. Soon their 'new friends' are causing mayhem. Especially when one of them is discovered at the party venue – dead.

With only their friends as possible suspects, Hope and Summer don't know who to trust anymore. Did the murder victim learn something he shouldn't have? Or was he simply collateral damage? One thing's for sure, the sisters must be wary of magicians bearing treats!



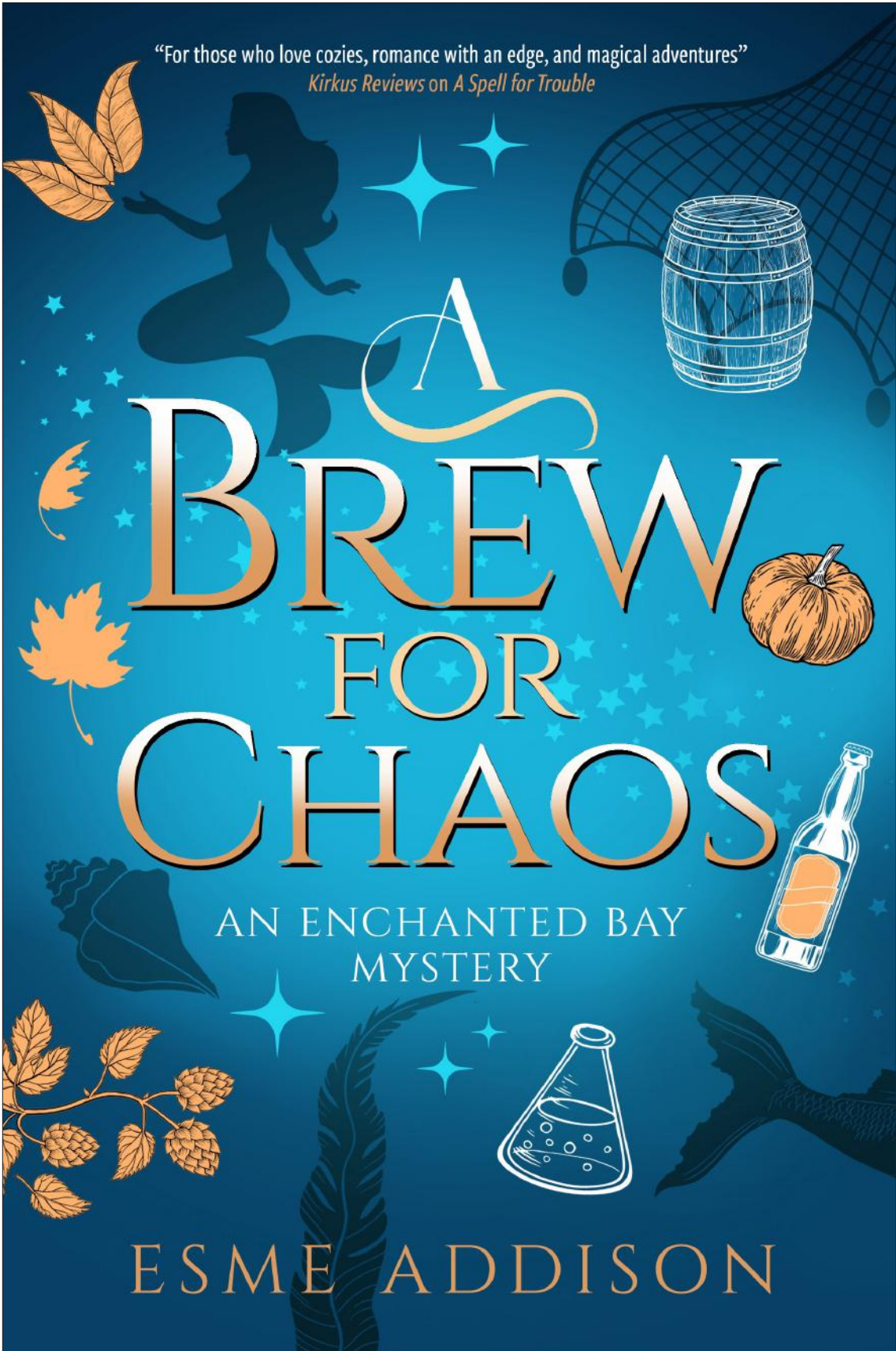
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# A BREW FOR CHAOS

## AN ENCHANTED BAY MYSTERY #3

ESME ADDISON

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Herbal apothecary worker and secret mermaid descendant Alex Daniels has to solve a puzzling serial killer cold case in this intriguing and magical cozy mystery instalment set in an endearing small coastal town during fall festivities.

It's autumn, and Aleksandra Daniels is settling into her new hometown of Bellamy Bay in North Carolina. She loves her job at her aunt's herbal apothecary, and is enjoying getting to know her new boyfriend, local detective Jack Frazier. But she's still trying to figure out her newly discovered magical powers, inherited from a mermaid ancestor.

Leaves are changing, pumpkins are being picked, and the small coastal town is caught up in the excitement of the approaching Oktoberfest and craft beer competition. But Alex's good friend, local journalist Pepper, is more excited by the upcoming anniversary of a spooky cold case she's helping her boss, Jonah, investigate. Back in the eighties, a serial killer nicknamed The Fisherman abducted ten local women. He was never caught, and the women never seen again.

Alex isn't surprised when Pepper asks for her help, but she's done solving mysteries. She'd much rather be strolling down main street with Jack, sharing a hot cup of apple cider, and that's not going to happen if she keeps meddling in his investigations.

But when Jonah's body is discovered on the beach, Alex is forced to reconsider. Soon, she's caught up in a complex, troubling plot that places not just her own life, but the lives of everyone she loves, in terrible danger.

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## THE SKELETON IN THE ROSE BED

A WORLD'S END BUREAU MYSTERY #5

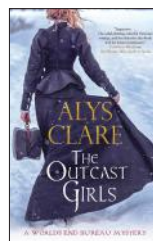
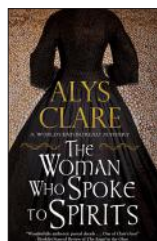
ALYS CLARE

A killer is loose on the streets of London and he has set his sights on private investigators Lily Raynor and Felix Wilbraham.

London, 1882. Lily Raynor and Felix Wilbraham of the World's End Investigation Bureau receive a visit from a trio of elderly siblings – Alethea, Thomas and Frances Fetterplace – who have discovered ancient bones in the garden of their house.

But the Fetterplaces aren't telling Lily and Felix something and refuse to allow the detectives to investigate their rose bed. When Felix returns under the cover of darkness to dig around, he is attacked and left for dead by a mystery assailant.

With Felix unconscious and gravely injured, it's up to Lily to unravel the mystery of the Fetterplace house. Who is buried in the makeshift grave? Did Felix discover something sinister alongside the bones? Whatever it was, it must be dangerous indeed if keeping it secret requires taking a life . . .



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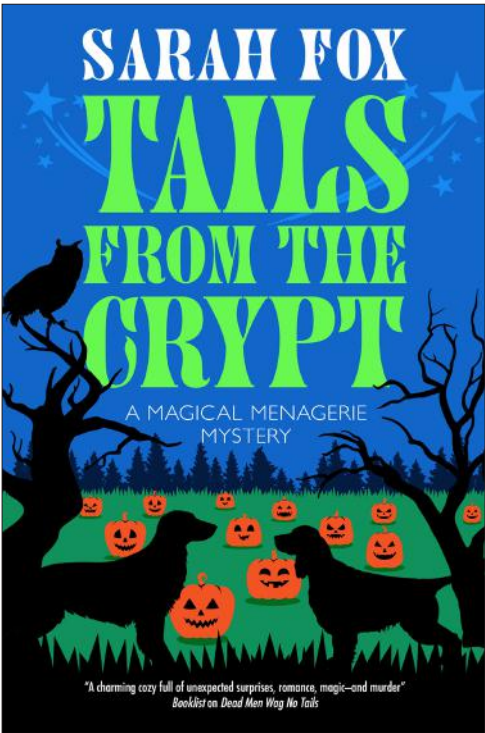
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# Tails from the Crypt

A MAGICAL MENAGERIE MYSTERY #3

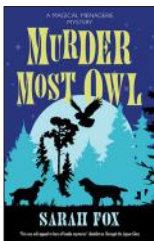
SARAH FOX

Halloween, magic and a touch of romance. Return to the charming coastal town of Twilight Cove with the latest instalment in *USA Today* bestselling author Sarah Fox's enchanting *Magical Menagerie* mystery series!

Autumn is in full swing and the town of Twilight Cove is preparing for its annual Pumpkin Glow! Georgie Johansen, her gorgeous boyfriend Callum and her Auntie O are also getting ready for their animal sanctuary's Trail of Terror. But when a new, and rather unpleasant, resident stops at nothing to take over the town, the enemies she makes are numerous . . . and lethal!

Finding the woman's body in the woods is shocking enough. The news that Georgie's best friend is top of the suspect list is another level entirely. Georgie's never needed the secret abilities of her wonderful dogs, Flossie and Fancy, more than she does right now. Especially when it's clear that someone doesn't want an amateur sleuth poking around. Revealing the victim's secrets could be the key to finding the killer. After all, everyone has a skeleton in their closet . . .

Can Georgie save the town from a real Halloween horror show?



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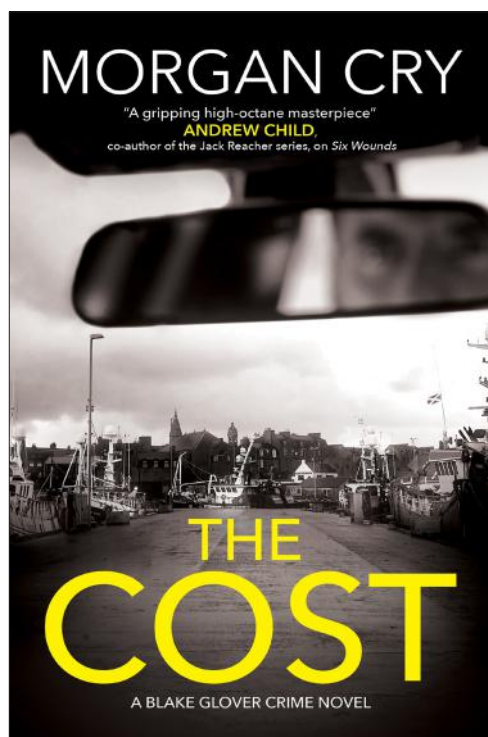
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## THE COST

A BLAKE GLOVER CRIME NOVEL #1

MORGAN CRY

One man's race against time to track down a deadly narcotic before it hits the streets of the seaside hometown he thought he'd never return to. The first in a new Tartan Noir mystery series by Bloody Scotland founding director Gordon Brown writing as Morgan Cry.

Disgraced, demoralised and recently retired Glasgow police constable Blake Glover returns to his childhood home of Fraserburgh on the north-east shoulder of Scotland. While driving a taxi to occupy himself and contemplate his future, he is asked to discreetly investigate the disappearance of a young woman.

Blake reluctantly agrees to help and stumbles upon a mysterious stately home which appears to be involved in smuggling people from around the world for a highly addictive and deadly narcotic.

The more Blake investigates, the more he uncovers a massive plot involving money, blackmail, drugs and murder. With the fear that the narcotic will make it onto the streets of his hometown, Blake must track down the drugs before time runs out or watch people he cares about meet a gruesome end.

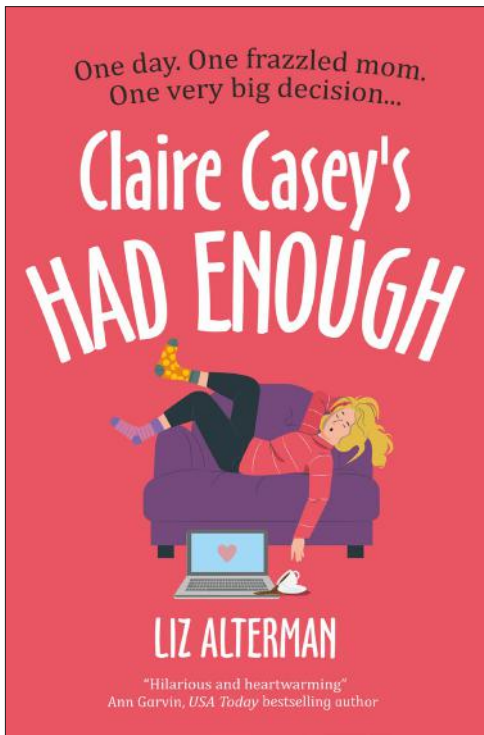
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## CLAIRE CASEY'S HAD ENOUGH

LIZ ALTERMAN

Back in the day, Claire had dreams. She was going to be somebody! Now a forty-something mom of three (four if you count her husband!), drowning in laundry and PTA chores, with a job she can't stand, she's finally had enough . . .

Claire Casey has reached her breaking point. For years, she's juggled it all: kids, husband, career, and a never-ending list of responsibilities. But when the man who's supposed to be her partner – who promised he wouldn't let his phone die and would pick her up from the airport – completely forgets about her, Claire snaps.

It's the final straw. Claire is done. And so are they.

Sort of . . . maybe. (*It's not easy saying goodbye to sixteen years of marriage, ok!*)

Still, Claire's determined to reclaim her life. She's tired of being the overworked, worn-out mom in her forties. She wants to be hopeful, vivacious Claire again.

Attending her college reunion reconnects her with former flame, Alex. And while flirting with him over email is innocent, his invitation to meet for drinks at a swanky hotel is not!

As Claire begins to rediscover the woman she was, she's forced to confront the harsh reality that recapturing her sense of self could blow up her marriage . . . Now Claire must decide: risk the unknown or rebuild the life she has, flaws and all?

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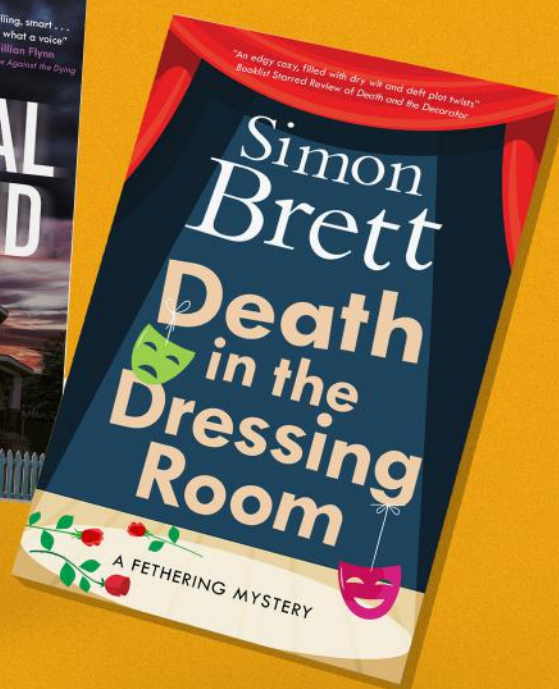
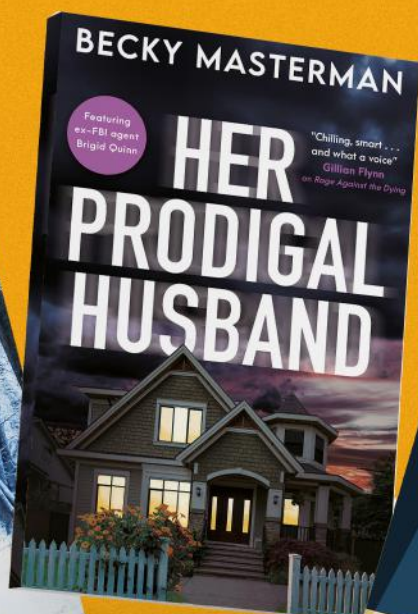
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