

Soft-boiled detectives

These detectives rely on their wits to solve mysteries.
There are bodies, but little explicit sex or violence.
All the books are part of a series



Aunt Dimity: Detective

Life in the idyllic English village of Finch is disrupted by the murder of busybody Prunella “Pruneface” Hooper. A ghostly investigator uncovers secrets, scandals and family feuds.

Mystery/Atherton, Nancy

The Body in the Bonfire

Faith Fairchild’s brief stint as a midterm cooking class teacher at Mansfield Academy takes a harrowing turn when a body is discovered in the ashes of the annual school bonfire.

Mystery/Page, Katherine Hall

Death of a Gossip

When Lady Jane Winters is found dead in a loch in the wilds of Scotland local constable (and poacher) Hamish Macbeth is canny enough to solve the crime.

Mystery/Beaton, M.C.

Love, Lies and Liquor

Agatha Raisin is very busy running her detective agency but when her ex husband invites her to go on holiday with him she agrees, hoping to be taken somewhere sunny and exotic. Instead she ends up in chilly Sussex and gets caught up in a murder.

Mystery/Beaton, M.C.

A Midsummer Night’s Scream

Suburban mom and sometime sleuth Jane Jeffrey gets involved in student dramatics at a local theatre. There is plenty of drama, on stage and off, culminating in the untimely exit of one of the actors.

Mystery/Churchill, Jill

Murder at the President's Door

In this intriguing adventure the charming and intrepid First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, traces an assassination attempt to the depths of the Washington D.C. underworld.

Mystery/Roosevelt, Elliot

No Nest for the Wicket

Meg Langslow moves to Wales with her fiancé and learns that extreme croquet, a faster and more intense version of the genteel summer pastime, is all the rage. During a game she discovers the body of a dead woman and realizes that there is more than one use for a croquet mallet.

Mystery/Andrews, Donna

The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency

Precious Ramotswe, a traditionally built lady with abundant common sense, opens her Botswana detective agency. With the help of her secretary, and many cups of bush tea, Mma Ramotswe solves cases and dispenses good advice.

Mystery/McCall Smith, Alexander

Sins Out of School

Dorothy Martin is a retired American School teacher living in England. When a teacher fails to turn up for work at the local elementary school Dorothy helps out and soon finds herself embroiled in solving a murder.

Mystery/Dams, Jeanne M.

Star Spangled Murder

Lucy Stone, reporter for the local paper in the town of Tinker's Cove, finds herself in big trouble when her complaining neighbor is the victim of a hit-and-run.

Mystery/Meier, Leslie

Suture Self

Judith McMonigle Flynn is nervous about her upcoming hip replacement at Good Cheer Hospital, where a large number of recent routine orthopedic surgeries have ended very badly. Could she be next?

Mystery/Daheim, Mary

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