

WHO DONE IT?

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TESS GERRITSEN

Sixty seconds with Tess (from Reviewing the Times)

Tess Gerritsen is a graduate of Stanford University and went on to medical school at the University of California where she was awarded an M.D. She began to write fiction while on maternity leave from her job as a physician. She has now retired from medicine and writes full time, whilst also enjoying gardening and playing the fiddle. Her books draw on her experiences of practising medicine and her series of novels featuring homicide detective Jane Rizzoli and medical examiner Maura Isles has inspired the TNT television series "Rizzoli & Isles"

RTE: Describe yourself in a sentence?

Gerritsen: A lover of food, wine, travel, and books.

RTE: What's the one record you'd take to a desert island?

Gerritsen: The movie soundtrack to Lord of the Rings.

RTE: What did you want to be when you were growing up?

Gerritsen: An FBI agent.

RTE: Who's your oldest friend?

Gerritsen: My husband.

RTE: If I ruled the world...

Gerritsen: I'd rather not have that job, thank you.

RTE: Which book do you wish you'd written?

Gerritsen: The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver.

RTE: What makes you angry?

Gerritsen: People telling me how I should behave.

RTE: Name your five dream dinner party guests.

Gerritsen: Jon Stewart, Anthony Bourdain, Michael Pollan, Bill Maher, and David Letterman. It would be an evening of arguments about politics and food. And silliness.

RTE: What inspired you to start writing?

Gerritsen: I wanted to share my daydreams.

RTE: Where would you most like to live?

Gerritsen: Right where I am now. On the coast of Maine.

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What's Next

April 22

Tess Gerritsen or
Lee Goldberg

May 20

New Authors of
2023 and 2024

June 24

Classics Month
Read a mystery book by
a deceased author

July 22

Michael Koryta or
Scott Carson

Vital Details

Meeting Time
2 PM except for special
events,

Meeting Day

4th Mon. except on
holidays

Meeting Place -

DIY Studio in Public
Library

Location -

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LEE GOLDBERG

Lee Goldberg writes books and television shows. His mother wanted him to be a doctor, and his grandfather wanted him to go into the family furniture business. Instead, he put himself through UCLA as a freelance journalist, writing for such publications as *American Film*, *Starlog*, *Newsweek*, *The Los Angeles Times* Syndicate, *The Washington Post* and *The San Francisco Chronicle* (he also wrote erotic letters to the editor for *Playgirl* at \$25-a-letter, but he doesn't tell people about that, he just likes to boast about those "Tiffany" credits). He published his first book *.357 Vigilante* (as "Ian Ludlow," so he'd be on the shelf next to Robert Ludlum) while he was still a UCLA student. The *West Coast Review of Books* called his debut "as stunning as the report of a .357 Magnum, a dynamic premiere effort," singling the book out as "The Best New Paperback Series" of the year. Naturally, the publisher promptly went bankrupt and he never saw a dime in royalties.

His many subsequent books include the non-fiction *Successful Television Writing* and *Unsold Television Pilots* as well as the novels *Lost Hills*, *True Fiction*, *My Gun Has Bullets*, *The Walk*, *King City*, and *Watch Me Die*, which was nominated for a Shamus Award for Best Novel from the Private Eye Writers of America. He was also the co-author with Janet Evanovich of the five international bestselling Fox & O'Hare novels (*The Heist*, *The Chase*, *The Job*, *The Scam* and *The Pursuit*) and two *New York Times* bestselling prequel novellas (*The Shell Game* and *Pros & Cons*). His most recent books include *Dream Town* (the 5th novel in the Eve Ronin series), *Malibu Burning* (the first novel in the Sharpe & Walker series) and the genre-bending thriller *Calico*, a 2024 Spur Award finalist for Best Contemporary Western from the Western Writers of America.

Goldberg broke into television with a freelance script sale to *Spenser: For Hire*. Since then, his TV writing & producing credits have covered a wide variety of genres, including sci-fi (*seaQuest*), cop shows (*Hunter*, *The Glades*), martial arts (*Martial Law*), whodunits (*Diagnosis Murder*, *Nero Wolfe*), the occult (*She-Wolf of London*), kid's shows (R.L. Stine's *The Nightmare Room*), T&A (*Baywatch*, *She Spies*), comedy (*Monk*) clip shows (*The Best TV Shows That Never Were*) and total crap (*The Highwayman*, *The New Adventures of Flipper*). He co-created the hit Hallmark movie series *Mystery 101*.

He's written and produced TV shows in Canada (*Murphy's*



Law, *Cobra*, *Missing*), England (*Stick With Me Kid*, *She Wolf of London*) and Germany (*Fast Track: No Limits*). His mystery writing for television has earned him two Edgar Award nominations from the Mystery Writers of America.

His two careers, novelist and TV writer, merged when he wrote the eight books in the *Diagnosis Murder* series of original novels, based on the hit CBS TV mystery that he also wrote and produced. He followed that up by writing fifteen bestselling novels based on *Monk*, another TV show that he worked on. His *Monk* novels have been translated and published in Germany, Poland, Thailand, Japan, Turkey, and many other countries.

In addition to his writing, he's worked as an international TV development expert and consulting producer for production companies and major networks in Canada, France, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Belgium, and the Netherlands. And he launched, with author Joel Goldman, the acclaimed small press Brash Books, which has published hundreds of award-winning, highly-praised crime, mystery and thriller novels over the last decade.

Goldberg lives in Los Angeles with his wife and his daughter and still sleeps in *Man From U.N.C.L.E.* pajamas.

Visit his webpage at LeeGoldberg.com to investigate further this very amusing author

GERRITSEN AND GOLDBERG

Tess Gerritsen books available at YLPL

Rizzoli and Isles

DIE AGAIN – 2014 #11

I KNOW A SECRET – 2017 #12

LISTEN TO ME – 2022 #13

Novels

CHOSE ME - 2021

PLAYING WITH FIRE – 2016

PRESUMED GUILTY – 2012 - 1988

UNDER THE KNIFE – 2014-1990

THE SHAPE OF NIGHT – 2019

THE SPY COAST 2023

Several others in e-book and audio versions.

Gerritsen wrote 13 books in the Rizzoli & Isles series and 17 stand alone novels. Her first 2 non-series are not even available at Amazon. The first 7 stand alone novels were considered romances and PRESUMED GUILT and UNDER THE KNIFE are part of that list. For those who prefer not to read medical mysteries.

Audie Awards were announced on March 4th

Best Mystery:

VERA WONG'S UNSOLICITED ADVICE FOR MURDERERS, by Jesse Q. Sutanto; narrated by Eunice Wong •

THE GOLDEN GATE, by Amy Chua; narrated by Robb Moreira, Tim Campbell, and Suzanne Toren

A LINE IN THE SAND, by Kevin Powers; narrated by Christine Lakin

MURDER YOUR EMPLOYER: The McMasters Guide to Homicide, by Rupert Holmes; narrated by Neil Patrick Harris and Simon Vance

WORLD OF CURIOSITIES, by Louise Penny; narrated by Robert Bathurst

Best Thriller/Suspense:

ALL THE SINNERS BLEED, by S.A. Cosby; narrated by Adam Lazarre-White

BAD CREE, by Jessica Johns; narrated by Tanis Parenteau
I WILL FIND YOU, by Harlan Coben; narrated by Steven Weber

THE WOODKIN, by Alexander James; narrated by Alex Knox
NONE OF THIS IS TRUE, by Lisa Jewell; narrated by Nicola Walker, Louise Brealey, and a full cast

Lee Goldberg books available at YLPL

Eve Ronin

LOST HILLS - 2020 #1 – Eve Ronin

BONE CANYON – 2021 - #2 -Eve Ronin

GATED PREY – 2021 - #3 Eve Ronin

MOVIELAND – 2022 - #4 -Eve Ronin

DREAM TOWN – 2024 - #5 Eve Ronin

Sharpe & Walker

MALIBU BURNING - 2023

Fox & O'Hare

THE CHASE – 2014 – Evanovich #2

THE HEIST 2013- Evanovich #1

THE PURSUIT – 2016 – Evanovich - #5

THE SCAM – 2015 – Evanovich - #4

Ian Ludlow

TRUE FICTION – 2018 - #1

KILLER THRILLER – 2019 -#2

FAKE TRUTH – 2020 - #3

Novels

CALICO – 2023

Goldberg also wrote 8 books the Diagnosis Murder series and 15 books in the Monk series (4 of these are available as audio books)

The Jury series of 4 were re releases of a series written in the 1980's while a student at UCLA.

Los Angeles Times Festival of Books

April 19

Finalists in the category of mystery or thriller:

DARK RIDE by Lou Berney

EVERYBODY KNOW by Jordon Harper

SING HER DOWN by Ivy Pochoda

ALL THE SINNERS BLEED by S.A. Cosby

TIME'S UNDOING by Cheryl A. Head

WHAT WE READ

A FATAL GRACE by Louise Penny (#2 2006)-Curling game in Canada – Penny 4.0

A PIECE OF THE WORLD by Christina Baker Kline (2017) - Story with Andrew Wyett's most famous model – Nancy 5.0

ALL THAT'S LEFT UNSAID by Tracey Lien – (2022) Vietnamese community in Australia – Karen 4.85

AN EVIL HEART by Linda Castillo (2023) -Female police chief in Amish community – Nancy 4.5

COUNTRY GIRLS by Jennifer Chiaverini (2023) WWI British historical - Bobbi 4.5

DEATH OF A LESSER GOD by Vaseem Khan –(2023) Persis Wadia in Malabar House series – Chitra -4.25 and Karen 5.0

ENDURANCE by Alfred Lansing (2014) Shackleton's Incredible Voyage – Chitra 4.0

FIFTY_FIFTY by James Petterson and Candice Fox – (2018) Australia – 3.75

FOX CREEK by William Kent Krueger (2022) Cork O'Conner in Minnesota against a ruthless mercenaries – Penny 5.0

HERO by Thomas Perry (2024) so-so _ Karen 3.5

HOPE TO DIE by James Patterson (#22 – 2014)– the return of Alex Cross – Pam - 3.75

NORTHWOODS by Amy Pease (2024) Eli North finds a body in a boat and his mother, the Sheriff hires him – Karen 4.8

POSTCARDS FROM KASHMIR by Ajay Jain (2015) – Chitra 4.50

RADIANT HEAT by Sarah-Jane Collins (2024) - Australia wildfire - Nancy 4.75 and Karen 2.5

REYKJAVIK by Ragnar Jonasson – (2023) Iceland setting – Karen 4.0

ROGUE JUSTICE by Stacy Abrams (2023) Supreme Court clerk, Avery Keene sleuths again – Nancy 4.75

SPARRING PARTNERS by John Grisham – An early novella – Pam 4.0

THE BOY WHO CRIED BEAR by Kelley Armstrong (2024) Casey and 'Dalton in new community, Haven's Rock, Yukon – Karen -4.9

THE BUREAU HOUR by Jeffery Deaver (2027) - Nine year old girls witnesses murder that Lincoln and Amanda must

solve. Pam 3.0

THE BURNING WIRE by Jeffery Deaver (2010)-Killer uses electricity to attack a city bus – Pam 3.5

THE CHEETAH CHASE by Karin McQuillian –(1994) Jazz Jasper in Kenya – Karen 4.5

THE GIRL WHO SURVIVED AUSCHWITZ (2023) -a memoir – Chitra 4.0

THE GIRL WITH THE LOUDING VOICE by Abi Dare – Nigerian girl forced to marry an old man – Nancy 3.75

THE LAST REMAINS by Elly Griffiths –(2023) – Ruth Galloway – Chitra 4.25

THE LONELY HOUR by Christopher Fowler (2019) Peculiar Crimes Unit – 3.25

THE NAZI CONSPIRACY by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch (2022) – Secret plot to kill Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill – Chitra – 4.00

THE NIGER WIFE by Vanessa Walters -(2023)– Sister goes to Nigeria to find a missing wife – Nancy 4.0

THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM by Marie Benedict – novel about Hedy Lamar – Nancy 4.25

THE PAPER DAUGHTERS OF CHINATOWN by Heather B Moore (2020) – late 19th Century Chinese-American women escape slavery – Penny 5.0

THE PRICE YOU PAY by Nick Petrie – (2024) Peter's friend is on someone's hit list - Karen 5.0

THE RUNNING GRAVE by Robert Galbraith (2023)- Cormoran Strike – Chitra 4.75

THE TEACHER by Frieda McFadden ((2024) -Rather nasty people – Karen -3.0

THE WAYS WE HIDE by Kristine McMorris (2022)- Girl in Michigan learns to farm and work with military intelligence – Penny – 4.0

TURN RIGHT AT MACHU PICCU by Mark Adams (2011) – Chitra 4.50

VILLAGE IN THE DARK by Iris Yamashita (2024) Alaska small town and Native area j- Karen 3.75

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BENNETTS by Lisa Scottoline (2022) Family forced into witness protection – Bobbi - 5.+

WORLD OF CURIOSITIES by Louise Penny - (#18 2022)Three Pines mystery - Penny 5.0

DUE IN APRIL

Allen, Samantha Jayne – NEXT OF KIN

From Tony Hillerman Prize-winning author Samantha Jayne Allen comes NEXT OF KIN, a mesmerizing novel set in a hardscrabble Texas town dealing with disaster.

At a gathering for her cousin's wedding party, newly-licensed PI Annie McIntyre gets asked an age-old question: what really makes us who we are, nature or nurture? Clint Marshall, an up-and-coming musician and an adoptee at a personal crossroads, wants to hire Annie to find his biological parents

Andrews :& Wilson – FOUR MINUTES

Special Operations Chief Tyler Brooks might not know quantum mechanics, or have an eidetic memory, but he is the very best in the world at one thing: leading covert ops. When an unpredictable enemy causes the catastrophic loss of his entire SEAL team, Brooks is recruited by Pat Moody to lead a new elite squad, Task Force Omega. Moody's promise—access to mind-bending tech that grants a glimpse of the future.

Baldacci, David – A CALAMITY OF SOULS

Set in the tumultuous year of 1968 in southern Virginia, a racially-charged murder case sets a duo of white and Black lawyers against a deeply unfair system as they work to defend their wrongfully-accused Black defendants

Brownlow, John - ASSASSIN EIGHTEEN - Assassins #2 Agent Seventeen, the most infamous hitman in the world, has quit. But whoever wants to become Assassin Eighteen must track him down and kill him first.

Campbell, Rick – THE BIN LADEN PLOT

A U.S. destroyer is torpedoed by an Iranian submarine and Captain Murray Wilson of the U.S.S. Michigan is flown to the Pentagon to meet with the Secretary of the Navy (SecNav). There Wilson learns that the Iranian submarine is just a cover story. One of the United States' own fully automated unmanned underwater vehicles has gone rogue, its programing corrupted in some way. Murray is charged with hunting it down and taking it out before the virus that's infected its operating system can infect the rest of the fleet.

Clark, Mary Higgins and Alfair Burke – IT HAD TO BE YOU

The two identical brothers seemed perfect in every way—handsome, intelligent, popular—until a shocking summer night when one brother killed his parents in cold blood while the other brother had an iron-clad alibi. But which twin was where during the murders? And is it possible the two of them planned the perfect crime together?.

Coffin, Bruce Robert and LynDee Walker – GENERAL'S GOLD (Turner and Mosley Files #1)

Cole, Alyssa – ONE OF US KNOWS

Years after a breakdown and a diagnosis of dissociative identity disorder derailed her historical preservationist career, Kenetria

Nash and her alters have been given a second chance they can't refuse: a position as resident caretaker of a historic home. Having been dormant for years, Ken has no idea what led them to this isolated Hudson River island, but she's determined not to ruin their opportunity..

Crawley, Harriet - THE TRANSLATOR

Clive Franklin, a Russian language expert in the Foreign Office, is summoned unexpectedly to Moscow to act as translator for the British Prime Minister. His life is turned on its head when, after more than a decade, he discovers that his former lover, Marina Volina, is now the interpreter to the Russian President.

Donati, Sara – THE SWEET BLUE DISTANCE

1857- A young midwife travels west to the New Mexico Territory to care for women in need and faces dangers more harrowing than the ones she's fleeing.: In a bid to outrun her past, Carrie Ballentyne accepts a nursing position with a doctor in the New Mexico Territory. She knows the journey from New York to Santa Fe will not be easy, but she relishes the adventure. However, nothing could have prepared her for the wilderness she encounters.

Dugoni, Robert – A KILLING ON THE HILL

The Great Depression. High-level corruption. And a murder that's about to become Seattle's hottest mystery. It's the kind of story that can make a reporter's career. If he lives to write about it.

Seattle, 1933. The city is in the grips of the Great Depression, Prohibition, and vice. Cutting his teeth on a small-time beat, hungry and ambitious young reporter William "Shoe" Shumacher gets a tip that could change his career. There's been a murder at a social club on Profanity Hill—an underworld magnet for vice crimes

Garrett, Kellye - MISSING WHITE WOMAN

Breanna's boyfriend, Ty, has just taken her on a romantic getaway to New York City and Ty has taken care of everything, including the four-story townhouse in Jersey City that he rented. On the last day of their trip, Bree comes downstairs to find Ty missing and Janelle Beckett dead on the floor.

Glass, Serapina Nova – THE VACANCY IN ROOM 10

When Anna's husband calls and confesses to killing someone, followed by his body washing up on the banks of the Rio Grande, it's up to her to piece together what really happened..

Graham, Heather – THE REAPER FOLLOWS

Deep in the Florida Everglades, the body of a woman is discovered in pieces, presumably ravaged by an alligator. Upon closer inspection, it's determined no animal could make

such perfectly precise cuts. Only a blade could do that. Wielded by a human. Soon, dozens of oil drums emerge amid the river of grass. Each one packed to the brim with body parts.

Harris, C S - WHAT CANNOT BE SAID Sebastian St. Cyr #19

July 1815: The Prince Regent's grandiose plans to celebrate Napoléon's recent defeat at Waterloo are thrown into turmoil when Lady McInnis and her daughter Emma are found brutally murdered in Richmond Park, their bodies posed in a chilling imitation of the stone effigies once found atop medieval tombs.

Hart, Joe – NEVER COME BACK

Needing to help the most vulnerable is in Nora McTavish's DNA. Living within the echoes of her own traumatic past, she spends her days as a family advocate providing comfort and justice for those without anyone else to turn to. So when a long lost childhood friend calls asking for help and promising clues to the location of Nora's missing mother, she has no choice but to say yes.

Hays, Kim - A FONDNESS FOR TRUTH (Swiss Police Procedural)

Andi Eberhart is riding her bicycle home on an icy winter night when she is killed in a hit-and-run. Her devastated partner, Nisha, is convinced the death was no accident. Andi had been receiving homophobic hate mail for several years, and the letters grew uglier after the couple's baby was born. Bern homicide Detective Giuliana Linder is assigned to investigate.

Hendricks, T R – THE INFILTRATOR

One year after the clash with his former students in upstate New York, retired Marine Warrant Officer and SERE instructor Derek Harrington is the tip of the FBI's spear in their mission to eradicate the domestic terrorist group known as Autumn's Tithe..

Hepworth, Sally – DARLING GIRLS

From the outside, Alicia, Jessica and Norah might seem like ordinary women you'd meet on the street any day of the week. Sure, Jessica has a little OCD and Norah has some anger issues. And Alicia has low self-esteem that manifests itself in surprising ways. But these three have a bond that takes them back decades, to when they were girls, and they lived on a farm with a foster mother named Miss Fairchild.

Hillerman, Anne – LOST BIRDS

Joe Leaphorn may be long retired from the Navajo Tribal Police, but his detective skills are still sharp, honed by his work as a private detective. His experience will be essential to solve a compelling new case: finding the birth parents of a woman who was raised by a bilagáana family but believes she is Diné based on one solid clue, an old photograph with a classic Navajo child's blanket.

Horowitz, Anthony – CLOSE TO DEATH

Riverside Close is a picture-perfect community. The six exclusive and attractive houses are tucked far away from the noise and grime of city life, allowing the residents to enjoy beautiful gardens, pleasant birdsong, and tranquility from behind the security of a locked gate. It is the perfect idyll, until the Kentworthy family arrives.

James, Steven – FATAL DOMAIN

A series of cryptic clues leads Department of Defense Travis Brock to suspect that a grim chapter from his past is not yet over. With the help of his eidetic memory and his newly formed team, he must unearth the truth and stop a terrorist group from stealing one of the military's most highly guarded technological breakthroughs.

Kofti, Sara – WHILE WE WERE BURNING

After her best friend's mysterious death, Elizabeth Smith's picture-perfect life in the Memphis suburbs has spiraled out of control—so much so that she hires a personal assistant to keep her on track. Composed and elegant, Brianna is exactly who she needs and slides so neatly into Elizabeth's life Because Brianna has questions too.

She wants to know why the police killed her young Black son. Why someone in Elizabeth's neighborhood called the cops on him that day..

Kubica, Mary – SHE'S NOT SORRY

Meghan Michaels is trying to find balance between being a single mom to a teenage daughter and working as a full time nurse. While on duty at the hospital one day, a patient named Caitlin arrives in a coma with a traumatic brain injury, having jumped from a bridge and plunging over twenty feet to the train tracks below.

Medina, Nick -INDIAN BURIAL GROUND

A man lunges in front of a car. An elderly woman silently drowns herself. A corpse sits up in its coffin and speaks. On this reservation, not all is what it seems. All Noemi Broussard wanted was a fresh start. With a new boyfriend who actually treats her right and a plan to move from the reservation she grew up on—just like her beloved Uncle Louie before her—things are finally looking up for Noemi. Until the news of her boyfriend's apparent suicide brings her world crumbling down..

Miranda, Megan – DAUGHTER OF MINE

When Hazel Sharp, daughter of Mirror Lake's longtime local detective, unexpectedly inherits her childhood home, she's warily drawn back to the town—and people—she left behind almost a decade earlier. But Hazel's not the only relic of the past to return: a drought has descended on the region, and as the water level in the lake drops, long-hidden secrets begin to emerge...including evidence that may help finally explain the mystery of her mother's disappearance.

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Mofina, Rick - SOMEONE SAW SOMETHING (Missing Person Thriller)

When six-year-old Gabriel vanishes from Central Park, his mother, news anchor Corina Corado, is desperate for answers. Who would take her son—and why? Detectives suspect there's a connection to the barrage of hate mail Corina's received over the years..

Morrison, Robbie - CAST A COLD EYE, Jimmy Dregghorn #2

Glasgow, 1933. Murder is nothing new in the Depression-era city, especially to war veterans Inspector Jimmy Dregghorn and his partner, "Bonnie" Archie McDaid..

Muller, Marcia – CIRCLE IN THE WATER

San Francisco is home to more than 200 privately owned streets. Most are alleyways, but a select few look torn straight from the pages of a magazine. Lined with mansions and elaborate gardens, the properties are luxurious and perfectly maintained; security guards patrol the grounds to keep the curious at bay. Few know of these exclusive enclaves, but those who do prowl for availability, ready to make a grab for the precious real estate if opportunity strikes. When several such streets are targeted in a series of so-called pranks, Sharon is hired by a coalition of concerned owners to investigate.

Nichols, Peter – GRANITE HARBOR

In scenic Granite Harbor, life has continued on—quiet and serene—for decades until a local teenager is found brutally murdered in the Settlement, the town's historic archaeological site. Alex Brangwen, adjusting to life as a single father with a failed career as a novelist, is the town's sole detective.

Olson, Karen E. - AN INCONVENIENT WIFE - Amateur Detective Mystery

When a woman is beheaded near the home of billionaire Hank Tudor, his new wife teams up with his five exes to investigate

Panowich, Brian – NOTHING BUT THE BONES

In McFalls County, local crime boss Gareth Burroughs runs everything on the mountain. And Nelson "Nails" McKenna has been his enforcer since he was a teenager, though his heart's not really in the dirty work. Then one night in a local roadhouse, Nails goes too far, defending a woman, and even Burroughs's reach can't get him out of this one..

Paretsky, Sara – PAY DIRT (V I Warshawski)

V.I. Warshawski is famous for her cool under fire, her sardonic humor, and her unflinching courage. All that changes when a case ends with a father killing the child she'd been hired to find. She's second-guessing herself, forgetting to eat, forgetting her workout. Her worried friends send her down to Kansas for a weekend of college

basketball; Angela, one of her protégées, is a Northwestern star. And that's when V.I.'s troubles really begin.

Patterson, James and Candice Fox – THE MURDER INN

The doors of the Inn at Gloucester are always open to anyone running from trouble or hiding from life. Its owner, former Boston police detective Bill Robinson, welcomes them with no questions asked until two strangers arrive for a temporary stay and a longtime resident starts looking over his shoulders.

Prak, Michelle - THE RUSH - Debut Novel

With a massive downpour and flash floods predicted, Quinn Durand leaves work and races for the safety of home. The first drops start to fall as she spots something strange on the familiar bush route. With no reception and nothing but an empty road for miles in either direction, she investigates and discovers it's a body, dumped by the side of the road.

Preston, Douglas & Child – EXTINCTION

Erebus Resort, occupying a magnificent, hundred-thousand acre valley deep in the Colorado Rockies, offers guests the experience of viewing woolly mammoths, Irish Elk, and giant ground sloths in their native habitat, brought back from extinction through the magic of genetic manipulation.

Reich, Christopher – MATTERHORN

Robbie Steinhardt lives a peaceful life in a small alpine village, he tends cattle, minds his own business, and doesn't dwell on his former life and the family and lover he left behind—back when he was Mac Dekker, CIA. But when he learns his son Will died following in his footsteps, he needs answers.

Roker, AL and Dick Lockte – MURDER ON DEMAND

Ten years have passed since Billy Blessing's adventure in Chicago, and a lot has changed. With the advances in television — the vanishing cable news and the flood of streaming channels entering the market — Billy found himself out of a job.

Rozan, S.J. and John Shen Yen Nee – THE MURDER OF MR. MA

London, 1924. When shy academic Lao She meets larger-than-life Judge Dee Ren Jie, his quiet life abruptly turns from books and lectures to daring chases and narrow escapes. Dee has come to London to investigate the murder of a man he'd known during World War I when serving with the Chinese Labour Corps.

Sandford, John – TOXIC PREY

Lucas Davenport and his daughter, Letty, team up to track down a dangerous scientist whose latest project could endanger the entire world,.

Shelton, Paige – THE POISON PEN

Edinburgh is mourning recent the death of Queen Elizabeth II when Bookseller Delaney Nichols's boss comes to her with a most unusual assignment. An old friend of his, living in an

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estate in the village of Roslin, has found what could be a priceless relic on her property, and Delaney is tasked with investigating.

Shames, Terry – PERILOUS WATERS (Jessie Madison #1)

BI dive instructor Jessie Madison's survival skills are stretched to breaking point when she is plunged into danger in this exhilarating thriller. Jessie Madison escaped to the Bahamas when she made a terrifying discovery at home and a bad decision got her dismissed from FBI dive training.

Sherwood, Kim – A SPY LIKE ME

James Bond is alive.

Or at least, he was when he left a clue at the black site where the insidious private military company Rattenfänger held him captive. MI6 cannot spare any more lives attempting to track down one missing agent—

Tector, Amy – HONOR THE DEAD (Dominion Archives #3)

Dr. Cate Spencer is seeking a temporary reprieve in the bucolic Eastern Townships of Quebec where she can come to terms with her brother's death. But when a man at a neighboring farm is shot through the eye with deadly accuracy, a metal detector lying next to him, Cate can't help but investigate.

Thomas, Will – DEATH AND GLORY (Barker & Llewelyn #16)

In 1894, Cyrus Barker, London's premier enquiry agent, is entangled in a conspiracy to revive the American Civil War by prominent figures, long believed deceased.

Tudor, C. J. - THE GATHERING

A detective investigating a grisly crime in rural Alaska finds herself caught up in the dark secrets and superstitions of a small town. A boy is found with his throat ripped out and all the blood drained from his body. The inhabitants of Deadhart haven't seen a killing like this in twenty-five years. But they know who's responsible: a member of the Colony, an ostracized community of vampyrs living in an old mine settlement deep in the woods

Valdes, Alisa Lynn – BLOOD MOUNTAIN (Jodi Luna #2)

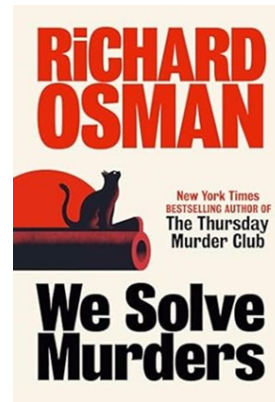
Former poetry professor Jodi Luna hasn't quite adjusted to life as a game warden. Her boss thinks she's better with animals than humans, and the man she's seeing wants a real relationship. Still reeling from her husband's death, Jodi has to admit that she keeps people at a distance.

Winslow, Don – CITY IN RUINS (third in trilogy)

The former dock worker, Irish mob soldier and fugitive from the law is now a respected businessman – a Las Vegas casino mogul and billionaire silent partner in a group that owns two lavish hotels. Finally, Danny has it all. Life is good. But then Danny reaches too far. When he tries to buy an old hotel on a prime piece of real estate with plans to build his dream resort, he triggers a war against Las Vegas power brokers, a powerful FBI agent bent on revenge and a rival casino owner with dark connections of his own.

OSMAN EXPANDS HIS BRAND

It seems that making a killing with his four (so far) THURSDAY MURDER CLUB novels just isn't enough for English author and TV presenter Richard Osman. The Guardian reports today that he'll be launching a brand-new mystery series in September:



To be released on
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WE SOLVE MURDERS, which is published this autumn, will introduce the father-in-law and daughter-in-law detective duo Steve and Amy Wheeler. The title references the name of the detective agency the pair set up, after Amy, a private security officer, discovers a dead body and a bag of money while working on a remote tropical island. Steve has retired from the police and runs a small investigations agency in a New Forest village where “he’ll do the odd insurance job or finding a lost dog”.

“But if he never sees another murder, I think he’d be very happy,” Osman said, describing the new book to the Guardian. Amy is in her 30s and Steve in his 50s, “so, for me, very young,” he joked. But the fact that Steve is retired appealed to him, he said, as he was interested in the way that just when you think you know what the next stage of your life looks like, “life often has other ideas for you”.

Excited though he may be to introduce his second series, Osman reassures his followers that the aged Thursday Murder Club sleuths will return again soon, probably in a 2025 release. As he tells The Guardian, he intends to continue writing that previous series “‘for as long as people want to read them’”. When writing about Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron, ‘I just find myself being entertained by them,’ he said. ‘So I’m not about to kill any of them off.’”