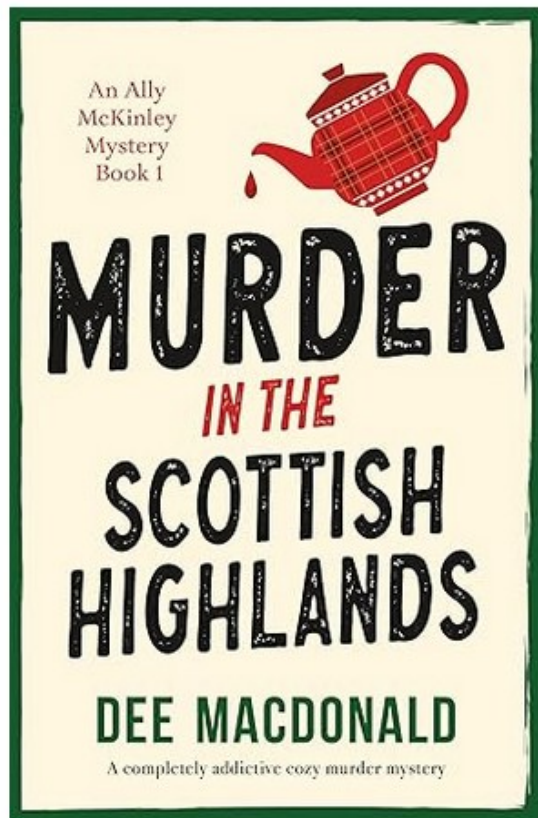
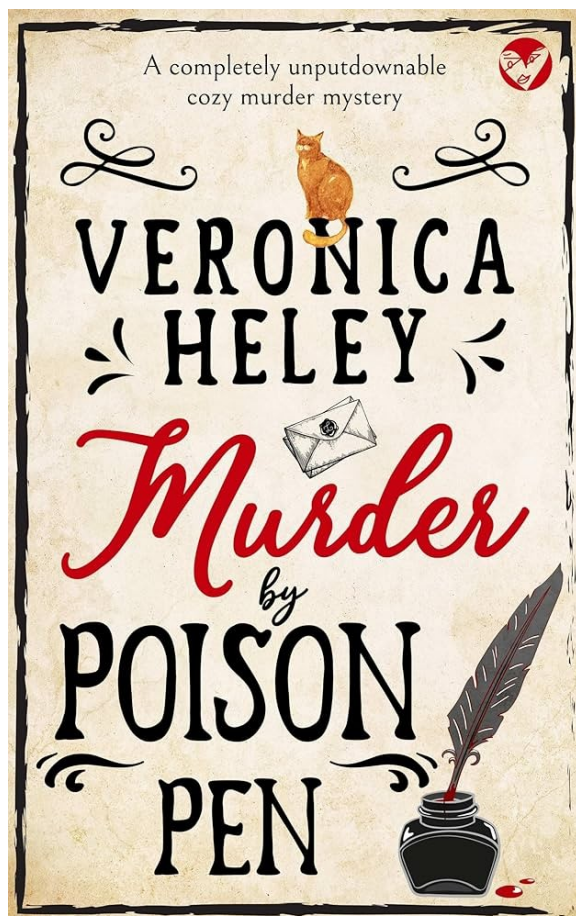




Join Ally McKinley at her cosy little guesthouse in the Scottish Highlands for whisky by the fire, beautiful mountain views and... a murder to solve?

For recently retired Ally McKinley, the tiny village of Locharran is the perfect place to open the guesthouse of her dreams in a lovingly restored old Scottish malthouse. Before long she is making friends with the locals, including Hamish Sinclair, the earl who owns the nearby castle. But things take an unexpected turn when her first paying guest, American tourist Wilbur Carrington, is found sprawled across her cobblestoned courtyard with a dagger in his back...



Meet Ellie Quicke. Devoted cat lady, tea addict, recent widow — and now amateur sleuth!

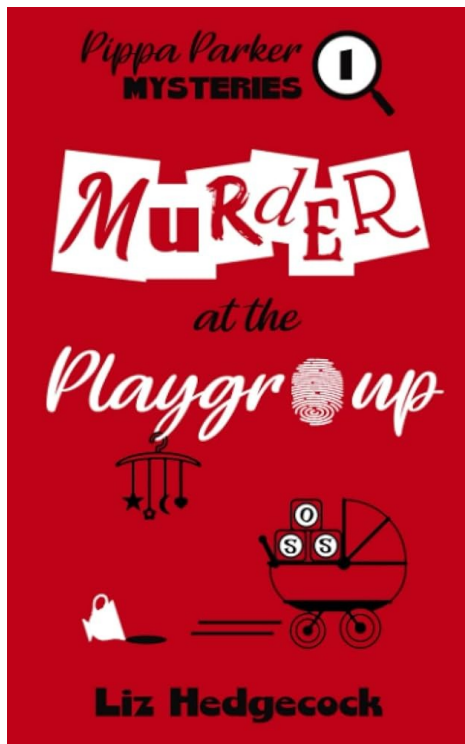
It's all anyone's talking about when Ellie gets to choir practice : Reverend Gilbert and his scandalous secret tryst — with Nora the mousy organist! Someone slipped a poison-pen letter under the bishop's door to tip him off to goings-on at the vicarage.

But Ellie can't believe the spiteful rumours. She's determined to get to the bottom of it all.

Even the attentions of a suspiciously smooth new widower won't throw her off the scent . . .

But the poison-pen writer's not finished with Nora yet. Threats continue to land in her letterbox — and they're about to turn deadly!

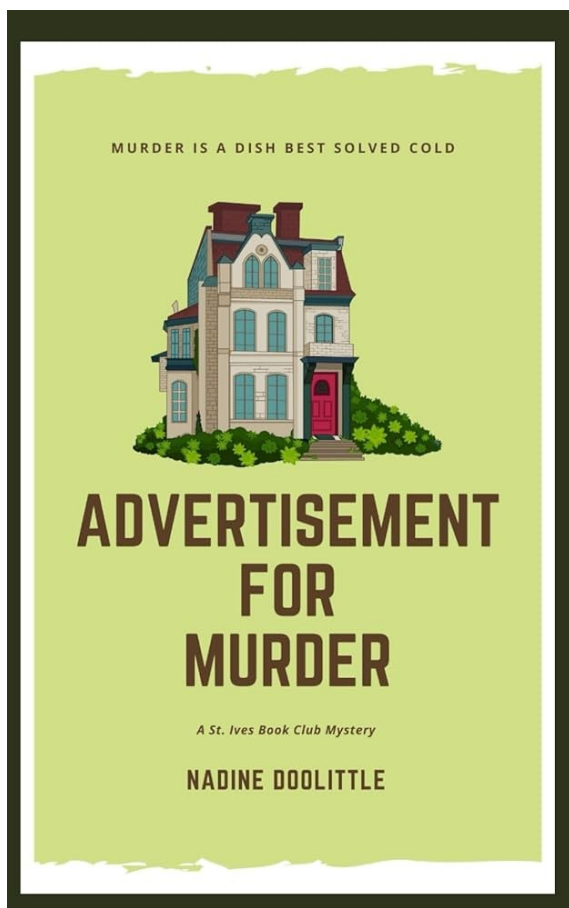
What if the next letter is delivered to Ellie's door?



Pippa Parker never wanted to move to the chocolate-box village of Much Gadding in the first place. When she meets the locals, she's absolutely sure. There's just one problem; she's eight months pregnant.

The village is turned upside down when Barbara Hamilton, pillar of the community, is found dead at Gadding Goslings playgroup. No one could have murdered her except the people who were there. Everyone's a suspect, including Pippa...

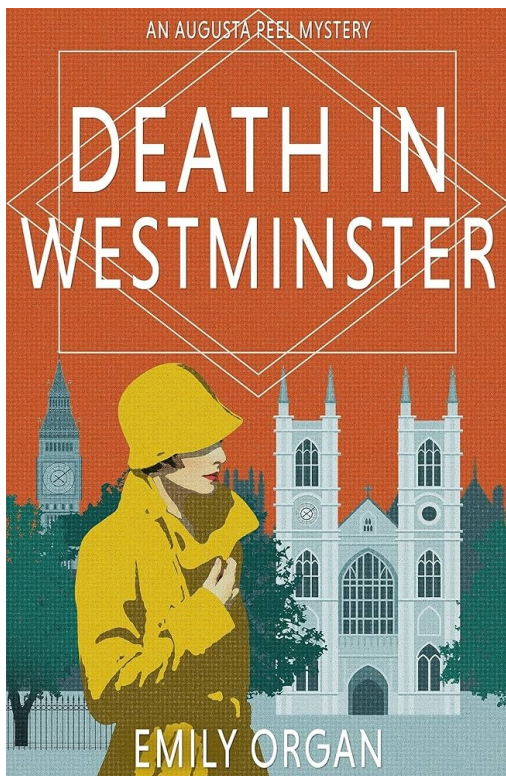
With a baby due any minute, and hampered by her toddler son, can Pippa unmask the murderer? Will Much Gadding return to normal? And does anyone in Much Gadding even know what normal is?



In the gentle hamlet of St. Ives, a killer roams free. In 1975, seventeen-year-old Jenny Blake was found strangled in the ruins behind the abandoned St. Ives Abbey. Her murderer was never caught. Forty-four years later, an advertisement in the local newspaper draws seven people, including Avery Holmes, to the home of Elliot Marks with the purpose of forming a murder mystery book club.

Within minutes of the first meeting, Marks puts forward an intriguing proposal: Instead of reading about murder, why not try solving one? Beginning with who killed Jenny Blake.

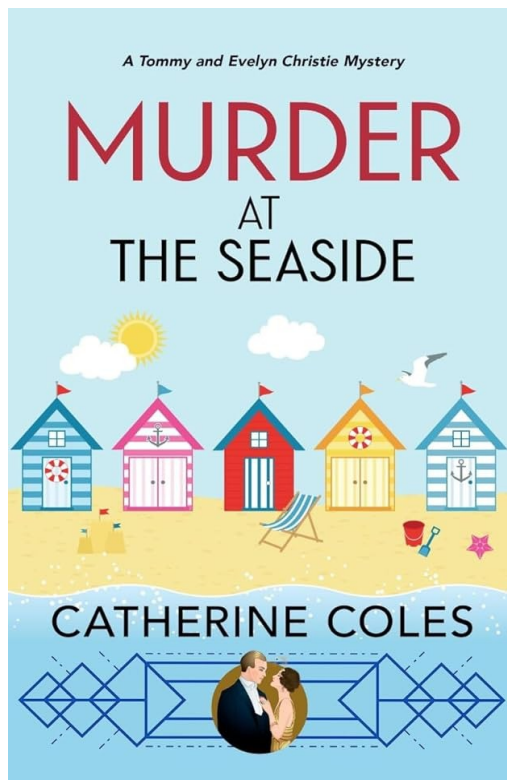
Was it her ex-boyfriend, the brilliant but withdrawn Jesse Sutcliffe, who was now a homeless alcoholic? Or Duncan Carmichael, the attractive local politician who was dating Jenny at the time of the murder?



A macabre discovery in the cloisters of Westminster Abbey.

Augusta Peel is puzzled by a mysterious customer in her bookshop. But when the encounter leads to an attack in the abbey cloisters, she finds herself entangled in a murder investigation. Who is the mystery customer? And why did he give a false name? Obscure information imparted on a death bed forces Augusta and Scotland Yard detective Philip Fisher to follow a trail of clues. It's not long before they're pulled into the shadow of an event everyone would rather forget: the Great War.

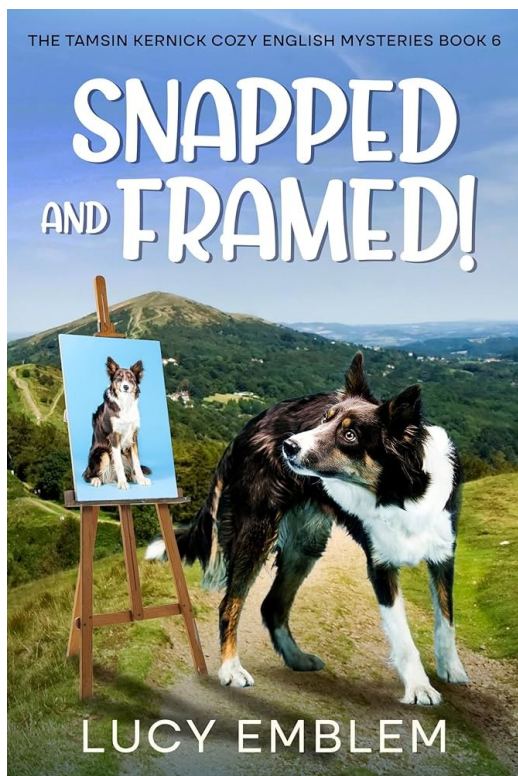
When the murderer strikes again, Augusta and Philip are forced to rethink their investigation



It's the summer of 1923, and the Christie family is assembled in Scarborough, embarking on what they hoped would become an enduring tradition: an annual holiday to the charming North Yorkshire seaside resort.

Evelyn is only weeks away from giving birth to her first child and yearns for tranquillity. Little did she anticipate the explosive turn their holiday would take. A sinister abduction casts an ominous shadow over their seaside break, followed quickly by the murder of someone close to the family.

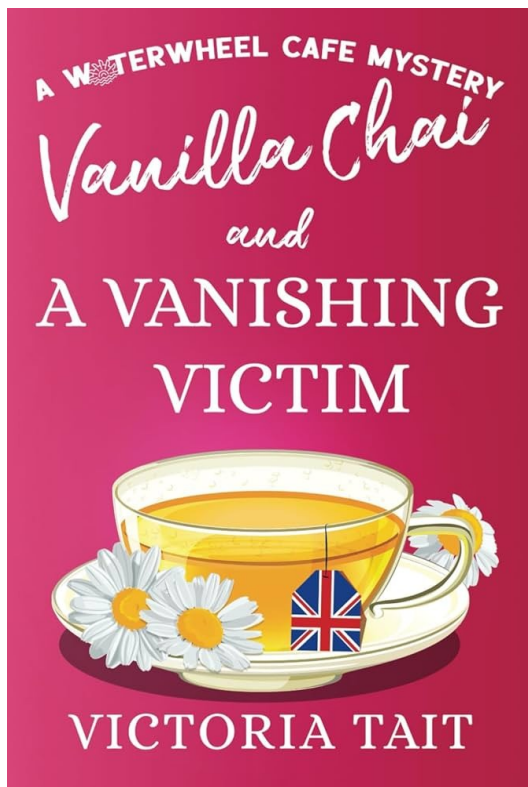
Can Tommy & Evelyn beat the ticking clock of Mother Nature and uncover the vile perpetrator before their child makes its long-awaited appearance?



Tamsin's three loyal dogs and charmed life in the Malvern Hills couldn't be more picture-perfect. But when a student from her new photography class is found lifeless on Midsummer Hill, she realises that even the best snapshots can hide dark secrets.

Determined to sharpen her marketing skills for her beloved dog training school, Tamsin has enrolled in a photography course, only to stumble upon a fresh mystery that focusses her energies. With her trusty canines and quirky companions from her favourite café, she dives into a whodunit that slowly comes into focus.

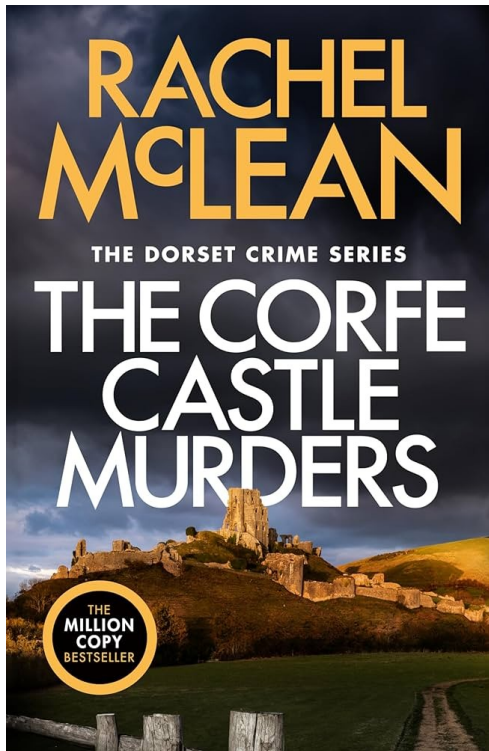
As if unmasking a murderer isn't enough, a local child goes missing, sending shockwaves through his family. Tamsin's heart pounds as she and her four-legged heroes race against time to try and rescue the youngster and then collar the culprit.



A missing child. A half-baked ransom demand. Can a community cop sift through the clues and rescue the tot before teatime?

Sergeant Keya Varma's culinary dreams come true as she joyfully opens her own café. And attending her sister's wedding is the cherry on the cake. But her excitement sinks like a soufflé when a customer's little boy disappears. For Keya, justice is served with a side of scones, but can she save the child before the clotted cream turns sour?

Indulge in the Waterwheel Café cozy mystery series, where Keya Varma mixes crime with coffee and crêpes. If you crave appetising characters, a dash of humour, and a dollop of English charm, you'll devour this delicious tale.



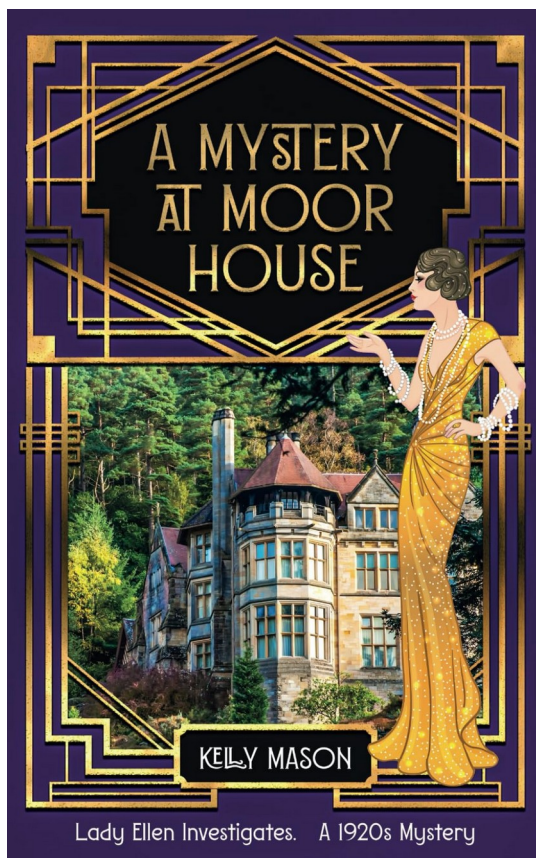
Meet DCI Lesley Clarke. She's a straight-talking city copper who doesn't suffer fools gladly... and she's been transferred to rural Dorset.

After being injured in a bomb attack, Lesley is presented with a choice - early retirement, or a period of respite in a calmer location.

But things don't stay calm for long.

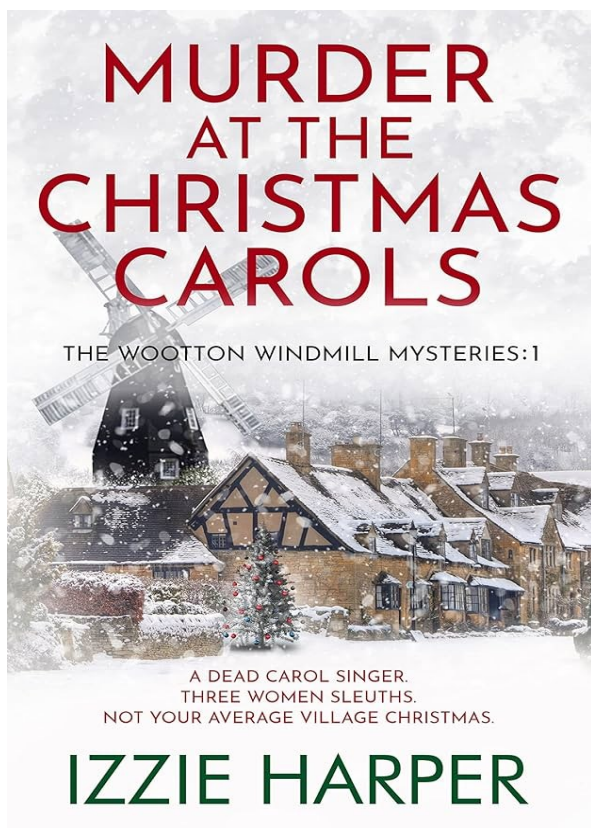
Before she's even started her new job, Lesley is dragged into investigating a murder at one of England's most iconic landmarks, the imposing Corfe Castle.

Can she get along with her new partner DS Dennis Frampton, a traditionalist who doesn't appreciate her style? And most importantly, can she solve the murder before the killer strikes again?



Marooned after a garden party turns sinister, Lady Ellen finds herself in the midst of an unsettling mystery.

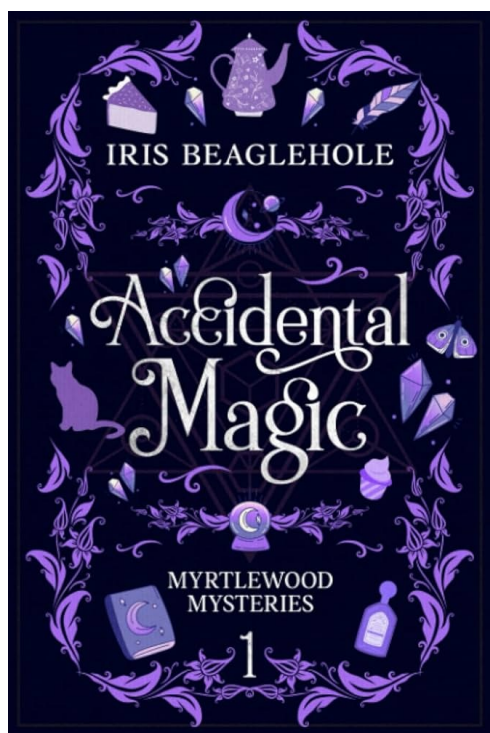
An unexpected summer storm leaves occupants and visitors, including Ellen, Lottie and Captain Hamilton, contained within Moor House and grounds after it is cut off from the outside world. When a priceless Egyptian artefact is stolen, the thief leaves the man guarding it brutally maimed. Tasked by the artefact's secretive owner to recover the relic, Lady Ellen must sift through a web of secrets and motives. As she delves into the lives of both the family and staff at Moor House, the question arises: Who is truly capable of such a betrayal?



All Ellie Blix wants is to make it to New Year without any more disasters. She's juggling jobs and looking after a sick daughter. Then her mother-in-law moves in and won't stop interfering.

It's the week before Christmas in the snowy village of Lower Wootton. When Andrea Burdett, Ellie's estranged schoolfriend, collapses at the village carols, it quickly becomes clear she's been murdered. Feeling guilty about the recent row she and Andrea had, and under suspicion herself, Ellie teams up with her daughter and mother-in-law to follow the clues and solve the mystery - much to the annoyance of Ellie's detective inspector ex-husband.

Then a second villager is found dead. Can the three Blix women find the killer and return the community to safety?

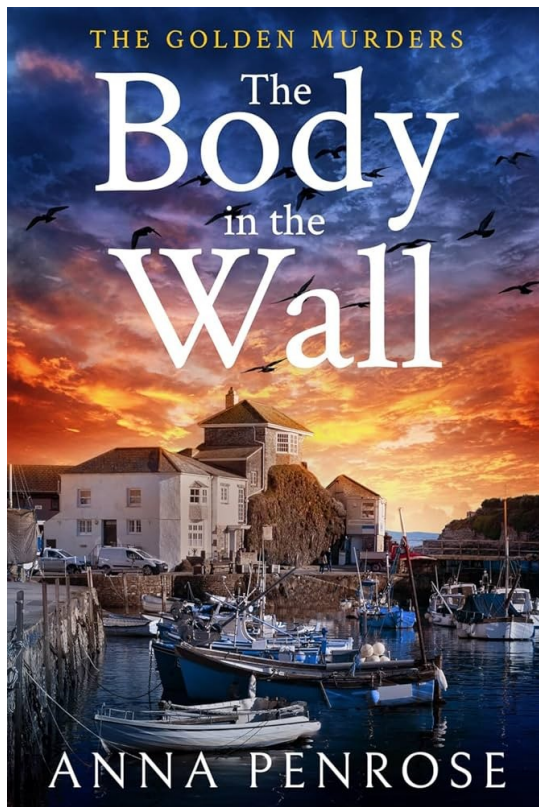


Life's a struggle for Rosemary Thorn and her teen daughter, Athena. But their regular troubles are turned upside down after Granny Thorn's mysterious death.

Rosemary returns to Myrtlewood and the sprawling, dilapidated Thorn Manor. But there's more to the old house than meets the eye, as Rosemary and Athena soon find out — in a whirlwind of magic, adventure, mystical creatures, and endless cups of tea.

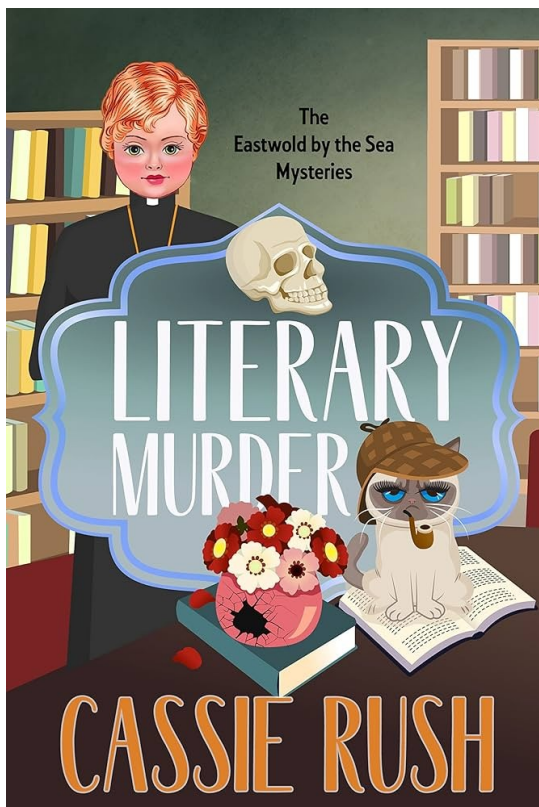
Life in Myrtlewood would be bliss if Rosemary could only clear her name in a certain murder investigation, solve the mystery and stay out of mortal peril — for at least a little while!

A small town with endless secrets, strange activities, and a house with a mind of its own.



Disgraced city banker, Malachite Peck, is no stranger to controversy, but when she decides to start over in the idyllic Cornish fishing village of Golden, she is woefully unprepared for what lies in store. When the renovations of her bookshop uncover a body buried in the wall, the village is thrown into turmoil.

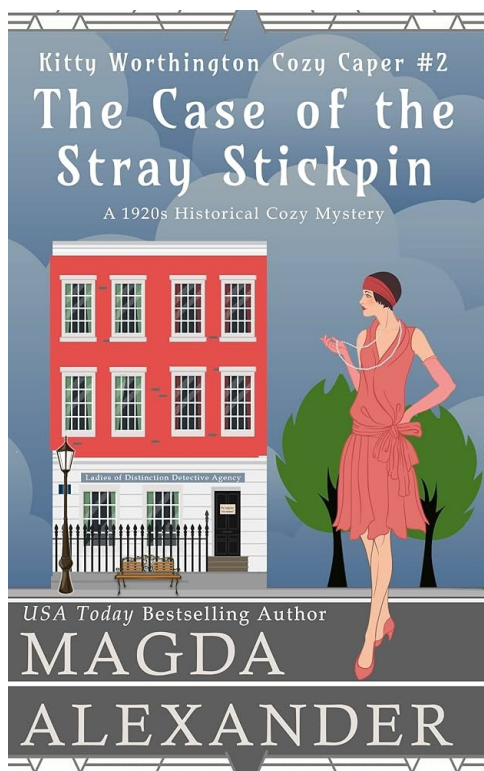
Mal's only friend is arrested and she's determined to clear his name no matter the cost. But when her own life is threatened, she begins to doubt her instincts and fears for the safety of those surrounding her. Desperate to uncover the truth, Mal must confront ancient family feuds and suspicions, and navigate the dark secrets of the village.



Reverend Alina Merrycott returns in a new story when her friend, the author Lucinda Elmhurst comes to stay.

When the body of an aspiring author is found in the Eastwold village library, Vicar Alina Merrycott is appalled to find herself thrust into the middle of another murder investigation. Since the victim used to be PA to illustrious author, Lucinda Elmhurst Alina's close friend and house guest, the case becomes personal.

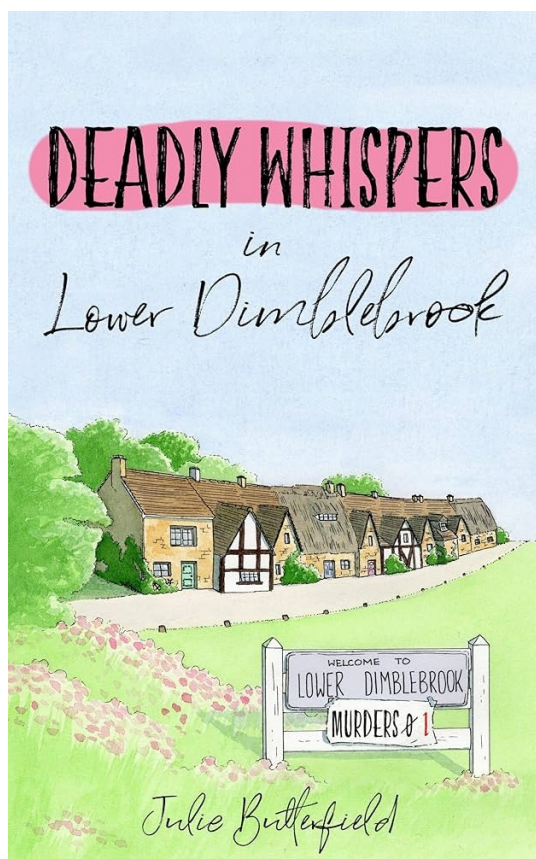
Determined to uncover the truth and bring the killer to justice, Alina delves into the victim's past and uncovers a web of secrets and lies. But as the investigation heats up, Alina realizes that the killer may be closer than she thought. Will Alina be able to solve the crime before the killer strikes again, or will she become the next victim?



London, 1923. When Lord Marlowe's jewel-encrusted stickpin goes missing at his gentlemen's club, he seeks the services of Lady Emma Carlyle to find it for him. You see, it's not just any stickpin, but a treasured family heirloom that his late father gifted to him.

Lady Emma is more than happy to take the case as the Ladies of Distinction Detective Agency's finances are shaky at best. With wit, charm, and not a small amount of daring, she navigates the complex social hierarchy of the club to locate her client's treasured tie pin.

But then a complication arises when Lord Marlowe insists on assisting with the enquiry. The forced proximity to the earl may very well derail the investigation.

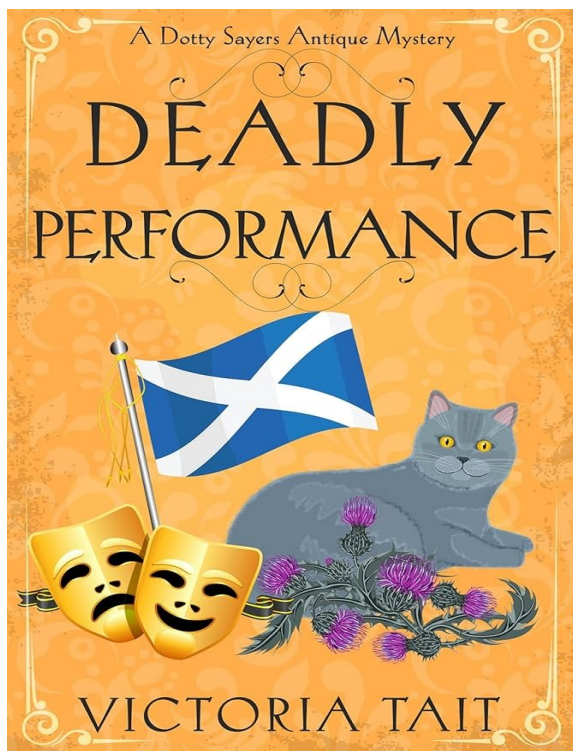


Isabelle Darby has escaped a disastrous marriage by moving to the picturesque Cotswold village of Lower Dimblebrook.

She's fallen in love with the winding lanes and quaint thatched cottages, the chattering brook and the trailing fronds of the weeping willow at the bottom of her garden - and of course her neighbour, Madeline, a feisty octogenarian whose teapot is more likely to contain gin fizz than PG tips!

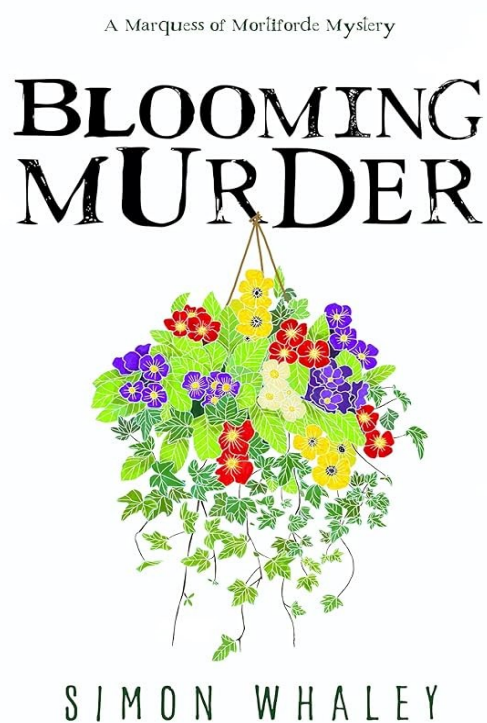
DI Wainwright has been recently promoted and has exchanged the backstreets of Manchester for the tranquillity and charm of cosy villages and a way of life that has changed little over the last few decades – but he can't wait to get back to inner city crime and real villains!

So, when Fiona Lambourne is found dead in the local car park and the local gossips run riot with their theories, Issie and the DI lock horns over just about every aspect of life in Lower Dimblebrook.



Dotty Sayers and her cat, Earl Grey, are anxious about visiting her parents in Edinburgh, Scotland. When Dotty and her father accept a stranger's VIP tickets to a Fringe Festival play, they discover more than the best seats in the house. On stage for the first act, Dotty hears a shot in the dark and presumes it's part of the script. So she's shocked when a spotlight illuminates a controversial politician's dead body.

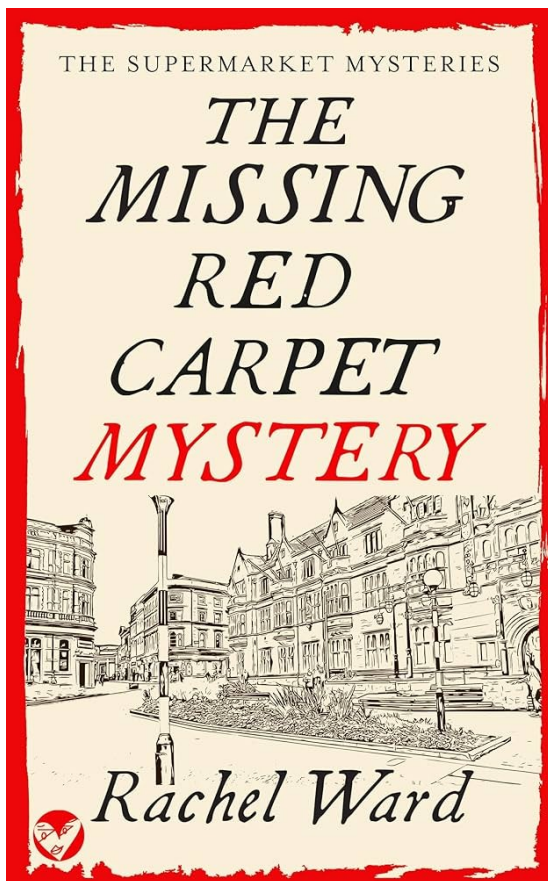
Befriended by a local police officer, Dotty is drawn into the investigation. But her enthusiasm turns to alarm when her father is unexpectedly arrested. Can Dotty prove his innocence before the real culprit exits stage left?



Two communities. One flower competition. So much dead-heading!

Aldermaston's having a bad day. A falling hanging-basket has killed the town's mayor, and a second narrowly missed him. His wife wants him to build her new greenhouse in three days, and someone is sending him death threats. This isn't the quiet life he expected as the new Marquess of Mortiforde.

It's the annual Borders in Blossom competition, and Mortiforde is battling with Portley Ridge in the final. But this is no parochial flower competition. The mayor's mishap looks like murder, and there's another body in the river. Someone desperately wants Portley Ridge to win for the fifteenth successive year.



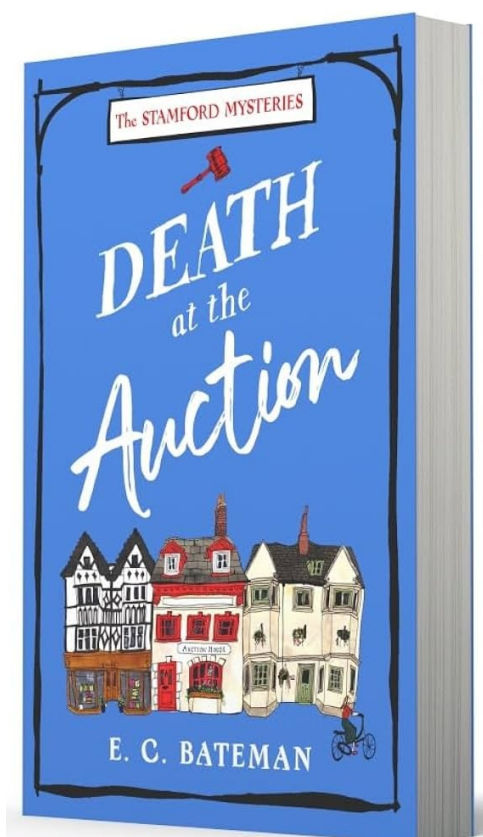
Meet the workers of Kingsleigh Costsave. There's Bea, a maths whizz with a heart of gold. Ant, a hapless high-school drop-out. And wisecracking Dot, in her late fifties and always beautifully coiffed.

A royal visit is coming to Kingsleigh. Definitely worth rolling out the red carpet for! The only problem is no one's actually seen the red carpet since the grand opening of the deli counter back in 2001 . . .

Our loveable amateur sleuths are on the case. Ant is searching for the carpet, but Bea and the rest of the team have another problem on their hands. A young lad is spotted shoplifting and new security guard Evan gives chase down the high street.

Later that day, the boy is found dead. Gentle giant Evan swears he let the boy go after rugby tackling him to the ground. So how did the lad wind up dead?

The Supermarket Sleuths are on the case — and hopefully they'll find the missing carpet before the royals arrive!

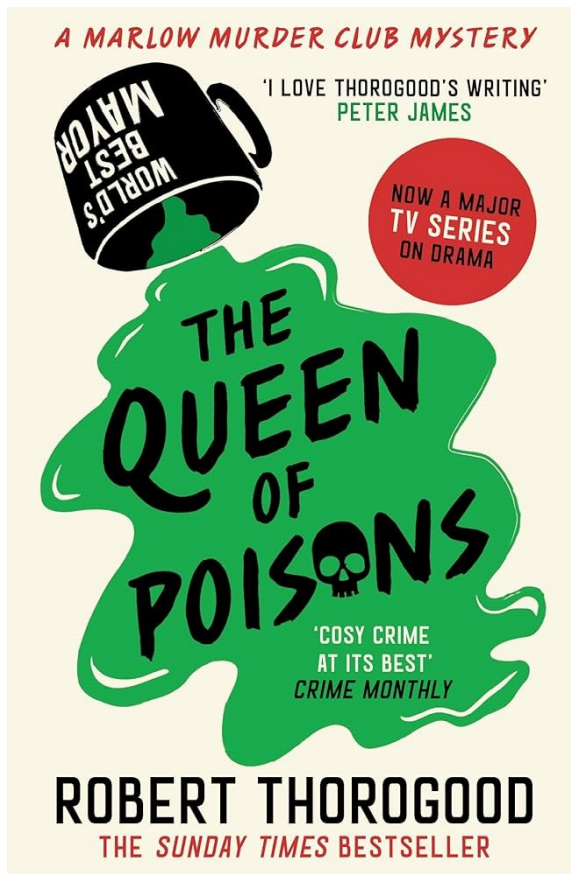


Murder stalks the cobbles in England's finest Georgian town...

When an accident forces Felicia Grant back to her family's auction house in Stamford, she vows it'll only be a flying visit. But as the gavel falls on the final lot, a hidden secret is revealed—the body of her father's business rival, murdered during the packed sale!

Soon, Felicia is swept into a mystery that has everyone in the community as a potential suspect—including her.

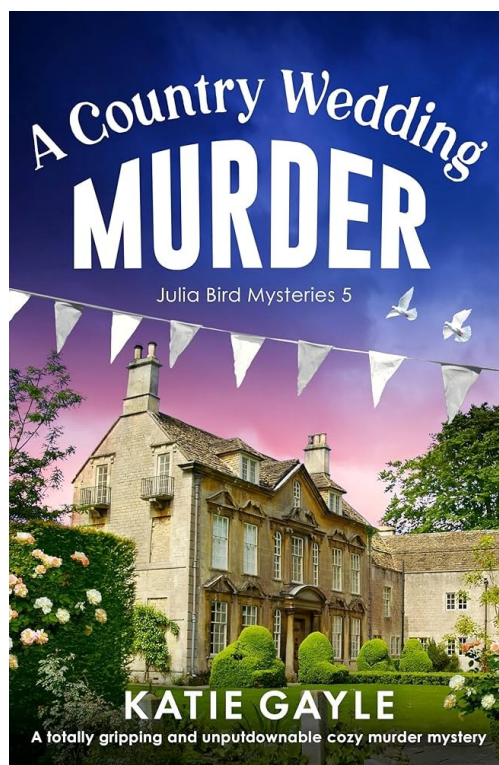
As the body count rises and with the people she loves under threat, Felicia takes matters into her own hands. But even the most picturesque place has its secrets...



Who killed the Mayor? It's up to the Marlow Murder Club to find out . . .

Geoffrey Lushington, Mayor of Marlow, dies suddenly during a Town Council meeting. When traces of aconite – also known as the queen of poisons – are found in his coffee cup, the police realise he was murdered. But who did it? And why?

The police bring Judith, Suzie and Becks in to investigate as Civilian Advisors right from the start, so they have free rein to interview suspects and follow the evidence to their heart's content, which is perfect because Judith has no time for rules and standard procedure. But this case has the Marlow Murder Club stumped. Who would want to kill the affable Mayor? How did they even get the poison into his coffee? And is anyone else in danger? The Marlow Murder Club are about to face their most difficult case yet . . .



When Julia Bird's ex-husband Peter and his lovely partner Christopher decide to get married in Berrywick, Julia is delighted – after all, who doesn't love a country wedding? Little does Julia know that normally calm and collected Christopher will turn into a full-on Groomzilla – and that by the end of the night, someone will end up dead.

The morning after the big day, the jolly nuptial mood turns grim when Julia discovers the lifeless body of the caterer, Desmond. Someone locked him in the cold truck and the poor man froze to death. Now looking for a murderer, all eyes are on Christopher who, mid-tantrum, had publicly threatened to kill him. Convinced that Christopher is innocent, Julia vows to find the real culprit.

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Merryn Allingham

Sussex, 1958: A radiant Flora is being twirled across the dancefloor by her dashing new husband, Jack. It's the perfect wedding in Abbeymead, until a mysterious stranger is found dead just outside the village.

But when Flora finds an envelope tucked into the man's silver cigarette case, the address is key to discovering the poor chap's name – Russell Farr. He isn't known to any of the villagers, so at first all signs point to a tragic accident. That is, until they discover Farr previously worked at the esteemed Cleve College, where Jack is now a writer-in-residence.

The college has made Jack feel uneasy ever since he learned his predecessor drowned in its lake, and now it appears a second suspicious death is connected to it. But who would want two mild-mannered academics dead?