

2021 Mysteries:

Books, Lists and Articles

1.



Bryant & May: London Bridge is falling down (Dec 2021), Forthcoming

By: Fowler, Christopher

Investigating the death of 91-year-old Alice Hoffman, a former government security expert, Bryant and May learn she is linked to a group of talented women who have been working together for decades, leading them to the London Bridge where they discover they've been victims of the biggest deception of all.

Series: Bryant and May mysteries, 18

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ Adult Fiction

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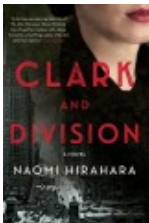


The village of eight graves (Nov 2021)

By: Yokomizo, Seishi, 1902-1981

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

3.



Clark and Division (Aug 2021)

By: Hirahara, Naomi, 1962-

Released from a Japanese internment camp in 1944, Aki Ito moves to Chicago to be with her sister, Rose, only to lose her in subway train accident on the even of their reunion and vows to learn what really happened.

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ Adult Fiction

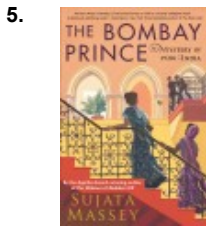


Death at Greenway (Oct 2021)

By: Rader-Day, Lori, 1973-

After a mistake at a London hospital leads to her dismissal as a nurse trainee, Bridey Kelly moves to Greenway House the beloved holiday home of Agatha Christie and investigates when a body washes ashore.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction



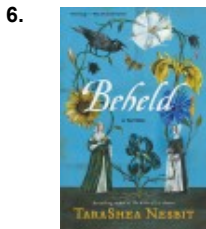
The Bombay prince (Jun 2021)

By: Massey, Sujata

India's only female lawyer in 1920s Bombay, India, Perveen Mistry, as the streets erupt in riots to protest British colonial rule, investigates the murder of Parsi student at the behest of their suffering family while trying to save her own.

Series: Perveen Mistry novels, 3

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction



Beheld (Mar 2020)

By: Nesbit, TaraShea

From the bestselling author of The Wives of Los Alamos comes the riveting story of a stranger's arrival in the fledgling colony of Plymouth, Massachusetts—and a crime that shakes the divided community to its core.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction



Dead dead girls (Jun 2021)

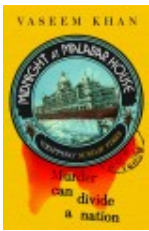
By: Afia, Nekesa

After a raid on a Manhattan speakeasy in 1926 Harlem, Louise Lloyd is given the opportunity to avoid jail by helping to solve the murders of several local black girls, in the first novel of a new mystery series.

Series: Harlem Renaissance mysteries (Nekesa Afia), 1

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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Midnight at Malabar House (Aug 2021)

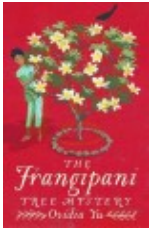
By: Khan, Vaseem, 1973-

Bombay, New Year's Eve, 1949. As India celebrates the arrival of a momentous new decade, Inspector Persis Wadia stands vigil in the basement of Malabar House, home to the city's most unwanted unit of police officers. Six months after joining the force she remains India's first female police detective, mistrusted, sidelined and now consigned to the midnight shift. And so, when the phone rings to report the murder of prominent English diplomat Sir James Herriot, the country's most sensational case falls into her lap.

Series: Malabar house, 1

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

9.



The frangipani tree mystery (Sep 2018)

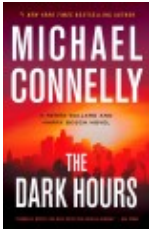
By: Yu, Ovidia, 1961-

First in a delightfully charming crime series set in 1930s Singapore, introducing amateur sleuth SuLin, a local girl stepping in as governess for the Acting Governor of Singapore.

Series: Crown Colony novels, 1

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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The dark hours (Nov 2021)

By: Connelly, Michael, 1956-

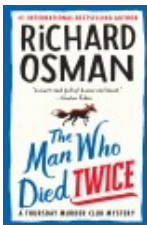
LAPD Detective Rene Ballard, investigating a New Year's Eve murder along with an unsolved murder, teams up Detective Harry Bosch once again when their two cases--one old and one new--intersect, while an undetected killer watches their every move.

Series: Renee Ballard novels, 4

Harry Bosch mysteries, 23

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

11.



The man who died twice: a Thursday Murder Club mystery (Sep 2021)

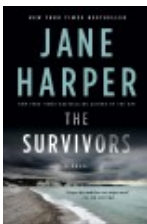
By: Osman, Richard, 1970-

"Richard Osman is back with everyone's favorite mystery-solving quartet, and the second installment of The Thursday Murder Club series is just as clever and warm as the first--an unputdownable, laugh-out-loud pleasure of a read"--. When an old friend, who has been accused of stealing millions of dollars' worth of diamonds, desperately needs her help leaving a dead body in his wake, Elizabeth and her friends go up against a ruthless murderer who wouldn't bat an eyelid at knocking off four septuagenarians.

Series: Thursday Murder Club novels, 2

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ Adult Fiction

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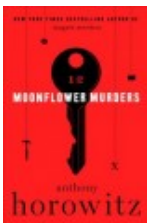
The survivors (Feb 2021)

By: Harper, Jane (Jane Elizabeth)

Haunted by guilt for a reckless and consequential mistake in his youth, Kieran returns to his coastal hometown and his struggling fishing-industry parents, before the discovery of a body on the beach reveals long-held secrets.

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ Adult Fiction

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Moonflower murders (Nov 2020)

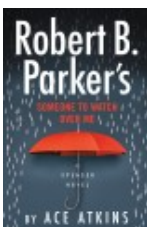
By: Horowitz, Anthony, 1955-

Helping run her boyfriend's small Greek island hotel, a homesick London editor is irresistibly drawn to the story of a murder on the Suffolk coast and the wrongful incarceration of an innocent immigrant.

Series: Magpie murders, 2

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ Adult Fiction

14.



Robert B. Parker's Someone to watch over me (Jan 2021)

By: Atkins, Ace

When his apprentice Mattie's childhood friend from the South Boston housing projects is murdered, Spenser traces the victim's demise to an international sex-trafficking ring that has been operating with impunity under the protection of a well-connected billionaire.

Series: Spenser novels, 49

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ Adult Fiction

15.



1979: an Allie Burns novel (Oct 2021)

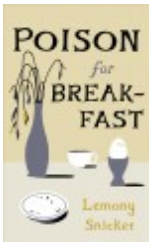
By: McDermid, Val

Journalist Allie Burns teams up with another aspiring investigative journalist, Danny Sullivan, for a series of stories in 1979 Glasgow about international tax fraud and a domestic terrorist group that create enemies and get one of them killed.

Series: Allie Burns, 1

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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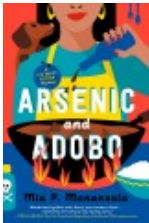
Poison for breakfast (Aug 2021)

By: Snicket, Lemony

Lemony Snicket investigates his own possible murder after receiving a note under his door stating that his breakfast was poisoned.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Teen Fiction

17.



Arsenic and adobo (May 2021)

By: Manansala, Mia P.

The first book in a new culinary cozy series full of sharp humor and delectable dishes—one that might just be killer....

Series: Tita Rosie's kitchen, 1

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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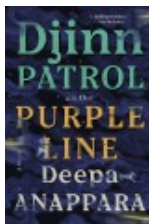
We keep the dead close: a murder at Harvard and a half century of silence (Nov 2020)

By: Cooper, Becky

Documents the unsolved 1969 murder of Harvard student Jane Britton, sharing insights into how the case was clouded by false rumors and the realities of gender inequality and institutional silence in period academic circles.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Nonfiction

19.



Djinn patrol on the purple line (Feb 2020)

By: Anappara, Deepa

A 9-year-old reality-television enthusiast in India uses crime-show approaches to investigate the disappearance of a classmate, before additional abductions shatter life in his sprawling city home.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

20.



A dire isle (Dec 2021), Forthcoming

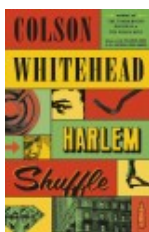
By: Raman, R. V.

An archeological team is excavating on the banks of the Betwa River near Jahnsi. A place where, legend has it, a couple forbidden to marry had run away to be together— forever cursing anyone who dares set foot on the island. When the head of the expedition defies the myth, the fallout is swift and deadly, the body found exactly as the ancient stories describe. Is the death a result of the ancient curse, or is it a down-to-earth case of murder?

Series: Harith Athreya novels, 2

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

21.



Harlem shuffle (Sep 2021)

By: Whitehead, Colson, 1969-

A furniture salesman in 1960s Harlem becomes a fence for shady cops, local gangsters and low-life pornographers after his cousin involves him in a failed heist in the new novel from the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author of The Underground Railroad.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

22.



Everyone in this room will someday be dead (Jul 2021)

By: Austin, Emily

A morbidly anxious woman stumbles into a job as a receptionist at a Catholic church and becomes obsessed with her predecessor's mysterious death.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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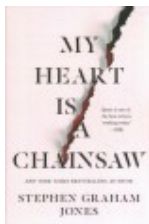
The final girl support group (Jul 2021)

By: Hendrix, Grady

A real-life "final girl"--the one girl always left standing at the end of a horror movie, Lynette Tarkington, who survived a massacre 22 years ago, along with five other final girls, works to overcome her past until someone becomes determined to take their lives apart again, piece by piece.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

24.



My heart is a chainsaw (Aug 2021)

By: Jones, Stephen Graham, 1972-

Protected by horror movies -- especially the ones where the masked killer seeks revenge on a world that wronged them, Jade Daniels, an angry, half-Indian outcast, pulls us into her dark mind when blood actually starts to spill into the waters of Indian lake.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

25.



These toxic things (Sep 2021)

By: Hall, Rachel Howzell

Mickie Lambert creates "digital scrapbooks" for clients, ensuring that precious souvenirs aren't forgotten or lost. When her latest client, Nadia Denham, a curio shop owner, dies from an apparent suicide, Mickie honors the old woman's last wish and begins curating her peculiar objets d'art. A music box, a hair clip, a key chain - twelve mementos in all that must have meant so much to Nadia, who collected them on her flea market scavenges across the country. But these tokens mean a lot to someone else, too. Mickie has been receiving threatening messages to leave Nadia's past alone. It's becoming a mystery Mickie is driven to solve. Discovering the truth means crossing paths with a long-dormant serial killer and navigating the secrets of a sinister past. One that might, Mickie fears, be inescapably entwined with her own.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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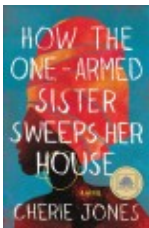
Velvet was the night (Aug 2021)

By: Moreno-Garcia, Silvia

In 1970s Mexico City, Maite, a secretary with a penchant for romance novels, searches for her missing neighbor, Leonora, a beautiful art student, which leads her to an eccentric gangster who longs to escape his own life, and together, they set out to discover the dangerous truth.

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ Adult Fiction

27.



How the one-armed sister sweeps her house (Feb 2021)

By: Jones, Cherie, 1974-

Lala must deal with a chain of events that have terrible consequences when her petty criminal husband is interrupted in his attempt to rob one of the mansions in their "paradise" home of Baxter Beach, Barbados.

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ Adult Fiction

28.



The lost village (Mar 2021)

By: Sten, Camilla, 1992-

Documentary filmmaker Alice Lindstedt has been obsessed with the vanishing residents of an old mining town since she was a little girl. In 1959, her grandmother's entire family disappeared, and only two people were left—a woman stoned to death in the town center and an abandoned newborn. Alice has gathered a small crew in the remote village to make a film about the mysterious disappearances. But not long after they've set up camp, equipment is destroyed, and people go missing. As doubt breeds fear and their very minds begin to crack, one thing becomes startlingly clear: they are not alone.

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ Adult Fiction

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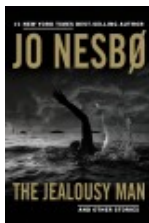
Murder, madness and mayhem: twenty-five tales of true crime and dark history (Nov 2021)

By: Browne, Mike

Mike Browne, host of the popular Canadian podcast Dark Poutine, chronicles some of his all-time favourite stories of true crime and dark history from Canada and around the world. Divided into four sections —Murders with a Twist, Perpetual Puzzles, The Madness of Crowds and Notable Disasters — all the stories in this collection (except two) are brand new and haven't been covered by the podcast.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Adult** **Nonfiction**

30.



The jealousy man and other stories (Oct 2021)

By: Nesbo, Jo, 1960-

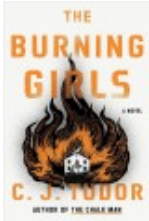
A collection of short stories by the master of mystery and suspense includes tales about a detective on the trail of a man suspected of murdering his twin; a bereaved father contemplating vengeance after a pandemic brings about the collapse of society; and a hired assassin who matches wits against his greatest adversary.

Popularity: ★★★★★ **Adult** **Fiction**

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The burning girls (Feb 2021)

By: Tudor, C. J.

Reverend Jack Brooks, a single parent with a fourteen-year-old daughter and a heavy conscience, arrives in the village hoping to make a fresh start and find some peace. Instead, Jack finds a town mired in secrecy and a strange welcome package: an old exorcism kit and a note quoting scripture. The more Jack and daughter Flo get acquainted with the town and its strange denizens, the deeper they are drawn into their rifts, mysteries, and suspicions. And when Flo is troubled by strange sightings in the old chapel, it becomes apparent that there are ghosts here that refuse to be laid to rest.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

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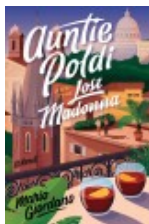
The death of Jane Lawrence (Oct 2021)

By: Starling, Caitlin

Set in a dark-mirror version of post-war England, Caitlin Starling crafts a new kind of gothic horror from the bones of the beloved canon. This Crimson Peak-inspired story assembles, then upends, every expectation set in place by Shirley Jackson and Rebecca, and will leave readers shaken, desperate to begin again as soon as they are finished.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Adult** **Fiction**

33.



Auntie Poldi and the lost Madonna (May 2021)

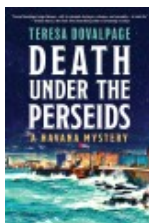
By: Giordano, Mario, 1963-

Strange dealings are afoot in the Apostolic Palace - a nun leapt to her death shortly after participating in a seemingly routine exorcism. But when a priest clad in Gammarelli and a Vatican commissario with an almost unholy level of sex appeal turn up at her door, Poldi is shocked to hear that she's a suspect in their case. Poldi will need all the help she can get to clear her name, but her nephew has been distracted by a love affair gone sour, someone in the town has been spraying graffiti death threats on her front door, and her local friends seem to be avoiding her. And even Vito Montana balks when Poldi discovers that the case hinges on a lost Madonna statue, stolen years ago from the pope himself.

Series: Auntie Poldi novels, 4

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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Death under the Perseids (Dec 2021), Forthcoming

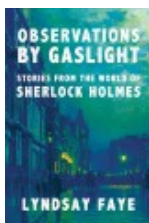
By: Dovalpage, Teresa, 1966-

After winning a five-day cruise to Cuba, Cuban-born Mercedes Spivey and her American husband investigate the on-board disappearance of another couple who also won a free cruise.

Series: Havana mystery, 4

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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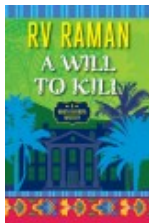
Observations by gaslight: stories from the world of Sherlock Holmes (Dec 2021), Forthcoming

By: Faye, Lyndsay

A new collection of Sherlockian tales shows the Great Detective and his partner, Watson, as their acquaintances saw them.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

36.



A will to kill (Oct 2020)

By: Raman, R. V.

For fans of Knives Out, a book that embodies all the things we love about Agatha Christie—a haunted manor house, estranged relatives a will, and a murder— set in modern-day India, and the first in a series from author RV Raman.

Series: Harith Athreya novels, 1

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

37.



The graphic canon of crime & mystery.

Volume 2, from Salome to Edgar Allan Poe to Silence of the lambs (Dec 2021), Forthcoming

As with previous volumes in the Graphic Canon series, the illustrations run the full gamut of media and techniques, and artistic interpretations range from verbatim literalism to metaphorical extensions to surrealism and abstraction. The common theme, tracing the origins and standout texts of the morbid and mysterious, unites these multifarious partners in crime.

Series: Graphic canon, 6

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

38.



The graphic canon of crime and mystery.

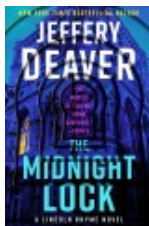
Volume 1, From Sherlock Holmes to A clockwork orange to Jo Nesbo (Nov 2017)

"From James M. Cain to Stephen King, from Sophocles to the Marquis de Sade to Iceberg Slim, here are stunning and sometimes macabre visualizations of some of the greatest crime and mystery stories of all time."--Publisher's description.

Series: Graphic canon, 5

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

39.



The midnight lock (Nov 2021)

By: Deaver, Jeffery

When he is fired as a consultant for the NYPD, Lincoln Rhyme decides to risk jail to solve a case involving "the Locksmith"--a sociopathic intruder who can break through any lock or security system every devised, terrorizing the entire city.

Series: Lincoln Rhyme mysteries, 15

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ Adult Fiction

40.



Game on: tempting twenty-eight (Nov 2021)

By: Evanovich, Janet

Unsure if he is her partner or her competition, Stephanie Plum and Oswald Wednesday try to hunt down a master cyber criminal in Trenton.

Series: Stephanie Plum mysteries, 28

Popularity: ★★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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The conductors (Mar 2021)

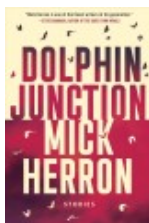
By: Glover, Nicole

As a conductor on the Underground Railroad, Hetty Rhodes helped usher dozens of people north with her wits and magic. Now that the Civil War is over, Hetty and her husband, Benjy, have settled in Philadelphia, solving murders and mysteries that the white authorities won't touch. When they find one of their friends slain in an alley, Hetty and Benjy bury the body and set off to find answers. But the secrets and intricate lies of the elites of Black Philadelphia only serve to dredge up more questions. To solve this mystery, they will have to face ugly truths all around them, including the ones about each other.

Series: Murder and Magic

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

42.



Dolphin junction: collected stories (Nov 2021)

By: Herron, Mick

Five standalone crime fiction tales and four mystery stories featuring Oxford wife-and-husband detective team of Zoe Boehm and Joe Silvermann will delight fans of thrillers, in this collection of short stories from the award-winning author of the Slough House novels.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

43.



The sleeping car murders (Nov 2021)

By: Japrisot, Sebastien, 1931-2003

When the night train from Marseille pulls into Paris, a woman is found dead in her berth, setting off a race to find the perpetrator before more victims are discovered.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

44.



Something more than night (Nov 2021)

By: Newman, Kim

After a 1930s Hollywood mogul escapes a fire from his Gothic home, investigator Joh Devlin enlists the help of writer Raymond Chandler and actor Boris Karloff, as they discover a Los Angeles overrun with monsters, witches, and murderous clowns.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

45.



Untraceable (Feb 2021)

By: Lebedev, Sergey

At the center of this novel inspired by true events is a scheming chemist named Professor Kalitin, obsessed with developing an absolutely deadly, undetectable and untraceable poison for which there is no antidote. He becomes consumed by guilt over the death of his wife, the first accidental victim of his Faustian pact to create the ultimate venom, and the deaths of hundreds of test subjects. After he defects from the Soviet Union to spend his "retirement" years in the West, two Russian secret agents are dispatched to assassinate him.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

46.



The devil and the dark water (Oct 2020)

By: Turton, Stuart

Sailing back to Amsterdam as a prisoner accused of an unknown crime, Detective Pippis relies on his faithful sidekick to help solve an onboard mystery in the new novel from the author of The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

47.



The delightful life of a suicide pilot (Jun 2020)

By: Cotterill, Colin

"Laos, 1981: When an unofficial mailman drops off a strange bilingual diary, Dr. Siri is intrigued. Half is in Lao, but the other half is in Japanese, which no one Siri knows can read; it appears to have been written during the Second World War. Most mysterious of all, it comes with a note stapled to it: Dr. Siri, we need your help most urgently. But who is "we," and why have they left no return address? To the chagrin of his wife and friends, who have to hear him read the diary out loud, Siri embarks on an investigation by examining the text. Though the journal was apparently written by a kamikaze pilot, it is surprisingly dull. Twenty pages in, no one has even died, and the pilot never mentions any combat at all. Despite these shortcomings, Siri begins to obsess over the diary's abrupt ending . . . and the riddle of why it ended up in his hands. Did the kamikaze pilot ever manage to get off the ground? To find out, he and Madame Daeng will have to hitch a ride to Thailand and uncover some of the darkest secrets of the Second World War"--.

Series: Dr. Paiboun novels, 15

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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Sleep well, my lady (Jan 2021)

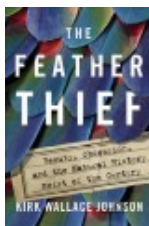
By: Quartey, Kwei

PI Emma Djan investigates the death of a Ghanaian fashion icon and social media celebrity, Lady Araba.

Series: Emma Djan novels, 2

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

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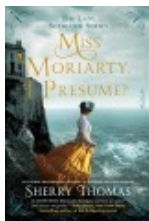
The feather thief: beauty, obsession, and the natural history heist of the century (Apr 2018)

By: Johnson, Kirk W.

Documents the astonishing 2009 theft of an invaluable collection of ornithological displays from the British Museum of Natural History by a talented American musician, tracing the author's years-long investigation to track down the culprit and understand his motives, which were possibly linked to an obsession with the Victorian art of salmon fly-tying.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Nonfiction

50.



Miss Moriarty, I presume? (Nov 2021)

By: Thomas, Sherry (Sherry M.)

Charlotte Holmes comes face-to-face with her enemy when Moriarty turns to her in his hour of need in the USA Today bestselling series set in Victorian England. A most unexpected client shows up at Charlotte Holmes's doorstep Moriarty himself. Moriarty fears that tragedy has befallen his daughter and wants Charlotte to find out the truth. Charlotte and Mrs. Watson travel to a remote community of occult practitioners where Moriarty's daughter was last seen, a place full of lies and liars. Meanwhile, Charlotte's sister Livie tries to make sense of a mysterious message from her beau, Mr. Marbleton. And Charlotte's longtime friend and ally Lord Ingram at last turns his seductive prowess on Charlotte-or is it the other way around? But the more secrets Charlotte unravels about Miss Moriarty's disappearance, the more she wonders why Moriarty has entrusted this delicate matter to her of all people. Is it merely to test Charlotte's skills as an investigator, or has the man of shadows trapped her in a nest of vipers?

Series: Lady Sherlock novels, 6

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

51.



Quiet in her bones (Feb 2021)

By: Singh, Nalini, 1977-

In this gripping thriller set in New Zealand, New York Times bestselling author Nalini Singh takes you into the twisted world of an exclusive cul-de-sac located on the edge of a sprawling forest.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Adult Fiction

52.



A slow fire burning (Aug 2021)

By: Hawkins, Paula

Three women unknown to each other are each questioned in connection with the gruesome murder of a young man found on a London houseboat in the new novel by the New York Times best-selling author of The Girl on the Train.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Adult Fiction

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