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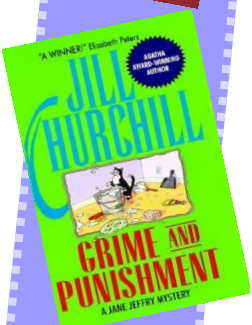
Holly Blues by Susan Wittig Albert

This is a versatile writer of three distinct Cozy Mystery series, all of which feature an interesting mix of colorful characters, multiple puzzles leading to ingenious plot twists, and carefully researched, richly described settings. Her female protagonists are strong, intelligent women who fight injustice, which can lead to conflict with the male protagonists. Albert also adds subtle humor and a touch of whimsy to these leisurely paced stories to enchant her readers. This is the most recent in her China Bayles series.



Toast Mortem by Claudia Bishop

In the most recent Hemlock Inn series, a nasty celebrity chef, who has stolen some of their customers, is found dead with a knife sticking out of his neck, so sisters Quill and Meg find themselves in hot water when, despite a vast array of suspects, fingers are pointed at them. (Series begins with A Taste for Murder.)



Death by Darjeeling by Laura Childs

When a guest turns up dead at a tea for the annual historic homes garden party she is catering, Theodosia Browning, the owner of Charleston's Indigo Tea Shop, turns sleuth to save her reputation, clear her name, and track down the real killer.

Grime and Punishment by Jill Churchill

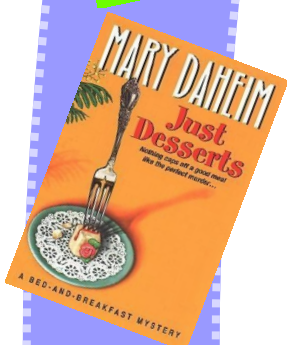
With three kids to raise on her own, Jane Jeffry needs a hand with the housework. But many of her complaining neighbors believe that the Happy Helper cleaning lady they all share wouldn't know a dustball if she was choking on it. That hardly seems reason enough, however, to her. So when the charwoman in question is discovered strangled to death with a vacuum cleaner cord, Jane decides to dig up the real dirt. Despite her busy schedule, Jane is determined to tidy up the whole murderous mess—even if it means provoking a killer who may live as close as next door.

Just Desserts by Mary Daheim

These cozy mysteries are set in carefully-chosen locales in Washington state. Daheim's amateur investigators are intrepid, wisecracking mature women with strong family ties as well as a genuine appreciation for food and nature. These Bed-and-Breakfast mysteries are popular with readers because Daheim leisurely sets the scene, offering myriad domestic details about the characters, their relationships and daily concerns.

Crime Brûlée by Nancy Fairbanks

Accompanying her husband to an academic conference in New Orleans, food writer Carolyn Blue decides to take the opportunity to write an article on Cajun cuisine, but her trip takes an unexpected turn when a friend mysteriously vanishes.



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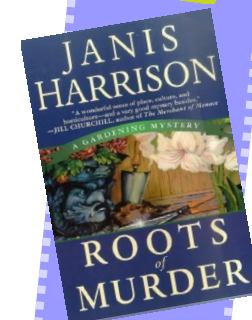
Blueberry Muffin Murder by Joanne Fluke

Joanne Fluke's culinary mystery novels are as delicious as their titles. Set in the small town of Lake Eden, Minnesota, these charming cozies star amateur sleuth Hannah Swensen, a witty woman who lives in a condo with her one-eyed cat, Moshe. Sprinkled with recipes, Fluke's books are known for their quirky characters, humor, clever plots, and twist endings.



Wicked Fix by Sarah Graves

Sarah Graves mixes home repair, humor, and homicide in her Home Repair is Homicide Mysteries. Main character Jacobia Tiptree is pulled into solving local crimes during the course of renovating her seaside Maine home. With comedy, humor and descriptions of the renovations woven into the mystery, Graves's works are well-constructed, light and cozy. Series starts with: **The Dead Cat Bounce** and **Triple Witch**.

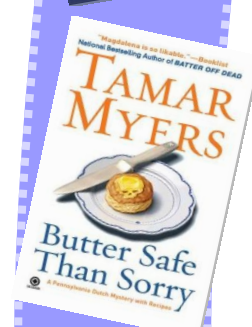


Forbidden Fruit by Kerry Greenwood

Earthy Delights bakery owner Corinna Chapman and her favorite guy Daniel find themselves on the trail of two teenage runaways, aided by three Internet hackers, a troupe of free-spirited freegans, and a group of singing vegans. First in series: **Earthy Delights**.

Roots of Murder by Janis Harrison

A small Midwest town fills with doubt and suspicion as Bretta Solomon, a widowed flower shop owner, begins to investigate the mysterious death of an Amish farmer who has always supplied her with her best flowers.

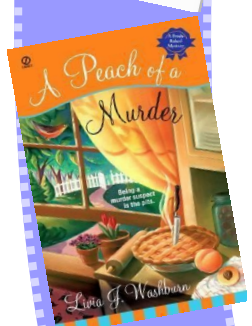


Mistletoe Murder by Leslie Meier

While moonlighting during the Christmas rush for a trendy mail-order house, Lucy Stone stumbles upon the body of the company's founder and turns sleuth to find a killer in the small town of Tinker's Cove, Maine.

Butter Safe than Sorry by Tamar Myers

This is the most recent in the Pennsylvania Dutch Mystery series (which starts with **Too Many Crooks Spoil the Broth**). Mennonite innkeeper Magdalena Yoder investigates after she and her son witness a bank robbery by armed bandits posing as Amish men.



The Body In the Big Apple by Katherine Hall Page

This prequel to the successful series featuring caterer Faith Fairchild details her first mystery case. While catering a party in Manhattan, Faith meets a former classmate threatened with blackmail and death. Faith worries, then sleuths. An excellent beginning.

A Peach of a Murder by L.L. Washburn

Retired schoolteacher Phyllis Newsom, who is on a personal mission to win the blue ribbon for the best peach pie at the Peach Festival, finds herself accused of murder when her spicy entry kills a judge.