

HISTORICAL MYSTERIES



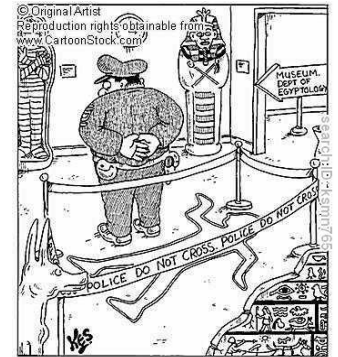
While authors have been writing about the past almost as long as there has been a past, the mystery story set in historical times is a relatively recent phenomenon. Several short stories during the American “pulp period featured famous personages of the past solving mysteries (e.g., Dr. Johnson and Boswell, Agatha Christie’s 1944 novel, *Death Comes as the End* is considered the first full length historical.

The sub-genre remained a curiosity until Ellis Peters’ popular Cadfael series and Umberto Eco’s *The Name of the Rose* (and its successful film interpretation) set authors off on frequent trip to other eras.

The Ancient World Egypt

Paul Doherty

Paul Doherty (AKA Michael Clynes, P.C. Doherty, Anna Apostolou) is a prolific and accomplished writer of historical mysteries whose work spans the centuries, from ancient Egypt to the late Middle Ages. The protagonist of his Egyptian mysteries is Amerotke, a judge in Pharaoh’s court. A refined, cultured man, Amerotke has a wide network of informants and edge-of-legality acquaintances who aid him in his endless search for truth and justice. Set during the often turbulent New Kingdom reigns of Tuthmosis II and Hatshepsut, Doherty brings a comfortable commonality to his characters that transcends the centuries.



The Amerotke Series

- The Mask of Ra* (1998)
- The Horus Killings* (1999)
- The Anubis Slayings* (2000)
- The Slayers of Seth* (2001)
- The Assassins of Isis* (2004)
- The Poisoner of Ptah* (2007)
- The Spies of Sobeck* (2008)

Other Egyptian Mysteries

- An Evil Spirit Out of the West*, 2003
- The Season of the Hyaena*, 2004

The Year of the Cobra, 2006

Lynda Robinson

You can't say that the author of critically acclaimed Lord Meren series of ancient Egyptian mysteries doesn't know what she is doing. She has a doctoral degree in anthropology with a specialty in the sub discipline of archaeology from the University of Texas at Austin. She has done field work in the Middle East and the United States, as well as museum research and work in exhibits of ancient art. She also writes romance novels, so her Egyptian mysteries have languished for now.

Murder in the Place of Anubis (1994)

Murder at the God's Gate (1995)

Murder at the Feast of Rejoicing (1996)

Eater of Souls (1997)

Drinker of Blood (1998)

Slayer of Gods (2001)

Rome and Greece

Lindsey Davis

Oxford-educated Davis worked in the British Government for many years before turning full-time to writing. Her love of Roman history, which is rich in her native land, led her to create the Falco Mysteries. Marcus Didius Falco is employed by the emperor Vespasian in first century Rome. He is an "informer" or spy, used in sensitive situations by the emperor. Davis published her first book in the series in 1989, making her one of the "pioneers" in Roman mystery novels.



"I, Caesar, need someone I can really trust and confide in.
You're that man, Brutus."

Marcus Didius Falco Mysteries

The Silver Pigs (1989)

Shadows in Bronze (1990)

Venus in Copper (1991)

The Iron Hand of Mars (1992)

Poseidon's Gold (1993)

Last Act in Palmyra (1994)
Time to Depart (1995)
A Dying Light in Corduba (1996)
Three Hands in the Fountain (1997)
Two for the Lions (1998)
One Virgin Too Many (1999)
Ode to a Banker (2000)
A Body in the Bath House (2001)
The Jupiter Myth (2002)
The Accusers (2003)
Scandal Takes a Holiday (2004)
See Delphi and Die (2005)
Saturnalia (2007)
Alexandria (2009)
Nemesis (2010)

Steven Saylor

Texas-born and educated Saylor has worked as a newspaper editor and literary agent before striking gold with his *Roma Sub Rosa* mysteries featuring Gordianus the Finder, A 1st century BC detective. Saylor studied history and the classics at the University of Texas, so he comes by his interest in Ancient Rome naturally.

Roma Sub Rosa Series

Roman Blood (1991)
Arms Of Nemesis (1992)
Catilina's Riddle (1993)
The Venus Throw (1995)
A Murder On The Appian Way (1996)
The House Of The Vestals (1997)
Rubicon (1999)
Last Seen In Massilia (2000)
Mist Of Prophecies (2002)
The Judgment Of Caesar (2004)
A Gladiator Dies Only Once (2005)
The Triumph of Caesar (2008)

John Maddox Roberts

Ohio-born Roberts (we won't hold that against him) is the author of mysteries, science fiction, fantasy and historical novels. He has even penned several Conan the Barbarian stories. For our purposes, his most important series is the SPQR series, set in the last century of the Roman Republic (100-27 BC). SPQR was the "motto" of the republic,

meaning “The Senate and People of Rome.” The main person in the stories is Decius Cecilius Metellus, described as the “would-be playboy son of an illustrious family.”

SPQR Series

SPQR (1990) (also *SPQR I: The King's Gambit*)

The Catiline Conspiracy (1991)

The Sacrilege (1992)

The Temple Of The Muses (1999)

Saturnalia (1999)

Nobody Loves A Centurion (2001)

The Tribune's Curse (2003)

The River God's Vengeance (2004)

The Princess and the Pirates (2005)

A Point of Law (2006)

Under Vesuvius (2007)

Oracle of the Dead (December 9, 2008)

The Year of Confusion (February 16, 2010)

Albert Bell

Dr. Albert Bell teaches ancient history at Hope College in Holland, Michigan and was a guest speaker at the Peabody Public Library several years ago. His Roman mysteries are few, but well written. He has eschewed inventing a fictional sleuth, preferring to use the historical figure of Pliny the Younger, a Senator and lawyer in Rome who lived from 62-117 AD.

The Notebooks of Pliny the Younger

All Roads Lead to Murder (2002)

The Blood of Caesar (2008)

Paul Doherty

Once again, we have Paul Doherty delving into the mysteries of the ancient world. He covers both Greece and Rome, going whole hog in Greece by making Alexander the Great his sleuth. In the roman mysteries, set during the reign of Constantine, the investigator is a servant of Helena, the emperor's mother.

Political Intrigue in Ancient Rome

Domina (2002)

Murder Imperial (2003)

The Song of the Gladiator (2004)

The Queen of the Night (2006)

Murder's Immortal Mask (2008)

Alexander the Great Mysteries

Murder in Macedon (1997)

A Murder in Thebes (1998)
The House of Death (2001)
The Godless Man (2002)
The Gates of Hell (2003)

Medieval Times

Paul Doherty

The ubiquitous and prolific Doherty has several series set in the world of Medieval England. The best known and most extensive of these is the Hugh Corbett mysteries, set during the reign of Edward I (1272-1307). Corbett is employed as a spy for the king, ensuring that he will be at the center of a great deal of intrigue.

Doherty has also published a series of Canterbury Tales mysteries featuring lawyer Nicholas Chirke. A third series centers around Brother Athelstan, a Dominican monk and his friend John Cranston, the coroner of 14th century London.

Several other series, most written under one of his pen names, include Mathilde of Westminster, Matthew Jenkyn and Katheryn Swinbrook.

Hugh Corbett Mysteries

Satan in St Mary's (1986)
The Crown in Darkness (1988)
Spy in Chancery (1988)
The Angel of Death (1989)
The Prince Of Darkness (1992)
Murder Wears a Cowl (1992)
The Assassin in the Greenwood (1993)
The Song of a Dark Angel (1994)
Satan's Fire (1995)
The Devil's Hunt (1996)
The Demon Archer (1999)
The Treason of the Ghosts (2000)
Corpse Candle (2001)
The Magician's Death (2004)
The Waxman Murders (2006)
Nightshade (2008)



"It's Medieval Times Week here at the courthouse, so I'm afraid that instead of getting probation, you'll be drawn and quartered."

The Mysterium (2010)

The Sorrowful Mysteries of Brother Athelstan

The Nightingale Gallery (1991) (writing as Paul Harding)

The House Of The Red Slayer (1992) (writing as Paul Harding) *Murder Most*

Holy (1992) (writing as Paul Harding)

The Anger Of God (1993) (writing as Paul Harding)

By Murder's Bright Light (1994) (writing as Paul Harding)

The House Of Crows (1995) (writing as Paul Harding)

The Assassin's Riddle (1996) (writing as Paul Harding)

The Devil's Domain (1998)

The Field Of Blood (1999)

The House of Shadows (2003)

Stories told on Pilgrimage from London to Canterbury

An Ancient Evil (1994)

A Tapestry of Murders (1994)

A Tournament of Murders (1996)

Ghostly Murders (1997)

The Hangman's Hymn (2001)

A Haunt of Murder (2002)

Matthew Jankyn Mysteries

The Whyte Harte (1988)

The Serpent Amongst the Lilies (1990)

Kathryn Swinbrook Mysteries

Shrine of Murders (1993)

Eye of God (1994)

Merchant of Death (1995)

Book of Shadows (1996)

Saintly Murders (2001)

Maze of Murders (2002)

Feast of Poisons (2004)

Mathilde of Westminster Mysteries

The Cup of Ghosts (2005)

The Poison Maiden (2007)

The Darkening Glass (2009)

Margaret Frazer

Margaret Frazer began as two people and is now the pseudonym of a single author. Monica Ferris and Gail Frazer were both members of the Society for Creative anachronism, a Medieval reenactment group, when they began collaboration on the first six Dame Frevisse mysteries. When, as the remaining author states, the Ferris half of the

team grew tired and returned to the present age, the Frazer half continued under the original blended moniker. This maker of Medieval English mayhem lives in Ely, Minnesota.

Sister Frevisse is a Benedictine nun in 15th century Oxford in a cloistered convent that seems to be an unlikely host to murder. The Joliffe series is a spinoff of the Frevisse mysteries and involves an actor in a traveling troupe of players.

Dame Frevisse Mysteries

The Novice's Tale (1992)
The Servant's Tale (1993)
The Outlaw's Tale (1994)
The Bishop's Tale (1994)
The Boy's Tale (1995)
The Murderer's Tale (1996)
The Prioress' Tale (1997)
The Maiden's Tale (1998)
The Reeve's Tale (1999)
The Squire's Tale (2000)
The Clerk's Tale (2002)
The Bastard's Tale (2003)
The Hunter's Tale (2004)
The Widow's Tale (2005)
The Sempster's Tale (2006)
The Traitor's Tale (2007)
The Apostate's Tale (2008)

Joliffe Series

A Play of Isaac (2004)
A Play of Dux Moraud (2005)
A Play of Knaves (2006)
A Play of Lords (2007)
A Play of Treachery (2009)

Susanna Gregory

Writing under the pseudonym of Susanna Gregory, Cambridge PhD Elizabeth Cruwys has fashioned a series of mysteries set at her alma mater in the 14th century. Matthew Bartholomew is a physician and lecturer at the esteemed university, as well as a much sought after sleuth when things get deadly – as they often do.

Matthew Bartholomew Mysteries

A Plague on Both Your Houses (1996)
An Unholy Alliance (1996)
A Bone of Contention (1997)
A Deadly Brew (1998)

A Wicked Deed (1999)
A Masterly Murder (2000)
An Order for Death (2001)
A Summer of Discontent (2002)
A Killer in Winter (2003)
The Hand of Justice (2004)
The Mark of a Murderer (2005)
The Tarnished Chalice (2006)
To Kill or Cure (2007)
The Devil's Disciples (2008)
A Vein of Deceit (2009)
The Killer of Pilgrims (2010)
Mystery in the Minster (2011)

Edward Marston

Another alias, this one for Keith Miles, author of over forty novels set in several time periods. His Medieval mysteries center around the time of William the Conqueror and the compilation of the Domesday Book, a sort of census of land and people. The series features two commissioners, Norman knight Ralph Delchard and Saxon lawyer Gervase Bret.

The Domesday Mysteries

The Wolves of Savernake
The Ravens of Blackwater
The Dragons of Archenfield
The Lions of the North
The Serpents of Harbledown
The Stallions of Woodstock
The Hawks of Delamere
The Wildcats of Exeter
The Foxes of Warwick
The Owls of Gloucester
The Elephants of Norwich

Ellis Peters

Ellis Peters was Edith Mary Parmeter, a writer of history, historical fiction and translator of Czech literature. Her main contribution to the world of Medieval mystery was Brother Cadfael, the Benedictine monk and herbalist in 12th Century Shrewsbury. Cadfael came late to the monastery, having led a worldly existence and even having fought in the Crusades. He was portrayed by Derek Jacobi in the famous television series of the same name.

Brother Cadfael

A Morbid Taste for Bones(1977)

One Corpse Too Many (1979)
Monk's Hood (1980)
Saint Peter's Fair (1981)
The Leper of St. Giles (1981)
The Virgin in the Ice (1982)
The Sanctuary Sparrow (1983)
The Devil's Novice (1983)
Dead Man's Ransom (1984)
The Pilgrim of Hate (1984)
An Excellent Mystery (1985)
The Raven in the Foregate (1986)
The Rose Rent (1986)
The Hermit of Eyton Forest (1987)
The Confession of Brother Haluin (1988)
A Rare Benedictine (1988)
The Heretic's Apprentice (1989)
The Potter's Field (1989)
The Summer of the Danes (1991)
The Holy Thief (1992)
Brother Cadfael's Penance (1994)

Candace Robb

An anomaly in the field of historical mysteries is Candace Robb, who actually writes under her own name. A reader in medieval history, she divides her time between Seattle and the UK, where she engages in research for her two mystery series.

The well-known Owen Archer series features Archer, a spy for the Archbishop of York (and Chancellor of England) in the 14th century. He is ably aided by his wife, an apothecary, as well as several friends. Robb's other series features Dame Margaret Kerr, a 13th century Scottish noble.

Owen Archer Mysteries

The Apothecary Rose (1993)
The Lady Chapel (1994)
The Nun's Tale (1995)
The King's Bishop (1996)
The Riddle of St. Leonard's (1997)
A Gift of Sanctuary (1998)
A Spy for the Redeemer (2002)
The Cross-Legged Knight (2002)
The Guilt of Innocents (2007)
A Vigil of Spies (2008)

Margaret Kerr Series

A Trust Betrayed (2000)

The Fire in the Flint (2003)
A Cruel Courtship (2004)

I.J. Parker

Ingrid J. Parker is best known for her excellent Sugawara Akitada mysteries, set in 11th century Japan. Akitada is a minor official in the Ministry of Justice, with crime solving abilities that get him into trouble with his superiors in the class-conscious social structure of Medieval Japan. Parker is a retired professor of English at Norfolk State University. Her interest in Japanese literature led her to combine her love of writing and the result is a rich chronicle of the life and times of middle and upper class Japan during the Heian Period. She lives in Virginia.

Akitada Mysteries

Rashomon Gate (2002)
The Hell Screen (2003)
The Dragon Scroll (2005)
Black Arrow (2006)
Island of Exiles (2007)
The Convict's Sword (2009)
The Masuda Affair (2010)



Renaissance and Beyond

Fiona Buckley

Fiona Buckley is the alias for Valerie Anand, English author born in 1937 and the owner of a most eclectic resume. Here are a few examples of her jobs before becoming a full-time novelist in 1989: typist for the Sudanese embassy; sub-editor of Quarry manager's journal; publicist for the institute of British Launderers; reporter for Index to office Equipment. After writing historical romances years, she began her Ursula Blanchard

mysteries in 1997. Blanchard is a lady in waiting to Queen Elizabeth I, who sends her on missions of a “sensitive” nature.

Ursula Blanchard Mysteries

To Shield the Queen (1997)

The Doublet Affair (1998)

Queen’s Ransom (2000)

To Ruin a Queen (2000)

Queen of Ambition (2001)

A Pawn for a Queen (2002)

The Fugitive Queen (2004)

The Siren Queen (2004)

Paul Doherty

Doherty uses his Michael Clynes pseudonym to pen this series about an investigator for Cardinal Wolsey and King Henry VII.

The Journals of Sir Roger Shallot

The White Rose Murders (1991)

The Poisoned Chalice (1992)

The Grail Murders (1993)

A Brood of Vipers (1994)

The Gallows Murders (1995)

The Relic Murders (1996)

C.J. Sansom

Christopher John Sansom earned a PhD in history from the university of Birmingham (UK) and retrained as a solicitor (lawyer) before becoming a full time writer. He is known for the excellent Matthew Shardlake mysteries. Set during the reign on Henry VIII, Shardlake is a hunchbacked lawyer working on special assignment for the Lord Chancellor.

The Matthew Shardlake Mysteries

Dissolution

Dark fire

Sovereign

Revelation

Heartstone

Edward Marston

Marston (Keith Miles) is best known for his series of Domesday mysteries, set in the time immediately after the Norman invasion, but he also has series set during Elizabethan time and during the Restoration (mid-to-late 1600s).

Elizabethan Theater Mysteries

The Queen's Head (1988)
The Merry Devils (1989)
The Trip to Jerusalem (1990)
The Nine Giants (1991)
The Mad Courtesan (1992)
The Silent Woman (1992)
The Roaring Boy (1995)
The Laughing Hangman (1996)
The Fair Maid of Bohemia (1997)
The Wanton Angel (1999)
The Devil's Apprentice (2001)
The Bawdy Basket (2002)
The Vagabond Clown (2003)
The Counterfeit Crank (2004)
The Malevolent Comedy (2005)
The Princess of Denmark (2006)

Christopher Redmayne Series

The King's Evil (1999)
The Amorous Nightingale (2000)
The Repentant Rake (2001)
The Frost Fair (2003)
The Parliament House (2006)
The Painted Lady (2007)

Susanna Gregory

Gregory moves up from 14th Century Cambridge to 17th Century London with the Thomas Chaloner mysteries, featuring a former spy for the Cromwell government fallen on tough times during the Restoration, this series is alive with period detail and character development.

Thomas Chaloner Mysteries

A Conspiracy of Violence
Blood On the Strand
The Butcher of Smithfield
The Westminster Poisoner
A Murder on London Bridge
The Body in the Thames
The Piccadilly Plot

The 19th Century

Emily Brightwell

Emily Brightwell is the pen name of Cheryl Arguile. She is the author of all twenty-three published titles in her Victorian murder mystery series, *The Inspector and Mrs. Jeffries*. Inspector Witherspoon is a Scotland Yard detective and Mrs. Jeffries is his housekeeper. While the Inspector is adept at gathering clues, it is Mrs. Jeffries who has the skills to interpret them.

Mrs Jeffries

- The Inspector and Mrs Jeffries* (1993)
- Mrs Jeffries Dusts For Clues* (1993)
- The Ghost and Mrs Jeffries* (1993)
- Mrs Jeffries On the Ball* (1994)
- Mrs Jeffries Takes Stock* (1994)
- Mrs Jeffries On the Trail* (1995)
- Mrs Jeffries Plays the Cook* (1995)
- Mrs Jeffries and the Missing Alibi* (1996)
- Mrs Jeffries Stands Corrected* (1996)
- Mrs Jeffries Takes the Stage* (1997)
- Mrs Jeffries Questions the Answers* (1997)
- Mrs Jeffries Reveals Her Art* (1998)
- Mrs Jeffries Takes the Cake* (1998)
- Mrs Jeffries Rocks the Boat* (1999)
- Mrs Jeffries Weeds the Plot* (2000)
- Mrs Jeffries Pinches the Post* (2001)
- Mrs Jeffries Pleads Her Case* (2003)
- Mrs Jeffries Sweeps the Chimney* (2004)
- Mrs. Jeffries Stalks the Hunter* (2004)
- Mrs. Jeffries and the Silent Knight* (2005)
- Mrs. Jeffries Appeals the Verdict* (2006)
- Mrs Jeffries and the Best Laid Plans* (2007)
- Mrs Jeffries and the Feast of St. Stephen* (2007)
- Mrs Jeffries Holds the Trump* (2008)
- Mrs Jeffries in the Nick of Time* (2009)
- Mrs Jeffries and the Yuletide Weddings* (2009)
- Mrs. Jeffries Speaks Her Mind* (2010)
- Mrs. Jeffries Forges Ahead* (2011)
- Mrs. Jeffries and the Mistletoe Mix-Up* (2011)
- Mrs. Jeffries Defends Her Own* (2012)



Carole Nelson Douglas

Best known as the author of the Midnight Louie cat mysteries, Douglas lives in Minnesota. Her Irene Adler series is a different take on the classic Sherlock Holmes stories, with the great detective's opera singing love in the central role.

Irene Adler Mysteries

Good Night Mr. Holmes (1990)

Good Morning, Irene (1990)

Irene at Large (1992)

Irene's Last Waltz (1994)

Chapel Noir (2001)

Castle Rouge (2002)

Femme Fatale (2003)

Spider Dance (2004)

Barbara Hambly

Fantasy author Hambly departs from her vampires and wizards to pen the Benjamin January series, set in New Orleans of the 1830s. January is a "Freeman of color" who has returned home after a long stay in Paris. A surgeon and musician, he offers help to black people in trouble.

Benjamin January Mysteries

A Free Man of Color (1997)

Fever Season (1998)

Graveyard Dust (1999)

Sold Down the River (2000)

Die upon a Kiss (2001)

Wet Grave (2002)

Days of the Dead (2003)

Dead Water (2004)

Dead and Buried (2010)

The Shirt on His Back (2011)

Ran Away (2011)

Peter Lovesey

London born Lovesey had the unfortunate distinction of seeing his family home destroyed by a Nazi V-1 bomb during the blitz. Like many children of the era, he was sent to the country for safety and found that the experience brought out the story teller in him. He is an Agatha and Dagger award winner and has written a series featuring two Victorian policeman.

Sgt. Cribb Mysteries

Wobble to Death (1970)

The Detective Wore Silk Drawers (1971)

Abracadaver (1972)
Mad Hatter's Holiday (1973)
The Tick of Death (1974)
A Case of Spirits (1975)
Swing, Swing Together (1976)
Waxwork (1978)

Owen Parry

Parry is the pseudonym for Ralph Peters, a career soldier who has written both war fiction and nonfiction. His Abel Jones series involves a Civil War era Union officer and reluctant detective.

Abel Jones

Faded Coat of Blue (1999)
Shadows of Glory (2000)
Call Each River Jordan (2001)
Honor's Kingdom (2002)
Bold Sons of Erin (2003)

Anne Perry

Born in London, Perry is the master of the Victorian mystery with her two long-running series. The Thomas Pitt books feature a young Scotland Yard inspector and his high-born wife, Charlotte. The William Monk series follows a private detective in the 1850s who suffers from amnesia after a carriage accident.

The Thomas and Charlotte Pitt Mysteries

The Cater Street Hangman
Callander Square
Paragon Walk
Resurrection Row
Bluegate Fields
Rutland Place
Death in the Devil's Acre
Cardington Crescent
Silence in Hanover Close
Bethlehem Road
Highgate Rise
Belgrave Square
Farriers' Lane
The Hyde Park Headsman
Traitors Gate
Pentecost Alley
Ashworth Hall
Brunswick Gardens

Bedford Square
Half Moon Street
The Whitechapel Conspiracy
Southampton Row
Seven Dials
Long Spoon Lane
Buckingham Palace Gardens
Treason At Lisson Grove (US)
Dorchester Terrace

The William Pitt Mysteries

The Face of a Stranger
A Dangerous Mourning
Defend and Betray
A Sudden, Fearful Death
The Sins of the Wolf
Cain his Brother
Weighed in the Balance
The Silent Cry
A Breach of Promise
The Twisted Root
Funeral in Blue
Slaves of Obsession/Slaves and Obsession
Death of a Stranger
The Shifting Tide
Dark Assassin
Execution Dock
Acceptable Loss

Elizabeth Peters

Barbara Mertz was born in a small Illinois town and grew up in Chicago. She received a PhD in Archaeology from the University of Chicago, which she was unable to use in the post-WWII women-stay-home atmosphere. However, in 1966, she managed to get a novel published under the pseudonym of Barbara Michaels. Several years later, Elizabeth Peters (from two of her children) was born with the publication of an Egyptologically-based mystery, *The Jackal's Head*. Her *Amelia Peabody* series follows the adventures of a married Egyptologist during the "Golden Era" of the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Amelia Peabody

Crocodile on the Sandbank
Curse of the Pharaohs
The Mummy Case
Lion in the Valley
The Deeds of the Disturber
The Last Camel Died at Noon
The Snake, the Crocodile, and the Dog

The Hippopotamus Pool
Seeing a Large Cat
The Ape Who Guards the Balance
The Falcon at the Portal
He Shall Thunder in the Sky
Lord of the Silent
The Golden One
Children of the Storm
Amelia Peabody's Egypt
Guardian of the Horizon

M.J. Trow

Trow is a reader in history at Cambridge university. Originally from Wales, he has yet another version of the Holmes canon, this from the not-so-inept view of Scotland Yard inspector Lestrade.

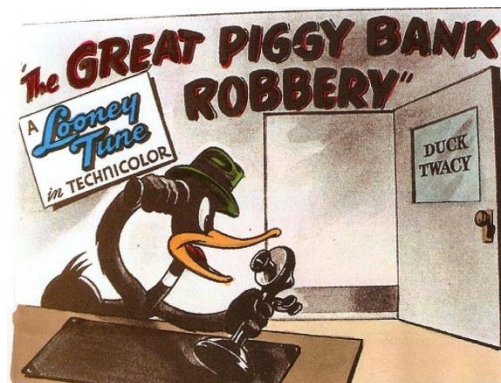
Lestrade

The Adventures of Inspector Lestrade (1985)
Brigade: Further Adventures of Inspector Lestrade (1986)
Lestrade and the Hallowed House (1987)
Lestrade and the Leviathan (1987)
Lestrade and the Brother of Death (1988)
Lestrade and the Ripper (1988)
Lestrade and the Deadly Game (1990)
Lestrade and the Guardian Angel (1990)
Lestrade and the Gift of the Prince (1991)
Lestrade and the Magpie (1991)
Lestrade and the Dead Man's Hand (1992)
Lestrade and the Sign of Nine (1992)
Lestrade and the Sawdust Ring (1993)
Lestrade and the Mirror of Murder (1993)
Lestrade and the Kiss of Horus (1995)
Lestrade and the Devil's Own (1996)

Early 20th Century

Susan Wittig Albert

Albert, a former English professor from Illinois, lives with her fellow author/husband Bill in Texas. As a team under the name Robin Paige, the two have written a series of Victorian era novels. Albert is best known for her



China Bayles mysteries, which exploits the author's love of gardening. Her Darling Dahlias series, set in 1930s Alabama, is her contribution to this category of historicals.

Darling Dahlias

The Darling Dahlias and the Cucumber Tree (2010)

The Darling Dahlias and the Naked Ladies (2011)

Rhys Bowen

Half-Welsh author Bowen was a studio editor at the BBC for many years before she began setting her own stories on the page. Her very first book, *Murphy's Law*, won the Agatha Award for best novel. Her two series of 20th Century historical mysteries are the Molly Murphy Mysteries, featuring an Irish immigrant in New York, and Her Royal Spyness, with minor royalty Lady Georgiana.

Molly Murphy

Murphy's Law (2001)

Death of Riley (2002)

For the Love of Mike (2003)

In Like Flynn (2005)

Oh Danny Boy (2006)

In Dublin's Fair City (2007)

Tell Me, Pretty Maiden (2008)

In a Gilded Cage (2009)

The Last Illusion (2010)

Bless the Bride (2011)

Hush Now, Don't You Cry (March 2012)

Lady Georgiana Mysteries

Her Royal Spyness (2007)

A Royal Pain (2008)

Royal Flush (2009)

Royal Blood (2010)

Naughty in Nice (2011)

Marion Chesney

Marion Chesney is the real name of author M.C. Beaton, famous for her Agatha Raisin and Hamish Macbeth series. The prolific author has penned many historical romances as well and, under her own name, a series of Edwardian mysteries.

Lady Summer/Captain Cathcart Mysteries

Snobbery with Violence (2003)

Hasty Death (2004)

Sick of Shadows (2005)
Our Lady of Pain (2006)

Kate Kingsbury

This is one of many pseudonyms of English American author Doreen Roberts Hight. Along with many romance novels, she has created two series of historicals: The *Pennyfoot Hotel Mysteries* are set in rural England during Edwardian times and the *Manor House Mysteries*, with a World War II setting.

Pennyfoot Hotel Mysteries

Room with a Clue
Do Not Disturb
Service for Two
Eat, Drink and Be Buried
Check-Out Time
Grounds For Murder
Pay the Piper
Chivalry is Dead
Ring for Tomb Service
Death With Reservations
Dying Room Only
Maid to Murder
No Clue at the Inn
Slay Bells
Shrouds of Holly
Ring in Murder
Decked with Folly
Mistletoe and Mayhem
Herald of Death
The Poison's in the Pudding (Out in 2012)

Manor House Mysteries

A Bicycle Built For Murder
Death is in the Air
For Whom Death Tolls
Dig Deep for Murder
Paint By Murder
Berried Alive
Fire When ready
Wedding Rows
An Unmentionable Murder

Carola Dunn

The English-born Dunn now lives in Eugene, Oregon. Her Daisy Dalrymple series of mysteries revolves around 1920s writer and Flapper Miss Daisy, who's boyfriend (later husband) is a chief inspector of Scotland Yard.

Daisy Dalrymple Mysteries

Death At Wentwater Court (1994)
The Winter Garden Mystery (1995)
Requiem For A Mezzo (1996)
Murder On The Flying Scotsman (1997)
Damsel In Distress (1997)
Dead In The Water (1999)
Styx And Stones (1999)
Rattle His Bones (2000)
To Davy Jones Below (2001)
The Case Of The Murdered Muckraker (2002)
Mistletoe And Murder (2002)
Die Laughing (2003)
A Mourning Wedding (2004)
Fall Of A Philanderer (2005)
Gunpowder Plot (2006)
The Bloody Tower (2007)
Black Ship (2008)
Sheer Folly (2009)
Anthem For Doomed Youth (2011)
Gone West (expected publication date January 2012)

Laurie R. King

King is an American author who has penned a series of novels about Mary Russell, a young woman who meets and befriends a later-middle aged Sherlock Holmes.

Mary Russell Mysteries

The Beekeeper's Apprentice (1994)
A Monstrous Regiment of Women (1995)
A Letter of Mary (1997)
The Moor (1998)
O Jerusalem (1999)
Justice Hall (2002)
The Game (2004)
Locked Rooms (2005)
The Language of Bees (2009)
The God of the Hive (2010)
Beekeeping for Beginners (an e-book novella)
Pirate King (2011)

Max Collins

Max Allan Collins has written novels, comic books, songs and screenplays. His *Road to Perdition* was made into a major motion picture starring Paul Newman and Tom Hanks.

Unlike many authors, Collins lets his protagonists age naturally over time, which often moves ahead by the decade in some of his series .

Nathan Heller

True Detective (1983)

True Crime (1984)

The Million Dollar Wound (1986)

Neon Mirage (1988)

Dying in the Post-War World (1991)

Stolen Away (1991)

Carnal Hours (1994)

Blood and Thunder (1995)

Damned in Paradise (1996)

Flying Blind: A Novel about Amelia Earhart (1998)

Majic Man (1999)

Angel in Black (2001)

Kisses of Death (2001)

Chicago Confidential (2002)

Bye Bye, Baby (2011)

Road to Perdition

Road to Perdition (1998)

Road to Purgatory (2004)

Road to Paradise (2005)

Return to Perdition (2011)

Disaster Mysteries

The Titanic Murders (1999)

The Hindenburg Murders (2000)

The Pearl Harbor Murders (2001)

The Lusitania Murders (2002)

The London Blitz Murders (2004)

Charles Todd

Charles and Caroline Todd are a mother and son writing team who live on the east coast of the United States. Caroline has a BA in English Literature and History, and a Masters in International Relations. Charles has a BA in Communication Studies with an emphasis on Business Management, and a culinary arts degree that means he can boil more than

water. A rich knowledge (books and firsthand) of English history, culture and place mean they have more than a passing familiarity with what they write.

Scotland Yard Inspector Rutledge is a shell-shocked WWI veteran trying to get his life and career back together. This endeavor is hampered, however, by the constant nagging voice of Hamish MacLeod, a corporal executed by Rutledge for cowardice.

Ian Rutledge Mysteries

A Test of Wills (1996)
Wings of Fire (1998)
Search the Dark (1999)
Legacy of the Dead (2000)
Watchers of Time (2001)
A Fearsome Doubt (2002)
A Cold Treachery (2005)
A Long Shadow (2006)
A False Mirror (2007)
A Pale Horse (2008)
A Matter of Justice (2009)
The Red Door (2010)
A Lonely Death (2011)
The Confession (2011)

Famous People

Mysteries revolving around famous people, both fictional and real, has been a fairly recent phenomenon in the publishing industry. These characters are either the actual sleuth, or are somehow involved in the mystery. This sounds like a rather contrived idea, and it sometimes is, but in the hands of a good writer, it can be pulled off well.

Susan Wittig Albert

Albert has taken children's author Beatrix Potter (Peter Rabbit) and her time in a cottage in England's Lake District and woven a series of cozy mysteries around it.

Cottage Tales of Beatrix Potter

The Tale of Hill Top Farm (2004)
The Tale of Holly How (2005)
The Tale of Cuckoo Brow Wood (2006)



The Tale of Hawthorn House (2007)
The Tale of Briar Bank (2008)
The Tale of Applebeck Orchard (2009)
The Tale of Oat Cake Crag (2010)
The Tale of Castle Cottage (2011)

Stephanie Barron

Barron, AKA Francine Mathews, uses English Regency author Jane Austen as her sleuth in a series written as a journal, in the formal style of Austen's famous novels.

Jane Austen

Jane and the Unpleasantness at Scargrave Manor (1996)
Jane and the Man of the Cloth (1997)
Jane and the Wandering Eye (1998)
Jane and the Genius of the Place (1999)
Jane and the Stillroom Maid (2000)
Jane and the Prisoner of Wool House (2001)
Jane and the Ghosts of Netley (2003)
Jane and His Lordship's Legacy (2005)
Jane and the Barque of Frailty (2006)
Jane and the Madness of Lord Byron (2010)
Jane and the Canterbury Tale (2011)

Max Collins

Hardboiled Collins finds a natural protagonist in the Untouchable Ness.

Eliot Ness

The Dark City (1987)
Butcher's Dozen (1987)
Bullet Proof (1988)
Murder by the Numbers (1989)

Elliott Roosevelt

The fourth of President Franklin Roosevelt's sixth children, Elliott was a pilot in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He later became a rancher and an author, writing nonfiction as well as the bestselling mystery series featuring his mother, Eleanor.

Eleanor Roosevelt Mysteries

Murder and the First Lady (1984)
The Hyde Park Murder (1985)
Murder at Hobcaw Barony (1986)
The White House Pantry Murder (1987)
Murder at the Palace (1988)

Murder in the Oval Office (1989)
Murder in the Rose Garden (1989)
Murder in the Blue Room (1990)
A First Class Murder (1991)
Murder in the Red Room (1991)
Murder in the West Wing (1992)
Murder in the East Room (1993)
A Royal Murder (1994)
Murder in the Executive Mansion (1995)
Murder in the Chateau (1996)
Murder at Midnight (1997)
Murder in the Map Room (1998)
Murder in Georgetown (1999)
Murder in the Lincoln Bedroom (2000)
Murder at the President's Door (2001) (with William Harrington)

Karen Harper

Ohioan Harper is predominantly a romance writer, with a sideline in Amish fiction. She steps out of that mold, however, for her mystery series featuring Queen Elizabeth I.

Elizabeth I

The Poyson Garden (1999)
The Tidal Poole (2000)
The Twylight Tower (2001)
The Queene's Cure (2002)
The Thorne Maze (2003)
The Queene's Christmas (2003)
The Fyre Mirror (2005)
The Fatal Fashione (2005)
The Hooded Hawke (2007)

Peter Lovesey

Grand Master Lovesey has contributed to the famous people category with this series on Bertie, Prince of Wales (to be Edward VII)

Albert Edward, Prince of Wales

Bertie and the Tin Man (1987)
Bertie and the Seven Bodies (1990)
Bertie and the Crime of Passion (1993)

Ron Goulart

American Goulart has been a professional author for several decades and has over 180 books to his credit, including more than 50 science fiction novels and 20 some mystery novels. He has written a series featuring the irrepressible Groucho Marx as his sleuth.

Groucho Mysteries

Groucho Marx, Master Detective (1998)
Groucho Marx, Private Eye (1999)
Elementary, My Dear Groucho (1999)
Groucho Marx and the Broadway Murders (2001)
Groucho Marx, Secret Agent (2002)
Groucho Marx, King of the Jungle (2005)

Stuart Kaminsky

The prolific Kaminsky produced over 50 novels in his lifetime, as well as short stories, nonfiction and screenplays such as *Once Upon a Time in America*. His series include Lew Fonseca, Inspector Rostnikov and Abe Lieberman, as well as novelizations of TV series such as The Rockford Files. His Toby Peters mysteries all involve famous Hollywood stars of the 1940s interacting with the eponymous private detective.

Toby Peters

Bullet for A Star (1977)
Murder on the Yellow Brick Road (1977)
You Bet Your Life (1978)
The Howard Hughes Affair (1979)
Never Cross a Vampire (1980)
High Midnight (1981)
Catch A Falling Clown (1981)
He Done Her Wrong (1983)
The Fala Factor (1984)
Down for the Count (1985)
The Man Who Shot Lewis Vance (1986)
Smart Moves (1986)
Think Fast, Mr. Peters (1987)
Buried Caesars (1989)
Poor Butterfly (1990)
The Melting Clock (1991)
The Devil Met A Lady (1993)
Tomorrow is Another Day (1995)
Dancing in the Dark (1996)
A Fatal Glass of Beer (1997)
A Few Minutes Past Midnight (2001)
To Catch a Spy (2002)
Mildred Pierced (2003)
Now You See It (2004)

Troy Soos

Florida writer Soos has created a unique character in Mickey Rawlings (no relation to the glove), a utility fielder in the early days of baseball. Moving from club to club gives him the opportunity to interact with some future hall of famers as well as ne'er-do-wells of the era.

Mickey Rawlings

Murder at Fenway Park (1994)

Murder at Ebbets Field (1995)

Murder at Wrigley Field (1996)

Hunting a Detroit Tiger (1997)

The Cincinnati Red Stalkings (1998)

Hanging Curve (1999)

Robert Randisi

Randisi is the author of hundreds of books in the detective and western genres. He also has what seems like hundreds of pseudonyms. His greatest distinction, however, was in founding the Crime Writers of America and its famous award, The Shamus. In 2006 he created The Rat Pack Mysteries, featuring Vegas pit boss Eddie Gianelli, pal to that ring-a-ding-ding bunch of hipsters, The Rat Pack.

Rat Pack Mysteries

Everybody Kills Somebody Sometime (2006)

Luck Be a Lady, Don't Die (2007)

Hey There (You with the Gun in Your Hand) (2008)

You're Nobody 'Til Somebody Kills You (2009)

I'm a Fool to Kill You (2011)

Fly Me to The Morgue (2011)

Jeffrey Marks

An Ohio mystery author and historian of the genre, Marks has turned fellow Buckeye Ulysses S. Grant into a detective.

U.S. Grant Mysteries

The Ambush of My name

A Good Soldier

Under Investigation

Some Hidden Thunder (forthcoming)

Steve Allen

Not surprisingly, funnyman and musician Allen wrote about himself and his equally famous wife, Jayne Meadows

Steve Allen Mysteries

The Talk Show Murders (1982)

Murder in Hollywood (1988)

Murder on the Glitter Box (1989)

Murder in Manhattan (1990)

Murder in Vegas (1991)

The Murder Game (1993)

Murder on the Atlantic (1995)

Wake Up To Murder (1996)

Die Laughing (1998)

Murder In Hawaii (1999)