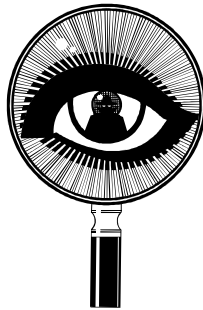


Deadly Pleasures
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Academic Sleuths

Authors Character/series

Ace Atkins – Nick Travers, ex pro-footballer, current Tulane musicologist
Gail Bowen – Joanne Kilbourne, reluctant sleuth
Sarah Caudwell – Hilary Tamar, Professor of Medieval Law at Oxford
Desmond Cory – John Dobie, Cardiff math professor
Edmund Crispin – Gervase Fen, Oxford professor
Amanda Cross – Kate Fansler, Harvard professor
Joanne Dobson – Karen Pellitier, a literature professor at a New England college
Aaron Elkins – Chris Norgren, museum curator; professor Gideon Oliver
Nora Kelly – Gillian Adams, professor and her Scotland Yard inspector boyfriend
Jane Langton – Homer and Mary Kelly, Harvard professor
Camille Minichino – Gloria Lamerino, former physics professor
Cristina Sumners – Dr. Kathryn Koerney, seminary professor

Amateur Detectives

Authors Character/series

Sarah Andrews – Emily Hansen, geologist
Carolyn Banks – Robin Vaughan, horsewoman
Nevada Barr – Anna Pigeon, a Park Service ranger
Richard Barth – Margaret Binton, retired
C.J. Box – Joe Pickett, Wyoming game warden
Edna Buchanan – Britt Montero, reporter
Alafair Burke – Portland OR deputy DA Samantha Kincaid
Lee Child – Jack Reacher, former military police
Harlan Coben – Myron Bolitar, sports agent
Tim Cockey – Hitchcock Sewell, undertaker
Margaret Coel – Father John O'Malley and Vicky Holden, Attorney
Barbara Colley – Charlotte LaRue, housecleaner

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Readers Advisory Resources**

Michael Craft – Mark Manning, reporter/publisher; Claire Gray, actor/director
Philip R. Craig – Jeff “J.W.” Jackson, ex-Boston cop
Laura Crum – Gail McCarthy, veterinarian
Val Davis – Nicolette “Nick” Scott, historical archeologist
Jo Dereske – Miss Helma Zukas, Bellehaven WA librarian; Ruby Crane, forgery expert, MI
Brendan DuBois – Lewis Cole, former Defense Department employee
G.H. Ephron – Dr. Peter Zak, forensic psychiatrist
Kate Clark Flora – Thea Kozak, school consultant
Dick Francis – mysteries involving horses and the racing world
Charlaine Harris – Lily Bard, cleaning lady
Sparkle Hayter – Robin Hudson, TV news reporter
Jonathan Kellerman – Alex Delaware, psychologist
Jim Kelly – Philip Dryden, Cambridgeshire journalist
Pete Kemprecos – Aristotle Socarides, fisherman-sleuth
Daniel Klein – Elvis as a sleuth
Ken Kuhlken – Hickey family mysteries
Margaret Maron – Deborah Knott, judge
Val McDermid – Dr. Tony Hill, forensic psychologist and DCI Carol Jordan
Michael McGarrity – Kevin Kerney, ex-cop
Lynne Murray – Josephine Fuller, troubleshooter for a philanthropist
B.J. Oliphant – Shirley McClintock, retired government analyst
Katherine Hall Page – Faith Fairchild, caterer
Thomas Perry – Jane Whitefield, Seneca Indian helps people disappear
Kathy Reichs – Temperance Brennan, forensic anthropologist
Phyllis Richman – Chas Wheatley, restaurant critic
Gillian Roberts – Amanda Pepper, private school English teacher
Jessica Speart – Rachel Porter, Special Agent, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Julia Spencer-Fleming – Clare Ferguson, Episcopalian priest
Vicki Stiefel – Tally White, counselor to families of homicide victims
Karen Sturges – Phoebe Mullins, musical settings
Steve Thayer – Rick Beanblossom, reporter
Kathy Hogan Trocheck – Callahan Garrity, cleaning service operator
M.J. Trow – Peter ‘Mad Max’ Maxwell, 6th form teacher
Judith Van Gieson – Claire Reynier, rare book librarian, Albuquerque
Lea Wait – Maggie Summer, antiques dealer

Classic Detectives

Authors Character/series

Raymond Chandler – Philip Marlowe, classic hardboiled PI
Agatha Christie – a variety of detectives in the classic English mystery
Arthur Conan Doyle – Sherlock Holmes and his assistant, Dr. Watson

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Readers Advisory Resources**

Dashiell Hammett – Sam Spade, Nick and Nora Charles and the Continental Op
Ross Macdonald – complex plotting and Private Detective Lew Archer
Ngaio Marsh – Roderick Alleyn, Inspector son of a baron
Dorothy L. Sayers – Lord Peter Wimsey & Harriet Vane team up to solve crimes
Rex Stout – Nero Wolfe and his sidekick Archie
M.J. Trow – Inspector Sholto Lestrade, much maligned by Holmes

Cozy Mysteries

Authors Character/series

Jeff Abbott – Jordan Poteet, Texas librarian
Catherine Aird – Christopher “Seedy” Sloan, British police Inspector
Susan Albert – China Bayles, an herbalist
Nancy Atherton – Aunt Dimity, dead but still sleuthing
M.C Beaton – Agatha Raisin and Hamish Macbeth solve crimes in their villages
Nero Blanc – Crossword editor Belle Graham
Eleanor Boylan – Clara Gamadge, widow of a forgery expert
Dorothy Cannell – Ellie Haskell, husband Ben & helper Mrs. Malloy, British sleuth
Joanna Carl – Chocoholic mysteries
Laura Childs – Tea shop mysteries; scrap booking series
Jill Churchill – Jane Jeffry, a Chicago single mother
Jane K. Cleland – Josie Prescott, NH antiques appraiser
Blaize Clement – Dixie Hemingway, pet sitter
Nancy J. Cohen – Marla Shore, hairstylist sleuth “Bad Hair Day” mysteries
Elizabeth Daly – Henry Gamadge, author and bibliophile
Jeanne Dams – Dorothy Martin, American widow in an English village
Diane Mott Davidson – Goldy Bear, Colorado caterer
Carola Dunn – British mysteries set in the 1920’s
Monica Ferris – Betsy Devonshire, Midwestern needlecraft shop owner
Earlene Fowler – Benni Harper, amateur sleuth and folk art museum curator
Ann Granger – English village mysteries
Sarah Graves – Jacobia “Jake” Tiptree “Home Repair is Murder” series
Charlaine Harris – Aurora Teagarden, librarian; Lily Bard, cleaning woman
Carolyn G. Hart – Annie Darling, bookseller; Henrie O., retiree
Sue Henry – Maxie and Stretch, retiree and her miniature dachshund
Hazel Holt – Sheila Malory, magazine writer in Devon, England
Susan Kandel – Cece Caruso, biographer of dead mystery writers
Jane Langton – Homer Kelly, Harvard professor and retired detective
Charlotte MacLeod – Peter Shandy & Helen Shandy mysteries
Rett MacPherson – Torie O’Shea, genealogist
Tamar Myers – Magdalene Yoder, Mennonite innkeeper
Nancy Picard – Jenny Cain, foundation director in Massachusetts
Virginia Rich – Eugenia Potter, food writer

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Maggie Sefton – Kelly Flynn, knitter
Karen Sturges – Phoebe Mullins, “Music Lover Mystery” series
Rebecca Tope – English village mysteries
Jacqueline Winspear – Maisie Dobbs, ex servant girl is a PI in WWI England

Detectives, Hard Boiled & Over Easy

Authors Character/series

Richard Barre – surfer turned PI Wil Hardesty, southern California
Lawrence Block – Matt Scudder series
James Lee Burke – Dave Robicheaux, former New Orleans policeman
John Connolly – Charlie “Bird” Parker, ex-NYPD, now PI
Robert Crais – Elvis Cole, Viet Nam vet, ex-security guard turned PI
John Dunning – Cliff Janeway, ex-cop and Denver book dealer
G.M. Ford – True-crime writer Frank Corso
Ed Gorman – Sam McCain, a 1950 – 60’s PI in small town Iowa
Robert Greer – C. J. Floyd, bondsman
Jeremiah Healy – Boston PI John Francis Cuddy
Joe Lansdale -- Hap Collins and his friend Leonard Pine
Dennis Lehane – Patrick Kenzie and Angelo Gennaro, Boston-based PI
John D. MacDonald – Travis McGee, classic houseboat based PI
Walter Mosley – Easy Rawlins, a young black veteran in 1940’s California
Reggie Nadelson – Artie Cohen, Russian born former NYPD PI
Parker, Robert – Spencer PI, Boston detective; Sunny Randall, Boston PI
Ridley Pearson – Lou Boldt, Seattle homicide detective
Bill Pronzini – a nameless, San Francisco based detective
Chris Rogers – Dixie Flannigan, bounty hunter
Arthur Rosenfeld – Max Diamond, a US postal inspector
S.J. Rozan – New York PI’s Bill Smith and Lydia Chin
John Shannon – Jack Liffey, child finder and LA PI
Betty Webb – PI Lena Jones, desert Southwest

Exotic Detectives

Authors Character/location

Jim Butcher – Detective Harry Dresden ~ wizard, Chicago

Exotic Locales

Authors Character/location

Cara Black – Computer analyst Aimee Leduc, Paris

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Grace Brophy – Commissario Cenni, Umbria, Italy
Andrea Camilleri – Inspector Salvo Montalbano, Sicily
Barry Eisler – John Rain, contract killer, Japan
Batya Gur – Detective Michael Ohayon, Jerusalem
Steve Hamilton – Alex McKnight, retired cop, Michigan’s Upper Peninsula
Steven F. Havill – Undersheriff Bill Gastner, Posada County New Mexico
Sue Henry – Jessie Arnold, Alaskan dog trainer and Sergeant Alex Jensen, Alaska
State Trooper
Hockensmith, Steve – the brothers Amlingmeyer learn everything from Holmes & Watson, 1890’s Montana
Jasper Fforde – Detective Thursday Next, Literary Detectives Division
Arnaldur Indridason – Inspector Erlendur, Reykjavik
Robert J. Janes – A French and German policeman—in WWII occupied France
Stuart Kaminsky – Inspector Rostnikov, Moscow
Donna Leon – Inspector Brunetti, Venice
William Marshall – Chief Harry Feiffer of Hong Kong
Alexander McCall-Smith – Precious Ramotswe #1 woman detective, Botswana
Peter May – Pathologist Margaret Campbell, Detective Li Yan, China
I.J. Parker – Sugawara Akitada, 11th century Japan
Michael Pearce – David Owen, the Mamur Zapt, Egypt
Iain Pears – Jonathan Argyll, art dealer & Flavia di Stefano, art detective, Rome
Elizabeth Peters – Amelia Peabody, Victorian Egyptologist
J.D. Robb – Eve Dallas, 21st Century homicide detective
Laura Joh Rowland – Sano Ichiro Samurai Detective, 1600’s Japan
Martin Cruz Smith – Arkady Renko, Moscow-based Senior Investigator
Dana Stabenow – Liam Campbell; Kate Shugak, both series set in Alaska
Arthur Upfield – Inspector Napoleon “Bony” Bonaparte (half- aborigine), Australia
Robert van Gulik – Judge Dee, 7th century China
Qui Xiaolong – Inspector Chen, Shanghai

Historical Mystery

Authors Character/series

Bruce, Alexander – Sir John Fielding & protégé Jeremy Proctor in late 18th century England
Stephanie Barron – Jane Austen in Regency England
Rhys Bowen – Molly Murphy, an Irish woman in Tammany Hall-era New York
Caleb Carr – Dr. Lazlo Kreizler, psychologist, in 1890 New York
P.F. Chisholm – Sir Robert Carey, Deputy Warden in England in 1592
Jeanne Dams – Hilda Johansson, Swedish maid in early 20th century Indiana
Lindsey Davis – Marcus Didius Falco, detective in Imperial Rome
Dianne Day – Fremont Jones, typist in 1900 San Francisco
P.C. Doherty – Hugh Corbett (medieval); also series in ancient Egypt & Greece

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Readers Advisory Resources**

Carola Dunn – Daisy Dalrymple, writer in the 1920s
Q.L. Grace – Kathryn Swinbrooke, a 15th century British physician
Barbara Hambly – Benjamin January, a freed man of color in 1830s New Orleans
Karen Harper – Elizabeth I in Tudor England
Simon Hawke – Symington Smythe, and his friend Will Shakespeare
M.E. Kemp – Massachusetts Bay Colony, Cotton Mather’s cousins; Hetty and Creasy
Laurie R. King – Sherlock Holmes and Mary Russell in 1900 England
Margaret Lawrence – Hannah Trevor, midwife in 1790 Maine
Gillian Linscott – Nell Bray, suffragette in 1910 England
Peter Lovesey – Victorian Sergeant Cribb and Constable Thackery
Miriam Grace Monfredo – Glynis Tryon, librarian in 1850 Seneca Falls, NY
Sharon Newman – Catherine LeVendeur, 12th century scholar in Scotland
Cynthia Peale – Beacon Hill series, Caroline & Addington Ames, Victorian Boston
Anne Perry – William Monk, Victorian detective with no memory of his past; also Charlotte and William Pitt
Ellis Peters – Brother Cadfael, medieval monk & herbalist in England
Deanna Raybourn – Lady Julia Grey, 19th century Britain
Candace Robb – Owen Archer, in an apothecary in the 14th century
Kate Ross – Julian Kestrell, gentleman in Regency England
Steven Saylor – Gordianus the Finder, ancient Rome
Kate Sedley – Roger the Chapman, an English peddler in 1475
Troy Soos – Mickey Rawlings, baseball player in early 1900’s; Rebecca Davies and Marshall Webb, 1890’s, reformer and writer in Manhattan
Charles Todd – Inspector Ian Rutledge, Scotland Yard
Robert van Gulik – Judge Dee, 7th century China

Human And Animal Teams

Authors Character/series

Carol Lea Benjamin – Rachel Alexander, dog trainer, & Dashiell her pit bull
Laurien Berenson – Melanie Travis and her poodle
Barbara Block – Robin Light, pet store owner
Lillian Jackson Braun – Jim Quilleran and his cats Koko and YumYum
Rita Mae Brown – Mary Minor Haristeen and her cats
Liza Cody – Eva Wylie, wrestler, and her junk yard dogs
Susan Conant – Holly Winter, dog trainer
Mark Daniel – horse racing thrillers
Carole Nelson Douglas – Temple Barr & cat Midnight Louie
Gerald Hammond – John Cunningham, hunting dog trainer
David Handler – Stewart “Hoagy” Hoag, ghost writer and his Bassett Hound
Virginia Lanier – Jo Beth Siddon, bloodhound dog trainer
William Murray – Shifty Lou Anderson, horse racing fan

Crime Laced with Humor

Authors Character/series

Lawrence Block – Bernie Rhodenbar, burglar
Nancy Bartholomew – Sierra Lavontini, a Panama City, Florida stripper
Janet Evanovich – Stephanie Plum, New Jersey bounty hunter
G.M. Ford – Leo Waterman, Seattle detective and his street- people operatives
Sparkle Hayter – Robin Hudson, TV news reporter
Joan Hess – Arly Hanks, Arkansas sheriff; Claire Malloy, bookseller
Carl Hiaasen – a variety of offbeat heroes
Sharon Kahn – Ruby Rothman, a rabbi's widow from Eternal, Texas
Marshall Karp – Police Detectives Lomax and Biggs, California
Marne Davis Kellogg – Marshall Lilly Bennett, Texas
Tamar Myers – Den of Antiquity series
Donald Westlake – John Dortmunder and his gang of thieves

Legal settings

Authors Character/series

Mortimer, John – Horace Rumpole of the Bailey
Parnell Hall – Stanley Hastings, ambulance chaser
Erle Stanley Gardner – Perry Mason, attorney
Ed McBain – Matthew Hope, Florida
William G. Tapply – Brady Coyne, Boston attorney
Judith Van Gieson – Neil Hamel, Albuquerque lawyer

Police Procedural

Authors Character/series

Ethan Black – New York police detective Conrad Voort
Eleanor Bland – homicide detective Marti MacAlister
Michael Connelly – Harry Bosch, LA detective
K.C. Constantine – PA Police Chief Mario Balzic & Det. Rugs Carlucci
Patricia Cornwell – Kate Scarpetta, medical examiner; Chief Judy Hammer
Mat Coward – Frank Mitchell and Don Packham, quirky British Inspectors
Deborah Crombie – Scotland Yard Superintendent Duncan Kincaid & Sgt. Gemma James
Jeffery Deaver – Lincoln Rhyme, forensic investigator
Colin Dexter – Inspector Morse & Sergeant Lewis, Oxford
Michael Dibdin – Aurelio Zen of the Criminalpol in Italy

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Kate Clark Flora – Joe Burgess, Portland ME detective
Elizabeth George – Detective Inspector Thomas Lynley & Sargeant Havers
Cynthia Harrod-Eagles – Inspector Bill Slider
Tony Hillerman – Joe Leaphorn & Jim Chee, Navaho police
P.D. James – Commander Adam Dalgleish, Scotland Yard
J.A. Jance – J.P. Beaumont, Seattle homicide; Sheriff Joanna Brady, Arizona
Stuart M. Kaminsky – Chief Inspector Rostnikov of the Moscow police
H.R. F. Keating – Inspector Ganesh Ghote of the Bombay police
Frederic Lindsay – Detective Inspector Jim Meldrum, Edinburgh
Peter Lovesey – Peter Diamond, a Chief Inspector in Bath
Margaret Maron – Lt. Sigrid Harald of the New York Police Department
Archer Mayor – Joe Gunther, Vermont cop
Robert J. Randisi – Joe Keough, St. Louis cop
Ian Rankin – John Rebus, an Edinburgh police inspector
Peter Robinson – Inspector Alan Banks, Yorkshire police
Sheldon Rusch – Illinois State Police Special Agent Elizabeth Hewitt
Sally Spencer – DCI Woodend, Lancashire
Dana Stabenow – Sgt. Liam Campbell, Alaska
Carsten Stroud – plots with 'disturbing trends in federal law enforcement'
Josephine Tey – Scotland Yard Inspector Alan Grant
Rebecca Tope – Detective Den Cooper works his small English villages
Chassie West – Leigh Ann Warren, D.C. cop

Women Detectives

Authors Character/series

Donna Andrews – Meg Langslow, a blacksmith
Linda Barnes – Carlotta Barnes, Boston cab driver and investigator
Jan Burke – Irene Kelly, newspaper reporter
Carol O'Connell – NYPD's Mallory, unconventional mysteries
Sue Grafton – Kinsey Milhone, PI
Susan Dunlap – detective Jill Smith, police
Laura Lippman – Tess Monaghan, former reporter, Baltimore PI
Margaret Maron – Deborah Knott, attorney
Sharyn McCrumb – Elizabeth MacPherson, forensic anthropologist
Marcia Muller – Sharon McCone, San Francisco PI
Sara Paretsky – V.I. Warshawski, Chicago PI
Sandra West Prowell – Montana PI Phoebe Siegel
April Smith – FBI Special Agent Ana Gray
Julie Smith – Skip Langdon a New Orleans policewoman
Dana Stabenow – Kate Shugak, Alaskan PI

True Crime

Truman Capote – *In Cold Blood: A True Account of a Multiple Murder and Its Consequences* – The chilling story of the horrific murder of the Clutter family in Kansas, 1959.

Philip Carlo – *The Night Stalker: The Life and Crimes of Richard Ramirez* – Rape and murder in Los Angeles.

Jeanine Cummins – *A Rip in Heaven: A memoir of Murder and Its Aftermath* – A victim becomes the prime suspect of the rape and murder of his cousins.

Lois Duncan – *Who Killed My Daughter* – A children's author describes the murder of her teenage daughter and the search for her killer.

P.D. James and T.A. Critchley – *The Maul in the Pear Tree: The Radcliffe Highway Murders, 1811* – Brutal murders in London's East End.

Laurence D. Klausner – *Son of Sam: Based on the Authorized Transcription of Tapes, Official Documents and Diaries of David Berkowitz* – Terror in New York City in the summer of 1977.

Eric Larson – *Devil in the White City* – Chicago's 1893 Colombian Exposition and the grisly tale of H.H. Holmes, a serial killer.

Victoria Lincoln – *Private Disgrace: Lizzie Borden by Daylight* – Details and clues about that well-known Fall River mystery.

Joseph K. Loughlin and Kate Clark Flora – *Finding Amy: The True Story of Murder in Maine* – Amy disappears; the police search for her body and then her murderer. "...a feast for proceduralists" (*Publishers Weekly*)

Ben Macintyre – *The Englishman's Daughter: A True Story of Love and Betrayal in World War I* – Who betrayed English soldiers hiding in France and why.

Joe McGinnis – *Fatal Vision* – Former Green Beret Dr. Jeffery MacDonald reports the murder of his family. Did he do it?

Norman Mailer – *The Executioner's Song* – The story of Gary Gilmore, his killings and his execution by firing squad.

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Stephen G. Michaud and Hugh Aynesworth – *The Only Living Witness: The True Story of Serial Sex Killer Ted Bundy* – This investigative team interviewed Bundy on death row: transcripts and details.

Ann Rule – *The Stranger Beside Me* – Rule met Bundy at a crisis counseling center and they became friends. She gradually realizes he is a cold blooded serial killer.

James Stewart – *Blind Eye: How the Medical Establishment Let a Doctor Get Away with Murder* – “Dr. Death” goes on a killing spree and manages to slip through the cracks in the system.

Dina Temple-Raston – *A Death in Texas: A Story of Race, Murder and a Small Town’s Struggle for Redemption* – James Byrd was brutally dragged to death by white men in a pickup.

