

Senior Sleuths

Adult Mystery Fiction

featuring

mystery solvers

in their later years...



A very popular sub-genre of Mystery Fiction in recent years has been stories featuring "Senior Sleuths" -- men or women who have retired from their life's regular lines of work only to take up crime solving. For the most part, the crimes tend to be murders, and the first case the Senior Sleuth must solve is usually the death of someone close to them -- a relative, a friend or a co-worker/former co-worker. Often, the sleuth's former profession leads them logically into their pursuits -- they are an ex-cop, a retired lawyer, a former investigative reporter or a mystery writer (think Jessica Fletcher on tv's Murder, She Wrote). However, just as often, their former career may have had nothing to do with the field of crime and/or criminal investigation. Many "Senior Sleuth" books could easily be classified as "Cozies" -- mystery novels with minimal violence (the killings mostly occur "off-stage"), often with quite a bit of humorous dialogue and solutions that challenge the reader to solve the crime along with the sleuth.

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Donald Bain
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Joyce Christmas
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PRIMARY SERIES CHARACTER(S) OR SERIES TITLE

The Elderhostel series
Penny Spring & Sir Toby Glendower
Trixie Dolan & Evangeline Sinclair
Jessica Fletcher [Murder, She Wrote]
Margaret Binton
Agatha Raisin
Cat Caliban
Clara Gamadge
Mrs. Pargeter
Miss Emily Seeton
Father Brown
Miss Jane Marple
Hercule Poirot
Lady Margaret Priam
Dr. R.V. Davie
Tish McWhinny
Dorothy Martin
Lucy Ramsdale
Andrew Basnett
Mrs. Ada Harris [Mrs. 'Arris]
Bertha Cool
The Southern Sisters series
Mrs. Emily Pollifax

Arthur Goldstein	Max Guttman
Ron Goulart	Groucho Marx, P.I.
Gallagher Gray	T.S. Hubbert & Auntie Lil
Edith Pinero Green	Dearborn V. Pinch
John Greenwood	Mr. Mosely
Annie Griffin	Hannah Molloy & Kiki Goldstein
Jane Haddam	Gregor Demarkian
Mary Brown Hall	Emma Chizzit
Parnell Hall	Cora Felton, the Puzzle Lady
Carolyn G. Hart	Henrietta "Henrie O" O'Dwyer-Collins
Robin Hathaway	Dr. Andrew Fenimore
Michael T. Hinkemeyer	Emil Whippletree
Fred Hunter	Jeremy Ransom & Emily Charters
Stuart Kaminsky	Abe Lieberman
Graham Landrum	The Garden Club series
Emma Lathen	John Putnam Thatcher
Nancy Livingston	Mr. G.D.H. Pringle
Charlotte MacLeod	Sarah Kelling & Max Bittersohn
	Professor Peter Shandy
Stefanie Matteson	Charlotte Graham
Susanna Hoffman McShea	The Hometown Heroes series
Gladys Mitchell	Dame Beatrice Lestrangle Bradley
Gwen Moffat	Miss Melinda Pink
Haughton Murphy	Reuben Frost
Sister Carol Anne O'Marie	Sister Mary Helen
Frank Orenstein	Hugh Morrison
Stuart Palmer & Fletcher Flora	Hildegarde Withers
Hugh Pentecost	Uncle George Crowder
Cynthia Riggs	Victoria Trumball
Corinne Holt Sawyer	Angela Benbow & Caldonia Wingate
Margaret Scherf	Dr. Grace Severance
John Sherwood	Celia Grant
Evelyn Smith	Miss Melville
J.C.S. Smith	Quentin Jacoby
Gretchen Sprague	Martha Patterson
Patricia Sprinkle	MacLaren Yarbrough
Gene Thompson	Dade Cooley
Kathy Hogan Trocheck	Truman Kicklighter
Patricia Wentworth	Miss Maud Silver
Eric Wright	Mel Pickett
James Yaffe	"Mom"

See also: Isaac Asimov's "*Senior Sleuths: A Large Print Anthology of Mysteries and Puzzlers*" [LT 813.08 Asi]

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