

# 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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## 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  
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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
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John Greenwood	Mr. Mosely
Annie Griffin	Hannah Molloy & Kiki Goldstein
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	Professor Peter Shandy
Stefanie Matteson	Charlotte Graham
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Stuart Palmer & Fletcher Flora	Hildegarde Withers
Hugh Pentecost	Uncle George Crowder
Cynthia Riggs	Victoria Trumball
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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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