



The First Five Years

This is a list of the first 47 mystery novels (and 4 “bodies of work”) read and discussed by the **Just Desserts** mystery fiction discussion group, which began at the Bennett Martin Public Library downtown in 2006, and has continued since September 2008 at the South Branch Library (27th & South St.). If you’d like to join fellow mystery fans for lively discussion (and shared desserts!), we meet the final Thursday of every month (Jan-Oct) from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. at South Branch. You can check the library’s BookGuide web pages to see what the next selected book for discussion will be!

“[Dying for Chocolate](#)” by Diane Mott Davidson

“[Morality for Beautiful Girls](#)” by Alexander McCall-Smith

“[Dating Dead Men](#)” and “[Dating is Murder](#)” by Harley Jane Kozak

“[Catnap](#)” by Carole Nelson Douglas

“[The Daughter of Time](#)” by Josephine Tey

“[Haunted Ground](#)” by Erin Hart

“[Henrietta Who](#)” by Catherine Aird

The works of [Ed McBain](#) [Nov/Dec 2006 hiatus]

“[Death of a Gossip](#)” by M.C. Beaton

“[Heartland](#)” by David Wiltse

“[The Circular Staircase](#)” by Mary Roberts Rinehart

“[The Goodbye Body](#)” by Joan Hess

“[A Morbid Taste for Bones](#)” by Ellis Peters

“[Blood Sport](#)” by Dick Francis

“[The Blessing Way](#)” by Tony Hillerman

“[The Maltese Falcon](#)” by Dashiell Hammett

“[Black Betty](#)” by Walter Mosley

“[The Mystery of Hunting’s End](#)” by Mignon Eberhart

“[Shadow Man](#)” by James D. Doss

“[Grave Mistake](#)” by Ngaio Marsh

“[Trouble in Paradise](#)” by Robert B. Parker

“[Gaudy Night](#)” by Dorothy Sayers

“[Holmes on the Range](#)” by Steve Hockensmith

“[Parker Pyne Investigates](#)” by Agatha Christie

“[St. Alban’s Fire](#)” by Archer Mayor

“[Champagne for One](#)” by Rex Stout

“[Death at Victoria Dock](#)” by Kerry Greenwood

“[A Study in Scarlet](#)” by Arthur Conan Doyle

The works of [Erle Stanley Gardner](#) [Nov/Dec 2008 hiatus]

“[Partner in Crime](#)” by J.A. Jance

“[The Big Sleep](#)” by Raymond Chandler

“[A Question of Blood](#)” by Ian Rankin

“[Lion in the Valley](#)” by Elizabeth Peters

“[The Art of Detection](#)” by Laurie R. King

“[The Bishop at the Lake](#)” by Andrew Greeley

“[Bubbles Betrothed](#)” by Sarah Strohmeyer

“[Murder at the Library of Congress](#)” by Margaret Truman

“[Under the Color of Law](#)” by Michael McGarrity

“[Get Real](#)” by Donald Westlake

The works of [Leslie Charteris](#) [Nov/Dec 2009 hiatus]

“[A Deeper Sleep](#)” by Dana Stabenow

“[The Cleanup](#)” by Sean Doolittle

“[Maisie Dobbs](#)” by Jacqueline Winspear

“[Cat Fear No Evil](#)” by Shirley Rousseau Murphy

“[Out of Range](#)” by C.J. Box

“[Iron Lake](#)” by William Kent Krueger

“[Track of the Cat](#)” by Nevada Barr

“[Purple Cane Road](#)” by James Lee Burke

“[The Spellman Files](#)” by Lisa Lutz

“[M is for Malice](#)” by Sue Grafton

The [Hardy Boys](#)/[Nancy Drew](#) series [Nov/Dec 2010 hiatus]

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