



# The First Ten Years

This is a list of the first 94 mystery novels or authors 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 (27<sup>th</sup> & 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 6:30 to 8:00 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!

During the Nov/Dec "hiatus" when Just Desserts does not meet, an author is assigned for general reading, and members are encouraged to leave a comment post on the Just Desserts blog [<https://lincolnl libraries.org/category/just-desserts/>] saying which book they read by the assigned author. Starting in 2013, our May meeting has become a "Series Share" opportunity. No title/author is assigned this month. Members are encouraged to read the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> book in any "new" series that has recently started – all members are given a chance to describe the series they sampled, and whether or not they would recommend it to other readers. A List of the titles/series sampled is posted to the blog.

## 2006

"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]

## 2007

"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

## 2008

"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]

## 2009

"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]

## 2010

"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]

## 2011

“**Dog On It**” by Spencer Quinn

“**The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie**” by Alan Bradley

“**Worth Dying For**” by Lee Child

“**The Cold Dish**” by Craig Johnson

“**In Pursuit of the Proper Sinner**” by Elizabeth George

“**The Book of Old Houses**” by Sarah Graves

“**Death du Jour**” by Kathy Reichs

“**The Cat Who Could Read Backwards**” by Lillian Jackson Braun

“**Aunt Dimity’s Death**” by Nancy Atherton

“**Still Life**” by Louise Penny

*The works of George Simenon, creator of Inspector Maigret* [Nov/Dec 2011 hiatus]

## 2012

“**Delectable Mountains**” by Earlene Fowler

“**The Silent Spirit**” by Margaret Coel

“**The Last Coyote**” by Michael Connelly

“**Hangman**” by Faye Kellerman

The “**Jade del Cameron**” series by Suzanna Arruda

“**Nightshade**” by Susan Wittig Albert

“**Treason at Lisson Grove**” by Anne Perry

“**Dragonwell Dead**” by Laura Childs

“**Lady Killer**” by Lisa Scottoline

“**Promise Me**” by Harlan Coben

*The Travis McGee novels of John D. MacDonald* [Nov/Dec 2012 hiatus]

## 2013

The “**Inspector Guido Brunetti**” series by Donna Leon

“**The Camel Club**” by David Baldacci

“**Gallows View**” by Peter Robinson

“**In the Woods**” by Tana French

[\[Series share – members tried several new series in May\]](#)

“**The Keepsake**” by Tess Gerritsen

“**The Sentry**” by Robert Crais

“**The Chocolate Chip Cookie Murders**” by Joanne Fluke

“**Alone**” by Lisa Gardner

The first 10 “**Death on Demand**” novels by Carolyn G. Hart

*The works of Elmore Leonard* [Nov/Dec 2013 hiatus]

## 2014

The first five **Nikki Heat** novels by “Richard Castle”

“**An Unmarked Grave**” by Charles Todd

“**The Heist**” by Janet Evanovich and Lee Goldberg

“**Water Like a Stone**” by Deborah Crombie

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“**Death Angel**” by Linda Fairstein

“**Doing Hard Time**” by Stuart Woods

“**The Other Woman**” by Hank Phillippi Ryan

“**After I’m Gone**” by Laura Lippman

The first 7 “**White House Chef**” mysteries by Julie Hyzy

The Benjamin January series by Barbara Hambly [hiatus]

## 2015

“**The Skin Collector**” by Jeffery Deaver

“**The 9<sup>th</sup> Judgment**” by James Patterson

“**Ordinary Grace**” by William Kent Krueger

“**The Cinderella Murder**” by Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke

The “**Doc Ford**” series (22 vol) by Randy Wayne White

“**Victims**” by Jonathan Kellerman

The “**Carpenter & Quincannon**” series by Muller/Pronzini

“**The Enemy Inside**” by Steve Martini

“**The Dead Will Tell**” by Linda Castillo

*Holiday-themed mysteries* [2015 hiatus]

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