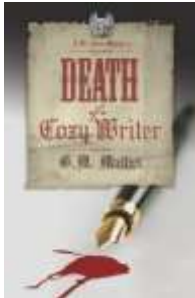


The Works of G.M. Malliet

The St. Just Series



Death of a Cozy Writer [2008]

From deep in the heart of his eighteenth century English manor, millionaire Sir Adrian Beauclerk-Fisk writes mystery novels and torments his four spoiled children with threats of disinheritance. Tiring of this device, the

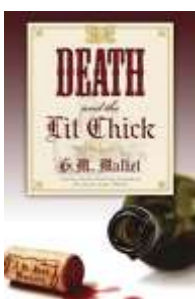
portly patriarch decides to weave a malicious twist into his well-worn plot. Gathering them all together for a family dinner, he announces his latest blow - a secret elopement with the beautiful Violet...who was once suspected of murdering her husband.

Within hours, eldest son and appointed heir Ruthven is found cleaved to death by a medieval mace. Since Ruthven is generally hated, no one seems too surprised or upset - least of all his cold-blooded wife Lillian. When Detective Chief Inspector St. Just is brought in to investigate, he meets with a deadly calm that goes beyond the usual English reserve. And soon Sir Adrian himself is found slumped over his writing desk - an ornate knife thrust into his heart. Trapped amid leering gargoyles and concrete walls, every member of the family is a likely suspect. Using a little Cornish brusqueness and brawn, can St. Just find the killer before the next-in-line to the family fortune ends up dead?

Anthony Awards Best First Novel (nominee)

Macavity Awards Best First Novel (nominee)

Agatha Award Best First Novel (winner)



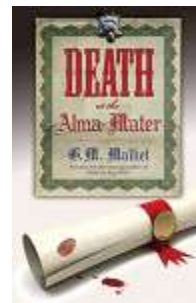
Death and the Lit Chick [2009]

Everyone has gathered at Dalmorton Castle in Scotland for a crime writers' conference, including Kimberlee Kalder, the publishing industry's "It" girl. Totally hot and couture-clad, this bestselling

chick-lit mystery writer has captured the envious - and resentful - attentions of all. Rumor has it that prima donna Kimberlee is shopping around for a new agent (and the best deal for her latest book), and there are some who would stop at nothing to steal her as a client.

Then Kimberlee turns up dead at the bottom of the castle's bottle dungeon. With the help of his lovely sidekick, Portia, Detective Chief Inspector St. Just is hot on the trail of the true killer in a castle full of cagey mystery connoisseurs who live and breathe malicious murder and artful alibis...

Anthony Awards Best Paperback original (nominee)



Death at the Alma Mater [2010]

St. Michaels College is prestigious, stately - and in frightful disrepair. To replenish the school's dwindling coffers, the College Master plans a fundraising weekend for wealthy alums. But all goes awry when the wealthy and

gorgeous Lexy Durant is found viciously strangled to death.

Drama queen Lexy inspired jealousy, envy, and spite in everyone. As Chief Inspector St. Just weighs clashing egos and likely suspects - Lexy's debt-ridden Latino lover, her ex-husband who jilted her, a hot-tempered Texan once rejected by the victim - he discovers unsavory secrets...and a shocking twist.

The Max Tudor Series



Wicked Autumn [2011]

What could be more dangerous than cozy village life in the English countryside?

Max Tudor has adapted well to his post as vicar of St. Edwold's in the idyllic village of Nether Monkslip. The quiet village seems the perfect home for Max, who has fled a harrowing past as an MI5 agent. Now he has found a measure of peace among urban escapees and yoga practitioners, artists and crafters and New Agers. But this new-found serenity is quickly shattered when the highly vocal and unpopular president of the Women's Institute turns up dead at the Harvest Fayre. The death looks like an accident, but Max's training as a former agent kicks in, and before long he suspects foul play.

Max has ministered to the community long enough to be familiar with the tangled alliances and animosities among the residents, but this tragedy surprises and confounds him. It is impossible to believe anyone in his lovely village capable of the crime, and yet given the victim, he must acknowledge that almost everyone had probably fantasized about killing Wanda Batton-Smythe.

As the investigation unfolds, Max becomes more intricately involved. Memories he'd rather not revisit are stirred, evoking the demons from the past which led him to Nether Monkslip in the first place.

Dilys Awards Best Book (nominee)

Agatha Award Best Novel (nominee)



Fatal Winter [2012]

In *A Fatal Winter*, Max - Anglican priest, former MI5 agent, and village heartthrob - investigates two deaths at Chedrow Castle. But his growing attraction to Awena Owen complicates his case, as does the recent arrival at Chedrow Castle of a

raucous group of long-lost, greedy relatives, any one of whom has a motive for murder. With a cozy setting, intricate puzzles, and a handsome (non-celibate) priest doing the sleuthing, the books in this series are destined to become instant classics in the mystery world.

Agatha Award Best Novel (nominee)



Pagan Spring [2013]

Vicar Max Tudor, reveling in his new-found personal happiness with Awena Owen, feels that life at the moment holds no greater challenge than writing his Easter sermon. With Awena away, he looks forward to a dinner that includes newcomers to the village like West End dramatist Thaddeus Bottle and his downtrodden wife Melinda. But when one of the dinner guests is found dead in the pre-dawn hours, Max knows a poisonous atmosphere has once again enveloped his perfect village of Nether Monkslip. Connections to long-ago crimes, some sparked by the paintings of a famous local artist, help Max unravel the clues - but can he restore peace to Nether Monkslip and still manage to finish his sermon? Funny, smart, and perfect for fans of Agatha Christie and Louise Penny, *Pagan Spring* is a one-of-a-kind mystery featuring everyone's favorite attractive vicar.

Dilys Awards Best Book (nominee)

Agatha Award Best Novel (nominee)



Demon Summer [2014]

Someone has been trying to poison the 15th Earl of Lislelivet. Since Lord Lislelivet has a gift for making enemies, no one - particularly his wife - finds this too surprising. What is surprising is that the poison was discovered in a fruitcake made and sold by the Handmaids of St. Lucy of Monkbury Abbey.

The powerful Lord complains loudly to the local bishop, who asks Father Max Tudor, vicar of Nether Monkslip and former MI5 agent, to investigate. Just as Max comes to believe the poisoning was accidental, a body is discovered

in the cloister well. Can Max Tudor solve the case and restore order in time to attend his own nuptials?

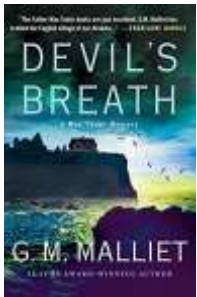
Agatha Award Best Novel (nominee)

Agatha Award Best Contemporary Novel (nominee)



The Haunted Season [2015]

Something sinister is stirring at Totleigh Hall, the showcase of the English village of Nether Monkship. Usually, the Lord and Lady of the manor are absent - high tax rates, it is murmured with more than a trace of envy, force them to live on the continent for most of the year. But Lord and Lady Baaden-Boomethistle have been in residence for some weeks now, and the villagers are hoping for a return to the good old days, when the lord of the manor sprinkled benefits across the village like fairy dust. Max Tudor also looks forward to getting better acquainted with the famous family that once held sway in the area. But a sudden, macabre death intervenes, and the handsome vicar's talent for sorting through clues to a murder is once again called into play in this charming and clever novel.



Devil's Breath [2017]

In *The Haunted Season*, Max's former life as an MI5 agent caught up with him, threatening his newfound happiness with Awena and baby son Owen. Realizing there is no escape from his past, Max, with his bishop's tacit permission, has offered his services to MI5 on an as-needed basis.

In *Devil's Breath*, it's time for Max to follow through. The body of glamorous film star Margot Browne has washed ashore from a luxury yacht and Max's former colleague Patrice Logan wants his help to find the murderer.

It's a perfect "closed circle" murder since victim Margot must have been killed by one of the actors, stylists, screenwriters, or second-tier royalty aboard. Patrice suspects the yacht's owner, a playboy film director she's been keeping tabs on for smuggling, but Max isn't so sure. Max and DCI Cotton interview the suspects as they loll

about one of the luxury hotels dotting the waterfront. The investigation into Margot's lurid past uncovers a host of motives - it seems she was not the only person on board with a secret they'd kill to keep.



In Prior's Wood [coming in 2018]

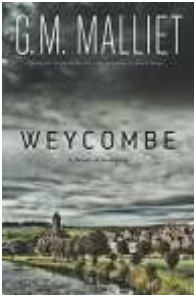
Newly returned from investigating a murder in Monkslip-super-Mare, handsome Max Tudor wants nothing more than to settle back into his predictable routine as vicar of St. Edwold's Church in the village of Nether Monkship. But the flow of his sermon on Bathsheba is interrupted when the lady of the local manor house is found in a suicide pact with her young lover.

Lady Duxter's husband rallies quickly from the double tragedy - too quickly, it is murmured in the village. Lord Duxter already has offered his manor house to a motley crew of writers, including Max's wife Awena, for his writers' retreat, and he insists the show must go on.

When a young girl goes missing and a crime writer becomes a target, DCI Cotton asks Max to lend his MI5 expertise to the investigation.

Many suspects emerge as the scope of the investigation widens beyond the writers to villagers who had crossed swords with the insufferably smug crime author. But Max begins to wonder: was the attack on the writer only part of a broader conspiracy of silence?

Stand-Alone Novel



Weycombe [2017]

To those on the outside, Weycombe is perfect. For those on the inside, the cost of perfection is deadly.

Living in the gated, wealthy village of Weycombe with her titled English husband is a fantasy come true for American Jillian White. But the murder of a local estate agent mars the so-pretty surface of her life and home. Worried about a killer on the loose, Jill tries to piece together clues hidden in the many versions of truth she hears from her suspicious neighbors. As Jill plunges deep into the investigation, her own suspicions grow into a warped web of lies and treachery.

From award-winning author G.M. Malliet comes a gripping psychological tale of murder and deception in which few can be trusted and nothing is as perfect as it seems.

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