

**OCCUPATION MYSTERY** Tired of the same old detective stories? Wanting to try something new? Here is an assortment of people in different occupations, also being amateur detectives.

**Bookstore owner:**

**RC 53930**

**The Murder at the Mimosa Inn** by Joan Hess.

Bookstore owner Claire Malloy and her fourteen-year-old daughter, Caron, attend a mystery weekend at a friend's inn nearby. A real murder occurs during the costumed, staged event.

**African/American doctor, New Orleans, 1800s:**

**RC 46286**

**A Free Man of Color** by Barbara Hambly.

1833 New Orleans. In a complex world where Creoles, Americans, French, and Blacks live and love, a Creole's beautiful Black mistress is murdered during Mardi Gras. Paris-educated Benjamin January, who is trying to adjust to being a free Black man in an unforgiving world, feels obligated to find the murderer. Also "Fever Season" (RC 48614). Strong language, violence, and some descriptions of sex. Benjamin January Mysteries.

**Alaskan big game guide:**

**RC 47939**

**Killing Grounds: A Kate Shugak Mystery** by Dana Stabenow.

Kate Shugak is salmon fishing with her Aleut relatives when she hauls in a dead man in her net. Calvin Meany was the most hated man in the area, and no one grieves over his death. But two additional murders motivate Kate to investigate. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex.

**Chicago sewer inspector/Democratic politician:**

**RC 27308**

**Hip-Deep in Alligators** by Robert Campbell.

This book features Jimmy Flannery of Chicago, a Runyonesque sewer inspector and Democratic party "precinct captain." Temporarily demoted for tactless party behavior, Jimmy is slogging through the sewers when he

stumbles on a corpse, a Latino male who has apparently been killed by crocodiles. Curious, Jimmy eventually links the dead man and the killer to a drug smuggling scheme. Some strong language. A Jimmy Flannery mystery.

### **Depression-era sign painter:**

#### **RC 28298**

**The Man Who Met the Train** by Harold Adams.

Detective mystery set in the Midwest during the Great Depression. On his way to Sioux Falls to work as a sign painter, Carl Wilcox comes upon a car wreck and rescues the sole survivor, 4-year-old Alma Ellison, whose mother dies in the accident. Partly because Alma seems to want him to stay, Carl accepts Judge Carlson's request that he investigate the somewhat mysterious deaths of Alma's parents. A Carl Wilcox mystery.

### **Director of a civic foundation:**

#### **RC 47576**

**Generous Death: A Jenny Cain Mystery**

by Nancy Pickard.

Jenny Cain, director of the town foundation, is threatened by the murders of three major philanthropists. With her name listed as the next victim, Jenny works with policeman Geof Bushfield, a former classmate, to catch the killer. Some violence and some strong language.

### **Female bakery owner:**

#### **RC 54603**

**Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder: A Hannah Swensen Mystery** by Joanne Fluke.

Bakery owner Hannah Swensen of Lake Eden, Minnesota, discovers the body of the local dairy delivery man in her alley. Although her brother-in-law, Bill Todd, is a deputy sheriff, Hannah does some sleuthing of her own. Then another murder occurs. Includes cookie recipes.

### **Housecleaner:**

#### **RC 35762**

**Every Crooked Nanny** by Kathy Hogan Trocheck.

Unable to get her detective business off the ground, ex-cop Callahan Garrity buys a maid service. When she is hired by her old sorority sister Lilah Beemish, Callahan lucks into two jobs in one. The Beemishes' Mormon nanny,

Kristee, has just taken off with their jewels and some top-secret business papers. But it's soon apparent that Kristee is not Mormon and not missing - she's dead. Strong language and some violence. A Callahan Garrity Mystery.

**Jockey:**

**RC 23016**

**Break In** by Dick Francis.

Kit Fielding wins handily as a steeplechase jockey and enjoys the friendship of the princess who owns the horses he races. Trouble threatens his twin Holly, however, and her husband Bobby Allardeck, who are horse trainers. The Allardecks face bankruptcy after a scandal sheet prints a false report that they cannot pay their debts, but high-principled Kit outwits the culprits who planted the story. Followed by "Bolt" (RC 25972). Some strong language. Bestseller 1986. Kit Fielding Mysteries.

**Lt.Governor of Oklahoma:**

**RC 30609**

**Crown Oklahoma** by Jim Lehrer.

It is the 1970s, and One-Eyed Mack is now the lieutenant governor of Oklahoma. Mack learns from a newscast that a new organized crime syndicate is being formed in Oklahoma. He is immediately assigned to check out the story--which he does with the help of family, friends, and a preacher. Before Mack can prove whether the story is true, a murder takes place. Sequel to "Kick the Can."(RC 28270) One-Eyed Mack Series.

**Miami police reporter:**

**RC 36252**

**Contents under Pressure** by Edna Buchanan.

Britt Montero, staff writer for the "Miami Daily news", works the police beat. She has just learned that D. Wayne Hudson, a highly respected black football player, has died as the result of a car chase. Why were the police after him? As Montero researches her story, she is visited by the wife of an officer involved in the pursuit and a voice on the phone says, "You are dead." Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex. A Britt Montero mystery.

## **PBS television gardener:**

### **RC 57460**

**Death at the Spring Plant Sale: A Gardening Mystery** by Ann Ripley.

At her friend Emily Holley's insistence, PBS television gardener and amateur sleuth Louise Eldridge attends the spring plant sale of a Washington, D.C., area garden club. Louise had hoped to film some beautiful floral footage, but instead ends up investigating the murder of the club's president. Some violence.

## **Ute shaman:**

### **RC 41500**

**The Shaman Sings** by James D. Doss.

Daisy Perika, a Ute shaman, hears a coyote calling to her and her old friend Nahum Yaciiti, a shepherd, has seen balls of fire. They both know something bad is going to happen. Then graduate student Priscilla Song is brutally murdered in a lab while working on a room-temperature superconductor. It seems someone else wants credit for her ground-breaking research. Violence and some strong language. A Charlie Moon mystery

## **Woman taxi cab driver:**

### **RC 27191**

**A Trouble of Fools** by Linda Barnes.

Carlotta Carlyle, ex-cabbie, ex-policewoman, is now a private investigator. While looking for a missing cab driver, Carlyle stumbles upon some strange goings-on at the taxi company. From the trashing of her client's house to a strange scam involving large sums of money, the plot moves through Boston until explodes when least expected. Some strong language. A Carlotta Carlyle Mystery.

## **1840's librarian:**

### **RC 39265**

**Seneca Falls Inheritance** by Miriam Grace Monfredo.

Seneca Falls, New York, 1848. Librarian Glynis Tryon is cataloging books bequeathed to the library by Friedrich Steicher when Rose Walker comes in. Rose is looking for Elizabeth Cady Stanton to help certify Rose's claim to be Steicher's illegitimate daughter. Soon Rose is found murdered. As Glynis campaigns for women's rights, she helps search for Rose's killer and that of a

second victim. Prequel to "North Star Conspiracy" (RC 39313). A Seneca Falls Historical mystery.

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