

J.D. Robb "In Death" Series

Jennifer Chiaverini

Earlene Fowler's Benni Harper Mysteries

Laura Child's Tea Shop mysteries

Laurie King, Beekeeper's Apprentice

Dana Gabaldon series: highlander The Shack

Joe Pickett series by C. J. Box Open Season first...

Flavia De Luce series by Alan Bradley

Robyn Carr Grace River and Virgin River series

Kate Morton

Maisie Dobbs series by Jacqueline Winspear

Dani Amore

Bill Travis mysteries by George Wier

Phillip Margolin

Harlan Coban

Stewart Woods

Dennis Lehane...investigator series

Sandra Brown

FBI series by Catherine Coulter

Maisie Dobbs series

The Book Thief and School of Essential Ingredients

Lee Childs

The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton

The Distant Hours by Kate Morton

"Friendship Bread" by Darian Gee, "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh, "The Tea Rose", and "Winter Rose" by Jennifer Donnelly.

"Fortune Is A Woman" by Elizabeth Adler"
And the sequels of "Peach" and "Leonie"

"Before I Go To Sleep" by S.J.Watson
"Sarah's Key" by Rosnay

Any of Dorothy Sayers mysteries! Lord Peter Wimsey

All books by Dorothea Benton Frank are marvelous! Cutting For Stone by Abraham Verghese is a different genre but a cant put down book. Quite a read! I am a John Jakes fan if you like Historical fiction. I listened to almost all of Janet Evanovich Stephanie Plum series while quilting. I need to catch up on the last two. have you seen the movie? Hope it will be on Netflix soon! looking forward to reading everyones responses to add to my book list as well!

The Maisie Dobbs series by Jacqueline Winspear is marvelous! I'm completely enthralled. Have you read the Mary Russell series by Laurie R. King? Both are great.

Master marguerite

Benni Harper Mystery, Author Earlene Fowler Fools Puzzle

Catherine Coulter Start with The Cove

Eugina Price/book one of trilogy Bright Captivity

The Weird Sisters--Eleanor Brown; *Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral*--Kris Radish; *The Last Child*--John Hart; Lee Child--any of his Jack Reacher novels (Jack Reacher is the man every woman wants and every man wants to be).

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson
Death Comes to Pemberley by P.D. James
The Long Walk Home by Will North

I love Historical Fiction - Jean Plaidy is my ABSOLUTE Fav...start with the Anne Boleyn "The Lady In The Tower" and then the Elizabeth one.. "Queen of this Realm" and go from there. Phillipa Gregory is a good read too. And my guilty pleasure; the Sookie Stackhouse novels by Charmaine Harris

Before You Go to Sleep psychological thriller. Happy Reading!

Maisie Dobbs', Aunt Dimity series, Penny Vincenzi's Lytton trilogy. Just finished the flight of Gemma Hardy

East of the Mountains. I have just finished two 1000 page epics on Medieval days, Pillars of the Earth and World Without End

Elin Hilderbrand

Sandra Dallas and you have got to read the Maisie Dobbs mysteries.

The Last Child by John Hart

Lesley Kagan. Her first book Whistling in the Dark was so good.

Blood, Bones and Butter, an irreverent autobiography by Gabrielle Hamilton, owner of Prune restaurant in NYC. She also has an MFA in writing so it is well written, with nary a recipe. I couldn't put it down!

historical fiction books by Nancy Turner, THESE IS MY WORDS series

The Women of Ivy Manor by Lyn Cote. Loved. There are four books about the family. Great.

Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt...

Murder Mysteries..Michael Connelly books

If you like James Patterson, (I am a huge fan) I bet you'll like Jeffrey Deaver

Alexander McCall Smith books

Ladies of Covenington series by Joan Endicott (sp?) or any of Dorothea Benton Frank

Mary Kay Andrews: Savannah Blues, Little Lies, Deep Dish, Hissy Fit, she has several (all good summer reads) and I love Nicolas Sparks!, I am also a sucker for romance and Love Nora Roberts and Sandra Brown Her books usually have suspense sprinkled with a little romance (the best of b

Have just discovered a most intelligent series from Canada, some of Inspector Gamache's statements are so funny that I burst out laughing & I am a silent laugher.

Louise Penny-her 1st book garnered FIVE, yes 5, awards out of the gate: *Still Life*.

1st read **Bury Your Dead** from the new bk table & then discovered you really need to read them in order. In **Bury Your Dead**-she had 3 mysteries going at the same time & kept them and reader afloat and not flummoxed. Get books on tape for when I'm quilting & the reader's voice is good on all of them (library loans).

Also try any/all of **John Harts'**.

The Lotus Eaters by Tatjana Soli.

like Harlan Coben, Patricia Cornwell, Kathy Reichs, Karin Slaughter

The Night Circus by Erin Morganstern - is a fantastic read, I also love the Time travellers Wife Audrey Niffenegger, Pillars of the Earth and World without End both by Ken Follett, Phillipa Gregory's historical novels and Mark Billingham Thrillers.

I have just finished reading Me Before You which was hard to put down and a good tear jerker.

Erica spindler will keep you on the edge of your seat...hang on. Also like Stephen White, Catherine Coulter, and Sanra Brown, all great mystery writers weaving "can't put them down" books. I wasn't sure about the Hunger Games, but you get caught up in the tale quickly and HAVE to read all three. Enjoy

Aunt Dimity stories, by Nancy Atherton; the mysteries by Donna Andrews (hilariously funny); and the Daisy Dalrymple mysteries by Carola Dunn. Carola has also begun another series set in Cornwall. I have had the good fortune to meet Carola, and her mysteries are very well researched, and just delightful to read.

Have you tried Carole Nelson Douglas? She has a series and I think she is down to V.

Sue Grafton--Kinsey Milhone is a female P.I.. and a fun character. Real down to earth type.

Alice Kimberly--Main character owns a book store with a ghost of a P.I. who helps her solve murders.

E.J. Copperman --Police sketch artist has a ghost in the house she inherited from her uncle who helps her solve murders.

Shirley Rousseau Murphy -- A series involving talking cats who help the police solve crimes by anonymous phone calls. the people characters include the police who aren't aware the cats talk or help solve their cases, It's set in a small oceanside town. If you like cats you will find this a fun read. I know it sounds weird but I love my cats and these cats owners love and protect them from others finding out about their unusual traits.

Jennifer Chiaverini--Elm Creek Quilters. The series traces the ancestry of the owner of a large estate in PA all the way back to slave time. The house now hosts quilting retreats.

Not a mystery, just good reading.

Sue Grafton and Debbie Macomber are favorites of mine too. But my very favorite of all time is the mystery by Daphne duMauria called "Rebecca". It is an OLD classic and a bit hard to find but worth the hunt. It was done in an old black and white classic movie....but read the book first. And then the book September by Rosamonde Pilcher is a wonderful story that you will not want to put down...not mystery but a wonderful read.

Joel Rosenberg is a very good author about the Middle East, Russia and Israel. He writes about prophesy and how things could happen. The thing is his novels have come true! Another Really good author is Daniel Silva. He also writes non-fiction.

Patricia Cornwell, Kathy Reichs and Karin Slaughter books 'What Women Fear' by Angie Smith for instance ...

Arlene Sachitano, Clare O'Donohue, Marie Bostwick all have quilting mysteries. Just reading quilting stories Jennifer Chiaverini Elm Creek series are great, also Marie Bostwick and Vannetta Chapman. I

Amelia Peabody. I was reading that series many years ago and lost track of the author's name and the main character's so I could track these books down. I had forgotten all about her until this post.

Bird Sisters by Rebecca Rasmussen

Southern Sisters mysteries by Anne George

Fannie Flagg has written some fantastic books, including "Can't Wait to Get to Heaven." A lot of the characters made appearances in her earlier books, so I'd recommend reading those, too - maybe first, if you can. They move so fast and add so much to life - you won't be sorry! I hope she has it right, describing heaven her way! (Her most famous is Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Cafe.)

Mrty Nickerson books by Rose Connors on audio. I "read" that ay a lot now so I can listen while I quilt. They are courtroom based mysteries and the two I have "read" so far have been good. The first was published 2003 so they are current, but not brand new.

David Baldacci is my favorite mystery writer. I don't buy books. I prefer to use my library card. But his Camel Club series is a set of 5 books that I own just because the stories are so darn good. Patterson has gone sour for me: all follow the same formula in these days. This weekend I finished "Taken" by Robert

Crais, also on my favorite author list. Good subject - glad you brought it up. We all can take notes and run to the library

I love the Anne Perry novels - great historical mysteries. Also Lee Child writes a series around a character named Jack Reacher - very good! J.D.Robb is also a favorite. Love your blog!

I'd like to recommend Louise Penny's mysteries also. They are great reads. Although some of my other favorites include Elizabeth George (her Inspector Lynley is a wonderful character) and the British author P.D.James. Hope you get to enjoy them as much as I do.

Elizabeth Kostova's The Historian. L-O-V-E-D it. Also Brunonia Barry's The Lace Reader. And Brigid Pasulka's A Long, Long Time Ago & Essentially True. And anything Karen White (The Beach Trees, etc.).

I just finished "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. If you like "The Glass Castle" you will like this book. The waiting list at the library was huge over 200 requests and the book has been out since last summer. Going to be made into a movie....what else can I say??? Enjoy! Lee

Anne- you have read my favorites. I found a new (to me) series this year and am hooked. The books are written by Louise Penny. The stories take place in Quebec and involve Inspector Gamache who solves crimes but at the same time becomes a mentor and friend to all involved. Great writing. The first book is Still Life. All are available through Amazon...of course. ENJOY!

My all-time favorite book series is written by John Sandford - they are absolutely wonderful! I think there are 20 books, all with the word "Prey" in the title. I went to a used book store and bought all 20 of them! John Lescroart has a series of books about lawyers and trials (that's kind of like mysteries) which I have been reading. The story lines are compelling and the characters are appealing. What I like a lot too is that they are set in San Francisco, one of my favorite places. I think he is becoming quite popular

One of the ladies from Blackbird Designs mentioned a book called Blackout by Connie Willis. It's about time-travelling historians and it is fabulous. It is a 2 book set though - the second is All Clear.. Another great series is the Amelia Peabody series - a victorian lady who is an archaeologist in Egypt and all her mysterious escapades. But the highlight will be the entertaining narration of the main character and the witty dialogue between characters.

Louise Penny is one of the best mystery writers that I have read in a long time and I read a tremendous amount. My sister had recommended her to me and it just so happens that several ladies in my knitting group was reading or had recently read the first book, *Still Life*.

The Weird Sisters--Eleanor Brown; *Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral*--Kris Radish; *The Last Child*--John Hart; Lee Child--any of his Jack Reacher novels (Jack Reacher is the man every woman wants and every man wants to be).

Forgotten Garden out at the library, I'll have to order another, Carol O'Connell is good. M.C. Beaton's Hamish Macbeth series is great.

One I did not see mentioned is the *Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton. It is a mystery within a mystery and I like you would love it. I also like anything from David Baldacci, Eugenia Price, Steve Berry and James Rollins.

Oh my, what wonderful suggestions! I'm looking forward to checking all of these out. I also love the *Amelia Peabody* series by Elizabeth Peters. Just plain fun! Another author I'm surprised hasn't been mentioned is Marcia Muller. Her Sharon McCone series is mostly set in San Francisco. They're very suspenseful, but great. A couple more great books, though not series: *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks, *The Geographer's Library* by Jon Fasman. One that's not a mystery, but just a fun read is *The Tall Pine Polka* by Lorna Landvik. And one of the most fascinating books I've ever read is *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus -- it's about what might have happened if President Grant had agreed to the Indian's request for white women to marry the Indians.

Benni Harper Mystery, Author Earlene Fowler-----There are 15 Books and I have read all but the last 2. The first one is *Fools Puzzle*. the title is a quilt pattern and all the others are two. I could not put them down. I hope you'll enjoy them Oh there are paperback but the last one will be in paperback in May.

The Shack currently, just finished 11/22/63 by Stephen King. Also reread Dickens *Great Expectations* and just ordered Jack Finney's *Time and Again*.

I can recommend the following book. I just finished it and it was amazing. The title is: *The Tenderness of Wolves*, Written by Stef Penney. This is her debut novel, and she also wrote: *The Invisible Ones*. You will see what I mean, when I say : I could not stop reading. Good luck.

Hi~~Anne~~I love the Diana Gabaldon books, *Outlander* is the 1st of a series of 4. I also love all the books by Jodi Picoult. I am trying to read *The Hunger Games* now, as both my son and daughter read it in college, and seen the movie this weekend. They say it is a must~~but I don't know~~I am trying.

Rescue by Anita Shreve (I like all of her books), State of Wonder and also Bel Canto by Ann Patchett, Before I Go To Sleep by S.J. Watson, and Little Bee by Chris Cleave