

# Something Wicked

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## Upcoming Events

### March 15 - 18 - St. Patrick's Day Sale (in-house only)

Get 15% off any new or used books that have green on their cover or in their title.

### March 19 - A Triple Threat Zoom Event

Authors **Bill Livezey**, **Don Helin** and **J. M. West** will join us for a Zoom event and tell us about their books.

**Don Helin** - During his time in the military, Don served at a number of stateside posts as well as overseas in Vietnam and Germany. He is the author of eight thrillers that draw from his military experience, including three tours in the Pentagon. He writes for *TheBurg*, a community paper based in Harrisburg. Don will talk about his latest book *Twins*.

**J. M. West** - What really happened to Carlisle's madam, Bessie Jones? *Madam Bessie Jones - Her Life and Times* is the story of an unsolved Pennsylvania Murder. She also is the author of the "Carlisle Crime Cases" featuring Homicide Detectives Christopher Snow and Erin McCoy. J.M. is a Professor Emerita of English Studies at HACC's Gettysburg Campus. She also taught at Messiah College and Shippensburg University and served as Assistant Director of the Learning Center (SU).

**Bill Livezey** - Mr. Livezey briefly worked as a corrections officer in the Maine State Prison before beginning a 30-year career in the Maine Warden Service. He worked for 20 years as an undercover investigator and in 2005 received the "Living Legend Award" as an Officer of the Month from the National Fallen Officers Memorial. He was named the Maine Warden Service Warden of the Year in 2004. Bill is also a recipient of the National Boating Award, and the Maine Warden Service has further recognized his duty with a Meritorious Service Award and six Exemplary Service Awards. Bill and his wife currently work in south Florida at The Kings Academy where they are house parents for 6 international students.

**Please see the review of his book *Let's Go for a Ride* on page 2 of this newsletter.**

**PLEASE NOTE** - If you don't have a means to join us via Zoom, we will have some seats available at the shop. If you would like to see the Zoom, please call us for a reservation - 717-795-7470.

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### March 22 - 25 - National Craft Month Sale (in-house only)

Get 15% off all books with a craft in the title (ex: *Stamped Out!* by Terri Thayer)

### April 5 - 8 - Find the Easter Eggs (in-house only)

Find an egg hidden around our shop, crack it open, and see what discount you get inside!

### April 27 - 29 - Shop Closed for Malice Domestic

Our shop will be closed on these dates as we will be in Maryland serving as the bookstore for Malice Domestic. We look forward to seeing you when we get back.

### April 30 - Author Event with Vicki Delany Plus

Vicki Delany - the "One Woman Crime Wave" - will be here at the shop. All of you who have been asking when she'll be back...join us April 30. Stay tuned for the time and other authors that will be joining Vicki.

### May 3 - 6 - Spring Mega Sale - Celebrating Indie Bookstore Day

As a thank-you to all of our customers, and in celebration of Indie Bookstore Day, we will be having a mega sale on **select NEW** books that have **just arrived in the shop** on the above dates. Be sure to stop in to check out your next mysterious adventure.

### May 10 - 13 - Happy Mother's Day Sale

Pick a Duck, Any Duck! We will have a group of rubber ducks to pick from. Simply choose a duck and receive a discount between 15 - 25% your ENTIRE purchase.

### Turn to page 7 for more information on upcoming events including:

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Birthday Celebration  
PROMM is BACK starting in on May 24 with Mark Podvia  
Ellen Crosby Author Event  
Murder As You Like It is BACK!

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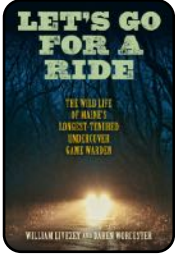
## Book Reviews

These books are available for sale on our website or by stopping in at the shop.

### Let's Go for a Ride

by William Livezey and Daren Worcester

Type: Non-Fiction - ~~\$26.95~~ / \$18.87 Sale



Let's go for a ride is what the criminals in rural Maine say when going out to commit crimes. Bill Livezey, Maine's longest tenured undercover game warden, knew the meaning of this phrase from a young age because his father was a poacher, drug user and dealer. So was Bill as a young man. Together, he and his father broke many laws.

Despite his misspent youth, Bill got into college where his athletic endeavors led him to religion, a wife and better male role models. A local game warden took Bill along on all night stakeouts to catch poachers. Bill came to feel that being a game warden was his calling. Because he was honest about his past it took him three tries to become a Maine Game Warden. He went into undercover work because of his life experience which gave him the social skills to fit in with some very depraved bad guys. For thirty years he endured the stress of being constantly worried about "being made." Poachers in Maine form a small community that know and talk to each other. Word gets around about undercover game wardens. At one point, Bill had a \$10,000 dollar hit put out on him. Because of this, he became the first Maine Game Warden to wear a bullet proof vest. When Bill expressed his concern about a head shot his superiors told him that they were willing to take that chance.

In 2020, a Portland newspaper printed a picture of Bill at work which effectively outed him as a game warden, and he retired after thirty years of service.

True crime and biography are not my usual fare, but this entertaining and interesting book reads like a novel, each chapter telling of a different case. The tales are well told and will hold the interest of readers who are not necessarily outdoor aficionados.

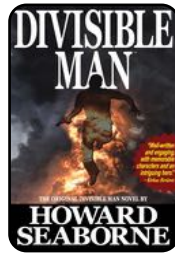
Reviewed by Jay

**Note: Bill will be joining us with authors Don Helin and JM West for a Zoom author event**

### Divisible Man - Divisible Man 1

by Howard Seaborn

Type: Thriller - \$17.99



This novel is a complex but entertaining adventure into the unknown. There are several plot lines to follow. First of all an experienced professional pilot is involved in a crash at a local airport that devastates his plane. The cause is a mystery. He is found alive in a swamp still in his seat with minor injuries. He remembers nothing about the crash!

Secondly, his beautiful police sergeant/wife is assigned to solve a kidnapping of a young local girl. The perpetrators are an unknown gang entity, another mystery.

Meanwhile, back at their rural home Will is recovering slowly. No mystery there except for one thing. He discovers he can levitate above his mattress. (another mystery). In fact, he can move about like a helium balloon! He struggles to learn how to control this superpower. Much of the novel is devoted to this adventure. He, like the Phantom of the Opera, begins to be able to go wherever he wants. This fact is kept a secret from his wife until he can explain this strange phenomenon. This is another conflict that must be resolved.

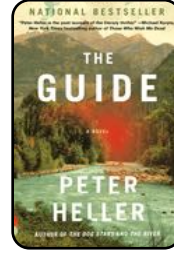
Finally, Will uses his new-found power to assist in the solution of the kidnapping. His good wife is in on the climactic scene. So if that isn't enough mystery and conflict to interest you, Dear Reader you are just not into mystery and adventure.

Reviewed by Carl

### The Guide

by Peter Heller

Type: Suspense - \$17.00



Picture a secluded resort with a beautiful trout river surrounded by mountains. Individual cabins are for the guests. It delivers a seemingly perfect weeklong vacation. The heavy-duty fence offers privacy to the few guests that are taking advantage of the week-long \$20,000 vacation package. The locals call it Billionaire's Mile for a reason.

Alison is a famous singer needing a getaway; her publicist finds Kingfisher Lodge as the perfect resort for her. She loves to fish trout – perfect! Jack needs a job; his life hasn't been too positive lately, so he accepts a position at Kingfisher Lodge and is assigned as a guide to Alison - perfect. But wait! Maybe all is not as perfect as they at first seemed, and suspicions arise when peculiarities are observed by Jack and Alison.

The other guests are not very social. Two of the guests appear sickly. The old neighbor on the opposite side of the fence that crosses the river has posted a sign that says: "keep out or get shot." Alison and Jack accidentally cross the fenceline and get shot at. Before recrossing back to safety, Jack spots an abandoned hiking boot. Alison's and Jack's suspicions continue to grow. When they spot a group of sickly children being led somewhere on the complex, they are determined to solve the mystery of what Kingfisher Lodge is really about. As the action builds, and Alison's and Jack's lives become more endangered, the reader becomes completely absorbed in the story. This is a thriller!

Reviewed by Sherry

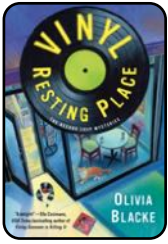
**- March 19 at 2:00 pm. See front page for details.**

*For those of you without a method of watching the Zoom event, we will have some seating here at the shop. If you would like to join us here, please call for a reservation.*

"If I had a bookstore I would make all the mystery novels hard to find."

Demetri Martin

**Vinyl Resting Place - Record Shop 1**  
by Olivia Blacke  
Type: - Cozy \$8.99



Where to begin? How about we turntable back two generations and find a family-owned record shop in the middle of Cedar River, a small town just a stone's throw away from Austin, Texas? Now, we skip over a few decades and find ourselves in present day Cedar River, where the three Jessup sisters are reviving their family's lost business that had since succumbed to online music streaming and digital downloads. With the past becoming the 'cool' thing once again, everyone in town is having a swinging good time at the Sip and Spin's grand re-opening as the beer and tacos flow. That is, except for one particular lady who's life song was cut short.

For Juni Jessup, returning to her hometown and starting a small business with her sisters, Maggie and Tansey, is a dream come true. Her first few weeks have been dedicated to getting their business up and spinning, but instead of relaxing to the music on their first day open, the shop is sealed under crime scene tape. And as we all know, coming back home can stir up some mixed feelings as complicated as a special latte. With her ex-boyfriend on the case, and her past best friend looking to begin anew, the lyrics to this mystery get a little heated when their uncle disappears and turns a simple traffic violation into a charge of suspicion of murder. Will Juni be able to settle this Texas-sized mystery, clear her uncle's name, and save their family's business before the needle scratches her out for good?

I thoroughly enjoyed this cozy mystery with all of the author's musical puns, and especially the theme of the shop, vinyl records. I found myself wishing that the Jessup's shop was real where I could pursue the racks of albums, taste the daily beverage special, and help the Jessup sisters to locate their uncle. Oh, did I forget to mention that there is also a white and orange cat named Daffy who provides a linking clue to the killer? I have a feeling that we will be seeing more of the Jessups' rocking mysteries in the near future and I will be queuing in line for a ticket to their next record.

*Reviewed by Sarah*

**Dead Man's Hand - Unorthodox Chronicles 1**  
by James Butcher  
Type: Mystery - \$27.00 / \$18.90 Sale



James J. Butcher's *Dead Man's Hand* is not a disappointment considering who his father is, Jim Butcher of *Dresden File* fame and a few other books. That being said, *Dead Man's Hand* is first and foremost a murder mystery with magic thrown in. It's about choices and consequences.

Grimshaw Griswald Grimsby's only desire in the world is to be an "Auditor" for the Department of Unorthodox Affairs. But due to an accident beyond his control, his magic doesn't work quite right. He can't control it very well. He is dismissed and classified as "not department material....ever" by Samantha Mansgraf, "the most dangerous witch alive."

Grimsby returns to his miserable low paying, degrading job at the Mighty Magic Donald Food Kingdom as the entertainment for children parties doing very low grade magic tricks. He blames Mansgraf for his state of affairs. And when Samantha Mansgraf is murdered right down the street from the MMDFK all eyes turn to Grimsby because of the message left behind in blood "KILL GRIMSBY."

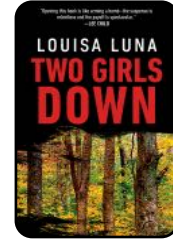
Grimsby will be confronted by various people, but the most scariest to him will be Leslie Mayflower, ex-partner of Samantha Mansgraf, and a drunk. Mayflower so badly wants to kill someone for his partner's death and everything is pointing to Grimsby. Mayflower also realizes that Grimsby is way too inept to kill "the most dangerous witch."

The two men, one young and looking to clear himself, the other old and looking for a reason to live, will need to join forces. And over the next three days they will learn about choices and consequences, trust and betrayal.

This book is not an epic read. It is an easy read with characters that are new and refreshing. It takes place in three days with a lot of possibilities for other storylines. Would I like to know what happens to Grimsby, Mayflower, Wudge, Grieves, Rayne and Mansgraf? Sure.

*Reviewed by Linda*

**Two Girls Down - Alice Vega 1**  
by Louisa Luna  
Type: Traditional Mystery - \$16.00



The book immediately draws the reader into the crux of the story; the reader no sooner gets to know eight-year-old Bailey and ten-year-old Kylie and their "less than perfect" mother, Jaime, when the girls disappear.

Alice Vega, a private investigator known for her ability to find missing persons, is hired by the girls' Great Aunt Maggie to find them. Vega then convinces Max Caplan (Cap) to work with her in finding the girls. Cap retired early, and Vega believes there is an underlying reason that she can use to encourage Cap to gain access to information from the police department. She insists that she is working with the police, but the police are not so ready to accept her help.

Vega leaves no stone unturned, and all the usual suspects are interrogated: friends, relatives, friends of friends, work acquaintances, etc., etc., etc. Obviously, this is not the usual abduction case, and it takes on a sinister tone when Bailey is discovered without her sister. Vega digs deeper for answers and amazes Cap with every nuance she finds. Just how does Vega get so much information that Cap isn't able to access? "Bastard" is the answer; Bastard is a resource aid for Vega and very important in finding the information in helping Vega to find the girls.

The solving of this mystery is not quite what this reader expected. There are plenty of twists that continually add excitement to the story. The numerous characters are examined, and the reader needs to keep alert to possible entanglements. It's a good read.

*...Reviewed by Sherry*

"Great works of literature, perhaps the greatest — the *Oresteia*, *Hamlet*, even the Bible — have been stories of mystery and crime."

...John Mortimer  
taken from Bill Peschel's  
*Career Indie Author Quote Book*



## Book Reviews • continued

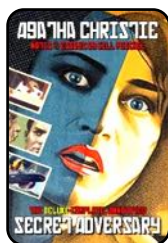
### Tommy & Tuppence series

by Agatha Christie

Type: Traditional Mysteries - \$11 - \$17

Agatha Christie has been one of my favorite authors for many years. Even people who don't regularly read mysteries are familiar with her detective creations Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple, but not everyone knows about her less popular sleuths. All of these have less than six books in their series. My favorite of these often-overlooked heroes are Tommy and Tuppence Beresford. This charming duo are the only husband and wife team in any of her series. The five books that feature Tommy and Tuppence span the years of 1922-1973, with the characters maturing and their family growing.

As with any Christie mystery you find well-crafted cozy plots that provide any arm-chair detective with all the clues necessary to solve the crime, but plenty of "red herrings" to confuse the issue. The Beresfords approach their detecting with a zest for life and fun that will make you like them immediately.



#### 1. *Complete and Annotated The Secret Adversary* (1922)

In post World War I England, recuperating soldier Tommy Beresford encounters his former nurse Miss Prudence (Tuppence) Cowley. The two young, broke and un-employed veterans form a business that is advertised as an "anything for a buck" type of service. This leads them into an adventure with a missing girl, top secret documents and spies.



#### 2. *Partners in Crime* (1929)

Tommy and Tuppence, now married, are convinced by a government official to take over and manage the International Detective Agency. While performing several investigations for the Crown,

these short stories feature our heroes solving crime by the application of the methods of various fictional detectives such as Holmes and Poirot.



3. *N or M?* (1941) A murdered Government agent mutters an almost unintelligible last statement that sets Tommy and Tuppence the task of deciphering the cryptic message. To do this they go undercover in a seaside resort on a mission of military intelligence.



4. *By the Pricking of my Thumbs* (1968) A visit to Tommy's aunt leads the couple to a case involving a strange inheritance, black magic, and of course danger for Tommy and Tuppence.



5. *Postern of Fate* (1973) The Beresfords move into an old country house and find a child's book with the handwritten line "Mary Jordan did not die naturally". This launches them into an investigation of the years old murder while someone tries very hard to block their efforts.

...Reviewed by Jay

**Bookshop Note** - Along with some other classic mysteries, Bill Peschel has done an annotated version of *The Secret Adversary*.

*"The Complete Annotated Secret Adversary" contains more than 700 footnotes describing words, idioms, people, places and contemporary events; essays on Agatha Christie; her battles with the tax man and her 11-day disappearance that shocked the nation; essays on the times, including flappers, spy scandals, and the world after World War I. The book also contains a detailed chronology of Christie's life and a list of all of her books.*

Reading keeps me out of the psych ward.

The original Psycho was the first American film to show a toilet on screen?

## Random Information



No one involved in the production of the original Star Wars could have possibly predicted the phenomenon it would become—and that left some people scrambling. After the leading action figure company at the time, Mego Corporation, refused an offer to produce merchandise for the movie, a middling toy company called Kenner Products landed the contract.

Kenner didn't realize that they had struck gold. When Star Wars hit theatres in 1977, they suddenly had the most in-demand product on the toy market. There was just one problem: They didn't have any toys yet. With the Christmas season fast approaching, Kenner came up with a bizarre solution.

That year, the hottest toy on the market for Christmas was...an empty box. Kenner aired commercials promoting their "Star Wars Early Bird Certificate Package." This cardboard standee showed images of all the toys you could buy...eventually. The package also acted as a voucher that could be redeemed for four action figures, once they were ready.

The desperate ploy worked like a charm. By 1978, when Kenner actually had toys to sell, revenue topped \$100 million. And Mego Corporation, the powerhouse that refused the offer? They went bankrupt by 1983.



Cher Ami was a pigeon who proved that great heroism comes in small, feathery packages. During WWI, he was a messenger pigeon who flew across the dangerous trenches in France. That's not the most impressive part.

Cher Ami was carrying an important message from a distressed American commander all the way to American headquarters. This commander was the leader of 550 men who'd gone missing—known as the "Lost Battalion."

Against all odds, the pigeon managed to evade German fire, safely delivering the note that saved the Lost Battalion. It read, "WE ARE ALONG THE ROAD PARALELL 276.4. OUR ARTILLERY IS DROPPING A BARRAGE DIRECTLY ON US. FOR HEAVENS SAKE STOP IT."

For his brave acts of service, the French government awarded Cher Ami with the Croix de Guerre. Today, he can be found in the Smithsonian, where his body has been preserved and his story remembered.

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*\*Please note: There are a few exceptions, however, in 99% of the cases, the discounts above should apply.*

Membership is \$24 per year. Membership year is January through December. The membership dues are pro-rated if obtained after January.

### Writers Block:

When your imaginary friends stop talking to you. —

*Seen on a poster*

## Mechanicsburg Mystery Presents - Watch or Listen to Wonderful Author Conversations

Mechanicsburg Mystery Presents ... is a monthly conversation with mystery and thriller authors. Author and publisher Bill Peschel does the interviews on our behalf and they are great fun to watch and/or listen to.

These can be watched on a computer, tablet or smart phone via Anchor, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts and YouTube. We even have a little spot here at the shop where you can watch our podcast.

If you visit our website at <https://www.mysterybooksonline.com/mechanicsburg-mystery-presents>, the podcasts are all listed with a link to each one. We're up to number 23! We are fortunate to have Bill Peschel do these programs with authors. They are much more than just an interview, they are conversations.

All kinds of information comes to light during these conversations. Which author decided, after a fan said something, that he not use the 'f' word in his books and why? Which leading mystery editor/bookshop owner talked about some famous authors who helped him build his bookshelves?

These authors' books are available at our shop or on our website.

Below are our programs to date.

**Episode #1** - Edgar award-winning author **Eliot Pattison** talks about his "Bone Rattler" series, set in the years leading up to the American Revolution. They discuss Native American spirituality, the importance of the discovery of ancient bones in wilderness Kentucky, how to depict historical figures in fiction, and the development of American identity and the concept of freedom in his books. They also touch on his Inspector Shan Tao Yun series, set in contemporary Tibet.

**Episode #2** - Longtime journalist **R.G. Belsky** has written 14 novels based on his experiences at major New York City tabloids, NBCNews.com and Star Magazine. They talk about Clare Carlson, the TV news producer investigating the death of her old mentor in **The Last Scoop**; what it takes to be a hard-nosed journalist; and his role in the infamous "Headless Body in Topless Bar" story.

**Episode #3** - **Kari Boveé** talks about her "Annie Oakley" mystery series, the most recent of which is **Folly at the Fair**. They discuss her longtime interest in history, how her father introduced her to Annie, how she used historical characters in her story, Kari's love for horses and natural horsemanship, and her second mystery series about Ziegfeld Follies costume designer and amateur sleuth Grace Michelle.

**Episode #4** - **Robert Forte** talks about his novel **The Woman in the Yellow Dress**, in the "Patrick Miles Atwater" series, and his latest novel, **The U.S. Party**. Throughout Robert Forte's career in writing, he has written screenplays in Hollywood and novels in Johnstown, PA. From working with major film companies, such as Universal, to working with smaller play productions on the East Coast, Robert shared his interesting experiences with us.

**Episode #6** - Bestselling author **Vicki Delany** talks about her home on a Canadian littoral on Lake Ontario, her multiple book series including **Dying in a Winter Wonderland** in her "Year-Round Christmas Mystery" series, and her upcoming series set in the Catskills, and Canadian crime writers you should check out.

**Episode #7** - **Greer Macallister** talks about her latest novel, **Arctic Fury**. Our host, Bill Peschel, goes into the depths of the characters and the development it took to construct such a complex narrative about a fictional expedition into the arctic by a thirteen woman team.

**Episode #8** - **Sherry Knowlton** talks about her latest novel in her "Alexa Williams series," **Dead on the Delta**. The main character is a lawyer who moved back home from the big city to live a quiet life in south central Pennsylvania. Instead of being able to achieve her woodsy serene life, Alexa finds herself mixed up in different murders and trouble, striving for justice. **Dead on the Delta** dives into the Serengeti of Africa and takes her down a dangerous path of poachers and murder.

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**Episode #9 - Sophie Hannah** joins us from across the pond to discuss her writings in the "Simon and Charles" series along with her continuation of the Agatha Christie "Hercule Poirot" series. Her books have been distributed in 51 countries and have ranked among the top sellers. She teaches presently at Cambridge University in England, while still writing. Our host Bill Peschel also gets into some questions regarding the psychological aspect to her thrillers and how the main underlying theme of obsession resounds throughout all of her works.

**Episode #10 - Ellen Crosby** discusses *The French Paradox*...the latest novel in her "Wine Country Mystery" series, with main character Lucie Montgomery. Ellen talked about how she conducts her research and develops her story lines. With *The French Paradox* involving Jackie Kennedy and some letters that she had written, they discussed the topic of privacy issues. Art fans will enjoy her attention to French portrait artist, Élisabeth Louise Vigée-Le Brun, who painted Marie Antoinette and had to flee France during the French Revolution. Ellen also explains how she came about discovering Elizabeth and how it ended up being the perfect way to bridge two different stories together, creating *The French Paradox*.

**Episode #11 - Charles Fergus** gives the background of his main character, Gideon Stoltz, who is Sheriff of a fictional county located in Central Pennsylvania in the 1830s. Within his mystery novels, there is a deep connectivity to nature that reveals much into the author's own life experiences. The Gideon Stoltz books have a lot of information about nature and wildlife. He has other non-fiction books about nature and wildlife that are researched and documented under the Non-Fiction category; something that stems back to when he first graduated from Penn State with a degree in writing and a focus on science.

**Episode #12** - In this episode, *Misty Simon* shares with us about her "insane dogs" and how she obtained her new pen name, Gabby Allan. The first book in her new series is *Much Ado About Nauticaling*. Unlike the traditional cozies that so many of us associate with her, this new series is fashioned as a RomCozy. (Like a RomCom) In this novel, Whitney Dagner comes home to Santa

Catalina Island off the California coast to help her brother Nick run Nautically Yours, the family tourism business. Between gift shop shifts selling all manner of T-shirts and tchotchkes and keeping her feline Whiskers in fine fettle, she pilots the Sea Bounder, a glass bottom boat showing tourists the underwater sights of aquatic plants, marine life—and a murder victim?

**Episode #13 - Cordelia Frances Biddle** is the author of the "Martha Beale" series and one-half of the writing team who pens the "Nero Blanc" series. In *Biddle, Jackson, and a Nation in Turmoil: The Infamous Bank War*, the Philadelphia author dives into the infamous bank war between President Andrew Jackson and her ancestor Nicholas Biddle, the head of the Second National Bank of the United States. They talk about Nicholas's life which included his editing of the Lewis and Clark expedition journals, his travels in Europe as a possible intelligence agent for President Jefferson, and his attempt to reform the bank.

**Episode #14 - Steve Zettler** is the multi-talented author of *Careless Love* and co-author (with podcast guest Cordelia Francis Biddle) of the "Nero Blanc Mystery" series. He tells us about how a family story inspired his novel about a man investigating his mother's past in 1979 Hawaii and how his acting influenced his writing.

**Episode #15 - John Gilstrap**, the bestselling thriller author of the "Jonathan Graves" series *Stealth Attack* 2021 and the "Victoria Emerson" series *Crimson Phoenix* 2021 talks about what he has in common with Graves, why the Emerson series should not be called post-apocalyptic, and why he doesn't drop F-bombs in his novels.

**Episode #16 - Otto Penzler**, the long-time editor, anthologist, and owner of The Mysterious Bookshop in New York talks about his beginnings in the book business, why he thinks the British write better espionage novels (with one exception), his latest offerings from the Mysterious Press, American Mystery Classics, and his new imprint (Scarlet) offering psychological suspense and domestic thrillers, and working with authors such as Elmore Leonard and Ed McBain.

**Episode #17 - Maureen Jennings** is an Award Winning Author living in Toronto, Canada. She is known for "Murdoch Mysteries," "Charlotte Frayne, P.I.," "Tom Tyler novels," "Christine Morris" novels and her newest series "Paradise Café." Among other things, they discussed what it is like to have a written book that's adapted for TV.

**Episode #18:** - Bill Rapp is the author of the "Suburban Detective" series featuring P.I. Bill Habermann and the "Cold War Thriller" series featuring Karl Baier. Bill talks about his 38-year career in the Central Intelligence Agency, why he started writing mysteries before switching to Cold War-era thrillers, and his experiences in Berlin the year the wall fell. He also talks about Baier and why he differs from other intelligence agents, the challenges he faces in "Berlin Walls," and where Baier is going.

**Episode #19** - Did you know that Sonoma Valley has a cheese trail? Do you love cheese? Do you like relatable characters that have fun solving a cozy mystery? Author Korina Moss discusses the inspiration behind the first book in her "Cheese Shop Mystery" series, *Cheddar Off Dead*.

**Episode #20 - Gigi Pandian** talks about *Under Lock and Skeleton Key*, her first book in the "Hidden Staircase" series featuring magician Tempest Raj. Gigi describes traveling the world with her cultural anthropologist parents, her love for mysteries especially John Dickson Carr, her research into magic, and how she became an "accidental almost vegan." Her second book in the series, *The Raven Thief*, will be published this month.

**Episode #21** - Catriona McPherson talks about how the Edinburgh-born writer became an author of California-based humorous mysteries with the "Last Ditch" series. They also talk about her 15-book "Dandy Gilver" series set in Scotland of the 1920s and '30s, and her standalone psychological thrillers. The fifth book in her "Last Ditch" series, *Scot in a Trap*, will be published in December.

**Episode #22 - Edwin Hill** is the Edgar and Agatha award nominated author of the critically acclaimed "Hester Thursby" series. Edwin talks about his library researcher character and her friends and why she appears in a supporting role in his latest thriller *The Secrets We Share*. They also talk about the Boston neighborhoods where the novels are set, and what he's learned from teaching writing classes.



## Upcoming Events • continued

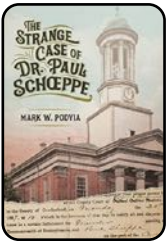
### May 17 - 20 - Happy Birthday Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Conan Doyle was born on May 22nd, 1859. We love Sherlock Holmes, and as such, we wanted to celebrate Sir Conan Doyle's birthday with a 15% off sale on his novels including non-Sherlock books. Not only that, but 15% off on anything and everything Sherlock Holmes.

Free copy of *Sherlock Holmes & Mark Twain: The Adventure of the Whyos* when you purchase one of the *Sherlock 223 B Casebook Series Sherlock books* edited by Bill Peschel.

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### May 24 - PROMM - 7:00 pm

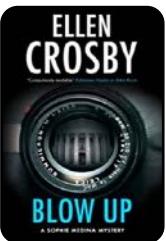


Mark Podvia will be back at the shop for the first PROMM program since the pandemic hit. His topic will be his new book *The Strange Case of Dr. Paul Schoeppe*. Maria Steinnecke, a wealthy spinster, died in the central Pennsylvania borough of Carlisle on January 28, 1869. At first her death was not considered suspicious. That changed when her doctor, Paul Schoeppe, presented a will in his handwriting; it said she had left her entire estate to him. Soon afterwards, an autopsy performed on Miss Steinnecke revealed traces of prussic acid, a deadly poison. Thus began the murder case of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Paul Schoeppe, an event that brought national and international attention to Carlisle.

Intrigued? Find out more at our PROMM meeting.

#### About PROMM

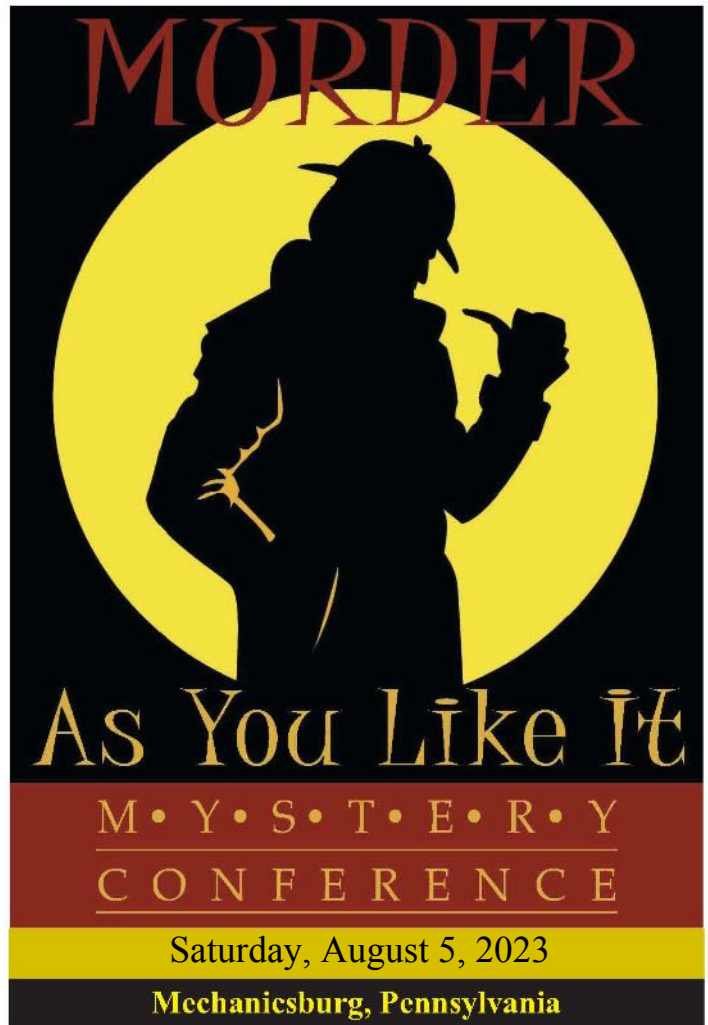
Mechanicsburg Mystery Bookshop has come up with PROMM - which stands for Peculiar, Random, Odd, Mysteries and More. We will have a program on subjects ranging from history to true crime to paranormal and much more. We are starting out this year with only four programs. Next year we hope to go back to our old schedule of the 4th Wednesday of each month.



### June 25 - Ellen Crosby Event - 2:00 PM - Free Event

We are delighted to be back on Ellen Crosby's book tour for the long awaited continuation of her Sophie Medina series, entitled *Blow Up*. What happens when Sophie's next story goes up to the highest level of our country's justice system? The Supreme Court! Find out in *Blow Up*. There will be time for book signings and questions after a talk from the author.

## Mechanicsburg Mystery Bookshop Presents...



Stay tuned during the next couple of months for more details on authors and registration materials.

## Shop Hours

Wednesday and Thursday	12:30 pm til 6:00 pm
Friday	12:30 pm til 5:30 pm
Saturday	12:00 pm til 5:30 pm
Sunday through Tuesday	Closed except for special events.

Closed April 27 through April 29 -  
as we'll be at Malice Domestic.

# St. Patrick's Day and Easter Word Search

*Words, Books and Authors Associated with St. Patty's Day, Irish and Easter*

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MARK SCHWEIZER  
MARY KAY ANDREWS  
MELANIE JACKSON

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SAINT PATRICKS DAY MURDER  
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