



Supper Sleuths



Tuesday, January 10, 2017
6:00pm - 7:30pm in the Lecture Hall

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1960s Mysteries

Aubert, Rosemary. (*Ellis Portal*) Toronto
Leave me by dying. (#4 series/prequel) (2003)

Reader Response: Interesting look at Canada in the 1960s—learned a lot, would read others in the series to find out Ellis's full story.

Block, Brett Ellen. 1967, Trenton, NJ
Lightning Rule. (2006)

Reader Response: Full of police corruption, violence, homophobia and racism but reflects that society have come a long way with longer to go

Carter, Charlotte. (*Cook County*)
Jackson Park:#1 1968 Chicago (2003)
Trip Wire (2005) #2 series

Collins, Max Allan. (Nathan Heller)
Bye Bye, Baby (2011) #13
Target Lancer (2012) #14
Ask Not (2013) #15

Daniel, David. 1967 San Francisco
White Rabbit (2003)

Readers Response: Author is a great storyteller and nails the era of the Summer of Love with resonant details of culture, politics, sex, drugs & rock 'n roll.

Duchin, Peter. (*Philip Damon*) San Francisco
Blue Moon (2002) #1 series
Good Morning, Heartache (2003) #2

Dunn, Carola. (*Eleanor Trewynn*) Cornwall
Manna from Hades (2009) #1

Readers Response: Cozy with funny engaging eccentric characters.

A Colourful Death (2010) #2
Valley of the Shadow (2012) #3

Buried in the Country (2016) #4

Faherty, Terence. (*Scott Elliott*) Hollywood
Dance in the Dark (2011) #5

Fulmer, David. PA
The Blue Door. (2008)

Gorman, Edward. (*Sam McCain*) Iowa
Save the Last Dance for Me (2002) #4

Everybody's Somebody's Fool (2002) #5
Breaking Up Is Hard To Do (2004) #6

Fools Rush In (2007) #7
Ticket to Ride (2009) #8

Bad Moon Rising (2011) #9

Klein, Daniel. (Elvis Presley) TN
Kill Me Tender: A Murder Mystery Featuring the Singing Sleuth, Elvis Presley (2000) #1

Blue Suede Clues (2002) #2

Reader Response: Fun and learned some things about Elvis

Landay, William. 1963 Boston
The Strangler (2007)

Reader Response: Author captured Boston and the issues surrounding the Boston Strangler well.



MacDonald, John D. (*Travis McGee*) FL
The Deep Blue Good-by (1964)
#1 or any in series

Reader Response: Police procedural that captured the issues of the time as well as entertains.

Mosley, Walter. (*Easy Rawlins*) LA, CA
Black Betty (1994) #4
A Little Yellow Dog (1996) #5
Bad Boy Brawly Brown (2002) #7
Six Easy Pieces: 6 interconnected short stories (2003) #8
Little Scarlet (2004) #9
Cinnamon Kiss (2005) #10
Blonde Faith (2008) #11
Little Green (2014) #12
Rose Gold (2014) #13
Charcoal Joe (2016) #14

Nelscott, Kris. (*Smokey Dalton*) Memphis
A Dangerous Road (2000)
Smoke-Filled Rooms (2001)
Thin Walls (2002)
Stone cribs (2004)
War at Home (2005)
Days of Rage (2006)

Parker, T. Jefferson. CA
California Girl (2004)

Pelecanos, George. (*Derek Strange & Terry Quinn*) Washington, DC
Hard revolution (2004) #1

Shaw, William. (*Breen & Tozer*) London
She's Leaving Home (2014) #1

Reader Response: Well done procedural about female detective in difficult 1960s

Sjowall, Maj and Per Wahlöö
(*Martin Beck*) Stockholm
Roseanna (1965)

The Man Who Went Up in Smoke (1966)

Readers Response: Gritty police procedural both 1st 2nd titles capture the Swedish 1960s crime scene well and the “dyspeptic” detective. Compared to McBain’s 87th Precinct by Mankell. A contemporary series now seen as historical.

The Man on the Balcony (1967)
The Laughing Policeman (1968)
The Fire Engine That Disappeared (1969)
The Murder at the Savoy (1971)
The Abominable Man (1971)
The Locked Room (1972)
Cop Killer, the Story of a Crime (1974)
The Terrorists (1976)

Theroux, Paul. Small town USA
Murder in Mount Holly (1969)

Readers Response: Negative reviews—it took too long to be interesting and also had very little ‘60s in it.

Vichi, Marco. (*Inspector Bordelli*) Florence
Death in August (2011)

Reader Response: Loved this book, Bordelli and his dysfunctional life and friends, the food, the place, the details.
Death in the Olive Grove (2012)
Death in Sardinia (2012)
Death in Florence (2013)

Wortham, Reavis Z. (*Ned & Cody Parker*) TX
Rock Hole (2011)
Burrows (2012)
Right Side of Wrong (2013)
Vengeance is Mine (2014)
Dark Places (2015)
Unraveled (2016)

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