



# Supper Sleuths



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## Historical Mysteries Re-Do II

Read from old favorites like Barron, Doherty, Franklin, Perry, Peters, Saylor, Todd & Winspear or try something new. This is not an exhaustive list—rather a sampling of the most current titles in the Historical Mystery genre.

Alexander, Tasha. *And Only to Deceive* (2005)  
Lady Emily; 1; Elizabeth England

Arlen, Tessa. *Death of a Dishonorable Gentleman* (2015)  
Lady Monfort; 1

Bailey, Martine. *A Taste for Nightshade* (2016)  
19th Century England

Black, Benjamin. *Even the Dead*; (2015) #7 Quirke  
1950s Ireland **Reader Response: two cases come together & character propel story**

Brady, Conor. *June of Ordinary Murders* (2012)  
Joe Swallow; 1; Victorian Dublin

Brody, Frances. *Dying in the Wool* (2009)  
Kate Shackleton; 1; 1920s England  
**Reader Response: Early forensics interesting; cliffhanging skipping annoying; place better in 2<sup>nd</sup> half**

Brouwer, Sigmund. *Saffire* (2016) 1909 Panama

Burnet, Graeme. *His Bloody Project* (2016)  
1869 Scottish Highlands  
**Reader Response: Peter May readers may like; lack of suspense but Unreliable narrator; good time & place**

Cabasson, Armand. *The Officer's Prey* (2013).  
Napoleonic Murders; 1

Calkins, Susanna. *A Murder at Rosamund's Gate* (2013)  
Lucy Campion; 1; 17th Century England

Carr, Matthew. *The Devils of Cardona* (2016)  
16th Century Spain

Chance, Maia. *Come Hell or Highball* (2015)  
Discreet Retrieval Agency; 1; 1920's NYC  
**Readers Response: light sort of cozy, loads of fun series**

Davis, Lindsey. *The Ides of April* (2013)  
Flavia Albia; 1; Ancient Rome

Donoghue, Emma. *Frog Music* (2014) 1876 San Francisco  
Estleman, Loren. *Frames* (2008)  
Valentino; 1; Early 1900's LA  
**Readers Response: Based on true person—thin story, underdeveloped characters, too jumpy; several did not like; left unfinished**

Finch, Charles. *A Beautiful Blue Death* (2007)  
Charles Lenox; 1; Victorian England

Grecian, Alex. *The Yard*. (2012)  
Walter Day; 1; Victorian England  
**Reader Response: Despite some anachronistic language dark story of early Scotland Yard & rest of series**

Gulick, Robert Hans van . *The Chinese Bell Murders*.  
(1958) Judge Dee; 3 18<sup>th</sup> C. China  
**Reader Response: Characters seem authentic, some humor; captures place & time**

Hart, Elsa. *Jade Dragon Mountain* (2015)  
Li Du; 1; 18th Century China  
**Reader Response: Well done time & place; Preferred Gulick's story**

Hayes, J.M. *The Spirit and the Skull* (2014)  
Prehistoric Alaskan Tribe



Hunt, Andrew E. *City of Saints* (2012)  
Art Oveson; 1; 1930's Salt Lake City

Inbinder, Gary. *The Devil in Montmartre* (2014)  
Inspector Lefebvre; 1; 1889 Paris

Kasasian, M.R.C. *The Mangle Street Murders* (2014)  
Gower Street Detectives; 1; Victorian England

King, Laurie J. *O Jerusalem*. (1999)  
Mary Russell & Holmes 5; Palestine late 19<sup>th</sup> C.  
**Reader Response: Good time & place especially real  
Palestine details**

Koreto, R. J. *Death on the Sapphire* (2016)  
Lady Frances Ffolkes; 1; Edwardian England

Krugler, David. *The Dead Don't Bleed* (2016) WWII D.C.

Lovesey, Peter. *The False Inspector Dew*. (1982)  
1921 England **Readers Response: Based on real  
Crippen case, great farce, excellent intro to author**

Morrell, David. *Murder as a Fine Art* (2013)  
Thomas De Quincey; 1; 1850's London

O'Malley, Thomas. *Serpents in the Cold* (2015)  
Boston Saga; 1; 1950's

Overholt, Cuyler. *Deadly Affection* (2016)  
Dr. Genevieve Summerford; 1; Early 20th Century NYC

Pintoff, Stefanie. *In the Shadow of Gotham* (2009)  
Simon Ziele; 1; Early 1900's NYC

Price, Steven. *By Gaslight* (2016)  
William Pinkerto; Victorian London

Putnam, Jonathan. *These Honored Dead* (2016)  
1837 Illinois

Quick, Amanda. *Garden of Lies* (2015) Victorian England

Ramsay, Frederick. *The Eighth Veil* (2012)  
Gamaliel/Jerusalem; 1

Saunders, Kate. *The Secrets of Wishtide* (2016)  
Laetitia Rodd; 1; 1850's London

Shepherd, Lynn. *A Solitary Heart* (2012)  
Charles Maddox; 1; Victorian England

Simmons, Dan. *The Fifth Heart* (2015) 1893 America

Stewart, Amy. *Girl with Gun* (2015)  
Kopp sisters; 1; Early 1900's New Jersey  
**Readers Response: Based on real person; captured  
time&place; Sisters' relationship and lot of women**

Thomas, Sherry. *A Study in Scarlet* (2016)  
Lady Sherlock; 1

Thomson, E.S. *Beloved Poison* (2016)  
Jem Flockhart; 1; Victorian London

Weaver, Ashley. *Murder at the Brightwell* (2014)  
Amory Ames; 1; 1930s London

**Also see 1960s list for additional Historicals.**

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