



Off-beat mysteries

Kinki Lullaby, by Isaac Adamson

Call # MYS ADAMSON

This “punk noir” mystery takes place in Japan, where a wisecracking reporter investigates a string of violence beginning with a puppeteer and leading to gangsters and femme fatales.

Aunt Dimity and the Next of Kin, by Nancy Atherton

Call #MYS ATHERTON

The latest in Atherton’s cozy mystery series in which Lori, a rich American living in England, solves mysteries with the help of the ghost of Aunt Dimity.

Biggie and the Devil Diet, by Nancy Bell

Call #MYS BELL

Set in rural Texas and starring a quirky cast headed by a grande dame called Biggie, what’s not to like?

The Siren Queen, by Fiona Buckley

Call #MYS BUCKLEY

The Ursula Blanchard mystery series features a detective who is also the illegitimate half-sister and secret agent to Queen Elizabeth I.

The Prisoner of Vandam Street, by Kinky Friedman

Call #MYS FRIEDMAN

As usual, Kinky Friedman is funny, outrageous and kind of weird in this re-imagining of Alfred Hitchcock’s classic film, *Rear Window*.

Casual Rex/Anonymous Rex, by Eric Garcia

Call #MYS GARCIA

Vincent Rubio is a hard-boiled L.A. detective and...a dinosaur disguised with a human-shaped latex suit.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nigh-time, by Mark Haddon

Call #FIC HADDON

Christopher, a teenager who has Asperger’s Syndrome, sets out to solve the murder of his neighbor’s dog and ends up exposing some nasty family secrets.

Dead as a Doornail, by Charlaine Harris

Call# MYS HARRIS

Sookie Stackhouse is a Louisiana waitress who reads minds and solves mysteries involving vampires, werewolves and other unusual folk. And she has a sense of humor.

A Mystery of Errors, by Simon Hawke

Call #MYS HAWKE

A mystery set in Shakespearean England and featuring William Shakespeare as a main character.

Murder on the Iditarod Trail, by Sue Henry

Call #MYS HENRY

Murder mystery set against the backdrop of Alaska’s famed Iditarod race.

Casanova Crimes, by Nancy Herndon

Call #MYS HERNDON

Funny mystery set in a small Texas town featuring tough policewoman Elena Jarvis.

Don’t Cry for Me, Hot Pastrami, by Sharon Kahn

Call #MYS KAHN

Series featuring a murder-solving rabbi’s wife, lots of food and a Texas setting.

Viva Las Vengeance, by Daniel Klein

Call #MYS KLEIN

The detective in this mystery is none other than Elvis. Yes, *that* Elvis.

Motherless Brooklyn, by Jonathan Lethem

Call # MYS LETHEM

This hardboiled detective novel stars Lionel Essrog, an orphan from Brooklyn with intellectual tendencies and a bad case of Tourette’s.

Morality for Beautiful Girls, by Alexander McCall Smith

Call #MYS MCCALLSM

Mystery series set in the only ladies’ detective agency in Botswana, run by the unflappable Precious Ramotswe.

The Fencing Master, by Arturo Pérez-Reverte

Call # MYS PEREZ

Set in 1868 Madrid, this mystery of honor, chivalry and seduction focuses on a fencing master, an enigmatic woman and arcane fencing move.

Murder Plays House, by Ayelet Waldman

Call # MYS WALDMAN

Part of the *Mommy Track* mystery series. Former public defender Juliet Applebaum is now a stay-at-home-mom, but crime finds her nevertheless.