Cozy mysteries: American setting

Albert, Susan Wittig
China Bayles series
(Texas, features herbs and recipes)

Bell, Nancy
Biggie Weatherford series
(Texas)

Boylan, Eleanor
Clara Gamadge series
(old lady sleuth, New York City)

Breen, Jon L.
• Loose Lips (1990) - amateur sleuth Jerry Brogan goes to the horse races.

Day, Dianne
Fremont Jones series
(Mormons, Utah)

Harris, Charlaine
Aurora Teagarden series
(Georgia, Librarian sleuth)

McCrum, Sharyn
Elizabeth MacPherson series
(Appalachia)

Wolzien, Valerie
Susan Henshaw
(Connecticut)

Churchill, Jill
Grace & Favor series
(Depression-era Upstate New York)

Hall, Mary Bowen
Emma Chizzit series
(California, salvage company owner)

Langton, Jane
Homer Kelly series
(New England)

Lathen, Emma
John Putnam Thatcher series
(banking industry)

Lockridge, Frances and Richard
Pamela and Jerry North series
(New York City, humorous)

MacLeod, Charlotte
Sarah Kelling series
(Boston, Mass.)

Meier, Leslie
Lucy Stone series
(small town in Maine)

Meyers, Annette
Olivia Brown series
(1920’s Greenwich Village, samples of poetry)

Monfredo, Miriam Grace
Cain trilogy - US Civil War era
Seneca Falls series - US Civil War era

Here’s what you can expect in a typical cozy mystery:

• a gentle, entertaining read with no graphic violence or profanity.

• crime-fighter is an amateur sleuth, usually a woman.

• setting is a small town or village with likeable characters who reappear throughout the series.

• Strong plots with enough twists and turns to keep your mind engaged.

• often written as part of a series.

Source:
“What Makes a Cozy Just That?”
<http://www.cozy-mystery.com>
Cozy mysteries that involve crafts

Churchill, Jill
Jane Jeffry series
(needlepoint, catering business)

Sefton, Maggie
Kelly Flynn series
(Knitting)

McRae, Cricket
• Spin a Wicked Web (2009) LP
(Spinning)

Cozy mysteries with animals

Berenson, Laurien
Melanie Travis series
(dogs)

Lanier, Virginia
Jo Beth Siddon series
(bloodhound owner)

Tell me about a great book to read

Are you secretly wishing
you could write a mystery?
We have lots of guides for
aspiring writers. Check the
nonfiction stacks around
808.3872.

Braun, Lilian Jackson
Jim Qwilleran/ Koko/ Yum Yum series
(Siamese cats)

Douglas, Carole Nelson
Midnight Louie series
(cats, setting is Las Vegas, Nevada)

Brown, Rita Mae
Harry Haristeen series (cats)

Culinary cozy mysteries

Davidson, Diane Mott
Goldy Bear Schulz series
(Colorado, humor)

Page, Katherine Hall
Faith Sibley Fairchild series
(Massachusetts)

Pickard, Nancy/ Virginia Rich
Eugenia Potter series
(New England)

Tell me about a great book to read
Christie, Agatha
Miss Marple series
(English village, elderly lady sleuth)

Here’s an Agatha Christie read-alike for you in large print:
Mailliet, G.M.
• Death and the Lit Chick (2009)
  (Scottish castle)

Beaton, M.C.
Agatha Raisin series
(England, humor)

Frazer, Margaret
Sister Frevisse series
(Medieval Convent)

Gilman, Dorothy
Mrs. Polifax series
(Thief turned detective)

Hammond, Gerald
John & Beth Cunningham series
(dog breeders, Scotland)

Marsh, Ngaio
Roderick Alleyn series
(touch of the aristocracy, theater)

Neel, Janet
Jules Carlisle series
(England, contemporary social issues -
of interest to those who like legal stories)

Aird, Catherine
Inspector Sloan series - England
(some involve art or antiques)

Allingham, Margery
Albert Campion series - London,
England (many LP)

Atherton, Nancy
Aunt Dimity series
England - paranormal elements

Burley, W. J.
Charles Wycliffe series
England

Ferrars, E.X.
Traditional English village cozies

Paige, Robin
Lady Randolph Spencer Churchill series
Victorian era

Peters, Elizabeth
Vicky Bliss series (art and antiques)
Jacqueline Kirby series (librarian/
romance writer as sleuth)

Peters, Ellis
Brother Cadfael series
(Medieval Monastery)

Dunn, Carola
Daisy Dalrymple series
(1920s England - woman journalist)

Andrews, Donna
Meg Langslow series - (Virginia)
(Blacksmith, sculptor - some romance
and humor)

Arnold, Margot
Toby Glendower/Penny Spring series
(Woman anthropologist) Many LP

Bishop, Claudia
Quilliam Sisters
Tavern owners - New York state

Brightwell, Emily
Mrs. Jeffries series
(housekeeper, Victorian England)

Cannell, Dorothy
Ellie Haskell series
(interior decorator, humorous, England)

Hager, Jean
Iris House Bed & Breakfast series
Missouri

Hart, Carolyn
Death on Demand series
South Carolina, bookstore owner

Elkins, Aaron
Gideon Oliver series
(Forensics professor)