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**Maron, Margaret. CHRISTMAS MOURNING** After a beautiful young cheerleader dies in a car crash that was not an accident, Deborah Knott and sheriff's deputy Dwight Bryant must uncover what really happened before more death further clouds the Christmas season. See also: Corpus Christmas.

**Meier, Leslie. CHRISTMAS COOKIE MURDER** Lucy Stone finds a new mystery to solve when Christmas in Tinker's Cove turns deadly during the annual Cookie Exchange after Tucker Whitney, recently accused of stealing Lee Cummings' cookie recipe, is found murdered.

**Perry, Anne. A CHRISTMAS JOURNEY** A tranquil weekend party in early December at a magnificent country house is shattered by a suspicious death. Lady Vespasia Cuming-Gould must help her friend Isobel who is implicated in the suicide death of Gwendolen Kilmuir.

**Sefton, Maggie. FLEECE NAVIDAD** The knitters of Fort Connor, Colorado, including Juliet, the town librarian, are working feverishly on their Christmas projects, but when Juliet turns up dead, suspicion falls on a newcomer to the knitting group.

**Todd, Charles. A BITTER TRUTH** A battlefield nurse during World War I, Bess Crawford, returning to London for a well-earned Christmas leave, finds her holiday fraught with mystery and murder when she agrees to help a bruised and battered woman return to her small village in Sussex.

**Washburn, Livia. THE GINGERBREAD BUMP-OFF** While baking goodies for two large events and opening her home as part of the annual Christmas Tour of Homes, Phyllis Newsom discovers the murder of a close friend on her front porch.

**Wingfield, R.D. FROST AT CHRISTMAS** The irascible Detective Inspector Jack Frost spends the holiday season searching for a missing child with the help of a dubious psychic and a bumbling new partner.



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# MURDER UNDER THE MISTLETOE

An Annotated Book List for your  
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**Andrews, Donna. SIX GEESE-A-SLAYING** Meg Langslow, her husband Michael, and Chief Burke find the Christmas festivities interrupted by murder when the local curmudgeon playing Santa turns up dead.

**Atherton, Nancy. AUNT DIMITY'S CHRISTMAS** Lori Shepard's well-laid plans for holiday bliss are shattered when a mysterious stranger collapses in the driveway of her English cottage before Christmas and she teams up with a handsome Roman Catholic priest to solve the riddle of this John Doe's identity.

**Beaton, M.C. BUSY BODY** For the first time in her life, Agatha Raisin finds herself giving into the holiday cheer that has become infectious in the village. However, Mr. John Sunday of the Health and Safety Board is determined to be a modern-day Scrooge, and a few days later is murdered.

**Bradley, C. Alan. I AM HALF-SICK OF SHADOWS** Colonel de Luce rents his beloved estate to a film company. which will be shooting a movie over the holidays with a reclusive star. She is widely despised, so no one is surprised when she turns up murdered, strangled by a length of film from one of her own movies!

**Brightwell, Emily. MRS. JEFFRIES AND THE MISTLETOE MIX-UP** Under a bundle of mistletoe, art collector Daniel McCourt lies with his throat slit, a bloody sword next to his body. Inspector Witherspoon is determined to solve the case, and he will require assistance from the always sharp-witted housekeeper, Mrs. Jeffries.

**Brown, Rita Mae. SANTA CLAWED** Harry and her husband have gone to fetch a Christmas tree when they find the tree they've chosen grimly decorated with a dead body. Can Harry, sleuthing cats Mrs. Murphy and Pewter, and corgi Tee Tucker save the season from a killjoy who's decided to gift the festive little town of Crozet, Virginia, with murder?

**Caine, Leslie. HOLLY AND HOMICIDE** After an incompetent sheriff accuses interior designer Erin of murder and there's another gruesome killing, the only way out is to turn detective. Erin's new job: solve a mystery with too many clues...and far too many guilty parties.

**Coyle, Cleo. HOLIDAY GRIND** Coffeehouse manager Clare Cosi and her NYPD detective boyfriend discover the snowy body of a man dressed up in a Santa suit, and become convinced the death was more than a mugging gone awry.

**Craig, Alisa. MURDER GOES MUMMING** Inspector Madoc Rhys of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is invited to the Condrycke's Christmas house party and discovers a family with a penchant for practical jokes and a case of murder.



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**Davidson, Diane Mott. SWEET REVENGE** Catering a holiday breakfast for the local library staff, Goldy is shocked to see a supposedly dead woman who is believed to be Goldy's ex-husband's killer.

**Delany, Vicki. WINTER OF SECRETS** Constable Molly Smith would rather be skiing. It is Christmas Eve in Trafalgar, B.C., and she is stuck on duty. At midnight, a car has gone off the road and landed in the river. The two occupants are dead. When the coroner takes a closer look, the case becomes a murder investigation.

**Dunnett, Kaitlyn. A WEE CHRISTMAS HOMICIDE** 'Tis the season to be jolly, but in Moosetookalook, Maine, Christmas cheer is in short supply due to a snowless winter that's keeping skiers and shoppers at a distance. Shopkeeper Lisa MacCrimmon has a plan involving Tiny Teddies, the hot toy of the season-- which turns out to be a toy to die for...

**Ferris, Monica. A CREWEL YULE** The owner of Crewel World, a needlework shop, amateur detective Betsy Devonshire becomes caught up in the investigation into the death of a fellow shop owner, who dies during the annual needlework convention.

**Fluke, Joanne. PLUM PUDDING MURDER** When Larry Jaeger, the owner of the Crazy Elf Christmas Tree Lot, is murdered, bakery owner Hannah Swensen, must sift through a wealth of suspects before a murderous Scrooge strikes again.

**Goldenbaum, Sally. A HOLIDAY YARN** While Mary Pisano's family is staying at her new bed-and-breakfast to discuss her grandfather's will, her cousin is found murdered, and soon the Seaside (Mass.) Knitters are on the case.

**Harris, Charlene. SHAKESPEARE'S CHRISTMAS** While attending her sister's wedding, cleaning lady and karate expert, Lily Bard of Arkansas, investigates an unsolved kidnapping which occurred eight years earlier.

**Hart, Carolyn. MERRY, MERRY GHOST** When a determined heir moves to block a wealthy woman's attempt to include her newly discovered grandson in her will, it is up to good-intentioned ghost Bailey Ruth Raeburn to protect a little boy, foil a murderer, and save Christmas.

**Kingsbury, Kate. RINGING IN MURDER** In the midst of her preparations for a festive holiday celebration at the Pennyfoot Hotel and her friend Madeline's upcoming wedding, Cecily Sinclair Baxter must turn sleuth when a mysterious fire breaks out in a upstairs room, killing two guests.