Mystery

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Mysteries focus on solving a puzzle, usually involving a murder or murders. They can be light and humorous (cozy) or dark. They also vary in their level of violence and take place in a wide range of settings, including other time periods.

**CATS**
- Carole Nelson Douglas
- Clea Simon
- Jennifer J. Chow
- Lilian Jackson Braun
- Lydia Adamson
- Marian Babson
- Nancy Atherton
- Rita Mae Brown
- Sofie Kelly

**COZY**
- Agatha Christie
- Alan Bradley
- Carolyn G. Hart
- Carolyn Haines
- Dorothy Gilman
- Elizabeth Peters
- Gillian Roberts
- Jill Churchill
- Laura Levine
- M. C. Beaton
- Sophie Hannah

**FEMALE PROTAGONISTS**
- Linda A. Fairstein (prosecutor)
- Lis Wiehl (prosecutor)
- Marcia Muller (*Sharon McConne series*)
- Margaret Truman (*Washington, D. C.*)
- Mary Jane Clark (journalist)
- Sara Paretsky (private eye)
- Sue Grafton (private eye)

**REGIONAL, INTERNATIONAL SETTINGS**
- *Modern era*
  - Alexander McCall Smith (Africa)
  - Ann Cleeves (*Shetland Islands*), *Iceland*
  - Claire McGowan (Ireland)
  - Colin Cotterill (Laos)
  - Harry Bingham (Wales)
  - James Lee Burke (New Orleans)
  - Jane Casey (London)
  - Julie Smith (New Orleans)
  - Martin Cruz Smith (Russia, Cuba)
  - Oiu Xiaolong (China)
  - Patricia Gibney (Ireland)
  - Philip R. Craig (Martha’s Vineyard)
  - Tana French (Ireland)
  - Brian Klingborg (China)

**FORENSIC**
- Emphasize forensics and investigation
- Elizabeth Becka
- Jeff Lindsay (*Dexter series*)
- Jefferson Bass
- Jonathan Hayes
- Kathy Reichs
- Patricia Cornwell

**HARD-BOILED, NOIR**
- Dark and often violent
- Dashiell Hammett (Los Angeles)
- Dennis Lehane (Boston)
- Elmore Leonard (Detroit, Los Angeles)
- George Pelecanos (Washington, D.C.)
- Harlan Coben (New Jersey)
- Ian Rankin (Edinburgh)
- James Ellroy (Los Angeles)
- James W. Hall (Florida)
- Jason Starr (New York)
- John D. MacDonald (Florida)
- John Lutz (St. Louis)
- Jonathan King (Florida)
- Ken Bruen (London, Ireland)
- Lawrence Sanders (Palm Beach)
- Lee Child (Midwest cities)
- Lorn D. Estleman (Detroit)
- Michael Connelly (Los Angeles)
- Mickey Spillane (New York)
- Raymond Chandler (Los Angeles)
- Robert Crais (Los Angeles)
- T. Jefferson Parker (California)
- William G. Tapply (Boston)

**HISTORICAL**
- Adrian McKinty (1980s Ireland)
- Alys Clare (Norman England)
- Anne Perry (Victorian Britain)
- B. A. Scott (post-WWII Highlands)
- Barbara Hambly (19th c. New Orleans)
- Benjamin Black (post-WWII Ireland)
- C. J. Sansom (Tudor England)
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Candace Robb .......Medieval England
Jessica Ellicott.........WWI England
Charles Todd ...........WWI England
Cori Harrison ...........Ireland
Eliot Pattison ...........China
Jacqueline Winspear .......WWI England
James R. Benn ..........WMII
Jeri Westerson .........Medieval England
Laura Joh Rowland .........17th c. Japan
Laurie R. King .........1900s British Empire
Lindsey Davis .............Rome
Lynda Robinson ........ancient Egypt
Mary Reed ..........Medieval England
P. C. Doherty ...Medieval England, Egypt
Peter Tremayne ......Dark Age Ireland
Rhys Bowen .............19th c. New York
Rosemary Rowe ........ Roman Britain
Rosemary Simpson .......1880s New York
Ruth Downie .......... Roman Britain
Steven Saylor ............Rome
Sujata Massey ..........1920s India
Susan Elia MacNeal ......WWII
Susanna Gregory ...... Medieval England
Tasha Alexander ...... Victorian England
Victoria Thompson ......1890s New York

Betty Hechtman ..........crocheting
Clare O'Donohue .............quilting
Cynthia Riggs .... exotic flowers, plants
Diane Mott Davidson ..... culinary
Donna Andrews ..........birds
Earlene Fowler ..........quilting
G. A. McKevett ..........culinary
Isis Crawford ..........culinary
Jenn McKinlay ..........books
Joanne Fluke ..........culinary
Laura Childs ..........tea
Lorna Barrett ..........books
Lyn Hamilton .... antiques, archeology
Maggie Sefton ..........knitting
Molly MacRae ..........needlework
Monica Ferris ..........needlework
Nancy J. Parra ..........wine
Rett MacPherson ..........genealogy
Sally Goldenbaum ..........knitting
Sarah Graves ...... home improvement
Sheila Lowe .......... handwriting
Susan Conant .......... dogs
Susan Wittig Albert ..........herbs
Tamar Myers .......... culinary

PARANORMAL

Darynda Jones .......... Grim Reaper
Dolores Riccio .......... witches
Juliet Blackwell ..witch, haunted houses
Madelyn Alt .............witch
Shirley Damsgaard ......librarian, witch
Steve Hockensmith ..........tarot
Sue Ann Jaffarian ..........ghosts
Victoria Laurie ... psychic, ghost hunter

TRADITIONAL

Emphasis on puzzle; not as dark/violent
Agatha Christie
Dick Francis ..........horse racing
Elizabeth George .... England detective
John Dunning ..........book dealer
Jonathan Gash .......... antique dealer
Margery Allingham

Martha Grimes .......... England
Mike Ripmes .......... Mr. Campion
Ngaio Marsh ........ England policeman
P. D. James .... England police inspector
Peter Lovesey .......... England
Peter Robinson .......... police inspector
Robert B. Parker ...... Boston detective
Ruth Rendell .... England police inspector
Sophie Hannah .......... Hercule Poirot

WESTERN, NATIVE AMERICAN

Aimée and David Thurlo ...... Navajo
Anne Hillerman .......... Southwest
Betty Webb ........ Ariz. (Lena Jones)
C. J. Box ..................Wyoming
C. M. Wendelboe ........ South Dakota
Carol Potenza .......... New Mexico
Christine Carbo .......... Montana
Craig Johnson .......... Wyoming
Dana Stabenow .......... Alaska
Dave Butler .......... Canadian Rockies
Elizabeth Gunn ...... Ariz. (Sarah Burke)
Frank Hayes .......... Southwest U.S.
Gwen Florio .......... Montana, Dakota
J. A. Jance .......... Ariz. (Joanna Brady)
James Anderson .......... Utah
James D. Doss ........ Ute Indians, Colorado
John D. Nesbitt ........ Wyo. (in Western)
Karina Salvaglio .......... Mont. (Macy Greeley)
Keith McCafferty ..........Mont., Wyo.
Kevin Wolf .......... Colorado
Margaret Coel .......... Wyoming
Margaret Mizushima .......... Colorado
Nevada Barr .......... national parks
Patricia McLinn .......... Wyoming
Peter Bowen .......... Montana
R. J. Norgard .......... Montana
Robert J. Wolfe .......... Alaska
Sandi Ault .......... Colorado, New Mexico
Scott Graham .......... national parks
Shannon Baker .......... Arizona, Nebraska
Steven W. Horn .......... Cheyenne, Wyoming
Tony Hillerman .......... New Mexico

HUMOROUS

Carl Hiasaen
Charlaine Harris
Darynda Jones
Deborah Coonts
Elmore Leonard
Janet Evanovich
Jasper Fforde...shelved in Science Fiction
Joan Hess
K. J. Larsen
Nancy Martin
Tim Dorsey
Zoe Burke

NICHE

Usually cozy
Anne Canadeo .......... knitting
Mystery

Vicki Delany ............... British Columbia
(Constable Molly Smith)