

## Southern Mysteries - You can pick from this list or pick your own

Read the short story short “Why I Live at the PO” by Eudora Welty.

**Burke, James Lee** – “David Robicheaux” is a New Orleans detective. Mysteries take place in the swamplands in Louisiana.

1. The Neon Rain (1987)
2. Heaven’s Prisoners (1988)
3. Black Cherry Blues (1989)
4. A Morning for Flamingoes (1990)
5. A Stained White Radiance (1992)
6. In the Electric Mist with Confederate Dead (1993)
7. Dixie City Jam (1994)
8. Burning Angel (1995)
9. Cadillac Jukebox (1996)
10. Sunset Limited (1998)
11. Purple Cane Road (2000)
12. Jolie Blon’s Bounce (2002)
13. Last Car to Elysian Fields (2003)
14. Crusader’s Cross (2005)
15. Pegasus Descending (2006)
16. The Tin Roof Blowdown (2007)
17. Swan Peak (2008)
18. The Glass Rainbow (2010)
19. Creole Belle (2012)
20. Light of the World (2013)
21. Robicheaux (2018)
22. The New Iberia Blues (2019)

**Cohen, Nancy J.** – “Bad Hair Day Mysteries” - It features hairdresser Marla Shore, who solves crimes with wit and style under the sultry Florida sun. Several of these titles have made the Independent Mystery Booksellers Association bestseller list.

1. Permed to Death (1999)
2. Hair Raiser (2000)
3. Murder by Manicure (2001)
4. Body Wave (2002)
5. Highlights to Heaven (2003)
6. Died Blonde (2004)

7. Dead Roots (2005)
8. Perish by Pedicure (2006)
9. Killer Knots (2007)
10. Shear Murder (2012)
11. Hanging by a Hair (2016)
12. Peril by Ponytail (2015)
13. Facials Can be Fatal (2017)
14. Hair Brained (2017)
15. Trimmed to Death (2018)

**Connor, Beverly** – “Lindsay Chamberlain” is about an archaeologist with deep experience in Native American artifacts who loves solving old crimes related to archaeology. “Diane Fallon Forensic Investigation Series” focuses on the forensic anthropologist who is also a museum director as well as a detective (not by choice, mind you) who solves crimes related to her field of work.

Lindsay Chamberlain

1. A Rumor of Bones (1996)
2. Questionable Remains (1997)
3. Dressed to Die (1998)
4. Skeleton Crew (1999)
5. Airtight Case (2000)

Diane Fallon Forensic Investigation

1. One Grave Too Many (2003)
2. Dead Guilty (2004)
3. Dead Secret (2005)
4. Dead Past (2007)
5. Dead Hunt (2008)
6. Scattered Graves (2008)
7. Dust to Dust (2009)
8. The Night Killer (2010)
9. One Grave Less (2010)

**Copenhaver, John** – “Dodging and Burning (2018) - In a small Virginia town still reeling from World War II, a photograph of a beautiful murdered woman propels three young people into the middle of a far-reaching mystery.

**DePoy, Phillip** – “Fever Devilin Series” is about a folklorist who returns to his Appalachia home and murder and mayhem ensues. “Foggy Moskowitz” lives in Florida near a hidden Seminole encampment and works for Child Protective Services.

**Franklin, Tom** – “Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter” (2010) – Late 1970s Mississippi about two boyfriend pals who unite to solve a murder with ties to the past.

**Fulmer, David** – “Valentin St. Cyr” is a detective in 1907 Storyville (former New Orleans, Louisiana).

1. Chasing the Devil’s Tail (2001)
2. Jass (2005)
3. Rampart Street (2009)
4. Lost River (2009)
5. The Iron Angel (2015)
6. Eclipse Alley (2017)
7. The Day Ends at Dawn (2019)

**George, Anne** – “Southern Sisters” is a cozy mystery about impulsive widow Mary Alice and her skeptical ex-schoolteacher sister, Patricia Anne, who solve mysteries in the tavern they’ve purchased.

1. Murder on a Girls’ Night Out (1997)
2. Murder on a Bad Hair Day (1996)
3. Murder Runs in the Family (1997)
4. Murder Makes Waves (1997)
5. Murder Gets a Life (1998)
6. Murder Shoots the Bull (1999)
7. Murder Carries a Torch (2000)
8. Murder Boogies with Elvis (2001)

**Harris, Charlaine**--Charlaine Harris is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author who has been writing for over thirty years. Born and raised in the Mississippi River Delta area, she is the author of the Aurora Teagarden mysteries, which are the basis for the Hallmark Movies & Mysteries Aurora Teagarden original movies; the Sookie Stackhouse urban fantasy series, which was the basis for the HBO show *True Blood*; the Midnight, Texas series, which is the basis for the NBC show of the same name; the Shakespeare mysteries; the Harper Connelly mysteries; and the Cemetery Girl mysteries. Harris now lives in Texas with her husband.

**Aurora Teagarden Series:** An ingenious plot and sufficient flow of blood keep the pages flying in Harris's ( Sweet and Deadly ) third novel, as a series of killings patterned after celebrated murders is perpetrated on the small community of Lawrenceton, Ga. Twenty-eight-year-old Aurora (Roe) Teagarden, professional librarian, belongs to the Real Murders club, a group of 12 enthusiasts who gather monthly to study famous baffling or unsolved crimes.

1. Real Murders (1990)
2. A Bone to Pick (1992)
3. Three Bedrooms, One Corpse (1994)
4. The Julius House (1994)
5. Dead Over Heels (1996)
6. A Fool and His Honey (1999)
7. Last Scene Alive (2002)
8. Poppy Done to Death (2003)
9. All the Little Liars (2016)
10. Sleep Like a Baby (2017)

**Lily Bard Series:** Lily Bard is a loner. Fiercely protective of her independence, she concentrates on her karate skills and her work as the proprietor of a cleaning and errand-running service, and pays little attention to the town around her.

1. Shakespeare's Landlord (1996)
2. Shakespeare's Champion (1997)
3. Shakespeare's Christmas (1998)
4. Shakespeare's Trollop (2000)
5. Shakespeare's Counselor (2001)

**Sookie Stackhouse Series:** Sookie Stackhouse is just a small-time cocktail waitress in small-town Louisiana. Until the vampire of her dreams walks into her life-and one of her coworkers checks out....

1. Dead Until Dark (2001)
2. Living Dead in Dallas (2002)
3. Club Dead (2003)
4. Dead to the World (2004)
5. Dead as a Doornail (2005)
6. Definitely Dead (2006)
7. All Together Dead (2007)
8. From Dead to Worse (2008)
9. Dead and Gone (2008)
10. Dead in the Family (2010)
11. Dead Reckoning (2011)
- 11.5. *If I Had a Hammer* (2011) (in Home Improvement)
12. Deadlocked (2012)
13. Dead Ever After (2013)
- 13.5. After Dead (2013)
- One Word Answer (2009)
- A Touch of Dead (2009)
- The Sookie Stackhouse Companion (2011)
- Dancers in the Dark (2013)
- Playing Possum (2013)
- The Complete Sookie Stackhouse Stories (2017)

**Helms, Richard** – “Judd Wheeler” is the Chief of Police in Prosperity, North Carolina. Six Mile Creek (2010) is in the system.

**Hiaasen, Carl**

**Hill, Russell**—“ The Lord God Bird” The Lord God Bird is a startling novel filled with dark images of America in the South in 1949.

**James, Miranda**- “Cat in the Stacks Mystery” Everyone in Athena, Mississippi, knows librarian Charlie Harris-and his Maine coon cat named Diesel that he walks on a leash....

1. Murder Past Due (2010)
2. Classified as Murder (2011)
3. File M for Murder (2012)
4. Out of Circulation (2013)
5. The Silence of the Library (2014)
6. Arsenic and Old Books (2015)
7. No Cats Allowed (2016)
8. Twelve Angry Librarians (2017)
9. Claws for Concern (2018)
10. Six Cats a Slayin' (2018)
11. The Pawful Truth (2019)
12. Careless Whiskers (2020)
13. Cat Me If You Can (2020)

**James, Miranda continued** --returns to Athena, Mississippi, with the first Southern Ladies mystery featuring Miss An'gel and Miss Dickce Ducote, two snoopy sisters who are always ready to lend a helping hand.

“A Southern Ladies Mystery”

1. Bless Her Dead Little Heart (2014)
2. Dead with the Wind (2015)
3. Digging Up the Dirt (2016)
4. Fixing to Die (2017)

**Kovacs, Ed** – "Cliff St. James" In a city overwhelmed with murder and mayhem, the last homicide before a Category 5 hurricane wipes out New Orleans is quickly forgotten and remains unsolved. Until now.

1. Storm Damage (2011)
2. Good Junk (2012) (currently not available...being ordered)
3. Burnt Black (2013)

**Leeson, Gayle** – "Down South Café Mystery" – a cozy mystery series about a café owner in Virginia who solves mysteries.

Silence of the James (2017) and The Calamity Café (2016) are audiobooks in the system.

**Locke, Attica** – "Jay Porter Series" is about a lawyer who starts over in Texas [Black Water Rising (2009) and Pleasantville (2015)]. "Highway 59" centers on Darren Mathews, a black Texas Ranger working the backwoods towns of Highway 59 [Bluebird, Bluebird (2017) and Heaven, My Home (2019)]. The Cutting Season is about a 21<sup>st</sup> century murder on a plantation in Louisiana.

**Lyle, D.P.** – "Jake Longly" is an ex-professional baseball player who works for his detective father in Gulf Shore Florida.

1. Deep Six (2016)
2. A-List (2017)
3. Sunshine State (2019)

**Maron, Margaret** – "Judge Deborah Knott's" Deborah Knott, an attorney attempting to infiltrate the old boy network of tobacco country by running for district judge, is distracted from the race, and almost eliminated, when she finds new evidence to an old small-town murder.

1. Bootlegger's Daughter (1992)
2. Southern Discomfort (1993)
3. Shooting At Loons (1994)
4. Up Jumps the Devil (1996)
5. Killer Market (1997)
6. Home Fires (1998)
7. Storm Track (2000)

8. Uncommon Clay (2001)
9. Slow Dollar (2002)
10. High Country Fall (2004)
11. Rituals of the Season (2005)
- 11.5. Bewreathed (2012)
12. Winter's Child (2006)
13. Hard Row (2007)
14. Death's Half Acre (2008)
15. Sand Sharks (2009)
16. Christmas Mourning (2010)
17. Three-Day Town (2011)
- 17.5. With This Ring (2012)
18. The Buzzard Table (2012)
19. Designated Daughters (2014)
20. Long Upon the Land (2015)

**Pickens, Cathy** – “Attorney Avery Andrews” left her BMW behind in Columbia, South Carolina, along with her job at a high-powered law firm. She's come back home to Dacus where the vehicle of choice is a pickup truck with a dog chained in the back. Avery wants time to rethink her career and her life. What she gets is a bossy great aunt drumming up clients and dragging her to social teas. That's how Avery ends up hired by a local factory to help with a messy environmental problem. But she's at Luna Lake when divers find a car containing a corpse because an old high school classmate is trying to get her attention with a half-baked stunt. Now, the discovery of the dead body sweeps Avery into a red hot case...and into the sizzling secrets of small town life, where some people get away with murder.

1. Southern Fried (2004)
2. Done Gone Wrong (2005)
3. Hog Wild (2007)
4. Hush My Mouth (2008)
5. Can't Never Tell (2009)

**Pooler-Carter, Rosemary**—“Women of Magdalene” A fictional account of a doctor in post-Civil War Louisiana who exposes the head of a women's asylum as a fraud and a murderer, built around themes of mysogyny and racism.

**Shames, Terry**--With the chief of police out of commission, trusted ex-chief “Samuel Craddock” steps in--again.

1. A Killing At Cotton Hill (2013)
2. The Last Death of Jack Harbin (2014)
3. Dead Broke in Jarrett Creek (2014)
4. A Deadly Affair at Bobtail Ridge (2015)
5. The Necessary Murder of Nonie Blake (2016)
6. An Unsettling Crime for Samuel Craddock (2017)
7. A Reckoning in the Back Country (2018)
8. A Risky Undertaking for Loretta Singletary (2019)

**Shelton, Paige** --At Gram's Country Cooking School, Betts and Gram are helping students prepare the perfect dishes for the Southern Missouri Show-Down, the cook-off that draws the first of the summer visitors. Everything is going smoothly until they discover the body of local theater owner Everett Morningside in the school's supply closet, and Everett's widow points an accusatory finger at Gram. Now, Betts has to dig deep into Broken Rope's history to find the modern-day killer-before the last piece of chicken is served...

1. If Fried Chicken Could Fly (2012)
2. If Mashed Potatoes Could Dance (2012)
3. If Bread Could Rise to the Occasion (2013)
4. If Catfish Had Nine Lives (2014)
5. If Onions Could Spring Leeks (2015)

**Toussaint, Maggie**--While planting a cherry tree, landscaper "Baxley Powell" discovers a human skull buried in the sand. After calling the sheriff, Baxley uses her dreamwalking abilities to get a jump-start on identifying the victim.

**DreamWalker Paranormal Mystery Series:**

1. Gone And Done It (2014)
2. Bubba Done It (2015)
3. Doggone It (2016)
4. Dadgummit (2017)
5. Confound It (2018)
6. Dreamed It (2019)

**Webb, Peggy**--She likes to describe herself as "Southern to the bone and a pillar of the church and community," but her friends say she is as down-to-earth and zany as the characters in her books. They say you can't get to Heaven without passing through the Eternal Rest Funeral Home. And no one gets



into Eternal Rest without passing muster with Elvis - the basset hound who's convinced he's the reincarnation of the King of Rock 'n' Roll. Brewing up a big ol' pitcher of Mississippi mystery, Peggy Webb's delightful new series is as intoxicating as the Delta breeze.

**Southern Cousins Series:**

1. Elvis and the Dearly Departed (2008)
  2. Elvis and the Grateful Dead (2009)
  3. Elvis and the Memphis Mambo Murders (2010)
  4. Elvis and the Tropical Double Trouble (2011)
  5. Elvis and the Blue Christmas Corpse (2012)
  6. Elvis and the Bridegroom Stiffs (2014)
  7. Elvis and the Rock-A-Hula Baby Capers (2015)
  - 7.5. Elvis and the Buried Brides (2015)
  8. Elvis and the Pink Cadillac Corpse (2017)
  9. Elvis and the Blue Suede Bones (2018)
  10. Elvis and the Devil in Disguise (2019)
- Jack Loves Callie Tender (2013)