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Simmer Down Jessica Conant-Park 2015-12-08 An “appealing heroine” and her chef boyfriend take on a case of murder by food processor in this Boston-set culinary mystery. Includes recipes! (Publishers Weekly) After months between gigs, Chloe Carter’s dishy boyfriend, Josh Driscoll, has just landed his dream job: executive chef at Simmer, Boston’s soon-to-be hottest new restaurant. As Josh preps for a New Year’s Eve grand opening, Chloe, on winter break from grad school, hooks him up with Food for Thought, an annual charity fundraiser. It seems like a win-win—Simmer will give the dining public a tantalizing taste of things to come, and Josh will showcase his culinary talents—until murder makes a late addition to the menu. It’s not the kind of publicity Chloe was looking for. Now wealthy club owner Oliver Kipper is dead, bludgeoned to death. The murder weapon is a state-of-the-art professional-grade food processor that, unfortunately, belongs to Josh. By opening night, the list of suspects, including Josh’s ex-girlfriends, is almost as long as the line to get into Simmer. Suddenly, Chloe’s risking her life to unmask a killer in a town where murder is becoming an acquired taste. This ebook features mouth-watering recipes sure to satisfy more than just your appetite for crime. Simmer Down is the 2nd book in the Gourmet Girl Mysteries, but you may enjoy reading the series in any order.

Gaits of Heaven Susan Conant 2007 Called in to train a dysfunctional New Age couple's dog, Holly Winter stumbles into the middle of the family's secrets when the wife dies of an accidental overdose and the victim's daughter persuades Holly that it was murder.

The Barker Street Regulars Susan Conant 2009-10-14 Susan Conant continues to surprise--this time by involving dog writer Holly Winter in a wickedly amusing tale full of dastardly deeds and delightful eccentrics. An avid devotion to the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and an equally avid devotion to dogs, combine to draw Holly Winter and her two beloved malamutes, Rowdy and Kimi, into one of Conant's most original and entertaining mysteries to date. Rowdy has finished his training as a therapy dog and now accompanies Holly on weekly visits to the Gateway Nursing Home, where they meet Althea Battlefield, still formidable at the age of ninety, and her two elderly, admiring cohorts, Hugh and Robert--all fanatic devotees of the Master (as they call Sherlock Holmes). When Althea's grandnephew is murdered at the home of her younger sister, Ceci, everyone is horrified, but it's the plight of Ceci herself--who is being victimized by an unscrupulous animal psychic--that finally unites this unlikely group in a crime-stopping spree that requires not only the finely tuned ratiocination of the Holmes admirers but the

eager cooperation of an outraged Holly and the very particular talents of her willing canine accomplices. No special knowledge of the Sherlockian canon is required for the utmost enjoyment of this engaging romp, and Conant's own devoted followers will be delighted to find her dog-loving alter ego, Holly Winter, still poking fun at the world of Cambridge eccentrics and dog fancy fanatics, but also expanding her horizons into the world of literary trivia and--yes--feline rescue, however initially reluctant. From the Hardcover edition.

Steamed Jessica Conant-Park 2007-02-06 More information to be announced soon on this forthcoming title from Penguin USA

The Persian Always Meows Twice Eileen Watkins 2017-09-26 Cat lovers are thrilled to welcome an expert groomer to the picturesque town of Chadwick. But scratch below the surface, and unmasking a killer becomes a game of cat and mouse . . . Professional cat grooming isn't all fluff--when the fur starts flying, Cassie McGlone, owner of Cassie's Comfy Cats, handles her feistiest four-legged clients with a caring touch and nerves of steel. While these qualities certainly help keep her business purring, they also come in handy when she makes a house call to her best client, millionaire George DeLeuw, and discovers his murdered body next to his newly orphaned Persian, Harpo. To help the local police find the actual killer, Cassie begins her own investigation. But no one, from George's housekeeper to his vindictive ex-wife, is giving up clues. Not until Cassie is given permission to temporarily board Harpo does anyone show interest in the Persian's wellbeing. Someone is desperate to get their paws on Harpo before the feline helps untangle a felony. Are there deadly truths that a cat whisperer like Cassie can coax out? She needs to tread lightly and remember she gets one life, not nine. . . . "A delightful debut mystery. It's smart, well-plotted, and features a cast of characters--both human and feline--that I want to see more of. This book will be catnip for cat lovers." --Laurien Berenson, author of *Wagging through the Snow* "The purr-fect mystery to curl up with for a lovely cozy read, preferably with a cup of tea, cuddly cat optional but recommended." --Leslie Meier, author of *Turkey Trot Murder*

Cook the Books Jessica Conant-Park 2015-12-08 It's a recipe for disaster when Chloe Carter takes a job working for a cookbook writer—and plunges into a sizzling stew of malice and murder If you can't take the heat . . . Gourmet girl Chloe Carter is keeping busy with grad school and spoiling her best friend's three-month-old son. Now, courtesy of Craigslist, she has a new job as assistant to cookbook author Kyle Boucher—a job that stirs up painful memories of her ex-boyfriend Josh, who chose the shimmering beaches of Hawaii over a life with her on the mean streets of Boston. The gig heats up when Boucher asks her to compile a book of recipes from Boston's top chefs. Chloe leaps from the frying pan into the fire when she arrives for a meeting with Digger, one of Josh's friends and a rival chef, and discovers a dead body instead. Digger died of smoke inhalation from a blaze that started in his kitchen. Unable to believe that an executive chef would allow a grease fire to get so out of control, Chloe starts an unofficial search for the murderer. As if she didn't have enough on her plate already, now Josh is back in town. Chloe must decide where her future truly lies, but as a killer prepares to strike again, the amateur detective will find herself racing against time to protect those nearest and dearest to her. This ebook features mouth-watering recipes sure to satisfy more than just your appetite for crime. *Cook the Books* is the 5th book in the *Gourmet Girl Mysteries*, but you may enjoy reading the series in any order.

Fed Up Jessica Conant-Park 2015-12-08 Boston foodie and amateur detective Chloe Carter has enough on her plate without someone dying on a reality TV show after dining on her chef boyfriend's lamb le poison Chloe Carter is ready for her fifteen minutes of vicarious fame. Her boyfriend, Josh Driscoll, is competing with two other chefs to win *Chefly Yours*, a cable reality series. The show takes place at an upscale market, where a random shopper is selected to be the lucky recipient of a home-cooked gourmet

meal; the winning chef is then chosen by the viewers. But Josh's television career might be over before it starts when a shopper's wife, Francie, dies after dining on his signature lamb chops and pesto gnocchi. It wasn't Josh's cooking that killed Francie. It was a lethal dose of poison. In between planning her best friend's wedding and helping at her parents' landscaping business, Chloe sifts through suspects ranging from Josh's rival contestants to pranksters who may have taken a joke too far. Was Francie the intended victim? Or was she simply in the wrong place at the wrong time? The discovery of her true identity and a secret Josh has been keeping conspire to disrupt the wedding as Chloe faces off against a killer ready to turn the impending nuptials into a fatal feeding frenzy. This ebook features mouth-watering recipes sure to satisfy more than just your appetite for crime. Fed Up is the 4th book in the Gourmet Girl Mysteries, but you may enjoy reading the series in any order.

Cat Got Your Diamonds Julie Chase 2016-11-08 Grandeur and opulence are everything in the famed New Orleans Garden District where pets are family and no bling is too big. Opening Furry Godmother, pet boutique and organic treat bakery, is Lacy Marie Crocker's dream come true--until the glitter gun used to make her Shih Tzu tutus becomes a murder weapon. And Lacy becomes public enemy #1. Now Detective Jack Oliver is hounding Lacy, and her Furry Godmother investor wants out before his name is tarnished by association. To make matters worse, a string of jewel heists with suspicious ties to the murder case has New Orleans residents on edge. To save her dream, Lacy must take a stand, put her keen eyes to work, and unravel what really happened at her shop that night. But can Lacy sniff out the killer cat burglar in time to get her tail-raising designs on the catwalk? Witty and whimsical, *Cat Got Your Diamonds*, the first in a new cozy series by Julie Chase, will be the cat's meow for fans of Rita Mae Brown and Miranda James.

Evil Breeding Susan Conant 2009-10-07 Dog's Life columnist Holly Winter has just landed a plum contract to write a book on Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge's legendary pre-World War II dog shows. Holly arranges to interview one of the last living participants in those fabulously opulent and exclusive shows: canine fancier B. Robert Motherway. But there's something decidedly unsettling about the gracious old gent's imposing home with its acres of kennels. His dying wife wails piteously in an upstairs room, his servants are his sullen son and his downtrodden daughter-in-law, and his favorite German shepherd dog has an ill-bred snarl. Meanwhile, Holly's mail is laced with anonymous packages--old photographs, letters in German, and a brochure on pills for listless pooches. Nothing makes sense until a garroted body is found in a nearby cemetery. Suddenly Holly and her Alaskan malamutes, Rowdy and Kimi, are on a seventy-year-old trail of deception, decadence, and death. And either they unearth the skeletons or join them. From the Paperback edition.

[Simmer Down](#) Jessica Conant-Park 2008 CONANT PARK/SIMMER DOWN

The Cat, the Sneak and the Secret Leann Sweeney 2015-08-04 In the latest from the author of *The Cat, the Vagabond and the Victim*, a feline with a penchant for pilfering ends up unearthing a deadly mystery.... Jillian Hart and Tom are finally tying the knot, but first they need to make sure Tom's stepson, Finn, is as comfortable as possible in the lake house they will all call home. So when it becomes clear that Finn has fallen for a pretty cat from the Mercy Animal Sanctuary, Jillian and Tom readily agree to make room for one more—even though the tortoiseshell kitty is a notorious kleptomaniac. So far, the cat has sneaked out of the adoption center time after time, bringing back trinkets, shoelaces, and socks. But when she brings back an antique locket, Finn enlists Tom's and Jillian's sleuthing skills. They hope to return the treasured item to its owner, but their search for answers is sidetracked when a body is found. Still, their sneaky cat's find may just lead them to a killer....

Simmer Down Susan Conant 2008-03-04 After a trendy club owner is bludgeoned with a food processor, Gourmet Girl Chloe Carter finds the list of suspects longer than the line to get in to Simmer, her chef boyfriend's hot new restaurant.

100 Most Popular Contemporary Mystery Authors Bernard Alger Drew 2011 Provide your mystery fans with background information on their favorite writers and series characters, and use this as a guide for adding contemporary titles to your collections. * Provides interesting and informative profiles of 100 popular, contemporary mystery and crime writers as well as overviews of their series characters * Contains over 60 author photographs * A bibliography lists information on each author's works as well as supporting source materials for the profiles

What Do I Read Next? Neil Barron 2005-10-21 Provides synopses for over 1,500 titles of current popular fiction and recommends other books by such criteria as authors, characters portrayed, time period, geographical setting, or genre

All Shots Susan Conant 2007 While searching for a missing Siberian husky, Cambridge, Massachusetts, malamute trainer Holly Winter stumbles upon the corpse of a woman calling herself Holly Winter and investigates a crime that could be linked to the town's third Holly Winter, a dog-ha

A New Leash on Death Susan Conant 2002-08-01 At dog obedience trials, fighting is common -- especially between owners. But Dog's Life columnist Holly Winter is shocked when a mere training session ends in murder. Between sit, heel and the final long down, a retired doctor takes the longest down of all -- strangled with his malamute Rowdy's leash! And when Holly takes the big, beautiful orphaned dog home, he quickly becomes her cherished new partner in digging up clues to a crime that cuts to the bone with betrayal . . . and touches the heart of everyone who has ever loved a dog.

The Publishers Weekly 2006

Book Review Index 2006 Every 3rd issue is a quarterly cumulation.

Turn Up the Heat Jessica Conant-Park 2015-12-08 Foodie and sometimes sleuth Chloe Carter smells something fishy when a waitress from a popular new Boston restaurant turns up dead in a seafood delivery truck Having an executive chef boyfriend guarantees Chloe Carter the best table at Simmer, Boston's hottest new restaurant, any night of the week. But the Back Bay foodie's incredible comped dinners are usually enjoyed without Josh, whose pressure-cooker job has taken over his life. The same can't be said of Leandra, the pretty blond Simmer server whose body was just found in a seafood delivery truck. The truck belongs to Owen, the fiancé of Chloe's best friend, Adrianna. And Owen has no alibi for the night Leandra was strangled with her apron strings and dumped in his truck. But Chloe is sure he didn't do it. There are plenty of other people with motive to off the unpleasant waitress, starting with Leandra's lover—and Simmer's owner—Gavin Seymour. And now some expensive cooking equipment is missing, including a mandolin slicer, an eight-inch chinois, and Josh's favorite knife. If Chloe isn't careful while trying to clear Owen's name, the amateur sleuth could be next to sleep with the fishes! This ebook features mouth-watering recipes sure to satisfy more than just your appetite for crime. Turn Up the Heat is the 3rd book in the Gourmet Girl Mysteries, but you may enjoy reading the series in any order.

No Escape Claws Sofie Ryan 2019-01-29 Sarah Grayson and her feline ally, Elvis, get a chance to see if their sleuthing skills are up to scratch in the sixth installment of the New York Times bestselling Second Chance Cat Mysteries. It's fall in North Harbor, Maine, where Sarah owns a charming secondhand shop

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and sells lovingly refurbished items of all kinds. The shop is always bustling--and not just because a quirky team of senior-citizen detectives works out of it and manages to get in even more trouble than Sarah's rough-and-tumble rescue cat, Elvis. A cold case heats up when young Mallory Pearson appears at the shop. Mallory's father is in prison for negligence after her stepmother's mysterious death, but Mallory believes he is innocent and asks the in-house detectives to take on the case. With Sarah and Elvis lending a paw, the detectives decide to try to give Mallory's father a second chance of his own.

The Readers' Advisory Guide to Mystery John Charles 2012 Revision of: The mystery readers' advisory: the librarian's clues to murder and mayhem / John Charles, Joanna Morrison, [and] Candace Clark. -- Chicago: American Library Association, 2002.

Cat Secrets Jef Czekaj 2011-11-15 I'm sorry—this book is not for you. This book is for CATS ONLY. What's that you say? You are a cat? Okay . . . get ready to prove it!

Why Cats Paint Burton Silver 2006 In 1994, WHY CATS PAINT took the art world and animal world by storm with its unprecedented photographic record of cat creativity. Those seminal books in feline aesthetics are now offered in new pocket-size editions filled with the best from each volume, making purrfect gifts for cat lovers and art lovers alike. Reviews "great for stocking stuffers."-Cleveland Plain Dealer

Paws Before Dying Susan Conant 1991

Steamed Jessica Conant-Park 2015-12-08 Chloe Carter's Internet date commits the ultimate gastronomic faux pas: He dies before dessert Ever in search of the perfect meal—and the perfect man—twenty-something grad student and food connoisseur Chloe Carter draws the line at speed dating. But when the Massachusetts native reluctantly signs up for Back Bay Dates, she's soon communicating with a guy after her own heart. According to his online bio, DinnerDude is Eric Rafferty, a blond, six-foot foodie. They meet at a five-star restaurant where everyone seems to know Eric, and he and Chloe are given the celebrity treatment. But their first date turns out to be their last: Before Chloe can say crème brûlée, Eric is found in the men's room, fatally stabbed in the neck. Suddenly at the center of an investigation into the life of a man she barely knew, Chloe plunges into the cutthroat world of trendy restaurants. Her romantic life picks up again when she meets sexy chef Josh Driscoll—who's also the prime suspect in Eric's murder. This ebook features mouth-watering recipes sure to satisfy more than just your appetite for crime. Steamed is the 1st book in the Gourmet Girl Mysteries, but you may enjoy reading the series in any order.

Scratch the Surface Susan Conant 2005 The author of a popular series of cat mysteries, Felicity Pride turns sleuth when she finds a cat and a corpse on her doorstep, investigating suspects that range from an avid pet-hater and a highbrow professor to her primary rival in the field.

The Gourmet Girl Mysteries Volume One Jessica Conant-Park 2017-07-11 Bostonian foodie Chloe Carter is after the perfect meal and the perfect man—but death keeps finding her at the dinner table—in these three mysteries. Grad student and food connoisseur Chloe Carter has had more success navigating the gastronomic treasures of Boston than finding love. And when murders are linked to upscale restaurants, she must use all her culinary and investigative expertise to solve the cases. Steamed: Chloe meets Eric, her online match, at a five-star restaurant. But before dessert is even served he's found dead in the men's room. Suddenly, Chloe is plunged into the cutthroat world of trendy restaurants and murder investigations. Along the way she connects with a sexy chef—but is he Eric's killer? Simmer Down:

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Chloe's dishy boyfriend, Josh Driscoll, has just landed his dream job as executive chef at the new restaurant Simmer. As he preps for a New Year's Eve grand opening, Chloe hooks him up with Food for Thought, an annual charity fundraiser. Everything is going perfectly—until murder makes a late addition to the menu. Turn Up the Heat: Having an executive chef boyfriend guarantees Chloe the best table at Simmer, Boston's hottest new restaurant, any night of the week. So when the body of one of Simmer's waitresses is found dead in a seafood delivery truck and expensive cooking equipment goes missing, Chloe is on the case.

The Moon Dragon (The Secrets of Droon #26) Tony Abbott 2016-02-23 A hidden door. A magical staircase. Discover the world of Droon! There's no place like home! Eric and his friends have finally restored the Rainbow Stairs, but that was the easy part. Now Gethwing is loose in the Upper World, and the Moon Dragon is causing big trouble. Eric, Julie, and Neal have to protect their town, but they're up against mysterious creatures, strangely-behaving parents, and powerful magic. Can the kids stop Gethwing before he destroys the Upper World -- for good?

Murder at the Book Club Betsy Reavley 2018-08-07 Something bad is brewing among a friendly group of book lovers: "A deliciously Agatha Christie-style mystery that sucks you in from the first page." —Sibel Hodge, bestselling author of *Look Behind You* Imagine nine women meeting. Tea and cake are on the coffee table. They've come together to share their love of books. They are friends. They trust each other. It's a happy gathering. What could be more harmless? Then scratch the surface and look closer. One is lonely. One is desperate. And one of them is a killer. When the body of a woman is discovered on a Cambridge common, DCI Barrett and DI Palmer are called in to investigate. But the motive behind the crime isn't clear—and it all leads back to a book club. As the lies, volatile friendships, and tension among the group rise to the surface, DCI Barrett and DI Palmer must work out the motive and track down a cold-blooded killer. But just when they think they're on the right track, a twist in the plot throws them off course . . . "Will keep readers guessing till the very end!" —J.A. Baker, bestselling author of *The Other Mother* "A deliciously devilish whodunit!" —Robert Bryndza, bestselling author of the Detective Erika Foster series

Bride & Groom Susan Conant 2005 On the eve of her wedding, dog trainer Holly Winter investigates the crimes of a serial killer who targets female dog lovers, a case complicated by Holly's discovery that she may be next on the killer's list of potential victims.

The Persian Always Meows Twice Eileen Watkins 2019-10-29 Cat lovers are thrilled to welcome an expert groomer to the picturesque town of Chadwick. But scratch below the surface, and unmasking a killer becomes a game of cat and mouse . . . When the fur starts flying, Cassie McGlone, owner of Cassie's Comfy Cats, handles her feistiest four-legged clients with a caring touch and nerves of steel. While these qualities certainly help keep her business purring, they also come in handy when she makes a house call to her best client, millionaire George DeLeuw, and discovers his murdered body next to his newly orphaned Persian, Harpo. A cat whisperer like Cassie might be able to coax out some important clues from Harpo, but she needs to tread lightly and remember she gets one life, not nine. . . . "Fans of felines will appreciate Cassie's demonstrated attachment to the master species, which Watkins successfully integrates throughout her debut, a deft blend of mystery and cat love." —Kirkus Reviews "A promising start to a new cozy series. And the information the author provides about cats is fascinating." —Suspense Magazine

American Book Publishing Record 2003

Library Journal 2005

Scratch the Surface Susan Conant 2006-07-05 When mystery author Felicity Pride stumbles upon a gray Chartreux snuggled up against a corpse (in her own vestibule!), she's determined to solve the crime just like her own fictional sleuth would do. Naturally she wants to know who the victim is, who did it, and what publicity value it all has. What unfolds is more surprising than anything she's ever plotted on paper.

Phantoms in the Brain V. S. Ramachandran 1999-08-18 Neuroscientist V.S. Ramachandran is internationally renowned for uncovering answers to the deep and quirky questions of human nature that few scientists have dared to address. His bold insights about the brain are matched only by the stunning simplicity of his experiments -- using such low-tech tools as cotton swabs, glasses of water and dime-store mirrors. In *Phantoms in the Brain*, Dr. Ramachandran recounts how his work with patients who have bizarre neurological disorders has shed new light on the deep architecture of the brain, and what these findings tell us about who we are, how we construct our body image, why we laugh or become depressed, why we may believe in God, how we make decisions, deceive ourselves and dream, perhaps even why we're so clever at philosophy, music and art. Some of his most notable cases: A woman paralyzed on the left side of her body who believes she is lifting a tray of drinks with both hands offers a unique opportunity to test Freud's theory of denial. A man who insists he is talking with God challenges us to ask: Could we be "wired" for religious experience? A woman who hallucinates cartoon characters illustrates how, in a sense, we are all hallucinating, all the time. Dr. Ramachandran's inspired medical detective work pushes the boundaries of medicine's last great frontier -- the human mind -- yielding new and provocative insights into the "big questions" about consciousness and the self.

A Bite of Death Susan Conant 1994 Holly Winter had her hands full with one dog. Still, when therapist Elaine Walsh is found dead, Holly eagerly adopts the orphaned Kimi-and vows to teach her some manners. But when questions arise about Elaine's death-following close on the heels of a patient's suicide-Holly suspects the misbehaving malamute Kimi might be the key witness. Digging for clues all over Cambridge, Holly hopes to untangle a snarl of secrets-and collar a killer!

Al Dente's Inferno Stephanie Cole 2020-02-25 An American chef will have to serve up more than good eats if she wants to establish a successful farm-to-table cooking school in Tuscany, in this charming first installment in a new cozy mystery series set in Italy. When Nell Valenti is offered a chance to move to Tuscany to help transform an aging villa into a farm-to-table cooking school, she eagerly accepts. After all, both her job and her love life in America have been feeling stale. Plus, she'll get the chance to work under the acclaimed Italian Chef Claudio Orlandini. But Nell gets more than she bargained for when she arrives. With only a day to go until the launch dinner for the cooking school, the villa is in shambles, and Chef O is blissfully oblivious of the work that needs to be done before a group of local dignitaries arrive, along with a filmmaker sent to showcase and advertise the new school. The situation only worsens when Nell discovers that the filmmaker is an ex-boyfriend, and he's found murdered later that night. Even worse, Chef O has disappeared, and accusations of murder could shut the school down for good. As tensions reach a boiling point at the villa, Nell must throw her chef's hat into the ring, and investigate the murder herself. Because if she fails to solve the case, her career, or even her life, could be next on the chopping block.

Library Journal Melvil Dewey 2005 Includes, beginning Sept. 15, 1954 (and on the 15th of each month, Sept.-May) a special section: School library journal, ISSN 0000-0035, (called Junior libraries, 1954-May 1961). Also issued separately.

Meow If It's Murder T.C. LoTempio 2014-12-02 First in a new series! Nora Charles doesn't believe in fate, even if she is a crime reporter who shares a name with a character from *The Thin Man*. In fact, she's moving back to Cruz, California, to have a quieter life. But after finding an online magazine eager for material, and a stray cat named Nick with a talent for detection, Nora's not just reporting crimes again. She's uncovering them... Back in her hometown, Nora reconnects with old friends and makes some new ones, like Nick, the charming feline who seems determined to be her cat. But not everything about Cruz is friendly. Writing for a local online magazine, Nora investigates the curious death of socialite Lola Grainger. Though it was deemed an accident, Nora suspects foul play. And it seems that her cat does too. Apparently, Nick used to belong to a P.I. who disappeared while investigating Lola Grainger's death. The coincidence is spooky, but not as spooky as the clues Nick spells out for her with Scrabble letters—clues that lead her down an increasingly dangerous path. Whether fate put her on this case or not, solving it will take all of Nora's wits, and maybe a few of Nick's nine lives.