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**Romance Fiction: A Guide to the Genre, 2nd Edition** Kristin Ramsdell 2012-03-02 A comprehensive guide that defines the literature and the outlines the best-selling genre of all time: romance fiction. • A core collection list in chronological order • An exhaustive bibliographic listing of romance titles • Research materials and a brief history of the genre • Indexes organized by author, title, and subject

**The Bride's Kimono** Sujata Massey 2012-05-01 Antiques dealer Rei Shimura has managed to snag one of the most lucrative and prestigious jobs of her career: a renowned museum in Washington, D.C., has invited her to exhibit her kimonos and give a lecture on them. Accompanied by a gaggle of Japanese office ladies bent on a week of shopping, Rei lands in the capital. But her big break could ultimately break her. Within hours one of the kimonos is stolen, and then Rei's passport is discovered in a shopping mall dumpster—on the dead body of one of the Japanese tourists. Trouble is only beginning, though, for now Rei's parents have arrived and so has her ex-boyfriend. To track down the kimono and unmask a killer, Rei's got to do some clever juggling, fast talking, and quick sleuthing, or this trip home could be her last.

**The Typhoon Lover** Sujata Massey 2005-10-04 Interviewing for a mysterious job opportunity, antiques dealer Rei Shimura undertakes the task of finding and authenticating an ancient Middle Eastern pitcher that has disappeared from Iraq's national museum, an endeavor that is complicated by a passionate Japanese collector and a typhoon. By the author of *The Pearl Diver*. 25,000 first printing.

*Goodnight, Irene* Jan Burke 2003-04-25 For thirty-five years the identity of the dismembered woman found under the Las Piernas pier has remained a mystery. What secret did she take to her grave? Southern California reporter Irene Kelly has uncovered a maze of forensic records and confidential files that suggest a motive far more sinister than anyone imagined. The discovery has brought her close to Detective Frank Harriman, and closer still to exposing a killer who will resort to anything to keep his secrets buried -- and Irene silenced forever.

*Shimura Trouble* Sujata Massey 2009 A Rei Shimura Mystery - During a family reunion on the island of

Oahu, Japanese-American undercover spy Rei Shimura is roped into helping the Hawaiian branch of her family regain land stolen from them during World War II. But when fire sweeps the island and her young cousin is accused of arson, Rei, with the assistance of both her boyfriend and ex-lover, must discover the truth, which turns out to be linked to the Shimura family history . . .

[Introduction to Japanese Horror Film](#) Colette Balmain 2008-10-14 This book is a major historical and cultural overview of an increasingly popular genre. Starting with the cultural phenomenon of Godzilla, it explores the evolution of Japanese horror from the 1950s through to contemporary classics of Japanese horror cinema such as Ringu and Ju-On: The Grudge. Divided thematically, the book explores key motifs such as the vengeful virgin, the demonic child, the doomed lovers and the supernatural serial killer, situating them within traditional Japanese mythology and folk-tales. The book also considers the aesthetics of the Japanese horror film, and the mechanisms through which horror is expressed at a visceral level through the use of setting, lighting, music and mise-en-scene. It concludes by considering the impact of Japanese horror on contemporary American cinema by examining the remakes of Ringu, Dark Water and Ju-On: The Grudge. The emphasis is on accessibility, and whilst the book is primarily marketed towards film and media students, it will also be of interest to anyone interested in Japanese horror film, cultural mythology and folk-tales, cinematic aesthetics and film theory.

**Inspector Singh Investigates: A Most Peculiar Malaysian Murder** Shamini Flint 2010-07-06 Meet Inspector Singh: a fat, slightly bumbling, but truly lovable detective sure to charm readers of The No.1 Ladies Detective Agency Inspector Singh is in a bad mood. He's been sent from his home in Singapore to Kuala Lumpur to solve a murder that has him stumped. Chelsea Liew—the famous Singaporean model—is on death row for the murder of her ex-husband. She swears she didn't do it, he thinks she didn't do it, but no matter how hard he tries to get to the bottom of things, he still arrives back at the same place—that Chelsea's husband was shot at point blank range, and that Chelsea had the best motivation to pull the trigger: he was taking her kids away from her. Now Inspector Singh must pull out all the stops to crack a crime that could potentially free a beautiful and innocent woman and reunite a mother with her children. There's just one problem—the Malaysian police refuse to play ball.

**Passage West** Rishi Reddi 2020-04-21 A Recommended Book from BookRiot, Bustle, The Millions and Teen Vogue A Los Angeles Times BEST CALIFORNIA BOOK of 2020 \* A New England Independent Booksellers' 2020 NEW ENGLAND BOOK AWARD FINALIST A sweeping, vibrant first novel following a family of Indian sharecroppers at the onset of World War I, revealing a little-known part of California history 1914: Ram Singh arrives in the Imperial Valley on the Mexican border, reluctantly accepting his friend Karak's offer of work and partnership in a small cantaloupe farm. Ram is unmoored; fleeing violence in Oregon, he desperately longs to return to his wife and newborn son in Punjab—but he is duty bound to make his fortune first. In the Valley, American settlement is still new and the rules are ever shifting. Alongside Karak; Jivan and his wife, Kishen; and Amarjeet, a U.S. soldier, Ram struggles to farm in the unforgiving desert. When he meets an alluring woman who has fought in Mexico's revolution, he strives to stay true to his wife. The Valley is full of settlers hailing from other cities and different continents. The stakes are high and times are desperate—just one bad harvest or stolen crop could destabilize a family. And as anti-immigrant sentiment rises among white residents, the tensions of life in the west finally boil over. In her ambitious debut novel, Rishi Reddi, award-winning author of Karma and Other Stories, explores an enduring question: Who is welcome in America? Richly imagined and beautifully rendered, Passage West offers a moving portrait of one man's search for home.

**The Flower Master** Sujata Massey 2000-04-05 Family secrets come to haunt half-American, half-Japanese Rei Shimura, a Tokyo antiques dealer, when she attempts to reveal the murderer of her

instructor in ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging. By the author of Zen Attitude. Reprint.

**The Floating Girl** Sujata Massey 2001-07-03 Anticipating a successful interview with a hot new comic book artist, columnist Rei Shimura turns sleuth when the artist goes missing and the artist's best friend turns up dead, in a mystery that takes Shimura from the world of Tokyo strip bars to frenzied animation conventions. Reprint.

**Zen Attitude** Sujata Massey 2005-11-29 Life in modern Tokyo is a blast for Rei Shimura, a young Japanese-American woman who enjoys busy days as an antiques dealer and steamy nights with a devoted new boyfriend. But things come to a standstill when Rei overpays for a rare old chest of drawers for a wealthy client, the owner of a famous Zen temple in Kamakura. The exquisite tansu turns out to be a fake: the worst deal Rei has ever made. When the temple family turns on Rei -- and the con man who sold the tansu is murdered -- she realizes she's opened a Pandora's box of deception and murder. A young martial artist, an aspiring rock singer, and an elderly antiques mentor all become part of Rei's search for the killer through the shadows of an ancient culture. As her world begins to rapidly and inexplicably unravel, Rei realizes that it will take strength, wit, and a Zen attitude to survive.

To the Distant Observer Noël Burch 1979-01-01

**Harm** Hugh Fraser 2017-08-15 Acapulco 1974: Rina Walker is on assignment. Just another quick, clean kill. She wakes to discover her employer's severed head on her bedside table, and a man with an AK-47 walking into her hotel room. After a car chase, she is captured by a Mexican drug boss who exploits her radiant beauty and ruthless expertise to eliminate an inconvenient member of the government. Notting Hill 1956: Fifteen-year-old Rina is scavenging and stealing to support her siblings and her alcoholic mother. When a local gangster attacks her younger sister, Rina murders him. Innocence betrayed, Rina faces the brutality of the post-war London underworld which teaches her the skills she needs to kill...

India Gray Massey Sujata 2015-11-18 Four unforgettable heroines star in a collection of romantic, suspenseful novellas and stories spanning India's late colonial period up to the present day.

*Chromosome 6* Robin Cook 1998-04-01 Behind the headlines on cloning--Dr. Robin Cook blends fact with fiction in one of his most terrifying bestsellers... Chromosome 6 is a prophetic thriller that challenges the medical ethics of genetic manipulation and cloning in the jungles of equatorial Africa, where one mistake could bridge the gap between man and ape--and forever change the genetic map of our existence...

*Girl in a Box* Sujata Massey 2006-08-29 "It's taken me almost a whole lifetime to become a decent liar." Award-winning author Sujata Massey is back with a delicious blend of mystery and contemporary women's fiction, and in *Girl in a Box*, Japanese-American sleuth Rei Shimura is on her most dangerous outing yet. Chronically underemployed Rei takes a freelance gig with a Washington, D.C., alphabet agency that just might have ties to the CIA. Her mission, should she choose to accept it, is to go undercover as a clerk in a big Tokyo department store. It's a tricky and risky assignment, but it also gives Rei the opportunity to check out all the latest fashions and use her store discount to indulge her shopping impulses. Meanwhile, she's listening in on conversations not meant for her and crashing a conference she's not invited to. She winds up fending off the advances of a couple of the store's executives who seem to be fascinated by her navel ring. When her cover is blown, Rei is in big trouble, and it will take all her resourcefulness and unorthodox methods to unmask a killer.

**A Murder at Malabar Hill** Sujata Massey 2021-06 A legally-minded sleuth takes to the streets of 1920s

Bombay in a fascinating new mystery.

**The Typhoon Lover** Sujata Massey 2009-10-13 A young woman with a foothold in two cultures, Rei Shimura has gone wherever fortune and her unruly passions have led her throughout her chaotic twenties. Now, after the streamers for her thirtieth birthday celebration have been taken down, the Japanese-American antiques dealer and part-time sleuth finds herself with an assignment to find and authenticate an ancient Middle Eastern pitcher that disappeared from Iraq's national museum. The piece is believed to be in the hands of a wealthy Japanese collector, whose passion for beauty extends to Rei herself. But when a devastating typhoon hits Tokyo, Rei is trapped with the object of her investigation—and with much much more than the fate of an ancient pitcher at risk.

**All That Is Secret** Patricia Raybon 2021-10-05 Stephen Curry's March 2022 Literati Book Club Pick Parade Magazine pick for Fall 2021 "Mysteries We Love" PBS Masterpiece's "Best Mystery Books of 2021: As Recommended by Bestselling Authors" CrimeReads "Best Debut Novels" pick for October 2021 BookBub's "16 Best Historical Mysteries of 2021" From award-winning author Patricia Raybon comes a compelling new historical mystery series about a young Black theologian—and Sherlock fan—seeking to solve her father's cold case murder in a city ruled by the KKK. Can an amateur detective solve the cold case mystery of her lost father's murder? In the winter of 1923, Professor Annalee Spain—a clever but overworked theologian at a small Chicago Bible college—receives a cryptic telegram calling her home to Denver to solve the mystery of the murder of her beloved but estranged father. For a young Black woman, searching for answers in a city ruled by the KKK could mean real danger. Still, with her literary hero Sherlock Holmes as inspiration, Annalee launches her hunt for clues, attracting two surprising allies: Eddie, a relentless young white boy searching for his missing father, and Jack, a handsome Black pastor who loves nightclub dancing and rides in his sporty car, awakening Annalee's heart to the surprising highs and lows of romantic love. With their help, Annalee follows clues that land her among Denver's powerful elite. But when their sleuthing unravels sinister motives and deep secrets, Annalee confronts the dangerous truths and beliefs that could make her a victim too.

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*Deceptions* Anna Porter 2021-04-06 A savvy art world thriller with a strong, independent heroine and the follow-up to *The Appraisal*, finalist for the 2018 Staunch Prize. Former Budapest cop Attila Feher would really like to see art expert Helena Marsh again, so he arranges a contract for her to determine whether a painting is a copy of a famous Artemisia Gentileschi canvas or the real thing. A simple appraisal becomes a dangerous assignment when usual eastern European gangsters show up and people start dying and the seething corruption that underlies the lost promise of post-Soviet Hungary swirls to the surface. In a race to get to the truth and to outwit her adversaries, Helena and Attila must solve the mystery of the painting's origins. Richly atmospheric, set in Strasbourg, Budapest, and Paris, this witty, sophisticated novel will satisfy readers of political thrillers by Alan Furst and Philip Kerr. *Deceptions* is a thinking-person's thriller, a romp to the last satisfying page.

**Chesapeake Crimes: Storm Warning** Donna Andrews 2016-04-26 Chesapeake Crimes: Storm Warning is the latest installment of the Agatha- and Anthony-award-winning Chesapeake Crimes series. This volume features tales by: Donna Andrews Timothy Bentler-Jungr Shaun Taylor Bevins Carla Coupe Maddi Davidson Linda Ensign Barb Goffman Kim Kash Adam Meyer Alan Orloff KM Rockwood Lauren R. Silberman Marianne Wilski Strong Art Taylor Robin Templeton "The diabolical sisters of the Chesapeake Chapter of Sisters in Crime have raised the stakes: not only asking their astute members to offer up a gem of a short story, but to add a degree of difficulty. It has to be about the weather.... Rain, snowstorms, hurricanes. The glare of the sun. The shrouding fog. Clouds, mist, hail, and icy roads. The Chessies have used their writerly talent to embrace the weather, to relish it, and to provide us with a raft of meteorological (and deadly) delights." -- Hank Phillippi Ryan, bestselling author of the Jane Ryland series

Borrower of the Night Elizabeth Peters 2011-09-01 A new heroine from the creator of the internationally bestselling Amelia Peabody series A missing masterwork in wood, the last creation of a master carver who died in the violent tumult of sixteenth century Germany, may be hidden in the medieval castle in the town of Rothenburg. The prize has called to Vicky Bliss, drawing her and an arrogant male colleague into the forbidding citadel and its dark secrets. But the treasure hunt soon turns deadly. Here, where the blood of the long forgotten stains ancient stones, Vicky must face two perilous possibilities: either a powerful supernatural evil inhabits the place... or someone frighteningly real is willing to kill for what Vicky is determined to find.

*MAVO* Gennifer Weisenfeld 2002-02-25 Mavo were a Japanese group of artists active in Tokyo from 1923-1925.

**City of Thieves** David Benioff 2008-05-15 From the critically acclaimed author of *The 25th Hour* and *When the Nines Roll Over* and co-creator of the HBO series *Game of Thrones*, a captivating novel about war, courage, survival — and a remarkable friendship that ripples across a lifetime. During the Nazis' brutal siege of Leningrad, Lev Beniov is arrested for looting and thrown into the same cell as a handsome deserter named Kolya. Instead of being executed, Lev and Kolya are given a shot at saving their own lives by complying with an outrageous directive: secure a dozen eggs for a powerful Soviet colonel to use in his daughter's wedding cake. In a city cut off from all supplies and suffering unbelievable deprivation, Lev and Kolya embark on a hunt through the dire lawlessness of Leningrad and behind enemy lines to find the impossible. By turns insightful and funny, thrilling and terrifying, the *New York Times* bestseller *City of Thieves* is a gripping, cinematic World War II adventure and an intimate coming-of-age story with an utterly contemporary feel for how boys become men.

The Pearl Diver Sujata Massey 2012-05-01 The seventh book in Sujata Massey's Agatha and Macavity Award-winning mystery series is a witty, suspenseful story that takes its young sleuth into the Washington DC restaurant world. A dazzling engagement ring and the promise of a fresh start bring antiques dealer and sometime sleuth Rei Shimura to Washington, DC. But just as she's starting to settle down -catching up with a long-lost cousin and undertaking a lucrative commission furnishing a trendy Japanese restaurant nearby - things begin to go haywire. First, her cousin vanishes from the restaurant's opening-night party, and then Rei is drafted to help find a Japanese war bride who disappeared 30 years earlier. The search for both missing women becomes suspiciously linked, and along the way, Rei faces truths about herself that may change her destiny - if she lives long enough.

*The Sleeping Dictionary* 2003

**The Satapur Moonstone** Sujata Massey 2019-05-14 The highly anticipated follow-up to the critically acclaimed novel *The Widows of Malabar Hill*. India, 1922: It is rainy season in the lush, remote Sahyadri mountains, where the princely state of Satapur is tucked away. A curse seems to have fallen upon Satapur's royal family, whose maharaja died of a sudden illness shortly before his teenage son was struck down in a tragic hunting accident. The state is now ruled by an agent of the British Raj on behalf of Satapur's two maharanis, the dowager queen and her daughter-in-law. The royal ladies are in a dispute over the education of the young crown prince, and a lawyer's counsel is required. However, the maharanis live in purdah and do not speak to men. Just one person can help them: Perveen Mistry, Bombay's only female lawyer. Perveen is determined to bring peace to the royal house and make a sound recommendation for the young prince's future, but she arrives to find that the Satapur palace is full of cold-blooded power plays and ancient vendettas. Too late, she realizes she has walked into a trap. But whose? And how can she protect the royal children from the palace's deadly curse?

Gender and Nation in Meiji Japan Jason G. Karlin 2014 This is a historical analysis of the discourses of nostalgia in late nineteenth and early twentieth century Japan.

**The Samurai's Daughter** Sujata Massey 2012-05-01 A new crime-thriller full of suspense from Sujata Massey, the acclaimed author of *The Bride's Kimono* and *The Floating Girl*. Antiques dealer Rei Shimura is in San Francisco visiting her parents and researching a personal project tracing the story of 100 years of Japanese decorative arts through her own family's experience. Her work is interrupted by the arrival of her boyfriend, lawyer Hugh Glendinning, who is involved in a class action lawsuit on behalf of aged Asian nationals forced to engage in slave labour for Japanese companies during World War II. These two projects suddenly intertwine when one of Hugh's clients is murdered and Rei begins to uncover unsavoury facts about her own family's actions during the war. Rei unravels the truth, finds the killer, and at the same time learns about family ties and loyalty and the universal desire to avoid blame.

**The Unexpected Inheritance of Inspector Chopra** Vaseem Khan 2015-09-15 On the day he retires, Inspector Ashwin Chopra inherits two unexpected mysteries. The first is the case of a drowned boy, whose suspicious death no one seems to want solved. And the second is a baby elephant. As his search for clues takes him across the teeming city of Mumbai, from its grand high rises to its sprawling slums and deep into its murky underworld, Chopra begins to suspect that there may be a great deal more to both his last case and his new ward than he thought. And he soon learns that when the going gets tough, a determined elephant may be exactly what an honest man needs. . . A Baby Ganesh Agency Investigation The Unexpected Inheritance of Inspector Chopra The Perplexing Theft of the Jewel in the Crown The Strange Disappearance of a Bollywood Star Murder at the Grand Raj Palace Bad Day at the Vulture Club

**Gandhi and Bhagat Singh** Vishwa Nath Datta 2008 Did Gandhi try his best to save Bhagat Singh from the gallows? Or was Bhagat Singh just another pawn in the complex and intricate web of imperial power politics? The aim of this study is to understand and explain why Mahatma Gandhi, the most influential political leader of his time in India, could not save Bhagat Singh, when he was negotiating a settlement of political questions with the Viceroy Lord Irwin during February-March 1931. Gandhi's critics accuse him of failing, mainly owing to his stern commitment to non-violence, while his party men and followers defend him, and attribute his failure to the events that took place beyond his reckoning.

**Great Women Mystery Writers** Elizabeth Blakesley Lindsay 2007 Surveys the lives and works of some 90 contemporary women mystery writers, who are among the most popular authors read today.

*The Kizuna Coast* Sujata Massey 2015-02-22 Rei Shimura and her husband Michael rush to Japan in the wake of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami -- she, to find her mentor Yasushi Ishida and his missing apprentice Mayumi, he, to battle the nuclear disaster in Fukushima.

**The Bombay Prince** Sujata Massey 2021-06-01 Bombay's first female lawyer, Perveen Mistry, is compelled to bring justice to the family of a murdered female Parsi student just as Bombay's streets erupt in riots to protest British colonial rule. Sujata Massey is back with this third installment to the Agatha and Mary Higgins Clark Award-winning series set in 1920s Bombay. November 1921. Edward VIII, Prince of Wales and future ruler of India, is arriving in Bombay to begin a fourmonth tour. The Indian subcontinent is chafing under British rule, and Bombay solicitor Perveen Mistry isn't surprised when local unrest over the royal arrival spirals into riots. But she's horrified by the death of Freny Cuttingmaster, an eighteen-year-old female Parsi student, who falls from a second-floor gallery just as the prince's grand procession is passing by her college. Freny had come for a legal consultation just days before her death, and what she confided makes Perveen suspicious that her death was not an accident. Feeling guilty for failing to have helped Freny in life, Perveen steps forward to assist Freny's family in the fraught dealings of the coroner's inquest. When Freny's death appears suspicious, Perveen knows she can't rest until she sees justice done. But Bombay is erupting: as armed British secret service march the streets, rioters attack anyone with perceived British connections, and desperate shopkeepers destroy their own wares so they will not be targets of racial violence. Can Perveen help a suffering family when her own is in danger?

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[Little Tiny Teeth](#) Aaron J. Elkins 2007 ELKINS/LITTLE TINY TEETH

**The Salaryman's Wife** Sujata Massey 2013-10-01 Winner of the Agatha Award. "Sujata Massey blasts her way into fiction with *The Salaryman's Wife*, a cross-cultural mystery of manners with a decidedly sexy edge."-- Janet Evanovich Japanese-American Rei Shimura is a 27-year-old English teacher living in one of Tokyo's seediest neighborhoods. She doesn't make much money, but she wouldn't go back home to California even if she had a free ticket (which, thanks to her parents, she does.) She's determined to make it on her own. Her independence is threatened however, when a getaway to an ancient castle town is marred by murder. Rei is the first to find the beautiful wife of a high-powered businessman, dead in the snow. Taking charge, as usual, Rei searches for clues by crashing a funeral, posing as a bar-girl, and somehow ending up pursued by police and paparazzi alike. In the meantime, she attempts to piece together a strange, ever-changing puzzle—one that is built on lies and held together by years of sex and deception. The first installment in the Rei Shimura series, *The Salaryman's Wife* is a riveting tale of death, love, and sex, told in a unique cross-cultural voice.

[The City of Palaces](#) Sujata Massey 2014-06-01 An orphaned girl. A cruel twist of fate. A spectacular adventure. Bengal, 1930. Young Pom's life changes forever when her family is wiped out in a devastating flood. She becomes a maidservant in a British boarding school where she discovers her gift for

languages. Amidst the drudgery of her duties, she finds unexpected friendship and experiences the stirrings of first love. However, tragedy strikes and she is forced into hiding. Alone and desperate, she is recruited into a brothel for English officers. She hopes this secretive, decadent world will shield her from the demons of her past. But fate intervenes, and our heroine is on the run again—to Calcutta, the city of palaces, where she finds herself caught up in the rising tide of Indian nationalism. Changing her name to Kamala, she creates a new life for herself, one that holds the promise of happiness and true love . . . until her past returns haunt her. Filled with romance, danger, intrigue and betrayal, *The City of Palaces* is a lush, sprawling saga about a feisty young heroine and her struggle for survival. 'Sujata masterfully weaves her heroine's life with India's struggle and fight for freedom and gives us an elegant piece of Indian history wrapped beautifully in Pom's story'—Amulya Malladi, author of *The Mango Season*

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