**Recommended Reading List**

**of Historical Mysteries**

**(unless otherwise noted, all books are available at Fairfax County Public Library)**

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1. **Boris Akunin**, Erast Fandorin series, first book: *The Winter Queen*Russian author, not all of whose works have been published in English (not sure how many translated yet).
2. **Bruce Alexander**, Sir John Fielding series (11 books), first book: *Blind Justice*  
   author has died, so series is ended.
3. **Suzanne Aruda**, Jade de Cameron series (6 books), first book: *Mark of the Lion*  
   author has ended (unfortunately) the series.
4. **James Benn**, Billy Boyle series (currently at 7 books), first book: *Billy Boyle*
5. **Rhys Bowen,** Molly Murphy series (currently at 12 books), first book: *Murphy’s Law*  
   also by same author, Lady Victoria Georgiana (Georgie) Charlotte Eugenie series (currently at 6 books), first book: *Her Royal Spyness*
6. **Emily Brightwell**, Mrs. Jeffries series (currently at 32 books), first book: *The Inspector and Mrs. Jeffries*. This is a lighthearted, cosy series and not all books may be available through FCPL
7. **Fiona Buckley**, Ursula Blanchard series (currently at 10 books), first book: *To Shield the Queen*
8. **Alys Clare**, Hawkenlye series (currently at 14 books), first book: *Fortune as the Moon*
9. **Barbara Cleverly**, Joe Sandilands series (currently at 10 books), first book: *The Last Kashmire Rose*
10. **Lindsey Davis**, Marcus Didius Falco series (currently at20 books), first book: *The Silver Pig*
11. **Paul C. Doherty**, Amerotke series (currently at 7 books), first book: *The Mask of Ra*  
    also by same author, the Hugh Corbett series (currently at 18 books), first book: *Satan at Saint Mary’s*. (Note: early books in both series may appear in the catalog as by P. C. Doherty)
12. **Ruth Downie**, Medicus series (currently at 5 books), first book: *Medicus*
13. **Carola Dunn**, Daisy Dalrimple series (currently at 21 books), first book: *Death at Wentwater Court*
14. **Kathy Lynn Emerson**, Susanna, Lady Appleton series (currently at 11 books), first book: *Face Down in the Marrow Bone Pie*
15. **Ariana Franklin**, Mistress of the Art of Death series (4 books), first book: *The Mistress of the Art of Death*. Unfortunately, this author died and we are lessened for that. A great series, but too short.
16. **Margaret Frazer**, the Dame Frevisse series (currently at 17 books), first book: *The Novice’s Tale*  
    also by the same author, the Joliffe series (currently at 7 books), first book: *A Play of Isaac*
17. **Alan Gordon**, the Fool’s Guild series (currently at 8 books), first book: *Thirteenth Night*
18. **C. L. Grace** (pen name of Paul C Doherty), Katherine Swinbrooke series (7 books), first book: *A Shrine of Murders*. Author may have ended the series.
19. **Kerry Greenwood**, Phryne Fisher series (currently at 20 books), first book: *Cocaine Blues*
20. Susanna Gregory, the Matthew Bartholomew series (currently at 18 books), first book: *A Plague on Both Your Houses*. Not all may be available at FCPL.
21. Barbara Hambly, the Benjamin January series (currently at 12 books), first book: *A Free Man of Color*
22. **Tony Hays**, the Malgwyn ap Cuneglas series (currently at 4 books), first book: *The Killing Way*
23. **Steve Hockensmith**, the brothers Amlingmeyer series (currently at 6 books), first book: *Holmes on the Range*
24. **Claude Izner**, the Victor Legris series (currently at 6 books translated from the original French), first book: *Murder on the Eiffel Tower*
25. **Michael Jecks**, the Templar series (currently at 34 books), first book: *The Last Templar*
26. **Stuart Kaminsky**, the Toby Peters series (24 books and the author appears to have ended the series), first book: *Murder on the Yellow Brick Road*
27. **Michael Kilian**, Civil War series (6 books and the author has died), first book: *Murder at Manassas*
28. **Laurie R.** **King**, Mary Russell series (currently at 13 books), first book: *The Beekeeper’s Apprentice*
29. **Bernard Knight**, the Crowner John series (currently at 15 books), first book: *The Poisoned Chalice*
30. **Peter Lovesey**, the Sergeant Cribb series (8 books), first book: *Wobble to Death*  
    also by the same author, the “Bertie” series (3 books), first book: *Bertie and the Tinman*