

If you like

Janet Evanovich

try these!

If Evanovich's Stephanie Plum is your kind of detective—a sassy woman with a case to solve, surrounded by interesting characters and entangled with intriguing men—and you like your mystery series with a dash of humor, try one of these:

Compromising Positions by Susan Isaacs (MYS ISA)

Long Island housewife Judith Singer is frustrated and unfulfilled in her dull marriage. Intrigued by the murder of a local periodontist and ladies' man, she begins to investigate, discovering an attractive homicide lieutenant and her long-lost self esteem.

Dating Dead Men by Harley Jane Kozak (MYS KOZ)

As part of her research for a radio personality's upcoming book, card store owner Wollie Shelley is dating forty men in sixty days. As if life isn't complicated enough, she encounters a dead body when coming to the aid of her schizophrenic brother and helps an attractive man escape the Mafia in this lively, funny outing.

Double Exposure by Barbara Taylor McCafferty (MYS MCC)

When a mystery caller asks Nan Tatum, the star d.j. at a Louisville, Kentucky radio station to investigate a three-year-old murder-suicide, Nan joins forces with her identical twin sister Bert, to launch their own probe into the baffling case.

Dying to Meet You by Jennifer Apodaca (MYS APO)

After solving the murder of her philandering husband, California dating service owner Samantha Shaw finds herself investigating the murder of a graphic artist and former client while being pursued by two hunks—one a cop and one a P.I.

First Kill All the Lawyers by Alice Storey (MYS STO)

Writing as Alice Storey in her first Samantha Adams book, Sarah Shankman introduces an Atlanta journalist/detective who delves into the murder of a distinguished attorney. Samantha follows dirty money and adultery that stretch from Atlanta's high society salons to its sleazy saloons.

I'd Rather be in Philadelphia by Gillian Roberts (MYS ROB)

Underlined passages and frantic handwritten notes in a used paperback book send English teacher Amanda Pepper on a search for a woman in obvious peril in this third book in the Amanda Pepper series.

If Looks Could Kill by Kate White (MYS WHI)

A thirty-something feature writer specializing in true crime for *Gloss* magazine, Bailey Weggins is drawn into a murder investigation by her boss, Cat Jones. She discovers that Cat's nanny was poisoned by chocolate truffles intended for Cat.

Love Her Madly by Mary-Ann Tirone Smith (MYS SMI)

The case of convicted ax-murderer Rona Leigh Gluek, due in 10 days to be the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War, catches the eye of FBI agent Poppy Rice who decides to reopen the investigation.

Maggie Needs an Alibi by Kasey Michaels (MYS MIC)

Writer Maggie Kelly is surprised when a handsome, aristocratic detective and his comic sidekick, characters from her bestselling Regency mysteries, show up in her living room. Though challenging at first, they do come in handy when Maggie is suspected of murdering her ex-lover.

Malice in Maggody by Joan Hess (MYS HES)

Back in her small hometown, Maggody, Arkansas, after a divorce and stint in New York City, Arly Hanks takes on the duties of police chief. Town residents, including her mother, are a constant source of outrageous and funny behavior as Arly tracks down the murderer of a local waitress.

Murder with Peacocks by Donna Andrews (MYS AND)

Meg Langslow returns to her Virginia small town to serve as maid of honor in three weddings. Pre-wedding chaos and off-beat relatives combine with murder in this amateur sleuth's funny, first case.

The Pact by Jennifer Sturman (MYS STU)

Rachel Benjamin's former Harvard roommates made a pact ten years ago to kill any boyfriend or fiancé they think is inappropriate. When the obnoxious fiancé of one of the women is found dead on the morning of their wedding in the isolated Adirondacks, Rachel sets out to find out who is responsible.

Sick of Shadows by Sharyn McCrumb (MYS MCC)

Elizabeth MacPherson is on hand for the wedding of her cousin Eileen Chandler, of the eccentric Georgia Chandlers, when murder arrives uninvited. No one in the odd wedding party is above suspicion.

This Pen for Hire by Laura Levine (MYS LEV)

Jaine Austen is a flip, funny, L.A.-based freelance writer who is hired by geeky client Howard to pen a love letter to Stacy, a gorgeous aerobics instructor. Jaine gets caught up in a murder investigation when Stacy is found beaten to death and Howard is accused of the crime.



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