Mentally fragile Lena Dawson, a fingerprint expert at a Syracuse crime lab, is forced to face the truth about her own past when she begins investigating a rash of crib deaths in the community.

China Bayles hears a woman's screams as she spots a burning trailer home, and when Jessica Nelson, a reporter covering the arson homicide, disappears, China searches for answers.

Forensic psychologist Dr. Megan Rhys endures the hostility of the police, the press, and even her own family when she refuses to accept the simple theory that Tessa Ledbury—a stabbing victim found with a pentagram carved into her head—was killed by a member of a Wiccan cult.

Baden, Michael M. *Remains Silent.* 229 p.
Attorney Manny Manfreda is drawn into a murder mystery when a victim's family hires her to represent them, and in the course of her investigation is thrown together with medical examiner Dr. Jake Rosen, who joins Manny on a journey to find a killer before he claims another victim.

Baden, Michael M. *Skeleton Justice.* 317 p.
World-famous pathologist Dr. Jake Rosen teams with litigator Manny Manfreda to investigate a serial killer—dubbed the Vampire—who has New York City on high alert, and as they search for the link between the victims, the pair is led into the world of international intrigue.

A body farm novel"--Cover. Dr. Bill Brockton teams up with a local librarian to investigate a possible link between the murder of a retired scientist, high levels of radiation detected in a number of Oak Ridge residents, and the Manhattan Project.

Cleveland forensic specialist Evelyn James, searching for clues into how a wealthy woman, secure in a penthouse suite, was murdered, realizes she has a much more complicated case on her hands when her best friend is attacked, and a second body is found in an apartment across town.

Includes bibliographical references (p. 341). Forensic scientist Theresa MacLean's fiance is taken hostage by a group of bank robbers, and, when he is injured, Theresa negotiates with his captors and takes his place, hoping to use her police background and wiles to set the other hostages free and save her own life.

UCLA medical student Jennifer Hernandez is shocked when she learns that her beloved grandmother has died following hip replacement surgery in a hospital in New Delhi, India, and when her attempts to learn what happened meet with resistance, she calls upon her friend New York City medical examiner Dr. Laurie Montgomery for help, and together the women uncover a sinister conspiracy of global proportions.

Medical examiner Dr. Kay Scarpetta tries to solve the mysterious killings of four young couples. Bones and fragments of clothing, and a jack of hearts are all that remain.

Kay Scarpetta, working as a private forensic consultant in Florida, is thrown into a turmoil when Jean-Baptiste Chandonne, a serial killer she was responsible for bringing to justice, requests that she administer his death sentence in exchange for information about his crimes, as well as a new rash of killings in the area.
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**Cornwell, Patricia.** *The Body Farm.* 293 p.
A medical examiner and her FBI team investigate the deaths of a mother and child, which leads them to a little known research facility--the Body Farm.

**Cornwell, Patricia.** *Cruel and Unusual.* 407 p.
Trying to solve the murder of a thirteen-year-old boy, Dr. Kay Scarpetta and police lieutenant Pete Marion race against time to find a killer after the fingerprints of a recently executed murderer turn up at a new crime scene.

**Cornwell, Patricia.** *Point of Origin.* 355 p.
Medical examiner Kay Scarpetta's investigation of a killer who uses fire to hide his crimes turns personal when she learns that her old nemesis, Carrie Grethen, is somehow involved.

**Cornwell, Patricia.** *Postmortem.* 509 p.
Presents the first two novels in Patricia Cornwell's Kay Scarpetta series, "Postmortem," in which Kay tracks a brutal killer in Richmond, Virginia, and "Body of Evidence," in which Kay tries to find the monster responsible for killing reclusive author Beryl Madison.

**Cornwell, Patricia.** *Scarpetta.* 577 p. Not here yet . . .
Former South Carolina forensic pathologist Kay Scarpetta takes a case in New York in which a patient in a psychiatric prison asks to speak to her about wounds he claims were inflicted during a murder he did not commit, and after talking with the man, she starts to believe he is telling the truth and a serial killer is on the loose.

**Cornwell, Patricia.** *Trace.* 401 p.
Forensic investigator Dr. Kay Scarpetta is called back to Richmond, Virginia to help the new Chief Medical Examiner investigate the mysterious death of a fourteen-year-old girl; and Scarpetta's niece, holding down the office in Florida, tries to deal with a stalker.

**Crichton, Michael.** *Next.* 431 p.
Interweaves the stories of various human and animal characters with genetic abnormalities, including a boy who has chimpanzee chromosomes, a parrot that was injected with human genes and can figure out mathematical equations, and an orangutan that can talk, and the complications that are associated with their existence.

**Deaver, Jeffery.** *The Bodies Left Behind.* 512 p.
Investigating a late night emergency call that came from a Wisconsin vacation home, deputy Brynn McKenzie narrowly escapes an encounter with two professional criminals, and flees into the woods with Michelle, the city-girl who rented the house for the weekend, but if the women want to survive, they will have to learn to trust one another.

New York police department forensic consultant Lincoln Rhyme and detective Amelia Sachs try to clear Rhyme's cousin, Arthur, of a murder charge and uncover a serial killer who is using data mining to frame innocent people.

Paralyzed criminologist Lincoln Rhyme and his protegee Amelia Sachs are recruited by the FBI to help locate "the Ghost," a professional human smuggler and killer who is combing New York for two Chinese families who escaped into the city after he blew up the boat on which they were traveling.

**Downs, Tim.** *First the Dead.* 363 p. Not here yet . . .
Forensic entomologist Nick Polchak arrives in New Orleans with the Disaster Mortuary Response Team to help in the cleanup efforts after Hurricane Katrina, and, as he sorts through the living and
the dead, he begins to suspect a serial killer is on the loose and must find the clues before they can be destroyed by the flood waters.

**Doyle, Gerry.  *From the Depths*. 270 p.**
Dr. Christine Myers, a forensic scientist with the CIA, is assigned to investigate the deaths of crew members aboard a North Korean submarine that was defecting to the U.S., and she faces the hostility and disdain of the Navy SEALS who accompany her to vessel to bring it safely--and secretly--to land, until they too start to die.

**Elkins, Aaron.  *Skull Duggery*. 281 p.**
Anthropology professor Gideon Oliver travels with his wife Julie to the Mexican village of Teotitlan de Valle for a vacation, but rest and relaxation escape him when he is asked to examine a mummified corpse found in the desert, gets involved in a cold-case investigation of a child's murder, and discovers the ancient skull of a Zapotec princess in a local museum is actually that of a much-younger male.

**Elkins, Aaron.  *Uneasy Relations* 278 p.**
Anthropology professor Gideon Oliver investigates the suspicious deaths of two colleagues who were attending a conference in Gibraltar about the discovery of the skeletons of a human woman with a part-Neanderthal child.

**Ellory, R. J.  *The Anniversary Man*. 389 p.**
John Costello, having been attacked by a serial killer and witnessed his girlfriend's murder twenty years earlier, spends his days withdrawn from society, only leaving his apartment to research crime, but when murders start happening all over the city, John must face his past and use his expertise in order to find the killer.

**Ferguson, Alane  *The Angel of Death: a forensic mystery* 258 p.**
While investigating the murder of her English teacher, seventeen-year-old Cameryn Mahoney, who works as assistant coroner for her father, begins a romance with the most popular guy in school, awaits the arrival of her long-missing mother, and puts her life in danger.

**Ferguson, Alane.  *The Circle of Blood: a forensic mystery*. 236 p.**
As she uses her knowledge of forensic medicine to investigate the death of a young runaway, seventeen-year-old Cameryn Mahoney, an assistant to her coroner father, worries that her secretive mother may be involved.

**Ferguson, Alane.  *The Christopher Killer: a forensic mystery*. 236 p.**
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**Ferguson, Alane.  *The Dying Breath*. 231 p.**
When her ex-boyfriend starts stalking her, seventeen-year-old Cameryn must use her knowledge of forensic sciences to protect herself.

**Franklin, Ariana  *Grave Goods* 336 p.**
"A Mistress of the Art of Death novel"--Dust jacket. King Henry II calls on the skills of Adelia Aguilar, the Mistress of the Art of Death, to determine whether the two skeletons discovered in the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey are actually King Arthur and Queen Guinevere, a fact that would end the rebellion in Wales, but Adelia encounters other, unexpected evils in Glastonbury.

**Gardiner, Meg  *The Memory Collector* 354 p.**
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Jo Beckett, a forensic psychiatrist accustomed to working with dead bodies, puts her skills to the test when she is asked to analyze an airline passenger who is behaving erratically, and as she begins to understand his unusual mental state, she uncovers a plot that could spell disaster for her beloved city of San Francisco.

Gardner, Lisa  
A police trooper Tessa Leoni claims to have killed her husband in self-defense, but detective D.D. Warren soon realizes it is far from an open-and-shut case when it is discovered that Tessa's six-year-old daughter is missing and the clues lead to a shocking conspiracy that could destroy them all.

Fastidious cop John Ceepak and his comparatively laid-back partner, Danny Boyle, investigate the death of Mrs. O'Malley, who appears to have suffered a heart attack on her husband's newly built roller coaster on the New Jersey shore, and as they investigate, the dismembered parts of a party girl turn up, leading the two police officers to sort through a variety of sleazy, corrupt individuals to arrive at the truth.

Archaeologist Ruth Galloway, expecting a baby, is called to investigate when construction workers find the bones of a child, missing its skill, beneath the doorway of an old house being demolished in Norwich, and although the house was once a children's home, it is discovered that the bones date to a time when the residence was privately owned, and that someone does not want the truth to be known.

A group of former judges who are serving time at a minimum security prison puts together a mail scam that earns them a large amount of money, but when they attempt to scam a powerful political official, they find their operation, and their lives, in danger.

Law professor Ray Atlee and his troublesome younger brother Forrest are called home to Clanton, Mississippi, by their dying father, Judge Atlee, but when the judge dies before the meeting can take place, Ray is left to untangle an old family secret.

Reluctantly assisting in the investigation into the murder of a young student, former forensic pathologist Edward Jenner realizes that a serial killer is at work and incites the wrath of his former boss and nemesis in order to pursue his suspicions.

Forensic sculptor Eve Duncan, rocked by the discovery that the child's skeleton she buried is not that of her murdered daughter, feels compelled to leave her lover Joe and adopted daughter Jane and take an assignment in Baton Rouge that leads her to the heart of a dangerous, and perhaps deadly, government conspiracy.

Jane MacGuire's uncanny resemblance to Cira, the femme fatale of ancient Pompeii and Herculaneum, lands her in trouble once again, this time with a terrorist who has made a deadly pact with a deranged madman who believes Jane holds the key to Cira's lost treasure.

Forensic sculptor Eve Duncan is tempted into doing a job for billionaire computer magnate John Logan by the promise of a huge donation to a charitable organization that helps locate missing children, but she did not realize that identifying the skull he wants her to reconstruct could get them all killed.
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Dr. Kay Scarpetta, chief medical examiner of Virginia and consultant for the FBI, is in the midst of a late-night autopsy when the call comes: Temple Brooks Gault, the sadistic serial killer has struck again, and he is hunting for her.

Forensic sculptor Eve Duncan believes she has finally found the man who murdered her daughter, Bonnie, and hopes he will lead her to Bonnie's remains, but instead the killer draws Eve into a dangerous game of cat and mouse that has Eve calling on a new friend with chilling talents for help in tracking the killer and finally putting her daughter to rest.

When Milo Sturgis, homicide detective, encounters a case that involves a sinister killer, he calls in psychologist Alex Delaware to help investigate the murder of several prostitutes and a musician, and the two have trouble coming up with an easy answer as deeper and darker clues arise.

Half brothers Moses Reed and Aaron Fox, who are at odds with each other despite their work as detectives, reluctantly collaborate to investigate the disappearance of student Caitlin Frostig in Los Angeles.

Psychologist P.J. Gray, an expert in forensic virtual reality, finds herself in danger of crossing the line from investigator to victim when she tries to get into the mind of a serial killer terrorizing St. Louis.

Bartender Billy Wiles thinks the note on his windshield threatening the murder of a schoolteacher if he ignores it or the murder of an elderly woman if he goes to the police is a hoax; but when a young teacher is killed and he receives other warnings, his life becomes a nightmare.

Dr. Jennifer White is the prime suspect in the murder of her life-long friend and neighbor, Amanda, but as she descends further into the later stages of dementia, it becomes unclear if her shattered memory is preventing her from remembering the truth or helping her hide it.

Forensic scientist, Dr. Henry Liu, calls together the Global Interactive Forensics Team in order to investigate the bizarre murders of three women found lying on the pier at Brooklyn Marine Terminal in New York City.

Forensic psychiatrist Dr. Sylvia Strange is drawn into the dangerous and demented world of sadist when she attempts to discover the identity of the vigilante serial killer who is murdering violent sex offenders who got off on legal technicalities.

Forensic psychiatrist Dr. Sylvia Strange, a consultant to the New Mexico prison system, must draw upon all her psychological insights and courage to stay alive when she finds herself being stalked by escaped.

Forensic psychologist Sylvia Strange and FBI profiler Edmund Sweetheart track a serial killer who uses a rare neurotoxin to kill important scientists.

As part of an art class assignment, high school junior Kate unwittingly sketches a wanted murderer, propelling her into instant celebrity and extreme danger while her parents fret and police provide constant protection.
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May, Peter *Blacklight Blue* 314 p.
"The third of the Enzo files"--Dust jacket. Enzo MacLeod, takes on a bet that he can use his forensic training to solve seven cold cases, but before he can crack the cases, he is diagnosed with a terminal illness and must find a way to protect his loved ones from a crazed stalker intent on destroying his life.

May, Peter *The Firemaker* 353 p.
Originally published: Great Britain: Hodder and Stoughton, c1999. While helping chief Li Yan investigate the deaths of three people in Beijing, China, American forensic pathologist Margaret Campbell starts to realize that she and Li are being framed by the government for the murders and uncovers a conspiracy that can lead to a major disaster.

May, Peter *The Fourth Sacrifice* 405 p.
Sequel to: *The firemaker*. Forensic pathologist Margaret Campbell's stay in Beijing, where she has gone to give a seminar, is extended when the U.S. ambassador insists she help police investigate the ritual murders of four men--the last a Chinese-born American, a task that forces her back into contact with Li Yan, the Beijing detective she loved and lost.

McCarthy, Keith *The Rest is Silence* 347 p.
The routine forensic examination of a boy's body washing up from a meandering river reveals that he has been murdered. Meanwhile, the investigation of a convicted pedophile in a nearby village leads to the discovery of five decaying bodies in his garden. Between them, Helena Flemming and John Eisenmenger uncover abuse far more grotesque than anyone might have imagined, and reveal the murky depths beneath the idyllic surface of village life.

When the members of the Crime Scene Club visit Los Angeles, they become involved in an investigation into what appears to be the accidental death of a surfer. Includes forensic notes.

Odom, Mel *Blood Evidence* 435 p.
Commander Will Coburn and his NCIS team, investigating a cold case murder, follow clues that lead them to the highest corridors of power in Washington, D.C., while problems in medical examiner Nita Tomlinson's personal life threaten to derail her career.

O'Neill, Dorothy P. *Grim Finale* 249 p.
"An Avalon mystery"--Dust jacket. While being held hostage by a group of terrorists who want their leader freed from prison, coroner's assistant Liz Rooney learns one of her abductors is linked to an investigation involving the murder of a Manhattan school teacher; and once she is rescued, she uses the information to help solve the case.

Alex Cross battles a ruthless and powerful killer, a master criminal and shadowy figure known only as the Wolf, who appears to be behind a terrifying business in which ordinary men and women are kidnapped and sold as slaves.

Detective Alex Cross' investigation of a series of brutal murders in Washington, D.C., leads him to an underground gang of teenage thugs headed by a warlord known only as the Tiger, and when the Tiger's trail leads to Nigeria, Cross knows he must follow in what turns out to be the most challenging hunt of his career.

When Charlotte and Sean O'Keefe learn about their daughter's illness, they wonder if they should have known about it sooner and begin to question what constitutes the value of even the most fragile life.
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Detective Simon Ziele transfers away from New York City to escape the tragic reminders of his wife's death, only to be assigned to the most brutal murder he has ever seen, a case complicated by Alistair Sinclair, a noted criminologist, who shares information about one of his research subjects, Michael Fromley.

Reichs, Kathy *Bare Bones* 383 p.
Forensic anthropologist Tempe Brennan's plans for a long-overdue vacation with her boyfriend are delayed by some mysterious bones, a plane crash, and her daughter's new relationship.

Reichs, Kathy *Break No Bones* 339 p.
Forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan is summoned to South Carolina to fill in for a colleague, and in the midst of teaching at an archaeology school, Temperance stumbles upon a murder mystery that may threaten her life.

Reichs, Kathy *Cross Bones* 353 p.
Forensic anthropologist Dr. Temperance Brennan and detective Andrew Ryan's investigation of a murder victim in Montreal sends them to Israel to probe the origins of a skeleton and ancient crypt that may have a link to the Montreal case.

Forensic anthropologist Tempe Brennan digs up the grave of a nun who may qualify for sainthood in Montreal but finds they have been moved and tampered with, and when she makes a connection between an arson and a disappearance, she begins investigating a suspicious cult in a journey that takes her to her to the Carolinas and then back to Canada.

Dr. Temperance Brennan, the Director of Forensic Anthropology for the province of Quebec, has a case which reminds her of a previous investigation and must convince the police they are dealing with a serial killer.

Forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan investigates the murders of a teenage boy and girl in Charlotte, North Carolina, uncovering a web of dishonest politics, religious persecution, and voodoo.

Forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan finds her involvement in the aftermath of an airplane crash becoming increasingly dangerous as she attempts to discover why the plane went down and who is responsible.

Facing the most heartbreaking case of her career, Temperance Brennan investigates shallow graves where fading clues begin to emerge of a brutal crime that was committed more than two decades ago.

Temperance Brennan investigates the death of a man who was believed to have died almost forty years earlier in Vietnam and whose dog tags were found on another corpse, while also examining the remains of an adolescent boy who was found offshore and may have been the victim of a shark attack.

Salter, Anna C. *Truth Catcher* 281 p.
Forensic psychologist Breeze Copens is haunted by a vision of a little girl while interviewing armed robbery suspect Daryl Collins and sets out to learn the little girl's fate, unprepared for the shocking truth she will uncover.
Georgia medical examiner Sara Linton, her ex-husband, police chief Jeffrey Tolliver, and assisting detective Lena Adams, are forced to confront disturbing aspects of their own lives and relationships as they investigate a religious cult which has a practice of burying faithless members alive.

Detective Will Trent is called in to investigate the murder of a teenage girl in an affluent Atlanta suburb, and soon realizes that another girl is missing, sending Will on a wild chase through the city to find the missing girl before it is too late.

Doctor Sara Linton is pulled into an investigation with detectives Will Trent and Faith Mitchell when her latest patient, a woman who was brutally tortured, is brought in to the ER, and together the trio unlocks a series of clues that lead to other victims and a sadistic killer.

San Diego crime-scene technician Grace Descanso is called home from her vacation after her name appeared on the cell phone of Professor Thaddeus Bartholomew, who was found brutally murdered in one of his fields of genetically modified soy, but Grace is vaguely aware of who the professor is, and wonders what she has to do with the investigation.

Originally published as: Mortal mischief. Psychotherapist Max Liebermann and detective Oskar Rheinhardt team up to solve a homicide in which a medium is killed by gunshot in a locked room where no bullet is found.

After two boys find a woman's body in a quarry, Jill Kennedy and DCI Max Trentham recognize the ritual of the killing as the work of "The Undertaker," and suspect their previous suspect, Edward Marshall, who disappeared years before, might have returned.