

John Rain (Japan & abroad) by Barry Eisler  
Rain is a freelance assassin who specializes in “natural cause” killings. He finds himself in hot water when a prominent government official’s murder is mistakenly pinned on him.

1<sup>st</sup> Rain Fall

Kurt Wallander (Sweden) by Henning Mankell  
World weary police inspector Wallander traces murders back to their international connections, even as his personal life falls to pieces.

1<sup>st</sup> Faceless Killers

Liu Hulan and David Stark aka Red Princess series (China) by Lisa See

When U.S. attorney Stark and Chinese police detective Hulan team up to solve two seemingly unrelated murders, it lead them to a conspiracy involving the highest levels of both the Chinese and American governments.

1<sup>st</sup> Flower Net

Luis Balam (Yucatan, Mexico) by Gary Alexander  
A Mayan ex-policeman turned tour guide and freelance detective investigates in the Yucatan.

1<sup>st</sup> Blood Sacrifice

Mario Silva (Brazil) by Leighton Gage  
When Chief Inspector Silva is dispatched to a remote village to solve the murder of a Catholic priest, he finds deep roots of corruption and conspiracy.

1<sup>st</sup> The Blood of the Wicked

Mei Wang (Beijing, China) by Diane Wei Liang  
Much to her family’s dismay, Wang resigns from her government job to start an illegal private investigation agency.

1<sup>st</sup> The Eye of Jade

Omar Yussef (Bethlehem, West Bank) by Matt Beynon Rees

A schoolteacher in a Palestinian refugee camp, Yussef struggles to stay clear of the conflict around him. But when a student is accused of a murder, it prompts him to start his own investigation despite the danger.

1<sup>st</sup> The Collaborator of Bethlehem

Paolo Dicanti (Vatican City) by Juan Gomez-Jurado  
When Dicanti, a police inspector and FBI-trained profiler is summoned to Vatican City to solve a cardinal’s brutal murder, she soon discovers that it is the work of a serial killer with links to the Catholic Church.

1<sup>st</sup> God’s Spy

Petra Delicado (Barcelona, Spain) by Alicia Gimenez-Bartlett  
A simple-seeming case turns deadly for Delicado and her partner when they find connections to a dog-fighting ring.

1<sup>st</sup> Dog Day

Precious Ramotswa aka No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency series (Gaborone, Botswana) by Alexander McCall Smith  
Determined to help others, Ramotswa becomes Botswana’s first female private detective, using her courage and instinct to solve local crimes.

1<sup>st</sup> The No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency

Rebecka Martinsson (Sweden) Asa Larsson  
A Stockholm attorney pulled back to her provincial hometown when a friend is accused of murder, Martinsson turns her critical eye to the motives that will reveal the true killer.

1<sup>st</sup> Sun Storm

Rei Shimura (Tokyo, Japan) by Sujata Massey  
A Tokyo-based Japanese-American antiques dealer solves mysteries intertwined with Japanese culture.

1<sup>st</sup> The Salaryman’s Wife

Samejima (Tokyo, Japan) by Arimasa Osawa  
Detective Samajima finds his investigation of a series of cop killings complicated by his unwillingness to compromise and enemies on both sides of the law.

(1<sup>st</sup> in English) Shinjuku Shark

Shan Tao Yun (Tibet and China) by Eliot Pattison  
A former Beijing police inspector toiling in a Tibetan gulag is fingered to lead the investigation when a body is found nearby.

1<sup>st</sup> The Skull Mantra

Sonchai Jitpleecheep aka Bangkok 8 series (Bangkok, Thailand) by John Burdett

An honest cop in a corrupt district, Jitpleecheep walks a fine line in the brutal milieu of sex, drugs, and murder.

1<sup>st</sup> Bangkok 8

Vincent Calvino (Bangkok, Thailand) by Christopher G. Moore

A disbarred American lawyer, the wisecracking Calvino scrapes out a living as a private investigator in atmospheric Bangkok.

1<sup>st</sup> The Risk of Infidelity Index

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## Mysteries with international flair

**SLEUTH/SERIES      LOCALE      AUTHOR**

Abner Dueck (Indonesia) by David Waltner-Toews  
A Canadian veterinarian who uncovers a string of related cattle poisoning and murders, Dueck investigates despite the fact that his questions are likely to get him killed.

1<sup>st</sup> Fear of Landing

Aimee Leduc (Paris, France) by Cara Black  
Hard-boiled P.I. Leduc fearlessly navigates the gritty underbelly of Paris in these atmospheric thrillers.

1<sup>st</sup> Murder in the Marais

Ann Lindell (Sweden) by Kjell Eriksson  
A police inspector on maternity leave, Lindell rejoins her team when murder strikes her provincial town.

1<sup>st</sup> The Princess of Burundi

Arkady Renko (Moscow, Russia) by Martin Cruz Smith  
Moscow’s chief homicide investigator battles red tape and KGB-fueled paranoia as he investigates murders linked to the black market.

1<sup>st</sup> Gorky Park

Aurelio Zen (Italy) by Michael Dibdin  
A senior police official relegated to a desk job, Zen turns his keen intellect and strong sense of morality to solving crimes in locales throughout Italy.

1<sup>st</sup> Ratking

Ben Kamal and Danielle Barnea (Jerusalem, West Bank)  
by Jon Land

Set in a possible-future where the West Bank is unified, Palestinian policeman Kamal teams up with Israeli Shin Bet agent Barnea in an effort to preserve the new peace as well as catch murderers.

I<sup>st</sup> The Walls of Jericho

Carrie Stetko aka Whiteout series (Antarctica)  
by Greg Rucka, art by Steve Lieber

When a murder occurs at an isolated research facility in Antarctica, U.S. Marshall Stetko is in a race against time and the weather to catch the killer. (Graphic/Illustrated Novel)

I<sup>st</sup> Whiteout

Charlie Moon (Ute territory, Colorado)  
by James D. Doss

Reservation policeman Moon teams up with Scott Parris, his counterpart from the neighboring town, to solve crimes in and around Ute territory.

I<sup>st</sup> The Shaman Sings

Chief Inspector Adamsberg (France) by Fred Vargas  
Intuitive yet eccentric investigator Adamsberg and his straight-edged deputy investigate murders with links to the occult.

I<sup>st</sup> Have Mercy on Us All

Commissario Cenni (Umbria, Italy) by Grace Brophy  
A maverick policeman, Cenni is a methodical investigator who won't let his suspects high-powered connections get in the way of justice.

I<sup>st</sup> The Last Enemy

Daniel Jacquot (Marseilles, France) by Martin O'Brien  
Inspector Jacquot, a former rugby star with a taste for the finer things in life, investigates brutal and perverted killings in the grittier areas of Marseilles.

I<sup>st</sup> Jacquot and the Waterman

Dr. Paiboun (Laos) by Colin Cotterill  
Instead of enjoying his retirement, Paiboun finds himself conscripted as coroner in 1970s communist Laos, where he soon finds himself unearthing grisly murders.

I<sup>st</sup> The Coroner's Lunch

Elise Andrioli (Paris, France) by Brigitte Aubert  
When a car bomb kills her fiancé and leaves her blind, mute, and quadriplegic, Andrioli turns her keen intellect to solving grisly murders near her family's Paris home.

I<sup>st</sup> Death From the Woods

Ella Clah (Navajo territory, New Mexico)  
by Aimee and David Thurló

When she returns to the reservation as an FBI agent, Clah must find a way to reconcile her modern investigative sensibilities with traditional Navajo beliefs.

I<sup>st</sup> Blackening Song

Emily Tempest (Australia) by Adrian Hyland  
Tempest, a disillusioned young half-Aboriginal woman, returns to her Outback hometown to seek new direction. When a tribal leader is the victim of murder with the markings of sorcery, she decides to investigate on her own

I<sup>st</sup> Moonlight Downs

Erlendur Sveinsson aka Reykjavik mysteries (Reykjavik, Iceland) by Arnaldur Indridason  
Veteran police officer Erlendur pieces together complex connections to crack decades-old cold cases, while dealing with his estranged and drug-addicted teenage daughter.

I<sup>st</sup> Jar City

Gabriel Allon (Israel and abroad) by Daniel Silva  
Allon, a retired Mossad agent, is called back to eliminate an assassin in the midst of a killing spree.

I<sup>st</sup> The Kill Artist

Guido Brunetti (Venice, Italy) by Donna Leon  
Charming, low-key Venice policeman Brunetti unravels intricate puzzles involving all levels of society and government.

I<sup>st</sup> Death at La Fenice

Guido Guerrieri (Italy) by Gianrico Carofiglio  
Defense lawyer Guerrieri can't resist fighting the hopeless battles as he seeks justice in an unjust system.

I<sup>st</sup> Involuntary Witness

Inspector Armand Gamache aka Three Pines mysteries (Quebec, Canada) by Louise Penny  
Gamache of the Montreal Surete and his team of investigators are called to rural Three Pines when a violent murder shatters the idyllic calm.

I<sup>st</sup> Still Life

Inspector John Rebus (Edinburgh, Scotland) by Ian Rankin  
A former SAS officer turned cop, Rebus is a harsh man who solves harsh crimes, hunting down sadistic serial killers in the seedy streets of Edinburgh.

I<sup>st</sup> Knots and Crosses

Inspector Llob (Algeria) by Yasmina Khadra  
Set at the height of the Algerian civil war, when being a policeman makes him a target, Llob fights for justice amidst the chaos.

I<sup>st</sup> Morituri

Inspector O (Pyongyang, North Korea) by James Church  
A pragmatic police officer dedicated to the ideals of justice deals with the frustrations and overarching paranoia of a totalitarian regime.

I<sup>st</sup> A Corpse in Koryo

Inspector Porfiry Rostnikov (Moscow, Russia)  
by Stuart Kaminsky

Moscow Police Inspector Rostnikov deals with intrigue both international and domestic as he solves crimes.

I<sup>st</sup> Death of a Dissident

Irene Huss (Goteborg, Sweden) by Helene Tursten  
When Huss and her Violent Crimes Unit investigate a tycoon's murder, they find themselves submerged in Sweden's seamy underworld of biker gangs, drug-dealers, and skinheads.

I<sup>st</sup> Detective Inspector Huss

Jack Taylor (Galway, Ireland) by Ken Bruen  
After he's ousted from the police force, Taylor ekes out a living as a "finder" thanks to exaggerated rumors of his talent for finding things.

I<sup>st</sup> The Guards

Jacob Tshabalala and Harry Mason (Johannesburg, South Africa) by Richard Kunzmann  
Teaming up to solve gruesome crimes, tribesman Tshabalala puts more stock in native superstitions, while his English partner Mason takes a more cynical view.

I<sup>st</sup> Bloody Harvest

Jamaica Wild (Pueblo territory, New Mexico)  
by Sandi Ault

As a BLM agent, Wild must navigate the world of inter-tribal relations as she investigates mysteries on Native American land.

I<sup>st</sup> Wild Indigo

Joe Cashin (Australia) by Peter Temple  
A Melbourne policeman reassigned to his rural hometown for a convalescence period, Cashin has to prove that local Aboriginal teens aren't responsible for a death that others are happy to pin on them.

I<sup>st</sup> The Broken Shore

Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee (Navajo territory, New Mexico)  
by Tony Hillerman

When investigating crimes on the reservation Leaphorn, a detective in the Navajo Tribal Police, takes a skeptical view of any apparent mystical components, while his young partner Chee has a more open worldview.

I<sup>st</sup> The Blessing Way