

Humorous Mystery Fiction

Saint-Pierre: FIC C724b

Colt, Jennifer

The butcher of Beverly Hills

Who is killing the rich society widows of Beverly Hills? Meet Kerry and Terry McAfee—identical twin sisters who have nothing in common, save their red hair and California-girl looks. Kerry's the good girl, a straight-A student who won a scholarship to UCLA. Terry's the bad girl, whose appetite for nose candy won her a spot in the slammer. When Terry gets out of jail, the twins decide to open their own business as private investigators—and soon they're keeping LA safe with the help of their trusty sidekicks: a Pomeranian named Paquito and a pug named Muffy.

Saul-Bellow: FIC D2523d

Davidson, Diane Mott

Dark tort: a novel of suspense.

Goldy Schulz has a lucrative new gig, preparing breakfasts and conference-room snacks for a local law firm. It's time-consuming, but Goldy is enjoying it -- until the night she arrives to find Dusty, the firm's paralegal, dead. The poor young woman also happened to be Goldy's friend and neighbor, and now Dusty's grieving mother begs Goldy to find out who murdered her daughter. Just because the police are on the case doesn't mean Goldy can't do a little snooping herself. While catering a party at the home of one of the firm's lawyers, she manages to overhear an incriminating conversation and ends up discover-ing a few clues in the kitchen. Before long, Goldy is knee-deep in suspects, one of whom is incredibly dangerous and very liable to cook Goldy's goose.

Saul-Bellow: FIC D544c

Dibdin, Michael

End games: an Aurelio Zen mystery

In Calabria, Italy, an American lawyer is missing, presumed kidnapped. A movie company is about to start filming the story of the Book of Revelation. An obsessed games player, richer than Croesus, is determined to find an ancient Roman statue that is buried under a river. A team of mercenaries is on its way there from Iraq to assist. And Aurelio Zen's latest posting is Cosenza, Calabria, where the local chief of police has shot himself in the foot. Looking down on all this activity is the abandoned village of Altomonte, once the seat of the powerful Calopezzati family. When the lawyer's bloody corpse is discovered in Altomonte, Zen is determined to find a way to penetrate the local code of silence and uncover the truth. But his quest is quickly complicated by the lavish and clandestine treasure hunt, which Zen learns is being carried out by no ordinary fanatics.

Saul-Bellow et Saint-Pierre:

FIC E92s v.11

Evanovich, Janet

Twelve shar : a Stephanie Plum novel

Trenton, New Jersey's premier troublemaker is once again struggling with her tangled love life, her chaotic family, and her gift for destroying every car she drives. Not to mention her attempts to bring in the sometimes scary bail jumpers of Trenton, and the sudden appearance of a mysterious female stalker—who turns out to have a close connection to Ranger.

Saul-Bellow: FIC H263s

Harding, Rodyn

The secret desires of a soccer mom

Paige Atwell appears to have a fulfilling life in the cozy community of Aberdeen Mists—a nice house, a great husband, and two young kids. But behind the façade of neighborhood coffee klatches and carpools, Paige is growing restless with her increasingly busy spouse, the early onset of her ten-year-old daughter's teenage hostility, and her young son's alarming preoccupation with bodily functions. When her friend and neighbor, Karen, looking even more vibrant and gorgeous than usual, confesses to a passionate affair with a sizzling Latin lover, Paige assesses her own state of domestic ecstasy: not good. But Paige's attempts to "re-sexualize" her marriage produce comically calamitous consequences...

Saul-Bellow: FIC H623n

Hiaasen, Carl

Nature girl

Honey Santana—impassioned, willful, possibly bipolar, self-proclaimed "queen of lost causes"—has a scheme to help rid the world of irresponsibility, indifference, and dinnertime sales calls. She's taking rude, gullible Relentless, Inc., telemarketer Boyd Shreave and his less-than-enthusiastic mistress, Eugenie—the fifteen-minute-famous girlfriend of a tabloid murderer—into the wilderness of Florida's Ten Thousand

Islands for a gentle lesson in civility. What she doesn't know is that she's being followed by her Honey-obsessed former employer, Piejack (whose mismatched fingers are proof that sexual harassment in the workplace is a bad idea). And he doesn't know he's being followed by Honey's still-smitten former drug-running ex-husband, Perry, and their wise-and-protective-way-beyond-his-years twelve-year-old-son, Fry. And when they all pull up on Dismal Key, they don't know they're intruding on Sammy Tigertail, a half white-half Seminole failed alligator wrestler, trying like hell to be a hermit despite the Florida State coed who's dying to be his hostage . . .

Saul-Bellow: FIC K17L

Kaplan, Janice

Looks to die for

As the wife of a prominent Beverly Hills plastic surgeon, a dedicated mother of three, and an absolutely fabulous decorator to the stars, Lacy Fields is stunned to the tips of her Chanel-manicured toenails the night the police barge into her house and haul her husband off in handcuffs. With her handsome Dan accused of murdering a young wannabe actress named Tasha Barlow, Lacy turns her talent from tracking down priceless antique furniture to chasing a clever killer.

Saul-Bellow: FIC et LV FIC M888q

Mortimer, John

Quite honestly

Lucinda Purefoy is a do-gooder: a nice, middle-class girl, fresh out of university (and work experience at the Guardian), who wants to repay her 'debt to society'. Crime-fighting organization SCRAP recruit Lucy to volunteer as a 'mentor' for ex-cons. But her first client, career house-burglar Terry Keegan (just out of Wormwood Scrubs) has ideas of his own. And it's not long before Lucy's distracted from duty by his seductive lessons in the criminal life. *Quite Honestly* is a clever and highly entertaining comic novel, bursting with big ideas and John Mortimer's reflections on crime, rehabilitation and how wrong some people go trying to do right in life.

Saul-Bellow: FIC S229m v.1

Sansom, Ian

The mobile library. [1], The case of the missing books.

Israel Armstrong is a passionate soul, lured to Ireland by the promise of an exciting new career. Alas, the job that awaits him is not quite what he had in mind. Still, Israel is not one to dwell on disappointment, as he prepares to drive a mobile library around a small, damp Irish town. After all, the scenery is lovely, the people are charming—but where are the books? The rolling library's 15,000 volumes have mysteriously gone missing, and it's up to Israel to discover who would steal them . . . and why. And perhaps, after that, he will tackle other bizarre and perplexing local mysteries—like, where does one go to find a proper cappuccino and a decent newspaper?