

You’ve read most the American mystery writers and are ready for something different. Why not give these Canadian authors a try? You’ll be pleasantly surprised!

Barclay, Linwood

***The accident : a novel***

It’s the new normal at the Garber household in Connecticut: Glen, a contractor, has seen his business shaken by the housing crisis, and now his wife, Sheila, is taking a business course at night to increase her chances of landing a good-paying job.

But she should have been home by now. Waiting for Sheila’s return, with their eight-year-old daughter sleeping soundly, Glen soon finds his worst fears confirmed: Sheila and two others have been killed in a car accident.

Adding to the tragedy, the police claim Sheila was responsible...--Cover

Blunt, Giles

***Until the night***

It's not unusual for John Cardinal to be hauled out of a warm bed on a cold night in Algonquin Bay to investigate a murder. And at first this dead body, sprawled in the parking lot of Motel 17, looks pretty run of the mill. And then Delorme, following a hunch, locates another missing woman, a senator's wife from Ottawa, frozen in the ruins of an abandoned hotel way back in the woods...

Deverell, William

***I'll see you in my dreams***

When new developments force Arthur Beauchamp to revisit his first high-profile murder trial--a disastrous case that has haunted

him for five decades--he unexpectedly finds an opportunity for redemption.

Emery, Anne

***Death at Christy Burke's***

When spray-painted graffiti appears on the wall of Christy Burke's pub indicating that there's a killer on the premises, his grandson, Father Brennan Burke, is asked to investigate the vandalism...--Cover.

Engel, Howard

***East of Suez : a Benny Cooperman mystery***

Beloved private eye Benny Cooperman is ready to hang up his gumshoes after an attack leaves him with lingering memory problems. But then an old chum goes missing...[amazon.ca]

Fielding, Joy

***Shadow Creek***

There’s something deadly lurking in the shadows at Shadow Creek ...--Cover

Gutteridge, Don

***Dubious allegiance : a Mark Edwards mystery***

"Are the sacrifices to Crown and country worth the cost?"—Cover.

Knowles, Mike

***Never play another man’s game***

This whodunit finds Wilson taking up with his old partner, Ruby. The pair set out to take down an armored car carrying a huge payday, but there’s one problem—Ruby’s kid Rick is the one who scouted the job, and he wants in on the deal. Despite his misgivings about Rick,

Wilson signs on with the condition that he runs the job. The heist is a success, but the antihero soon finds himself at the heart of a double cross, learning the hard way that honor among thieves is a myth. Packed with suspense and surprising twists, this novel adds yet another ruthless chapter to the celebrated Wilson Mystery series ....Cover

McCrea, Grant

***Drawing dead : a Rick Redman mystery***

Lawyer Rick Redman decides it is time to make a career change. Murder can do that to a guy. A beautiful woman offering a substantial cash retainer makes it seem like a good idea too. But when he loses the cash in a poker game and he ends up in Nevada, he has no choice but to try to recoup the lost money at the World Series of Poker. And when his brother-in-law turns up dead, it becomes clear the stakes are higher than he expected. --Cover

McGrath, M.J.

***White heat***

Investigating the murder of an adventurer under her watch, half-Inuit Arctic guide Edie Kiglatuk teams up with police sergeant Derek Palliser when she realizes that the victim's tour group was searching for something specific. [worldcat.org]

McFetridge, John

***Everybody knows this is nowhere***

The seedy massage parlors, gang-ridden housing projects, and expensive mafia-run clubs of Toronto provide the backdrop for this riveting crime story featuring Detective Gord Bergeron. Plagued by unanswered questions in

his personal life and at work, Gord immerses himself in the investigation of a death that may be terrorist related—Cover.

Maffini, Mary Jane

***Law & disorder***

Camilla MacPhee is distracted when Ashley and Brittany, her step-daughters-to-be visit. As the girls strive to excel at dragon boat racing, Camilla struggles to discover who is killing Ottawa lawyers and leaving lawyer jokes to make the point. As the jokes start to hit too close to home, Camilla does her stubborn best to head off the killer, hampered by her assistant, the police, the bossy sisters, her real estate agent, her favourite burglar, her absent boyfriend, Ray Deveau, and the visiting girls. Well, at least they're all safe. Oh wait, maybe not. Will be final joke be on Camilla? –Cover.

Penny, Louise

***The beautiful mystery***

No outsiders are ever admitted to the monastery of Saint-Gilbert-Entre-les-Loups, hidden deep in the wilderness of Quebec, where two dozen cloistered monks live in peace and prayer. They grow vegetables, they tend chickens, they make chocolate. And they sing. Ironically, for a community that has taken a vow of silence, the monks have become world-famous for their glorious voices, raised in ancient chants whose effect on both singer and listener is so profound it is known as “the beautiful mystery.”

But when the renowned choir director is murdered, the lock on the monastery’s massive wooden door is drawn back to admit Chief

Inspector Armand Gamache and Jean-Guy Beauvoir of the Sûreté du Québec. There they discover disquiet beneath the silence, discord in the apparent harmony. One of the brothers, in this life of prayer and contemplation, has been contemplating murder. As the peace of the monastery crumbles, Gamache is forced to confront some of his own demons, as well as those roaming the remote corridors. Before finding the killer, before restoring peace, the Chief must first consider the divine, the human, and the cracks in between.—Cover.

Pyper, Andrew

*The demonologist*

A stolen child. An ancient evil. A father’s descent. Add the literary masterpiece that holds the key to his daughter’s salvation...--Cover.

Rehner, Jan

*Missing Matisse*

Who is the mysterious woman in the Matisse drawing, “Woman in a Blouse, Dreaming?” What secrets is she hiding? Chloe Rea grew up with the Matisse sketch and believes the woman in the famous Rumanian blouse is her grandmother. But the sketch now belongs to Adam Jensen, who inherited it after his brother’s sudden death in the south of France. Now Chloe wants the sketch back, but someone else is willing to kill for it. When a prominent art dealer in Toronto is murdered, Chloe and Adam flee to France to walk in the footsteps of Matisse and the beautiful Russian named Lydia...--Cover

Robinson, Peter

*Bad boy*

A distraught woman arrives at the Eastvale police station desperate to speak to [Detective Chief Inspector Alan Banks ]. Since he's away on holiday, his partner, Annie Cabbot, steps in. The woman tells Annie that she's found a loaded gun hidden in the bedroom of her daughter, Erin--a punishable offense under English law. When an armed response team breaks into the house to retrieve the weapon, the seemingly straightforward procedure quickly spirals out of control. But trouble is only beginning, for it turns out that Erin's best friend and roommate is none other than Tracy Banks, the DCI's daughter, who was last seen racing off to warn the owner of the gun, a very bad boy indeed. Now, Annie and Banks--a bit of a bad boy himself--must risk everything to outsmart a smooth and devious. –Cover.

*Before the poison*

Through the years of success in Hollywood composing film scores, Chris always promised his wife they'd return to the Yorkshire Dales one day. Now a widower, Chris feels he must not forget his promise. Back in the Dales, he rents an isolated house that will allow him the space to grieve and the peace to compose his piano sonata. But when he finds that the house was the scene of a murder in the 1950s, and the convicted murderer was one of the last women hanged in England, he finds himself increasingly distracted by the events of sixty years before ...--Cover..

Rotenberg, Robert

*Guilty plea*

On the morning that his headline-grabbing divorce trial is set to begin, Terrance Wyler, youngest son of the Wyler Food dynasty, is found stabbed to death in the kitchen of his million-dollar home. Detective Ari Greene arrives minutes before the press and finds Wyler’s four-year-old son asleep upstairs. When Wyler’s ex-wife, a strange beauty named Samantha, shows up at her lawyer’s office with a bloody knife, it looks as if the case is over. [amazon.ca]

Shrier, Howard

*Boston cream*

When PI Jonah Geller heads to Boston on the trail of a family friend's son, this missing person case looks more like a case of burnout. But it soon becomes clear that overachieving surgeon-in-training David Fine had a real reason to run. He'd been forced into a criminal ring performing illegal organ transplants, the brainchild of a Boston crime boss.

Wynne-Jones, Tim

*The uninvited*

After a disturbing freshman year at New York University, Mimi is happy to get away to her father's remote Canadian cottage only to discover a stranger living there who has never heard of her or her father and who is convinced that Mimi is responsible for leaving sinister tokens around the property.



## Canadian mystery, writers, eh ?

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