



Sara's Book Recommendations ~ Undiscovered, vintage, or overlooked mystery reads

Notes and News December 2017:

- Judith Cransworth's *Blood on the Bulb Fields* - features a tour group escort on a trip to Amsterdam who has to herd tourists and juggle a mystery
- *Gin and Panic* by Mia Chance - a lighthearted mystery with a zany tone set in 1920s New England
- *The Trophy Wives of Alpenrose* – fun cozy set in 1960s in the Swiss alps
- Mary Stewart - classic romantic suspense books, including *The Moonspinners* and *This Rough Magic*

Holiday reads:

- *Mistletoe, Merriment, and Murder* by Sara Rosett
- *The Twelve Clues of Christmas* by Rhys Bowen
- *Mistletoe Murder* by Leslie Meier

Notes and News July 2017:

- *A Most Contagious Game* by Catherine Aird – puzzle mystery set in English village.
- *Murder on the Riviera Express* by T. P. Fielden – set in 1950s British seaside town and features a local newspaper reporter who thinks that the death of a celebrity isn't quite what it seems
- *Death at Bishop's Keep* by Robin Paige – Victorian cozy
- *A Perfect Manhattan Murder* by Tracy Kiely – third installment in the Nic and Nigel series, a modern take on the *Thin Man* mysteries with plenty of snappy dialogue.
- *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz – a novel within a novel structure. I enjoyed the homage to Agatha Christie's village mysteries, but some readers will not like the crude language that is part of the mystery itself. (I know many of my readers don't like that sort of thing at all, so I'm just giving you a heads-up about it.) Otherwise, an interesting mystery.

Notes and News January 2017:

- *A Case of Murder in Mayfair* by Clara Benson - 1930s London, Hollywood movie stars, and a man-about-town turned reporter
- *Jane and the Twelve Days of Christmas* by Stephanie Barron - Jane Austen as an amateur sleuth
- *The Baker Street Jurors* by Michael Robertson- blends Sherlock Holmes and a courtroom drama
- *The Skeleton in the Closet* by M.C. Beaton - a man searches to find out where his miserly parents' money came from...

Notes and News October 2016:

- *The Secrets of Wishtide* by Kate Saunders - historical mystery,

Victorian, Sherlockian feel

- *Sweetheart Deal* by Linda Joffe Hull - similar to my Ellie books, a mom sleuth, tips
- *A Novel Revenge* by Ashley Weaver - historical mystery, English county house, 1930s
- *A Terrible Beauty* by Tasha Alexander - historical mystery, Victorian, Greece