Library & Bookstore Mysteries

**Library Lover's Mysteries by Jenn McKinlay**
First book: *Books Can Be Deceiving*

Set in the picturesque town of Briar Creek, Connecticut, these cozy mysteries star the director of the Briar Creek Public Library, newly single Lindsey Norris. Norris is also an amateur sleuth, tirelessly investigating the inordinate number of murders in town. This suspenseful series has a strong sense of place, an upbeat tone, and recipes and craft projects.

**Bibliophile Mystery Series by Kate Carlisle**
First book: *Homicide in Hardcover*

San Francisco book-restoration expert Brooklyn Wainwright helms this fast-paced, often funny series of book-centric mysteries. This extremely smart, likeable, and authentic heroine has a knack for finding dead bodies in the most unlikely places, from bookshops and libraries to rare book archives. Engaging secondary characters, a touch of romance, and entertaining plots make these mysteries perfect for book lovers.

**Secret, Book & Scone Society Series by Ellery Adams**
First book: *The Secret, Book & Scone Society*

When a visiting businessman reaches out to Nora of Miracle Books for advice on the perfect novel to read, she knows exactly which ones will help, but before he can keep their appointment, he’s found dead on the train tracks.

**Booktown Mysteries by Lorna Barrett**
First book: *Murder is Binding*

When fellow bookstore owner Doris Gleason is murdered, Tricia Miles discovers that someone wanted to get their hands on a rare cookbook in Doris’s possession and that the locals believe that someone is her.

**Cliff Janeway Mysteries by John Dunning**
First book: *Booked to Die*

Cliff Janeway, a burnt-out Colorado cop and rare book collector, investigates the murder of his book scout friend, who was tracking down a valuable find when his life was brought to an abrupt conclusion.

**Death on Demand Mysteries by Carolyn G. Hart**
First book: *Death on Demand*

The prime suspect in the murder of author Elliot Morgan, Annie Laurance, owner of the Death on Demand mystery bookstore, embarks on an investigation in an attempt to clear her name.

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Ray Ambler Novels by Cornelius Lehane
First book: Murder at 42nd Street Library

Murder at the 42nd Street Library opens with a murder in a second floor office of the iconic, beaux-arts flagship of the New York Public Library. Ray Ambler, the curator of the library's crime fiction collection, joins forces with NYPD homicide detective Mike Cosgrove in hopes of bringing a murderer to justice.

Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore by Matthew Sullivan

Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore by Matthew Sullivan Standalone

Follows the efforts of a bookstore clerk to unravel a puzzle left behind by a patron who has committed suicide, an effort that is complicated by memories of the clerk's violent childhood. It takes place in Denver, Colorado.

Tourist Trap Mysteries by Lynn Cahoon
First book: Guidebook to Murder

In the gentle coastal town of South Cove, California, all Jill Gardner wants is to keep her store—Coffee, Books, and More—open and running. So why is she caught up in the business of murder? When Jill's elderly friend, Miss Emily, dies unexpectedly and leaves the house to Jill, Jill inherits all of her problems... and her enemies.

The Haunted Bookshop Mystery Series by Alice Kimberly
First book: The Ghost and Mrs. McClure

When a guest author drops dead in the middle of a book signing after revealing a secret about a 1940s mystery that is linked to their bookstore, young widow Penelope Thorton-McClure and her aunt set out to find the truth - with a little otherworldly assistance.

The Hugo Marston Novels by Mark Pryor
First book: The Bookseller

When Inspector Zâe Coelho investigates the murder of a young girl living in Portugal, he discovers that the crime is somehow linked to Nazi misdeeds six decades earlier.

Cat in the Stacks Mysteries by Miranda James
First book: Murder Past Due

A famous author returns to his hometown and is murdered. It's up to Charlie Harris, the town's librarian, and his cat Diesel, to find the killer before the wrong person is arrested for the crime. The trouble is, every last one of Charlie's friends and coworkers had a score to settle with the novelist.