Senior Sleuths

Who Says Retirement is Boring???

Bain, Donald
Murder, She Wrote Mysteries: Jessica Fletcher solves many crimes in the small, friendly town of Cabot Cove, Maine.

Beaton, M.C.
The Agatha Raisin Series: Agatha Raisin is an impulsive, sarcastic, high-energy senior who sells her public relations business and retires to the Cotswolds where she finds romance… and crime.

Braun, Lilian Jackson
The Cat Who… Series: Jim Quilleran is a journalist who has help solving crimes from his cats Koko and Yum Yum.

Brett, Simon
The Fethering Mysteries: Named after the coastal town in which they are set, The Fethering Mysteries involve two amateur sleuths as opposite as they can be: ex-Home Office Carole Seddon, slightly introverted, and her neighbor Jude who has clearly lived life to the fullest.

The Mrs. Pargeter Mysteries: Mrs. Melita Pargeter is a 67-year-old widow who loves to snoop. Unlike Jane Marple, she loves bright clothes, silk stockings, good food, and fine wine. Mr. Pargeter left his beloved widow very well off; he also left her a little black book, useful for solving all manner of crimes.

Brightwell, Emily
Victorian Mystery Series, aka Mrs Jeffries Mysteries: Mrs. Jeffries, a middle-aged widow of a policeman who is now employed as a housekeeper for Inspector Witherspoon of Scotland Yard, begins finding clues and feeding them to her employer.

Christie, Agatha
The Miss Marple Series: Miss Marple, an elderly woman from the village of St. Mary Mead in England, solves mysteries using her keen observations and logic. She never misses a clue.

Dams, Jeanne M.
The Dorothy Martin Mysteries: Dorothy Martin, a recently widowed physical therapist who lives in Sherebury, England, becomes a sleuth after stumbling upon a body in her village. She’s got a knack for wearing colorful hats while solving crimes.

George, Anne
The Southern Sisters Mysteries: Hilarious southern sisters Patricia Anne Hollowell and Mary Alice Crane get into one crazy adventure after another and solve some mysteries along the way.

Gilman, Dorothy
The Miss Pollifax Series: Grandmother Emily Pollifax is a spy for the CIA. She outwits assassins, terrorists and thugs using outlandish and comical tactics.

Haddam, Jane
Gregor Demarkian Novels: Gregor Demarkian, a retired profiler for the FBI, turns to solving small town crimes in Connecticut.

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Hall, Parnell
Puzzle Lady Mysteries:

O'Marie, Carol Anne
The Sister Mary Helen Mysteries: Sister Helen is a retired nun-turned-sleuth who resides in San Francisco.

Riggs, Cynthia
Martha’s Vineyard Mysteries: Ninety-two-year-old Victoria Trumbull solves mysteries in Martha’s Vineyard.

Sprinkle, Patricia Houck
Thoroughly Southern Mysteries: A spunky amateur sleuth on the sunset end of sixty tackles crime scenes with razor-sharp insight, a salty wit, and tenacious faith.

Wentworth, Patricia
The Miss Silver Mysteries: This series stars Miss Maud Silver, a spinster who lives in London and specializes in cases of art thefts and forgeries. She prefers to be called a “private inquiry agent” as opposed to Private Investigator because it’s “much more appropriate for a gentlewoman.”