Cozy Mysteries: Humorous Whodunits without Violence

Death by Darjeeling
M CHILDS

When a man is poisoned by tea, Theo is the prime suspect. Now she has to prove her innocence and track down the real killer—before someone else takes their last sip. Just the right blend of cozy fun and clever plotting.

Thyme of Death
M ALBERT

China Bayles wants something more out of life than the fast track offers. Something like the Thyme and Seasons herb shop in Pecan Springs, Texas. But evil can occur among small town life as well. When China’s good friend apparently commits suicide, she is more than puzzled. Thyme of Death marks the debut of one of the most original sleuths.

The Sunday Philosophy Club
M MCCALL SMITH

Isabel is fond of problems, and sometimes she becomes interested in problems that are, quite frankly, none of her business. This may be the case when Isabel sees a young man plunge to his death from the upper circle of a concert hall in Edinburgh. Filled with thorny characters and a Scottish atmosphere as thick as a highland mist, The Sunday Philosophy Club is irresistible.

Crunch Time
M DAVIDSON

Caterer and sleuth extraordinaire Goldy Schulz returns in another tasty and suspenseful adventure from the ace of the culinary mystery author Davidson. Goldy cooks up big trouble as she tries to help her longtime friend and fellow chef Yolanda Garcia when an arsonist and murderer seems to target her and her friends in their Colorado home.

Aunt Dimity’s Death
M ATHERTON

A mystery, ghost story, and fairy tale in one. Protagonist Lori Shepherd is entitled an estate if she can find the hidden treasure within Aunt Dimity’s letters; set in an inviting English cottage setting.

Agatha Raisin and the Quiche of Death
CD M BEATON

Agatha Raisin moves to rural Cotswolds from London. After entering a store-bought quiche into a local baking contest, it poisons one of the judges. Compelled to investigate the murder, she sets out to prove her innocence.

Her Royal Spyness
M BOWEN

Set in 1930’s London, Lady Victoria Georgiana Charlotte Eugenie, 34th in line for the throne, leaves for London when her brother cuts off her allowance. She falls into detective work when she finds a dead Frenchman in her tub.

The Cat Who Could Read Backwards
M BRAUN

Reporter Jim Qwilleran becomes an inadvertent investigator of museum-related crimes that lead to killing. Him and his new crime solving cat, the ingenious Koko, crack clues to solve the murder.
Mrs. Jeffries Speaks Her Mind
M BRIGHTWELL

The eccentric Olive Kettering swore someone was trying to harm her. Too bad no one listened, though plenty wanted her dead. When Olive is shot and killed, Mrs. Jeffries has no problem speaking her mind to see justice served.

A Killer’s Christmas in Wales
M DUNCAN

Amidst the snowiest winter in the welsh valley, a charming American man first disappears with a widow’s wealth and is then found dead. Local business owner, Penny Brannigan must prove that the widow is innocent by finding the murderer.

Just Desserts
LT M DAHEIM

A group of eccentric housemates in McMonigle’s Hillside Manor Inn are visited by a fortune teller. When the madame is poisoned by tea leaves, their hostess Judith and her policeman boyfriend attempt to find the killer amongst their company.

Outfoxed
M BROWN

In a Southern foxhunting Community, Yankee Crawford Howard and a born-and-bred Virginian, Fontaine Buruss, compete in a hunting match to see who will become joint master of the hunting club run by Jane “Sister” Arnold. The match ends in murder and Jane, with the help of clever foxes, attempts to find the hunter who committed murder.

Sheer Folly
M DUNN

In 1926, Daisy and her friend Lucy are at a stately home reputed to have the best grotto in the country, for research on their architectural book. As long-held secrets and resentments threaten to explode, even Daisy couldn’t predict the deadly events to come.

Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder
M FLUKE

Hannah Swensen is busy dodging her mother’s attempts to marry her off while also running the small Minnesota town’s popular bakery, The Cookie Jar. But when a beloved milkman is found murdered with Hannah’s famous Chocolate Chip Crunchies scattered around him, she sets out to track down a killer.

The Unexpected Mrs Pollifax
M GILMAN

A widowed matron decides to pursue her lifelong desire to be a spy, finds herself useful to the CIA, and successfully completes an assignment which takes her from New Jersey to Mexico City to Albania.

Buttons and Bones
M FERRIS

Owner of a needlework shop and part-time sleuth, Betsy Devonshire heads for the Minnesota woods to renovate an old cabin where she finds the skeleton of a Nazi. Betsy’s investigation yields a former German POW camp and a decades-old crime.