



The First Five Years

This is a list of the first 47 mystery novels (and 4 “bodies of work”) read and discussed by the **Just Desserts** mystery fiction discussion group, which began at the Bennett Martin Public Library downtown in 2006, and has continued since September 2008 at the South Branch Library (27th & South St.). If you’d like to join fellow mystery fans for lively discussion (and shared desserts!), we meet the final Thursday of every month (Jan-Oct) from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. at South Branch. You can check the library’s BookGuide web pages to see what the next selected book for discussion will be!

“**Dying for Chocolate**” by Diane Mott Davidson

“**Morality for Beautiful Girls**” by Alexander McCall-Smith

“**Dating Dead Men**” and “**Dating is Murder**” by Harley Jane Kozak

“**Catnap**” by Carole Nelson Douglas

“**The Daughter of Time**” by Josephine Tey

“**Haunted Ground**” by Erin Hart

“**Henrietta Who**” by Catherine Aird

The works of Ed McBain [Nov/Dec 2006 hiatus]

“**Death of a Gossip**” by M.C. Beaton

“**Heartland**” by David Wiltse

“**The Circular Staircase**” by Mary Roberts Rinehart

“**The Goodbye Body**” by Joan Hess

“**A Morbid Taste for Bones**” by Ellis Peters

“**Blood Sport**” by Dick Francis

“**The Blessing Way**” by Tony Hillerman

“**The Maltese Falcon**” by Dashiell Hammett

“**Black Betty**” by Walter Mosley

“**The Mystery of Hunting’s End**” by Mignon Eberhart

“**Shadow Man**” by James D. Doss

“**Grave Mistake**” by Ngaio Marsh

“**Trouble in Paradise**” by Robert B. Parker

“**Gaudy Night**” by Dorothy Sayers

“**Holmes on the Range**” by Steve Hockensmith

“**Parker Pyne Investigates**” by Agatha Christie

“**St. Alban’s Fire**” by Archer Mayor

“**Champagne for One**” by Rex Stout

“**Death at Victoria Dock**” by Kerry Greenwood

“**A Study in Scarlet**” by Arthur Conan Doyle

The works of Erle Stanley Gardner [Nov/Dec 2008 hiatus]

“**Partner in Crime**” by J.A. Jance

“**The Big Sleep**” by Raymond Chandler

“**A Question of Blood**” by Ian Rankin

“**Lion in the Valley**” by Elizabeth Peters

“**The Art of Detection**” by Laurie R. King

“**The Bishop at the Lake**” by Andrew Greeley

“**Bubbles Betrothed**” by Sarah Strohmeyer

“**Murder at the Library of Congress**” by Margaret Truman

“**Under the Color of Law**” by Michael McGarrity

“**Get Real**” by Donald Westlake

The works of Leslie Charteris [Nov/Dec 2009 hiatus]

“**A Deeper Sleep**” by Dana Stabenow

“**The Cleanup**” by Sean Doolittle

“**Maisie Dobbs**” by Jacqueline Winspear

“**Cat Fear No Evil**” by Shirley Rousseau Murphy

“**Out of Range**” by C.J. Box

“**Iron Lake**” by William Kent Krueger

“**Track of the Cat**” by Nevada Barr

“**Purple Cane Road**” by James Lee Burke

“**The Spellman Files**” by Lisa Lutz

“**M is for Malice**” by Sue Grafton

The Hardy Boys/Nancy Drew series [Nov/Dec 2010 hiatus]