

**Cozy Mysteries
See You in the Stacks
Rio Rancho Public Library, NM**



Fiction books are fun to read, and there are so many genres to choose from! Cozy mysteries are a subgenre of the mystery category. Cozy mysteries typically don't have grisly details of the murder or crime, little or no violence, few illusions (if that) to sex, and amateur detectives from the small community. The characters seem genuine. The plot is usually a nice gentle story. Some cozy mysteries have even been made into movies such as the *Murder She Baked* series by Joanne Fluke or the *Aurora Teagarden* series by Charlaine Harris. Both *Murder She Baked* and *Aurora Teagarden* are Hallmark movie series. Below are three cozy mysteries series that you might enjoy that are available in several different formats at your Rio Rancho library.

The Amish Quilt Mystery cozy mystery series starts with book one called *Murder, Plain and Simple* by Isabella Alan. It is available as a [regular](#) print book or as an [e-book](#) on hoopla. In this first book in the series, we learn that the main character (Angela) has inherited a quilt shop in Ohio. It seems to happen at the right time in her life, so she moves from Texas to Ohio. This cozy mystery wouldn't be complete without a murder for her to solve. Alan also writes under the name Amanda Flower.

Another cozy mystery series is *Arsenic and Old Books* by Miranda James, which is available as [regular](#) print books or as [e-books](#) from Hoopla. It is the sixth book in the *Cat in the Stacks* series, which is set in Mississippi. An academic librarian, Charlie Harris (and his Maine Coon cat Diesel), receives a collection of diaries from the Civil War time period to archive, but are they worth killing over? The latest book in the series is #13, "Cat Me If You Can," which came out in August 2020.

And Then There Were Nuns was written by Kylie Logan, which is available as a [regular](#) print or as a [large](#) print book. This is book #4 in the *League of Literary Ladies* series. Bea runs a bed and breakfast on a Lake Erie island, but she is fairly new to the community. Ten nuns are on retreat on the island at a different resort, and Bea is providing some meals for them. More than one nun dies. Who would want to murder any of the nuns?

Cozy mysteries can be a nice way to read (and possibly solve for yourself) a murder mystery without having to read all the details of the crime. A helpful website is cozy-mystery.com; (the library does not have any affiliation with this website) it has information about the cozy mystery genre as well as book suggestions, author interviews, etc. Another great resource is [Novelist](#) which can be found on the library website. You can log on directly or view suggestions when

you use our catalog of look for books. If you'd like to place a hold on a book, please visit the Rio Rancho Public Library [website](#). Love to discuss what you're reading? Rio Rancho librarians host Literary Musings on the second Wednesday of the month; the theme for our March 2021 meeting is "island," so read a fiction or non-fiction title and [register](#) for the Literary Musings discussion that will occur on Zoom on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 1 pm.