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 The 1926 Orland Park Murder Mystery

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Murder in the Ball Park McFarland

A historical mystery with “first-rate wartime Chicago atmosphere” and starring a ballplayer who “turns double plays and solves murders with equal grace” (Publishers Weekly). While the nation wages war against Germany in 1918, utility infielder Mickey Rawlings has been traded to the North Side of Chicago. He's batting a career high (a respectable .274) and the Cubs are in first place. For the first time in a long while Mickey is feeling financially secure enough to buy furniture. That's when his best friend—rookie Willie Kaiser—is shot dead right on the diamond. While the official explanation is “accidental death from a stray bullet,” Mickey thinks someone's taken the anti-war sentiment too far. Between collapsing bleacher seats and pretzel sabotage in the stands, Mickey's search for answers takes him from silent movies to speakeasies to the stockyards. As long as he keeps fouling off clues, it's only a matter of time before a killer is caught in a rundown—or Mickey

is tagged out permanently. “[A] quietly effective portrait of wartime Chicago in the throes of painful German-baiting and on the verge of Prohibition.”—Kirkus Reviews Praise for the Mickey Rawlings Baseball Mysteries “Full of life.”—The New York Times Book Review “A perfect book for the rain delay...a winner.” —USA Today “Delightful...period detail that will leave readers eager for subsequent innings.”—Publishers Weekly
Westside Park Murders, The: Muncie's Most Notorious Cold Case Kensington Publishing Corp.
 In the long hot summer of 1972, three events shattered the serenity of ten year old Marsha's life: her father ran away with her mother's sister Ada; Boyd Ellison, a young boy, was molested and murdered; and Watergate made the headlines. Living in a world no longer safe or familiar, Marsha turns increasingly to 'the book of evidence' in which she records the doings of the neighbors, especially of shy Mr Green next door. But as Marsha's confusion and her murder hunt accelerate, her 'facts' spread the damage cruelly and catastrophically throughout the neighborhood.
Dead in Center Field Ball Park Mysteries
 "Equal parts baseball and mystery are the perfect proportion." --Robert Parker A Race To Stay Alive

1922. Another year, another team. Utility infielder Mickey Rawlings is now warming the pine for the St. Louis Browns, a team poised to go all the way. Rawlings should be overjoyed with the situation but the lack of playing time has him sneaking off to play incognito in the semi-pros. The competition is just as rough, though. In fact, some of the best players to ever throw a curveball or line up for a swing are his opponents. The only reason they aren't in the majors is because of their team color--black. Turns out that's the least of their worries. When the star pitcher of the Negro East St. Louis Cubs is found lynched after a win, Rawlings has to do everything he can to track down the killer and prevent a repeat of the deadly race riots of 1917. If he can stay alive. . . Praise for the Mickey Rawlings Baseball Mysteries "Full of life." --The New York Times Book Review on Hanging Curve "A richly atmospheric journey through time." --Booklist on Hanging Curve "A perfect book for the rain delay. . .a winner!" --USA Today on Murder at Fenway Park "Delightful. . .mixing suspense, period detail that will leave readers eager for subsequent innings." --Publishers Weekly on Murder at Fenway Park
Murder at Wrigley Field Crimeline

Book 1 of London Lovett's brand new cozy mystery series, Firefly Junction. With her social life and writing career in tatters at the ripe old age of thirty-five, Sunni Taylor decides to pack up her things and join her sisters, Lana and Emily, in the small town of Firefly Junction. Hoping to open a bed and breakfast, Sunni sets herself the task of refurbishing the rundown Cider Ridge Inn, a two-hundred-year-old house with a sordid past. In the meantime, she's stuck writing dull human interest stories for the Junction Times. But when Sunni decides to bend the rules on her first newspaper assignment, she soon finds herself in her favorite place—right in the center of a murder investigation. Now if she can just steer clear of the cocky, irritating and far too appealing local detective, Brady "Jax" Jackson. It isn't long before Sunni discovers that avoiding Jax is a piece of cake compared to staying clear of the equally cocky, irritating and far too appealing two-hundred-year-old ghost haunting the halls of the Cider Ridge Inn. Death in the Park is a full-length cozy mystery novel with a fun paranormal twist. Book 2, Killer Bridal Party is now available!

The Jacobs Park Killings Kensington Books

It's the summer of 1961, and all eyes in the sports world are riveted on New York's Yankee Stadium, where young outfielder Marvin Wallace is mounting an assault on Babe Ruth's record of 60 home runs in a season. As the upstart slugger closes in on the legendary Sultan of Swat, the pressure begins building off the field: Someone is making death threats, and it's up to ballplayer-turned-private eye Mark Renzler to figure out who. With a lineup of possible suspects that includes New Jersey gambling interests, fanatical Ruth fans and even Wallace's own teammates, Renzler faces a full count in late innings. If he doesn't come through in the clutch, it could be Marvelous Marvin's last time at bat. Praise for Paul Engleman, Mark Renzler, and Dead in Center Field: "Paul Engleman is a deft storyteller with a quirky touch. Mark Renzler is a sociable Sam Spade: great company for the reader." -- Studs Terkel "A grand slam!" -- Lin Brehmer, WXRT Chicago "The wisecracks are funny and the allusions clever. Engleman, like Chandler, doesn't take himself too seriously." -- Publishers Weekly "This one's right in the ballpark." -- Los Angeles Times "It's a delight!" -- Playboy "An excellent baseball mystery and a legendary private eye." -- Sacramento Bee "Breezy and irreverent, Engleman works in 60s touches without wallowing in nostalgia." -- Chicago Sun-Times

Murder at Morgan Park Minotaur Books

A slugger struggles with an empty ballpark and a murdered teammate The Providence Jewels, an American League expansion team, have been taking a beating all season. Worse, relief pitcher Rudy Furth has just suffered a beating of a more lethal kind—and been left to die in the clubhouse whirlpool among whispers of mob corruption and violently lovesick fans. When the police investigation stalls, veteran Providence center fielder Harvey Blissberg, who knew Furth as well as anyone, decides to play detective. While trying to keep his eye on the ball, and his head above water with the spunky, beautiful sports newscaster Mickey Slavin, Blissberg quietly stalks Furth's killer through major-league locker rooms and the dark streets of Rhode Island's capital city. Lots of ballplayers keep their batting averages above .300—but how many have chased a murderer at the same time?

Hanging Curve Arcadia Publishing

Anticipating the animosity between the Brooklyn Dodgers and his own team, Giants player Mickey Rawlings is nevertheless surprised when Florence Hampton, the widow of Dodgers owner William Daley, is murdered after an important game

Five O'Clock Lightning Crossroad Press

When we think of baseball, we think of sunny days and leisurely outings at the ballpark--rarely do thoughts of death come to mind. Yet during the game's history, hundreds of players, coaches and spectators have died while playing or watching the National Pastime. In its second edition, this ground-breaking study provides the known details for 150 years of game-related deaths, identifies contributing factors and discusses resulting changes to game rules, protective equipment, crowd control and stadium structures and grounds. Topics covered include pitched and batted-ball fatalities, weather and field condition accidents, structural failures, fatalities from violent or risky behavior and deaths from natural causes.

Murder at the Baseball Hall of Fame Open Road Media

A shake-up in the NYPD homicide squad following a high-profile murder is bad for business for private investigator Nero Wolfe. When wealthy and popular crusader and reformer Lester Pierce is gunned down in front of his Park Avenue residence, the public outcry forces the NYPD to restructure its homicide department. As the deceased was highly critical of Inspector Lionel Cramer, the longtime head of homicide is temporarily relieved of his badge. But it seems Cramer

was not just a scapegoat: He was seen dining in Little Italy with mob kingpin Ralph Mars. All of which amounts to little more than conversational fodder for PI Nero Wolfe and his assistant Archie Goodwin. But if Cramer's provisional replacement, Capt. George Rowcliff, becomes permanent, Wolfe's future dealings with the force will be much compromised. Loath to depart from his routine, Wolfe makes the unusual decision to take on a case without an actual client. His investigation quickly points toward Pierce's organization, Good Government Group, where high-minded idealism is often trampled under the competing ambitions of the staff—several of whom would clearly have benefited from Pierce's demise. Despite the burgeoning list of suspects, Wolfe hasn't ruled out the involvement of the underworld and its connection to Cramer. But in order to untangle an abundance of motives and end the inspector's forced furlough, Wolfe may have to venture out of his comfort zone—and the premises of his brownstone. Continuing his beloved series—which also includes Archie Meets Nero Wolfe, Murder in the Ball Park, Archie in the Crosshairs, and Murder, Stage Left—Nero Award-winning author Robert Goldsborough “demonstrates an impressive ability to emulate Rex Stout's narrative voice” (Publishers Weekly, starred review). The Battered Badge is the 60th book in the Nero Wolfe Mysteries, but you may enjoy reading the series in any order.

The Pointy House Murders Wild Fox Press

In an era of unique baseball stadiums, the Polo Grounds in New York stood out from the rest. With its horseshoe shape, the Polo Grounds had extremely short distances down the foul lines and equally long distances up the alley and to center field. Some of baseball's most historic moments-- Bobby Thomson's Shot Heard Round the World, Willie Mays' Catch, Fred Merkle's infamous blunder--happened at the Polo Grounds. This book offers descriptive text and photographs that give a sense of the glory of this classic ballpark. Additionally, it contains historical articles and memories submitted by more than 70 former players who played at the Polo Grounds.

A Minor Case of Murder - A Cassie O'Malley Mystery BeeBop Publishing Group

While visiting the Baseball Hall of Fame, ex-cop Frank Branco witnesses the murder of a former major leaguer and begins an investigation that eventually leads him to a retired ballpark vendor and his many memories.

Death in the Park Open Road Media

MURDER at Morgan Park Book 4 Whodunnit Series Loueva Jennings, who looked intently at Albert Thomas, was more than just beautiful. Her white skin was tinted with the faintest pink colors. There was, in the sober depths of her blue-gray eyes, a glimmer which would have cautioned a man less satisfied with his own intellect and power of persuasion than the proprietor of Albert's Department Store. He wasn't looking at her face. His eyes were running up and down approvingly over her perfect figure, the exceptional poise she represented, and the shapeliness of the slender hands. ***** "You don't understand, Loueva," Albert said. His voice was soft and gentle and held the hint of a caress. "Did you not read my small pamphlet?" he asked. "I guess you thought a man in my position, owner of this store and all, would take an interest in writing poetry. Am I right?" He didn't give time for the young woman to answer. "Most of it was written before I took ownership of this store...." Again, Loueva's lips were trembling, and yet, Mister Albert mistook the symptoms she reflected. "I didn't wish to discuss your poetry book, Mister Albert," she said with her indignation rising. "But, since it was evidently given to me for a purpose, I will only say that only a pervert could have written something like that. There's no way I could read your poems...." An elderly woman strolling through Morgan Park the next morning walked over and looked down at a body that obviously had been dead for several hours. Under the wintry light which lit the snow-covered ground, the corpse was utterly still and more than slightly frozen. The deceased person had been dead for some time. From their clothing, the person was well-to-do. One look at the shiny black shoes, it was apparent this individual worked in the big city. The woman who found the body backed up and knew there should be no touching to preserve the evidence. The murder victim had a story to tell! A close look revealed a wound on the left side of the chest just above the heart. The extraordinary feature was that the murderer must not only have composed the body but laid upon the deceased body's chest a handful of Amarillas. The authorities were summoned immediately. The coroner's office removed the body. The first bit of information the detectives of the police department derived was that the murder was not committed in Morgan Park, but somewhere else. In an emotionally charged investigation full of unforeseen twists and turns, Billy Bob Thornton will need to follow an elaborate trail of evidence, secrets, and hidden schemata to help solve a murder mystery that has connections to Beijing, China.

Death of an Art Collector AuthorHouse

When minor league baseball comes to White Sands Beach, not everyone welcomes the club.

Birders are upset by the location of Sand Skeeter Ballpark, but will they resort to murder to protect the birds nesting areas? When a woman dies at the ballpark, during the final game of the season, tabloid reporter and amateur sleuth Cassie O'Malley finds herself on the case. Tag along as Cassie and her unusual band of cohorts attempt to untangle the clues in A Minor Case of Murder.

The Murder Children Speaking Volumes

Introducing spirited female sleuth Elizabeth Fairchild in the first of the brilliant new Oak Park village mystery series, set in 1920s Illinois. June, 1925. Having been widowed in the First World War, Elizabeth Fairchild lives a quiet life at the home of her wealthy parents in genteel Oak Park village, Illinois. Although she does her best to avoid emotional entanglements, determined never to be hurt again, Elizabeth forms a close friendship with gentle Mr Anthony, who owns the local antiques store. But tragedy strikes when Mr Anthony is found stabbed to death in the alley behind his shop. Why would anyone murder a mild-mannered antiques dealer who simply loved beautiful things? A robbery gone wrong? A gangland execution? Or could it have something to do with the mysterious customer who bought a gold pocket watch from Mr Anthony on the day he died? When one of her father's oldest friends is accused of the crime, Elizabeth determines to expose the real killer. But her investigations soon attract unwelcome attention. With gangsters moving into the neighbourhood from nearby Chicago, Oak Park is no longer the safe haven it once was. Could Elizabeth be seriously out of her depth?

A Minor Case of Murder Kensington Publishing Corp.

"Equal parts baseball and mystery are the perfect proportion." --Robert Parker The Big Dead Machine It's 1921, and journeyman infielder Mickey Rawlings finds himself on yet another team, the Cincinnati Reds, who everyone remembers for "winning" the 1919 World Series against the infamous Chicago Black Sox. In an effort to refurbish their image, Oliver Perrimen, a die-hard Reds fan cooks up a memorabilia exhibit of the 1869 Cincinnati Red Stockings, who went undefeated in a historic coast-to-coast romp. But before the tour can reach first base, someone strikes Ollie out with a well-placed bullet. Since murder seems to follow Mickey around like a hitting slump he can't quite quit, he starts snagging clues. Soon enough he finds his hands full with a forgotten murder, breaking and entering, and an angry girlfriend. But when the game of his own life is on the line, Mickey Rawlings is a born survivor. At least he hopes. . . Praise for the Mickey Rawlings Baseball Mysteries "Full of life." --The New York Times Book Review on Hanging Curve "A perfect book for the rain delay. . .a winner!" --USA Today on Murder at Fenway Park "Delightful. . .mixing suspense, period detail that will leave readers eager for subsequent innings." --Publishers Weekly on Murder at Fenway Park

Murder at Fenway Park: Kensington Publishing Corp.

The true story behind a Jazz Age crime that shook the Chicago region and shaped the fates of three very different men. On the morning of April 14, 1926, the Inland Steel payroll delivery was hijacked in Indiana Harbor. Later that afternoon, Will County deputy sheriff and Mokena resident Walter Fisher died in a hail of gunfire just outside Orland Park. That night, the bullet-riddled body of Santo Calabrese turned up on a Broadview road. The exact sequence of events remains uncertain, but a jury was able to trace enough of the day's violent trajectory to send Daniel Hesly on the path to Alcatraz. Matthew Galik leaps into a drama of high-speed pursuit and mistaken identity that shocked the jaded sensibilities of Prohibition-era Chicago and plunged the town of Mokena into mourning.

Murder at First Pitch: Ball Park Mysteries: Open Road Media

Despite whizzing fastballs and screaming line drives, baseball today is not especially dangerous. But over the game's history, hundreds of players, coaches, and spectators have died at the ballpark. This ground-breaking study covers nearly 150 years of game-related fatalities. Providing the known details for each death, the authors also identify contributing factors and discuss changes to playing rules, protective equipment, crowd control, stadium structure, and the grounds themselves. Chapter topics include pitched- and batted-ball fatalities, weather and field condition accidents, structural failures, violence or risky behavior fatalities, and deaths from natural causes.

The Cincinnati Red Stalkings: iUniverse

"On a warm night in September 1985, teenagers Kimberly Dowell and Ethan Dixon were brutally murdered in Westside Park in Muncie, Indiana. Their killer has never been charged. Early on, police focused on a family member of one of the teens as a primary suspect. The investigation even ruled out fantastic scenarios, including a theory that the perpetrator was a Dungeons & Dragons devotee. The case grew cold. Only decades later did a dogged police investigator narrow the scope to a suspect whose name has never been publicly revealed until now. Keith Roysdon and Douglas

Walker, authors of *Wicked Muncie* and *Muncie Murder & Mayhem*, have followed the investigation into the Westside Park murders for decades and, for the first time, report the complete and untold story"—Page [4] of cover.

Dead at Third Open Road Media

To save his favorite newspaper, Nero Wolfe steps into the crossfire of a tabloid war. Master sleuth Nero Wolfe's small circle of friends is limited to his assistant, Archie Goodwin; his chef, Fritz; and Lon Cohen, the head man at the *New York Gazette*. Cohen knows more about the city's power structure than any man in Manhattan, and for years, he happily passed Wolfe information in return for the odd exclusive scoop. But now Cohen needs Wolfe's help, for the *Gazette* is ailing and the

vultures have begun to circle. Scottish newspaper magnate Ian MacLaren plans to gut the paper and turn it into a sex-filled conservative rag. Standing in his way is the company's chief shareholder, *Gazette* heir Harriet Haverhill. But when the aged Ms. Haverhill dies in an apparent suicide, no one remains to resist the Scot's advances except Wolfe. MacLaren may be fierce, but when the cause is just, Nero Wolfe knows how to play dirty too.

Concession Stand Crimes Overamstel Uitgevers

A killer hiding among the crowd at a Dodgers-Giants game forces Nero Wolfe to step up to the plate in this "superb" mystery (*Publishers Weekly*, starred review). Archie Goodwin and Saul

Panzer have ventured into the wilds of northern Manhattan to watch the Giants take on the Dodgers at the Polo Grounds. The national anthem is just winding down when Panzer spies a notable in the box seats: state senator Orson Milbank, a silver-haired scoundrel with enemies in every corner of upstate New York. In the fourth inning, a monstrous line drive brings every fan in the grandstand to his feet—every fan save for one silver-haired senator, who has been shot dead by a sniper in the upper deck. Archie's employer—the rotund genius Nero Wolfe—has no interest in investigating the stadium slaying, but Archie is swayed by the senator's suspiciously lovely widow. Her husband was mired hip-deep in corruption, and sorting out who killed him will be a task far less pleasant than an afternoon at the ball park.