

Candy Cane Murder With Candy Cane Murder And The Dangers Of Candy Canes And Candy Canes Of Christmas Past A Hannah Swensen Mystery

It's Christmas time and while that jolly elf dressed all in red is preparing to deliver presents around the world, Allie McSwain and crew are in Goose Bay, Alabama visiting Allie's mother and working to solve a murder. Allie's daughter Jennifer discovers a murdered neighbor on the lawn and it's up to Allie and Alec to figure out who the murderer is before there's another victim.

For Lucy Stone, the best thing about Christmas in Tinker's Cove has always been the annual Cookie Exchange. But the usual generosity and goodwill is missing from this year's event which turns out to be a complete disaster. Petty rivalries and feuds that have long been simmering finally come to a boil, leaving a bad taste in the mouths of many guests, including Lee Cummings who accuses Tucker Whitney of stealing her recipe for low-fat, sugar-free cookies. But the icing on the cake is when Tucker is found strangled in her apartment the following morning. Who could've wanted Tucker dead badly enough to kill her? Despite all of the ingredients for danger, Lucy sets out on the trail of a murderer and soon uncovers a Christmas secret best left wrapped. "Reading a new Leslie Meier mystery is like catching up with a dear old friend." —Kate Carlisle, New York Times bestselling author

With Halloween around the corner, and a mysterious murder close to home, Lucy's Stone's fall is off to a sinister start . . . When the bewitching Diana Ravenscroft comes to quiet Tinker's Cove and opens Solstice, a quaint little shop offering everything from jewelry to psychic readings, Lucy Stone writes her off as eccentric but harmless. Even after Diana gives her a disturbingly accurate reading, Lucy can't help but befriend the newcomer. But not everyone in town is so enchanted. And when Lucy stumbles upon a dead body near her home, she can't shake the feeling that something ominous is lurking in the crisp October air . . . Convinced Diana is an evil witch, prominent businessman Ike Stoughton blames her for a series of recent misfortunes, including Lucy's gruesome discovery and his own wife's death, and rallies the townsfolk against her. But after Lucy learns the murder victim was a magician and close friend of Diana's, she starts to wonder who's really stirring up a cauldron of trouble. By Halloween, her suspicions lead her to a deadly web of secrets—and a spine-chilling brush with the things that go bump in the night . . . "The warm, small-town ambiance and the persevering Lucy Stone make this a winner for cozy fans." —Library Journal

With strange happenings going on and a decades-old mystery taking shape after skeletal remains are found, Robbie Jordan is determined to solve this case and save Christmas.

'Tis the season for trimming the tree, caroling, baking cookies, and curling up by

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the Yuletide waiting for Santa to drop down the chimney. But in this festive collection of holiday whodunits, murder is also paying a visit... "CANDY CANE MURDER" by JOANNE FLUKE When a trail of candy canes leads to a corpse outfitted in a Santa suit on a snowy bank, Hannah Swensen sets out to discover who killed Kris Kringle... "THE DANGERS OF CANDY CANES" by LAURA LEVINE A wealthy suburbanite takes a lethal tumble off his roof while installing a giant candy cane. Now it's up to Jaine Austen to sift through a long list of scheming neighbors with dirty secrets in their stockings to expose a murderer... "CANDY CANES OF CHRISTMAS PAST" by LESLIE MEIER Lucy Stone must learn the mystery of a glass candy cane that was found smashed to bits by a corpse's body to unlock the doors of Christmas past--and find a killer who got away with murder. Whether a gift for yourself or that special someone on your list, there's no better way to spend the holidays than with these tantalizing mysteries of murder... Includes over 10 scrumptious holiday recipes! 'Tis the season for suspicion in these three Christmas crime-solving confections—with recipes! "Entertaining... a sweet holiday treat for mystery lovers."—Publishers Weekly 'Tis the season for trimming the tree, caroling, baking cookies, and waiting for Santa to drop down the chimney. But in this festive collection of whodunits, murder is also paying a visit... Candy Cane Murder by New York Times-bestselling author Joanne Fluke When a trail of candy canes leads to a corpse outfitted in a Santa suit on a snowy bank, Hannah Swensen sets out to discover who killed Kris Kringle... The Dangers of Candy Canes by Laura Levine A wealthy suburbanite takes a lethal tumble off his roof while installing a giant candy cane. Now it's up to Jaine Austen to sift through a long list of scheming neighbors with dirty secrets in their stockings to expose a murderer... Candy Canes Of Christmas Past by New York Times-bestselling author Leslie Meier Lucy Stone must learn the mystery of a glass candy cane found smashed to bits near a corpse—to unlock the doors of Christmas past and find a killer who got away with murder. Includes over 10 luscious holiday recipes! Scrumptious praise for Candy Cane Murder: "Like a box of holiday chocolates, this recipe-studded assortment gives all readers a crack at their favorites."—Kirkus Reviews "Delicious... will have your mouth watering."—Romantic Times

USA Today Bestseller: A minister, a mynah bird, and a murder keep a sleuthing baker busy in this "fabulous" mystery with "mouthwatering recipes" (Publishers Weekly). Hannah Swensen has to admit life is pretty sweet. Things are going well in the romance department, and her bakery's delectable confections are selling as fast as she can make them. Even her good friend Claire is head over heels with her new husband, Reverend Bob Knudson. If only they could find time to take their honeymoon! When Bob's childhood friend, Matthew Walters, comes to town, it seems like divine intervention. Matthew, like Bob, is a Lutheran minister with a stubborn sweet tooth. Since he's on sabbatical, Matthew is happy to fill in for Bob while he and Claire take that long-awaited honeymoon. It sounds like the

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perfect plan—until Hannah finds Matthew facedown in a plate of Devil’s Food Cake, a single bullet in his head. And the only witness is a bird who squawks “The wages of sin is death.” It will take some sleuthing for Hannah to sift out the killer... Features cookie and dessert recipes from *The Cookie Jar*, including Red Devil’s Food Cake and Carrot Oatmeal Muffins! “Fans will be eagerly awaiting the next installment.”—Booklist

A visiting celebrity baker is cut down in the kitchen in the New York Times-bestselling series: “A delightful confection.”—Library Journal Preparations are under way for Lake Eden, Minnesota’s annual Winter Carnival—and Hannah Swensen will be extra busy at her shop, *The Cookie Jar*. Too bad the honor of creating the official Winter Carnival cake went to famous lifestyle maven Connie Mac—a half-baked idea, in Hannah’s opinion. She suspects Connie Mac’s sweet cable-TV image is a cover for something more bitter. Hannah’s suspicions are confirmed when Connie Mac’s limo rolls into town. Turns out America’s “Cooking Sweetheart” is bossy, bad-tempered, and downright domineering. Things finally boil over when Hannah arrives at *The Cookie Jar* to find the Winter Carnival cake destroyed—and Connie Mac lying dead in her pantry, struck down while eating one of Hannah’s famous blueberry muffins. Next thing Hannah knows, the police have declared *The Cookie Jar*’s kitchen crime scene off-limits. She’s a baker without an oven—and the Carnival is right around the corner. Her only alternative is to cook up a plan to save her business—by finding the killer herself... Includes seven original cookie and dessert recipes for you to try! “Delicious food descriptions and recipes, warm and familiar characters who grow into real people...a vivid picture of the small lake town and a well-crafted mystery provide the ingredients for yet another tempting feast that should satisfy all fans, old and new.”—Publishers Weekly

This delightful collection of holiday whodunits, featuring more than fifteen delectable recipes, includes Joanne Fluke’s *Candy Cane Murder*, in which bakery owner Hannah Swenson, while dressed as an elf, finds murder on the agenda at Lake Eden’s annual Christmas gala. 75,000 first printing.

Not many people in Tinker’s Cove, Maine, knew Old Dan Malone. The grizzled barkeep’s social circle was limited to the rough-hewn lobstermen and other assorted toughs that frequented his bar. But when his body is found bobbing in the town’s icy harbor, Lucy Stone makes getting to know more about Old Dan a priority. Local musician Dave Reilly insists Old Dan conned a winning lottery ticket worth five grand from him. Handyman Brian Donohue claims that Old Dan stiffed him for repair work he’d done at the bar. The confusion surrounding the death is only compounded by the arrival of actor Dylan Malone, Old Dan’s brother and a prominent, if fading, attraction of the Dublin stage. Dylan has come to direct the production of “Finian’s Rainbow,” the featured event at Our Lady of Hope’s annual St. Patrick’s Day extravaganza. Was Old Dan killed by someone he’d cheated or someone he’d loved? While Lucy can’t be sure, one thing is abundantly clear—the stage is set for a murder mystery with a killer ending! “Warm and homespun characters, plenty of seaside ambience and a fast-moving plot make this perfect winter cozy.” —Publishers Weekly

Dig into the delectable books that kicked off your favorite mouth-watering mystery series—collected for the first time, in one box set! *Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder The First Hannah Swensen Mystery with Recipes!* A heroine with an insatiable appetite for solving

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crimes, Hannah's Swensen's popular Lake Eden, Minnesota, bakery, The Cookie Jar, becomes a site for murder. And her suddenly scandalous chocolate-chip crunchies top the list of suspects. . . Death Of A Kitchen Diva A Hayley Powell Food and Cocktails Mystery Single mom Hayley Powell has received a plum assignment at Bar Harbor, Maine's, Island Times: to take over the food column. But when a rival is found face-down dead in a bowl of chowder, all signs point to Hayley. . . Clammed Up A Maine Clambake Mystery Julia Snowden returned to Busman's Harbor, Maine, to rescue her family's struggling clambake business—not to solve crimes. But when a catered wedding becomes a deadly reception, Julia must put everything on the back burner to search for the killer. . .

New York Times Bestseller: A baker in small-town Minnesota finds the heat is on after a musician is murdered... When bakery owner Hannah Swensen hears that the Cinnamon Roll Six jazz band will be playing at Lake Eden, Minnesota's Weekend Jazz Festival, she's more than happy to bake up a generous supply of their namesake confections to welcome them to town. Before the festival even begins, tragedy strikes when the tour bus overturns. Among those injured is Buddy Neiman, the band's beloved keyboard player. His injuries appear minor, until his condition suddenly takes a turn for the worse—as in dead. Hannah's no doctor, but she suspects that the surgical scissors someone plunged into Buddy's chest may have something to do with it. Fortunately, she's on the case, because she knows from experience that nothing's sweeter than bringing a killer to justice... Features cookie and dessert recipes from The Cookie Jar, including Peaches and Cream Cookies and Chocolate Caramel Bars! "Joanne Fluke is the doyenne of deadly desserts with her deliciously popular Hannah Swensen series."—Publishers Weekly "Fans of this wildly popular series will not be disappointed. Fluke has kept this series strong for a long time, and there is still plenty to enjoy for foodie crime fans."—Booklist

Mira James investigates a serial killer who uses online dating sites to seduce and kill women who look just like her--and leaves a candy cane as his calling card. Original.

New York Times Bestseller: A judge is executed with his own gavel in this mystery with "[a] big surprise ending...fans will be more than satisfied" (Publishers Weekly). Hannah Swensen has a hard time focusing on her bakery at the moment, considering an unexpected trip to Las Vegas and a longstanding love triangle that may soon turn into a quadrangle—let alone the nerves she's experiencing over the upcoming trial for her involvement in a tragic accident. When she gets back to Lake Eden, Minnesota, she's eager to clear her name once and for all, but her troubles only double when she finds the judge bludgeoned to death with his own gavel—and Hannah is the number one suspect. Now on trial in the court of public opinion, she sets out in search of the culprit and discovers that the judge made more than a few enemies during his career. With time running out, Hannah will have to look at all the evidence and restore order to the court... Includes delicious recipes! "Culinary cozies don't get any tastier than this winning series."—Library Journal

Sirens ring. Are you listening? Near Candy Cane Lane. A Body is glistening. A murderous sight. Trubble's investigating tonight. Walking through this winter wonderland. It's the week before Christmas and Investigative Journalist Penelope Trubble has reluctantly agreed to investigate the death of a woman at the Sleights & Slopes Adventure Resort in the hopes of exonerating her her husband--who just happens to be Penny's ex. But with so many suspicious characters lurking in the trees, Penelope risks being strangled by clues, Christmas lights, conjecture, and catastrophe. It doesn't help that Penny's still a little frosty with the man accused of icing his bride, and she must prove he's no cold-blooded killer. At least there's candy-cane cocoa, a roaring fire, and the Laurentian Mountains to savor--not to mention the hunky detective dashing through the snow after her. Helping an ex is a slippery slope, and things are going downhill fast for Penelope Trubble.

The residents of Lake Eden, Minnesota, are planning to paint the town red, white, and blue to

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celebrate the Fourth of July—but the fireworks are already going off at Hannah Swensen’s bake shop, The Cookie Jar. . . Lemon Meringue Pie Murder Hannah Swensen thought she’d finally discovered the recipe for a perfect life. But her sometime beau Norman Rhodes tosses a surprise ingredient into the mix when he phones to tell her he’s just bought a house from local drugstore clerk Rhonda Scharf—which he plans to tear down in order to build the dream home he and Hannah designed. It seems the plan has been cooking for quite some time, and Hannah’s shocked. Especially since her ring finger is still very much bare. . . The good news is that the soon-to-be-torn-down house is full of antiques—and Norman has given Hannah and her mother first dibs. They uncover some gorgeous old furniture, a patchwork quilt . . . and Rhonda Scharf’s dead body. A little more sleuthing turns up the half-eaten remains of a very special dinner for two—and one of The Cookie Jar’s famous lemon meringue pies. Now it’s up to Hannah to turn up the heat—and get busy tracking down clues. Starting in her very own kitchen. Includes nine original cookie and dessert recipes for you to try! “Tasty . . . Hannah is irresistible as a cookie fresh from the oven.” —Publishers Weekly

“If your reading habits alternate between curling up with a good mystery or with a good cookbook, you ought to know about Joanne Fluke.”—Charlotte Observer

This summer has been warmer than usual in Lake Eden, Minnesota, and Hannah Swensen is trying to beat the heat both in and out of her bakery kitchen. But she’s about to find out the hard way that nothing cools off a hot day like a cold-blooded murder. At the grand opening of a local hotel, a police department employee nearly dies falling from a penthouse—and then another woman, with whom Hannah has a less-than-friendly relationship, winds up dead. Hannah is the prime suspect—and to clear her own name, she’s got to find out who iced the victim. . . Features cookie and dessert recipes from The Cookie Jar, including Red Velvet Surprise Cupcakes and Chocolate Covered Peanut Cookies! “Culinary cozies don’t get any tastier than this winning series.”—Library Journal “Loaded with mouthwatering recipes and clever plotting, the latest Hannah Swensen mystery delights.”—RT Book Reviews

From the New York Times-bestselling author of Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder, “another delicious adventure. . . a superior cozy sure to leave readers satisfied.”—Publishers Weekly When the president of Hartland Flour chooses cozy Lake Eden, Minnesota, as the spot for their first annual Dessert Bake-Off, bakery owner Hannah Swensen is thrilled to serve as the head judge. But when a fellow judge, Coach Boyd Watson, is found stone-cold dead, facedown in Hannah’s celebrated strawberry shortcake, Lake Eden’s sweet ride to fame turns very sour indeed. While perfecting her Cheddar Cheese Apple Pie and Chocolate Crunchies, Hannah’s also snooping into the coach’s private life, which yields plenty of suspects. Or could Watson’s harsh criticism during the judging have lethally ticked off one of the contestants? The stakes are rising faster than dough, because somebody’s cooking up a recipe for murder—with Hannah landing on the “necessary ingredients” list. Includes seven delicious recipes! “The crime novelist Joanne Fluke has come up with a winning formula. . . think of a luscious dessert, then add death.”—The New York Times Traditional Chinese edition of the Nobel Prize laureate John Steinbeck’s classic *Of Mice And Men*. In Traditional Chinese. Annotation copyright Tsai Fong Books,

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Candy Cane Dancer is a tale of erotic suspense, of bondage and capture and of a woman, who dances for her lover as well as her life. Candy Cane Dancer contains explicit sex scenes and language, paddling, dubious consent, bondage, murder and a menage. It is not suitable for readers under 18 years of age. Captured by the murderer who has been stalking the dancers at the Candy Cane gentleman's club, Martinette finds she must dance for her life—and discovers she has fallen for her captor. When he captures a colleague, Mayani, Martinette discovers something else—that a paddle can bring pleasure, and so can bending to her lover's lash while sharing intimacies with a friend. But her love is tainted, for her lover is a fairy of the sea, able to appear beautiful of face and voice, but as ugly as sin in the spirit. Martinette knows it is only a matter of time before he will turn on both her and Mayani. Will Seline, their dancing friend, be able to find help in time? And can the werewolves protecting the Candy Cane track him down before he tires of one, or both, of them?

The yuletide season in Lake Eden, Minnesota, guarantees a white Christmas, delectable holiday goodies from Hannah Swensen's bakery, The Cookie Jar—and murder ... The Cookie Jar's busiest time of the year also happens to be the most wonderful time ... for Christmas cookies, Hannah's own special plum pudding—and romance! She also gets a kick out of “Lunatic Larry Jaeger’s Crazy Elf Christmas Tree Lot,” a kitschy carnival taking place smack-dab in the middle of the village green. But then Hannah discovers the man himself dead as a doornail in his own office ... Now, with so many suspects to investigate and the twelve days of Christmas ticking away, Hannah's running out of time to nab a murderous Scrooge who doesn't want her to see the New Year ... Includes Hannah’s favorite Christmas dinner recipes!

Killed by a Candy Cane” That's the scariest headline ever written in the Pine Grove Gazette. But this holiday season, it's all too true...This killer had a sweet tooth. So the December air is crisp and just a bit creepy this year. Red-faced children throw snowballs. Elderly couples drink hot chocolate in the cold. Chelsea and Miss May speed through town in their VW Bus, hunting yet another killer. Miss May is a sharp former lawyer, determined to make candy canes sweet again. Chelsea, Miss May’s Watson, just wants to solve the mystery without changing out of her fuzzy red Santa slippers. Toss in Christmas tree drama, a missing Santa Claus, and buttery holiday cookies."

Things go from crazy to insane in the Zimmerman household when Scooter's dad comes to town, Zoe tries to find the perfect gift for Zak while helping out with Hometown Christmas, and Levi finds the body of bakeshop owner Candy Kane dead in the pantry. It's funny, it's family, it's a Zak and Zoe Christmas mystery. Apple Turnover Murder The Luscious Los Angeles Times And USA Today Bestseller! Early summer brings plenty of work for baker Hannah Swensen, even before Mayor Bascomb's wife drops by The Cookie Jar to place an order for her charity event. . .for eleven-hundred cookies! And Hannah almost flips when her

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business partner, Lisa, suggests setting up an apple turnover stand. But she places her faith in Lisa and agrees to be a magician's assistant in the fundraiser's talent show. . . Key Lime Pie Murder New York Times Bestseller It promises to be a busy week for Hannah Swensen. Not only is she whipping up treats for the chamber of commerce booth at the Tri-County fair, she's also judging the baking contest; acting as a magician's assistant for her business partner's husband; trying to coax Moishe, her previously rapacious feline, to end his hunger strike, and performing her own private carnival act by juggling the demands of her mother and sisters. With so much on her plate, it's no wonder Hannah finds herself on the midway only moments before the fair closes for the night. After hearing a suspicious thump, she goes snooping—only to discover Willa Sunquist, a student teacher and fellow bake contest judge, dead alongside an upended key lime pie. But who would want to kill Willa and why? Cherry Cheesecake Murder Hannah Swensen and her bakery, The Cookie Jar, bask in the glow of Hollywood glamour when Main Street becomes a movie set. And although tensions simmer as the cameras roll, no one expects the action to turn deadly. . .until it's too late. . . There's no such thing as privacy in Lake Eden, but Hannah never thought things would go this far. Everyone has been telling her what to do ever since she got not one but two marriage proposals. Movie mania soon shoves Hannah's marriage dilemma into the background and even gives her cat a shot at stardom. The Cookie Jar serves as snack central with Main Street rented out for the week. She stirs lots of fresh gossip, whipping up treats for cast and crew, including demanding director Dean Lawrence's favorite--cherry cheesecake. Lemon Meringue Pie Murder Hannah Swensen thought she'd finally discovered the recipe for a perfect life. But her sometime beau Norman Rhodes tosses a surprise ingredient into the mix when he phones to tell her he's just bought a house from local drugstore clerk Rhonda Scharf--which he plans to tear down in order to build the dream home he and Hannah designed. It seems the plan has been cooking for quite some time, and Hannah's shocked. Especially since her ring finger is still very much bare. . . The good news is that the soon-to-be-torn-down house is full of antiques--and Norman has given Hannah and her mother first dibs. They uncover some gorgeous old furniture, a patchwork quilt. . .and Rhonda Scharf's dead body. A little more sleuthing turns up the half-eaten remains of a very special dinner for two--and one of The Cookie Jar's famous lemon meringue pies. Now it's up to Hannah to turn up the heat--and get busy tracking down clues. Starting in her very own kitchen. . .

"In the latest from the national bestselling author of Trick or Deadly Treat, Phyllis Newsom returns with a festive Christmas recipe that's to die for... 'Tis the season in Weatherford, Texas, and everyone in town is gearing up for the annual holiday parade and tree-lighting ceremony in the town square, where Phyllis Newsom will be serving her much-anticipated candy cane cupcakes. Local rancher Barney McCrory manages to charm one away from her before the ceremony begins. But unfortunately, when the minty confection is finished, so is he. This isn't the first time someone has dropped dead after eating one of Phyllis's treats. But when the paramedics determine the rancher was shot, suspicion swiftly falls on McCrory's daughter and

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her husband--who both stand to reap some sweet rewards from his death. Though Phyllis doesn't want to get mixed up in another murder investigation, something about this case doesn't sit right with her. With a little help from a tabloid TV news crew, Phyllis must unwrap the truth and restore good cheer to Weatherford before it's too late... Includes recipes! "-- A tantalising trio of festive murder mysteries by three New York Times bestselling authors. Perfect for fans of M. C. Beaton and Ann Granger. This Christmas there's an unwanted guest in the form of murder... An irresistible collection of festive stories featuring baking sleuth Hannah Swensen by the master of mouth-watering murder mysteries, Joanne Fluke, plus two more holiday whodunits by US bestselling authors Laura Levine and Leslie Meier. Jam packed with candy canes, unforgivable murders, and ten luscious festive recipes - this is the perfect treat for crime fans and baking enthusiasts this Christmas.

The Queen of Tarts, Destroyed Our Hearts, All on a Dreary Day, The Knave of Hearts, He Sold Us Tarts, And Stole Our Souls Away! When the Candy Cane Killer enters death row for killing her pimp in order to save a young runaway, where will the house of cards topple? Find out in Hatter's Book 6

A "fast-paced" mystery with "a plot that involves two rival chocolatiers, a wealthy elderly couple from Connecticut, and plenty of local gossip" (Publishers Weekly). No one in their right mind would vacation in Maine this time of year, but to boost the economy, the town of Tinker's Cove is launching a travel promotion for Valentine's Day. As a reporter for the Pennysaver, Lucy Stone is assigned a puff piece on upscale Chanticleer's Chocolates, and its deliciously handsome owner, Trey Meacham. Not the best way to keep her widening waistline under control. Soon Lucy discovers there's another tantalizing tart behind the counter. Sultry store manager Tamzin Graves is only too eager to serve her male customers. With a throng of jealous women in her wake, it's almost no surprise when Tamzin turns up dead, her body covered in chocolate. There's no sugar-coating murder, and Lucy must crisscross the snow-covered landscape as she tries to find a heartless killer... "I like Lucy Stone a lot, and so will readers."—Carolyn Hart, New York Times-bestselling author of the Death on Demand Mysteries "An enjoyable story."—RT Book Reviews

A witch's destiny denied. Fate made Trixie a hunter of devilish demons, except...demons aren't devilish, and Trixie's not hunting them. She gave that future the boot. But by denying her supposed destiny, she inherits a problem. Furred, feathered, and scaled, the creatures have invaded her life. She's being pranked by furry fairies, stalked by mini-devils, and harassed by the messy scourge of dragons roosting in her yard. Trixie's had enough. She's moving to Boise and hoping to leave the magical critters behind. But what happens when moving isn't enough? And worse, when her creature problems intersect with a murder investigation? Join Trixie as she begins her new job as a barista at Magic Beans coffee shop and becomes a reluctant solver of magical creature problems and a consultant for the International Criminal Witch police. ?NOTE: An early version of this book was missing a critical chapter. The updated, correct version has a total of 19 chapters and an epilogue.

Meet little Billy who thinks he murdered his mom and meet Billy's uncle Thad. Or is Thad his uncle? Maggie is trying to teach her Sunday school class about the very first candy cane when the adventure begins. You see, it's Christmas time and the homeschool co-op is putting on the church Christmas play this year with Maggie helping her friend Sophia direct the extravaganza. First, she has to head south for her grandmother's 100th birthday. Even there, the adventure continues. Join with pastor's wife and homeschooling mom, Maggie King and her family and friends as they match wits with the murderer who is out to ruin everybody's Christmas. You will enjoy hanging out with homeschool mom Maggie King and her family and friends. They are just your typical homeschooling families, except for the fact that they keep stumbling across dead bodies.

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Bakery owner Hannah Swensen has a dress to fit into and a date with her sister, Andrea, at Lake Eden's new health club, Heavenly Bodies. Dragging herself out of bed on a frigid Minnesota morning for exercise, of all things, is bad enough. Discovering the body of man-eating bombshell Ronni Ward floating in the gym's jacuzzi? Okay, that's worse. Nor does it help that there's a plate of The Cookie Jar's very own cream puffs garnishing the murder scene. Trying to narrow the list of Ronni's enemies down to fewer than half the town's female population, Hannah has her plate full. Trouble is, when it comes to cookies--and to murder--there's always room for one more. . . "Foodie fans will eat up Fluke's cozy. . . A fluffy mix of sweets and suspense." --Publishers Weekly "Entertaining and sprinkled with tempting recipes. It's a sweet treat of a novel." --The Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN) "A tasty treat." --Kirkus Reviews

With three kids underfoot, a fourth on the way, and an oppressive heat wave bearing down, homemaker Lucy Stone is hardly enjoying an idyllic summer. But her preoccupation with swelling ankles, Bavarian creme doughnut cravings, and sewing endless sequins on ballet recital tutus gives way to dread when Lucy learns that her waistline isn't the only thing that's recently vanished from Tinker's Cove... The strange disappearance of a retired dance instructor has the tiny coastal town in a tizzy that turns to terror when a notoriously cantankerous shopkeeper is slain right on Main Street. Now Lucy's up to her bulging belly in local suspects and red herrings. Eluded by a cold-blooded killer, with her due-date looming and the thermometer soaring, Lucy figures something has to break soon. With any luck, it won't be her water... "A solid mystery."--San Francisco Chronicle "A surprising and intelligently constructed plot."--Cape Cod Times "Lucy Stone is an endearing sleuth." --Dorothy Cannell Hannah Swensen and her bakery, The Cookie Jar, bask in the glow of Hollywood glamour when Main Street becomes a movie set. And although tensions simmer as the cameras roll, no one expects the action to turn deadly . . . until it's too late . . . There's no such thing as privacy in Lake Eden, but Hannah never thought things would go this far. Everyone has been telling her what to do ever since she got not one but two marriage proposals. Movie mania soon shoves Hannah's marriage dilemma into the background and even gives her cat a shot at stardom. The Cookie Jar serves as snack central with Main Street rented out for the week. She stirs lots of fresh gossip, whipping up treats for cast and crew, including demanding director Dean Lawrence's favorite—cherry cheesecake. Features Over a Dozen Cookie and Dessert Recipes from The Cookie Jar!

Summertime has finally arrived in Lake Eden, Minnesota, and Hannah Swensen, owner of The Cookie Jar bakery, is looking forward to warm, lazy days, eating ice cream, and sharing picnics with friends. But when a family reunion takes a deadly turn, it's up to Hannah to find a killer . . . Hannah Swensen has a lot on her plate, baking up a storm for The Cookie Jar. But she'll always make time for her business partner, Lisa, who's preparing for a big family reunion. Everyone is delighted when Lisa's long-lost uncle makes a surprise appearance. No one has heard from Gus in twenty-five years. Uncle Gus is immediately the hit of the reunion. He's almost as popular as Hannah's scrumptious carrot cake. But the next morning, as the whole family gathers for the group photo, one person is missing. Hannah offers to track down Uncle Gus, but her search leads to a shocking find. Over by the bar at the pavilion, she spots two slices of her infamous carrot cake, frosting-side down on the floor—and Gus's corpse with an ice pick jutting out of his chest! A little snooping reveals that not everyone was celebrating

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Gus's return. And when Hannah unearths secrets from Gus's past, she discovers many more people with an axe to grind. Now Hannah's got to sift through a long list of suspects to find a killer—even if it could mean a recipe for her own demise . . . Features Over a Dozen Cookie and Dessert Recipes from The Cookie Jar!

The holidays are the icing on the cake for bakery owner Hannah Swensen. Surrounded by her loved ones, she has all the ingredients for a perfect Christmas--until murder is added to the mix. . . When it comes to holidays, Minnesotans rise to the occasion--and the little town of Lake Eden is baking up a storm with Hannah leading the way. The annual Christmas Buffet is the final test of the recipes Hannah has collected for the Lake Eden Holiday Buffet Cookbook. 'Tis the season for trimming the tree, caroling, baking cookies, and curling up by the Yuletide waiting for Santa to drop down the chimney. But in this festive collection of holiday whodunits, murder is also paying a visit. . . "Candy Cane Murder" By Joanne Fluke When a trail of candy canes leads to a corpse outfitted in a Santa suit on a snowy bank, Hannah Swensen sets out to discover who killed Kris Kringle. . . The yuletide season in Lake Eden, Minnesota, guarantees a white Christmas, delectable holiday goodies from Hannah Swensen's bakery, The Cookie Jar--and murder. As a shadow hangs over her friends' Christmas wedding, Hannah's determined to cook a killer's goose before anyone else gets burned. . . The Cookie Jar's busiest time of the year also happens to be the most wonderful time. . .for Christmas cookies, Hannah's own special plum pudding--and romance! She also gets a kick out of "Lunatic Larry Jaeger's Crazy Elf Christmas Tree Lot," a kitschy carnival taking place smack-dab in the middle of the village green. But then Hannah discovers the man himself dead as a doornail in his own office. . . Nothing's better on Christmas Eve than waiting for the stroke of midnight with a cup of eggnog and a plate of warm gingerbread cookies. But in this merry collection of holiday mysteries, murder is making its own special delivery. . . "Gingerbread Cookie Murder" By Joanne Fluke When Hannah Swensen finds her neighbor Ernie Kusak with his head bashed in and sprawled on the floor of his condo next to an upended box of Hannah's Gingerbread Cookies, she discovers a flurry of murder suspects that's as long as her holiday shopping list. A sleuth keeps her ear to the ground in this mystery by the New York Times-bestselling author: "Delightful...Cozy fans will enjoy Lucy's hunt for the truth."—Publishers Weekly With a harsh Maine winter finally over, Lucy Stone is excited to cover the annual Easter egg hunt for the Tinker's Cove Pennysaver. Hosted by elderly socialite Vivian Van Vorst at her oceanfront estate, it's a swanky event where the eggs are as likely to contain savings bonds as jelly beans. But when Lucy arrives at Pine Point, the gates are locked, and a man dressed as the Easter Bunny emerges, only to drop dead moments later... The victim is Vivian's grandson, and all is not well at Pine Point. Vivian has been skipping lunch dates, and her charitable donations have abruptly stopped. Is she going senile? Or are her heirs a little too anxious to take over her estate? As Lucy gathers a basketful of suspects, she'll have to try not to fall down a rabbit hole as she chases a killer with a deadly case of spring fever... "Once again, Meier delivers a top-notch mystery!"—RT Book Reviews "A fun and engaging read. It is quick and light and has enough interesting twists and turns to keep you turning the pages."—The Barnstable Patriot

Introducing a sleuth that "mothers everywhere will identify with"—first in the long-running series from the New York Times bestselling author(Publishers Weekly). As if baking

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holiday cookies, knitting a sweater for her husband's gift, and making her daughter's angel costume for the church pageant weren't enough things for Lucy Stone's busy Christmas schedule, she's also working nights at the famous mail-order company Country Cousins. But when she discovers Sam Miller, its very wealthy founder, dead in his car from an apparent suicide, the sleuth in her knows something just doesn't smell right. Taking time out from her hectic holiday life to find out what really happened, Lucy's investigation leads to a backlog of secrets as long as Santa's Christmas Eve route. She is convinced that someone murdered Sam Miller. But who and why? With each harrowing twist she uncovers in this bizarre case, another shocking revelation is exposed. Now, as Christmas draws near and Lucy gets dangerously closer to the truth, she's about to receive a present from Santa she didn't ask for—a killer who won't be satisfied until everyone on his shopping list is dead, including Lucy herself . . . Praise for the Lucy Stone Mystery series "A solid mystery."—San Francisco Chronicle "A surprising and intelligently constructed plot."—Cape Cod Times "Lucy Stone is an endearing sleuth."—Dorothy Cannell "Leslie Meier has created a town I'd like to live in and a sleuth I'd love to meet."—Jill Churchill

The whole town of Tinker's Cove is looking forward to the celebration marking former librarian Julia Ward Howe Tilley's ninetieth birthday. Lucy Stone, Miss Tilley's closest friend, dreamed up the party idea--at about the same time she decided she's not getting old without a fight. Noticing crow's feet and a potential jelly belly, she's resolved to exercise more and purchase some heavy-duty wrinkle cream, asap! That sounds like a plan--until Lucy realizes her daughter's fourteenth birthday bash, a coed sleepover, may turn her hair white overnight. What was she thinking when she agreed to let Sara have the party? Obviously she wasn't thinking about the hormonal rampages of young teens. On her mind, instead, was the shocking death of Sherman Cobb, the town's oldest attorney, an apparent suicide. His law partner, however, thinks Sherman was murdered. Poking about in Sherman's papers, Lucy turns up an intriguing tie between the dead man and Miss Tilley. Meanwhile Miss Tilley's own past has come back to haunt her in the form of a mysterious niece named Shirley and a biker great nephew named Snake. Soon no one can get to see the elderly librarian because the brash, bossy Shirley says she's "failing." Is Miss Tilley in grave danger? Will Sara's party turn out to be a scandal? Now, as a killer's ruthless plan rushes toward a conclusion, Lucy needs answers fast--or else she and Miss Tilley won't live long enough to make a wish and blow out the candles on this year's birthday cake. . .

It's the holiday season and the Old School Diner gang is ready to celebrate. But right before Christmas a news anchor visiting the town is murdered. His assailant leaves his signature...a candy cane, only it is quite different from the regular version. What significance does the murder weapon have? There's also magic in the air as Mercy and Junior stumble upon a workshop far from town.

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