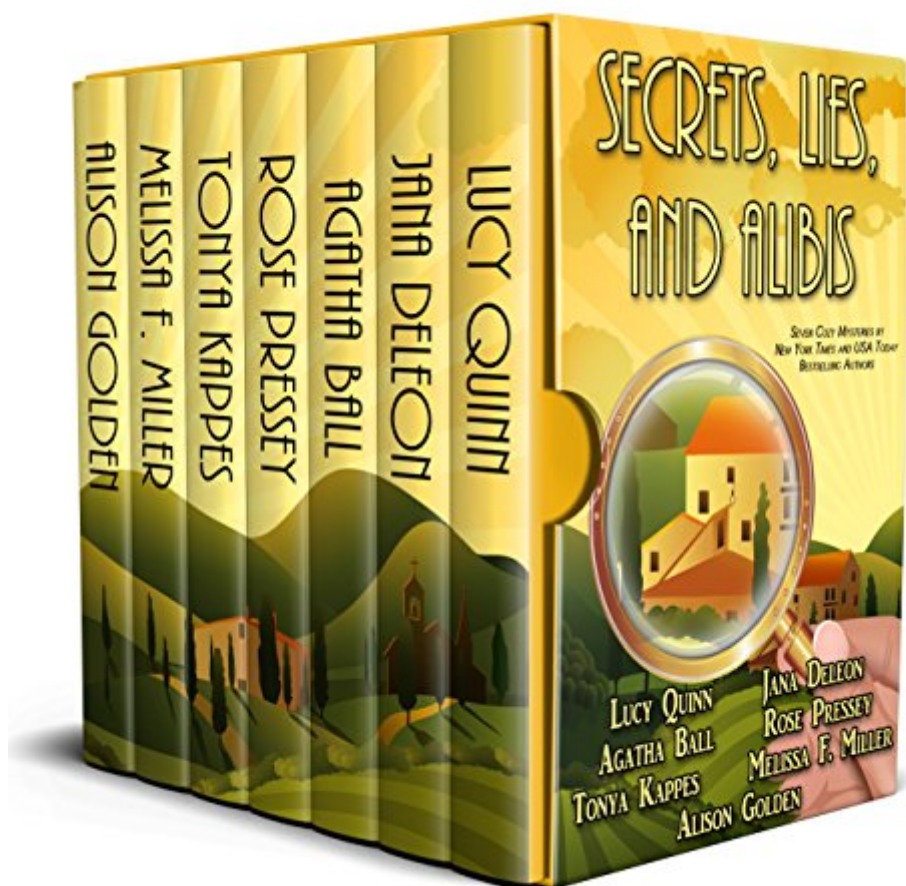


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# Secrets, Lies, And Alibis: 7 Cozy Mysteries



## Synopsis

7 cozy mysteries by seven New York Times and USA Today bestselling authors.

**New Corpse in Town** - Lucy Quinn FBI agent Cookie James is enjoying her extended leave from the agency on Secret Seal Isle, managing her quaint inn and flirting with the oh-so sexy handyman, Dylan Creed...until her sixty-year-old mother goes skinny dipping and is almost drowned by a corpse.

**Louisiana Longshot** - Jana DeLeonIt was a hell of a long shot....CIA assassin Fortune Redding is about to undertake her most difficult mission ever--in Sinful, Louisiana. With a leak at the CIA and a price placed on her head by one of the world's largest arms dealers, Fortune has to go off-grid, but she never expected to be this far out of her element. Posing as a former beauty queen turned librarian in a small bayou town seems worse than death to Fortune, but she's determined to fly below the radar until her boss finds the leak and puts the arms dealer out of play. Unfortunately, she hasn't even unpacked a suitcase before her newly inherited dog digs up a human bone in her backyard.

**Rosemary's Gravy** - Melissa F. Miller Personal chef Rosemary has more experience sautéing than sleuthing. But when her client dies from an allergic reaction, Rosemary must clear her name. She would never bring peanut oil into her boss's house -- so who did? A witty and satisfying mystery from a USA Today bestselling author.

**Scene of the Grind** - Tonya Kappes Roxy's life couldn't be better. Business was booming, she's reconnected with special people from her past, including her first teenage love, and visits The Crooked Cat book store, which is still her favorite shop in Honey Springs. One problem, Aunt Maxi and Alexis Roarke, owner of Crooked Cat, aren't on the best of terms. And when Roxy takes Alexis a fresh cup of coffee from The Bean Hive and a tasty pastry as a peace offering between the two women, she discovers the beloved book store owner murdered and Aunt Maxi is the number one suspect. Gossip in Honey Springs is as hot as the coffee served at the Bean Hive and Roxy has to uncover who is behind the murder not only to save her shop, her aunt, but her life.

**The Case of the Screaming Beauty** - Alison Golden The prestigious Lavender Bed and Breakfast in Chiddlinghurst, England has a rich, Tudor atmosphere, an enviously manicured lawn... And a deadly problem. A young, beautiful woman, Norah Travis, has been found murdered in one of the rooms with no witnesses and seemingly no motive. Detective Inspector Graham, a man with a singular drive, a penchant for tea, and silent demons of his own, has been brought in to ferret out the perpetrator.

**The Secret of Seaside** - Agatha Ball Paige Comber dreams of running off to Paris to train at the Cordon Bleu, but fresh out of college, she is stuck running her granny's coffee shop in the small town of Seaside. It looks like a lousy summer until a handsome stranger named Nate arrives. He's here to help his Uncle Byron with his affairs, but when his uncle's

body washes up on the beach and Nate is thrown into prison, it is up to Paige to find out which of the town's colorful characters might have been crazy enough to do it. Murder at Honeysuckle Hotel - Rose Pressey When Raelynn Pendleton inherits a Victorian house, she jumps at the chance to turn it onto a hotel and turn her life around. But before the new Honeysuckle Hotel even opens for business, Raelynn discovers the body of a young woman in the garden. As a newcomer in town, Raelynn is blamed for the murder. She's fired from her job, which could mean she'll lose the house. The only way to save Honeysuckle Hotel is to find the real killer - with or without the sexy Sheriff Kent Klein. One way or another, Honeysuckle will be buzzing.

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## Customer Reviews

A series of short easy to read stories. They are cute and mildly hilarious. This type of amateur sleuthing style stories are fun to read and very entertaining.

I received this book as an ARC from one of the authors and will not show up as a verified purchase. Book 1 A New Corpse In Town by Lucy QuinnCookie James, After taking an extended leave from the FBI after a tough case and wanting to just relax and get away from crime and law

enforcement, moves to Secret Seal Isle with her mother under an assumed name. Just to have her mom almost drowned by a body washing up to the shore from the ocean behind the Inn they bought. As the local deputy does not appear to be interested in investigating, she calls her ex-partner from the FBI to investigate. Things heat up quickly, professionally and personally.

**Book 2 Louisiana Longshot by Jana DeLeon** Fortune Redding, An assassin for the CIA is being relocated to Sinful Louisiana under an the assumed name of her boss's niece, to go through the aunts things and get her house ready for probate, while they hide her away until they can locate the head of the Arab arms dealer whose Brother in Law she killed before fleeing the Mid-East. With instructions to keep a low profile. She intends to do so until a bone washes up in her aunts' yard from the bayou putting her in the sights of Deputy Carter just hours after her arrival. This is one of my all-time favorite series that I have read multiple times. We are introduced to Fortune, Ida Bell, and Gertie. The latter two are spinsters who are elderly, as Fortune would say "Older than dirt" They run the town of Sinful with the other Sinful Ladies Society (SLS) members. and very little gets past them. Follow them in their hijinks as Ida Bell lays down the law and you never know what Gertie will pull from her purse next. Be prepared to laugh.

**Book 3 Rosemary's Gravy by Melissa F. Miller** Rosemary Field, Chemist first, working for Amber Patrick as a personal holistic chef to pay off the bills her parents left her and her sisters from their failed business. When Amber is killed from anaphylactic shock by someone adding peanut oil to her bottle of wine. Guess who has access to everything Amber eats? And becomes the #1 Suspect.

**Book 4 Scene Of The Grind By Tonya Kappas** Roxanne Bloom (Roxy) moves to Honey Springs, Kentucky to be closer to her aunt Maxine, where she had spent many summers. Just in time to open her own coffee shop just before the annual Honey Festival. When her aunt is accused of murdering the owner of the book store. Roxy has to find the real murderer to save her aunt from prison, her shop, and her very own life. Tonya wrote a very good story as usual, But it took more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the book to get to the mystery part of the book.

**Book 5 The Case of the Screaming Beauty by Alison Golden** Amelia Swansbourne, owner of The Lavender Bed and Breakfast is peacefully weeding her garden when a piercing scream comes from the window of one of the rooms above her. When she gets to the room, Norah Travis, one of the guest calmly answers the door. The next morning Norah's body is discovered on the floor of the bathroom. Suspects are the owners, the housekeeper, a journalist staying there, the deceased ex. Inspector Graham calmly and coolly goes through the evidence and suspects. And the story has a grand finally ending and reveal much in the way Hercule Poirot ended his investigations.

**Book 6 The Secret of Seaside by Agatha Ball** Paige Comber, Is in Seaside for the summer to help her granny run the Bitter Beans Coffee & Bookshop, so she can get real life experience of running a

shop as that is her goal due to having completed a vocational school to learn how to bake. When Bryan, also visiting the isle to help his uncle is arrested after finding the uncle's body floating in the waves, Paige sets out to find the guilty party at any cost. Possibly even her own life. Book 7 Murder at Honeysuckle Hotel by Rose Pressey Raelynn Pendleton, recently divorced inherits an old victorian house and all its belongings from an elderly woman who she had always been nice to. The only way to keep the house is to turn it into a hotel, in which she has no experience. Before she can open she discovers the body of a woman who is new to the area in the garden and she is charged with the murder. With this book I have discovered four new to me authors, and will be picking up five new series. I had already read two of these stories and have the complete series for them. The authors have worked together to put out a book that was fun to read while not being overly complicated. There is a good bit of humor in them and most of them has extremely well-developed characters. None of these stories have much if any foul language and there are no explicit scenes in them. I believe you will enjoy these stories if you give them a try.

These sets are great ways to discover new authors and enjoy stories from your favorite ones. This one includes a great story by Lucy Quinn that will let you discover her Secret Seal Isle Mysteries series. I highly recommend it. New Corpse in Town (Secret Seal Isle Mysteries #1) by Lucy Quinn This is a fun read. I really enjoyed the characters and the story. Cookie is looking for peace and finds anything but that in her new life. Her mother is quite a character and Cookie finds herself interested in a local guy. When a body is found, it really complicates everything and brings in a man from the past. I enjoyed how Cookie handles the two men who are vying for her attention as well as balancing investigating the case. It is a great start to the series and I look forward to more stories featuring the characters. I received a copy in return for a honest review.

This is a great deal, seven cozy mysteries for less than the price of one. This is a fantastic way to find new authors or add to your collection of your favorite authors. These books are full length and all first in their series. A couple of the books give you a bonus of recipes or decorating tip at the end of their book. I would definitely recommend purchasing this set of books. I am a cozy lover, I have always love mysteries, cozies are a quick clean and amusing sometimes romantic way to enjoy a mystery. These cozies fit that description and more. I am not going to review all the books here but I will give you a short review of a few of them. Louisiana Longshot by Jana DeLeon is a hilarious book about a CIA agent -Fortune Redding- that has been forced into hiding out to save her life. Fortune is who used to fighting and killing is forced to take on the part of a innocent and sweet ex-beauty

queen librarian in a small bayou town in Louisiana. When a dead body shows up and Fortune meets two of the town's senior citizen chaos and hi-jinks ensue as they try to solve the murder. I loved this book I laughed until I was crying. I would recommend this book to anyone that enjoys a mystery or a comedy.

Scene of the Grind by Tonya Kappes is a sweet book about Roxanne Bloom who has recently has divorced her husband and law partner and moved to a small Kentucky town that she spent her summers in visiting her aunt as a child. With her Aunt's help she has opened up a coffee and tea shop called the Bean Hive. When Roxy finds a dead body of a neighboring store owner and her Aunt Maxi becomes a suspect Roxy is determine to use her training as a lawyer and the advantage of being a shop owner to clear her aunt's name. In addition to the solving a murder mystery, Roxy adopts a cute little schnauzer and offers the use of her shop to the local animal shelter to help find forever homes for the sweet animals. She also becomes reacquainted with her former high school boyfriend. I really enjoyed getting to know Roxy and the cast of southern quirky characters. If you love mysteries with a touch of romance and animal rescue/pets this is a book for you.

The Case of the Screaming Beauty by Alison Golden is a quick enjoyable read. This book takes place in a small town in England. When the proprietors of a lovely bed and breakfast found out one of their guest have been murder in her bedroom they quickly call the police. Detective Inspector Graham reports for duty all the while trying to drown his own demons though throwing himself into his job. With Police Sergeant Harris and the Medical Examiner's office helping out with the investigation DI Graham is able to find the murder weapon and the motive which lead to a surprising culprit. This is a lovely story with a few surprises along the way. If you like a British cozy in the style of Poirot you will enjoy this book.

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