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Mysteries: Culinary

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The Tale of Hawthorn House: the Cottage Tales of Beatrix Potter By Susan Wittig Albert

Read by Kristin Allison Reading time 9 hours, 11 minutes
English Lake District, 1908. After someone leaves a baby girl on the steps of Hill Top Farm during harvesting, Beatrix Potter tries to find the mother. The child is given to the justice of the peace and his sister to mind, while traveling gypsies are questioned. Includes recipes. 2007.

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Murder Is Binding by Lorna Barrett

Read by Margaret Strom. Reading time 9 hours 38 minutes.
Stoneham, New Hampshire. Newcomer Tricia Miles, owner of a mystery bookstore located along a corridor of Main Street devoted to specialty bookshops, discovers the body of murdered cookbook dealer and rival merchant Doris Gleason. When Tricia herself becomes a suspect, she sets out to clear her name. Includes recipes. 2008.

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A Quiche Before Dying: A Jane Jeffry Mystery by Jill Churchill

Read by Jill Fox.

Reading time 5 hours

Sleuth widow Jane Jeffry enrolls in a writing course that is also attended by Agnes Pryce, a nasty local author who insults fellow classmates and the teacher. At a potluck dinner Agnes is fatally poisoned after eating Jane's quiche. Jane investigates while she pens a book. Some strong language. 1993.

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To Have and to Kill By Mary Jane Behrends Clark

Read by Dawn Ursula

Reading time 6 hours, 27 minutes

When out-of-work actress Piper Donovan returns to her parents' home and begins helping out at the family bakery, her mother Terri tries to hide the fact that she has macular degeneration. Meanwhile, the wedding engagement of Piper's friend is soured first by a threatening note--and then by a murder. 2011.

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Steamed: A Gourmet Girl Mystery By Jessica Conant-Park

Read by Collen Delany

Reading time 8 hours, 7minutes

Chloe Carter (known online as GourmetGirl) ends her foray into Internet matchmaking when her date, Eric Rafferty, is stabbed to death in a restaurant lavatory. Chloe subsequently falls for the restaurant's chef Josh Driscoll--who is the prime murder suspect. Chloe must exonerate Josh to save their romance. Includes recipes. 2006.

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Vineyard Chill a Martha's Vineyard Mystery By Philip R. Craig

Read by Michael Russotto Reading time 7 hours, 56 minutes

Clay Stockton, a charming adventurer who once worked for a marijuana grower, visits his friend J.W. Jackson. When two unsavory characters come looking for Clay in connection to some missing drug money, J.W. tries to help. Meanwhile, the body of a young woman surfaces among island ruins. Includes recipes. 2008.

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Catering to Nobody by Diane Mott Davidson

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee. Reading time 9 hours 6 minutes.

Colorado. Goldy caters the wake for her son Arch's fifth-grade teacher, who apparently committed suicide. During the event, Goldy's ex-father-in-law is poisoned. Afraid of losing her business and ruining her reputation, Goldy investigates the incidents and discovers that Arch may be involved. Includes recipes. Some strong language. 1992.

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Apple Turnover Murder by Joanne Fluke

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time 7 hours 24 minutes.

Hannah Swensen of Lake Eden, Minnesota, is busily baking for a three-day charity event. When her former college professor--and one-time fling--Bradford Ramsey arrives in town, Hannah seeks to keep her reputation safe. But she must investigate when Brad is murdered. Includes recipes. 2010.

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Plum Pudding Murder by Joanne Fluke

Read by Kristin Allison.

Reading time 7 hours 30 minutes.

Baker Hannah Swenson of Lake Eden, Minnesota, discovers the corpse of Larry Jaeger, the crooked owner of the Crazy Elf Christmas Tree Lot. Jaeger's fiancée, his ex-wife, a community college professor, and the town mayor are all suspects. Includes recipes. 2009.

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As the World Churns: A Pennsylvania Dutch Mystery with Recipes by

Tamar Myers

Read by Kristin Allison.

Reading time 6 hours 48 minutes.

On their honeymoon, Mennonite mayor Magdalena Yoder and Jewish doctor Gabe Rosen get a call from the prison warden informing them that Magdalena's brother-in-law murderer Melvin Stoltzfus has escaped. Mysteries mount when someone attacks elderly veterinarian Doc Shafor just before a Holstein competition in Hernia, Pennsylvania. 2008.

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Batter off Dead: A Pennsylvania Dutch Mystery with Recipes by Tamar

Myers

Read by Kristin Allison.

Reading time 6 hours 54 minutes.

A very pregnant Magdalena Yoder is volunteering at the Beechy Grove Mennonite Church Brotherhood all-you-can-eat fund-raising pancake breakfast when local glutton Minerva J. Jay drops dead. But before Magdalena can assist Hernia's sole police officer with the murder case, she goes into labor. Includes recipes. 2009.

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The Body in the Belfry by Katherine Hall Page

Read by John Stratton. Reading time 6 hours 44 minutes.

Gourmet caterer Faith Fairchild's life is turned topsy-turvy by her marriage to the minister of a quaint New England village church. While she adores her husband and new baby, Faith finds the change from her busy life in New York to the quiet of the country hard to tolerate. But her discovery of a dead body and the ensuing investigation--and danger--make her yearn for the quiet life to return.

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The Baked Bean Supper Murders by Virginia Rich

Read by Mitzi Friedlander. Reading time 11 hours 6 minutes.

Widow Eugenia Potter's neighbors are being killed in the Maine fishing village where she lives part-time, and she suspects she might be next. Between community suppers and lobster cook-offs, she investigates. 1983.

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