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The Tale of Hill Top Farm: the Cottage Tales of Beatrix Potter by Susan Wittig Albert

Read by Constance Crawford

9 hours, 5 minutes

Lake District, England; 1905. Author Beatrix Potter, still mourning her fiancé's death, buys a farm in the country. Villagers in nearby Sawrey are suspicious of the sudden passing of local resident Abigail Tolliver. Beatrix and her pets offer to help solve the mystery. 2004.

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Aunt Dimity's Death by Nancy Atherton

Read by Michele Schaeffer

7 hours, 27 minutes

In this prequel to Aunt Dimity Digs In (DB 48173), Lori Shepherd learns that her recently deceased mother had a long-distance friend named Dimity, who has also died. Dimity's last request was that Lori stay in Dimity's English cottage and write an introduction to her book of stories--with a little help from a ghost. 1992.

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The Cat Who Wasn't a Dog by Marian Babson

Read by Corrie James

6 hours, 52 minutes

Aging British actresses Trixie Dolan and Evangeline Sinclair accompany Dame Cecile Savoy to the taxidermist to have her beloved dead Pekinese stuffed. They discover the owner murdered and rescue a rare cat. Meanwhile, the housekeeper where they are staying as guests disappears, their hostess's antagonistic stepmother arrives, and Trixie's daughter panics writing a cookbook. 2003.

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Murder Is Binding by Lorna Barrett

Read by Margaret Strom

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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Death of a Cad by M.C. Beaton

Read by Jill Tanner

6 hours, 27 minutes

Beneath village policeman Hamish Macbeth's shy, lovesick exterior lurk the instincts of a master sleuth. The scene of the crime is the Scottish ancestral home of the Halburton-Smythes, where houseguest Captain Peter Bartlett, the cad, is found dead. The chivalrous, slothlike Macbeth solves the case while wooing the Halburton-Smythes' daughter. Some strong language.

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A Pedigree to Die For by Laurien Berenson

Read by Margaret Strom

9 hours, 43 minutes

After dog breeder Max dies his widow, Peg, who suspects foul play, asks their niece Melanie Travis to find their missing stud poodle. Melanie, a teacher and single mother, enters the cutthroat world of competitive dog shows and uncovers several suspects--as well as a potential romantic interest. 1995.

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Outfoxed by Rita Mae Brown

Read by Miranda Daniloff

12 hours, 9 minutes

Jane Arnold, master of Virginia's Jefferson Hunt Club, must name an assistant to lead the hounds. Vying for the prestigious job is dissolute native Fontaine Buruss and wealthy Yankee Crawford Howard. When Fontaine is murdered, many of the members become suspects. Meanwhile, the neighborhood "critters" observe--and discuss--the humans around them. Some strong language. 2000.

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Wish You Were Here by Rita Mae Brown

Read by Laura Giannarelli

7 hours, 23 minutes

Harry Haristeen, the postmistress of a small Virginia town; her cat, Mrs. Murphy; and her dog, Tee Tucker, are alarmed when two townspeople are found brutally murdered after receiving anonymous postcards. The cat and dog, who prove more proficient at sleuthing than Harry, leave her enough clues to uncover the ingenious operation behind the murders. Strong language and some violence.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB035425

Lending a Paw: a Bookmobile Cat Mystery by Laurie Cass

Read by Erin Bennett

9 hours, 21 minutes

Librarian Minnie Hamilton is driving her bookmobile in the resort town of Chilson, Michigan, when her new rescue cat Eddie leaps out and leads her to the body of a local man who's reached his final chapter. Together, they work to find the killer. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2013.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB092106

Ruffly Speaking a Dog Lover's Mystery by Susan Conant

Read by Catherine Byers

7 hours, 53 minutes

Obsessed with dogs, Holly Winter owns two Alaskan malamutes, writes a column for Dog's Life magazine, and dates her dog's vet. When fellow dog-lover Morris Lamb dies after eating poisonous greens from his garden, a female rector with a hearing dog moves into his house. Interviewing the rector for the magazine, Holly is surprised to learn that the dog has been exhibiting odd behavior in his new house. Some strong language.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB041444

Death in Lacquer Red a Hilda Johansson Mystery by Jeanne M Dams

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

6 hours, 35 minutes

South Bend, Indiana; 1900. Swedish immigrant Hilda Johansson, a housemaid for the wealthy Studebaker family, discovers the brutally beaten corpse of a female missionary wearing a distinctive red jacket from China. Despite wary coworkers, narrow-minded police, and social prejudices, Hilda tracks the killer. 1999.

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Catering to Nobody by Diane Mott Davidson

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

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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Cat in a Crimson Haze: A Midnight Louie Mystery by Carole Nelson Douglas

Read by J.P. Linton

15 hours, 14 minutes

Las Vegas publicist Temple Barr is crafting a family-oriented image for the Crystal Phoenix Hotel when a body falls through the ceiling onto a gaming table. Temple's friend, ex-priest Matt Devine, helps her investigate, along with her cat Midnight Louie. Meanwhile, Temple arranges entertainment for a Gridiron show. 1995.

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The Big Over Easy a Nursery Crime by Jasper Forde

Read by Erik Sandvold

13 hours, 25 minutes

Detective Inspector Jack Spratt of the Reading Police Department Nursery Crime Division investigates the untimely demise of Humpty Dumpty--ex-con, womanizer, alcoholic, and philanthropist--found shattered to death. When the pieces add up to foul play, Jack and his partner, Mary Mary, sort through Humpty's secret, sordid past. Some strong language. 2005.

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Murder on a Girls' Night Out by Anne George

Read by Ruth Ann Phimister

7 hours, 31 minutes

Retired Alabama schoolteacher Patricia Anne Hollowell has a mystery to solve when, shortly after her flamboyant sister Mary Alice buys a country-and-western bar, the previous owner is found dead in a wishing well. Commercial audiobook. 1996.

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The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax by Dorothy Gilman

Read by Suzanne Toren

6 hours, 58 minutes

Bored and depressed after her husband's death, Mrs. Pollifax decides to take her doctor's advice and do something enjoyable. Since she has always wanted to be a spy, Mrs. Pollifax heads to Washington, D.C., to apply to the CIA. She admits that she is quite prepared to offer up her life on assignment. As luck would have it, there is a pressing need for a tourist-type to smuggle a document out of Mexico. Some strong language and some violence.

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Death on Demand by Carolyn G. Hart

Read by Rita Hattois

7 hours, 4 minutes

Mystery reminiscent of a 1930s whodunit. Elliot Morgan, a mystery writer, is murdered at Annie Laurence's Death on Demand bookstore on Broward's Rock Island, South Carolina, during a weekly gathering of mystery writers. All of the writers are suspects, but when the police focus on Annie, she and her rich paramour, Max Darling, begin their own investigation. Some strong language. 1987.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB026312

The Serpents Trail a Maxie and Stretch Mystery by Sue Henry

Read by Faith Potts

7 hours 59 minutes

Colorado. Sixty-three-year-old Nora McNabb from Dead North (RC 53499) and her dog Stretch arrive from Alaska to help sick friend Sarah Nunamaker. But Sarah's mysterious murder at the hospital means Nora must sort out her friend's secrets and search for a killer. 2004.

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Roll Over and Play Dead by Joan Hess

Read by Suzanne Toren

7 hours, 3 minutes

Bookstore owner Claire Malloy and her teenage daughter, Caron, reluctantly agree to pet-sit a pair of basset hounds. But when the dogs and other neighborhood pets disappear, Claire suspects that animal dealer Newton Churls is selling them for laboratory experiments. 1991.

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Scat by Carl Hiaasen

Read by Michael Kramer

9 hours, 14 minutes

Florida. While her biology class is on a field trip to the Black Vine Swamp, Mrs. Starch goes missing during a mysterious wildfire. Believing the class bully Smoke is involved, Nick and his friend Marta investigate and encounter some unusual people and a panther. For grades 5-8. 2009.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB068759

A Cat in the Stacks Books 1-3 by Miranda James

Read by John Jessup

27 hours, 3 minutes

First three mysteries, written between 2010 and 2012, in the series set in the college town of Athena, Mississippi, featuring widowed librarian Charlie Harris and his Maine Coon cat Diesel. Includes Murder Past Due, Classified as Murder, and File M for Murder, in which Charlie's daughter is the prime suspect. 2012.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB091140

Curiosity Thrilled the Cat a Magical Cats Mystery by Sofie Kelly

Read by Jill Ferris

10 hours, 12 minutes

After she rescues two stray cats, small-town librarian Kathleen Paulson discovers there may be more to felines Owen and Hercules than normal kitty behavior. When a murder disrupts a music festival and Kathleen becomes the prime suspect, Owen and Hercules help her to solve the crime. 2011.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB074810

Cat on the Edge by Shirley Rousseau Murphy

Read by Olive Swearingin

7 hours, 20 minutes

Joe Grey, a cat, suddenly discovers two things. He can speak, think, and read like a human; and he is a witness to a murder.

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Also available on digital cartridge DBC005847

Dog On It a Chet and Bernie Mystery by Spencer Quinn

Read by Michael Scherer

8 hours, 5 minutes

After flunking out of police school, canine Chet becomes partners and roommates with private investigator Bernie Little. Though easily distracted, Chet is a good sleuth. He describes Bernie's latest case--the disappearance of fifteen-year-old Madison Chambliss--and his own frustration when trying to communicate clues. Strong language and some violence. 2009.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB068453

Cats in Trouble. Books 1-3 by Leann Sweeney

Read by Catherine Byers

29 hours, 3 minutes

The first three mysteries, written between 2009 and 2011, in a series featuring widowed quilter Jillian Hart and her three beloved felines. Includes The Cat, the Quilt and the Corpse, The Cat, the Professor and the Poison, and The Cat, the Lady and the Liar. 2011.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB087515

Turtle Soup by Kathleen Thompson

Read by Carole Edgar

9 hours, 35 minutes

This is a cozy mystery with an eclectic cast of characters, a puzzle or two, and diligent detectives on duty. The detectives, feline and canine, figure it all out, but they have a dickens of a time getting the humans to understand them. Some violence.

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