

VICTORIAN MYSTERIES

The Victorian Era marked the height of the British Empire. The Industrial Revolution was in full swing, social institutions began to change, art flourished, new inventions appeared and society was rigidly divided by class. The spectrum of wealth and privilege was considerable, ranging from grinding poverty to large wealthy households with servants. A code of strict morals and behaviors developed that would forever be associated with "Victorians."

Mystery novels found their origin and gained popularity during this time. Modern day authors have been drawn to this time period as a setting for their novels also. Though generally speaking, the Victorian Era describes the time covering the reign of Queen Victoria in Britain [from 1837 to 1901], we've expanded our scope to include mysteries set in other countries during this same time period, and for a short time after.

Some of the following novels are "stand alones", while many are entries in popular on-going series. In the cases of stand-alone novels, individual titles are in alphabetical order following the author's name. In the case of series, the novels are arranged in "series order" following the name of the series. There may be titles in this list which are not currently owned by the Lincoln City Libraries. These appear here for the sake of providing complete series listings, or to identify classic Victorian Mysteries which are now out-of-print.

This is, by no means, an all-encompassing list of Victorian Mysteries -- it is primarily a list of *recommended* titles available through our library system. You can find additional titles by doing a catalog "subject" search under *Mysteries, Historical -- Victorian*. You may also wish to visit our booklist *Elementary...*, an exhaustive list of Sherlock Holmes follow-ups, parodies and pastiches, most of which are set in the Victorian period.

Ackroyd, Peter			
Trial of Elizabeth Cree	1995	1800s	England
Aiken, Joan			
Castle Barebane	1976	1800s	Scotland
Akunin, Boris (<u>Ernst Fandorin</u> series)			
Death of Achilles	2005	1878	Russia
Murder on the Leviathan	2004	1878	Russia
Turkish Gambit	2005	1877	Russia/Turkey
Winter Queen	2003	1876	Moscow
Atwood, Margaret			
Alias Grace	1996	1800s	Canada
Barnes, Julian			
Arthur and George	2006	1800s	England
Barton, Wayne			
Lockhart's Nightmare	1998	1880s	USA

Bayard, Louis		
Mr. Timothy	2003	1860 Scotland
The Pale Blue Eyes	2006	1862 Scotland
Black, Laura		
Glendraco	1977	
Wild Cat	1979	
Black, Michelle		
Solomon Spring	2002	1878 Kansas
Blaine, Michael		
Midnight Band of Mercy	2004	1893 New York
Blake, Jennifer		
Midnight Waltz	1984	1846 New York
Bloch, Robert		
American Gothic	1974	1893 Chicago
Night of the Ripper	1984	1888 London
Boylan, Clare		
Emma Brown	2003	
Brightwell, Emily (<u>Mrs. Jeffries</u> series)		
Mrs. Jeffries Dusts for Clues	1993	1800s London
Mrs. Jeffries Questions the Answer	1997	
Mrs. Jeffries Takes the Stage	1997	
Mrs. Jeffries Reveal's her Art	1998	
Mrs. Jeffries Takes the Case	1998	
Mrs. Jeffries Rocks the Boat	1999	
Mrs. Jeffries Weeds the Plot	2000	
Mrs. Jeffries Pinches the Post	2001	
Mrs. Jeffries Stalks the Hunter	2004	
Mrs. Jeffries Sweeps the Chimney	2004	
Mrs. Jeffries and the Silent Knight	2005	
Mrs. Jeffries Appeals the Verdict	2006	
Busch, Fred		
Night Inspector	1999	1867 New York
Butler, Gwendoline (<u>John Coffin</u> series)		
Death Lives Next Door	1960	1800s England
Coffin Waiting	1964	
Coffin Underground	1988	
Coffin in Fashion	1990	
Coffin in the Museum of Crime	1989	
Coffin and the Paper Man	1991	

Coffin on Murder Street	1991	
Cracking Open a Coffin	1992	
A Coffin for Charley	1993	
The Coffin Tree	1994	
A Dark Coffin	1995	
Coffin's Game	1997	
A Grave Coffin	1998	
Coffin's Ghost	1999	
Carey, Peter		
Jack Maggs	1998	1837 UK/Australia
Carr, Caleb		
Alienist	1994	late 1800s New York
Angel of Darkness	1997	1895 New York
The Italian Secretary	2005	1800s New York
Carr, John D.		
Scandal at High Chimneys	1959	1863 England
Hungry Goblin	1972	1865 England
Chance, Megan		
An Inconvient Wife	2004	late 1800s New York
Clark, Clare		
The Great Stink	2005	1850s London
Clarke, Anna		
Lady in Black	1977	1882 England
Cohen, Paula		
Grammercy Park	2002	1894 New York
Collins, Wilkie		
Armadale		
Basil		
Dead Secret		
Haunted Hotel		
Hide and seek		
The Law and the Lady		
The Moonstone		
No Name		
Poor Miss Finch		
The Queen of Hearts		
A Rogue's Life		
Woman in White		
Compton, Ralph		
Death Rides a Chestnut Mare	1999	1800s USA west

Cooper, Lynna Hour of the Harp	1975	
Cox, Michael Meaning of Night	2006	
Crabbe, Richard Empire of the Shadows	2003	1889 Anarondacks
Crichton, Michael Great Train Robbery	1994	1855 England
Crider, Bill Galveston Gunman	1988	1800s Texas
Day Dianne Cut to the Heart	2002	1860s Hilton Head
Defoe, Gideon Pirates! An Adventure with Scientists	2004	1880s London
Desjardins, Maurice Devil's Alibi	2004	1800s So. Carolina
Dexter, Colin Wench is Dead	1991	1800s England/Modern
Dibdin, Michael Rich, Full Death	1988	1855 Florence
Dickinson, David Death of an Old Master	2004	1899 London
Disney, Doris M. At some Frogotten Door	1966	1886 connecticut
Donnelly, Jennifer Tea Rose	2003	1888 London
Douglas, Carole Spider Dance	2004	1889 New York
Doyle, Arthur Conan (<u>Sherlock Holmes</u> and others) The Adventure of the Speckled Band The Captain of the Polestar The case of the Five Orange Pips Complete Adventures of Sherlock Holmes The Doings of Raffles haw	late 1800s	England

Famous Tales of Sherlock Holmes
 The Hound of the Baskervilles
 The Lost World
 Masterworks of Crime and Mystery
 Micah Clarke
 The Musgrave Ritual
 The Mystery of Cloomber
 Return of Sherlock Holmes
 Sign of Four
 Study in Scarlet
 Valley of Fear
 White Company

Fowler, Karen			
Sister Noon	2001	1890	San Francisco
Frost, mark			
List of Seven	1993	1880s	England
6 Messiahs	1996	1800s	New York
Gardner, Ashley			
Glass House	2004	1800s	London
Sudbury School of Murders	2005		
Goddard, Robert			
Caught in the Light	1988	1820	England
Painting the Darkness	1989	1882	England
Goodwin, Jason			
The Janissary Tree	2006	1836	turkey
Gray, John M.			
Fiend in Human	2002	1850s	London
White Stone Day	2004		
Hall, Oakley (<u>Ambrose Bierce</u> series)			
Ambrose Bierce and the Death of Kings	2001	1890s	
Ambrose Bierce and the One Eyed jacks	2003		San Francisco
Ambrose Bierce and the Tray of Pearls	2004		
Hambly, Barbara (<u>Benjamin January</u> series)			
Free Man of Color	1997	1830s	New Orleans
Fever Season	1998		
Graveyard Dust	1999		
Sold down the River	2000		
Die Upon a Kiss	2001		
Wet Grave	2002		
Day of the Dead	2003		
Dead Water	2004		

The Emancipator's Wife	2005	
Harris, Jane		
The Observations	2006	1863 Scotland
Harrison, Ray (<u>Sgt. Bragg/Constable Morton</u> series)		
Death of an Honorable Member	1984	1890s England
Death of a Dancing Lady	1985	
Death Watch	1985	
Counterfeit of Murder	1986	
Season for Death	1987	
Harvest of Death	1988	
Tincture of Death	1989	
Patently Murder	1991	
Hatvary, George		
Murder of Edgar Allen Poe	1997	mid 1800s USA
Haviland, Diana		
Death and the Ladies Mile	2006	1880s
Heck, Peter (<u>Mark Twain</u> series)		
Death on the Mississippi	1995	1890s USA
Connecticut Yankee in Criminal Court	1996	
Prince and the Prosecutor	1997	
Tom's Lawyer	2001	
Hervey, Evelyn		
Governess	1983	1870s England
Man of Gold	1985	
Into the Valley of Death	1986	
Hickam, Homer		
Keeper's Son	2003	1841 So. Carolina
Hilton, John B.		
Gameskeeper's Gallows	1976	1877 England
Hitchcock, Jane		
Social Crimes	2002	New York
Hjorstberg, William		
Nevermore	1994	1800s USA
Hockensmith, David		
Devil's Acre	2003	1890s Dakotas
Holman, Sheri		
Dress Lodger	1999	1831 England

Hunter, Evan Lizzie	1984	1890 Massachusetts
Jennings, Maureen Except the dying	1997	1895 Toronto
Under the Dragons Tail	1998	
Poor Tom is Cold	2001	
Jones, Robert F. Deadville	1998	1833 USA
Knight, Alanna Enter Second Murder	1988	1890s New York
Blood Line	1989	
Kruger, Mary Masterpiece of Murder	1997	
Kurland, Michael Empress of India	2006	1890s England
Lee, Wendi W. Cannon's Revenge	1995	late 1800s USA
Leonard, Elmore Cuba Libre	1998	1898 USA/Cuba
Linscott, Gillian Murder I Presume	1992	1874 Biarritz
Lovesey, Peter <u>Sergeant Cribb</u> series		(1880s England)
Wobble to Death	1970	
The Detective Wore Silk Drawers	1971	
Abracadaver	1972	
Mad hatter's Holiday	1973	
Swing, Swing Together	1976	
<u>Prince Albert, 'Bertie'</u> series		
Bertie and the Tinman	1987	1886 London
Bertie and the Seven Bodies	1990	1890 England
Bertie and the Crime of passion	1994	1891 Paris
Marshall, William Faces in the Crowd	1991	1800s United States
Mason, Daniel Piano Tuner	2002	1886 Burma

Matsuoka, Takasi		
Cloud of Sparrows	2003	1861 Japan
Autumn Bride	2005	1860s Japan
McCrumb, Sharin		
Ballad of Frankie Silver	1998	1830 No. Carolina
McKinney, Meagan		
Fortune Hunter	1998	1880s New York
Moonlight Becomes Her	2002	
Michaels, Barbara		
Wings of the Falcon	1977	1880 Italy
Other Worlds	1999	Victorian England
Moore, Brian		
Magician's Wife	1998	1850s France, Africa
Moquist, Richard		
Eye of the Agency	1997	1800s United States
Myers, Amy		
Murder in Pugs Parlor	1987	1800s London
Murder makes an Entrée	1992	
O'Connor, Joseph		
Star of the Sea	2003	1847 At Sea
Onan, Stewart		
Prayer for the dying	1999	1870s Wisconsin
Paige, Robin (<u>Kathryn Ardleigh & Charles Sheridan</u> series)		
Death at Bishop's Keep	1994	1890s England
Death at Gallows Green	1995	
Death at Daisy's Folly	1997	
Death at Devil's Bridge	1998	
Death at Rottingdean	1999	
Death at Whitechapel	2000	
Death at Dartmoor	2002	
Death at Glamis	2003	
Death at Hyde Park	2004	
Palliser, Charles		
Unburied	1998	1870s England
Palmer, William (<u>Mr. Dickens</u> series)		
Detective and Mr. Dickens	1990	1849 England
Highwayman and Mr. Dickens	1992	1852 England
Hoydens and Mr. Dickens	1997	1852 England

Dons and Mr. Dickens	2000	1853 Oxford
Parker, Ann Silver Lies	2003	1879 colorado
Peale, Cynthia (<u>Beacon Hill</u> series)		
Death of Colonel Mann	2000	Victorian Boston
Murder at Bertrams Bower	2001	
White Crow	2002	
Pearl, Matthew		
Dante Club	2003	1865 Boston
The Poe Shadow	2006	1865 New York
Perez-Revente, Arturo		
Fencing Master	1999	1868 Spain
Perry, Anne		
<u>Thomas and Charlotte Pitt</u> series		
Cater Street Hangman	1979	Late 1800s England
Callander Square	1980	
Paragon Walk	1981	
Resurrection Row	1981	
Rutland Place	1983	
Bluegate Fields	1984	
Death in the Devil's Acre	1985	
Cardington Crescent	1987	
Silence in Hanover Close	1988	
Bethlehem Road	1990	
Face of a Stranger	1990	
Highgate Rise	1991	
Belgrave Square	1992	
Farrier's Lane	1993	
Hyde Park Headsman	1994	
Traitor's Gate	1995	
Pentecost Alley	1996	
Ashforth Hall	1997	
Brunswick Gardens	1998	
Bedford Square	1999	
Half Moon Street	2000	
The Whitechapel Conspiracy	2001	
Southampton Row	2002	
Seven Dials	2003	
Long Spoon Lane	2004	
<u>William Monk and Hester Latterly</u> series		
A Dangerous Mourning	1991	Mid 1800s England
Defend and Betray	1992	
A Sudden Fearful Death	1993	
Sins of the Wolf	1994	

Cain His Brother	1995	
Weighed in the Balance	1996	
Silent Cry	1997	
Breach of Promise	1998	
The Twisted Root	1999	
Slaves of Obsessions	2000	1862 United States
Funeral in Blue	2001	
Death of a Stranger	2002	
The Shifting Tide	2004	
Dark Assassin	2005	
Peters, Elizabeth (<u>Amelia Peabody</u> series)		
Crocodile on the Sandbank	1975	1884 Egypt
Curse of the Pharoahs	1981	1892-93 Egypt
Mummy Case	1985	1894-95 Egypt
Lion in the Valley	1986	1895-96 Egypt
Deeds of the Disturber	1988	1896 Egypt, London
Last Camel Died at Noon	1991	1897-98 Sudan
Snake Crocodile and the Dog	1991	1898-99 Egypt
The Hippopotamus Pool	1996	1900-01 Egypt
(the rest of the Amelia Peabody series takes place after the Victorian era)		
Peterson Audrey		
An Unmourned Death	2003	1885 London
Phillips, Scott		
Cottonwood	2004	1872 Kansas
Robinson, Suzanne		
Rescue	1998	Victorian England
Rogow, Robert		
Problems of the Missing Miss	1998	1885 Brighton
Problem of the spiteful Spiritualist	1999	1885 Brighton
Problem of the Evil Editor	2000	1885 Portsmouth
Ruddick, James		
Death at the Priory	2001	Victorian England
Ryman, Rebecca		
Shalimar	1999	Victorian India
Scarborough, Elizabeth		
Lady in the Loch	1998	1800s Edinburgh
Schechter, Harold		
Nevermore	1999	1830s Baltimore
Hum Bug	2001	1844 New York
Mask of the Red Death	2004	1845 New York

Selwyn, Francis		
Cracksman on Velvet	1974	1800s England
St. Verity and the Imperial Diamond	1975	1800s India
Sgt. Verity Presnets his Compliments	1977	1800s England
Sherburne, James		
Death's Gray Angel	1981	1890s Kansas
Death's clenched Fist	1982	1890 New York
Sickels, Noette		
Shopkeeper's Wife	1998	1886 Philadelphia
Silvas, Randall		
On Night's Shore	2000	1840 New York
Disquiet Heart	2002	1847 Pittsburg
Soos, Troy		
Island of Tears	2001	1892 Ellis Island
Gilded Cage	2002	1893 New York
Stubbs, Jean		
Dear Laura	1973	1890s London
Symons, Julian		
Blackheath Poisonings	1978	1890s London
Sweet Adelaide	1980	1800s London
Detling Secret	1982	1800s London
Tallman, Shirley		
Murder on Nob Hill	2004	1880s San Francisco
Russian Hill Murders	2005	
Thomas, Will		
Some Danger Involved	2004	1884 London
To Kingdom Come	2005	1884 London
Limehouse Text	2006	
Trow, M.J. (<u>Inspector Lestrade</u> series)		
Adventures of Inspector Lestrade	1985	1891-1910 England
Brigade: Further Adventure	1986	
Lestrade and the Hallowed House	1987	
Lestrade and The Brother of Death	1988	
Lestrade and The Ripper	1988	
Lestrade and The Guardian Angel	1990	
Lestrade and the Deadly Game	1990	
Lestrade and the Gift of the Prince	1991	
Lestrade and The Magpie	1991	
Lestrade and The Dead Man's Hand	1992	

Lestrade and The Signe of Nine	1992	
Lestrade and The Sawdust Ring	1993	
Lestrade and The Devil's Acre	1996	
Waters, Sarah		
Affinity	1999	1870s London
Fingersmith	2002	1862 London
West, Paul		
Women of Whitechapel and Jack	1998	1800s London
White, Jenny		
The Sultan's Seal	2006	1886 Istanbul
Wiggs, Susan		
The Firebrand	2001	1800s Chicago
Wikarski, Nancy		
Fall of White City	2003	1890s Chicago
Williams, Gerard		
Dr. Mortimer	2003	1890 London
Wilson, James		
Dark Clue	2001	late 1800s London
Zimler, Richard		
Hunting Midnight	2003	1800s Portugal