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Magic for Liars Aug 18 2021 A 2020 LOCUS AWARD FINALIST FOR BEST FIRST NOVEL Sharp, mainstream fantasy meets compelling thrills of investigative noir in **Magic for Liars**, a fantasy debut by rising star Sarah Gailey. Ivy Gamble was born without magic and never wanted it. Ivy Gamble is perfectly happy with her life – or at least, she’s perfectly fine. She doesn't in any way wish she was like Tabitha, her estranged, gifted twin sister. Ivy Gamble is a liar. When a gruesome murder is discovered at The Osthorne Academy of Young Mages, where her estranged twin sister teaches Theoretical Magic, reluctant detective Ivy Gamble is pulled into the world of untold power and dangerous secrets. She will have to find a murderer and reclaim her sister—without losing herself. “An unmissable debut.”—Adrienne Celt, author of *Invitation to a Bonfire* At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Monet Murders Apr 25 2022 Personal feelings must be put aside when legendary FBI profiler Sam Kennedy requests Special Agent Jason West's help to catch a deranged killer

targeting wealthy, upscale art collectors. A killer whose calling card is a series of grotesque paintings depicting the murders.

Murder by Magic Feb 21 2022 Helping out during an annual magic show, the Hardy boys are alarmed when Gideon the Great's assistant is murdered and her disguised killer disappears, opening up investigations on a long list of rival magician suspects.

The Magician's Accomplice Mar 13 2021 After a poor college student and her lover are murdered, Jana Matinova struggles to find a connection in the brutality with the help of a retired magician who is also invested in the case.

The Templar Magician Jun 27 2022 Murder and mayhem set at the time of the secretive Templar Order. The year is 1152, and Jerusalem is still in the hands of the Crusaders, although the lofty ideals of before have now been replaced by subtle power-play. Meanwhile, in England, King Stephen is waging bloody war against Henry Fitzempress. The Templar Order, now fifty years old, is a wealthy power, glittering with tempting riches. Against this background of bloodshed, Robert de Payens, grandson of Eleanor, one of the co-founders of the Temple, and Englishman Edward Sendal find themselves caught up in a murder mystery when Raymond, Count of Tripoli, is brutally assassinated. Who would have wanted to murder Raymond, and is it possible that the answer may lie within the hallowed ranks of the Templar order itself?

The Linking Rings Apr 01 2020 "You will just LOVE these books." - VANISH Magazine

"Highly recommended." - Orson Bean, Actor, Magician, Author of *Safe at Home* * * * Eli's trip to London with his uncle Harry quickly turns homicidal when the older magician finds himself accused of murder. A second slaying does little to take the spotlight off Harry. Instead it's clear someone is knocking off Harry's elderly peers in bizarrely effective ways. But who? The odd gets odder when the prime suspect appears to be a bitter performer with a grudge...who committed suicide over thirty years before. While Eli struggles to prove his uncle's innocence--and keep them both alive--he finds himself embroiled in a battle of his own: a favorite magic routine of his has been ripped off by another hugely popular magician. What began as a whirlwind vacation to London with girlfriend Megan turns into a fatal and larcenous trip into the dark heart of magic within the city's oldest magic society, The Magic Circle. No one does intriguing magic and page-turning humor like John Gaspard. Pick it up and see if you can be the first to figure out the trick! Books in the Eli Marks Mystery Series: *THE AMBITIOUS CARD* (#1) *THE BULLET CATCH* (#2) *THE MISER'S DREAM* (#3) *THE LINKING RINGS* (#4) *THE FLOATING LIGHT BULB* (#5) *THE ZOMBIE BALL* (#6)

Smoke and Mirrors May 15 2021 In the captivating sequel to the "enormously engaging" ("Daily Mail") "Zig Zag Girl," Detective Inspector Edgar Stephens and the magician Max Mephisto hunt for a killer who stages his victims in horrific tableaux of very grim fairy tales."

The Magician's Death Nov 08 2020 Paul Doherty's fourteenth novel in the brilliant Hugh Corbett series. Friar Roger's Bacon's book of secrets is coveted in both France and England, but the brilliant, controversial scholar has concealed his discoveries behind a mystifying code. When Sir Hugh Corbett, spy master to King Edward I, instructs his agents to prise the book from its hiding-place in Paris, they succeed only at a violent and bloody cost. A meeting between the scholars of both countries is demanded by Philip IV of France to discuss whether the code can ever be broken, and Edward, bound by his recent peace treaty with Philip, is forced to agree. The meeting takes place at Corfe Castle, which soon becomes a place of murder, mystery and mayhem. Young women from the castle are being slain and then two of the French scholars die in sinister circumstances. Corbett has to thread this murderous maze, whilst at the same time, trying to decipher the secrets of one of England's greatest scholars.

The Great Merlini Jun 23 2019 Stories from the Edgar Award-winning author of the famous

locked-room mystery, *Death of a Top Hat*, “a cornerstone of detective fiction” (The New York Times). The Great Merlini waits impatiently at the door of the Hotel Astor. Inspector Church is late for his meeting with the famed magician, with whom he consults when homicide cases venture outside the realm of the possible. A ventriloquist has attempted suicide in the wake of his wife’s mysterious strangulation. Among the suspects are a snake charmer, a nine-foot giant, a tattooed man, and a gaggle of crap players—and this is one of Merlini’s simple cases. He will pick out the killer, with no more effort than he might a rabbit in a top hat. In these twelve short stories, all originally published in *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine*, cofounder of Mystery Writers of America and Special Edgar Award winner Clayton Rawson’s greatest detective confronts puzzles that would leave a lesser magician’s head spinning. From vanishing blackmailers to murderous mediums, no cosmic crime can baffle the Great Merlini.

The Floating Light Bulb Jan 11 2021 Murder at the Mall of America When a magician is murdered in the midst of his act at the Mall of America, Eli Marks is asked to step in and take over the daily shows--while also keeping his eyes and ears open for clues about this bizarre homicide. As Eli combs the maze-like corridors beneath the Mall of America's massive amusement park looking for leads, he also struggles to learn and perform an entirely new magic act. Meanwhile, the long-time watering hole for Uncle Harry and his Mystics pals is closing. So in addition to the murder investigation and the new act, Eli must help the grumpy (and picky) seniors find a suitable new hang out. * * * "If David Copperfield and Sherlock Holmes had a child, it would be Eli Marks." Praise for THE ELI MARKS MYSTERY SERIES: "You will just LOVE these books." VANISH Magazine "This is an instant classic, in a league with Raymond Chandler, Dashiell Hammett and Arthur Conan Doyle." - John Lehman, Rosebud Book Reviews "It's full of magic, mystery, danger and misdirection, as a good magic trick should be. I love this cozy mystery series, a thoroughly delightful read." - Sweet Mystery Books "Before I had even finished the first chapter I had fallen in love with Eli. He is intelligent, sensitive, witty and, suddenly, the main suspect in a series of murders...well written, fast paced and exciting." - The Frugal Mennonite "This story is very well written and fun to read. I would definitely read another Eli Marks Mystery!" - A Simple Taste for Reading "Gaspard's latest Eli Marks mystery has as many tricks up its sleeve as its likable magician-hero. As the body count rises, so does the reading pleasure." - Dennis Palumbo, Author of the Daniel Rinaldi Mystery Series and Co-Writer of My Favorite Year "Readers, get ready for your mind to expand as Eli Marks returns and uses his powers of prestidigitation, intuition and deduction to solve another mystery. If David Copperfield and Sherlock Holmes had a child, it would be Eli Marks." - Scott Wells, The Magic Word Podcast "An intriguing cross between noir and cozy, with fascinating details about magic tricks and plenty of quirky characters. An easy, enjoyable read for mystery buffs seeking a bit of an escape from the usual crime fiction fare." - Library Journal "A finely-tuned, diabolical, sneaky, smart, stylish mix of magic and mayhem that plunges our hero Eli through a tangled web of danger and deceit that'll keep you guessing." - Steve Spill, Magician and Author of I Lie For Money "This book reminded me of the Nick and Nora Charles adventures--slightly noir and slightly zany. An enjoyable read." - Victoria Kemp, Librarian at Flower Mound Public Library "Hands-down the funniest thing I have read in a long time, expertly paced and hilariously detailed." - Seattle Book Mama "I loved this book. From beginning to end I was hooked. The story is fantastic and the cast leaves you wanting to know more. I can't wait to read the next book in the series." - Bookshelves

The Murder and the Magician Jun 03 2020 Alvin, Port Warren's Sheriff, is super excited when a famous magician visits the town. But the man is not quite the hero he envisioned. There are plenty of suspects when the show turns murder red. The Resplendent Rockford is a hard

taskmaster, and not everyone is a fan. Who is the man hiding in the shadows? Why is Rockford's assistant making threats, and how did poor Clive cope? Clive had met Melody Marshal, Port Warren's pastry chef, and amateur sleuth when he called in for an order of sweet treats. Melody and clue sniffing French Bulldog, Smudge could tell the man was stressed from their first meeting. Sensing an opportunity, Melody gets a behind the stage pass to meet the magician, but things don't go quite to plan. When the blood is running, Melody is glad her fiancé is the Sheriff and that her French Bulldog is the best amateur sleuth a girl could ask for. Now all they need to do is sniff out those clues and solve this pesky murder. Find out if they can discover the truth in this sweet, fun cozy mystery!

Death and the Conjuror Aug 25 2019 In 1930s London, celebrity psychiatrist Anselm Rees is discovered dead in his locked study, and there seems to be no way that a killer could have escaped unseen. There are no clues, no witnesses, and no evidence of the murder weapon. Stumped by the confounding scene, the Scotland Yard detective on the case calls on retired stage magician-turned-part-time sleuth Joseph Spector. For who better to make sense of the impossible than one who traffics in illusions? Spector has a knack for explaining the inexplicable, but even he finds that there is more to this mystery than meets the eye. As he and the Inspector interview the colourful cast of suspects among the psychiatrist's patients and household, they uncover no shortage of dark secrets - or motives for murder. When the investigation dovetails into that of an apparently impossible theft, the detectives consider the possibility that the two transgressions are related. And when a second murder occurs, this time in an impenetrable elevator, they realize that the crime wave will become even more deadly unless they can catch the culprit soon.

The Murdered Magicians Sep 30 2022

The Magician's Death Mar 25 2022 After the death of a homosexual magician, his female assistant journeys from Los Angeles to Nebraska in search of the man's hidden past and discovers his estranged family, as well as the love she has always been denied.

The Murder of Moses Aug 30 2022 An investigation of how Moses was deceived and murdered by his father-in-law, Reuel • Shows how the magician Reuel staged the Burning Bush that spoke to Moses and assumed Moses' identity after his murder • Explains how early scribes edited the Exodus story to cover Moses' assassination and replacement and fabricated Moses' origin story • Builds upon the Moses research of Goethe, Christopher Marlowe, and Sigmund Freud--who spent the last 40 years of his life obsessed with solving Moses' murder The life of Moses, the greatest prophet of the Old Testament, has always been shrouded in mystery. The Bible mentions no witnesses to Moses' death, no funeral, and no indication of his burial place, and the story of Exodus paints a very contradictory picture of this man so important to both Judaism and Christianity. At times, he is depicted as a meek, stuttering figure and at others his tyrannical commands and fits of rage terrorize the children of Israel. And, for the last years of his life, he chose to hide behind a veil. What is the explanation for these extreme shifts in character? Was Moses mentally ill? As Rand and Rose Flem-Ath reveal, the evidence points to something much more sinister: Moses was murdered and replaced by an impostor. The result of a decade-long investigation, this book continues and builds upon the research of Goethe, Christopher Marlowe, and Sigmund Freud--who spent the last 40 years of his life obsessed with solving Moses' murder--and reaches a startling but well-evidenced conclusion that Moses was deceived and murdered by his father-in-law, Reuel. The authors show how Reuel was a skilled magician trained at Egypt's prestigious House of Life and they reveal his motive: He was the son of Esau, from whom Jacob stole his birthright, the leadership of the Hebrew people, a role that Moses was now assuming. The authors explain how the magician Reuel used his sophisticated skills of manipulation and illusion to fake the Burning Bush that spoke to Moses as well as conceal his

assumption of Moses' identity after the murder. They reveal how the early scribes of the Old Testament inserted lags of time into the Exodus story to cover Moses' assassination and replacement, fabricated Moses' origin story, and changed the location of the "Mountain of God" from Edom, where Reuel was a prince, to Sinai. Unveiling the enigma of Moses' real story--and his murder and replacement--the Flem-Aths dramatically challenge the time line and details of biblical history, exposing a cover-up at the very origins of Western religion.

Life Is Magic Jul 25 2019 "Jon Dorenbos is a magical person. *Life Is Magic* shows how we can all choose happiness in the face of overwhelming odds." —Ellen DeGeneres An extraordinary and empowering story of resilience, forgiveness, and living a life of purpose in the face of unfathomable obstacles. You may know him as an NFL All-Pro or as a world-class magician who made the finals of America's Got Talent, but Jon Dorenbos says that what he does is not who he is. He is someone who coached himself, at the most tender of ages, to turn tragedy to triumph. One morning in August 1992, when Jon was twelve years old and living a seemingly idyllic childhood in suburban Seattle, he woke up for baseball camp. His dad waved goodbye. Later that day, Jon heard the news: his father had murdered his mother in the family's three-car garage. In an instant, his life had shattered. He'd essentially been orphaned. Thrust into foster care while his father stood trial for murder, Jon struggled. Left to himself, he discovered an unlikely escape performing magic tricks. If you found a way to alter your reality, after your dad—your hero—killed your mom, wouldn't you cling to it too? Then came football, which provided a release for all of his pent-up anger. Together, magic and football saved him, leading to fourteen NFL seasons on the gridiron and raucous sleight of hand performances to packed houses across the globe. In 2017, he was diagnosed with a life-threatening heart condition leaving him with a choice. To either break down or—as he'd by now long taught himself—bounce back. "Life Is Magic shows how we can all choose happiness in the face of overwhelming odds" (Ellen DeGeneres) and provides a roadmap for overcoming even the darkest of times. Jon's story is poignant and powerful, told by a charismatic and optimistic man who has overcome life-or-death challenges with grace, persistence, a childlike sense of wonder...and jaw-dropping card tricks.

The Mermaid Murders Jun 15 2021 Special Agent Jason West is seconded from the FBI Art Crime Team to temporarily partner with disgraced, legendary "manhunter" Sam Kennedy when it appears Kennedy's most famous case, the capture and conviction of a serial killer known as the Huntsman, may actually have been a disastrous failure. The Huntsman is still out there...and the killing has begun again.

The Magician Murders Nov 01 2022 Jason West, hot-shot special agent with the FBI's Art Crime Team, is at the Wyoming home of Behavioral Analysis Unit Chief Sam Kennedy, recuperating from a recent hit-and-run accident, when he's asked to consult on the theft of a priceless collection of vintage magic posters.

The Magician's Lie Jul 29 2022 A USA Today Bestseller! "[A] well-paced, evocative, and adventurous historical novel..."—Publishers Weekly, STARRED Review "This is a book in which storylines twist, spiral and come together again in an ending as explosive as a poof of smoke from your chimney...or a top hat." — Oprah.com Water for Elephants meets The Night Circus in *The Magician's Lie*, a debut novel in which the country's most notorious female illusionist stands accused of her husband's murder - and she has only one night to convince a small-town policeman of her innocence. The Amazing Arden is the most famous female illusionist of her day, renowned for her notorious trick of sawing a man in half on stage. One night in Waterloo, Iowa, with young policeman Virgil Holt watching from the audience, she swaps her trademark saw for a fire ax. Is it a new version of the illusion, or an all-too-real

murder? When Arden's husband is found lifeless beneath the stage later that night, the answer seems clear. But when Virgil happens upon the fleeing magician and takes her into custody, she has a very different story to tell. Even handcuffed and alone, Arden is far from powerless--and what she reveals is as unbelievable as it is spellbinding. Over the course of one eerie night, Virgil must decide whether to turn Arden in or set her free... and it will take all he has to see through the smoke and mirrors. "Smart, intricately plotted...a richly imagined thriller." —PEOPLE magazine "This debut novel is historical fiction that blends magic, mystery, and romance."—Boston Globe, Pick of the Week "It's a captivating yarn.... Macallister, like the Amazing Arden, mesmerizes her audience. No sleight of hand is necessary. An ambitious heroine and a captivating tale are all the magic she needs."—Washington Post

The Monuments Men Sep 18 2021 Someone is watching. Someone is waiting. Despite having attracted the attention of a dangerous stalker, Special Agent Jason West is doing his best to keep his mind on his job and off his own troubles. But his latest case implicates one of the original Monuments Men in the theft and perhaps destruction of part of the world's cultural heritage--a lost painting by Vermeer. Naval Reserve Lieutenant Commander Emerson Harley wasn't just a World War 2 hero, he was the grandfather Jason grew up idolizing. In fact, Grandpa Harley was a large part of what inspired Jason to join the FBI's Art Crime Team. Learning that his legendary grandfather might have turned a blind eye to American GIs "liberating" priceless art treasures at the end of the war is more than disturbing. It's devastating. Jason is determined to clear his grandfather's name, even if that means breaking a few rules and regulations himself--putting him on a collision course with romantic partner BAU Chief Sam Kennedy. Meanwhile, someone in the shadows is biding his time...

The Zig Zag Girl Aug 06 2020 In the first in a compelling new series from Elly Griffiths, a band of magicians who served together in WWII track a killer who's performing deadly tricks

The Magic Square Jan 29 2020 "When an old family friend is arrested for murder, Uncle Harry urges Eli to step in and solve the bizarre homicide. Eli's attempt to sort through all the suspects at an annual magic convention is stymied after a second murder and then a third murder attempt--or was it merely an accident? Is someone trying to knock off the top mentalists in the country? And if they are, why do the clues keep pointing to Eli's friend? As the body count rises, Eli must race against the clock to trap this clever killer before becoming the final victim."--Page 4 of cover.

The Conductors Dec 22 2021 A compelling debut by a new voice in fantasy fiction, *The Conductors* features the magic and mystery of Jim Butcher's Dresden Files written with the sensibility and historical setting of Octavia Butler's *Kindred* introducing Hetty Rhodes, a magic-user and former conductor on the Underground Railroad who now solves crimes in post-Civil War Philadelphia. As a conductor on the Underground Railroad, Hetty Rhodes helped usher dozens of people North with her wits and magic. Now that the Civil War is over, Hetty and her husband Benjy have settled in Philadelphia, solving murders and mysteries that the white authorities won't touch. When they find one of their friends slain in an alley, Hetty and Benjy bury the body and set off to find answers. But the secrets and intricate lies of the elites of Black Philadelphia only serve to dredge up more questions. To solve this mystery, they will have to face ugly truths all around them, including the ones about each other. In this vibrant and original novel, Nicole Glover joins a roster of contemporary writers within fantasy, such as Victor LaValle and Zen Cho, who use speculative fiction to delve into important historical and cultural threads.

Storm Glass Oct 08 2020 From New York Times bestselling author Maria V. Snyder Enter into a stunning world of molten magic, where storms can be captured in glass and a magician's powers can remain hidden...until challenged. As a glassmaker and a magician-in-training, Opal

Cowan understands trial by fire. Someone has sabotaged the Stormdancer clan's glass orbs, killing their most powerful magicians. The Stormdancers—particularly the mysterious and mercurial Kade—require Opal's unique talents to prevent it from happening again. But when the mission goes awry, Opal must tap into a new kind of magic. As she delves into the intrigue behind the mysterious glass orbs, she uncovers secrets not even she could anticipate. With lives hanging in the balance—including her own—Opal must control her powers...powers that could lead to disaster beyond anything she's ever known. Previously Published. The Chronicles of Ixia Series by Maria V. Snyder Book One: Poison Study Book Two: Magic Study Book Three: Fire Study Book Four: Storm Glass Book Five: Sea Glass Book Six: Spy Glass Book Seven: Shadow Study Book Eight: Night Study Book Nine: Dawn Study

Club Deception Jul 17 2021 A sexy, glamorous romp through the scandals, secrets and even murder in Los Angeles' most exclusive magician's society. Welcome to Club Deception where nothing is what it seems ...and love may be the most dangerous illusion of all. Claire Fredericksson is the beating heart of Club Deception, LA's most exclusive society of magicians. She's the Queen Bee of Magician WAGs ("Wives and Girlfriends"), and the real genius behind her philandering husband Jonathan's award-winning magic show, but her debilitating stage fright has kept her out of the limelight. Until Claire's life is upended by the arrival of two new women to the closed group of magicians' wives- Jessica, a young trophy wife with a secret; and Kaimi, an art expert looking for the long- lost Erdnase papers by posing as a girlfriend. When a magician rivalry and a stolen routine erupt into murder, the women must uncover the truth and set things right for the men they love. With a cast of endurance experts, Vegas stage stars, close-up card handlers and a pick-up artist or two this glamorous novel weaves a tale of murder and fame, and many, many illusions.

Murder by Magic Feb 09 2021 Helping out during an annual magic show, the Hardy boys are alarmed when Gideon the Great's assistant is murdered and her disguised killer disappears, opening up investigations on a long list of rival magician suspects. Original.

THE MAGICIAN'S EYE Sep 26 2019 Jerrod Quade was a Detective with the police and when he was blinded by shards of glass, he was offered a mached set of cornea, if he would follow the trail of the original owner and discover who murdered him. In this book we find out how he finds the use of his psychic powers and eventually solves the murder of Sandor Draco, the original owner and known for his love of mankind. Hope you like this book, it's different from most of my other ones.

Eros, Magic, & the Murder of Professor Culianu Mar 01 2020 Investigates the murder of Ioan Culianu, a popular University of Chicago Divinity School Professor who was slain execution-style in May of 1991, the victim--according to the author--of right-wing political operatives in his native Romania. UP.

The Masquerading Magician May 27 2022 The second book in the Anthony Award-winning Accidental Alchemist Mystery Series by USA Today bestselling author Gigi Pandian. When alchemist Zoe Faust gives herself a rare night out to attend a classic magic show that reminds her of her youth, she realizes the stage magicians are much more than they seem. A murder at the theater leads back to a string of unsolved robberies and murders in Portland's past, and a mystery far more personal than Zoe and Dorian the gargoyle ever imagined. Can Zoe solve a mystery from Portland's past and unlock an ancient alchemy book's secrets soon enough to save her best friend from being trapped in stone forever? *Includes recipes!* "People who enjoy character driven stories with mystery, magic, supernatural creatures, and historical intrigue will greatly enjoy this inventive, well-written tale." —Portland Book Review

Sleight of Crime Oct 20 2021

The Immortal City Jul 05 2020 In the heart of Venice, a woman is sacrificed to a forgotten god, sparking a mystery lost for thousands of years. Dr. Penelope Bryne is ridiculed by the academic community for her quest to find the remnants of Atlantis, but when an ancient and mysterious script is found at a murder site, she flies to Venice determined to help the police before the killer strikes again. Penelope has spent her entire life trying to ignore the unexplainable and magical history of Atlantis, but when she meets the enigmatic Alexis Donato, everything she believes will be challenged. Little does she know, Alexis has spent the last three years doing his best to sabotage Penelope's career so doesn't learn the truth—Atlantis had seven magicians who survived, and who he has a duty to protect. As Alexis draws her into the darkly, seductive world of magic and history, Penelope will have to use her heart as well as her head if she is to find the answers she seeks. With the new MOSE system due to come online, and Carnivale exploding around them, Penelope and Alexis will have to work together to stop the killer and prevent dark magic from pulling Venice into the sea.

Too Many Magicians Dec 10 2020 Set in an alternate reality where Richard the Lionheart's descendants rule the Anglo-French Empire, the laws of magic have developed in place of the laws of physics. In this late 20th century world, people still travel through pea fog by horse and carriage, but magic has made levitation and enchantment spells the norm, especially at a sorcerer's convention. The International Sorcerer's Convention is in full swing. Until London's Chief Forensics Sorcerer, Sir James Zwinge, is found dead inside a locked room, that is. Master Sean O Lochlainn had been at odds with Sir James over competing breakthroughs in incision-free surgery, making him the prime suspect. It's up to Lord Darcy to solve Sir James' murder and exonerate his own forensic sorcerer and trusted assistant. But the mystery deepens when the murder of a Naval spy is connected to that of Sir James' death. Conflict with Poland, a dominating world power, changes the game and suddenly there is a lot more at stake than the freedom of Lord Darcy's old friend. *Too Many Magicians* was nominated for the Hugo Award in 1967, and the complete Lord Darcy series later won the Sideways Award for Alternate History.

The Magician's Diary Oct 27 2019 USA TODAY BESTSELLER India and Matt thought all their problems would come to an end once they found Chronos. But the watch magician brings with him as many questions as answers, and a load of trouble. To fix Matt's magic watch, they must find an old diary that once belonged to a doctor magician murdered decades ago. The hunt drags them into a sordid mystery involving two of London's craft guilds. With old and new enemies determined to stop them, and long-held secrets unearthed, Matt and India must work together better than ever. But as the reason for India's strangely strong magic is revealed, she wants to draw other magicians into the open, while Matt wants to hide magic to keep her safe. Her plan backfires. His plan shatters. And danger comes to their door.

Murder at Midnight Nov 20 2021 When they are falsely accused of plotting to overthrow King Claudio, Mangus the magician and his street-smart servant boy, Fabrizio, face deadly consequences unless they can track down the real traitor by the stroke of midnight.

The Magician's Tale Sep 06 2020 A colorblind photographer investigates the murder of Tim Lovsey, a handsome San Francisco prostitute who had been her subject in a photo shoot

The Magician Detective Nov 28 2019 Fulton Oursler was one of the great editors of his time, ruling over the Macfadden publishing empire for two decades. He created the first true-crime magazine, *True Detective Mysteries*, and off-beat titles like *Brain Power*, *Ghost Stories* and *True Strange Stories*. He achieved national fame in the '30s as the editor of *Liberty*. But stage magic was his first love, and, in his heart, he remained a conjurer in a black cape and top hat. In this collection of early fiction, Oursler's bewitching imagination takes flight in tales of magic, murder and mesmerizing mystery. Apparitions, half-wits, secret panels, devious deceptions, lunatic

asylums, warring magicians, criminal masterminds-it's all here. Also featured is an in-depth exploration of the amazing career of Fulton Oursler.

The Undertakers Apr 13 2021 Nicole Glover delivers the second book in her exciting Murder & Magic series of historical fantasy novels featuring Hetty Rhodes and her husband, Benjy, magic practitioners and detectives living in post-Civil War Philadelphia. Nothing bothers Hetty and Benjy Rhodes more than a case where the answers, motives, and the murder itself feel a bit too neat. Raimond Duval, a victim of one of the many fires that have erupted recently in Philadelphia, is officially declared dead after the accident, but Hetty and Benjy's investigation points to a powerful Fire Company known to let homes in the Black community burn to the ground. Before long, another death breathes new life into the Duval investigation: Raimond's son, Valentine, is also found dead. Finding themselves with the dubious honor of taking on Valentine Duval as their first major funeral, it becomes clear that his passing was intentional. Valentine and his father's deaths are connected, and the recent fires plaguing the city might be more linked to recent community events than Hetty and Benji originally thought. *The Undertakers* continues the adventures of murder and magic, where even the most powerful enchantments can't always protect you from the ghosts of the past . . .

Murder, Magic, Madness Jan 23 2022 In 1856 William Dove, a young tenant farmer, was tried and executed for the poisoning of his wife Harriet. The trial might have been a straightforward case of homicide, but because Dove became involved with Henry Harrison, a Leeds wizard, and demonstrated through his actions and words a strong belief in magic and the powers of the devil, considerable effort was made to establish whether these beliefs were symptomatic of insanity. It seems that Dove murdered his wife to hasten a prediction made by Harrison that he would remarry a more attractive and wealthy woman. Dove employed Harrison to perform various acts of magic, and also made his own written pact with the devil to improve his personal circumstances. The book will study Dove's beliefs and Harrison's activities within the rural and urban communities in which they lived, and examine how modern cultures attempted to explain this largely hidden mental world, which was so sensationally exposed. The Victorian period is often portrayed as an age of great social and educational progress. This book shows how beliefs dismissed by some Victorians as 'medieval superstitions' continued to influence the thoughts and actions of many people, viz most famously Conan 'table tapper' Doyle.

The Amazing Harvey Dec 30 2019 Struggling magician Harvey Kendall is suspected of a murder he could not have committed, and he must now use his talents to pull off the greatest escape of his career, in a novel by Don Passman On the brink of stardom, struggling magician Harvey Kendall is fingered in a vicious murder when his DNA is found on the victim, placing him at the scene of the crime. With one unexpected twist and turn after another, readers are left on the edge of their seats wondering just what is trick and what is truth in the life of this man with a cutting (and often hilarious) sarcastic wit and smart-alec style. Because of Harvey's background in illusion, he's a natural sleuth, noticing things that are often overlooked by everyone else. Knowing full well he is innocent, Harvey sets out on a dangerous path to vindicate himself and find the real killer before the case turns into a disappearing act from which he will never return. In a race against the clock, Harvey must prove his innocence by convincing everyone what exactly is truth and what is pure illusion in what will be the greatest escape act in the life and career of *The Amazing Harvey*.

Murder and Magic May 03 2020 The Sidewise Award-winning series. "If you are looking for something different in the way of mysteries a few hours with Lord Darcy is a fun way to go" (Daily Kos). This alternate history series starring detective Lord Darcy and his sorcerer sidekick, Sean O Lochlainn, takes us into a reality where Richard the Lionheart's descendants rule the

Anglo-French Empire and the laws of magic have developed in place of the laws of physics. Murder and Magic, comprised of the first four stories of the acclaimed Lord Darcy series, finds Lord Darcy solving murders using his wits, a keen eye for observation, and a few choice magic tricks. In “The Eyes Have It,” Lord Darcy must figure out who killed the taciturn playboy, the Count D’Evreux. In the political thriller “A Case of Identity,” Lord Darcy picks apart the disappearance of the Marquis of Cherbourg, especially mysterious considering the escalating cold war with Poland. Lord Darcy and Master Sean investigate a body coated in blue paint already occupying a coffin built for the late Duke of Kent in “The Muddle of the Woad.” Literary humor is at the heart of “In a Stretch of the Imagination,” where the head of an important publishing house commits suicide under suspicious circumstances. Praise for the Lord Darcy series “Some of the finest fantasy ever written . . . Will certainly guarantee him a lasting place in the genre.” —SF Chronicle “He has combined the best of the fantasy and detective genres—and made them work as science fiction.” —Marion Zimmer Bradley “I cannot count the number of times I have read ‘Too Many Magicians’—each time with the same pleasure.” —Andre Norton