

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson *Read Alikes*

The Coldest Blood by Jim Kelly With his wife slowly emerging from years in a coma, journalist Philip Dryden is confronted by a series of deaths among people who are freezing to death in the Arctic temperatures, deaths that may not be accidental.

The Draining Lake by Arnaldur Inridason translated from the Icelandic by Bernard Scudder When the water level of an Icelandic lake suddenly falls following an earthquake to reveal a skeleton half-buried in its sandy bed, Inspector Elendur, Elonborg, and Sigurdur Oli look into the long-unsolved disappearance of a young, left-wing student during the Cold War.

Faceless Killers by Henning Mankell translated from the Swedish by Steven T. Murray Inspector Kurt Wallander, a local Swedish police officer whose own personal life is falling apart, finds himself coping with a wave of anti-foreigner sentiment when he is put in charge of the investigation into the brutal murders of an elderly couple. (This is the first of several Kurt Wallander mysteries.)

Long Time Gone by J. A. Jance Investigating a long-unsolved murder when a witness uncovers blocked memories, Special Homicide Investigation Team member J.P. Beaumont infiltrates a band of powerful conspirators who will go to any lengths to hide the truth. (#17 of the J. P. Beaumont series)

Motherless Brooklyn by Jonathan Lethem If you're looking for an unusual detective, look no further. When Lionel Essrog's boss, a father figure as well as a local mobster, is stabbed, Lionel is determined to solve the case. The twist is that Lionel has Tourette's Syndrome, which can be really handy on stake-outs, yet comes out in full force under duress. A fascinating spin on the classic mystery.

The Redbreast by Jo Nesbø translated from the Norwegian by Don Bartlett, A tale moving from the final months of World War II to the present, and from the Russian Front to contemporary South Africa, follows the dual adventures of a freedom-seeking war martyr and an alcoholic police officer who is drawn into a mystery with past origins.

The Shape Shifter by Toni Hillerman A picture cut from a glossy magazine, *Luxury Living*, draws retired Navajo tribal policeman Lt. Joe Leaphorn into a hunt for a soulless killer in bestseller Hillerman's enthralling 18th Leaphorn/Chee whodunit. Hillerman masterfully connects disparate elements- an ancient cursed weaving, two stolen buckets of piñon sap and the Vietnam War.

Smilla's Sense of Snow by Peter Høeg Smilla is a smart, cynical, fashionable Greenlandic immigrant living in Denmark who, despite her general dislike of people, becomes very close to her young neighbor Isaiah. When Isaiah dies under somewhat mysterious circumstances, Smilla is determined to learn the truth. This is not your run-of-the-mill mystery.

Tomato Red by Daniel Woodrell Sammy Barlach is a country boy with a nose for trouble and a rap sheet to match. Jamalee Merridew thinks she's found the way out of Venus Holler, the low-life side of West Table, Missouri. Jamalee and her brother, Jason, who just may be the prettiest human, man or woman, in the Ozarks, want out of town fast but Jason doesn't seem to have the makings of a stud-for-hire (at least not if women are involved), so Jam comes up with Plan B: get Sammy to steal something from someone.