

Antique Shop Mysteries

Stranger in the Looking Glass

Maggie Watson thought she would spend the rest of her life in Vermont, living in the picturesque cottage home where she'd raised her family. But after her husband's death three years ago and her daughter's recent departure for college, the empty nester knew it was time to start a new chapter in her life.

That chapter begins unexpectedly when Maggie inherits her aunt's nineteenth-century Colonial Revival, Sedgwick Manor, and the adjacent Carriage House Antiques shop located in the charming seaside town of Somerset Harbor, Maine. Maggie always dreamed of owning an antiques store and discovering the stories each item has to tell. But when she finds a photo of her aunt hidden in the backing of an old mirror, she discovers a story of mystery, danger, and the impossible. Standing beside her aunt in the recent photo is her uncle . . . a man who died twenty years ago.

With the help of the ladies in the historical society and James Bennett, a historic preservationist and handsome bachelor, Maggie uncovers shocking secrets about her aunt's final months and her uncle's past. As her search for clues continues, it becomes clear she isn't the only one looking for answers.

Cryptic messages of warning are left inside Sedgwick Manor, and a U.S. Marshal arrives in town asking unsettling questions. Maggie soon realizes the mystery is more serious than she first thought - deadly serious. She can't help but wonder if she should forget about everything, sell the property, and escape back to Vermont.

Will Maggie be able to make sense of it all before it's too late? And is Somerset Harbor the right place to start this new chapter in her life?

The Secret Letter

Maggie Watson's quiet empty-nester life is a lot less peaceful since inheriting Sedgwick Manor and the adjacent antiques shop, and she's still not sure it suits her. To help her decide, Maggie sets out to restore an old humpback trunk. After uncovering one page of a love letter tucked inside, she definitely can't leave town ... not until she finds out who wrote it.

In the letter, the writer—a vaudeville performer—confesses to a bank robbery. Maggie asks James Bennett for help researching, but his attitude about the trunk quickly grows dark. Is there something he's not telling her? After someone breaks into her house and tries to steal the letter, Maggie is determined to get to the bottom of things.

In addition to playing detective, Maggie digs into the treasures of Sedgwick Manor. Enchanted by her late aunt's Thanksgiving decorations, she resolves to make this year's dinner a feast to remember. But as the date draws near, it seems her daughter needs to stay at school and all of her new friends in Somerset Harbor have holiday plans. Adding to her frustration, she's at a dead end with her investigation.

Will Maggie be able to expose the history of the letter without losing James as a friend? And to what lengths will someone in this small town go to keep the secrets of the past buried?

The Christmas Riddle

It's Christmastime in Somerset Harbor, Maine, and the little town is aglow with the warmth of the holiday season. Maggie Watson -- together with her friends in the historical society -- is combing the Carriage House Antique Shop and the town for the perfect decorations to adorn the local Hayward Mansion in festive splendor. What begins as a typical trip to an estate sale quickly turns into a complex tale of intrigue when Maggie makes a shocking discovery amid the piles of unwanted junk: a beautiful mercury glass vase with a dark secret.

Nestled inside the vase is a heavy, jewel-encrusted key and an anonymous note pleading for help. It appears someone in Somerset Harbor has something other than peace and goodwill on their minds this season. But who has threatened the writer of the note? And when? Is the message as old as the vase, or does Maggie still have time to save the person who wrote it?

As Maggie strives to unlock the truth, she learns that Adele Kessler, the late owner of the vase, had become a recluse in recent years, surprising everyone after her many years of hosting renowned social events, including fabulous Christmas parties. Her estranged son hasn't been heard from since his days as a troubled teenager, and the only other person who might be able to provide answers -- a reporter -- has gone missing. There are secrets and lies at every turn, but each serves to strengthen Maggie's resolve to find out who wrote the note she found, and to save the mystery woman from whatever horrible fate awaits her.

This Christmas, Maggie once again finds herself in possession of the key to one of Somerset Harbor's captivating mysteries, and she must rely on her faith and friendships to guide her through the many twists and turns of her most riveting riddle yet. But when she finds what the ancient key unlocks, will she be prepared for what she finds inside?