

The Kennel Caper

The residents of Stony Point, Maine, are getting restless over a string of break-ins that have been plaguing the community. The burglars have hit some of the most upscale residences in Stony Point, and they seem to know just when the homeowners are out of town.

Annie Dawson and her best friend, Alice MacFarlane, have solved many mysteries that have originated in the attic of Annie's Victorian-era home, Grey Gables, but this one has no connection to the attic. It has Annie, Alice, and the local police stymied.

The common thread running through the series of crimes is a connection to a new pet kennel. If the break-ins aren't solved soon, it could ruin the business. For all that Annie and Alice know, maybe the owners are the crooks—and their business should be ruined.

When the home of Ian Butler, the dynamic mayor of the town, and Annie's beau, is hit, Annie decides that the criminals have to be dealt with once and for all. Ian and Jim Parker, Alice's on-again, off-again boyfriend, team up with Annie and Alice to go undercover and smoke the thieves out.

Annie and Alice are also aided by their friends from the Hook and Needle Club, a needlecraft group that specializes in crocheting, knitting, cross-stitch, quilting—and all things mysterious.

Join Annie, Alice, and the rest of the gang as they ferret out the crooks and put them in the doghouse in.

Dog Gone Shame

It has become all too common for Shannon McClain to find herself embroiled in a murder mystery in the small town of Apple Grove, Oregon. But now, on the eve of Apple Grove's inaugural dog show and pet fair, Shannon is dragged into the dog-eat-dog world of canine competition—and the competition has turned both personal and deadly.

Kate Ellis, a member of the Purls of Hope knitting group and the owner of Ultimutt Grooming, discovers the body of the victim and is immediately thrown into the middle of the mystery as the main murder suspect. Shannon believes Kate when she says she is innocent, but all of the evidence points directly to Kate. And Jack Grayson, Apple Grove's police chief, seems to be poised to make an arrest.

But what if Shannon is wrong? What if Kate's strained relationship with the murder victim—one of her most important clients—has pushed her to the breaking point? What if the diminutive Kate is a cold-blooded killer?

As if the murder investigation and her attempt to clear Kate's name isn't enough, Shannon also has to deal with another emotional rollercoaster. Michael Stone, the handsome security expert who has been at Shannon's side since her arrival from her native Scotland, has finally worked up the courage to ask her on a date.

Shannon's rocky relationship with Chief Grayson and her almost-romance with Michael take her to the brink of danger and disaster as she pursues a murderous dognapper. Can she sniff out the real culprit before she becomes the next target?

The Hound and the Fury

A dog show has come to Pleasant Creek, and Liz Eckardt is hosting both two- and four-footed guests at the Olde Mansion Inn. Lucky for her, Liz's old friend Amy is there to help handle the details. They're decorating for Christmas, scenting the air with delicious treats for coffee hour, and catching up on old times. A visit to the dog show seems like the perfect way to unwind after a busy day.

But fur is flying at the venue where the competition is being held. More than a few people are barking mad at one of the judges. It seems he has a predilection for pets of the toy variety, and the owners of the big dogs may not be getting a fair shake. When the judge goes belly-up, stabbed with Liz's knife, Liz knows she must race into action. Someone's committed murder in the first pedigree, but who?

Meanwhile, one of Liz's guests has hightailed it out of town and the Pleasant Creek police are on his trail. Chief Houghton has commanded Liz to stay away from the investigation. But she can't seem to obey. Convinced her guest's disappearance is not just a clever trick, she can't help but nose around. Turns out the murdered man had more than one enemy willing to fight tooth and nail to see him dead, and some of them lie sleeping under Liz's own roof.

Can Liz and her pack of pals, Amy, Beans, and the Material Girls, collar a criminal before more trouble is unleashed?