

Designs to Die For

Kate Stevens moved lock, stock, and barrel from Maine to charming Sage Hills, Texas, hoping to become a household name in the world of crochet design. Instead she finds herself thrown into a gruesome murder investigation - and she is the prime suspect.

Betrugen Publishing in Fort Worth was supposed to be Kate's ticket to the big time. She cleverly parlayed her talents and a column in a popular crochet magazine into a book deal with the powerful publisher.

But just when her dreams seem to be within her grasp, her contract with Betrugen proves to be nothing but an underhanded scheme to steal her designs. To make matters worse, she decides to confront Stefan Betrugen directly about his deceitful tactics and stumbles upon a crime scene in his office.

Kate's unfortunate timing and obvious disdain for Betrugen land her at the top of the suspect list. Now she must clear her name, retrieve her designs, and rebuild her fledgling career as an author, and it all starts by smoking out the real killer.

As if matters weren't complicated enough, the handsome detective assigned to the murder case turns out to be Peter Matthews, an old flame. Peter warns Kate to stay clear of the investigation, but soon the flame turns to sparks as Kate wholeheartedly ignores his advice.

Her spunky neighbor, Vivi Lawrence, and the owner of Once Upon a Yarn needlework shop, Paige Bryant, rally to Kate's side during the crisis. Her friends first help Kate get settled in her new home, and then together they set out to shake up the Lone Star landscape in hopes that a murderer will fall out.

Unraveled Stalkings

It's the best of times and the worst of times for Kate Stevens. Recently transplanted from the rocky shores of coastal Maine to the charming Western town of Sage Hills, Texas, Kate's career as a crochet designer and author is finally taking flight. She has signed with a new literary agency, and a major publisher is ready to ink a contract to publish a series of books featuring her designs.

At the same time, A new mystery seems to have found its way literally to her back door. There are spooky nocturnal goings-on in the neighborhood she calls home. Strange sounds at night emanating from the back yard of the house next door have put Kate on edge. The house has been vacant and for sale for months, but has something sinister taken up residence there?

Her best friend, Vivi Lawrence, a neighbor and fellow crocheter, assures Kate there is little to worry about in their quiet subdivision, but Kate remains unconvinced.

Then there is the problem with an online "friend"—a man she had asked for expert advice on a classic-car-themed crochet design—who has obviously become obsessed with Kate.

Kate seeks help through the local police department, but the authorities' hands are tied since the man's identity is only a cyber pseudonym. Peter Mathews, the Fort Worth police detective who has turned Kate's head, warns her to be ever vigilant.

Will the orbits of cyberspace and reality collide and threaten Kate's career, family, and even her life? Join Kate, Vivi, and Peter as they unravel this latest mystery.

The Lady in the Attic

So begins Annie Dawson's breathtaking adventures as she leaves her home in Brookfield, Texas, and drives 2,000 miles to Stony Point, Maine, to settle her grandmother's estate. Ever since Annie's husband died, she'd felt she was lacking direction and purpose. Might Grey Gables be the beginning of a new chapter in Annie Dawson's life? Just one look at the rambling Victorian house she's inherited transports her back to the summers she spent there when she was growing up. As she makes her way up the stairs to the attic, she feels a childhood sense of adventure and mystery.

Gram had stored everything she ever owned in the attic. But in this clutter of boxes, furniture, clothing, and "stuff," Annie notices a large, sheet-covered object set off in a far corner. It looks relatively new with very little dust on it. *When did Gram put this up here?* Annie wonders. What is revealed makes her gasp. Standing in a roller frame is the largest, most detailed cross-stitch canvas she's ever seen. It features a woman sitting on Grey Gables's porch, of that Annie is sure. But who is this lady? And why did her grandmother hide such a beautiful example of her famed handiwork away in the attic?

The Lady in the Attic is the story of Annie Dawson's hunt to solve the mystery. And it is a heartwarming story of the lives and loves in the coastal town of Stony Point. Annie finds new friends among the townsfolk, especially at the Hook and Needle Club, a stitchery group sponsored by the local needlecraft shop, A Stitch in Time. The members' warmhearted enthusiasm for her search helps her in her quest. With their help, will she also be able to find a new direction for her life? Join Annie and her new friends as they unravel the mystery of *The Lady in the Attic*.