

## A Pedigree To Die For Melanie Travis 1 Laurien Berenson

A canine competition in New York turns criminal: “Enjoyable...plenty of twists and turns...a tight suspenseful package.”—Publishers Weekly If Melanie Travis was planning on a quiet family summer with her Standard Poodle Faith, son Davey, and new husband Sam, her plans are about to turn upside down. When she receives a letter from the Champions Dog Food Company informing her that Faith has been selected as a finalist in the “All Dogs Are Champions” contest, Melanie is mystified—until she discovers it was Davey who sent her name in. At the reception in New York where they meet the other finalists, Melanie immediately senses that this pack is a bone’s throw away from a major dogfight. And when Larry Kim, one of the finalists, dies in a suspicious fall, something smells rotten. With the final decision for a winner drawing near and the competition getting downright ferocious, Melanie and Faith will have to stay alert—because Melanie’s digging may well unearth a barking-mad killer who’ll do anything to win. “If you like dogs, you’ll love Laurien Berenson’s Melanie Travis mysteries!”—Joanne Fluke, New York Times–bestselling author of the Hannah Swensen series

As the town of Greenwich, Connecticut, counts down to a spooky celebration on October 31st, a horrifying murder leaves Melanie Travis pawing for clues in a hair-raising game of trick-or-treat. . . . With just a few days left before Halloween, everyone at Howard Academy is anticipating the guaranteed sugar high they’ll experience from gorging on Harriet Bloom’s famous marshmallow puffs. The school’s annual costume party revolves around the headmaster’s assistant and her seemingly supernatural batches of gooey goodies. So, it’s a shock when Harriet’s elderly neighbor is suddenly found dead with the beloved dessert in his hand. Melanie knows her tenured colleague would never intentionally serve cyanide-laced puffs to a defenseless old man. But as explosive neighborhood gossip reveals a potential culprit, it also brings her closer to sealing her own doom. Because on an evening ruled by masked revelers, Halloween might just be the perfect opportunity for a cold-hearted killer to get away with murder once again—in this tense sending a nosy, unsuspecting sleuth to an early grave!

A REESE WITHERSPOON x HELLO SUNSHINE BOOK CLUB YA PICK An Instant #1 New York Times Bestseller Soon to be adapted at Netflix for TV with President Barack Obama and Michelle Obama’s production company, Higher Ground. “One of this year’s most buzzed about young adult novels.” —Good Morning America A TIME Magazine Best YA Book of All Time Selection Amazon’s YA Book of 2021 So Far (June 2021) A 2021 Kids’ Indie Next List Selection An Entertainment Weekly Most Anticipated Books of 2021 Selection A PopSugar Best March 2021 YA Book Selection With four starred reviews, Angeline Bouley’s debut novel, Firekeeper’s Daughter, is a groundbreaking YA thriller about a Native teen who must root out the corruption in her community, perfect for readers of Angie Thomas and Tommy Orange. Eighteen-year-old Darius Fontaine has never quite fit in, both in her hometown and on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. She dreams of a fresh start at college, but when family tragedy strikes, Darius must hold to look after her fragile mother. The only bright spot is meeting Jamie, the charming new recruit on her brother Levi’s hockey team. Yet even as Darius falls for Jamie, she senses the dazzling hockey star is hiding something. Everything comes to light when Darius witnesses a shocking murder, thrusting her into an FBI investigation of a lethal new drug. Reluctantly, Darius agrees to go undercover, drawing on her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine to track down the source. But the search for truth is more complicated than Darius imagined, exposing secrets and old scars. At the same time, she grows concerned with an investigation that seems more focused on punishing the offenders than protecting the victims. Now, as the deceptions—and deaths—keep growing, Darius must learn what it means to be a strong Anishinaabe Kwe (Ojibwe woman) and how far she’ll go for her community, even if it tears apart the only world she’s ever known.

When a stranger stops to help her while she is stranded on the road during a bad storm, Karen Harding enters a realm of terror and hopelessness when her so-called “savior” takes her hostage, keeping her captive in the darkness as he prepares to kill her. Original.

In Dog We Trust
Hush Puppy
Chow Down

Never Say Die
Muzzled
Death by Chocolate Lab

First published in 1957, this is one of those classic dog books that everyone who ever read it remembers. Much as they remember the great Canadian novelist Farley Mowat - for his wry humor, his marvelous use of language (his father was a librarian), his passion for animals in all forms and the outdoors in all its glory, and his seemingly endless series of misadventures.

A mom goes undercover to locate a purloined poodle—and a killer—in this series debut with “ a solution that packs a surprising amount of surprise ” ( Kirkus Reviews). The apparent heat attack that killed kennel owner Max Turnbull has left seven pups in mourning, and his wife Peg suspecting foul play. But the only evidence is their missing prize pooch—a pedigreed poodle named Beau. Enter Melanie Travis. With her young son happily ensconced in day camp, the thirty-something teacher and single mother is talked into investigating her uncle ’ s death—unofficially, of course. Posing as a poodle breeder in search of the perfect stud, Melanie hounds Connecticut ’ s elite canine competitions, and finds an ally in fellow breeder Sam Driver. But her affection cools when she’s put on the scent of Sam ’ s questionable past...and hot on the trail of a poodle-hating neighbor and one elusive murderer who isn’t ready to come to heel. For, as Melanie soon discovers, in a championship dog-eat-dog world, the instinct for survival, and winning, can prove fatal. “ Naturally flowing prose, extended suspense, and an infectiously upbeat single mother as protagonist make this a special treat. ” —Library Journal “ A bonanza for ardent dog fanciers and for others, a likable heroine in a smoothly paced romantic mystery. ” —Publishers Weekly Melanie Travis is gifted at raising prize-winning Standard Poodles, not standing in as the Easter Bunny. But when March in Connecticut brings daffodils and dead bodies, she ’ ll need to hop into action—and fast. . . . Aunt Rose already has a strike against her for not being too fond of dogs—or Aunt Peg. But Melanie still agrees to organize Easter festivities at Gallagher House, the new woman ’ s shelter opened by the stern former nun, even if it takes all the jellybeans in Greenwich to sweeten the arrangement. No sooner does Melanie arrive to dye multicolor eggs and turf baskets, than she learns devastating news about Beatrice Gallagher, the respected benefactor of the estate. Beatrice has fallen to her death, and the circumstances are shocking. . . . No one can say why or how charitable Beatrice got pushed into an early grave. Yet for a supposedly warm and generous philanthropist, rumors have her pinned as an overbearing manipulator who used money to control the unfortunate few trapped in her inner circle. Facing an uncertain future as danger lurks around Gallagher House, Melanie and Aunt Rose must tolerate each other ’ s company long enough to discover the truth about Beatrice ’ s true nature and identify a vengeful killer—before another person ’ s idyllic spring break becomes a serious nightmare. . . .

“A monumental and important work for the Thoroughbred industry, author and pedigree researcher Avalyn Hunter provides extensive pedigree analysis of every American classic race winner from 1914 through 2002.

A Christmas Howl
Game of Dog Bones

The Pillars of the Earth
Discover a New World of Flavors in Authentic Recipes
Pedigree Dogs in Needle Felt
Murder in an Irish Village

A quarter of a million people braved miserable conditions at Epsom Downs on June 2, 1954, to see the 175th running of the prestigious Derby Stakes. Queen Elizabeth II and Sir Winston Churchill were in attendance, along with thousands of Britons who were all convinced of the unfailing superiority of English bloodstock and eager to see a British colt take the victory. They were shocked when a Kentucky-born chestnut named Never Say Die galloped to a two-length triumph at odds of 33-1, winning Britain’s greatest race and beginning an important shift in the world of Thoroughbred racing. Never Say Die traces the history of this extraordinary colt, beginning with his foaling in Lexington, Kentucky, as well as the stories of the influential individuals brought together by the horse and his victory—from the heir to the Singer sewing machine fortune to the Aga Khan. Most fascinating is the tale of Mona Best of Liverpool, England, whose well-placed bet on the long-shot Derby contender allowed her to open the Casbah Coffee Club. There, her son met musicians John Lennon, Paul McCartney, and George Harrison, later joining their band. Featuring a foreword by the original drummer for the Beatles, Pete Best, this remarkable book reveals how an underdog’s surprise victory played a part in the formation of the most successful and influential rock band in history and made the Bluegrass region of Kentucky the center of the international Thoroughbred industry.

A doghandler is murdered in his home in Connecticut. The victim had many enemies, other doghandlers on the dog show circuit and men whose wives he seduced. Sleuth Melanie Travis investigates.

Read the #1 New York Times best-selling series before it continues in *A Map of Days*. Bonus features + Q&A with author Ransom Riggs + Eight pages of color stills from the film + Sneak preview of *Hollow City*, the next novel in the series *A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs. It all waits to be discovered in Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children, an unforgettable novel that mixes fiction and photography in a thrilling reading experience. As our story opens, a horrific family tragedy sets sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children. As Jacob explores its abandoned beaches and hallways, it becomes clear that the children were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous. They may have been quarantined on a deserted island for good reason. And somehow—impossible though it seems—they may still be alive. A spine-tingling fantasy illustrated with haunting vintage photography, *Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children* will delight adults, teens, and anyone who relishes an adventure in the shadows. “A tense, moving, and wondrously strange first novel. The photographs and text work together brilliantly to create an unforgettable story.” —John Green, *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Fault in Our Stars* “With its *X-Men*: First Class-meets-time-travel story line, David Lynchian imagery, and rich, eerie detail, it’s no wonder *Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children* has been snapped up by Twentieth Century Fox. B+” —Entertainment Weekly “*Peculiar* doesn’t even begin to cover it. Riggs’ chilling, wondrous novel is already headed to the movies.”—*People* “You’ll love it if you want a good thriller for the summer. It’s a mystery, and you’ll race to solve it before Jacob figures it out for himself.”—*Seventeen**

Win, Place...Or Die. The apparent heat attack that killed kennel owner Max Turnbull has left seven pups in mourning, and his wife Peg suspecting foul play. But the only evidence is their missing prize pooch—a pedigreed poodle named Beau. Enter Melanie Travis. With her young son happily ensconced in day damp, the thirty-something teacher and single mother is talked into investigating her uncle’s death—unofficially, of course. Posing as a poodle breeder in search of the perfect stud, Melanie hounds Connecticut’s elite canine competitions, and finds an ally in fellow breeder Sam Driver. But her affection cools when she’s put on the scent of Sam’s questionable past...and hot on the trail of a poodle-hating neighbor and one elusive murderer who isn’t ready to come to heel. For, as Melanie soon discovers, in a championship dog-eat-dog world, the instinct for survival, and winning, can prove fatal. Dog mysteries continue to flourish. A PEDIGREE TO DIE FOR is fascinatinf. -Mystery Lovers Bookshop News A sleek and unusual book.

A Golden Retriever Mystery

A Novel

A Study in the Heredity of Feeble-mindedness

Hair of the Dog

Pup Fiction

The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America

Standard Poodle owner Melanie Travis is an excellent judge of dogs—and people. But what happens when an unnamed killer emerges at one of the fiercest all-breed competitions ever? As Greenwich, Connecticut, slows down during a bitterly cold February, Melanie and her spunky Aunt Peg head to the city that never sleeps for the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show at Madison Square Garden. Aunt Peg can’t wait to demonstrate her judging chops on national TV, even after being hounded by frustrating mishaps—all seemingly orchestrated by Victor Durbin, an ousted Paugussett Poodle Club member with a bone to pick. But the bright lights of the show ring grow dim when Victor is found murdered, and she’s the one topping the suspect list. . . . Driven to solve the crime on her aunt’s behalf, Melanie fetches hair-raising clues about the victim. His own business partner admits to being delighted by news of his death. As Melanie digs up more chilling evidence, she realizes that exonerating Aunt Peg means confronting a murderer who’s in it to win it. . . .

In Connecticut, a woman loses a prize dog, Ziggy, in a car accident and soon after dies herself of poison. When sometime later Ziggy is found to be alive, PI Melanie Travis smells murder and begins a probe. The denouement comes during a pet show. By the author of A Pedigree to Die For. “A page-turner with a tough mystery, light humor, and insight into the peculiarities of human and canine behavior.” —Booklist It’s autumn in Connecticut, and Melanie Travis has just started a new job, and with the added excitement of showing her Standard Poodle, Faith, in the fall shows, the last thing she wants is to become embroiled in yet another of her brother Frank’s moneymaking schemes. His current brainstorm—renaking an old store in stylish suburban Fairfield County into a trendy coffee bar—already has the neighbors snarling. Worse, wealthy Marcus Rattigan, who’s bankrolling the project, is nearest murdered on the premises, and the police think Frank did it. Always the family watchdog, and faced with Frank’s imminent arrest, Melanie has no choice but to take on the investigation. Drawing on her connections in the dog world, Melanie is soon successfully unuzzling the dead man’s nearest and dearest. But Melanie is about to learn that being a watchdog can sometimes be dangerous—especially when every clue she uncovers leads her one step closer to a murderer who is desperate enough to kill again. . . .

When the elderly caretaker at Howard Academy turns up dead after being spotted arguing with a girl young enough to be his daughter, teacher Melanie Travis is on the case, but a rival for her fiancee’s affections will complicate matters as she tries to unravel the mystery. Tour.

Show Me the Bunny

Buried to the Brim

The Kallikak Family

A Bitting History of Pedigree Dogs and How the Quest for Status Has Harmed Man’s Best Friend

A Pedigree To Die For

Bave Before Dying

At the end of a long and useful life, Penelope Keeling’s prized possession is The Shell Seekers, painted by her father, and symbolizing her unconventional life, from bohemian childhood to wartime romance. When her grown children learn their grandfather’s work is now worth a fortune, each has an idea as to what Penelope should do. But as she recalls the passions, tragedies, and secrets of her life, she knows there is only one answer...and it lies in her heart, in this beloved Cornwall novel from Rosamunde Pilcher. Celebrity chef, Asian cooking expert and TV personality Jet Tila has compiled the best-of-the-best 101 Eastern recipes that every home cook needs to try before they die! The dishes are authentic yet unique to Jet—drawn from his varied cooking experience, unique heritage and travels. The dishes are also approachable—with simplified techniques, weeknight-friendly total cook times and ingredients commonly found in most urban grocery stores today.

Steve Levitan has returned to his hometown of Stewart’s Crossing, in picturesque Bucks County, Pennsylvania, after a bad divorce and a brief prison term for computer hacking. While he’s getting his life back together, trying to start a new career in technical writing and reporting regularly to his parole officer, he becomes friendly with his next-door neighbor, Caroline Kelly, and her golden retriever, Rochester. When Caroline is killed, Steve’s high-school pal, the local police detective, asks him to become the dog’s temporary guardian. With canine charm and doggy love, Rochester begins to win Steve over, and these two unlikely sleuths work to uncover the mystery behind Caroline’s death. This title is published by Neil S. Placky and distributed by Untreed Reads Publishing.

A sleuth must find a killer amid a plethora of poodles in this “charming” cozy mystery by an Agatha Award finalist (Publishers Weekly). There are dog shows. And then there’s The Poodle Club of America National Specialty Dog Show. For poodle purists, it’s the pinnacle of the season, drawing competitors and spectators from all over the world. Once in Maryland, Melanie Travis is put to work selling raffle tickets by the co-chairs of the raffle committee, Betty Jean and Edith Jean Boone. Sixty-six steel magnolias from the South, the reclusive sisters make few appearances. But this year, they have a silver Toy puppy that has already caused a buzz on the show circuit. While the poodles remain well behaved, it’s the owners who aren’t acting up. And when Betty Jean is found dead at the host hotel, murder takes center stage. But this is the PCA—and the show must go on. As Edith Jean staunchly resumes her duties, Melanie starts searching for clues, and comes up with a compelling cast of suspects whose actions prove that in the dog-eat-dog world of showing, a life can be as easily lost as a blue ribbon. And that unlike cats, dogs—and their owners—have only one to risk... “A dependable author for fans of pooch-oriented mysteries.” —Library Journal

Best In Show

A Melanie Travis Mystery

The Orchid Thief

Immortal Max

Gone with the Woof

Underdog

Introducing a sleuth that “mothers everywhere will identify with”—first in the long-running series from the *New York Times* bestselling author(Publishers Weekly). As if baking holiday cookies, knitting a sweater for her husband’s gift, and making her daughter’s angel costume for the church pageant weren’t enough things for Lucy Stone’s busy Christmas schedule, she’s also working nights at the famous mail-order company Country Cousins. But when she discovers Sam Miller, it’s very wealthy founder, dead in his car from an apparent suicide, the sleuth in her knows something just doesn’t smell right. Taking time out from her hectic holiday life to find out what really happened, Lucy’s investigation leads to a backlog of secrets as long as Santa’s Christmas Eve route. She is convinced that someone murdered Sam Miller. But who and why? With each harrowing twist she uncovers in this bizarre case, another shocking revelation is exposed. Now, as Christmas draws near and Lucy gets dangerously closer to the truth, she’s about to live in a present from Santa she didn’t ask for—a killer who won’t be satisfied until everyone on his shopping list is dead, including Lucy herself. . . . Praise for the Lucy Stone Mystery series “A solid mystery.”—*San Francisco Chronicle* “A surprising and intelligently constructed plot.”—*Cape Cod Times* “Lucy Stone is an endearing sleuth.”—*Dorothy Cannell* “Leslie Meier has created a town I’d like to live in and a sleuth I’d love to meet.”—*Jill Churchill* *Siohán Ó’Sullivan* and *her five siblings have a lot on their plate when a man is found murdered at their bistro in the small village of Kibane, County Cork, Ireland.*

*A dog leash becomes a lethal weapon in this mystery from the Agatha Award finalist, “a rare breed of writer” (The Plain Dealer). With the excitement of the spring dog show season sweeping Connecticut, prize-winning Poodle owner Melanie Travis is determined to help her son finally lead his Standard Poodle toward a championship title. But the competition is fierce. Aunt Peg even skips the judging panel to exhibit a pup of her own, standing out from the pack with a handmade leash from elite artist Jasmine Crane. Jasmine’s handwork is to die for—but Aunt Peg didn’t expect to find her strangled to death by one of her dazzling custom creations... When Aunt Peg’s longtime dog sitter, a renter on Jasmine’s property, vanishes that same day, Melanie suspects a dangerous connection. Her hunch only grows as she discovers sketchy secrets about the late artist. Juggling a teaching job, the show ring, and a daunting suspect list, Melanie finds herself entangled in a mindboggling murder mystery—and hot on the trail of a desperate killer. “For pet fans who thrive on dog-show lore, Berenson’s brand is always best in show.”—*Kirkus Reviews* “Entertaining...[a] sweet series.”—*Publishers Weekly* “A book everyone should collar.”—*The Oklahoman**

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The Dying Hour

To Die For: Is Fashion Wearing Out the World?

Watchdog

A True Story of Beauty and Obsession

How to Program

*New York Times* bestselling author Jenn McKinlay’s beloved *Hot Shop* duo Scarlett Parker and Vivian Tremont return to don their sleuthing caps and solve a murder that’s death in show. London’s most refined canines and their humans are gearing up for the *Pets and Wellness Society’s* annual dog show--and Betty Wentworth, favorite aunt to Scarlett’s fiancé Harrison and proud owner of corgi front-runner Freddy, knows that this could be their year with the right edge. Never one to turn away a corgi in need, Scarlett convinces her milliner cousin, Vivian, to design matching hats for dream team Betty and Freddy as they compete for Best in Show. It’s a tail wagging good time until the dog-fod sponsor of the event is found dead and Betty is the prime suspect. Vivian and Scarlett agree to enter the competition in Betty’s place and help Harrison catch the real killer before Betty is collared for a crime she didn’t commit.

The *New York Times* Bestseller, with a new preface from the author “This estimable book rides into the summer doldrums like rural electrification. . . . It deals in the truths that matter.”—Dwight Garner, *The New York Times* “This eye-opening investigation into our country’s entrenched social hierarchy is acutely relevant.”—*O, The Oprah Magazine* “White Trash will change the way we think about our past and present.”—*T. J. Stiles, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Custer’s Trials* In her groundbreaking bestselling history of the class system in America, Nancy Isenberg, co-author of *The Problem of Democracy*, takes on our comforting myths about equality, uncovering the crucial legacy of the ever-present, always embarrassing—if occasionally entertaining—poor white trash. “When you turn an election into a three-ring circus, there’s always a chance that the dancing bear will win,” says Isenberg of the political climate surrounding Sarah Palin. And we recognize how right she is today. Yet the voters that put Trump in the White House have been a permanent part of our American fabric, argues Isenberg. The wretched and landless poor have existed from the time of the earliest British colonial settlement to today’s hillbillies. They were alternately known as “waste people,” “offals,” “rubbish,” “lazy lubbers,” and “crackers.” By the 1850s, the downtrodden included so-called “clay eaters” and “sandhillers,” known for prematurely aged children distinguished by their yellowish skin, ragged clothing, and listless minds. Surveying political rhetoric and policy, popular literature and scientific theories over four hundred years, Isenberg upends assumptions about America’s supposedly class-free society—where liberty and hard work were meant to ensure real social mobility. Poor whites were central to the rise of the Republican Party in the early nineteenth century, and the Civil War itself was fought over class issues nearly as much as it was fought over slavery. Reconstruction pitted poor white trash against newly freed slaves, which factored in the rise of eugenics—a widely popular movement embraced by Theodore Roosevelt that targeted poor whites for sterilization. These poor were at the heart of National reformer and LBJ’s Great Society; they haunt us in reality TV shows like *Here Comes Honey Boo Boo* and *Duck Dynasty*. Marginalized as a class, white trash have always been at or near the center of major political debates over the character of the American identity. We acknowledge racial injustice as an ugly stain on our nation’s history. With Isenberg’s landmark book, we will have to face the truth about the enduring, malvolent nature of class as well.

A pet sitter—with some help from a basset hound and a Chihuahua—tries to find out who whacked a womanizer in “a doggone charming read” (Cleo Coyle, *New York Times*-bestselling author of the *Coffeehouse Mysteries*). Pet sitter Daphne Templeton has a soft spot for every stray and misfit who wanders into the quaint lakeside village of Sylvan Creek in the Pocono Mountains. But even Daphne doesn’t like arrogant, womanizing Steve Beamus, the controversial owner of Blue Ribbon K-9 Academy. When Steve turns up dead during a dog agility trial, Daphne can think of a long list of people with motives for homicide, and so can the police. Unfortunately, at the top of the list is Daphne’s sister, Piper—Steve’s latest wronged girlfriend. Certain that Piper is innocent, in spite of mounting evidence to the contrary, Daphne sets out to clear her sister’s name—and find Axis, Steve’s prize-winning chocolate Labrador, who went missing the night of Steve’s death. Aided by Socrates, her tacturn basset hound, and a hyperactive one-eared Chihuahua named Artie, Daphne quickly runs afoul of Detective Jonathan Black, a handsome and enigmatic newcomer to town, who has no appreciation for Daphne’s unorthodox sleuthing. Can a free-spirited pet sitter, armed only with a Ph.D., in philosophy and her two incompatible dogs, find the real killer before she becomes the next victim? Includes recipes for homemade dog treats! “When murder is unleashed in the idyllic town of Sylvan Creek, it’s up to spunky pet sitter Daphne and her darling duo of misfit mutts to catch the killer. A doggone charming read from start to finish!” —Cleo Coyle, *New York Times* bestselling author

A special novella that looks back on Christmas past, as a young Melanie Travis teams up with her aunt to solve a family mystery... Ever wonder what Melanie and Aunt Peg were up to before solving murders? Let’s step back in time, when college-aged Melanie and her indomitable Aunt Peg were little more than strangers... It’s Christmas in Connecticut, and Peg Turnbull can’t wait to spend her favorite holiday cozying up to husband Max and their clan of pedigree Poodles in Greenwich. But Peg’s spirits drop when the family of Max’s estranged brother Michael invites the pair over for Christmas dinner. Could her in-laws want to settle the long-standing feud over Nana’s will? Peg isn’t expecting any miracles, but it’s been ages since Peg last saw her niece and nephew. Little Melanie must be out of pigtails by now... When they arrive at the Turnbulls’, Peg is not just surprised by how much Melanie has grown up. The family has spared no expense in preparing for the festivities—unusual, considering Michael blew his inheritance after years of financial troubles. Peg suspects there’s an awful secret tucked beneath her brother-in-law’s ostentatious good cheer, and she’s determined to get to the bottom of it. Once she does, someone’s ending up in the doghouse... “If you like dogs, you’ll love Laurien Berenson’s Melanie Travis mysteries!”—Joanne Fluke, *New York Times* bestselling author

American Classic Pedigrees (1914-2002)

King of the Wind

The Dog Who Wouldn’t Be

A Kentucky Colt, the Epsom Derby, and the Rise of the Modern Thoroughbred Industry

A Matter of Breeding

101 Asian Dishes You Need to Cook Before You Die

*Sham and the stable boy* Agba travel from Morocco to France to England where, at last, Sham’s majesty is recognized and he becomes the “Godolphin Arabian,” ancestor of the most superior Thoroughbred horses.

Raking rounds in homes one wet spring morning, veterinarian Dr. Kate Turner visits an estate whose owners breed champion Cavalier King Charles spaniels. Instead of sharing traditions tea with the couple, she confronts a bloody scene of bodies and twenty-seven blue-ribbed dogs running wild. Police initially suspect a murder-suicide, but when Dr. Kate proves the famous best-in-show champion is missing, a darker reality intrudes. She remembers her grandfather saying that there are two motives for murder—love and money. While treating local pets, Dr. Kate discovers suspects and motives everywhere in this charming town with people who wanted the couple dead. Was the couple murdered for money their champion could bring to another breeder? How is their daughter, anxious to rid herself of the pampered dogs, handling the wealth she inherits? Would the celebrity filmmaker living nearby kill to end a multi-million dollar lawsuit? Did long-buried personal secrets cause the deaths? And what’s going on at the office behind her back? Is Dr. Kate now in danger? We are delighted to discover and publish first-time mystery writer Eileen Brady, D.V.M. Her characters, style, and storytelling bring authenticity and atmosphere to this new “pet noir” series.

Twelve-year-old Sam dreams of owning a purebred puppy, convinced they are superior to a mongrel like Max, the family’s ancient pet. Smelly, disheveled, and affectionate, Max is a walking miracle. Near death’s door when Sam’s sister rescued him, Max survived and seems immortal. That’s too bad, for Sam’s mother says no new dog if it’s going to bother Max. Undaunted, Sam decides to save enough money to buy a puppy anyway and takes a job walking dogs in CountryWood, the fancy gated community in his rural town. There he clashes with Justin, a rich, pampered “burbie” who owns just the kind of dog Sam wants: a sable German shepherd. Justin is determined to get Sam fired and destroy his dream. Their feud, echoing the conflict between itself who transports and the townies, escalates into violence. This heartwarming story of a boy and his dogs is filled with memorable characters—both human and canine. As a adult rescues two orphaned Golden Retrievers—and tries to solve their master’s murder—in this “delightful” mystery from the Agatha Award finalist (Publishers Weekly). This year, all Melanie wants for Christmas is a dull moment. Between her teaching job, and showing her Standard Poodle puppy, there just aren’t enough hours in the day. But when her son Davey’s usual bus driver, Henry Pruitt, disappears and is replaced by a surly, pierced twentysomething, Melanie is concerned. The elderly, amiable Henry was a friend to all in the neighborhood, so she decides to check on him...only to find that he died two days earlier, under suspicious circumstances. As if that weren’t bad enough, Henry’s two Golden Retrievers are now bereft of both master and home. Melanie can’t just abandon them, so she brings them to her Aunt Peg, the most stubborn woman on the planet, who’s now determined to find out the truth about Henry’s death, no matter what it takes. Soon, the indomitable Aunt Peg has Melanie making a list of suspects and checking it twice. And unless she sniffs out this Scrooge of a killer fast, a lump of coal in her stocking may not be the worst thing Melanie gets this Christmas... “As ever, the author provides a captivating behind-the-scenes look at the world of show dogs.”—Publishers Weekly “Melanie Travis is a terrific character.”—*Romantic Times*

Ruff Justice

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Jingle Bell Bark

Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children

Mistletoe Murder

#1 New York Times Bestseller Oprah’s Book Club Selection The “extraordinary . . . monumental masterpiece” (Booklist) that changed the course of Ken Follet’s already phenomenal career—and begins where its prequel, *The Evening and the Morning*, ended. “Follet risks all and comes out a clear winner,” extolled Publishers Weekly on the release of *The Pillars of the Earth*. A departure for the bestselling thriller writer, the historical epic stunned readers and critics alike with its ambitious scope and gripping humanity. Today, it stands as a testament to Follet’s unassailable command of the written word and to his universal appeal. The Pillars of the Earth tells the story of Philip, prior of Kingsbridge, a devout and resourceful monk driven to build the greatest Gothic cathedral the world has known. . . . of Tom, the mason who becomes his architect—a man divided in his soul. . . . of the beautiful, elusive Lady Aliena, haunted by a secret shame. . . . and of a struggle between good and evil that will turn church against state and brother against brother. A spellbinding epic tale of ambition, anarchy, and absolute power set against the sprawling medieval canyons of twelfth-century England, this is Ken Follet’s historical masterpiece.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK A modern classic of personal journalism, The Orchid Thief is Susan Orlean’s wickedly funny, elegant, and captivating tale of an amazing obsession. Determined to clone an endangered flower—the rare ghost orchid *Polyrrhiza lindenii*—a deeply eccentric and oddly attractive man named John Laroche leads Orlean on an unforgettable tour of America’s strange flower-selling subculture, through Florida’s swamps and beyond, along with the Seminoles who help him and the forces of justice who fight him. In the end, Orlean—and the reader—will have more respect for underdog determination and a powerful new definition of passion. In this new edition, coming fifteen years after its initial publication and twenty years after she first met the “orchid thief,” Orlean revisits this unforgettable world, and the route by which it was brought to the screen in the film *Adaptation*, in a new retrospective essay. Look for special features inside. Join the Random House Reader’s Circle for author chats and more. Praise for *The Orchid Thief* “Stylishly written, whimsical yet sophisticated, quirkily detailed and full of empathy. . . . The Orchid Thief shows [Orlean’s] gifts in full bloom.”—*The New York Times Book Review* “Fascinating. . . . an engrossing journey [full] of theft, hatred, greed, jealousy, madness, and backstabbing.”—*Los Angeles Times* “Orlean’s snapshot-vivid, pitch-perfect prose. . . is fast becoming one of our national treasures.”—*The Washington Post* Book World “Orlean’s gifts . . . her ear for the self-observing dialogue, her eye for the incongruous, convincing detail, and her *Didion*-like deftness in description.”—*Boston Sunday Globe* “A washabouling piece of reporting that celebrates some virtues that made America great.”—*The Wall Street Journal*

An expose on the fashion industry written by the Observer’s ‘Ethical Living’ columnist, examining the inhumane and environmentally devastating story behind the clothes we so casually buy and wear.

A provocative look at the ‘cult of pedigree’ and an entertaining social history of purebred dogs In this illuminating and entertaining social history, social critic Michael Brandow probes the ‘cult of pedigree’ and traces the commercial rise of the purebred dog. Combining consumer studies with sharp commentary, *A Matter of Breeding* reveals the sordid history of the dog industry and shows how our brand-name pets—from Labs to French bulldogs and everything in between—pay the price with devastatingly poor health. From the Trade Paperback edition.

Firekeeper’s Daughter

The Shell Seekers

Visual Basic 2010

Helping a legendary dog breeder pen his autobiography, Melanie is stunned when the man’s son turns up dead and she is the main suspect, so she investigates the death amidst ex-lovers, hoarding, and dead ends.

Agatha and Macavity nominee Laurien Berenson’s latest escapade in her long-running Melanie Travis Canine Mystery series finds a killer showing up in summer camp. With a new litter of Standard Poodles on the way, it was brought to be a vibrant July in Greenwich, Connecticut, for Melanie Travis. Too bad there’s a killer in town who would love to drain the life out of her summer. . . . While usually protective, Melanie feels comfortable sending her sons to the Graceland School’s summer camp for two reasons: the institution is well-regarded and proprietor Emily Grace is a trusted friend. But Emily has been acting strange since three rambunctious Dalmatian puppies suddenly appeared on her doorstep. The unusual arrival marks the first of several mysterious happenings at camp, each more tense than the last. It’s a rough streak that takes a frightening turn with a discovery in the nearby woods—the body of Emily’s estranged ex-husband. Proving that Emily didn’t murder her biggest mistake will be about as easy as raising prize-winning show dogs. But Melanie dives into an investigation on the victim’s whereabouts leading up to his demise. With a few spotty clues and Aunt Peg’s growing curiosity about the Dalmatian pups’ origins, Melanie must name the culprit before good intentions come back to bite!