

MICHIGAN MYSTERIES

Mitch Mitchell mysteries by Douglas Allyn

Michelle Mitchell, a tough deep-sea diver and single mom, finds her underwater skills necessary when she returns home to northern Michigan near Lake Huron and starts investigating her father's mysterious death.

- 1) Icewater Mansions, 1995
- 2) Black Water, 1996
- 3) Dance in Deep Water, 1997

Rock Harbor series by Colleen Coble

Bree Nichols' husband and son were lost in a deadly plane crash in the wilderness of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She and her search-and-rescue dog Samson scoured miles of wilderness territory in a desperate attempt to find them alive. Miraculously, she found her son. But it was too late for her husband. Now Bree is finally beginning to settle back into the routine of life in the quiet town of Rock Harbor.

- 1) Without a Trace, 2003
- 2) Beyond a Doubt, 2004
- 3) Into the Deep, 2004
- 4) Abomination, 2007
- 5) A Cry in the Night, 2009

Alex McKnight series by Steve Hamilton

Alex McKnight is a retired Detroit cop living in Paradise, Mich., on disability with a bullet next to his heart. He rents cabins to hunters and has recently taken out a private-detective license at the suggestion of Lane Uttley, a local lawyer.

- 1) Cold Day in Paradise 1998
- 2) Winter of the Wolf Moon 2000
- 3) Hunting Wind 2001
- 4) North of Nowhere 2002
- 5) Blood is the Sky 2003
- 6) Ice Run 2004
- 7) A Stolen Season 2006

The Justice series by Gary Hardwick

- 1) Supreme Justice 1999
When conservative Supreme Court Justice Farrel Douglas is gunned down, it falls to young African American U.S. attorney Marshall Jackson to investigate America's most important, and inflammatory, case.
- 2) Color of Justice 2002
Raised in the bosom of the inner city, white Detroit Homicide cop Danny Cavanaugh speaks and acts with the unmistakable attitude of a black man. But the savage murders of affluent African-Americans are plunging him into the urban heart of terror, where he will learn first-hand how powerful, inviolate -- and deadly -- the color line truly is.

Woods Cop mysteries by Joseph Heywood

Conservation Officer Grady Service, an ex-Marine and expert tracker, serves the land in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

- 1) Ice Hunter 2001
- 2) Blue Wolf in Green Fire 2002

- 3) Chasing a Blond Moon 2003
- 4) Running Dark 2005
- 5) Strike Dog 2007
- 6) Death Roe 2009

John MacIntire mysteries by Kathleen Hills

(from first book in series) When burly Norwegian fisherman Nels Bertelsen is found dead on his boat, a victim of his allergy to bees, retired military intelligence officer John McIntire suspects foul play and, while investigating on his own, discovers that someone will stop at nothing to keep a dark secret buried forever.

- 1) Past Imperfect 2002
- 2) Hunter's Dance 2004
- 3) Witch Cradle 2006
- 4) The Kingdom Where Nobody Dies 2007

Anneke Haagen mysteries by Susan Holtzer [University of Michigan Mysteries]

Ann Arbor, Michigan is home to a famous football team, a university full of experts and egomaniacs, and a lot of aging hippies, mellowing radicals, and art-school eccentrics. It is also the home of self-employed computer programmer and amateur sleuth Anneke Haagen.

- 1) Something to Kill For 1994
- 2) Curly Smoke 1995
- 3) Bleeding Maize and Blue 1996
- 4) Black Diamond 1997
- 5) The Silly Season 1999
- 6) The Wedding Game 2000
- 7) Better Than Sex 2001

Lincoln Keller mysteries by Lee E. Meadows

Lincoln Keller, former defensive back for the Oakland Raiders and Oakland police officer, now resides back in his hometown of Detroit Michigan. Now a private investigator, he gets paid to stake out cheating spouses and various family abusers. He shares an office with his brother Jefferson, the bounty hunter.

- 1) Silent Conspiracy 1996
- 2) Silent Suspicion 2000

Nick Hoffman mysteries by Lev Raphael

Amateur sleuth and college professor (at the fictional State University of Michigan) Nick Hoffman struggles to solve murders and get tenure.

- 1) Let's Get Criminal 1996
- 2) The Edith Wharton Murders 1997
- 3) Death of a Constant Lover 1999
- 4) Little Miss Evil 2000
- 5) Burning Down the House 2001
- 6) Tropic of Murder 2004
- 7) Hot Rocks 2007

Single Titles

Mr. Perfect by Linda Howard, 2000

Set in Warren, MI. Jaine Bright and three close friends share dinner one night and during casual conversation, create a list of qualifications for the perfect man--some logical, some hilariously funny, some racy. Within days, their tongue-in-cheek wish list of attributes for Mr. Perfect has been leaked to the press and the resultant publicity is overwhelming. Unfortunately, that list of qualifications for Mr. Perfect has AZtouched off a madman's rage. All of their lives are threatened and some of them are going to die, maybe all of them, if Sam can't stop the unknown killer.

Starvation Lake by Bryan Gruley, 2009

When pieces from a fatal snowmobile accident that ended the life of a legendary youth hockey coach are discovered a decade later five miles from the scene, local paper editor and disgraced former hockey goalie Gus Carpenter hopes to salvage his reputation by attempting to solve the case.

Dead of Winter by P.J. Parrish, 2001 [Louis Kincaid mysteries, 2]

A vicious psychopathic killer stalks the streets of the quiet tourist town of Loon Lake, Michigan, leaving a series of victims and mysteriously coded death cards in his wake, and Detective Louis Kincaid must make a terrifying journey through the town's dark secrets into the mind of madman in order to stop the murders.

An Unquiet Grave by P.J. Parrish, 2006 [Louis Kincaid mysteries, 7]

Thanksgiving plans with his significant other are derailed when Florida PI Louis Kincaid's foster father, Phillip, asks for his help with a delicate problem. The body of Phillip's youthful love, Claudia Olsen, has disappeared from her coffin, a travesty unearthed in the course of the demolition of the Michigan mental institution where Claudia was committed. Kincaid's search for the missing remains crosses paths with a journalist's pursuit of rumors that a serial killer, who was also a patient at the facility, is still alive and on the loose.

A Thousand Bones by P.J. Parrish, 2007 [Louis Kincaid mysteries, 8]

Featuring Louis Kincaid's lover, Joe Frye, this mystery deals with Frye's uneventful rookie year in the Leelanau County, MI sheriff's department, which undergoes a drastic change with the discovery of human bones in the woods of Echo Bay.

South of Hell by P.J. Parrish, 2008 [Louis Kincaid mysteries, 9]

Teaming up once again with his lover, female detective Joe Frye, to investigate a disturbing cold case, the 1981 disappearance of housewife Jean Brandt, South Florida sleuth Louis Kincaid heads for Michigan to investigate the dream-like memories of the victim's daughter Amy about a violent murder that may or may not be that of her mother.