Women Mystery Writers: A List

The following information is included:

1. the author's name, or pseudonym followed by real name
2. dates, when available
3. typical locale, if known and consistent
4. series detective, if any
* Some titles may be of special interest to feminists.

Aiken, Joan (1942- ).
Aird, Catherine (Kinn Hamilton McIntosh, 1930- ), British, Inspector Sloan.
Allingham, Marjorie (1904-1966), British, Albert Campion.
Angus, Sylvia, International.
Armstrong, Charlotte (1905-1969), US.
Babson, Marian, British.
Bell, Josephine (Doris Bell Collier Ball, 1897- ), British.
Bennett, Dorothea (1924- ).
Bennett, Margot (1903- ), British.
Bentley, Phyllis (1894- ), British, Miss Marian Phipps.
Berckman, Evelyn (1900-1978), British.
Branch, Pamela (1920-1967).
Brand, Christianna (Mary Christianna Milne Lewis, 1909- ), British, Inspector Cockrill.
Butler, Gwendolyn (1922- ), British, Inspector Coffin.
Byfield, Barbara Ninde, US.
Carnac, Carol (Edith Caroline Rivett, 1894-1958), British, Inspector Rivers.
Christie, Agatha (1890-1976), British, Hercule Poirot, Miss Marple.
Clarke, Anna (1919- ).
Craig, Alisa (Charlotte MacLeod, 1922-       ), Canada and US.
Crane, Frances (1896-        ), US, Pat & Jean Abbott.
* Cross, Amanda (Carolyn Heilbrun, 1926-        ), US, Professor Kate Fansler.
Cullingford, Guy (Constance Lindsay Taylor, 1907-        ), British.
Curtiss, Ursula (1923-        ), US.
Daly, Elizabeth (1878-1967), US, Henry Gamadge.
Davis, Dorothy Salisbury (1916-        ), US.
de la Torre, Lillian (1902-        ), British, Dr. Sam Johnson.
Disney, Doris Miles (1907-1976), US.
Dominic, R.B. (Mary J. Latis & Martha Hennissart), US, Congressman Ben Safford.
DuBois, Theodora McCormick (1890-        ), US, Anne & Jeffrey MacNeill.
Dunnett, Dorothy (1923-        ), International, Johnson Johnson.
Eberhart, Mignon (1899-        ), US, Sarah Keate, Susan Dare.
Egan, Lesley (Elizabeth Linington, 1921-        ), US, Vic Varallo.
Erskine, Margaret (Margaret Wetherby Williams), British, Inspector Septimus Finch.
Eustis, Helen (1916-        ), US.
Farrer, Katherine (1911-        ), British, Inspector Ringwood.
Fenisong, Ruth.
Ferrars, Elizabeth (Morna Davis Brown, 1907-        ), British.
Fitt, Mary (Kathleen Freeman, 1897-1957), British, Inspector Mallett.
Fleming, Joan (1908-1980), British.
Foley, Rae (Elinore Denniston, 1900?-1978), US.
Forbes, Stanton (DeLoris Stanton Forbes, 1923-        ), US.
Fraser, Antonia (1932- ), British, Jemima Shore.

Frome, David (Zenith Jones Brown, 1898- ).

Gilbert, Anthony (Lucy Beatrice Malleson, 1899-1973), British, Arthur Crook.

Gilman, Dorothy (1923- ), Mrs. Pollifax.

Green, Anna Katherine (Anna Katherine Green Rohlfs, 1846-1935), US, Ebenezer Gryce.

Green, Edith Pinero, US, Dearborn V. Pinch.


Highsmith, Patricia (1921- ).

Hitchens, Dolores Birk (1907- ).

Hughes, Dorothy B. (1904- ), US.

Huxley, Elspeth (1907- ), Africa.

* James, P.D. (Phyllis D. James, 1920- ), British, Inspector Adam Dalgleish, Cordelia Grey.

Jesse, F. Tennyson (1889-1958).

Johns, Veronica Parker (1907- ), US, Webster Flagg.


Kelly, Mary (1927- ), British.

Langton, Jane, US.

Lathen, Emma (Mary J. Latis and Martha Hennissart), US, John Putnam Thatcher.

Lawrence, Hilda (1906?- ), US.

Lemarchand, Elizabeth, British, Detective-Superintendent Tom Pollard.

Lewis, Lange, US.

Linnington, Elizabeth (1921- ), US, Lt. Ivor Maddox.

Little, Constance & Gwyneth.

Luce, Helen.
Mackay, Amanda, US.
MacLeod, Charlotte (1922- ), US, Peter Shandy.
McCloy, Helen (1904- ), US, Dr. Basil Willing.
McGerr, Patricia (1917- ).
Mann, Jessica (1937- ), British.
Marsh, Ngaio (1899-1982), British, Inspector Roderick Alleyn.
Melville, Jennie (Gwendoline Butler), British, Inspector Charmian Daniels.
Millar, Margaret (1915- ), US.
Mitchell, Gladys (1901- ), British, Dame Beatrice Adela Lestrange Bradley.
Moffat, Gwen (1924- ), British, Melinda Pink, J.P.
Morice, Anne (Felicity Shaw, 1918- ), British, Tessa Crichton.
Moyes, Patricia (1923- ), British, Inspector Henry Tibbett.
Nielson, Helen (1918- ).
* O'Donnell, Lillian (1926- ), US, Norah Mulcahaney, Mici Anhalt.
Offord, Lenore Glen (1905- ), US, Todd McKinnon.
Orczy, Baroness Emmuska (1865-1947), Lady Molly Robertson-Kirk.
Peters, Elizabeth (Barbara Mertz, 1927- ).
Peters, Ellis (Edith Pargeter, 1913- ), British, Brother Cadfael.
Pirkis, Catherine Louisa (?-1910).
Porter, Joyce (1924- ), British, Inspector Dover, The Honorable Constance Morrison-Burke.
Potts, Jean (1910- ), US.
Radley, Sheila (Sheila Robinson), British, Inspector Quantrill.
Ramsay, Diana, US, Mike Meredith.
Regester, Seeley (Mrs. M.V.F. Victor, 1831-1886).
Reilly, Helen (1891-1962), US.
Rendell, Ruth (1930- ), British, Inspector Wexford.
Rice, Craig (Georgiana Ann Randolph, 1908-1957), US, John J. Malone.
Rinehart, Mary Roberts (1876-1958), US.
Rowan, Hester (Sheila Robinson), British.
* Sayers, Dorothy L. (1893-1957), British, Lord Peter Wimsey & Harriet Vane.
Scherf, Margaret (1908- ), US, Martin Buell, Dr. Grace Severance.
Seeley, Mabel (1903- ), US.
Shannon, Dell (Elizabeth Linington, 1921- ), US, Lt. Luis Mendoza.
Simpson, Dorothy (1933- ), British, Inspector Thanet.
Smith, Shelley (Nancy Bodington, 1912- ), British.
Tey, Josephine (Elizabeth MacKintosh, 1897-1952), British, Inspector Grant.
Thayer, Lee (1874-1973), US, Peter Clancy.
Thomson, June (1930- ), British, Inspector Rudd.
* Uhnak, Dorothy (1933- ), US, Christie Opara.
Warner, Mignon, US.
Wells, Carolyn (1869-1942), US, Fleming Stone.
Wells, Tobias (Stanton Forbes, 1923- ), US.
Wentworth, Patricia (Dora Amy Ellis Dillon Turnbull, 1878-1961), British, Miss Maud Silver.
White, Ethel Lina (1884-1944), British.
Whitney, Phyllis (1903- ), US.
Winslow, Pauline Glen, British, Superintendent Merle Capricorn.
Woods, Sara (1922- ), British, Antony Maitland.
Yorke, Margaret (1924- ), British, Patrick Grant.

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