Osher’s Fall 2018
MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
facilitated by
Julie Plutschak and Joyce Baron
Free and Open to Osher Members

Meeting at:
7400 York Road, Room 113A

Police Matters/Complicated Cases

None of these mysteries follow the style of the usual police procedural although all of them involve men who are or were policemen. Past and present crimes are connected.

Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.
September 13: *Beau Death* by Peter Lovesey
September 27: *The Scarred Woman* by Jussi Adler-Olsen
October 18: *The Man in the Crooked Hat* by Harry Dolan
November 1: *Vertigo 42* by Martha Grimes

No registration or sign-up necessary. Read the books and join the group for discussion on the appointed dates.

Questions: Contact Julie, jmvr729@earthlink.net; 410-321-1890

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Book Descriptions

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September 13: Beau Death by Peter Lovesey
At a demolition site, Peter Diamond, Bath’s homicide chief, finds the skeleton of what appears to be the historical, legendary Beau Nash. Since the autopsy reveals stab marks and more current underwear on the skeleton. Diamond and his crew must uncover the dead man’s true identity.

September 27: The Scarred Woman by Jussi Adler-Olsen
Rose, a worker for Carl Mork’s Dept Q, is suddenly experiencing debilitating episodes with the reemergence of her past. In this complex mystery, multiple cases are intertwined, including that of a social worker, who has decided to eliminate self-centered welfare users.

October 18: The Man in the Crooked Hat by Harry Dolan
After his wife is murdered, Jack Pellum decides to quit the police force and become a private investigator whose top priority is finding his wife’s killer. Reading a story about an elusive man with a hat piques his interest as he traces multiple sightings to find the killer.

November 1: Vertigo 42 by Martha Grimes
Richard Jury, Scotland Yard Superintendent, is asked to review a seventeen-year-old case of a wealthy woman, who emulating poetry, fell to her death. While traveling to the countryside, Jury finds both a stray dog and a young woman’s corpse, the latter which is connected to the cold case.

Julie Plutschak, MA, an Osher member, taught English in four Baltimore County schools for 34 years after teaching for several years in upstate New York. She sponsored It’s Academic teams as well as literary magazines and school newspapers. She served as president of the Maryland Council of Teachers of English and Language Arts.

Joyce Baron, MA, an Osher member, holds degrees in English and Reading from Towson University. She taught in Baltimore County Public Schools for over 35 years where she also directed Drama performances and was a liaison with Towson University’s Professional Development School’s teacher training program. A lifelong reader, she loves adding collectible books to her personal library.