

The  
**Millennium  
Trilogy**

by Stieg Larsson  
combines intricate  
plots with strong  
characters who  
carry out in-depth  
investigations.  
The bleak Swedish  
setting and the  
intense social  
themes set the  
stage for gritty,  
gripping mysteries.



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Mystery and suspense  
similar to  
Stieg Larsson's  
Millennium Trilogy



## Beat the Reaper

By Josh Bazell, *F Bazell*

Bazell takes a lighter look at murder in **Beat the Reaper**, which features an ER doctor/witness-protection program participant whose carefully built identity begins to fall apart.

## Child 44

By Tom Rob Smith, *F Smith*

Smith's 2008 debut features appealing characters and authentic details from the Soviet Union in 1953. War hero Leo Stepanovich Demidov is called on to investigate the murder of a child and grudgingly accepts. Horror readers will be drawn to the gruesome details in this thriller.

## Gorky Park

By Martin Cruz Smith, *F Smith*

Set in Moscow, **Gorky Park** follows Homicide Investigator Arkady Renko as he hunts for clues in a triple murder investigation. The KGB are expectedly unhelpful, as is a romantic distraction that pulls Renko's attention from his work.

## Last Rituals

By Yrsa Sigurdardottir, *FM Sig*

A 30-something lawyer and her new partner are enticed by a high pay rate to investigate the murder of a German university student with ties to witchcraft.



## Long Time Gone

By J. A. Jance, *F Jance*

Special Homicide Investigation Team member J. P. Beaumont must infiltrate a powerful group with lots of buried secrets to close a long-unsolved murder investigation.

## Mallory's Oracle

By Carol O'Connell, *FM Oco*

Wealthy, elderly women from the well-to-do Gramercy Park neighborhood are being murdered. When the head of the NYPD special crimes unit is found dead with the 3rd victim, his adopted daughter, tech whiz, and benched policewoman Kathleen Mallory takes up the case.

## The Man From Beijing

By Henning Mankell, *F Mankell*

After a brutal massacre, Judge Birgitta Roslin uncovers a 19th-century diary of a gang leader that ties the 2006 massacre to the abuse of Chinese slave workers.



## Smilla's Sense of Snow

By Peter Høeg, *F Høeg*

Smilla Jaspersen prefers solitude, but when her 6-year-old neighbor unexpectedly dies, she is deterred to uncover the cause. The narrative bounces from past to present to future, but the seemingly inexplicable twists and turns come together in the final, action-packed pages.

## Voices

By Arnaldur Indridason, *FM Ind*

Detective Erlendur Sveinsson investigates murders in Iceland working through a failed marriage and dealing with a daughter who uses drugs.

## Water's Edge

By Karin Fossum, *FM Fossum*

Norwegian Fossum presents a twisted narrative that cycles from a police investigation, to a failing marriage, to the mind of a nameless killer.

## Woman with Birthmark

By Hakan Nesser, *FM Nesser*

Chief Inspector Van Veeteren doesn't know it yet, but he's after a serial killer. Driven to avenge her mother's death, the killer shoots each victim twice in the chest and twice below the belt.

