



Author: Dennis Lehane
Series: Patrick Kenzie & Angela Gennano
Stand-alone: *Mystic River*
Shutter Island
The Given Day

Author: Laura Lippman
Series: Tess Monaghan
Stand-alone: *Every Secret Thing*
To the Power of Three
What the Dead Know
Life Sentences
I'd Know You From Anywhere
The Most Dangerous Thing

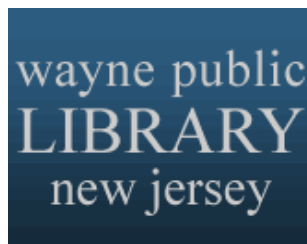
Author: Steve Martini
Series: Paul Madriani
Stand-alone: *The List*
Critical Mass

Author: Ian Rankin
Series: Inspector Rebus
 Jack Harvey
Stand-alone: *Watchman*
Doors Open
The Complaints

Author: Thomas Perry
Series: Butcher's Boy
 Jane Whitefield
Stand-alone: *Island*
Death Benefits
Pursuit
Dead Aim
Nightlife
 Silence
Fidelity
Strip

Author: Michael Robotham
Series: Joseph O'Loughlin
Stand-alone: *The Night Ferry*
The Wreckage

Author: Lisa Scottoline
Series: Bennie Rosato
Stand-alone: *Dirty Blonde*
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Daddy's Girl
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Mystery Writers: their series & their stand-alone novels



Did you ever try reading an author that was new to you, but unfortunately the book you started to read is in the middle of a series, making you feel like you're missing out on something in the plot?

To help you avoid this, here is a list of mystery writers who have written stand-alone novels (in addition to their series) that can be read on their own, providing an introduction to a writer and their style.

Copies of all titles listed are available at the Wayne Library & the Preakness Branch.

Author: **M.C. Beaton**
Series: Agatha Raisin
Hamish MacBeth
Stand-alone: *The Skeleton in the Closet*

Author: **William Bernhardt**
Series: Ben Kincaid
Susan Pulaski
Eliot Ness
Stand-alone: **Double Jeopardy**

Author: **Harlan Coben**
Series: Myron Bolitar
Stand-alone: *Play Dead*
The Innocent
Just One Look
No Second Chance
Gone for Good
Tell No One
Caught
Hold Tight
The Woods

Author: **Michael Connelly**
Series: Harry Bosch
Mickey Haller
Stand-alone: *Chasing the Dime*
Void Moon

Author: **Robert Crais**
Series: Elvis Cole/Joe Pike
Stand-alone: *Demolition Angel*
Hostage
Two-Minute Rule



Author: **Jeffery Deaver**
Series: Lincoln Rhyme
John Pellam
Kathryn Dance
Stand-alone: *The Lesson of Her Death*
Praying for Sleep
Maiden's Grave
Speaking in Tongues
The Devil's Teardrop
The Blue Nowhere
The Garden of Beasts
The Bodies Left Behind
Edge

Author: **Joseph Finder**
Series: Nick Heller
Stand-alone: *Extraordinary Powers*
The Zero Hour
High Crimes
Paranoia
Company Man
Killer Instinct
Power Play



Author: **Brian Freeman**
Series: Jonathan Stride
Stand-alone: *The Bone House*

Author: **Lisa Gardner**
Series: Quincy/Rainie
D.D. Warren
Stand-alone: *The Survivor's Club*

Author: **Tess Gerritsen**
Series: Rizzoli & Isles
Stand-alone: *Harvest*
Life Support
Bloodstream
Gravity
The Bone Garden



Author: **James Grippando**
Series: Jack Swytek
Stand-alone: *King's Ransom*
Under the Cover of Darkness
The Abduction
Found Money
The Informant
Lying with Strangers
Intent to Kill
Money to Burn
Afraid of the Dark

Author: **Tony Hillerman**
Series: Joe Leaphorn
Jim Chee
Leaphorn & Chee
Stand-alone: *Fly on the Wall*
Finding Moon

Author: **Stuart Kaminsky**
Series: Lew Fonseca
Abe Lieberman
Inspector Rostnikov
Toby Peters
Stand-alone: *Exercise in Terror*

Author: **Faye Kellerman**
Series: Peter Decker/Rina Lazarus
Stand-alone: *Quality of Mercy*
Moon Music
Straight Into Darkness

Author: **Jonathan Kellerman**
Series: Alex Delaware
Petra Connor
Stand-alone: *The Butcher's Theater*
Conspiracy Club
True Detectives