



Turkey Day Murder
By Leslie Meier

Despite all her volunteer work and family responsibilities, not to mention her part-time reporting job for her local paper, valiant Lucy Stone manages to maintain her poise in her seventh busy outing. For Lucy, escorting a preschool field trip to a turkey farm, baking pies for charity or entertaining her husband's difficult clients and son's college roommate for Thanksgiving dinner is all part of her routine in rural Tinker's Cove, Maine. For Native American Carl Nolan, life is full of conflict, whether with his boss, the board of selectmen or the local museum's anthropologist. As Thanksgiving approaches, Lucy covers a town meeting at which the main agenda item is whether the selectmen will support the Metinnicut Indian tribe's petition for recognition by the federal government. Approval would enable the tribe to build a casino on land belonging to Nolan's employer. The ink on that story is barely dry when Nolan's body, his head smashed with a priceless tribal artifact, turns up at the high school Thanksgiving football game. When Lucy accepts the challenge to solve the crime, she finds no lack of suspects.

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**A Christmas Memory; One Christmas;
and the Thanksgiving Visit**
By Truman Capote

Available for the first time in a single volume are the three holiday stories that Truman Capote regarded as among his greatest works of short fiction. Two of these childhood memoirs—"A Christmas Memory" and "The Thanksgiving Visitor"—center on the author's early years with a family of distant relatives in rural Alabama. Both pay loving tribute to an eccentric old-maid cousin, Miss Sook Faulk, who became his best friend. And in "The Thanksgiving Visitor," Miss Sook invites the school bully, Odd Henderson—called by Buddy "the meanest human creature in my experience"—to Thanksgiving dinner.

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November:

A time to give

Thanks



**"In seedtime, learn. In harvest,
teach. In winter, enjoy."**

~ William Blake

**"There is one day that is ours.
Thanksgiving Day . . . is the one day
that is purely American."**

~ O. Henry

**May your stuffing be tasty
May your turkey plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
Have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious
And your pies take the prize,
And may your Thanksgiving dinner
Stay off your thighs!**

~ Anonymous

The Body of Jonah Boyd

By David Leavitt

In Leavitt's latest novel, secretary Judith "Denny" Denham recounts the events of a memorable Thanksgiving spent with her boss/lover's family in Wellspring, CA. It is 1969, and the Wright family psychoanalyst Ernest, wife Nancy (who has befriended Denny), and children Daphne and Ben is preparing for a visit from old friend Anne Armstrong and her new husband, author and professor Jonah Boyd. Proud as he is of his new manuscript, Jonah has an annoying habit of misplacing it wherever he travels, and, after reading from it to the Wrights that Thanksgiving evening, he loses it irretrievably. What this means to Boyd; his unhappy wife, Anne; Denny; and intense young writer Ben forms the crux of the novel, a warm and affectionate portrait of an extended family that is unwittingly changed by this turn of events.

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Thanksgiving Night: a novel

By Richard Bausch

Will Butterfield can't believe it. His 75-year-old mother, Holly, is drunk and threatening to jump off the roof. Again. Holly and Fiona, another elderly relative, won't stop tormenting Will and his wife Elizabeth with their bizarre (though often amusing) antics. Between Will's worries about his bookstore, The Heart's Ease, and Elizabeth's troublesome high school students, dealing with "the crazies" has become just too much. But then something unexpected happens — Henry Ward, a neighborhood handyman, meets the two old women, and he, his daughter Alison, and grandchildren are drawn into the Butterfields' lives in surprising ways. Both a comedy and a love story — a first for Bausch — Thanksgiving Night is about the real meaning of family, and one particular clan that has many reasons to be thankful.

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A Catered Thanksgiving

By Isis Crawford

Whipping up Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings can be stressful for anyone, but that goes double for the Field family. They know that every family get-together has to be picture perfect, or they risk getting cut out of dominating patriarch Monty's extremely lucrative will. That's where *A Little Taste of Heaven*, Bernie and Libby's catering company, comes in. Surely with their lumpless mashed potatoes and to-die-for gravy on the table, even the super-dysfunctional Fields can pretend to get along for one meal. But no one can dress up the disaster when the cover-worthy turkey goes boom right in Monty Field's scowling face, sending him to that great dining room in the sky. With every member of the Field family harboring their own cornucopia of secrets, figuring out who wanted to carve up Monty isn't going to be easy. And to make matters worse, the Field Mansion is draped under a freak November snowstorm, making any hope of escape--or getting outside help--vanish faster than the Simmons' famous stuffing. Now, trapped with a killer determined to get more than his fair share of the pumpkin pie, Bernie and Libby are going to have to convince the Fields that they aren't to blame--and find out who really is, fast. Because it won't be long before the leftovers--and the Simmons sisters' chances of surviving this real turkey of a day--run out for good. . .

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Speak of the Devil

By Richard Hawke

On Thanksgiving Day, New York City private investigator Fritz Malone goes out for bagels, saves a woman's life, and ends up in police custody. But the havoc doesn't stop there. Malone, the bastard son of the former police commissioner, learns that someone has been sending threatening letters to the mayor warning of imminent disaster, and city officials believe the mayor's girlfriend is the target. After a bomb explodes, a demand is issued for \$1 million to be delivered to the Cloisters in Upper Manhattan. Malone follows one piece of evidence, which leads to another and eventually takes him to a drug dealer in Brooklyn. First-time novelist Hawke has created a suspenseful tale involving police corruption, domestic terrorism, and political machinations of epic proportions, though it's a stretch to expect readers to believe that the New York Police Department, while under investigation for criminal activity, would allow a P.I. to muck about in one of its highest-priority cases. Read this for compelling characters and an intriguing, fast-paced plot and pick up the next book, too.

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Final Intuition

By Claire Daniels

When Thanksgiving dinner results in the demise of Aunt Daphne, Cally Lazar, attorney and clairvoyant, and her eccentric family discover that they have a killer, with a penchant for poison, in their midst.

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