

## Great Mysteries Available on Hoopla

***The Mysterious Affair at Styles*** by Agatha Christie

Read by Charles Armstrong

This novel represents the beginning of The Golden Age of Detective Fiction. It's written in 1916 and first published in 1920. Hercule Poirot, a Belgian refugee of the Great War, settles in England near the home of his wealthy, recently widowed friend Emily Inglethrop. He is using his detective skills to solve the mystery when Mrs. Inglethrop was murdered.

This novel is the quintessential detective story and remains one of the most significant literary works in the mystery genre.

***A Rule Against Murder*** by Louise Penny

Read by Ralph Cosham\*

In the height of summer heat, in an isolated, luxurious inn, Chief Inspector Gamache is working to unearth long buried secrets and hatreds hidden behind polite smiles.

\*Ralph Cosham a celebrated British narrator brings this wonderful murder mystery to life. His voice invokes radio mysteries from the past creating entertaining listening experience.

***Taking the Fifth*** by J.A.Jance

Read by Gene Engene

Homicide Detective Beaumont had little to go on- a dead body, definitely male, with strange little puncture wounds.

J.A.Jance's writing is to the point, she doesn't repeat herself. It's a good read without fluff.

## Great Mysteries Available on Libby

**Libby, Kindle, Audio** - available

***The Late Show*** by Michael Connelly      **Renee Ballard Book 1**

Narrator: Katherine Moening

Memorable character of Renee Ballard, LAPD detective, works midnight hours in Hollywood, following the cases all the way through, which expose her to great danger professionally, and personally. She is a strong well defined character.

It's a good old fashioned detective work and state-of-the-art forensic science. Also you find here a protagonist who's smart, relentless, and reflective.

***Dark Sacred Night*** by Michael Connelly      **Renee Ballard Book 2**

Narrator: Titus Welliver  
Christine Lakin

Renee Ballard continues to work midnight hours for LAPD Hollywood Division. She is working with Harry Bosch (from previous Connelly's novels). With two masterful detectives this could be a clash of the egos but they seemed to complement each other in the end, saving each other lives in separate incidents, cementing a bond that is obviously going to last.

***The Night Fire*** by Michael Connelly      **Renee Ballard Book 3**

Narrator: Titus Welliver  
Christine Lakin

The best crime novel of the year - NYT

Ballard and Bosch are again working together to solve the old case. They show an excellent police procedure, carefully following evidence where it leads.

It's another Connelly's book where the plot is moved forward by means of good detective work, rather than an investigator's flashes of insight.