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Spies and PIs

Most people like to read about intrigue and spies. I hope to provide a metaphor for the average reader's daily life. Most of us live in a slightly conspiratorial relationship with our employer and perhaps with our marriage.

—John le Carré

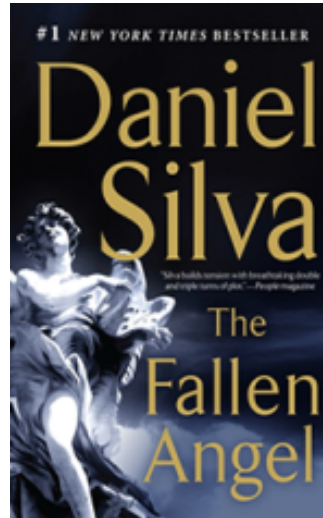
Featured this Month

The Gabriel Allon series by Daniel Silva

Everyone loves a mystery, but what tends to addict readers to a mystery series, whether the sub-genre is spy, detective, or other, might not be the plots, with their crimes and clues and red herrings. Though we nonetheless follow the twists like a thread through the Labyrinth, compelled to get to the final reveal at the end, often what keeps us running along, turning the page, is the unique protagonist holding the lamp in front of us. He or she is our guide, our champion, our stand-in for the adventure. And we are inclined to pick up the next book in the series because we want to hang out with this person a bit more.

A good detective has a unique and fascinating personality that we can't get enough of. Famously, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was unable to escape his readers' demand for his hero, even though he truly wanted to. Sherlock turned out to have a life of his own. Among the modern and popular denizens of this special clique is artistic restorer and undercover Israeli spy Gabriel Allon of the Daniel Silva series of spy/thriller/detective stories.

Silva has given his hero a tragic background — the son of Holocaust survivors, bereft of his own family through the nefarious workings of enemy agents. He becomes a Mossad operative in the often fictionalized but true plot to avenge the murders of Israeli Olympic athletes by Black September in 1972. Allon's cover profession as an art restorer capitalizes on readers' familiarity with masterwork paintings. Historical events and current socio-political issues are interwoven as well.



There are other hooks, too. Many modern detective series are often set in a foreign, though popular and touristed area, so that readers may experience vicariously an “exotic” culture —especially the food in places, for example, like the Dordogne of Martin Walker’s fictional detective Bruno Correges or the Venice of Donna Leon’s Guido Brunetti. The Gabriel Allon novels are somewhat lacking in cuisine, but not in glamorous settings, largely in Europe, but also across the globe. And of course, there is always the beautiful, seductive femme fatale.

If you'd care for a nibble just to see if you like the taste, the Library has three novels of the series: *The English Spy*, which is the eighth in the series, can be borrowed as an audio book; in print, you can try **The Fallen Angel** or **The Defector**. Happy sleuthing!

Review by Mary Anne Ciancia

Library Hours:

Sunday, Monday: closed
Tuesday ~ 3:00pm - 6:00pm
Thursday~ 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Friday ~ 10:00am -1:00pm
Saturday ~ 12:00pm - 2:00pm

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New at the Library

Fiction

The Mill on the Floss by George Eliot
My Brother's Destroyer by Clayton Lindemuth
Pretty Like an Ugly Girl by Clayton Lindemuth
The Outlaw Stinky Joe by Clayton Lindemuth
Blunt Force Kindness by Clayton Lindemuth
The Men I Sent Forward by Clayton Lindemuth
Destroyer by Clayton Lindemuth
The Mundane Work of Vengeance by Clayton Lindemuth

Nonfiction

"With My Face to My Bitter Foes" *Nana's War 1880-81* by Robert Watt
"Horses Worn to Mere Shadows" *Victorio Campaign 1880* by Robert Watt
The Unsolved Murders of Colonel Albert Fountain & Son Henry by C. Condia-Williams
First & Wildest-the Gila Wilderness at 100 by Elizabeth Allen
Gold Along the Santa Fe-Chihuahua Trail by O. Crum Harper
The Animal Dialogues-*uncommon encounters in the wild* by Craig Childs

Mystery

Treasure State by CJ Box
Mercy Falls by William Kent Krueger
Iron Lake by William Kent Krueger
Red Knife by William Kent Krueger
Purgatory Ridge by William Kent Krueger
Thunder Bay by William Kent Krueger
Copper River by William Kent Krueger
A Song of Comfortable Chairs-#1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith
Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

DVDs

Mystery Men ... Mirrors ... Hostel
For One More Day ... Daddy Day Care
Fun With Dick and Jane ... Dirty Dancing
Yu-Gi-Oh! ... Garden State ... The Big Empty
Boogeyman ... Enemies, a Love Story

Westerns

The Trusty Knaves by Eugene Manlove Rhodes

Books on CD

Thunder Bay by William Krueger
The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

For a complete listing of Library materials, visit
<http://www.hillsborocommunitylibrary.com>

The Library will be closed

November 24-26

for the Thanksgiving holiday

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesdays: November 16, December 14

Lil Abner's, Caballo 9:45am- 11:00am

Hillsboro Post Office 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Kingston Fire Station 2:30-3:30 pm

Bake Sale

The Library Bake Sale is on at
Christmas in the Foothills

December 3 from 10:00am

Come and get your goodies!

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