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# Curious Wine Katherine V Forrest

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*Curious Wine Alyson  
Publications  
Young Teddie  
Crawford is dead  
from multiple stab  
wounds in a  
restaurant kitchen*

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awash with blood. LAPD homicide detective Kate Delafield is relentless in her pursuit and capture of his killer. But bringing that killer to trial imperils Kate's professional standing and personal privacy—and her belief in the justice system to which she has devoted her life.

The suspect claims self-defense—that Teddie Crawford made a homosexual advance and backed it up with a knife. Yet everything Kate learns about Teddie Crawford tells her that his murder was deliberate. And to develop proof of first degree murder, she must find clear answers to mystifying questions for the prosecuting

attorney—a woman who has never before prosecuted a homicide case. Kate is increasingly isolated as she tries to shield her young lover from the brutal realities of this case and finds few allies among her LAPD brethren. Even her partner, Ed Taylor, is loathe to aggressively pursue a case involving a dead

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gay man and his gay associates. As the trial date looms, she discovers she has a personal stake: the defense attorney is a man from her past. A man with the power to expose the private life she has kept rigidly separate from her life as a police officer. Murder by Tradition reaches new heights in the powerful

storytelling readers have come to expect from Katherine V. Forrest. Lambda Literary Award Winner. Delafield Beard Books An estranged brother and sister reconnect in this moving novel from “perhaps the most significant lesbian fiction writer of the 20th century” (Katherine V. Forrest, author of *Curious Wine*). When the novel opens, Diana’s twin brother, David, a widower in his mid-sixties, is looking back on his life. As memories swamp him, he decides to take a critical step: to beg for his sister’s forgiveness. Diana has never met David’s two

daughters. She has no idea how many grandchildren he has. David doesn’t know Diana’s longtime lover, Constance, housebound by advancing memory loss and for whom Diana writes the day’s events on an erasable board to help her keep track of a life that’s slipping away. Estranged for nearly forty years, David appears at Diana’s dinner table, throwing her life into turmoil. But as she and her brother begin to rediscover each other, they both find the strength to move on with their lives. Told in Diana and David’s alternating points of view, *Memory Board* makes a powerful case for living in the present and making every moment count. [Sleeping Bones](#) Routledge

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Best known for her Kate Delafield detective series, Katherine V. Forrest is recognized as one of the preeminent figures in lesbian popular literature. Yet her work has received little scholarly attention. This critical study explores Forrest's entire body of work, including her fiction and (perhaps more importantly) her writing about writing, popular genres and her readers. Her science fiction and romance novels are analyzed, with a focus on the reasons behind their enduring appeal. Her most

famous romance, *Curious Wine*, originally published in 1984, remains in print—a longevity far exceeding the typical romance novel. *Spinsters Ink* When Detective Kate Delafield and her partner, Detective Joe Cameron, get the call to investigate a homicide in the secluded, old-money neighborhood of Hancock Park, Kate has the feeling it's not going to be murder as usual. Her hunch is correct. A cultured, refined mother of three, Victoria Talbot is the last person you'd expect to die by gunshot, execution-style. At

first the finger of guilt seems to point at the victim's ex-husband Douglas, and everyone involved—from the authorities to his own children—are more than willing to suspect him. But for Kate, the easy way has rarely been proven the right way, and there are too many unanswered questions that suggest not all is at it seems with this dysfunctional family. Now, Douglas Talbot is on trial for his life, Kate's lover Aimee has disappeared to God-knows-where, and Kate must piece together a deadly puzzle of secrets and lies... **Curious Wine Curious**

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Wine  
Fifty-five years have passed since 4,000 women escaped a tyrannical Earth and colonized the planet of Maternas. The women of the Unity have brought children into their world, the first in the history of humankind to inherit a legacy of ultimate freedom and possibility. But these children are a breed unto themselves. They have bonded and communicate with each other in a way the older generation cannot fathom, and most disturbing of all, they question many of the Unity ' s cherished precepts, laying claim to a rival standard of conduct. Into this widening schism walks young Joss. She becomes deeply involved with Emerald, a woman who struggles to locate her long-lost daughter and finds herself caught between two factions in a burgeoning conflict of the gravest proportions. With Daughters of an Emerald Dusk, Forrest has created her most electrifying, suspenseful, and yes, sexiest novel yet in this acclaimed series that began in 1984 with Daughters of a Coral Dawn. Memory Board Bella Books Estranged for years from her father and four brothers after her mother ' s death, Carson

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Cartwright is surprised when she gets a phone call from her twin brother, urging a reconciliation before their father succumbs to his final illness. Though she has spent more than a decade trying to forget her family existed, she is suddenly pulled back to the Montana ranch where she grew up. Carson discovers her brothers divided over plans to change their working ranch into a

guest ranch, and their consultant, Kerry Elder, doesn't seem above using her wiles to get her way. Kerry finds that while she may have her clients right where she wants them, it's the wayward sister that may be awakening something she has long denied. The big Montana sky crackles with thunder and lightning as emotions twist in unbidden directions. Neither Carson nor Kerry is

prepared for the wild storms of summer.

The Oath Kate Delafield  
Mystery

If there's one thing Brooke Sullivan knows for sure it's that people let you down, but that hasn't stopped her from going after the life she wants. In a new city, with a new job and a new start as a high-end real estate agent, she's finally back on her feet. The last thing she needs is a distraction. Not her volatile neighbors, not a damn stray cat, and certainly not the flaky, infuriatingly adorkable girl-next-door property stager she has to work with. Macy

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Carr believes in soul mates and true love. She knows because she had it all until a freak accident took the love of her life. She 's doing okay though, surrounded by her family, her animals, and her BFFs. Home staging gives her a sense of control, and she 's made her job her happy place. If only the super sexy, super cold new agent working for Macy 's biggest client wasn ' t determined to ruin that.

Daughters of an Emerald Dusk Bella Books

Jannika Peterson  
arrived in Grangeton,

New Hampshire, with a broken heart and a new job managing the local bookstore. She has a gift for pairing readers with the perfect books, but her matchmaking skills don ' t extend to her love life. Love doesn ' t stand a chance against her well-protected heart.

Eighteen years ago, Lee Thompson was Jannika ' s summer camp counselor, and Lee has never forgotten the beautiful girl with the

unusual name. Still healing from her wife ' s sudden death, Lee hopes her new job in a new town will help her to begin a new chapter. When Jannika and Lee reunite, their instant connection feels like a gift, but neither is ready for a second chance at love. Unable to deny their attraction, will they finally get on the same page when it comes to love?

Daughters of an Amber Noon Bold Strokes Books

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Seven women, seven days.  
A lot can happen. There are  
three things that Amy  
Forrester loves most in the  
world: Jo, her wife of  
fifteen years; spending time  
with her closest friends;  
and her cabin in the woods.  
What better way to spend  
the week between  
Christmas and New Year's  
than having all three! When  
she invites her three best  
friends to join her and Jo in  
their mountain hideaway, all  
she expects is good food,  
fine wine, and lively  
conversation. Unfortunately  
for Amy, there are three  
things that she doesn't

count on: her best friend's  
relationship is falling apart;  
her two other friends share  
a secret that causes nothing  
but conflict and discomfort;  
and the arrival of Jo's fly-by-  
the-seat-oh-er-pants niece  
Darby, who has a habit of  
leaving broken hearts in her  
wake. Childhood friends,  
new lovers, and old rivals  
share beginnings, endings,  
and the uncommon bonds of  
friendship in a story filled  
with romance and  
possibility.

Curious Wine Spinsters  
Ink

The most celebrated  
detective in lesbian

literature returns in the  
most fateful case of her  
career... "Kate," Detective  
Joe Cameron said, "there  
was always the  
possibility--" "--that like  
most threats they were  
just threats," Kate  
finished for him. She  
knew better. Had known  
from the start this was as  
real as death. Death is  
now on her doorstep. Not  
even her loyal LAPD  
colleagues can protect  
her from an attack that  
may come from  
anywhere, anytime. Four  
years retired, Kate



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Delafield has a twenty-year-old case roaring back on her, a case from which she had recoiled, withdrawn herself. A homophobic homicide far too reminiscent of a recent, haunting, life-changing investigation of the murder of a young lesbian at the Nightwood Bar. Now she suffers in secret, knowing she is personally culpable for the mishandling of evidence. She has also begun to understand how the roads she has traveled have led her to

this day. The key decisions about the conduct of her life and her police career that have brought her directly to this time, this place in the high desert where she has taken herself. All she can do now, she resolves, is protect as best she can the people she loves most, especially Aimee, from this threat. And, until her time runs out, she can go back and investigate, determine who actually ended the life of fifteen-year-old April Shuster. But events,

people, intervene. New people in her present life, some from her past. And they will take her in the most unexpected of directions.

Wasted Heart (Special Edition) She Writes Press

A love letter to the City by the Bay, from the queer writers who call it home.

Slices Of Life Bywater Books

Margerit Sovitre did not expect to inherit Baron Saveze's fortunes—even less his bodyguard, a

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ruthlessly efficient swordswoman known only as Barbara. Wealth suddenly makes Margerit a highly eligible heiress and buys her the enmity of the new Baron. He had expected to inherit all, and now eyes her fortune with open envy. Barbara proudly served as the old Baron's duelist but she had expected his death to make her a free woman. Bitterness turns to determination when she finds herself the only force that stands between Margerit and the new Baron's greed. At first Margerit protests the need

for Barbara's services, but soon she cannot imagine sending Barbara away. And Barbara's duty has become something far more hazardous to her heart than the point of a sword. But greater dangers loom than one man's hatred—the Prince of Alpennia is ill. Deadly intrigue surrounds the succession and the rituals of divine power known as The Mysteries of the Saints. Heather Rose Jones debuts with a sweeping story rich in intrigue and the clash of loyalties and love.

This London Love  
HarperCollins Australia

The intimacy of a cabin at Lake Tahoe provides the combustible circumstances that bring Diana Holland and Lane Christianson together in this passionate novel of first discovery. Originally published by Naiad Press in 1983, Bella Books is proud to bring the bestselling romantic lesbian novel of all time back to print. With multiple printings and translations worldwide, Curious Wine

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is an enduring classic and on everyone's list of the very best in our literature.

Hancock Park Bella Books

“ The sky begins to shimmer with the silver of brilliant star clusters, the eerie radiance of red and blue fluorescence. One huge moon, glowing gold, is soon joined by two others, much smaller, which slowly rise above the horizon, each jagged in shape as if carelessly formed. Night falls suddenly and

completely, and we sit together in a glorious royal-blue world illuminated with silver. It is Mother who speaks, softly: ‘ So lovely a world. . . is surely meant for women.’ ” Late in the 22nd century, the settling of a new world falls on the strong shoulders of young Megan. The perfect leader, she undertakes to guide her sisters to a new planet, free from the shackles of the brutal Earth regime. Negotiating politics in a society of women is second only to

securing their safety.

When a landing party of men and women discover their colony Megan must decide if the outsiders includes Lt. Laurel

Meredith, whose disturbing beauty is as dangerous to Megan as her people are to Megan ’ s world.

Liberty Square McFarland

Through the darkness, you can see figures gathered in twos and threes – the glowing tip of a cigarette, a close-

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manicured hand draped over a shoulder, heads turning to study the new arrival. Someone moves toward you, snapping a lighter open. Step into the twilight world of lesbian pulps. In 1950, Fawcett founded their Gold Medal imprint, inaugurating the reign of lesbian pulp fiction. These were the books that small-town lesbians and prurient men bought by the millions cheap, easy to find in drugstores, and immediately recognizable by their lurid covers: often a hard-looking brunette standing over a scantily-clad blonde or a man gazing in tormented lust at a lovely, unobtainable lesbian. For women leading straight lives, here was their confirmation that they were not alone and that darkly glamorous, “gay places like Greenwich Village existed. In the over-heated prose typical of the genre, these books document the emergence of a lesbian subculture in postwar America. Some – especially those written by lesbians – offered sympathetic and realistic depictions of “life in the shadows,” while others (no less fun to read now) were smutty, sensational tales of innocent girls led astray. Grande dame of lesbian literature Katherine V. Forrest presents a rich survey

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of the best of the pulps, including work by Ann Bannon, Vin Packer, Marion Zimmer Bradley (writing as Miriam Gardner), Brigid Brophy, and many others. Contains: Tereska Torres: Women's Barracks Vin Packer: Spring Fire Anne Herbert: Summer Camp Sloane Britain: These Curious Pleasures Joan Ellis: The Third Street Randy Salem: Chris Artemis Smith: The Third ex

Valerie Taylor: The Girls in 3-B Valerie Taylor: Return to Lesbos Miriam Gardner: The Strange Women Dorcas Knight: The Flesh Is Willing Kay Martin: The Whispered Sex Fay Adams: Appointment in Paris Brigid Brophy: The ing of a Rainy Country March Hastings: Three Women Shirley Verel: The Dark Side of Venus Della Martin: Twilight Girl Paula Christian: Edge of Twilight Paula

Christian: Another Kind of Love Ann Bannon: Beebo Brinker Daughters of a Coral Dawn McFarland Tough and demanding LAPD Detective Kate Delafield is the leader of the investigation into a highrise office building murder. The case is intriguing but routine--until Kate interviews the only witness, Ellen O'Neil. When Ellen O'Neil took her new job over the objections of her lover, she wasn't expecting to become embroiled in murder. The curiosity that Kate

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Delafield rouses is equally unexpected. But it is never far from Ellen's mind that she is merely a name on an interview sheet to the tight-lipped detective. Kate's thin trail of clues are enough to convince her that she is looking for an amateur, and amateurs are notoriously unpredictable and dangerous. She finds her path increasingly intersecting with that of Ellen O'Neil, who is proving unpredictable and dangerous in a far more personal way. AMATEUR CITY is the first novel in the compelling Kate Delafield mystery series

that has gripped readers all over the world.

### The City of Palaces

University of Wisconsin Pres

This collection establishes new perspectives on the idea of mystery, as it is enacted and encoded in the genre of detective fiction. Essays reclaim detective fiction as an object of critical inquiry, examining the ways it shapes issues of social destabilization, moral ambiguity, reader complicity,

intertextuality, and metafiction. Breaking new ground by moving beyond the critical preoccupation with classification of historical types and generic determinants, contributors examine the effect of mystery on literary forms and on readers, who experience the provocative, complex process of coming to grips with the unknown and the unknowable. This volume opens up discussion on publically acclaimed, modern works of mystery and on classic

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pieces, addressing a variety of forms including novels, plays, graphic novels, television series, films, and ipad games. Re-examining the interpretive potential of a genre that seems easily defined yet has endless permutations, the book closely analyzes the cultural function of mystery, the way it intervenes in social and political problems, as well as the literary properties that give the genre its particular shape. The volume treats various

texts as meaningful subjects for critical analysis and sheds new light on the interpretive potential for a genre that creates as much ambiguity as it does clarity. Scholars of mystery and detective fiction, crime fiction, genre studies, and cultural studies will find this volume invaluable. Amateur City Spinsters Ink Books  
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An Emergence of Green  
Bella Books

An entertaining collection of wills, reflecting the times and the people who wrote them. This collection offers delightful reading for

lawyers and laymen alike. As the author states: Wills reflect, as a mirror, the customs and habits of the times when written, as well as the characters of the writers. In the category of ancient wills, the reader will find the oldest written will, dated at 2550 B.C., as well as wills of such personages as Plato and Aristotle. Other categories in the collection include: wills in fiction and poetry; curious wills; testamentary and kindred miscellany; wills of

famous foreigners, such as Napoleon and William Shakespeare; and wills of famous Americans, such as Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. *New Perspectives on Detective Fiction*  
Alyson Publications  
An encounter between trophy wife Carolyn Blake and her new neighbor—tall athletic artist Val Hunter—leads to a close friendship and deepening emotions that young Carolyn has never known. Suddenly,



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as Carolyn questions  
what she has always  
accepted, her carefully  
manicured domestic life  
begins to unravel.  
Husband Paul Blake, a  
successful rags-to-  
riches businessman,  
recognizes the threat  
that Val Hunter  
represents, and he is  
not about to let his wife  
out of his control or  
accept any of her  
stirrings of self-  
determination.  
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