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Small Town Storm Createspace Independent Publishing Platform From New York Times bestselling author Diane Chamberlain comes a novel of chilling intrigue, a decades-old disappearance, and one woman's quest to find the truth... "A novel about arts and secrets...grippingly told...pulls readers toward a shocking conclusion." —People magazine, Best New Books North Carolina, 2018: Morgan Christopher's life has been derailed. Taking the fall for a crime she did not commit, her dream of a career in art is put on hold—until a mysterious visitor makes her an offer that will get her released from prison immediately. Her assignment: restore an old post office mural in a sleepy southern town. Morgan knows nothing about art restoration, but desperate to be free, she accepts. What she finds under the layers of grime is a painting that tells the story of madness, violence, and a conspiracy of small town secrets. North Carolina, 1940: Anna Dale, an artist from New Jersey, wins a national contest to paint a mural for the post office in Edenton, North Carolina. Alone in the world and in great need of work, she accepts. But what she doesn't expect is to find herself immersed in a town where prejudices run deep, where people are hiding secrets behind closed doors, and where the price of being different might just end in murder. What happened to Anna Dale? Are the clues hidden in the decrepit mural? Can Morgan overcome her own demons to discover what exists beneath the layers of lies? "Chamberlain, a master storyteller, keeps readers hooked, with a story line that leavens history and social commentary with romance and mystery." —Lexington Dispatch

Marshmallow Murder Macmillan

From an Edgar award-winning author comes the gripping and unexpected tale of a lost town and the dark secrets that lie beneath the glittering waters of an East Texas lake. Daniel Russell was only thirteen years old when his father tried to kill them both by driving their car into Moon Lake. Miraculously surviving the crash—and growing into adulthood—Daniel returns to the site of this traumatic incident in the hopes of recovering his father's car and bones. As he attempts to finally put to rest the memories that have plagued him for years, he discovers something even more shocking among the wreckage that has ties to a twisted web of dark deeds, old grudges, and strange murders. As Daniel diligently follows where the mysterious trail of vengeance leads, he unveils the heroic revelation at its core. *Signs of Murder* AuthorHouse

Recounts the events that took place in Casper, Wyoming, in the autumn of 1973, when Amy Burrige and her eighteen-year-old half sister Becky Thomson were raped by two men and thrown off bridge, and explores how the events impacted the residents of the small town, Becky, the only one of the girls to survive the attack, and the many people who helped her recover from her physical and emotional injuries.

Guilty by Popular Demand Anchor

In 1998, a trio of young white men chained a black man to the bumper of a truck and dragged him down a country road. From the initial investigation and through the trials and their aftermath, "A Death in Texas" follows the turns of events through the eyes of Sheriff Billy Rowles and other townspeople trying to come to grips with the killing. 16 page photo insert.

Big Lies in a Small Town St. Martin's Press

When the storm hits, there will be no place to hide... Free-spirited Wiki Danser is used to living life without a care. But when a blizzard forces her to seek shelter in the small town of Dent, she'll discover something more sinister than snow... It's a normal workday for Jame Spiral—until bullets start flying his way. Two strangers. One madman. Who will survive the storm?

Blackmail and Murder in a Small Town Plume Books

The naive, happy innocence of a child before it is ripped away. That is what the killers profited in this book have stolen from their victims. Their youth, their innocence, any happiness and normalcy associated with growing up in a world they thought they'd be safe in. True crime isn't only about serial killers and rapists and pedophiles and organized crime. It is also about the victims left behind to serve their own life sentence, often times without anyone to help them make it through the awful ordeal. The Midwest, and Indiana in particular, are, it turns out, a veritable hotbed of killer activity. Some people may find this surprising, given the lengths to which people in the Midwest go to be, or at least to appear, to be friendly and morally upright. But to anyone, such as myself, who has spent any real time in the Midwest, it is obvious that beneath the veneer of friendliness

and piety there is a coldness-and Arctic coldness: the same coldness that lies in the depths of a serial killer's heart. Enter the world of...SMALL TOWN MURDER.

The Silent Shooter CreateSpace

Harboring resentment only leads to chaos. Charlotte McKay is new to Sweetwater Falls, but that doesn't mean she's about to look the other way when everyone's least favorite miser goes missing. Following her dream of selling her cupcakes at a bakery is put on hold as she follows a trail of clues, each more strange than the last. Nearly every person in Sweetwater Falls has a grudge against Amos, who was known more for his penny-pinching than his benevolence. Everyone's mourning looks more like griping over how much the cheapskate still owes the people he swindled. Only Charlotte and Marianne know the tender heart Amos truly had beneath his prickly exterior. When it becomes clear that Amos' murder might go uninvestigated, Charlotte sets out to expose his killer once and for all. "Marshmallow Murder" is filled with layered clues and cozy moments, written by Molly Maple, which is a pen name for a USA Today bestselling author.

The Darkest Night Harper Collins

Just as Detective Starks starts to settle down after solving her second murder case in the small town she calls home, another mystery unravels. It starts with an explosive text message to a teenage girl that lands the high school coach in hot water. But just as the town is focused on this latest piece of gossip, a murder is committed at the country inn.

A Death in Texas America Star Books

Derek Lancy came back home after retiring as a detective in a large Georgia town. He decided to open a small private investigation service just as a side job. Little did he know that his little side job was about to change his life and those of his family members and business partners. In one night, Derek's life changed as he found himself in a race to find answers to the 'Endless Lies', that had haunted his home town for many years.

Esther Simon and Schuster

Casper, Wyoming: 1973. Eleven-year-old Amy Burrige rides with her eighteen-year-old sister, Becky, to the grocery store. When they finish their shopping, Becky's car gets a flat tire. Two men politely offer them a ride home. But they were anything but Good Samaritans. The girls would suffer unspeakable crimes at the hands of these men before being thrown from a bridge into the North Platte River. One miraculously survived. The other did not. Years later, author and journalist Ron Franscell—who lived in Casper at the time of the crime, and was a friend to Amy and Becky—can't forget Wyoming's most shocking story of abduction, rape, and murder. Neither could Becky, the surviving sister. The two men who violated her and Amy were sentenced to life in prison, but the demons of her past kept haunting Becky...until she met her fate years later at the same bridge where she'd lost her sister.

The Innocent Man Midwest Cozy Mystery

A Small Town Murder A small town in Mississippi shocked the people that lived there for all their lives. A man was walking his dog one day and came upon a suspicious garbage bag and he opened it and there was a body inside it. It scared him badly but he knew he had to go and get help. The police blocked the area off to preserve the scene for evidence and when they took the body from the bag it was a young woman. The investigation started to see what had happen to the young woman.

In Cold Blood Arcadia Publishing

Soon to be a Showtime documentary, *Murder in the Bayou* is a New York Times bestselling chronicle of a high-stakes investigation into the murders of eight women in a troubled Southern parish that is "part murder case, part corruption exposé, and part Louisiana noir" (New York magazine). Between 2005 and 2009, the bodies of eight women were discovered in Jennings, Louisiana, a bayou town of 10,000 in the Jefferson Davis parish. The women came to be known as the Jeff Davis 8, and local law enforcement officials were quick to pursue a serial killer theory, stirring a wave of panic across Jennings' class-divided neighborhoods. The Jeff Davis 8 had been among society's most vulnerable—impoverished, abused, and mired with mental illness. They engaged in sex work as a means of survival. And their underworld activity frequently occurred at a decrepit motel called the Boudreaux Inn. As the cases went unsolved, the community began to look inward. Rumors of police corruption and evidence tampering, of collusion between street and shield, cast the serial killer theory into doubt. But what was really going on in the humid rooms of the Boudreaux Inn? Why were crimes going unsolved and police officers being indicted? What had the eight women known? And could anything be done to stop the bloodshed? Mixing muckraking research and immersive journalism over the course of a five-year investigation, Ethan Brown reviewed thousands of pages of previously unseen homicide files to posit what happened during each woman's final hours delivering a true crime tale that is "mesmerizing" (Rolling Stone) and "explosive" (Huffington Post). "Brown is a man on a mission...he gives the victims more respectful attention than they probably got in real life" (The New York Times). "A must-read for true-crime fans" (Publishers Weekly, starred review), with a new afterword, *Murder in the Bayou* is the story of an

American town buckling under the dark forces of poverty, race, and class division—and a lightning rod for justice for the daughters it lost.

Moon Lake Anchor

From debut author Amy K. Green comes a devastating tale of psychological suspense: A teen pageant queen is found murdered in a small New England town and her sister's search for answers unearths more than she bargained for. Days after a young pageant queen named Jenny is found murdered, her small town grieves the loss alongside her picture-perfect parents. At first glance, Jenny's tragic death appears clear-cut for investigators. The most obvious suspect is one of her fans, an older man who may have gotten too close for comfort. But Jenny's half-sister, Virginia—the sarcastic black sheep of the family—isn't so sure of his guilt and takes matters into her own hands to find the killer. But for Jenny's case and Virginia's investigation, there's more to the story. Virginia, still living in town and haunted by her own troubled teenage years, suspects that a similar darkness lies beneath the sparkling veneer of Jenny's life. Alternating between Jenny's final days and Virginia's determined search for the truth, the sisters' dual narratives follow a harrowing trail of suspects, with surprising turns that race toward a shocking finale. Infused with dark humor and driven by two captivating young women, *The Prized Girl* tells a heartbreaking story of missed connections, a complicated family, and a town's disturbing secrets.

A Small Town Can Be #Murder Penguin

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • John Grisham's first work of nonfiction: a true crime story that will terrify anyone who believes in the presumption of innocence. • LOOK FOR THE NETFLIX ORIGINAL DOCUMENTARY SERIES "Both an American tragedy and [Grisham's] strongest legal thriller yet, all the more gripping because it happens to be true." —Entertainment Weekly In the town of Ada, Oklahoma, Ron Williamson was going to be the next Mickey Mantle. But on his way to the Big Leagues, Ron stumbled, his dreams broken by drinking, drugs, and women. Then, on a winter night in 1982, not far from Ron's home, a young cocktail waitress named Debra Sue Carter was savagely murdered. The investigation led nowhere. Until, on the flimsiest evidence, it led to Ron Williamson. The washed-up small-town hero was charged, tried, and sentenced to death—in a trial littered with lying witnesses and tainted evidence that would shatter a man's already broken life, and let a true killer go free. Impeccably researched, grippingly told, filled with eleventh-hour drama, *The Innocent Man* reads like a page-turning legal thriller. It is a book no American can afford to miss. Don't miss John Grisham's new book, *THE EXCHANGE: AFTER THE FIRM!*

Small-Town Slayings in South Carolina BHC Press/Open Window A former forensic photographer and author of *Murder in the Midlands* chronicles horrific killings that struck at the heart of the Palmetto State. Ax assault, kidnapping, brutal murder: how could these things happen in a small town? Although regional crimes hardly ever make it to the national circuit, they will always remain with the families and communities of the victims and a part of the area's history. After working with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division as special agent/forensic photographer for twenty-four years, Rita Shuler has a passion for remembering the victims. In *Small-town Slayings*, Shuler takes us back in time, showing differences and similarities of crime solving in the past and present and some surprising twists of court proceedings, verdicts, and sentences. From an unsolved case that has haunted her for thirty years to a cold case that was solved after fifteen years by advanced DNA technology, Shuler blends her own memories with extensive research, resulting in a fast-paced, factual, and fascinating look at crime in South Carolina. Includes photos!

Big Trouble Arcadia Publishing

Hailed as "toweringly important" (Baltimore Sun), "a work of scrupulous and significant reportage" (E. L. Doctorow), and "an unforgettable historical drama" (Chicago Sun-Times), *Big Trouble* brings to life the astonishing case that ultimately engaged President Theodore Roosevelt, Supreme Court justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, and the politics and passions of an entire nation at century's turn. After Idaho's former governor is blown up by a bomb at his garden gate at Christmastime 1905, America's most celebrated detective, Pinkerton James McParland, takes over the investigation. His daringly executed plan to kidnap the radical union leader "Big Bill" Haywood from Colorado to stand trial in Idaho sets the stage for a memorable courtroom confrontation between the flamboyant prosecutor, progressive senator William Borah, and the young defender of the dispossessed, Clarence Darrow. *Big Trouble* captures the tumultuous first decade of the twentieth century, when capital and labor, particularly in the raw, acquisitive West, were pitted against each other in something close to class war. Lukas paints a vivid portrait of a time and place in which actress Ethel Barrymore, baseball phenom Walter Johnson, and editor

William Allen White jostled with railroad magnate E. H. Harriman, socialist Eugene V. Debs, gunslinger Charlie Siringo, and Operative 21, the intrepid Pinkerton agent who infiltrated Darrow's defense team. This is a grand narrative of the United States as it charged, full of hope and trepidation, into the twentieth century.

Mysteries in Small Towns Createspace Independent Pub
SUMMER SECRETS...KIDNAPPING AND MURDER - Erin Walsh arrives home to tiny New Belford, Kentucky from college only to clash with her young stepmother, Shelby Rae. When Shelby Rae is kidnapped and a dear friend of the family is murdered, Erin discovers that both victims had secrets connected to the violent death of her mother's death seven years earlier. In a small town the pool of suspects is limited, but it also means the danger to Erin's own life is deathly close. Noah Daly, an old high school friend, is the son of the man everyone blames for the violent death of Erin's mother. But he's also the one person Erin feels she can trust to help her find Shelby Rae's kidnapper and her friend's murderer. Or is her sudden attraction to him blinding her to his true nature? Enter Trouble, the wise and wily black cat detective. His paws have barely landed in the bluegrass when he realizes Erin is about to put herself in danger. Can he lead Erin to the truth before she becomes a victim herself?

Murder of a Small-town Honey Penguin

From the UK's leading criminologist comes the true story of Margaret McLaughlin, and the man he believes was fitted up for her murder 'Enthralling ... will leave true crime readers with more to ponder than they bargained for' - The Herald Before David Wilson became the UK's pre-eminent criminologist, he was just a young boy growing up in the Scottish town of Carlisle. When he was a child, the brutal murder of a young woman rocked this small community, but very quickly a man was arrested for the crime, convicted and put behind bars. For most, life slowly carried on - case closed. But there were whispers in the town that the wrong man was imprisoned. Over the years, these whispers grew louder, to the point that any time David would visit, he'd be asked in hushed tones, 'What are you going to do about the Carlisle Case?' Carlisle believed the real killer had evaded justice. A murderer was still on the loose. Forty years later, it's time for David to return home, and find out the truth.

Small Town Trouble Destiny Romance

This chilling and beautifully written true story tells of a woman who unravels the murder of a childhood friend and finds a tangle of lies. A disturbingly intense look at murder, and a feminist view of a neglectful legal and social system.

Murder in the Bayou Hachette UK

Selected by the Modern Library as one of the 100 best nonfiction books of all time From the Modern Library's new set of beautifully repackaged hardcover classics by Truman Capote—also available are *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and *Other Voices, Other Rooms* (in one volume), *Portraits and Observations*, and *The Complete Stories* Truman Capote's masterpiece, *In Cold Blood*, created a sensation when it was first published, serially, in *The New Yorker* in 1965. The intensively researched, atmospheric narrative of the lives of the Clutter family of Holcomb, Kansas, and of the two men, Richard Eugene Hickock and Perry Edward Smith, who brutally killed them on the night of November 15, 1959, is the seminal work of the "new journalism." Perry Smith is one of the great dark characters of American literature, full of contradictory emotions. "I thought he was a very nice gentleman," he says of Herb Clutter. "Soft-spoken. I thought so right up to the moment I cut his throat." Told in chapters that alternate between the Clutter household and the approach of Smith and Hickock in their black Chevrolet, then between the investigation of the case and the killers' flight, Capote's account is so detailed that the reader comes to feel almost like a participant in the events.