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**A Dangerous Business**
A Novel
by Jane Smiley
(Knopf)

“In this mystery set during the California gold rush, Eliza Ripple works at a brothel after her husband is killed in a bar fight. When young women start mysteriously disappearing, Eliza and her best friend investigate using sleuthing skills gleaned from Poe’s “Murders in the Rue Morgue.” For fans of the Kopp Sisters series.”
—Jennifer Wrinberry, Hunterdon Public Library, Flemington, NJ

Novelist read-alike: *Missy* by Chris Hannan

**A Death in Tokyo**
A Mystery
by Keigo Higashino
(Minotaur Books)

“A man is stabbed but keeps walking past a police station to die in the middle of a nearby bridge. Later an accident victim is found with the victim’s wallet on him. Looking beyond the logical connection, Detective Kaga keeps digging to determine what really happened. A deliciously puzzling mystery that will be perfect for fans of Sherlock Holmes.”
—Vicki Nesting, St. Charles Parish Library, Destrehan, LA

Novelist read-alike: Inspector Chen Cao series by Xiaolong Qiu

**A Hard Day for a Hangover**
A Novel
by Darynda Jones
(St. Martin’s Press)

“Though her rebellious daughter survived a murder attempt just last week, Sheriff Sunshine Vicram is back on the job. Meanwhile, drama with her longtime crush Levi Ravinder is distracting her from solving a series of crimes involving women going missing in their small town.”
—Seanean Shanahan, Douglas County Libraries, Parker, CO

Novelist read-alike: Detective Betty novels by Kathleen Kent

**Well Traveled**
by Jen DeLuca
(Berkley)

“Fed up with her demanding boss, lawyer Louisa “Lulu” Malone quits her job while visiting a Renaissance Faire. She continues traveling with the Faire, which means spending time with Dex MacLean of the Dueling Kilts musical troupe, who can’t believe Lulu is immune to his charms. Readers will have a hard time putting this rom-com down!”
—Brenda O’Brien, Woodridge Public Library, Woodridge, IL

Novelist read-alike: Spoiler Alert series by Olivia Dade

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