

Crime Fiction Reads

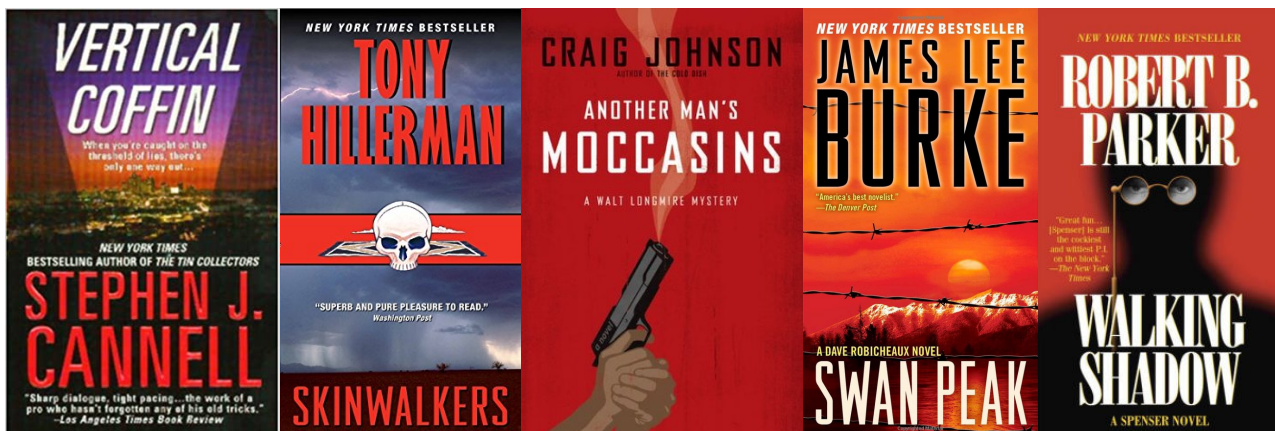
This list was commissioned by a patron who is an avid reader of crime fiction. She specifically mentioned being a fan of John Grisham, John Sandford, David Baldacci, Vince Flynn, Michael Connelly, S.J. Parris, C.J. Box, and Robert Crais and liking having a character to follow in multiple books. Because of her wide range of favorite authors, I included a range of mysteries, including contemporary hardboiled, legal thrillers, and historical mysteries. This is a 2-page list.

Police Procedurals

- **Stephen J. Cannell's Shane Scully series.** Gritty, realistic police procedural about an LAPD detective. Recommended for David Baldacci fans.
- **Tony Hillerman's Jim Chee and Joe Leaphorn series.** Authentic police procedurals set on the Navajo Reservation and featuring tribal policemen. Recommended for C.J. Box fans.
- **Craig Johnson's Walt Longmire series.** Gritty, colorful procedurals focused on a contemporary Wyoming sheriff. Recommended for C.J. Box fans.

Private Investigators

- **James Lee Burke's Dave Robicheaux series.** Dark, gritty mysteries about a private investigator in Southern Louisiana. Recommended for John Sandford fans.
- **Robert B. Parker's work.** Engaging, fast-paced mysteries with vivid settings and violent crimes, recommended for Robert Crais fans. His **Spenser series** follows a tough, funny private investigator in Boston in the style of hardboiled noir detectives investigating modern crimes. Not PI specific but in a similar vein is the **Jesse Stone series** about a former LAPD cop who now works as the police chief of a small Massachusetts town.



Suspense/Thrillers

- **Lee Child's Jack Reacher series.** Violent, action-packed books about a former military MP who now wanders around the country, sorting out trouble wherever he arrives. Recommended for fans of Michael Connelly and David Baldacci.
- **James Patterson's work.** Recommended for fans of John Sandford and C.J. Box. His **Alex Cross series** are gritty psychological thrillers about a D.C.-based profiler investigating a range of crimes. His **Michael Bennet series** is fast-paced suspense about an NYPD detective.
- **Daniel Silva's Gabriel Allon series.** Action-packed espionage thrillers about a Mossad agent. Recommended for David Baldacci fans.

Legal Thrillers

- **William Bernhardt's Ben Kincaid series.** Suggested for John Grisham and Michael Connelly fans. Bernhardt blends contemporary issues into these fast-paced legal thrillers about a Tulsa-based defense attorney.

Historical Mysteries

- **Ariana Franklin's Adelia Aguilar series.** Follows the adventures of an Italian woman medical examiner in the medieval period. Combines rich historical details with readable plots and complex characters. Recommended for S.J. Parris fans.

