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Nine Cozy Tales by Nine Bestselling Authors

Ritter Ames – “Organized for Masked Motives” (Organized Mysteries series)

Kate McKenzie never dreamed when she started her business, Stacked in Your Favor, she’d spend nearly as much time crime solving as organizing. But with Halloween approaching and too many items on the to-do list, she and Meg Berman find themselves in another puzzling dilemma—where every answer leads to another question.

Morgana Best – “No Time to Witch” (The Kitchen Witch mystery series)

In a historical mystery prequel to the novel MISS SPELLED, Thelma Spelled must discover the mystery around a murder that entangles her and her husband. The paranormal tale reveals more about the magic of the house and early 20th century Australia.

Karen Cantwell – “It Takes a Ghost” (tie-in to the Sophie Rhodes mystery series)

New detective Brenna Sage can’t solve a series of robberies—until she gains a partner in the guise of Marmaduke Dodsworth. While Marmaduke is better versed in decorum and refinement than forensics and interrogation, he has one decidedly clear advantage: He can walk through walls.

Carolyn Haines – “Clacking Bones” (Sarah Booth Delaney series)

When Jitty’s husband, Coker, goes missing from the Great Beyond, Sarah Booth Delaney, Tinkie, and all the animals sign on to find out why the spirit is AWOL. Sarah Booth has to dig deep into the past to find the answer to this puzzling mystery.

Eleanor Cawood Jones – “Salad Days, Halloween Nights” (author of A Baker’s Dozen)

A vegetable-loving chef has cooked his way into trouble when a Halloween treat leads to murder. If he wants a happy future, he must first make sure the police don’t have him down as the main ingredient in a recipe for a prison sentence.

Larissa Reinhart – “The Vigilante Vignette” (Cherry Tucker Mystery series)

When Cherry pays a mercy call on a neighbor, she’s roped into a quid pro quo deal—if she recovers a stolen family heirloom both somewhat embarrassing and due to be discovered missing very shortly, the neighbor will use family clout to help her with zoning issues. But if she fails, the expression “someone’s got her goat” takes on a whole new meaning. And when she discovers a thievery ring, illegal auctions, and green-eyed emotions after spotting Luke where he’s not expected—it’s another hilarious day in Halo, Georgia.

Connie Shelton – “Spellbound Sweets” (Samantha Sweets Magical Cozy Mysteries)

It’s Halloween, one of the busiest times of the year for Samantha Sweet and the crew at her pastry shop, Sweet’s Sweets. The gang looks forward to a gala costume party at the neighborhood bookstore, but the evening takes a different turn when a guest is murdered, a rare book vanishes, and Sam finds herself in the midst of another mystery.

Maria Grazia Swan – “Weeping Moon” (Lella York Mysteries series)

Lella York has a way of getting herself into trouble, even when she’s doing volunteer work. Who's the mysterious storyteller, and what's going on at the senior living center? Will Lella find out before it’s too late?

LynDee Walker – “Frightening Features” (Nichelle Clarke Mystery series)

Not a patient recovery patient, while Nichelle Clarke waits for an injury to heal all she really wants is a story to write and research—hard news to get her mind occupied. Instead, her boss gives her a fluff piece. Not her idea of fun. But with Nichelle snooping around, it’s not surprising her soft story takes a decidedly hard turn.

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From Reader Review Midnight Mysteries: for online ebook

Maria says

"I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review"

Do you have plans for Halloween? I would recommend you to cancel them and instead read this book full of mystery, murder and ghosts!

There are nine short stories from Cozy Mysteries Authors, some of them known to me, some new. I have to say I really enjoyed reading this book, the stories were great and some of them made me want to read more! Here's a short description of each one of the stories...

Ritter Ames, oh yes, she made a true statement of the famous sentence: "there's no smoke without fire". Even if this means that the zombie cats exist!

Morgana Best historical ghost story will make you be more scared than ever of witches. I have to say I am not a true believer of the great beyond, but her book made me frighten of it!

Karen Cantwell has written the most hilarious story of the book, I want to read more Marmaduke cases, I am sure they will be too hilarious!

Carolyn Haines makes us remember that Halloween is the moment that ghosts can come to life... Do you have a curse on your family?

Eleanor Cawood Jones wrote a story of murder and love at Halloween's night... Would you hide a murderer for love?

Larissa Reinhart story is my favourite, full of mystery and superheroes! What more do we need at Halloween's night?

Connie Shelton had created a book full of mystery, perfect from the first page! Don't you think there's always some mystery in the bookshops?

Maria Grazia Swan wrote a curious mystery, but so short! I will have to search for more Lella books!

LynDee Walker story has reminiscence of the famous cartoon Scooby Doo, where the ghost is always created by a human person! Who will be the murderer?

This book will banish in a few days, so if you love Halloween and mystery, buy it now before it disappears! What scares you most; zombie cats, ghosts or superheroes?

Joanne says

Midnight Mysteries is a compilation of cozy mystery novellas penned by nine renowned cozy mystery authors. Each novella in this book is related to the authors respective, published cozy mystery series or one of the lead characters from a specific series. Each author provides adequate dialogue so readers don't feel lost, rather they can easily embrace the series and characters. I couldn't wait to see what several of my favorite authors offered! Organized for Masked Motives by Ritter Ames tops my list of favorites. Kate McKenzie and Meg Berman find themselves preparing for Halloween as they attempt to maintain "order" between their kids, husbands, activities of daily living, Halloween costumes and parties. Be prepared to laugh out loud as you learn about their costume selections. Connie Shelton's Spellbound Sweets novella is delightful. Just reading about Samantha Sweet and friends at her pastry shop will leave you drooling in anticipation of delicious treats. Join the Halloween party at a bookstore where someone dies and a rare book is now missing. This makes me crave another book in this series. Larissa Reinhart's novella is complete with superheroes! Add in a well scripted mystery and it is perfect for young adult readers on Halloween night. Karen Cantwell is a "new to me" author. She has written the most humorous cozy mystery of the grouping.

Marmaduke Dodsworth is the most lovable British ghost and I'd love to read more of his tales! Carolyn Haines, Clacking Bones, novella is a Sarah Booth Delaney ghost story which compliments her successful series. Morgana Best delivered a prequel to her Miss Spelled series which I'd describe as a paranormal time travel category mystery on the "scary" side of cozy mystery. This is a book you can read all in one sitting or one story at a time as each novella is a complete story. The anthology is superbly compiled, an easy read and perfect to help readers get into the Spirit of Halloween. This collection is really a must-read for lovers of cozy mystery. It provides the opportunity to learn some new author or read a new adventure of some character who already know and love.

Full Disclosure: I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed in this review are my own.

Jeanie Jackson says

Midnight Mysteries includes nine great stories by nine amazing authors. I naturally turned to Ritter Ames first, I do love Kate, Meg and the Organized mysteries series, but after that it didn't matter which way I turned; each story was delightful or enthralling! Ritter Ames, Carolyn Haines, Maria Grazia Swan, Larissa Reinhold, and Connie Shelton are amazing authors that I already follow, and I discovered a couple of authors who will probably be on my must read list from now on. The perfect read for a fun holiday!

Barbara Hackel says

Midnight Mysteries is a collection of nine stories of various lengths all by different authors. Some I liked better than others because they were favorite authors of mine. Those included Connie Sheldon, who had written a full length book, Carolyn Haines, who wrote a Sarah Booth Delaney ghost story, Morgana Best, who wrote a short paranormal almost time travel prequel to her Miss Spelled series, Ritter Ames, who wrote an actual Halloween story complete with costumes and organizing a garage, and more. The nice thing about the book (other than it's fantastic price of 99 cents!!!) Was lots of familiar characters, and lots of approaches to the fall holiday season. Each well written story was a treat, and with this format you could read just a little while and complete a story. Perfect for when waiting in the car for children to finish their activities. The bonus that all the authors were excellent storytellers should make everyone want to buy this set of Midnight Mysteries!

Gale says

I received a copy of this box set in exchange for an honest review. I think this is the first Halloween group of stories I've read in a while – at least all in one download – and I have to say it was fun! I have two more stories to read however I can tell you that so far? The stories are easy to read, make you think, make you laugh, and as I said before, much fun.

I'd like to highlight a couple that really stood out for me. First, an Organized Mystery by Ritter Ames – Organized for Masked Motives. I love Ms. Ames work so this was the first story I read from the group. Kate

McKenzie and Meg Berman are at it again (no worries; these are standalone but are SO much more enjoyable for me as I know the characters). This time, it's Halloween and they are wrangling their kids, and their husbands, with day to day life and Halloween costumes and parties. Throw in a good mystery and I'm happy! The costume related dialogue is a hoot, for the kids AND the adults so be prepared to smile. Also, Spellbound Sweets by Connie Shelton was fun – although I think I gained weight reading about Samantha Sweet and the “crew” at her pastry shop. It is one of a few Samantha Sweet Magical Cozy Mysteries I've read and I'll find previous stories to catch up. No Time to Witch, It Takes a Ghost, Frightening Features, The Vigilante Vignette, Clacking Bones...I enjoyed them all. I'll be sure to get to the last two stories (Salad Days, Halloween Nights and Weeping Moon) tonight. Recommended cozy mystery reading for your Halloween enjoyment!

Elisa Hordon says

What a great collection of cozy shorts from some of my favorite authors.
I especially love Morgana Best and Ritter Ames they never, ever disappoint.

Some wonderful characters and great mysteries to keep you entertained

Brenda says

A great way to check into 9 best selling mystery authors works.

I love Ritter Ames series and to have two of them in once place was a real treat for me. First up is her Series featuring Nichelle Clarke and her workmates Melanie & Grant Parker. Later in the book is a short story featuring Kate McKenzie of the Organized series. Kate & Meg attend a costume party and capture a felon.

Other popular authors include; Eleanor Cawell Jones, Connie Shelton, Maria Grazia Swan to name a few.

Some of the stories feature witches, Wicca, and paranormal activities I did not enjoy reading. A sampler worth buying if you like those types of stories.

Angie Parish says

I was given this book in exchange for an honest review. I really enjoyed this book. While there were many authors I hadn't read, many of them I have. You don't have to be familiar with the series in order to read these short stories. All are a ball full of fun, and mystery. While you're at it you may just pick up a few more authors to stalk like I did. Enjoy! !

Lynne Moody says

So many Awesome books :) Loved all of them ! So many Great Characters that keep me reading and reading

more. The storylines are A must read for all Cozie mysteries lovers. Was given as a ARC for a honest review.

Andrea Stoeckel says

[I received this book in exchange for an honest review. In no way did it influence my ideas]

I am really beginning to LOVE short mystery anthologies!

Each of the 9 stories of this book are focused stories about the characters we may already know. If not, there is enough "backstory" to "catch you up." And most of these authors are well known to the "cozy crowd". Characters like Kate McKenzie(Ritter Ames), Sarah Booth Delany(Carolyn Haines), Cherry Tucker(Larissa Reinhart), Lella York (Maria Grazia Swan) and Nichelle Clark (LynDee Walker) get wrapped up in the strangest bunch of "one sit wonders" that help bring out the wonder and mystery of the holiday. However, there are new-to-me authors in this series as well: Morgana Best's Thelma Spelled, Connie Shelton's Samantha Sweet, Karen Cantwell's Sophia Rhodes, and Eleanor Cawood Jones spin on celebrity chef Jackson Bell.

This is a book you can read, one story at a time, or all in one sitting. Old familiars and new friends will keep you entertained throughout the dark nights of early fall. Keep 'em coming...we can't get enough!

Doward Wilson says

Halloween tales to tantalize and delight every cozy mystery reader! Nine authors weave nine tales of murder and mystery that will entertain you while keeping you glued to your chair. Murder, ghosts, greed, curses, wedding cakes, embezzlement and every mortal sin you can think of is showcased in this fantastic anthology that covers the haunted Halloween season. A not to be missed adventure by any dedicated cozy mystery reader.

I received this book from the authors. This is my honest opinion and fair review.

Michelle says

I enjoyed this anthology of Nine Cozy Tales by Nine different authors. Great start to the Halloween season these short stories are full of mystery, romance, laughable moments and also some strange and twisted stories. This has been a great way to get introduced to new authors and also enjoy the authors I already read. I could fill up the whole review page and then some on each of these well written and thoroughly enjoyable short stories. Although I am partial to one of my absolutely favorite authors, Larissa Reinhart and the Cherry Tucker mysteries. Midnight Mysteries does not disappoint and is a great read. Definitely a great way to get into the holiday spirit!

I was given a copy from one of the authors for a fair and honest review.

Paula Ratcliffe says

This great novella compilation covers so many great authors from LynDee Walker we get Nichelle Clarke whose writing a story while her leg heals and stumbles upon a mystery to solve. All the way to Clacking Bones by Carolyn Haines Sarah Booth has her hands full finding out where Jitty's husband goes missing from the great beyond and Sarah has to figure out why.

This set of stories is great if your looking into various authors but want to learn more about them in these little novellas you get a taste of the adventure you could go on. You also may find yourself seeking out a series after reading some of these stories I know I did and couldn't be happier with some of them. One of the new authors I stumbled upon with this was Connie Shelton with Spellbound Sweets you meet everyone is Samantha Sweets world and it was great. Some were authors I read before and was pleasantly surprised to revisit them again.

Definitely great series for Halloween lovers and cozy mystery lovers who want a break from a full novel and can enjoy the short stories and one to definitely keep around.

Kelly Hobbs says

"Midnight Mysteries" is an anthology that will surely get you in the Halloween spirit. In "Frightening Features" we have a murder in a ghost town and in "Salad Days, Halloween Nights" we meet a chef who is in a loveless marriage and covets his neighbour. "Spellbound Sweets" takes us to a Halloween party in a bookstore where someone dies and a rare book is missing. "Weeping Moon" has nefarious acts being committed in an assisted living home and we find a ghost detective and male escorts in "It Takes a Ghost". "The Vigilante Vignette" has us immersed in the world of extortion, drugged victims, and stolen property and we have a witch in 1930's Australia in "No Time to Witch". A cat witch, an embezzler, and a hostage situation can be found in "Organized for Masked Motives" and a Halloween anthology wouldn't be complete without some Voodoo and dark magic in "Clacking Bones". I found this book exciting to read, after finishing one story I couldn't wait to read the next. The anthology is put together well, and is an easy read. I would recommend this book to everyone.

Pam Guynn says

Midnight Mysteries: Nine Cozy Tales by Nine Bestselling Authors

I received an ARC for an honest review

I truly enjoyed this book the characters are well written. These stories are fast, fun reads and can be read on a fall day while sitting on a porch with your favorite bag of Halloween candy. I knew who a few of the authors

are and enjoy your Mysteries but I also discovered a few who I plan on reading their mysteries.

I do not plan on giving any spoilers because I think that if you knew the ending then you don't want to read the books.
