

## Fort Collins Regional Library District

### A Thrill A Minute: Enjoyable Mystery & Suspense

Abrahams. **Down the Rabbit Hole.** When Ingrid Levin-Hill decides to run to soccer practice, she gets lost in a not-so-nice part of town. Cracked-Up Katie, one of Echo Falls' oddballs, calls her a cab. Ingrid keeps the encounter a secret, hoping to avoid a parental lecture. Ingrid is shocked when she learns that Katie has been murdered--and that her cleats were found at the crime scene.

Alphin. **Perfect Shot.** Brian uses basketball to block out memories of his girlfriend and her family who were gunned down a year ago. The upcoming murder trial and a high school history assignment force him to face the past and decide how far he should go to see justice served.

Bowler. **Apocalypse.** Kit and his parents go for an extended sailing vacation, crewing their ownboat. Foul weather forces their boat aground, and Kit thinks he sees a face lurking beneath the waves. The family is marooned on a desolate island with few resources and peopled with religious fanatics. Things go from bad to worse when Kit's parents disappear.

Brooks. **Kissing the Rain.** Moo Nelson, shy, overweight, and bullied by his classmates, finds his life spinning out of control after he witnesses a car chase and a fight that results in a murder.

Brooks. **Road of the Dead.** Two brothers, sons of an incarcerated gypsy, leave London and travel to an isolated and desolate village in search of their sister's brutal killer.

Chapman. **Rest Area.** Chapman has created a dark, nightmarish, world of ordinary people and extraordinary events. The collection includes 20 stories in monologue form, all written in a crisp, vivid prose. Chapman has an eye for irony, and these stories are replete with dark humor and shocking, twisted narratives. A lonely old woman romances a rabid fox with tales of her past. An older man recounts the story of the missing teenage girl from next door and the unexpected role he had in her disappearance. A deaf teenager reveals the hidden drama of her daily bus ride to school. Deliciously scary and chilling!

Cooley. **Ostrich Eye.** Ginger is part of a delightful family. She has a funny, down-to-earth boyfriend and two wonderful best friends. Yet Ginger can't get the new man in town, a photographer, out of her mind. He calls himself John Arlen, but Ginger is certain that he's really her long absent father,

Golden. **Throat Culture.** Strange situations seem to follow Jenna Blake like a plague. At her father's wedding reception many guests fall ill, and several are briefly paralyzed. Soon the illness sweeps Jenna's college campus. Now she and her forensics team must identify the unusual infection.

Grant. **Quid Pro Quo.** Cyril is perplexed over the disappearance of his mother, a law-school graduate. Drug use and a life on the street took their toll on his mother Andy, became pregnant with Andy at a young age. She decided to change her life: Andi raised her son, continued her education, and became an attorney. When she vanishes, Cyril relentlessly searches for her.

Olin. **Killing Britney.** Winter in Madison, WI, can be chilling enough without a serial killer on the loose. Now the La Follette Rabid Raccoons have one more thing to turn their blood cold. Britney Johnson is the ugly duckling turned swan who has reinvented herself with dramatic results. She's slim, blonde, and beautiful and begins dating the captain of the school's ice hockey team. What's not to envy? But it looks like someone is taking envy to another level by killing off her friends and family.

Priestly. **Redwulf's Curse.** Tom Marlowe and his elderly friend, Dr. Harker, travel to Norwalk to learn more about the artifacts of an ancient east-Anglian king, Redwulf, which have recently been excavated. They arrive during the funeral of a young servant girl who has died in the nearby marshes. A second death, resulting from an attack by a deaf and mute giant, and the disappearance of the valuable Redwulf artifacts lend credence to the tomb's legendary curse.

Simmons. **Finding Lubchenko.** When his father is framed for murder and bioterrorism, high-school junior Evan, using clues from a stolen laptop, travels from Seattle to Paris with two friends to find the real culprit.

Sorrells. **Fake I.D.** Chastity Pureheart, newly settled in High Hopes, Alabama, is absolutely in the dark about her name and why she and her mother keep packed suitcases by the front door wherever they live, as if they may need to move in an instant. On the night of Chastity's sixteenth birthday, her mother disappears. Mom's car is later found, abandoned and filled with fake I.D.s. Chastity is convinced that Mom is still alive, and with foster care looming in six days, Chastity is determined to find her.

Werlin. **Double Helix.** Eli discovers a shocking secret about his life and his family while working for a Nobel Prize-winning scientist whose specialty is genetic engineering.