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Mysteries With an Environmental Theme

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Cheetah Chase
by McQuillan, Karin

Suspecting foul play when an investigative journalist and dedicated preservationist dies from the bite of a scorpion not indigenous to the region, Jazz Jasper begins a search that takes her to a Saudi hunting camp, entering the treacherous world of illegal poaching and large-scale land exploitation. The story depicts haunting scenes of a paradise on the brink of destruction.

Creeping Jenny
by Sherwood, John

English horticulturalist Celia Grant becomes ensnared in the intrigue involving a young seductress, a radical environmental protection group, and a businessman who is furious over his wife's exclusion from the Melbury Village Garden Society.

Death of a Garden Pest
by Ripley, Ann

Louise Eldridge, knowledgeable gardener and wife of a CIA agent, steps in to help host an organic gardening program on public television. When her predecessor is murdered, and Louise finds herself to be a person of interest, she and her family band together to find the real killer. This gripping tale is spiced up with snippets of gardening advice.

Double Blind
by Goddard, Kenneth W.

Henry Lightstone, the Fish and Wildlife Service's top undercover agent, has been sent with his team on a sting operation to the Pacific Northwest. Posing as corrupt animal smugglers looking to bag some illegal game, they are hoping to bag some illegal gamers.

Endangered species : a Gabe Wager mystery
by Burns, Rex

When an unrecognizably charred body is found at the scene of a fire, Gabe Wager must team up with the FBI in order to track down the guerilla environmentalist who may be responsible.

Face Down Under the Wych Elm
by Emerson, Kathy Lynn

Elizabethan herbalist Susanna, Lady Appleton, must root out a killer when two women are accused of witchcraft while the real killer, an expert in poisons, remains free to strike again.

A Fall in Denver
by Andrews, Sarah

Geologist-turned-sleuth Em Hansen trades her usual dungarees for tweeds as she investigates a case of murder and ecological mayhem at the corporate headquarters of Denver's Blackfeet Oil Company, where something deadly is on the rise.

The Garden Club Mystery
by Landrum, Graham

When horticulturalist and society matron Marguerite Claymore is found bludgeoned to death in her own backyard, and the killing is linked to a series of unsolved robberies, savvy octogenarian sleuth Harriet Bushrow and her friends set out to find the killer terrorizing the quiet town of Borderville, Tennessee.

The Garden Plot
by Borthwick, J.

On a free trip to Europe courtesy of her garden club, Sarah begins investigating why people on the tour seem interested in anything but gardens while her husband Alex attempts to find out what happened to missing horticultural expert Ellen Trevino.

The Grub-and Stakers Move a Mountain
by Craig, Alisa

Members of the Grub-and-Stakers Gardening Club set out to find a murderer after a body is unearthed on a Canadian wildflower preserve.

Heat Islands
by White, Randy W.

Marine biologist Doc Ford finds his quiet life in his Sanibal Island stilt house interrupted by the murder of Marvin Rios, the island's most disliked resident. Doc goes on a campaign for justice when an innocent friend is framed for the murder, going head-to-head with greedy land grabbers who threaten to over-run southwest Florida.

A Hoe Lot of Trouble
by Webber, Heather

Amateur sleuth and master landscape gardener extraordinaire Nina Quinn digs for clues to solve the murder of her beloved friend. Although beset by a bushel of her own personal problems, Nina puts on a brave front and forges ahead in this witty and skillfully-written cozy.

Mulch Ado About Nothing
by Churchill, Jill

"Black thumb" suburban mom Jane Jeffrey has enrolled in a garden class, only to discover that the instructor was beaten into a coma before things have even gotten started. The pompous replacement soon ends up dead on a compost pile, rendering everyone in the class a suspect.

Out on a Limb
by Hess, Joan

Local bookseller Claire Malloy finds herself dealing with an old friend, retired schoolteacher Emily Parchester, chained to a tree to protest the destruction of a copse of trees, an abandoned baby left on her doorstep, and the arrest of the baby's mother for the murder of her own father, the developer at the center of the controversy surrounding the trees.

Rain Dance
by Moody, Skye

When Fish and Wildlife agent Venus Diamond is called upon to solve the murder of a timber executive, she runs into the townspeople of Ozone Beach, Washington, where she is threatened, beaten, and kidnapped, all of which only gets her dander up.

Roots of Murder
by Harrison, Janis

Missouri flower shop owner Bretta Solomon is called in to investigate the death of a local Amish flower grower found dead in his own field. As she penetrates the devout and isolated Amish world, Bretta soon learns that the dead man harbored a dangerous secret.

Savage Run
by Box, C.J.

Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett heads for the forests of Twelve Sleep County to investigate a massive explosion that may have killed a colorful environmental activist and uncovers evidence of a deadly conspiracy that challenges his courage, survival skills, and ethics. Author C.J. Box pulls no punches in showing various sides of the environmental issues at the core of this mystery.

Slay It With Flowers
by Collins, Kate

When her bride-to-be cousin's wedding party begins to disappear, resulting in murder, floral designer, bridesmaid, and occasional sleuth Abby Knight teams up with her family, a sexy bar owner, and her assistant to find the truth and to give her cousin the wedding day she deserves.

Through a Glass Darkly
by Leon, Donna

After coming to the aid of Vianello's old friend, Ribetti, arrested during an environmental protest, Commissario Brunetti becomes concerned about Ribetti's father-in-law, Giovanni De Cal, a nasty factory owner heard making threats against his son-in-law.

An Unthymely Death and Other Garden Mysteries
by Albert, Susan Wittig

This collection of ten stories involves various mysterious disappearances and genteel murders. Although the plots are thin and require only minimal sleuthing, readers will be charmed by the ample

herbal lore and gardening tidbits contained in the sidebars.