

Book Discussion Kits (Mystery/Suspense)

[Case Histories](#)

by Kate Atkinson

Private detective Jackson Brodie finds his own need for resolution sparked by three investigations including those of two sisters who discover a shocking clue to the disappearance of their third sister thirty years earlier, a lawyer whose life is turned upside-down when his daughter joins the firm, and a woman whose past mistakes and demanding family life culminate in a violent escape.

Approximate number of books in kit: 12

[The Dante Club](#)

by Matthew Pearl

In 1865, the preparations of the Dante Club--led by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Oliver Wendell Holmes--to release the first translation of Dante's "The Divine Comedy" are threatened by a series of murders that re-create episodes from "Inferno."

Approximate number of books in kit: 11

[The Dogs of Babel](#)

by Carolyn Parkhurst

Discovering clues that indicate that his beloved wife may not have died accidentally, Paul Iverson begins a perilous search for the truth while attempting to teach his dog, who witnessed the crime, to communicate.

Approximate number of books in kit: 12

[The Maltese Falcon](#)

by Dashiell Hammett

A murder investigation requires private detective Sam Spade--a man of few words who displays little emotion--to become involved in a dangerous search for a valuable statue.

Approximate number of books in kit: 5

[No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency](#)

by Alexander McCall Smith

PI "Precious" Ramotswe sets up a detective agency in Botswana on the edge of the Kalahari Desert, making her the only female detective in the country. Eventually, troubled people come to Precious with a variety of concerns. Potentially philandering husbands, seemingly schizophrenic doctors, and a missing boy who may have been killed by witch doctors all compel Precious to roam about in her tiny van, searching for clues.

Approximate number of books in kit: 12

[The Spellman Files](#)

by Lisa Lutz

Izzy Spellman, a twenty-eight-year-old amalgamation of Nancy Drew and Bridget Jones,

launches her career as a private investigator while working for the firm of her outlandishly dysfunctional family.

Approximate number of books in kit: 8