



## List of Boxes in Order of Release Date

### Difficulty Ratings (1 = least challenging, 10 = most challenging)

\*These values are based primarily on feedback from members of The Deadbolt Mystery Society. The difficulty level of each mystery depends on many variables (Ex. group size, experience, puzzle solving) and your experience may vary from those represented here."

### Year 1

**Murder in 3B (March 2018)** - The Hideaway Motel is one of the seediest places in Valley Falls. Want to score drugs? The Hideaway is your place. Want to buy a handgun that's had the serial number filed off? The Hideaway is your place. Want to step out on your husband? You guessed it. The Hideaway. As a result, nobody is surprised when a girl is found dead in room 3B. That's the kind of thing that happens regularly here. You've been asked to consult on the case. Are you up to the task? Just about everyone staying at The Hideaway is harboring a secret of some sort, and it's up to you to determine who is responsible for the Murder in 3B. **Difficulty Rating – 5/10**

**Asylum (April 2018)** - For nearly a century, Saturn Hills Asylum has housed the mentally disturbed of Valley Falls. Under the leadership of Dr. Norman Blackthorn, Saturn Hills has become known as both a pioneer in experimental psychiatric techniques as well as a facility equipped to house the most dangerous, demented criminals. Despite the nature of the sadistic souls held within its walls, Saturn Hills has functioned largely without incident until Wolfgang Koch was discovered in his room, hanging from the overhead light by a makeshift noose. The way Koch died seems particularly strange given his history and the reason he was incarcerated at Saturn Hills in the first place. Koch, one of Saturn Hills' most notorious inmates, was also known as The Judas Killer because he hanged each and every one of his victims and left a handful of silver coins in the pockets of the deceased as he staged the suicide of Judas Iscariot over and over again. Silver coins, incidentally, were also found at the crime scene. Who had it out for The Judas Killer and what was their motive for killing him? What kinds of secrets are hidden behind the padded walls of Saturn Hills? Can you discover what was really going on at the asylum and determine who killed Wolfgang Koch? **Difficulty Rating – 6/10**

**The Haunting of Indigo House (May 2018)** - For nearly a century, the ominous shadow of Bleak Lily has clouded the public's opinions of Indigo House, turning it into a paranormal hotspot frequented by all manner of supernatural enthusiasts. A local ghost story rooted in bits of truth, the tale of Bleak Lily is actually the tragic story of Lily Abernethy, one of the estate's original owners who took to haunting the house after a suspicious and untimely demise. In the years after Lily's passing, numerous people have died on the grounds of Indigo House, and although there has never been anything to prove that the ghost of Lily Abernethy is to blame, people still whisper that the bloodshed is her handiwork. The Van Burens bought Indigo House from the Abernethy family around the turn of the 20th century and have done their best to shake off the curse of Bleak Lily. However, the rumors started up again when the matriarch of the family, Hilda Van Buren, was found dead in her bed. Was Mrs. Van Buren's death from natural causes? Did Bleak Lily claim another casualty? Or is there something else sinister at work? **Difficulty Rating – 7.5/10**

**The Wrath of Nero (June 2018)** - It's been over a year since the psychopath known as Nero last threatened the citizens of Thornmire County. A villain with his own moral code and twisted sense of justice, Nero doled out punishment on those he deemed guilty, mimicking his namesake, the Roman Emperor Nero, who was known for his cruel and unusual

methods of torturing those who crossed him. No one had seen or heard from him until earlier today when you received a curious box from Nero, threatening the city of Hampstead with the release of a highly communicable airborne toxin that will likely kill thousands of innocent people if not contained. Nero, however, enjoys the thrill of the chase and the challenge of a worthy opponent. He has provided a series of puzzles that will allow you to pinpoint the location of the toxin as well as the means to disable the bomb that will disseminate the chemical compound into the atmosphere. He has allowed you and the other members of the Will Street Detective Agency 72 hours before the population of Hampstead is wiped off of the map. Oh, and one more thing. Nero has given specific instructions not to contact the police, the CDC, Homeland Security, or any formal law enforcement agency, threatening to detonate the bomb early if his instructions aren't followed. This means your wits and detective skills are the only thing that stands between the town of Hampstead and a bloody, brutal demise. Discover the secret behind Nero's wrath and do whatever it takes to save the citizens of Hampstead. **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

**Sleight of Hand (July 2018)** - When The Amazing Silverstone died, his Last Will and Testament was a source of much controversy due to a personalized note he left with his lawyer. It read:

“To my dearest son, Peter. If you are reading this particular draft then it means my unknown nemesis murdered me. They will have gone to great lengths to cover their tracks, but I know the truth. In time, hopefully, you will too. There have been lots of unusual happenings at Silverstone Manor over the past few weeks. Some of them I could have chalked up to simple coincidence, but the sheer number of strange occurrences has cast a sinister cloud overhead that has been too overwhelming to ignore. Your reading of this will proves that I wasn't paranoid or crazy. I was right all along about the threat on my life. That brings me to your involvement in this cryptic business. In addition to my estate and the considerable wealth that goes with it, I am leaving you the contents of my safe which, I believe, contains the identity of the one who took my life. Over the course of my life I have made many enemies, both personally and professionally, and I believe one of these is to blame for my untimely demise. Determine the identity of my killer and bring them to justice. I have the utmost confidence in you, my son.”

Although he had acquired considerable sleight of hand skills from years of apprenticing under his father, Peter Silverstone had no idea where to start with the investigation of his father's murder. As a result, he has brought the contents of his father's safe to you at the Will Street Detective Agency and hired you to help solve the mystery surrounding the death of The Amazing Silverstone. **Difficulty Rating – 6/10**

**Ransom (August 2018)** - Sasha Millington, daughter of real estate magnate, Warren Bankhead, was kidnapped during a gala celebrating the opening of the Sioux exhibit at the Valley Falls Museum. A ransom note has been received demanding ten million dollars in exchange for her return. Time is running out. Discover the kidnapper's true identity and motive for abducting her before it is too late. **Difficulty Rating – 6/10**

**Return to The Hideaway Motel (Mini Mystery) (August 2018)** - Return to the sleepy town of Valley Falls and pull back the dingy curtain to take another look at its sordid underbelly. Head back to The Hideaway Motel and discover the secrets that a killer called The Magpie left behind. As you visit one of the most notorious spots in town, uncover one of Valley Falls' most well-kept secrets and do so while trying to avoid a local mafioso hitman who goes by the name of Vito the Smile. Note: This is a mystery that is half the size of our normal boxes and takes about half the amount of time to complete. The mini will be delivered in an envelope, not a box. *\*This mystery was never a part of our monthly subscription service. It was released as a one-time purchase* **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

**Terminal (September 2018)** - A flight from Madrid to New York turns into an international incident after one of the first-class passengers is found dead while the plane is somewhere over the Atlantic Ocean. The man seems to be in perfect health, and there are no obvious signs to point to cause of death. The contents found in the man's possession, however, suggest that there is more to him than meets the eye. Only a limited number of passengers and flight crew had access

to him. Did he simply die of natural causes? Or was his death the result of some sinister plot? Unravel the story of the mysterious first-class passenger and discover what really happened on that flight to Madrid. **Difficulty Rating – 6.5/10**

**The Cabin (October 2018)** - 20 years ago five camp counselors were brutally murdered at Camp Echo. Now, those who survived have been summoned back to the camp by an eccentric millionaire and offered a large sum of money to spend one more night there for an upcoming reality show. No one seriously thinks the killing will start up again...until the headless body of the millionaire is found. The murderer, it seems, has returned. Old secrets will be unearthed. Bodies will fall. And The Reaper, once more, will reap. What truths will be uncovered in...The Cabin? **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

**Carnival of Chaos (November 2018)** - The Shadow Brothers' Carnival of Chaos had only been setup in Valley Falls for a little more than a day when Madame Ruby was found murdered in her fortune teller's wagon, bludgeoned to death with her own crystal ball. Although the killer was efficient in their killing, they left Madame Ruby before they were certain she was dead. In a last-ditch effort to provide information about the one who murdered her, Madame Ruby managed to scrawl this note before passing over into the Great Beyond: "The spirits will tell you who did this to me." The prime suspects for the murder come from the freak show. Those are the people you need to focus on. However, if they won't talk, maybe the spirits will. There have been reports of some strange occurrences going on at night after the midway shuts down. The carnies are claiming that something is using the midway games to leave cryptic messages. So you have a murder investigation, a creepy carnival, and a midway that may or may not be haunted by ghosts who are seeking to shed some light on Madame Ruby's murder by leaving messages amongst the test-your-luck games. **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

**The Toymaker (December 2018)** - Late last year a series of grisly murders in the town of Valley Falls captivated the world. A handful of victims were abducted at various points throughout the month, killed in gruesome ways, decorated to resemble popular children's toys, and gift-wrapped for the police to find. Among those "toys" that were created and left for the authorities: a life-sized Jack in the Box that caused a spring-loaded victim to pop out of the top when the handle was cranked, a Nutcracker doll decorated with greasepaint and blood, a robot that was created from both human and mechanical parts, and a marionette whose movements could be controlled via a series of cables that were attached the victim's limbs. The gift cards attached to each one were all signed by someone calling themselves "The Toymaker." Police were closing in on the culprit when The Toymaker stopped killing, causing the trail to grow cold. They have continued to pursue leads throughout the year, but they haven't had any real breakthroughs in a while. Earlier this week, a new "gift" arrived from the killer, and it is reasonable to assume that the murders will start anew. If the pattern holds, there is only a very finite amount of time to investigate before The Toymaker goes underground again. No doubt The Toymaker has more "toys" in mind to create so lives are at risk. **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

## Year 2

**The Seaside Strangler (January 2019)** - The Will Street Detective Agency has received a tip about The Seaside Strangler murders that has led you, a consulting detective, to nearby Gold Hook Island to investigate. The tiny island of Gold Hook is home to a mere 32 families and can only be reached by ferry. With a few eating establishments, stretches of uninhabited beachfront, and The Kingfisher hotel, Gold Hook is a quaint tourist getaway in temperate months and is mostly cut off from the mainland in the winter. After the National Weather Service announces that a nor'easter is headed their way, the residents of Gold Hook begin to evacuate the island using the small ferry that makes the two mile journey back and forth to the mainland. On its way back to pick up the last batch of residents, the ferry experiences a mechanical failure that renders it inoperable, leaving you and a few other people behind on the island to fend for themselves during the storm. Not long after the storm begins to hammer the coastline of Gold Hook, one of those left behind is found strangled with a length of strangely knotted rope, leading you to conclude that The Seaside Strangler is one of those who didn't make it back to the mainland. The police and Coast Guard are unavailable for the next twenty-four hours due to the extreme weather so help will not be coming any time soon. Leaving the island is not an option.

Your only choice...determine who The Seaside Strangler is and close a case that the police have been unable to close.

**Difficulty Rating – 6.5/10**

**The Strange Case of Mr. Mindgame (February 2019)** - When a strange character calling himself Mr. Mindgame kidnaps five suspects in a recent murder, you must play his twisted game in order to determine who the killer is and set the innocents free. But is his game everything it seems to be or is there a dark secret behind all the trickery? **Difficulty Rating – 7.5/10**

**Wanted (March 2019)** - The Black Rock Butcher was a serial killer who terrorized the saloon girls of Black Rock in the days when it was a burgeoning gold rush town. Because criminal investigation techniques hadn't yet been developed, the killer was never apprehended. New evidence has recently come to light indicating that The Butcher was actually the great-great-grandfather of the founder of The Will Street Detective Agency. In other words, your boss might be related to a notorious murderer. Unlike most cases, this one is now personal, and you have been tasked to clear the family name. Although the leads in this cold case all date back to the 1800's, you must follow each one and use all your skills as a detective to determine the true identity of The Black Rock Butcher. **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

**Copycat (April 2019)** - A new series of victims belonging to The Toymaker, The Seaside Strangler, and The Black Rock Butcher have been found. The only problem? Those maniacs are either incarcerated, institutionalized, or dead. That can only mean one thing: a copycat is on the loose! **Difficulty Rating – 8/10**

**Infected (May 2019)** - Some things weren't meant to leave the lab. Patient Zero was one of them. **Difficulty Rating – 7.5/10**

**Sanitarium (June 2019)** - If only the padded walls could talk...

Investigate the murder of Nurse Faith Edgerton at infamous Saturn Hills Asylum and discover which of the mentally deranged patients has a secret that lies at the center of it all. **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

**Backstage Pass (July 2019)** - Voodoo Mary was at the pinnacle of rock stardom in the 90's, charting a string of hits, playing to sold-out stadiums around the world, and even notching a Grammy nomination. Somewhat of an anomaly, the band itself was a revolving door for musicians that served as a vehicle for the band's namesake, principal songwriter, and only original member, Mary Kershaw. The world, however, loved Voodoo Mary and were captivated by her voice which had once been described as "a bayou blend of cigarette smoke, attitude, and smooth whiskey." Yet, like so many bands, their star doesn't shine quite as brightly anymore, and they are a shadow of the band they used to be, playing in clubs with a capacity of 500 instead to arenas of 20,000. Desperate to right the ship and help Voodoo Mary reclaim its spot amongst rock royalty, manager Reg Kennedy announced suddenly that all of the band members and road crew would be replaced at the end of the tour in hopes of finding a group of professionals who could do justice to Mary's impressive catalog of songs. Tempers and tensions understandably ran high because of the decision, but the two shows leading up to the end of the tour went off well despite it all. The Carbon Underground was set to be the last show with the current band and road crew. Everything seemed to be going according to schedule until Reg didn't show up for the VIP Meet and Greet. A throng of fans were ready to pose for photos with Mary and the rest of the band when someone accidentally bumped one of the equipment cases near the stage, causing the body of a very dead band manager to fall out. Get your Backstage Pass to Voodoo Mary's Carbon Underground show and solve the mystery of who killed Reg Kennedy! **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

**The Body Farm (August 2019)** - 1930. The Great Depression is in full swing. The suicide rate is up. Hope is in short supply. Life is hard...

Some simply deal with the struggle. Others seek a way out. If the stories are to be believed, Jackson Montgomery suffered a psychotic break and buried his wife and three girls alive at various places on the farm in order to escape the responsibilities of being a husband and father in such a difficult time. He was never seen or heard from again. The newspapers dubbed him "The Gravedigger," and before long the stories were enough to transform him into an urban legend who might return at any point to punish anyone foolish enough to trespass on his land.

Fast forward to modern day.

When Museum Nocturnus, a cabinet of curiosities dedicated to all things odd and bizarre, decide to open a Gravedigger exhibit they enlist the help of the S.T.A.L.K. ghost hunting group and plan an excursion to the Montgomery farm to find out what really happened all those years ago. The museum group unexpectedly disappears while exploring the farm, and the S.T.A.L.K. group is left to piece together what happened. One of the only bits of evidence they have is a note nailed to the front door of the Montgomery house impossibly signed by The Gravedigger. It's not possible that Jackson Montgomery has returned from the beyond to murder more innocents. But, if not him, then who? Is this someone's idea of a joke? Or is it possible that someone else has taken up The Gravedigger's mantle?

Join the S.T.A.L.K. group and find out what really happened at a place that the locals call The Body Farm.

**\*\*Note:** Contains paranormal elements. **Difficulty Rating – 6/10**

**Traitor (September 2019)** - Dead Men Tell No Tales...or Do They?

Pirates, plunder, and pleasure. That's what passengers who sign up to "Voyage Aboard the Black Dagger" will experience as they set sail on a 4-day luxury pirate-themed cruise in the Atlantic. Those who book a spot aboard The Dagger will spend their time in full pirate regalia, enjoying the high seas as buccaneers of old did: imbibing on copious amounts of rum, feasting in the banquet hall, gambling, and lounging on the deck. As part of a new promotion, guests aboard the ship will also have the duration of the cruise to search for clues aboard The Black Dagger that will lead to Captain Armstead's treasure. Whoever finds the treasure first wins \$25,000. Given your recent case load with The Will Street Detective Agency, you are eager for a break and book passage aboard the ship, thinking it sounds like fun...and a way to possibly win a nice stack of cash. A group of history and English professors from Valley Falls University has the same idea and books spots on the cruise as a last hurrah before the fall term begins. The voyage is everything the brochures describe and more. Everyone is having the time of their lives when the unthinkable happens and one of the professors, Dr. Alexander Gorman, is found stabbed in the back in his cabin. Because the ship is hours from the nearest port and you have had some success with this type of case you offer to help with the investigation. The captain readily agrees. There is a killer aboard The Black Dagger, and it is up to you to uncover the motive behind Dr. Gorman's murder and bring the killer to justice. **Difficulty Rating – 7.5/10**

**The Last Laugh (October 2019)** - Fall is here, and The Wandering Monster Parade has come to town, bringing its variety show of teeth and claws to the town of Valley Falls. At about the same time, a strange clown has been showing up around town in various unusual places. Most people assume that the clown is a promotional tool used to help spread the word about the Monster Parade, and buzz for the event is high. That all changes when Savannah Pierce, reigning homecoming queen for the Valley Falls Druids, is found dead with smudges of greasepaint on her neck and cheeks. After repeated questioning, officials from the Monster Parade deny any knowledge of the clown and claim he isn't part of their organization. The Pierces, one of Valley Falls' wealthiest families, has hired you and the other members of The Will Street Detective Agency to locate the mysterious clown, uncover his identity, and find out what really happened to their daughter. Will you be able to solve the mystery of Savannah Pierce's murder before The Wandering Monster Parade leaves town...or will the fiend responsible get The Last Laugh? **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

**The Collector (November 2019)** - When someone doesn't pay their mini storage bill, the unit is eventually auctioned off to the highest bidder. Retired detective Arthur Dukes just purchased one of these mini storage units in hopes of reselling

the contents for a profit. Art was hoping for a big score, but was disappointed to find that he'd won a virtually empty storage unit aside from a single box. However, after opening the box and seeing some of the contents his heart began to race and his palms became sweaty. Instantly, memories from his career with the Valley Falls Police Department flashed before his eyes and he was taken back to the times of tracking down some of the city's most notorious serial killers. It now appears that a new evil has awoken in Valley Falls. **Difficulty Rating – 9/10**

**The Dark and Stormy Night (December 2019)** - Rosemary Clark is one of the world's most popular and enduring cozy mystery novelists. For the past two years, however, she has lived as a recluse in her hilltop mansion, cutting off contact with friends, family, and the public at large. The reason for her withdrawal from the public eye has been a subject of much debate until earlier this week when Ms. Clark emerged to announce that she had been writing her final novel, entitled "The Dark and Stormy Night." To celebrate the completion of the book, Ms. Clark invited a small group of her closest friends and associates to Winterwood Manor with the tantalizing revelation that she had featured all of them as characters in the novel. Benjamin Baker, owner of The Will Street Detective Agency and your boss, is on the guest list because of years spent advising Ms. Clark on the finer details of being a private detective. After the guests arrive and dinner has been served, Rosemary reveals that she has spent the last two years leaving her estate in secret to investigate a very specific crime and that the novel contains hints about both the crime and the one who committed it. Poised to reveal more about the plot and the main players in her mystery, Rosemary has just taken a sip of her nightcap when the lights flicker suddenly and then go out for a period of approximately ten seconds. A scream rips through the night and then the lights come back on. Inexplicably, Rosemary is gone. All that's left where she was standing are a few spatters of blood. After a thorough search of the house, Rosemary is nowhere to be found, and while it's unclear whether any sort of crime has been committed, there is a definite feeling that something is wrong here. Benjamin immediately calls you to come and investigate, insisting that he can't be the one to question the other guests since he is just as much a suspect as they are. Now, you are here at Winterwood Manor tasked with solving the type of serpentine mystery that Rosemary Clark was known for. Determine what happened to Rosemary Clark, search through the clues of her final novel to determine the nature of the crime and the identity of the criminal she had been investigating, and solve the mystery of The Dark and Stormy Night. **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

### Year 3

**The Jester (January 2020)** - In medieval times, most kings had a court jester to entertain and amuse them. On the night of the annual Masquerade Ball, King's Court Technologies discovers it has its own jester. While most of the partygoers are dressed in masquerade attire complete with mask and beads, one mysterious character is seen dressed in a fool's motley and a jester's cap with bells. However, this jester's purpose is not to entertain but, rather, to exact revenge on the king's behalf. Who is this jester and why have they murdered three company employees on the roof? What has really been going on at King's Court Technologies? Unmask The Jester and find out! **Difficulty Rating – 7.5/10**

**The Secret of Easthaven Forest (February 2020)** - When a group of mischievous kids sneaks into Easthaven Forest to escape the prying eyes of their parents and have some fun they are surprised to see a dark stranger dragging a body wrapped in plastic through the brush. They get closer to try and see what is going on and watch in horror as the killer meticulously covers the body up with leaves and scrub so that no one will see it. When one of the kids accidentally steps on a dry branch, alerting the killer to their presence, he gives chase, intent on keeping his secret a secret. The kids hightail it back to town on their bikes and head straight to the police station to report what they saw. After several hours of searching in the forest, the police finally locate the body. However, given a recent string of disappearances, they have a theory that more bodies may be hidden in the woods. You and your colleagues at The Will Street Detective Agency have been hired to consult on this case and dig deeper for evidence that will lead to the killer's capture. The kids are reluctant to say much out of fear that the killer will be coming to silence them for good so you have your work cut out for you. Find out as much as you can from the kids and identify the mysterious stranger in the woods. Easthaven Forest is a place where many dark secrets live and thrive. If you investigate this case properly and turn over the right stones,

you may learn what some of them are and they may change much of what you've come to believe about Valley Falls.

**Difficulty Rating – 7.5/10**

**The Pretender (March 2020)** - A group of die-hard fans have been given a chance to spend the weekend with their favorite horror author, Bradley Raymond. Only one of them is not at all what they seem. One of them is a twisted killer known only as The Pretender. **Difficulty Rating – 8/10**

**Duel (April 2020)** - One city. Two killers in competition. A twisted game that can only end in bloodshed. **Difficulty Rating – 8/10**

**Prison Break (May 2020)** - Brutality, violence, an attempted prison break, death....or, in other words, just another day at Valley Falls' most infamous correctional facility. In a place filled with criminals and guards who are just as vicious as the inmates they supervise, anyone could be a killer. The only question is who is responsible for the newest murder...and why did they do it? **Difficulty Rating – 6.5/10**

**Behind the Wall (June 2020)** - Fairmont Estates is a tightly-knit neighborhood in the heart of Valley Falls. The residents are all white-collar and well-to-do, and any of the homes could be featured on the front of any picture postcard...except the one on Bradford Street. That house has been tied up in probate court after the previous resident passed away and has been vacant for the last three years. The house, understandably, has fallen into disarray and been vandalized on occasion by some of the neighborhood teenagers. When a family is finally able to purchase the home, the first thing they do is begin extensive renovations to return the place to its former glory. As demolition and construction are both underway, the owners are shocked when the remains of a reporter that has been missing for the past year are discovered behind one of the walls. Even more chilling is the fact that she seems to have been interred while alive which is confirmed by one final message she wrote that begins: "To whoever finds me, the Fairmont residents all have secrets. One of them did this to me..." **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

**Hacked (July 2020)** - When famous Valley Falls hacker, Fluk3, infiltrates the computer database of The Will Street Detective Agency, the act doesn't follow the usual pattern of anarchy and rebellion. After discovering information in a cold case that relates to the murder of a relative, it becomes necessary to make amends and enlist the agency's services. Now offering assistance instead of resistance, Fluk3 offers to be the eyes and ears on the web in exchange for helping bring closure to this unsolved mystery. **Difficulty Rating – 6.5/10**

**Catch Me If You Can – The Collector: Part 2 (July 2020)** - The Collector has returned to finish the grisly business that began last year, and the stakes are higher than ever. The Collector has abducted someone very close to you and has given you a deadline of 24 hours to find them. Failure is not an option. It's time to put an end to The Collector's reign of terror. *\*This box was never a part of our monthly subscription service. It was released as a one-time box to continue the story of The Collector (November 2019).* **Difficulty Rating – 9/10**

**Framed (August 2020)** - The Valley Falls Museum is home to some of the world's most exciting art exhibits and archaeological finds. It is also known for its wonderful ancient history curator, Albert McCain. However, everything changes when a successful heist of the museum results in McCain's death. Based on evidence recovered from the scene, authorities arrest fellow museum employee, Noah Parker, and charge him with robbery and murder. Noah is a friend and calls you immediately, desperate to proclaim his innocence and enlist your help. He is aware of the Will Street Detective Agency's stellar track record and is hopeful that you will find information that will exonerate him. Solve the mystery of the museum heist, the murder of Albert McCain, and collect the clues that could either free Parker from jail or lead to his conviction. **Difficulty Rating – 6.5/10**

**The Circle (September 2020)** - When Jodie Wong hosts a group of her closest friends for an evening of fun, she decides the entertainment will be a game called The Circle that requires everyone to write down one anonymous fact about

themselves. The group will then take turns guessing which fact corresponds to which person. She decides to make things even more exciting by having everyone type out their fact on an antique typewriter that was owned by a murderer named Nicholas Hundley. Things get weird, however, when there are more messages than participants and one of the notes reads, "I killed a person once. Tonight, I'll kill another." No one admits to writing the note, and everyone goes home thinking it was nothing more than a bad joke. It doesn't seem funny the next day when Jodie is found murdered in her home. Was Jodie Wong killed by one of those closest to her who attended the party? Or was the typewriter a conduit through which something sinister entered this world? Enter The Circle and find out. **Difficulty Rating – 6.5/10**

**Lair (October 2020)** – Nightingale Lane is set off the main road and difficult to see from the highway. In other words, it's a perfect spot for secrets. When a courier for Coyote Parcel Service needs a signature for the envelope he is supposed to deliver to 148 Nightingale Lane, he peeks through the window in hopes of getting the owner's attention. What he sees is a room covered in blood-soaked plastic. Could there be a logical explanation for such a sinister sight? Is it possible that this isn't what it looks like? Or has he stumbled upon the lair of a madman who has managed to keep to the shadows and out of the public eye? Explore the house on Nightingale Lane and find out what's really been going on there. **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

**Museum Nocturnus (November 2020)** – Museum Nocturnus is a paranormal museum dedicated to cursed objects, items taken from haunted locations, serial killer artifacts, and anything else weird that wouldn't stand a chance of being curated for any other museum. Valley Falls' resident group of ghost hunters, S.T.A.L.K., purchased the museum in hopes of turning a profit and boosting their profile within the paranormal community. Father Richter Casey agrees to spend the night inside the museum and perform a series of blessings on the place before it reopens. Things go awry, however, when the priest is found dead the following morning. Given the frightful nature of the place, the list of potential culprits includes both human and supernatural suspects. Your job is to investigate The Hall of Murderers, The Hall of Cursed Toys, and The Hall of Haunted Items in order to determine what really happened to Father Casey. \*Contains Paranormal Elements. **Difficulty Rating – 6.5/10**

**Death at The Lamplight Theatre (November 2020)** – The air has a chilly nip to it. Snow is falling lightly. The holidays are almost here. The Lamplight Theatre is in the middle of a run of performances of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Reviews have been good, and ticket sales have been even better. Yet, things in Valley Falls never stay happy and festive for very long. When Victor Day, the lead actor playing Ebenezer Scrooge in the performance, is found dead, the show's future is called into question. Evidence points to one of the members of the cast and crew being responsible. Can you solve the case of "Death at The Lamplight Theatre?" *\*This box was never a part of our monthly subscription service. It was released as a one-time holiday box* **Difficulty Rating – 6.5/10**

**Sweet Tooth (Mini Mystery) (November 2020)** - Investigate the cutthroat world of baking in our newest mini-mystery as a famous food critic is found murdered after planning a visit to Valley Falls to review its finest culinary establishments. Note: This is a mystery that is half the size of our normal boxes and takes about half the amount of time to complete. The mini will be delivered in an envelope, not a box. *\*This mystery was never a part of our monthly subscription service. It was released as a one-time purchase* **Difficulty Rating – 5.5/10**

**The Spider (December 2020)** - Valley Falls has recently been hit by a wave of strange deaths. Five individuals have perished in accidents, yet a card with the image of a spider was found near each body. Were these more than mere accidents? Who is The Spider? Investigate our newest case and find out! **Difficulty Rating – 6/10**

## **Year 4**

**The Old and Hidden Secret (January 2021)** – The Ambrosia Hotel is a Valley Falls historical landmark and the scene of an unsolved murder from the 1930's. Local millionaire Harlan McAllister has purchased the hotel and spent the past 6 months restoring it. A week before the Grand Reopening he has invited a series of well-known Valley Falls personalities



who all have historical ties to the hotel including famed mystery author Rosemary Clark (last seen in *The Dark and Stormy Night*). The night's events are proceeding as planned until one of the guests, Sinclair LeCompt, doesn't show up for dinner. After checking his room, they find that LeCompt's door is chained from the inside. Once the chain is cut and access to the room is gained, LeCompt's body is found. He has been stabbed through the heart. But how is such a thing possible? The only one of the guests with an airtight alibi is Rosemary Clark. After the Will Street Detective Agency is brought in to help with the case, they enlist her assistance with this locked-room mystery. Can you help Rosemary Clark and The Will Street Detective Agency solve the mystery of *The Old and Hidden Secret*? **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

**The Inheritance (February 2021)** - The McClains are one of the oldest and richest families in Valley Falls. So when the current patriarch of the family, Edison McClain, asks for your help and is willing to make it worth your time, how can you say no? Edison was planning on naming his heir and the next head of the family. So he called together all of the McClains and proposed a game as a last test to see the worthiness of those he deemed had potential. But someone in the family had other ideas. During the family get-together, the McClain's oldest and most prized possession, a medallion bearing the household's coat of arms, was stolen. This 500-year-old family heirloom is believed by the family to be the reason for their wealth and success throughout the years. Without the medallion Edison can't name his heir, and he fears the family will fall into ruin. Will you be able to find the thief and the medallion? Can you recover *The Inheritance*? **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

**A Second Chance at Love (mini mystery) (February 2021)** - When the reality TV drama, "A Second Chance at Love," announced that it would be filming its next season in Valley Falls, excitement was high. As filming started, Aaron Queens, this season's new bachelor, was already a hit with the ladies. His looks and charm made many of the avid watchers wish they could be on the show as a contestant. But tragedy struck the show during the filming of *Wreckage Night*, an episode where some of the bachelor's exes are invited to spend a week with the contestants. After some technical issues, the crew returned to start filming only to find Aaron Queens dead in his room. Will you be able to sift through all of the lies, spite, and romance to find the killer? **Difficulty Rating – 6/10**

**The Watcher (March 2021)** - Allison Zeller has a secret admirer. She thinks the mysterious guy is sweet enough at first until his behavior escalates past simple admiration and spirals into full-blown obsession. Someone is stalking her and growing impatient that they can't have her. This infatuation culminates in a full-blown attack on Allison's life, leaving her at death's door. It's likely that whoever did this to her will come back to finish what they started. Can you find out the identity of Allison's stalker before it's too late? Can you unmask *The Watcher*? **Difficulty Rating – 7.5/10**

**Beneath the Surface (April 2021)** - A dog wanders up to the front steps of The Will Street Detective Agency. A note has been tucked into his collar. The note is written by a woman named Mary who has been kidnapped and is being held somewhere in town by a maniac who has already killed several other women. Mary has somehow managed to use the dog to carry her request for help, and now it is up to you to find her before it's too late. Retrace the dog's steps, use clues that the dog may have picked up unknowingly, and find the house where Mary is being kept. But beware! There is more to this case than meets the eye. See if you can find what lurks...*Beneath the Surface*! **Difficulty Rating – 8/10**

**Scavenger (May 2021)** - When Ernest Whitlock, the head of the Valley Falls Historical Society, is found dead from a gunshot wound inside City Hall, the first thing investigators do is check the security cameras. It's quickly determined that someone took the cameras off-line for the night. This leaves a series of unanswered questions about how Whitlock gained access to the locked building after hours and what he might have been doing there. Those questions are soon answered by a printed invitation found in his jacket pocket. The invitation is from Walter Cline, the founder of a group called the Enigmatic Assembly. The secretive group's mission statement is to "Shine a light on the unlit corners of the world to uncover secret truths," and their purpose is to seek out cryptic knowledge that has been lost to history. The letter Whitlock received provides a host of details about an extreme scavenger hunt that will lead six participants to the strangest and most remote corners of Valley Falls and task them with finding the location of a life-changing fortune. Based on this information, the most likely suspects in Whitlock's death are the five other players listed in the letter. Take

up the task that Ernest Whitlock started, play the game the Enigmatic Assembly has set into motion, and be prepared to go into the deepest, darkest places in Valley Falls to find Whitlock's killer. The Hunt is on! **Difficulty Rating – 7.5/10**

**Blast From the Past (June 2021)** - The 80's were a decade of big hair, MTV, video games, outrageous clothing, and fun. The Valley Falls High School "Class of '86" is having a Blast From the Past reunion to relive the glory days of their youth and see old friends that they've lost touch with over the years. The reunion is a roaring success until the principal is found strangled to death in his office. Only someone attending the reunion could have killed him. But who? And why? Take a nostalgic step back into the 80's, find out who killed the principal of Valley Falls High School, and experience a Blast From the Past! **Difficulty Rating – 8/10**

**Last Resort (July 2021)** - A group of co-workers employed by a Valley Falls travel agency have been given an incredible opportunity. The Refuge at Emerald Island is an isolated and exclusive resort that, ironically, none of the travel agents have ever heard of. What makes this opportunity even more special is that they will be the last group to stay at the tropical resort. The week after their stay, the resort is scheduled to be demolished by its owner and rebuilt as an industrial hub. Once the group arrives, they are excited for sand, sun and relaxation. That quickly changes when a member of their team is found dead with a harpoon in the back. The person who committed the crime must be one of the travel agency guests or the resort staff. Trapped on an island with a bloodthirsty killer, the body count is certain to go up as the suspect list goes down. Will you figure out who the killer is before it's too late? **Difficulty Rating – 6.5/10**