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." If a box shows "Difficulty Rating – TBD" this means we have not created an official difficulty rating for the box.

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 Edgarton 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**

The Ferryman (Mini Mystery) (April 2020) - Investigate a series of murders committed by The Ferryman, a notorious serial killer who leaves a coin in the mouth of his victims as one final act of mercy after he is done drowning them. **This mystery was first released in a free downloadable digital format. It has since been released in a printable version.* **Difficulty Rating – 5/10**

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**

Conspiracy (August 2021) - A hidden message in The Valley Falls Observer leads to the conclusion that all is not what it seems. Is the message simply the result of a typo, a practical joke, or mere coincidence? Or is there a deeper conspiracy working behind the scenes of Valley Falls? **Difficulty Rating – 7.5/10**

Blackout (September 2021) - When Rob Evers gets a big promotion at work, a celebration is in order. After a wild night out on the town, Rob wakes up in a dark alley with no memory of his actions and the disturbing sense that he might have been involved in something. Only he can't remember what. With a sinking feeling in his gut, he checks his pockets and finds a several strange items along with a series of voice messages on his phone. When he calls his friends, they even tell him that he left the bar with a woman. Rob has no memory of the night at all and is worried about what he might have done. Retrace Rob's actions from the night in question and determine all of the things he did during his Blackout! **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

Screamland (October 2021) - Screamland is Valley Falls' #1 haunted house attraction. Customers drive from all over Thornmire county to experience the fun and frights that Screamland has to offer. The experience becomes all too real, however, when Bekah and Erich Rosenbalm go missing. Their last known location? You guessed it: Screamland. You and your colleagues at the Will Street Detective Agency are hired by Bekah's parents to find the missing couple. Will you confront humans wearing the faces of monsters or monsters wearing human faces? In Valley Falls, anything is possible! Screamland is ready and waiting for you. Get your ticket now for the scariest attraction in Valley Falls! **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

Double Feature – Howl at the Moon (October 2021) - Howl at the Moon: Three recent deaths in Valley Falls have all the signs of animal attacks. However, the evidence about the sort of animal that could be responsible is inconclusive. Rumors abound that the murders might have been committed by a werewolf, given that they all occurred under the light of a full moon. The local authorities, however, aren't taking that seriously. The only connection that the three victims share is their love and patronage of a local watering hole called Ernie's Bar. Can you determine who (or what) is

responsible for the deaths of these three victims? Beware: this case may get a little hairy! **This box was never a part of our monthly subscription service. It was released as a one-time box combined with The Ventriloquist.* **Difficulty Rating – 6/10**

Double Feature – The Ventriloquist (October 2021) - The Ventriloquist: The police are shocked when a man walks into the police station with a bomb strapped to his chest. The mystery deepens, however, when they discover that he is simply a puppet that has been manipulated and sent there by someone calling themselves The Ventriloquist. What is The Ventriloquist's message to the Valley Falls police, and why has he taken the entire police force hostage? Don't be a dummy. Investigate this case and find out! **This box was never a part of our monthly subscription service. It was released as a one-time box combined with Howl at the Moon.* **Difficulty Rating – 6/10**

Nick Groff's Ghost Hunt – The Cleansing of Killian House (October 2021) - The story of Zane Killian is a dark, bloody stain on Valley Falls history. A noted madman, serial killer, and practitioner of the black arts, Killian was a reclusive millionaire who had inherited a fortune from his wealthy father. Since Killian's death in the early 1900's, many who have set foot in the mansion have never made it out to tell about it. Many souls that have explored the dismal hallways of Killian House have met an untimely demise, and it is believed that Zane Killian found a way to cheat death. You have been tasked with helping famed paranormal investigator, Nick Groff, explore the Killian House and locate Killian's secret that binds him to the house. Your investigation may involve speaking with the spirits of Killian's victims who are still believed to inhabit the house. No doubt, if they are able to communicate they will be too happy to share information on how to eradicate Killian's spirit and see justice finally served. Cleanse the house of the evil bound spirit of Zane Killian and restore peace to this dark corner of Valley Falls. **This box was never a part of our monthly subscription service. It was released as a one-time box.* **Difficulty Rating – 6/10**

The Legacy Game (November 2021) - Hillview Academy is the most elite private school in Valley Falls. Six of Hillview's finest receive a mysterious invitation in their locker to participate in something called The Legacy Game. The game will begin promptly at midnight in the local cemetery at the gravesite of Jefferson F. Pritchard, which the letter describes as one of Valley Falls' most infamous citizens. The invitation, sent from someone calling themselves The Headmaster, promises a life-changing reward for the winner. However, no one has ever heard of Jefferson F. Pritchard, and Hillview Academy doesn't have a headmaster. What is The Legacy Game, who is The Headmaster, and what is so special about a dead man that doesn't show up in any of the Valley Falls history books? Play The Legacy Game and find out! **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

A Stolen Star (November 2021) - A theft has occurred at the Valley Falls Mall. No stores were robbed. No products were taken. Instead, the thief stole the heart of Christmas itself - the star from atop the mall's giant Christmas tree. What at first seems like a harmless prank becomes much more upon further investigation. Without the star, the Christmas Eve light show cannot happen because the star is needed for all the other lights in the display to work. Not only will this lead to some people losing their jobs, but it will also affect the light show fundraiser for the homeless of Valley Falls. Can you find the star in time and help save Christmas? **This box was never a part of our monthly subscription service. It was released as a one-time holiday box.* **Difficulty Rating – 5.5/10**

The Artist (Mini Mystery)(November 2021) - Nicolas Polk was a gifted artist. Even as a student enrolled in Valley Falls University's prestigious art program, his work always stood head and shoulders above the rest. Fittingly enough, Nicolas was announced as the winner of the annual LaBelle Art Show. Imagine everyone's surprise, however, when the young savant was found dead the next morning inside the art gallery. Can you catch the killer before they get away with a picture-perfect crime? **This mystery was never a part of our monthly subscription service. It was released as a one-time purchase.* **Difficulty Rating – 6.5/10**

Till Death (Mini Mystery)(November 2021) - It's the perfect day for a wedding at the illustrious McKinley Event Center until the groom turns up dead just hours before he is set to walk down the aisle. Given that the only attendees are

friends and family of the couple, this case is bound to get messy. As if weddings weren't drama-filled enough, now you have to catch a killer in addition to dealing with all the madness of the event itself. This gives a whole new meaning to 'Till Death Do They Part.' Can you uncover who murdered the groom and why? **This mystery was never a part of our monthly subscription service. It was released as a one-time purchase.* **Difficulty Rating – 6/10**

The Gift (December 2021) - As the holiday season approaches, the Valley Falls Police Department receives an early present: three dead bodies surrounded by toys and games. These "gifts" have been left by someone calling themselves The Tinkerer. Now, the killer has left a note at the Will Street Detective Agency claiming that more lives are on the line. Time is running out. **Difficulty Rating – 6.5/10**

Year 5

Suited for Death (January 2022) - Dapper Gentlemen's Shop is one of the most respected men's clothing stores in all of Valley Falls. Its reputation, however, has become tarnished after two recent murder victims were found dressed in Dapper Gentlemen's suits. As a result, its employees have gone from being viewed as respected tailors to being viewed as the prime suspects in these gruesome killings. Uncover what is actually going on behind the scenes at this esteemed haberdashery and find out who else might be Suited for Death! **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

High Stakes (February 2022) - A frantic woman comes in first thing Monday morning begging you to take her case. Charlotte Moralis hasn't heard from her husband, George Moralis, in over 24 hours. This past weekend George was on a getaway to The Velvet Curtain Casino. The last she heard from him was a voicemail telling her he was in some kind of trouble. Charlotte tried calling the police, but they wrote off her case. She insists that while George may have a gambling problem, he would never abandon his family. The casino has unsurprisingly been completely unhelpful when she called. So, you decide it's best to go undercover and see just how high the stakes are. **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

Tunnel of Love (Mini Mystery)(February 2022) - When it was announced that real estate developer Lucas Webb was buying the abandoned Fun Town amusement park, the reception was mixed. At the project launch party held at the park, Webb wandered off with his long-time girlfriend and never returned. His body was later discovered in the old Tunnel of Love ride, and his girlfriend was nowhere to be found. Who killed Lucas Webb and why? Hold on tight, this mystery is going to be a bumpy ride! **This mystery was never a part of our monthly subscription service. It was released as a one-time purchase.* **Difficulty Rating – 6.5/10**

Down the Rabbit Hole (March 2022) - When a string of deaths strikes the Abernathy Retirement Community, your grandfather, Edgar Mirkowsky, contacts you to help him investigate. Edgar has always dazzled the family with fanciful stories of his past as a private detective, so you can't help but wonder if this is just another wild tale fueled by his investigative fantasies. When you arrive at the retirement facility, you suddenly feel as if you've crossed into another world. Nothing seems to make sense, and the residents all feel like characters that stepped out of a book. You wonder if you have arrived at a retirement community or tumbled Down the Rabbit Hole. **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

The Last Prey (April 2022) - Richard Chalmers, an upstanding Valley Falls citizen and wealthy businessman, has passed away. He was a city favorite as Santa Claus and even won Valley Falls "Man of The Year." Yet, it appears he might've had a hidden hobby no one knew about. During an estate sale liquidating Chalmers' property, someone discovered his hunting journal. The contents are shocking to say the least. According to the entries, Chalmers has been stalking and killing people for the last few years. Based on discoveries found in the journal, he wasn't able to kill his final captured victim. The dates of those journal entries indicate there's a chance the final victim may still be alive. Journey into a serial killer's mind to discover where his last victim is before time runs out and help rescue The Last Prey! **Difficulty Rating – 8/10**

The Strange and Twisted Game (May 2022) - World-renowned mystery writer, Rosemary Clark, has seen more than her fair share of adventure. In addition to authoring some of the most tightly-plotted mysteries to ever hit the Best Seller list, she has also helped solve a few as well like the case of The Dark and Stormy Night and The Old and Hidden Secret. Now comes a new Rosemary Clark mystery that places her firmly in the crosshairs of someone calling themselves The Hangman. The Hangman has challenged Rosemary either to uncover his secret or face an unspoken wrath whose details he won't divulge. Accompany Rosemary on her quest to determine The Hangman's identity and why she has been dragged into the middle of this case. Yet, beware, this mystery is anything but straightforward. In the words of Rosemary herself, this is truly "A Strange and Twisted Game" indeed! **Difficulty Rating – 7/10**

Insert Coin (Mini Mystery) (May 2022) - An old friend, Simon Newall, owner of Retro Corner Arcade, reaches out to you to help solve a mystery that his father left behind, hidden in secret levels of certain arcade machines. You agree without hesitation, eager to reconnect with one of your childhood buddies. However, your hopes of a reunion are dashed when you arrive at the arcade and learn from his wife that Simon was killed during a burglary gone wrong. As one last favor for an old friend, you decide to do as Simon asked and figure out what secret was worth hiding in such a strange way. Are you ready to play? If so, Insert Coin! **This mystery was never a part of our monthly subscription service. It was released as a one-time purchase.* **Difficulty Rating – 6/10**

John Doe (June 2022) - Once again, your job as a Will Street Detective has landed you in the middle of a strange case. The police have called you to help investigate the homicide of a John Doe. The victim was found in the trunk of a car at Lewis's Junkyard just before the vehicle was scheduled to be crushed. No identification was found on the victim who had been beaten past the point of recognition. As you sift through the items found scattered throughout the car, it becomes clear that this man was involved with something nefarious. Can you sort through the clues to identify this John Doe and find out who killed him? **Difficulty Rating – 6.5/10**

Initiation (June 2022) - The Scourge is an underground organization of serial killers that has secretly plagued Valley Falls from the shadows. Although there have been mentions of them from time to time, they have been dormant for the past couple of years. That all changes when an officer with the Valley Falls Police Department comes across a jar containing 3 human hearts. Minutes after the officer radios in the grotesque findings, a courier delivers a package containing a disturbing VHS tape. Your friend, Phil Herbert with VFPD, gives you a call to immediately bring you in on the case because you were so helpful during Duel, the previous Scourge case. Phil mentions Anubis, The Scourge, and some type of initiation, and your mind immediately goes back to the serial killer competition that gripped the city a few years earlier. Will this be something similar? You pray that isn't the case as it will undoubtedly mean bloodshed on a wide scale. With a deep breath, you grab your things and head to the police station to get the details. What is The Scourge up to this time? Find out in this newest Scourge mystery…Initiation! **This mystery was never a part of our monthly subscription service. It was released as a one-time purchase.* **Difficulty Rating – 8/10**

Unearthed (July 2022) - Members of an archeological team set out to the jungles of Mexico in search of an ancient Mayan artifact known only in legends. For the members of the group who have dreamt of this sort of thing their entire lives, it feels like the dig of a lifetime. Or, at least it does, until members of the party begin disappearing during the night. The jungle has held secrets for thousands of years. Is the key to the vanishings just one more mystery that the jungle is hiding? Are the disappearances the work of man or could some of the darker Mayan myths actually be true? **Difficulty Rating – 6/10**

Flashback (August 2022) - The Flashback cruise was intended to be a way to revisit the '90s in fun ways that kids from back in the day would describe as "all that and a bag of chips." Some of the most popular child celebrities from the '90s, all managed by Jake Murray, were scheduled to be aboard for a week of sunny nostalgia, discussions about which flip phone was better, and whether or not you prepped for Y2K. When Jake Murray is found dead aboard the ship, all indications point to one of his celebrity clients as the killer. Unfortunately, you are one of those celebrities, and are implicated in the crime by the fact that something belonging to you was used as the murder weapon. Because

jurisdiction out on the open water is tricky, you have a few hours before the Ladybird is due back at port to find out who the real killer is and expose them for the criminal they are. Can you Flashback to an era of slap bracelets, Furbies, and floppy disks and find out which of your '90s celebrity friends is really a cold-blooded murderer? **Difficulty Rating – 6.5/10**

The Unmarked Grave (August 2022) - S.T.A.L.K. is the premiere group of ghost hunters in Valley Falls. You will assume the role of Kristina Noble, a local paranormal investigator who comes from a long line of psychics and clairvoyants. You are being considered for a spot in the group because of your passion for the supernatural and your investigative skills. While on a weekend camping trip in Easthaven Forest, you and the members of S.T.A.L.K. stumble across an unmarked grave deep in the woods. Because opportunities like this don't happen every day, the group decides to try and use paranormal investigation techniques to determine the identity of the body and learn what happened. Investigate The Unmarked Grave and follow wherever the trail leads. But, be warned! Easthaven Forest is known for its multitude of secrets. Who knows what dark truths you will discover once you drag those into the light? **This mystery was never a part of our monthly subscription service. It was released as a one-time purchase.* **Difficulty Rating- 6.5/10**

Murder at Cape Anna (September 2022) - Vacations are rare for the Will Street Detective Agency staff, but only a fool would pass up the opportunity to spend a week in Cape Anna, a sleepy, seaside town on the northeast coast. The trip is a fringe benefit of a speaking engagement you had earlier in the day at a symposium on modern day crime-solving techniques. Now that you've given your presentation, you are free for the rest of the week to do nothing but sample all the fresh seafood, bask in the warm sunshine, and revel in the complete lack of responsibility. The activity at the top of your “to-do” list is to stop by the town’s Founder’s Festival. You've read a lot of interesting stories about the festival and the town itself and think it would be a shame to miss this opportunity. You reconsider your position on the matter when you arrive at the festival and see an all too familiar site at the end of a row of tents - police tape. The stark yellow tape seems out of place in such an idyllic locale. As you move closer, you see two men wearing Murphree County Coroner shirts carrying a black body bag. The sheriff’s deputies who are attempting to investigate the scene seem to be in over their heads. The head detective on the case, Ryan Clark, recognizes you from the symposium and informs you that they've never seen a case quite like this before. Given your expertise, Clark asks if you’d like to help them on this investigation. He promises all the lobster rolls and blueberry pie you can eat! How can you say no to that? Pull back the curtain and examine the dark heart that beats beneath this sleepy, seaside town. Can you solve the Murder at Cape Anna? **Difficulty Rating – 6/10**

Follow the Leader (October 2022) - The silence of a quiet night at Valley Falls Dispatch is shattered when a frantic call comes in. The man on the line says he is being chased and rambles about something that happened in the past with him and a group of friends. Then, the call is abruptly disconnected. When the police pinpoint the location of the call and arrive on the scene, they discover the caller's dead body. Written in blood on the wall behind the body is a message that reads, "Follow the Leader 2017."

Something terrible happened 5 years ago, and someone is out for revenge. Old scores will be settled. Old secrets will be uncovered. Will you Follow the Leader and live to tell about it? **Difficulty Rating – 6.5/10**

Trick or Treat (October 2022) - Hyde Manor is one of those places in Valley Falls that is notorious for its reputation as a haunted house. The house is abandoned, in a serious state of disrepair, and should have been condemned long ago. But, tonight, on an evening when the air is crisp and filled with the acrid smell of burning leaves, there is a light on in one of the downstairs windows. Tonight...on Halloween night!

As president of the Neighborhood Watch, you decide to investigate. A gaunt, skeletal old man named Bradbury answers the door and says, "I've been expecting you. I need your help."

You know immediately that something is wrong about this entire situation, but you can't quite put your finger on it. So, you have a choice to make. Do you investigate and try to figure out what is going on at Hyde Manor? What will you find at the bottom of this Halloween mystery?

Trick or Treat?

This was a special seasonal One-Time Box for Halloween and was not part of the subscription service.* **Difficulty Rating – 7.5/10

The Gavel (October 2022 – Micro Mystery in DMS Crate) – **This was a special micro mystery that was part of the DMS Crate and was not part of the subscription service.* **Difficulty Rating – 6/10**

Monster Mash (November 2022) - Bradley Raymond is one of the world's most successful horror writers. So, it only makes sense that he lives in Valley Falls where frightening things seem to lurk around every corner. Raymond is known for writing about things that go bump in the night and about monsters that wear human faces. Yet, when people begin to be murdered in ways that mimic the plots of some of his most famous novels, it becomes clear that someone is doing their best to frame him. Things take a turn for the worst when it is discovered that the most recent victim can be linked to one of his unpublished manuscripts. Is the killer a member of Bradley Raymond's inner circle? Did his novels inspire a murderer to commit these atrocities? Or is there more to Bradley Raymond than meets the eye? Do the Monster Mash and find out! **Difficulty Rating – 6.5/10**

Stop That Toy! (November 2022) - The holiday season is in full swing. It's Christmas Eve, and people are out getting ready for parties, enjoying the Christmas atmosphere, and doing some last-minute shopping. Unfortunately, you are one of those shoppers. Pushing your way through the crowds, you check store after store in the hope of finding a Danny the Dragon doll for your daughter. But it looks like waiting until the last minute wasn't a wise idea, as every store is sold out of the popular toy. Unwilling to disappoint your daughter, you decide to chase down a desperate lead given to you by a helpful toy store clerk. Failure in your quest will mean Christmas is ruined for your little girl. Success, however, will mean smiles and good cheer for everyone at your house tomorrow morning. Take up the hunt for a Danny the Dragon and see if you can Stop That Toy! **This was a special seasonal One-Time Box for Christmas and was not part of the subscription service.* **Difficulty Rating – 5/10**

Snowbound (December 2022) - The Big Elk Lodge has seen better days. Since the highway was built, directing traffic and tourists away from scenic Blackstone Mountain, the lodge is on the brink of closure. Winters in the area are normally harsh, but this year has been unprecedented, culminating in a freak blizzard that dropped more than twenty inches of snow in less than a twenty-four hour period. The lodge didn't have any bookings for the night. But, the storm was so severe that several people traveling in the area were forced to take shelter at Big Elk. The travelers were all seemingly strangers to each other, brought together by their common enemy of winter weather. But when one of the strangers is found murdered in their room the following morning, it seems that maybe there were some connections amongst some of the guests after all. Assume the role of Sheriff Ambrose King, who was also forced to take shelter at the lodge, and see if you can catch a murderer while Snowbound in The Big Elk Lodge! **Difficulty Rating – TBD**

Year 6

Skeletons in the Closet (January 2023) - When Walter Hudson, a wealthy entrepreneur, passes away, each member of his estranged family expects to receive their inheritance. As they gather at the estate, they are surprised to find you, a member of the Will Street Detective Agency. Walter's will implies there is more to his death and more to his family than meets the eye. Can you comb through the evidence left by Walter and discover how many skeletons are in this family's closet? **Difficulty Rating – TBD**

Temple of X (February 2023) - The Temple of X? Nobody except the group's members knew exactly what it was or where it was located. There were rumors, of course. Most people thought it was a doomsday cult dedicated to aliens and the end of the world. But, the group was notoriously tight-lipped about their beliefs and what went on inside their compound. Yet, more and more people joined the Temple of X thanks to their mysterious and charismatic leader. People left their families without much explanation and cut off communication with the outside world, choosing instead to live at the commune with their newfound "brothers and sisters." It's been weeks since anyone from the Temple of X has been heard from or seen. A group of concerned family members has hired you and your colleagues at the Will Street Detective Agency to investigate and find out if their relatives are still alive. What will you find inside the Temple of X?
Difficulty Rating - TBD