

# DIANE VALLERE BIO



**SHORT BIO:** After two decades working for a top luxury retailer, Diane Vallere traded fashion accessories for accessories to murder. She is a national bestselling author and a past president of Sisters in Crime. She started her own detective agency at age ten and has maintained a passion for shoes, clues, and clothes ever since.

**LONG BIO:** Diane Vallere is a mystery writer with thirty titles to her name. Her most recent, TOUGH LUXE (Polyester Press) is the eleventh in her popular and long-running Samantha Kidd Mystery Series. She is an award-nominated (Best Humorous Mystery) and national bestselling author. In addition to the Berks County-based Samantha Kidd Mysteries, she writes the Madison Night, Sylvia Stryker, Material Witness, Costume Shop, and Mermaid Sister mysteries. She has contributed short stories to several anthologies, most recently MURDER-A-GO-GO's: Crime Fiction Inspired by the Music of the Go-Gos (Down & Out Books).

Diane served as president of Sisters in Crime, a national non-profit that advocates for the professional development of women crime writers. Her newsletter, The Weekly DiVa, has an active following, focusing on girl talk, book talk, and life talk.

After living in both Texas and California, she has returned to Pennsylvania where her writing is fueled by a steady diet of pretzels.

## TALKING POINTS:

- Powered by Pretzels: How a Local Author Mines Berks County Life for her Mystery Series
- Crimes of Fashion: How a Career in Retail Buying Led to Murder Mysteries
- Growing Up: Using Self-Help and Personal Growth to Keep Series Characters Fresh

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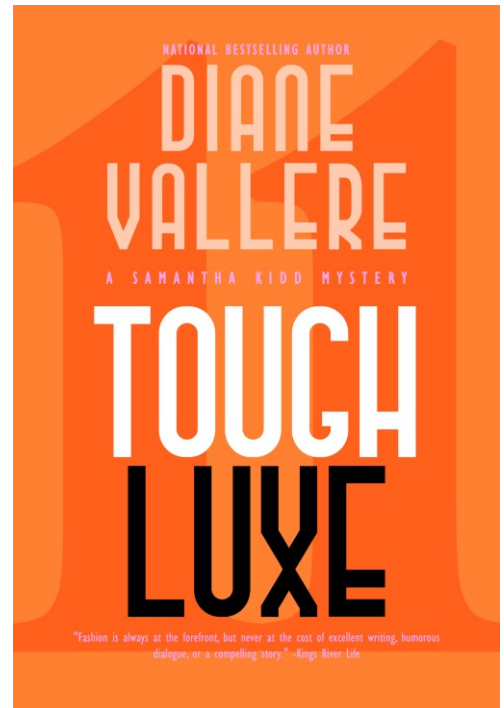
# TOUGH LUXE

(Polyester Press – February 23, 2021)

**She wanted to visit an old friend. The “friend” is in jail for murder. Can she find new evidence to clear a convicted killer?**

Fashionista Samantha Kidd’s new role as style columnist for the local paper encourages her to attend events and discover new trends. But when an out-of-the-blue invitation to visit an acquaintance arrives, standing out is the last thing she wants. The acquaintance is the heiress to a pretzel fortune — or she would be if she were free. Instead, she’s quietly serving a double life sentence after being convicted of killing her media mogul husband.

When new evidence surfaces, the heiress is ready to break her silence. But while the press lines up to get the scoop (and the ratings!), Samantha can’t help wondering who the victim is in this scenario. And after hearing the heiress’s story firsthand, Sam suspects the wrong person was locked up. If she’s right, a killer’s on the loose and will stop at nothing to silence Samantha too.



Can Samantha infiltrate the high life to expose a down and dirty crime?

*Tough Luxe* is the eleventh fashionable mystery in the humorous Samantha Kidd mystery series. If you like manipulative characters, stylish crimes, and *Orange-Is-the-New-Black* drama, then you’ll love Diane Vallere’s high-stakes comic mystery.

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# THE SAMANTHA KIDD MYSTERY SERIES

Former fashion buyer turned amateur sleuth. Former New Yorker turned Pennsylvanian.  
Former act-together turned what-have-I-done-to-my-life?



"...the book is enriched by the author's cleverly phrased prose and convincing characterization. The surprise ending will satisfy and delight many mystery fans. A diverting mystery that offers laughs and chills." - *Kirkus Reviews*

"an impressive cozy mystery from a promising author." - *Mystery Tribune*

"Combining fashion and fatalities, Diane Vallere pens a winning debut mystery...a sleek and stylish read." - Ellen Byerrum, National Bestselling author of the Crime of Fashion mysteries

"Vallere once again brings her knowledgeable fashion skills to the forefront, along with comedy, mystery, and a saucy romance. *Buyer, Beware* did not disappoint!" - *Chick Lit Plus*

"Fashion is always at the forefront, but never at the cost of excellent writing, humorous dialogue, or a compelling story." - *Kings River Life*

"A captivating new mystery voice, Vallere has stitched together haute couture and murder in a stylish mystery. *Dirty Laundry* has never been so engrossing!"  
- Krista Davis, *New York Times* Bestselling Author of *The Domestic Diva* Mysteries

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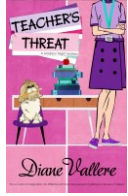
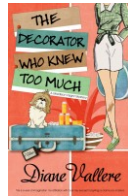
"Diane Vallere takes the reader through this cozy mystery with her signature wit and humor."  
- Mary Marks, *NY Journal of Books*

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# OTHER WORKS:

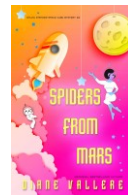
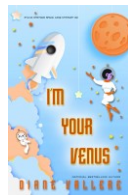
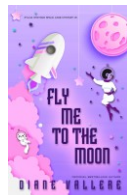
## MADISON NIGHT MYSTERIES

The lightness of Doris Day, the darkness of homicide, and a Shih Tzu named Rock. The series features late-forties, mid-century modern interior decorator Madison Night and takes place in Dallas, Texas. Each book winks at a different Doris Day movie.



## SPACE CASE MYSTERIES

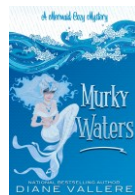
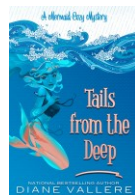
The Space Case Cozies feature uniform lieutenant/amateur sleuth Sylvia Stryker on the Moon Unit Cruise Ship in outer space. Sylvia is joined by Neptune, head of security, Pika, a pink alien, and her robot cat. Judy Jetson meets Stephanie Plum with *Star Trek* sprinkles on top.



## MERMAID SISTER MYSTERIES

Fun for all ages! Three sisters vying for attention. One matriarch to keep them in line.

A world of adventure filled with nefarious characters, hidden secrets, mysterious activities, and sunken treasure. Sunken treasure? Yes, sunken treasure. Because this is the ocean, where pearls are common, crimes are not, and mysteries lurk behind every cluster of coral.



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4. Some Like It Haute – Jan 2015
5. Grand Theft Retro – May 2016
6. Pearls Gone Wild – Dec 2016
7. Cement Stilettos – Jun 2017
8. Panty Raid – Jun 2018
9. Union Jacked – Apr 2019
10. Slay Ride – Dec 2019
11. Tough Luxe – Feb 2021

## **MADISON NIGHT MYSTERIES:**

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2. Pillow Stalk – Oct 2012
3. That Touch of Ink – Feb 2014
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2. Murky Waters – Jun 2019
3. Sleeping with the Fishes – Sep 2019

## **MATERIAL WITNESS MYSTERIES**

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2. Crushed Velvet – Aug 2015
3. Silk Stalkings – Aug 2016

## **SPACE CASE MYSTERIES:**

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3. Saturn Night Fever – Sep 2018
4. Spiders From Mars – May 2020

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