

Diane Vallere's **SAMANTHA KIDD KILLER FASHION** Mysteries

Checklist of Titles in Order

Published by Polyester Press in print and ebook format.



1. **Designer Dirty Laundry** - Ready to redesign her life, style expert Samantha Kidd accepts a job in her Pennsylvania hometown as a trend specialist. But her first day goes completely A-line when she stumbles across her legendary boss dead in the elevator. And after the body disappears, she can't help but pull on the mystery's thread and unravel an entire wardrobe of suspects. Supervising her deceased employer's vogue competition, Samantha tries to hem in a sexy shoe designer and countless ego-driven creatives to stitch together the clues. But when her own name appears on the police's suspect list, the sleuthing fashionista's days on the catwalk could be numbered. Can Samantha put a killer in the spotlight before she's sewn up for a crime she didn't commit?

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2. **Buyer Beware** - Samantha Kidd recently added an unexpected skill to her fashion-heavy resume: solving a crime. But amateur sleuthing doesn't pay the bills. A new retailer shows interest in hiring her as their handbag buyer, but there's one big red flag: the last buyer was killed on the job. Moving back to her old hometown was about leaving that career path behind, but Samantha's out of options. When another person at the store is murdered, the walls close in like a snug, satin lining. Can Samantha get a handle on an inside job without getting caught in the killer's clutches?

Night Owl Reviews Top Pick!



3. **The Brim Reaper** - With no job prospects on the horizon, former fashion buyer Samantha Kidd convinces boyfriend and shoe designer Nick Taylor to give her a job. But when close friend Eddie asks for help with an exhibit of vintage Hollywood costumes, she splits her time between romance and comedy--until a dead man claims all of her attention. Brimming with good intentions, she leave the investigation to the cops, but the killer keeps Eddie in the crosshairs. If Samantha can tear the lid off the investigation, it might mean a feather in her fedora. And if she can't? Her best friend might get capped.



4. **Some Like It Haute** – a **no-murder mystery** - Samantha Kidd's love life is on ice. After breaking up with shoe designer Nick Taylor, she's lost, lonely—and stuck with a commitment she regrets: helping Nick's glamorous best friend mount her first fashion show. Pride keeps Samantha from quitting even though the designer's appreciation is lukewarm at best. When a couture garment goes up in flames during the event, Samantha suspects sabotage. After risking death investigating on her own, Samantha recruits a hot photographer to help...and to make Nick jealous. As the heat turns up, Samantha's curiosity leads her into another inferno—and this time she either faces the fire or gets burned.

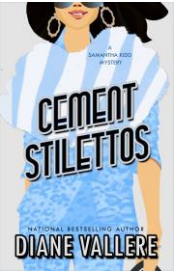


5. **Grand Theft Retro** – **seventies style!** - With her thirty-mumble-birthday on the horizon, amateur sleuth and fashion expert Samantha Kidd is determined to get her life under control. Her steady job at Retrofit Magazine comes with a paycheck, medical benefits, a 401K, and an assignment to dive into seventies style. She's prepared to report on patchwork velvet and platform shoes, but she never expected to uncover the theft of a major collection of samples from the days before disco died. When the guilty party threatens Samantha's family and friends, her priorities shift into protection mode. The investigation heats up faster than fondue over sterno, and all too soon Samantha learns that while the beat goes on, there's no guarantee she'll go on with it.

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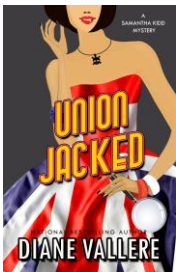
- 6. *Pearls Gone Wild* – Christmas Mystery** - Amateur sleuth Samantha Kidd's life is finally on track. It's her normally cultured friend Cat whose life has lost its luster: eight months pregnant and abandoned by her husband the week before Christmas. She ropes Samantha into helping at her boutique, but a string of jewelry thefts threatens her business. And when Cat's husband is found strangled with pearls inside the shop, the last thing she's concerned with is profit. Samantha tries to get a bead on the killer, but when the suspects all clam up, she's left tangled in knots. Add in an unexpected proposal, a flirtatious friend, and a brand new detective, and this is bound to be Samantha's wildest adventure yet.



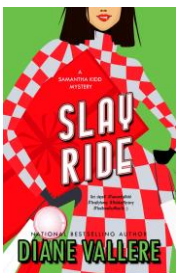
- 7. *Cement Stilettoes* – Mafia!** - When newly engaged amateur sleuth Samantha Kidd discovers the body of a mafia princess dead in fiancé and shoe designer Nick Taylor's showroom, her questions are so numerous she'd need a bookie to keep track. The victim's ties to local organized crime are unexpected. Nick's apparent vow of silence makes Samantha question the vows in their future, and despite past promises, all bets are off. Wise guys and leopard ladies keep her busier than a consigliere during tax season, and if she can't keep her head above water, she'll end up sleeping with the fishes.



- 8. *Panty Raid* - Samantha goes to Las Vegas!** - When amateur sleuth Samantha Kidd is assigned to cover the lingerie shows in Las Vegas, her excitement is more visible than panty lines. Events in her hometown have made her a celebrity, and a romantic getaway with fiancé Nick Taylor is timely. But when a lingerie model is found dead outside their hotel room, their escape turns brief. Cheeky designers, high class hookers, and tabloid trouble make this gamble her most dangerous one yet, but when push-up comes to shove, Samantha bares everything in order to save her future.



- 9. *Union Jacked* -** Samantha Kidd is gobsmacked by the wins in her life. Job: check. Man: check. Inner peace: closer than she's been in a while. But when the British invasion arrives in the form of new business owners, her checked boxes tumble. Her retail employer sells out, her coworkers go on strike, and her husband is out of the country. When a union representative is found dead outside the store, the bottom falls out. Samantha's reluctant mentor, Detective Loncar, warns her to stay out of the investigation, but even he has something to hide. Between a cop bar, a life coach, and a blue line that's anything but thin, Samantha's teacup runneth over. It's time for Samantha to spill some tea...or risk being royally screwed. **Detective Loncar's at the center of this one!**

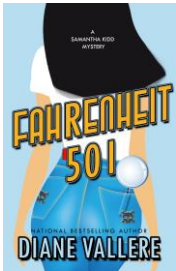


- 10. *Slay Ride* – Christmas Mystery!** - When intrepid fashion insider Samantha Kidd lands a temporary assignment as a social media influencer two weeks before Christmas, she dives into the world of lifestyle goals. The job provides props to encourage drool-worthy posts destined to inspire envy and drive customers into last-minute shopping frenzies, but when a colleague goes missing, the illusion of Samantha's perfect life fades like an out-of-date filter. The only clues to her colleague's disappearance are found on his Instagram timeline, which Samantha knows has been staged. Maintaining appearances and influencing Christmas sales trends takes a back seat to finding her friend, but when the lines between authenticity and hype are blurred, she'll either reveal the truth ... or drown in a sea of hashtags.

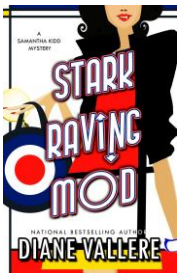




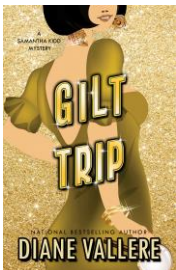
11. *Tough Luxe* - Fashionista Samantha Kidd's new role as style columnist for the local paper encourages her to attend events and discover new trends. But when an out-of-the-blue invitation to visit an acquaintance arrives, standing out is the last thing she wants. The acquaintance is the heiress to 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. **One of my personal favorites in the series!**



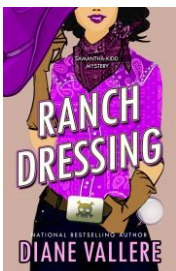
12. *Fahrenheit 501* - **Agatha Christie vibes! - When Samantha Kidd is invited to fill a vacated spot in a secret society, she jumps at the chance. The group's mission is to preserve famous fashion patterns through memorization and pass them down to future generations, but Samantha's dreams of Chanel jackets and Halston dresses are dashed when she's assigned the 501 jean. And when the retiring denim expert turns up dead, she fears there's more than fashion history at stake. Garments from the deceased member's estate are linked to a series of deadly jean jackings, and Samantha questions everything. Was the member's death an admission of guilt or vigilante justice? As she pulls at the threads of the investigation, she finds the fabric of her secret society fraying at the seams.**



13. *Stark Raving Mod* – **Spies! - When Samantha Kidd places the winning bid on a mystery trunk from the estate of a sixties pop star, she's over the moon—until she opens it and discovers more than mod fashions: top secret papers that suggest something more menacing than miniskirts. Repeated attempts to steal the trunk motivate Samantha to sell it—but not until after she's removed the questionable items. But when the trunk's new owner is found dead with the singer's record in his hand, even Nancy Sinatra's boots can't make Samantha walk away. Turning the tables on mods, rockers, and bad guys galore may require a little help from her friends, but if they fail, there's no room for an encore.**



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15. *Ranch Dressing* - **Samantha Kidd heads to a dude ranch! - When fashionista Samantha Kidd's father-in-law arranges a week on the dude ranch he's aiming to buy, Samantha preps for blue skies and clean living. But all too soon she learns life on the ranch is anything but calm. When the owner is found dead inside one of the stables, all signs point to murder. As Samantha wrangles clue after clue, she smells something rotten—and it's not manure. In her quest for the truth, she encounters quirky cowhands, brazen barrel racers, and suspicious horseplay—not to mention a social paradigm straight from the eighteen hundreds. Can Samantha bring justice to the wild west of eastern New Jersey, or will a renegade ranch dweller get away with murder?**

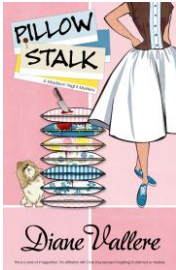
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Diane Vallere's MADISON NIGHT Mysteries

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- 1. *Pillow Stalk*** - Interior Decorator Madison Night might look like a throwback to the sixties, but as business owner and landlord, she proves that independent women can have it all. When a killer targets women dressed in her signature style-estate sale vintage to play up her resemblance to fave actress Doris Day-what makes her unique might make her dead. The local detective connects the new crime to a twenty-year old cold case, and Madison's long-trusted contractor emerges as the leading suspect. As the body count piles up Madison uncovers a Soviet spy, a campaign to destroy all Doris Day movies, and six minutes of film that will change her life forever.

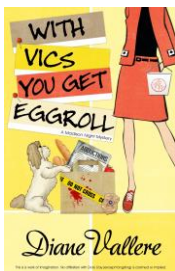
"make room for Vallere's tremendously fun homage." - Library Journal



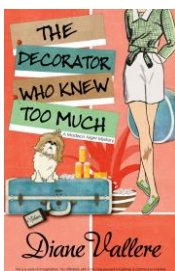
- 0. *Midnight Ice*** - prequel novella, best read *after* **PILLOW STALK** even though events take place *before* **PILLOW STALK**. When Doris Day-loving decorator Madison Night crosses the country to distance herself from a breakup, she learns it's harder to escape her past than she thought. The man who broke her heart turns up in the unlikely place -- the hotel lobby. His presence is unnerving; winning her back does not seem to be on his agenda. Questions about his motivation keep Madison from fleeing the hotel, but a recent knee injury hinders her mobility. She adopts a temporary disguise thanks to a luggage mix-up, but when threatening thugs, FBI agents, and a shipment of rare diamonds thrust her into danger, anonymity is the least of her concerns. **Originally included in OTHER PEOPLE'S BAGGAGE.**



- 2. *That Touch of Ink*** - When a rare five-thousand-dollar bill arrives in the mail, interior decorator Madison Night knows it's a message from her past. In happier times, she once joked that she could be bought for \$5000—how could she deny a bill with her name on it? Suspecting the bill indicates trouble, she consults a numismatist. They set up a meet, but upon arrival she finds an abandoned office, a scared dog...and a dead body in the kitchen. The twist? The victim isn't the numismatist; it's a John Doe. The police are on the case, but it's Madison who discovers the victim's identity. But where's the numismatist? Before long, she uncovers a kidnapping plot, a unique counterfeit operation, and the true price of her own independence. **National Bestseller**

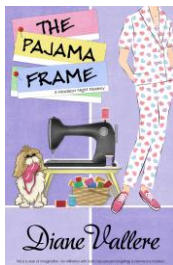


- 3. *With Vics You Get Eggroll*** - Interior Decorator Madison Night has her hands full with a demanding client and a product endorsement, but when the news shifts from reports of recently abducted women to the discovery of a dead body, she can't deny the danger. Evidence from the scene links the flirtatious Lt. Tex Allen to the crime, taking him off the case. As more abductees are either released or killed, Tex struggles with his suspension, on the brink of turning vigilante. Madison's own life is complicated by the return of her hunky handyman, Hudson James. When seemingly unrelated events lead back to the abductions, she exposes a secondary agenda, a copycat crime, and a vengeful plot to destroy someone she loves. **National Bestseller**



- 4. *The Decorator Who Knew Too Much*** – **Madison goes to Palm Springs!** - When Interior Decorator Madison Night accepts an assignment in Palm Springs with handyman Hudson James, she expects designing days and romantic nights. But after spotting a body in the river by the job site, she causes a rift in the team. Add in the strain of recurring nightmares and a growing dependency on sleeping pills, and Madison seeks professional help to deal with her demons. She learns more about the crime than she'd like thanks to girl talk with friends, pillow talk with Hudson, and smack talk with the local bad boys. And after the victim is identified as the very doctor she's been advised to see, she wonders if what she knows can help catch a killer. An unlikely ally helps navigate the murky waters before her knowledge destroys her, and this time, what she doesn't know might be the one thing that saves her life. **Kings River Life Best of 2016!**

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□ **5. *The Pajama Frame*** - Interior decorator Madison Night is no stranger to the occasional odd inheritance. But when an octogenarian friend dies and leaves her a pajama factory, the bounty is bittersweet. Once a thriving business, Sweet Dreams closed decades ago after a tragic accident took the life of a young model. Or was that simply a cover up? Between her friend's death and her own stagnant life, Madison is tempted to hide under a blanket of willful ignorance. But when family members and special interest groups lobby to expose the secrets of the factory, Madison gets caught in a tangle of secrets and lies and discovers that sometimes, the bed you make is not your own.



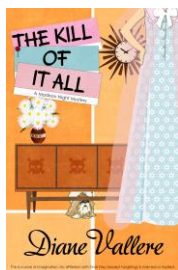
□ **6. *Lover Come Hack*** - After a falling out with a friend flips interior decorator Madison Night's world inside out, she's determined to revamp her life. Jane Strong, fellow mid-century modern enthusiast, encourages Madison's entry in an upcoming design competition, but their rift makes collaboration no longer an option. When Jane is found dead, Madison tops the suspect list. And when anonymous computer hackings interfere with both the investigation and the competition, Jane's murder no longer seems random. With a mess of a love life, an angry client, and a looming deadline on her contest entry, Madison turns to an unlikely ally to decode a motive before a crash becomes imminent.



□ **7. *Apprehend Me No Flowers*** - After a lawsuit puts interior decorator Madison Night's business on indefinite hold, she needs a diversion. A walk in the park with police captain Tex Allen is anything but: they discover two corpses on the property. The bodies are unidentifiable, and inconvenient weather conditions have rendered the crime scene obsolete. With no leads, the case seems unsolvable. With time on her hands, Madison joins a community volunteer group and discovers a clue that ties the victims to a local florist. A surprise court date catches her off guard, and her continuing involvement in the case may cost her more than she can afford to lose.



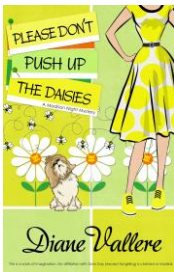
□ **8. *Teacher's Threat*** - Madison Night just learned that business isn't sexy. She modeled her decorating career on a Doris Day movie, but after losing her company in a legal battle, the local banks are unimpressed with her unique sales angle. Determined to get her MBA, she attends night school – until her professor is found dead in his office after an intensely-heated lecture. Now the only degree she can think about is murder in the first. While the college recovers, Madison's last hope for a loan is denied. The dean resumes the coursework himself, and Madison can't help wondering if the curriculum holds the clues to the murder. Continuing her education is not without risk; pursuing her MBA may leave her DOA.



□ **9. *The Kill of It All*** - Madison Night's star is on the rise. Thanks to a series of TV spots to promote her decorating business's grand reopening, she's busier than ever. The police commissioner, impressed with her screen presence, engages her to replace the original actress in his feel-good campaign for local law enforcement. But when the first spokeswoman's body is found on set after Madison's testimonial airs, the last thing the police need is publicity. Madison steers clear of the controversy by focusing on her company relaunch, but when gossip links the victim to someone special in her life, she gets involved by proxy. She uses her soapbox to draw out suspects, but if she's not careful, it might serve as a coffin instead.



□ **10. *Love Me or Grieve Me*** - When a junior copy editor at the local newspaper mistakenly uses interior decorator Madison Night's life story in the obituary of a recently deceased woman with a similar name, Madison's life turns upside down. Addison Nigh, a once in-demand jazz vocalist, had fallen into obscurity, and her death notice surprises only those who thought she died decades ago. Canceled lines of credit and a swarm of condolences to Madison's loved ones are just the tip of the iceberg, but when the decorator discovers evidence that the real dead woman played a part in an unsolved murder, their identity mix-up gives Madison backstage access to a life of secrets. As parallels between the singer's life and her own become impossible to ignore, Madison questions the true price of fame. But Madison isn't the only one to discover the singer's buried secrets, and if she's not careful, the next obituary might be her own.



□ **11. *Please Don't Push Up The Daisies*** - When interior decorator Madison Night finally meets the family of boyfriend and police captain Tex Allen, the circumstances are less than joyful. His sister's broody botanist husband left Lily to raise their four rambunctious boys on her own, and she's at wit's end. The only bright spot is the mid-century ranch he gave her in their divorce settlement. The soon-to-be-ex has one request: a face to face with Lily before he says goodbye. Madison offers to go along for moral support, but in lieu of signed settlement papers, she finds the ex's body crumpled in the corner of the arboretum where he works. When swarm of angry bees sideline Tex, it's Madison's job to dig up the secrets that led to the murder — but if she's not careful, the dirt she uncovers could fill her grave instead.



□ **12. *The Glass Bottom Hoax*** - Madison Night has a reputation for excellence in mid-century modern decorating, but when a covert opportunity to expose a crime ring on a cruise ship comes her way, she goes undercover. The job will test her acting skills as much as her investigative prowess: she's booked as a Doris Day impersonator and police captain Tex Allen is posing as her manager husband. But roleplay and reality blur when the body of the entertainment director is found on the lido deck sometime between shuffleboard and sunset. The purser was Madison's lone contact on the cruise ship, which leaves her adrift. Catching crooked employees is one thing, but exposing a murderer in the middle of the ocean is another. It's bad enough that she's expected to sing for her supper; her convenient cover story puts her in the center of danger. With a very fake husband and a very real crisis, Madison has to dive deep for answers before the tides turn against her.

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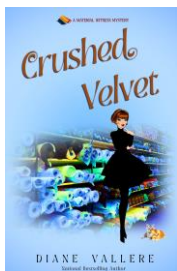
Diane Vallere's MATERIAL WITNESS Mysteries

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1. ***Suede to Rest*** - When Polyester Monroe was young, she loved playing in her family's textile store. But after a fatal tragedy, Land of A Thousand Fabrics was boarded up and Poly never expected to see the inside again. These days her time is spent designing prom dresses from cheap fabrics and covering the flaws with a glue gun. When her great uncle passes away and leaves her the fabric store, she sees it as a sign to change her life. But when a man connected to her family's tragedy is found dead in the parking lot behind the store the day after she moves in, her illusions of reopening the glamorous fabric store are shredded. Poly pulls at threads to unravels the truth, but can she keep herself out of the fray?
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2. ***Crushed Velvet*** - With the reopening of her fabric shop rapidly approaching, Polyester Monroe is stocking up on lush fabrics, colorful notions, and best of all, a proprietary weave of velvet. But upon delivery, it's not quite the blend she expected, being ninety-percent silk — and ten-percent corpse. Crushed under a dozen bolts of fabric is local business owner Phil Girard. His wife, Genevieve, local tea shop owner and close friend of Poly, is the prime suspect. Granted, Phil may not have been the perfect husband, but surely Genevieve had no reason to kill him! There's just the small matter of Genevieve's own incriminating confession: I'm afraid I killed my husband. Now, as the grand opening looms, Poly is torn between a friendship pulling apart at the seams—and finding a smooth killer with a velvet touch...
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3. ***Silk Stalkings*** - The time has come for the annual Miss Tangorli beauty pageant, and Polyester Monroe has agreed to use her fabric store's inventory of shimmering silks to create gowns fit for a crown. But when the man who revived the city's citrus trade with his imported Tangorli tree is found dead days before the pageant contestants are announced, something sour takes over the town. To make matters worse, Poly's closest friend is caught up in the crime, having been seen in the company of the case's prime suspect. Juicy secrets come to light, creating tension in the small California town. Now while Poly juggles seamstresses and a gaggle of pageant contestants, the killer seems intent to put the squeeze someone she loves.
National Bestseller



4. ***Tulle Death Do Us Part*** - When the historic Waverly House is transformed into a wedding venue, the town buzzes with excitement. An out-of-town couple with the loosest of local ties has adopted them as their own. But amidst the celebration, tragedy strikes as a guest is found dead in the chapel before the wedding march plays. Suspicion quickly falls on the bride. Poly's ex-boyfriend, the groom-to-be, needles Poly for her help in solving the murder, but things take a complicated turn when the bride-to-be points the finger—at him. Poly dives headfirst into a web of secrets and hidden agendas. From the eccentric wedding planner to the envious bridesmaids, she must untangle the clues while navigating the chaos of wedding season at her fabric shop. As the investigation unfolds, Poly has a choice: her familiar past or a potential future with the town's most eligible bachelor. With puns as sharp as tailor's shears and her knack for finding trouble, Poly is determined to expose the real culprit before the bride's "I do" becomes doing life.

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Sylvia Stryker is an amateur sleuth in space. These mysteries include elements of light science fiction and space adventure. *Veronica Mars* meets *Star Trek*



Murder On A Moon Trek: Fly Me To The Moon - Sylvia Stryker has no business being on the next Moon Unit Cruise Line, unless you count aspirations and dreams. The career that once felt within her reach—Intergalactic Cruise Ship Security—disappeared the day her dad was arrested for collusion with space pirates. Since then she's begrudgingly been running the ice mine for her aging mother, the two of them social pariahs amongst their fellow Plunians. Everything changes when the uniform lieutenant position on Moon Unit 6 opens up days before departure. Sylvia immediately puts her hacking skills to use, uploading bogus credentials onto the crew manifest. Now to just lay low, do her job, and impress the new boss. Her plan goes off without a hitch until a non-celestial body falls from the uniform inventory closet after departure. Reporting it means drawing attention, the very opposite of laying low. When the head of security shows up to investigate and throws her into the spaceship holding cell, her onboard status shifts from staff to prisoner. If Sylvia can't expose the killer herself, she'll be bunking with her dad at the local space prison.



Scandal On A Moon Trek: I'm Your Venus - When Sylvia Stryker boards her space cruise as a lowly uniform lieutenant, it's with an eye toward the future. After space pirates destroyed the life she knew, she's counting on the trek to Venus to give her a fresh start. Even her side gig working for security stud Neptune feels full of possibilities. But when she finds a body outside her ward after the departure point, her fresh start is as sullied as a worn uniform. The victim is the winner of a contest designed to hype the voyage, and if other VIPs on board get wind of the crime, the certain scandal will jettison Sylvia's dreams. Soon the amorous pull of Venus causes romantic chaos on board, threatening to compromise Sylvia's investigation—especially after she learns the murder victim's secret relationship to her boss. Even worse, she discovers what's waiting for the passengers when they reach the Love Planet and it's not a Valentine. A dangerous threat lurks aboard the space cruise, and if Sylvia can't expose it, she'll be laundering uniforms in the intergalactic afterlife.



Hijacked On A Moon Trek: Saturn Night Fever - Space sleuth Sylvia Stryker wants more from her day job aboard a Moon Unit than to manage crew uniforms. In her time between moon treks, she turns to hunky hero Neptune for lessons in security training. But when a hijacked space pod lands by their training site and the body of an intergalactic courier is discovered inside, Sylvia's newly-acquired skills are put to the test. The courier was a friend who shared her interest in back-channel business, and his death seems like a message—or worse, a warning. Determined to seek justice, Sylvia and Neptune assemble a team. But there's more to this trek through the stars than expected, including fifty rambunctious aliens accidentally beamed aboard the ship, some very nasty space pirates, and one suspicious member of the staff who thought the recruitment message was a call of duty. Now Sylvia's on a quest to catch a killer, but if she fails, she could wipe out an entire alien race in the process.

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□ **4. *Framed on a Moon Trek: Spiders From Mars*** - All space sleuth Sylvia Stryker ever wanted was gainful employment in the space travel sector, but job security is the least of her concerns now that mentor-and-maybe-more, Neptune, is serving time for a crime he didn't commit. Between her full time Moon Unit work and her side gig selling uniforms, Sylvia goes all in on getting Neptune out. But when a space pirate is murdered behind bars and Neptune is assumed guilty, Sylvia stands to lose him for more than the duration of his sentence. Proving Neptune's innocence is more challenging than Sylvia expects thanks to his lifetime of accruing enemies. With the clock ticking down on Neptune's freedom, Sylvia shifts decides to find the real killer. Faced with a corrupt galactic government and an overly-demanding boss, she turns to a shady team of freelancers for help, but the truth she unearths is a threat to the whole galaxy. With her faith in the system shaken to its core, Sylvia's on her own for her most dangerous moon trek yet.



□ **5. *Warped on a Moon Trek: Time After Time***- Sylvia Stryker is the Moon Unit Corporation's employee of the month. Impressive, since her side gig solving intergalactic mysteries takes up most of her time. But she is put to a new test after her mentor, Neptune, flies through a wormhole to meet with a reclusive scientist about the faulty chip powering their lunar module. The contact has been hiding from accusations of murder on another planet. Even more startling is the identity of the scientist: a family member Sylvia never thought she'd see again. When Neptune's space pod vanishes into a parallel timeline, Sylvia is quick to follow, but a face-to-face with her younger self threatens her reality. She is thrust into a time-bending journey where the unsolved murder becomes central to her mission. With a missing boss, a malfunctioning navigational system, and a family reunion hanging in the balance, Sylvia's race against time just might save the world...or eradicate it from existence. Can Sylvia repair the circuits of time, or will she stay lost in space with a killer?

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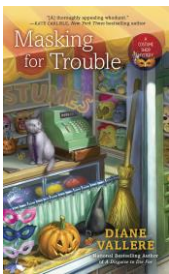
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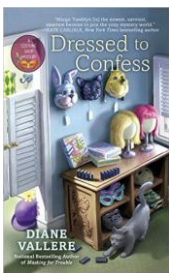
- 1. A DISGUISE TO DIE FOR** - No sooner does former magician's assistant Margo Tamblyn return home to Proper City, Nevada, to run Disguise DeLimit, her family's costume shop, then she gets her first big order. Wealthy nuisance Blitz Manners needs forty costumes for a detective-themed birthday bash. As for Blitz himself, his Sherlock Holmes is to die for—literally—when, in the middle of the festivities, Margo's friend and party planner Ebony Welles is caught brandishing a carving knife over a very dead Blitz. For Margo, clearing Ebony's name is anything but elementary, especially after Ebony flees town. Now Margo is left to play real-life detective in a town full of masked motives, cloaked secrets, and veiled vendettas. But as she soon learns, even a killer disguise can't hide a murderer in plain sight for long.

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- 2. MASKING FOR TROUBLE** - Halloween conjures up big business for Margo Tamblyn's costume shop, Disguise DeLimit, but this year, the holiday comes knocking with serious trouble. Venture capitalist Paul Haverford plans to rezone historic downtown into a glitzy commercial area which would push out local business. Margo is set on saving her family's store, especially after a nasty run-in with the chain-store tycoon, but after Haverford's body is discovered during a spooky party at the derelict Alexandria Hotel, Margo finds herself dressed as the police's prime suspect. Anxious to clear her name, Margo begins hunting down anyone who might have wanted Haverford dead. Between all of his malicious maneuverings, the murdered mogul had buckets of people anxious to see him gone. Now, Margo will have to use every trick in the book to find a cloaked killer—before someone else winds up wearing a death shroud...

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- 3. DRESSED TO CONFESS** - It's no secret around Proper City, Nevada, that the Sagebrush Festival, the town's annual family-friendly event, is the place to be. This year's theme of board games has everything from Conspiracy to Clue. Margo Tamblyn's costume shop, Disguise DeLimit, has been tasked with providing costumes for the festival headliner, the Domino Divas. But on the night of the performance, one fallen Domino threatens to bring down the whole show when head dancer Ronnie Cass is found in her dressing room, unmasked, unprepared, and very, very dead. As the police investigate, Margo learns that Don Digby, her father's best friend, is the prime suspect, tied to the victim by an unsolved robbery connected to Proper City's past. As conspiracies abound and theories are debunked, Margo seeks to unmask the real killer before her dad's buddy winds up in a costume made with prison stripes.

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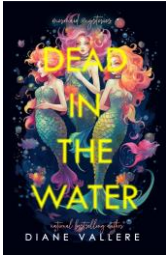
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