

FUN HISTORICAL FACTS BY AUTHOR GAIL MEATH

I have always loved researching history, so it makes sense that I chose to write historical fiction novels, cozy mysteries, and romances. I spend a great deal of time making sure every aspect of each book is historically accurate. I also include several fun historical facts at the end of each book that pertain to the story, along with entertaining videos from the 1920s. Here are a few of my favorites:

FRAMED: Did you know that before the 1920s, 'cocktails' were unheard of? Beer, shots of liquor, and wine were the only common alcoholic drinks. Prohibition was passed on January 17, 1920. Shortly afterward, women won their right to vote on August 26. Therefore, more and more women began frequenting clubs and speakeasies. To accommodate them, the club owners began introducing different liquors combined with various mixers, which appealed to women far more than beer or shots. And *cocktails* were born.

The Green Mill Lounge in Chicago opened in 1907 and made its mark during prohibition as a popular speakeasy. Johnny Torrio, a major mobster in Chicago, and his right-hand man, Al Capone, were frequent guests. They had a special booth in the middle of the bar to make sure they could see both the front and back doors. After Al Capone took over Torrio's business in 1927, his annual income was estimated at around \$60 million. Since his involvement in the Valentine's Day Massacre (February 14, 1929) could not be proven, it wasn't until 1931 when Al Capone was finally arrested for tax fraud and served eleven years in prison.

The following are a few of the more popular tunes from that era that I included in the book. The first song is *I Wish I Could Shimmy Like My Sister Kate* (I love the name of that song!). The song itself is referring to a woman named Katie Townsend, who was a murdered brothel madame. This is Betty Grable's 1930 rendition.

[I Wish I Could Shimmy Like My Sister Kate:](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qANcdJJeXE)

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This next song was recorded in 1923 and originally recorded by Marion Harris, one of the most popular singers of that era. Many of you might be familiar with Connie Francis' remake in 1958 when it once again became a hit song.

Who's Sorry Now?:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9QEAtcz3o8>

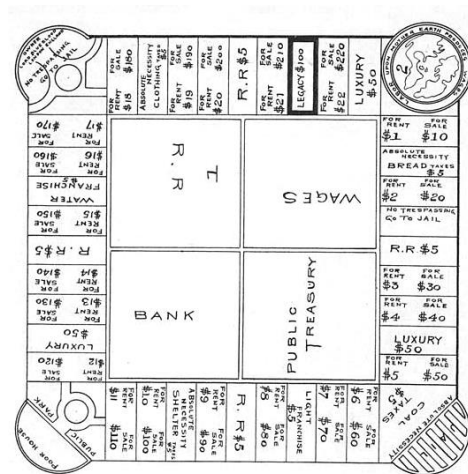
My Man was originally recorded by Fanny Brice of the Ziegfeld Follies in 1923, but my favorite is the 1968 rendition by Barbara Streisand from the movie, *Funny Girl*, based upon Fanny Brice's life.

My Man:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nll6dJdTocw&list=RDnll6dJdTocw&start_radio=1

TWO OF A KIND, The Beginning: Writing any historical novel takes a great deal of research, right down to using the proper words and phrases of the times with special care not to use more modern terms that weren't in existence yet. In this book, I mentioned *get-out-of-jail-free cards*, so I needed to find out if the Monopoly game existed back then.

Surprisingly, the history of *Monopoly* can be traced back to 1903, when Lizzie Magie, an American antimonopolist, created a game that she hoped would explain the single-tax theory of Henry George. It was intended as an educational tool to illustrate the negative aspects of private monopolies. She took out a patent in 1904. Her game, *The Landlord's Game*, was self-published in 1906, and it was played similarly to the version we're familiar with. Here is what the original board looked like:



Briefly, a few more interesting facts. The Woolworth Building in New York City was the world's tallest building from 1913, the year it was built, to 1930, and it cost thirteen and a half million to build. As a nickel-and-dime store, that surprised me when you place it alongside money giants like Macy's and

Abraham & Straus (they were co-owned), Saks, Bloomingdales, Gimbels, Lord & Taylors, and Bonwit Teller. When Frank Woolworth died in 1919, there were 1,057 Woolworth stores in the United States and Canada, plus another 175 stores in England.

Lastly, the facts about the Hope Diamond in the book were true. The diamond was owned by Edward (Ned) and Evalyn McLean. They were hesitant to purchase the notoriously cursed 45-carat blue Hope Diamond in 1911, but Evalyn was determined to own it. So, Pierre Cartier reset the diamond for her, and Evalyn often let her Great Dane, Mike, wear the gem on his collar at public events.

Evalyn never believed in the curse and owned the diamond for the rest of her life, but she suffered some bad luck over the years. Her husband ran off with another woman, her son was killed in a car accident, and her daughter died of a drug overdose.

One article I read stated that Princess Diana had owned the diamond for a time, but I couldn't find anything to confirm that. The diamond is now in the Smithsonian Institution, and it's worth is estimated at three hundred million dollars.

DEUCE: Broadway tidbits. Shirley Temple (1928-2014) was not only an extremely talented young actress and Hollywood's number one box-office draw from 1934-1938, but as an adult, she became a highly respected United States Ambassador to Ghana and Czechoslovakia.

Bill (Bojangles) Robinson (1878-1949) was a wonderfully talented and famous actor, singer, and tap dancer who began his career at five years old and was most successful during the Vaudeville and Broadway heydays. He and Shirley Temple had teamed up in several movies. Here is their *Shim Sham* variation from "The Littlest Rebel" (1935); then Shirley Temple (7 years old) singing *Polly Wolly Doodle* from the same movie:

[Bill Robinson and Shirley Temple - Shim Sham Variation:](https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=bill+robinson+and+shirley+temple+shim+sham+youtube&view=detail&mid=11C004BE799A87206BC711C004BE799A87206BC7&FORM=VIRE)

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[Shirley Temple Polly Wolly Doodle:](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dKLOSjxWHI>

BLACKJACK: Let's start with Chumley's Tavern, which was, indeed, a former speakeasy located at 86 Bedford Street in Greenwich Village. Leland Stanford Chumley, a socialist activist, converted a blacksmith's shop into a pub in 1922, and it became a favorite spot for influential writers, such as F. Fitzgerald Scott and Ernest Hemingway, along with poets, playwrights, journalists, and activists.

The Barrow Street entrance had no exterior sign and was located within a nondescript courtyard, while the Bedford Street entrance was also unmarked. Inside, Chumley's was equipped with trapdoors and secret stairs. It is also rumored that the term '86' originated when the police would kindly call ahead and instruct the bartender to '86' his customers, meaning they should exit via the 86 Bedford door.

Next, did you know Paul Revere, the famous American patriot who rode through the streets at midnight on April 18, 1775, alerting everyone the British forces were coming, was the nation's first forensic dentist? In 1768, at the age of 34, Paul Revere placed advertisements in the *Boston Gazette* offering dental services such as cleaning and replacing lost teeth with artificial teeth made from ivory and animal teeth.

One of his patients was Dr. Joseph Warren. During the Battle of Bunker Hill, the British shot and killed Dr. Warren and buried him in a mass grave without his uniform or identification. After the British evacuated Boston, Paul Revere and Warren's brothers went to the battlefield to look for him. They found a grave with two unrecognizable bodies. Paul Revere identified Dr. Warren by the walrus tooth and the wire that he had used to replace a missing tooth. Dr. Warren was given a proper funeral and buried in a marked grave.

Many of you are familiar with the Pinkerton Agency, founded by Allan Pinkerton, who tracked down famous outlaws such as Jesse James, and Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Kate Warne was the first female Pinkerton agent in 1860. She became known as a master of assumed identities and was instrumental in thwarting an assassination plot against President Abraham Lincoln.

While reading about female spies and agents, I found this a little annoying. There were many female spies on both the north and south side of the Civil War, and Kate Warne, along with the Lady Pinkertons, proved women were perfectly capable of detective work. There were also many policewomen during the early

1900s. Despite all that, the secret service, CIA, and BOI (later known as the FBI) refused to hire female agents. During the 1920s, three women were hired by the BOI, but after only three to four months of service, J. Edgar Hoover asked for their resignations claiming there was 'no particular work for a female agent'. The first two permanent female FBI agents weren't hired until 1972.

KILLJOY: I couldn't resist focusing on the spooky Halloween season. So, I began researching ghosts and hauntings in the 1920s. That led me straight to Olive Thomas and the New Amsterdam Theatre.

The information in *Killjoy* regarding Olive's life and death is true, although I merely grazed the surface of her life and career. Interestingly, they say Olive has been haunting the Amsterdam Theatre ever since her death. Through the years, she has been seen carousing the theater and the rooftop in her green, beaded Follies costume, flirting with the stagehands, and blowing kisses to men. The ladies' room has also been plagued by red lipstick smudges, which keep reappearing even after the cleaning staff scrubs them off. There is also a photograph of Olive still hanging by the stage door. Both the cast and crew make a point of acknowledging the photo of her as they come and go, "*Hoping to stay on her good side*".

In the late 1990s, after Disney Theatricals signed a ninety-nine-year lease on the New Amsterdam Theatre, Olive's ghost was again sighted by one of the security guards. He saw her on stage and yelled at her, but she disappeared through the wall to Forty-First Street. The security guard was so distraught, he called Disney's vice president at two-thirty in the morning.

Let's move on to the Ziegfeld Follies and the Midnight Frolics. The Follies on Broadway ran from 1907 to 1931, with a few renewals in later years. Surprisingly, Florenz Ziegfeld had rejected several notable actresses after their auditions: Norma Shearer (1919), Alice Faye (1927), Joan Crawford (1924), Gypsy Rose Lee (1927), Hedda Hopper (1913), and Lucille Ball (1927 and 1931) ** (see video below). Florenz Ziegfeld and Billie Burke, the good witch in the Wizard of Oz, were married from 1914 until his death in 1932.

The New Amsterdam Theatre's rooftop included 680 seats with box seats and a balcony. In 1915, Florenz Ziegfeld decided to utilize the space for midnight performances that were far more risqué, and the after-hours show became a huge success. The New York Times gave rave reviews: "One might search the world and not find anything quite as unique or lavish as this midnight revue." The girls'

balloon costume became the favorite as men were given the opportunity to pop the balloons with their lighted cigars.

Florenz Ziegfeld insisted those who attended the Midnight Frolics would have sore hands after applauding. So, he provided little wooden hammers at each of the tables.



Wooden Applause Hammer From Ziegfeld's Midnight Frolic ca. 1916.

There were only a few videos available that pertained to the Ziegfeld Follies. Eddie Cantor was most notable for singing the theme song, *A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody*, but I couldn't find his version. Here is Dennis Morgan's version in 1936, and a video of Fanny Brice and the Follies in 1934.

[1936 Dennis Morgan A pretty girl is like a melody - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_BGWbryBkA)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_BGWbryBkA

[Fanny Brice and the Follies girls 1934 - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87TqWDhmDGM)

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**Lucille Ball auditioned twice for the Follies, and both times she was turned down. Yet, in 1945, she starred in the musical comedy movie, *Ziegfeld Follies*, along with William Powell and Judy Garland, and she played the part of a lead chorus dancer in the Follies.

[1945 Lucille Ball in Ziegfeld Follies - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LhtNEmNkuY)

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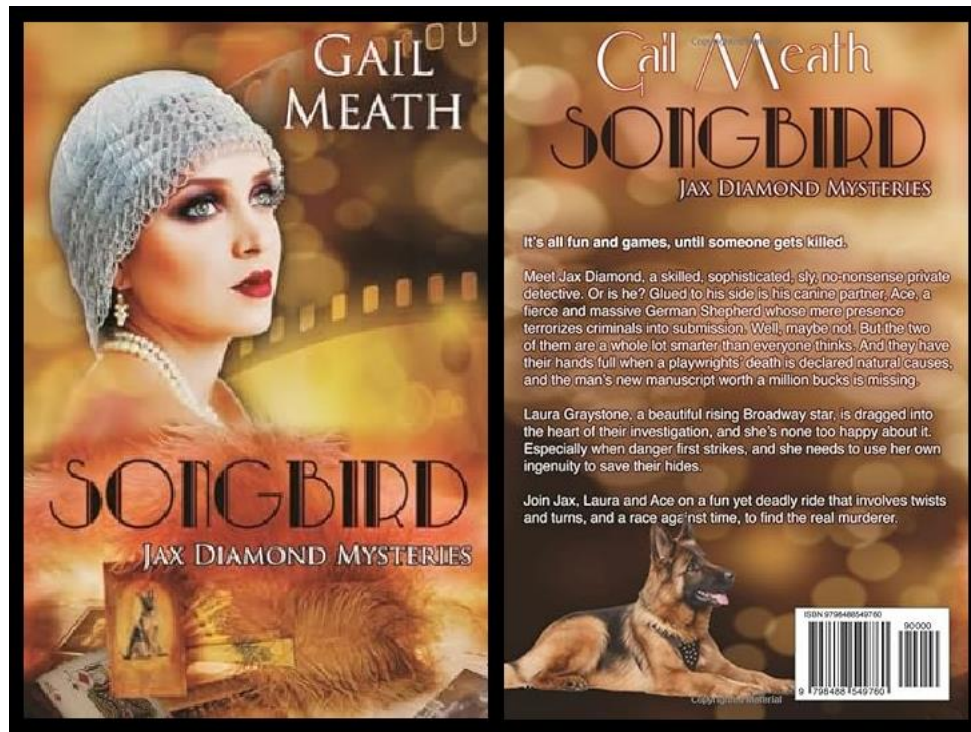
I hope you enjoyed all these fun facts!

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But the two of them are a whole lot smarter than they look. And they have their hands full when a playwright's death is declared natural causes, and his new manuscript worth a million bucks is missing.

Laura Graystone, a beautiful rising Broadway star, is dragged into the heart of their investigation, and she's none too happy about it. Especially when danger first strikes, and she needs to rely on her own ingenuity to save their hides.

Join Jax, Laura and Ace on a fun yet deadly ride during the Roaring Twenties that takes twists and turns, and a race against time to find the real murderer before he/she/they stop them permanently.



Review by ksfisherman: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Well written and plotted. Reviewed in the United States on December 23, 2023. Verified Purchase. This is a well-paced, absorbing story with complex, interesting main characters, and villains. There is plenty of misdirection but no plot holes. Everything is brought together clearly and concisely in the closing chapters. Looking forward to Book #2.

Review by PolkaDot: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. First impressions can be wrong... Reviewed in the United States on April 15, 2023. Verified Purchase. I very much enjoyed this story about Jax, a private detective, his canine partner Ace, and Laura, a gifted singer. This author has a real knack for description. I could easily envision Jax, Ace, and Laura, the Broadway theater, the speakeasies, and 1920's New York. The author has created a cunning plot that draws the reader in only to confuse said reader with twists and turns, until a very satisfying ending is reached. This was my first book by this author, but it won't be my last. I have purchased the other three books in the series and have put in a pre-order for the fifth book. I highly recommend this book as a clever cozy with interesting characters that will hold your interest and entertain you.

Review by Janine: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Ace, Laura, and Jax. Reviewed in the United States on September 10, 2023. Verified Purchase. What a story!! Characters you could love and a few you can hate. The best are Jax, Laura, and Ace. I am going after book #2. I'll meet you there.

Review by Enrico Graffiti: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Highly entertaining historical crime thriller. Reviewed in the United States on April 18, 2022. Verified Purchase. 'Songbird' is the first novel I've read by author Gail Meath. It is a crime mystery thriller set in the Roaring Twenties, and the author does an excellent, yet subtle, job of placing the reader in that time period without over-explaining anything. Reactions such as 'why doesn't he use his cellphone to call and warn her?' will pop into readers' minds until you recall the time-period when technology was far less pervasive than now. So, no forensic investigators, internet searches, police databases etc. to help cop-turned-Private Eye Jax Diamond resolve the murders he encounters.

The storyline was solid and well-constructed, populated by believable characters whose actions and functions fit the period of 1920's America. There are also many red herrings' throughout to challenge any sleuths amongst readers. Although author Meath cleverly drops hints and clues, I confess I only got the solution half-right, and that from someone who usually works out the ending of any Agatha Christie I read.

The novel also has high entertainment value that invests the readers in Jax, Laura (the Songbird of the title) and NYPD Detective friend Murph, not to forget Ace, Jax's loyal canine companion, and their particular world. I really enjoyed this one and have already bought book two in the series. Highly recommended.

Review by Laura S Reading: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Fast paced, unpredictable, exciting start to wonderful series. Reviewed in the United States on February 18, 2022. Verified Purchase. While this is fiction, the idea sprouted from a pair of actual murders in 1923.

Set in the era and glitz of the jazz age and early Broadway, this is the story of a young woman who discovered she can sing. She found her place on the stage in The Follies until being discovered.

WOW- full of disclosures in every chapter!

I enjoyed how the characters' traits were peeled back and revealed as the story unfolded.

OK, perhaps Ace is my favorite but that should be a given. He's not perfect but he is loyal.

Private detective Jax Diamond has so much potential. I want to learn more about him as this series continues.

I don't want to give away the plot because there are red herrings and offshoots you'll appreciate as the main crimes are trying to be solved.

If you like the era, or theatre and entertainment industry, and a smart gumshoe procedural or even a good buddy-type mystery, there is a wonderful surprise here for you.

Review by Cindy F: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Love this series. Reviewed in the United States on April 20, 2022. Verified Purchase. I received a copy of Songbird by Gail Meath for an honest review. Songbird by Gail Meath is the first book in the Jax Diamond Mysteries series, and I love this book. Now, I have another series that I need to keep up with, such a small problem.

Songbird takes place in New York during the early 1920's and Gail Meath pulls you in as if you are part of the story. The descriptions, settings, and plot(s) keep me hooked and wanting more. I liked the interactions between Jax and Laura Graystone, and one cannot forget Ace, Jax's faithful furry partner. I love it when writers can include furry or feathered friends in their stories. They can bring such a joy, and honest comic relief. There is no denying the chemistry between Jax and Laura, there is more to both than what they project on the surface. I truly, truly love the Jax Diamond Mystery series, and I cannot wait to read Framed.

Thank you, Gail Meath, for letting me dive and hold temporary residence in the Jax Diamond Mystery series Songbird. A truly wonderful, thrilling, and exciting novel.

Review by Louise Bélanger: 5.0 out of 5 stars Cozy Murder Mystery Authentically 20's. Reviewed in Canada on October 17, 2021. Verified Purchase. What a fun delightful cozy murder mystery novel. So authentically 1920's. Love the story and especially the main characters and they will be back as this is the first of a series. This is a must read. Mark your agenda, the release date for the eBook is next month on Nov 11, 2021. Bravo Gail!!

Review by RM: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. A good cozy mystery murder. Reviewed in the United Kingdom on April 6, 2023. Verified Purchase. Set in New York in the 1920's, the suspicious death of a composer, means Detective Jax Diamond and his side kick Ace have a mystery to solve. The era was brought vividly to life through descriptions of Broadway musicals, jazz clubs, and Coney Island funfair. Usually content with Ace's company, there is also a budding love story when Jax meets a rising musical star.

Part of Jax's history is revealed in the novel, playing an intriguing role in the plot. As in the prequel, the author does a good job of subtly informing the reader of his life story, deepening his character through this. A great cozy mystery murder.

Review by Hullabaloo: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Plenty to like in this book. Reviewed in the United Kingdom on January 13, 2023. Verified Purchase. I have read other books by Gail Meath and enjoyed them immensely. Songbird is another well-written gem.

I love the roaring twenties and a detective with a wonderful dog is right up my street. I was on holiday and found myself sneaking off to a quiet place to read more of the secrets and surprises. Plenty to like in this book.

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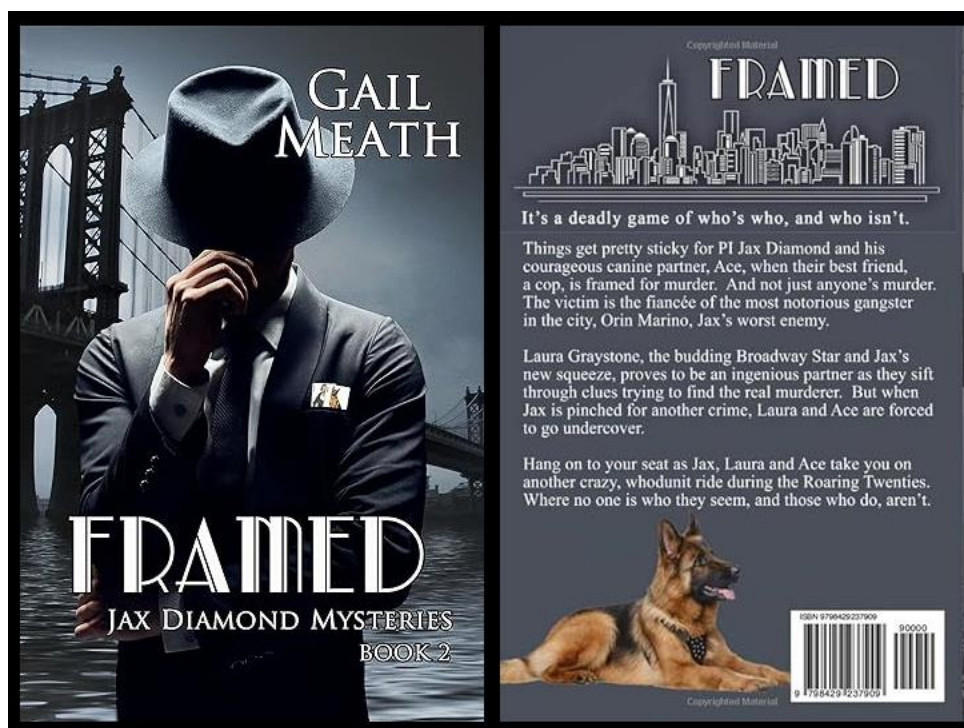
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FRAMED by Gail Meath

Book 2 of 7: Jax Diamond Mysteries.

It's a deadly game of who's who, and who isn't.

Things get pretty sticky for PI Jax Diamond and his courageous canine partner, Ace, when their best friend, a cop, is framed for murder. And not just anyone's murder. The victim is the fiancée of the most notorious gangster in the city, Orin Marino, Jax's worst enemy.

Laura Graystone, the budding Broadway Star and Jax's new squeeze, proves to be an ingenious partner as they sift through clues trying to find the real murderer. But when Jax is pinched for another crime, Laura and Ace are forced to go undercover.

Hang on to your seat as Jax, Laura and Ace take you on another crazy, whodunit ride during the Roaring Twenties. Where no one is who they seem, and those who do, aren't. Anything goes during an era of fun and frolic, song and dance, speakeasies, gangsters, bootlegging, and bribes.



Review by Azrael865: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Fun 1920's Detective series. Reviewed in the United States on December 5, 2023. Verified Purchase. This is book two in the Jax Diamond series, a very fun detective series set in the 1920's. In this story, Jax's cop friend Tim, is framed for the death of gangster Orin Marino's

girlfriend. Jax is soon sucked into a case more complicated than he first thought and ends up a fugitive in a frame-up against himself, while still trying to clear his friend. Laura, Jax's girlfriend, is determined to help. Despite Jax's firm desire for her to keep clear, she goes undercover as a nightclub singer in Orin's Pelican Cub. Jax is just going to have to get used to Laura having a mind of her own. The author has done a great job researching the era. I will definitely be reading the rest of this series.

Review by Hougal: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Love these books. Reviewed in the United States on December 2, 2023. Verified Purchase. These are fun books. Love the characters and the time it's set in.

Review by Janine: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Jax, Laura, and Ace team up again. Reviewed in the United States on September 13, 2023. Verified Purchase. Another Jax Diamond mystery. This time his friend and partner Tim is well framed for murder. Jax is so upset he couldn't think straight.

Review by Lonny K Johnson: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Welcome to Prohibition. Reviewed in the United States on October 11, 2022. Verified Purchase. This is a neat little period mystery set in the '20's in New York City. It has a hero who is a bit hardboiled, a strong female character as his love interest and sidekick, and more twists and turns than Lombard Street in San Francisco. I would suggest you read the first book in the series, 'Songbird', for the background needed. Both books are well worth your time if you like period cozies. The author has captured the period very well.

When Jax Diamond's best friend, and former partner police Sargeant Tim Murphy is knocked out, put in an expensive car, and dumped in the river along with a dead night club singer, Jax is on the case. The twisted trail he's following leads to police corruption and another murder. When the clues lead to dirty cops Jax doesn't know who to trust. The icing on the cake is when his girlfriend Laura decides to go undercover at the club replacing the dead singer. Jax is frantic with worry. Jax works his way through a long list of suspects before arriving at the surprising conclusion. A good read.

Review by Helena (Calif): 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Soooooooo Good!!!!!! Reviewed in the United States on April 4, 2022. Verified Purchase. This second book was just as good as the first! Really enjoy the characters, especially Laura. She does what she needs and wants to do to help Jax and her friends and doesn't let Jax tell her what to do. This was a very adrenalin rush type of mystery that kept me glued to the story. Loved it! It also has unexpected, surprising twists which made it even better.

There have been a LOT of books coming out that take place in the 1920's and most of them go overboard with the slang and ways of the time. This author doesn't do that and it's one of the reasons I'm enjoying this series so much. Looking forward to #3 which I've pre-ordered and hope there will be many more.

Review by Amazon Customer (Celia Martin): 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Super mystery. Bad guys are well hidden. Reviewed in the United States on October 8, 2022. Verified Purchase. I just today finished Framed by Gail Meath. Like 'Songbird', 'Framed' is a delight. The characters are fun, the mystery is intriguing, and the bad guys are well hidden up until nearing the climax, which is well done. The ending is perfect, most satisfying. I will shortly be buying the other books she has in the Jax Diamond series, and I hope she is writing more.

Review by Louise Bélanger: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. A delightful ride! Reviewed in Canada on March 20, 2022. Verified Purchase. Hold on to your hat, 'Framed' is quite a ride. As delightful as Songbird (Jax Diamond Mysteries book 1), Jax, Laura and Ace are back and entangled in a whodunnit that will keep you guessing as you flip the pages. The plot is well developed and the era of the 1920s is perfectly represented. Oh! And the cover is simply brilliant like the author. So classy!

Review by Isabel Nicholson: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. This series is just so good. Reviewed in the United Kingdom on February 17, 2023. Verified Purchase. I finally got round to returning to Jax's world and what an adventure that is. The book is high action, edge of your seat drama with twists and turns.

The historical setting is really well researched and feels like you are being drawn back in time. I love Laura as a character and how spirited and brave she is, even in the face of danger.

The film noir feeling to the series continues in this book and the expected gangsters and molls as side characters pull readers deeper into the story. I'm already excited to continue reading this series.

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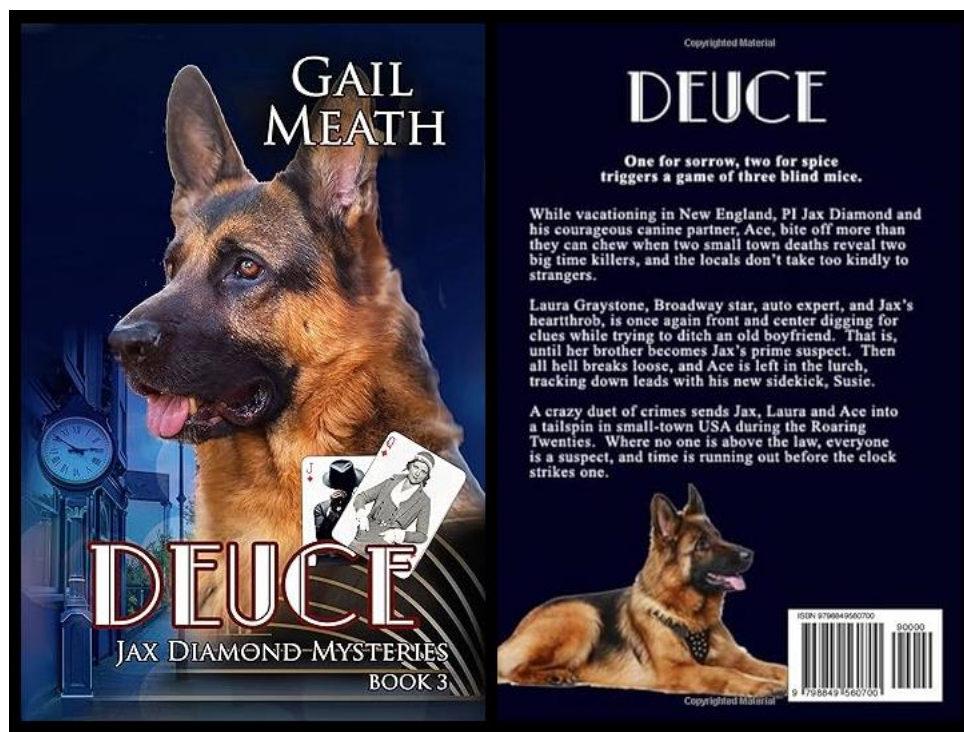
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DEUCE by Gail Meath

Book 3 of 7: Jax Diamond Mysteries.

One for sorrow, two for spice triggers a game of three blind mice.

While vacationing in New England, PI Jax Diamond and his courageous canine partner, Ace, bite off more than they can chew when two small town deaths reveal two big time killers, and the locals don't take too kindly to strangers.

Laura Graystone, Broadway star, auto expert, and Jax's heartthrob, is once again front and center digging for clues while trying to ditch an old boyfriend. That is, until her brother becomes Jax's prime suspect. Then all hell breaks loose, and Ace is left in the lurch, tracking down leads with his new sidekick, Susie.

A crazy duet of crimes sends Jax, Laura and Ace into a tailspin in small-town USA during the Roaring Twenties. Where no one is above the law, everyone is a suspect, and time is running out before the clock strikes one.



Review by Kindle Customer: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Jax and Laura. Reviewed in the United States on December 23, 2023. Verified Purchase. I loved Ace, German shepherds, think for themselves. Jax was a great guy, and Laura was perfect. good story.

Review by Roxx Tarantini: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Can they find the killer before another dead body turns up? Reviewed in the United States on February 15, 2023. Verified Purchase. Jax, Laura and Ace head home to Millbury to visit Laura's family, and to look into the untimely death of Laura's father, twelve years before.

Expecting a peaceful family visit, Jax isn't prepared to find a corpse the first time he takes Ace for a walk through the woods. Nor is he prepared for that corpse to disappear before the Sheriff and his obnoxious Deputy arrive.

Old fashioned superstitions and a few long dead bodies team up to take Jax, Ace, and crew on a merry chase to find the killer. Can they do it before someone else dies? You're going to love this one!

[I received a copy of this book from the author through Kindle Unlimited, with no obligation to review. The opinions expressed herein are given freely and are entirely my own.]

[Deuce by Gail Meath is one of the selections in the 2023 Winter Games Reader Challenge. There are close to 50 entrants in several genres, and anyone can participate. Check it out on Facebook!]

Review by Kathi Jo Goldwyn: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. A Mystery that Keeps you guessing. Reviewed in the United States on February 28, 2023. Verified Purchase. I kept thinking I knew whodunit, but I never really did. This is a great old gumshoe mystery with all the references to the early twenties. It made me feel like I had spent time in the US in 1923. From page one, I was captivated by Meath's tale, she spun it brilliantly. I love all the photos she posted at the beginning of each chapter too. She really did a great job with this book, and I can't wait to jump into another as soon as I can! Great series, fantastic writing! Amazing fun story!!

Review by Deb Kronenberg: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Laura takes Jax home. Reviewed in the United States on November 25, 2022. Verified Purchase. Ms. Meath wrote another fantastic "who done it." Jax, Ace, and Laura visit Laura's hometown. A murder is discovered. Cab Jax convinced the small-town Police Chief to let him help with the investigation. Suddenly not one murder, but multiple murders have been identified. Small town America, in the 20s was written charmingly. Ms. Meath sets the stage so vividly you can almost smell the morning coffee. I was gifted this book by the author. This review is unbiased. I gave this book 5 stars. I absolutely loved this series.

Review by Wanda O: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Another awesome book. Reviewed in the United States on February 12, 2023. Verified Purchase. I read this book as soon as it was released as I love this series. The author did not disappoint and kept my interest right till the end though I was wishing there was more. Love the story line, characters, and of course the covers. Well done.

Review by Jo Anne Vincenti: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Great mystery. Reviewed in the United States on February 26, 2023. Verified Purchase. Jax and Ace – what a team! Mystery, suspense, intrigue, and downright good sleuthing along with some really interesting scenarios made this well woven plot one I thoroughly enjoyed reading and one I would recommend to my friends.

Review by Fred Fanning: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Great Entertainment. Reviewed in the United States on October 21, 2022. Verified Purchase. I read book two then went back to book one. I like the series so much that I bought book three. I am glad I did. Deuce is excellent and very entertaining. I like everything about

the book. The story and characters are interesting and do some outrageous things. The book is great entertainment, and I can't wait to read book four.

Review by Louise Bélanger: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. The lovable trio is back with a new adventure. Greatly entertaining! Reviewed in Canada on September 14, 2022. Verified Purchase. Deuce is the third book in the Jax Diamond Mysteries series. Jax, Laura and Ace are back to entertain us with a new adventure as they decide to take a vacation. What could go wrong? Right?

This is a cozy mystery set in the 1920s that has a multi-layered plot. So enjoyable, I found it the best in this series. A crazy duet of crimes is exactly that, as describe by this gifted author. Full of mystery, lovable heroes, and warm small-town folks. Some of the dialogues, situations, actions, and descriptions will make you laugh. I truly enjoyed it, tremendously. I didn't want it to end. And the best news is that this loveable trio will be back with 2 more books. I can't wait. Bravo Gail Meath!

Review by Isabel Nicholson: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Jax and Ace Return. Reviewed in the United Kingdom on March 12, 2023. Verified Purchase. The return of Jax, Laura and Ace might have a new, smaller location but the trouble and danger is still huge. I enjoyed the switch of location for the third book. It created a change of pace and the element of unfamiliarity outside of the big city. The plot is engaging from the beginning and there are some unusual twists and unexpected turns as the story develops.

As always, the characters are great. Jax and Laura are always fun to read about, and they complement each other. It was interesting to see her in a setting where she knew more and was more comfortable than Jax as it added another layer to their relationship. Murph coming to support Jax also showed new elements to their friendship. As always Ace often steals the show but he's especially loveable around Susie throughout the book.

I enjoyed seeing the small-town side characters as there are recognizable and eccentric individuals that add colour and drama to the proceedings. It will be interesting to see if any of them do make an appearance in the big city in future books.

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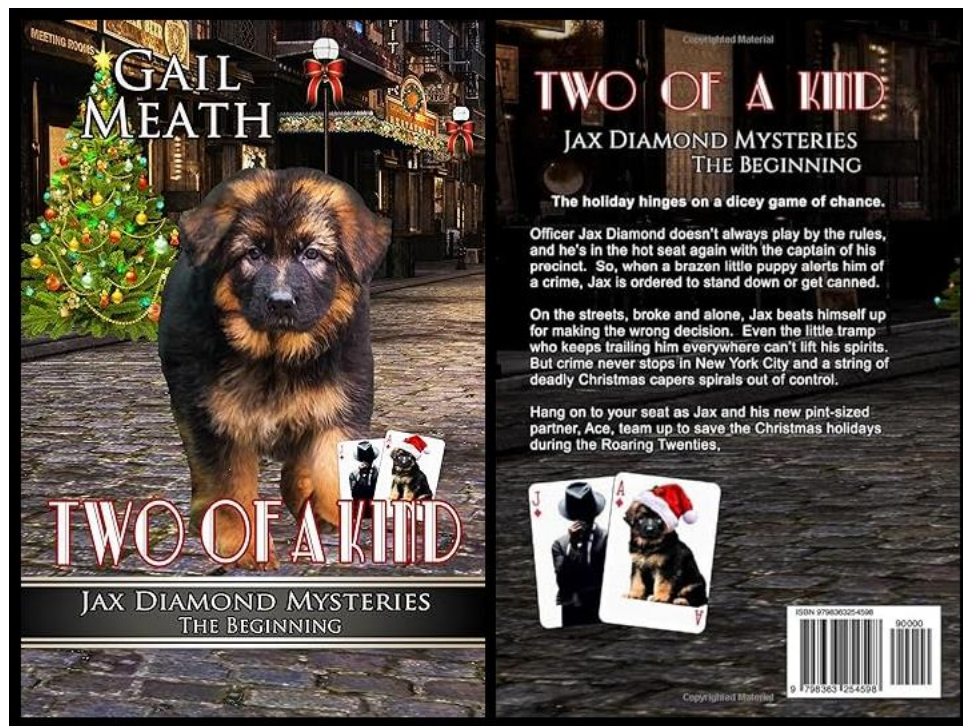
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TWO OF A KIND by Gail Meath

Book 4 of 7: Jax Diamond Mysteries.

“A Great Holiday Classic!”

It would take a pint-sized miracle to save this Christmas holiday. A prequel novella.

December, New York City, 1923

Officer Jax Diamond doesn't always play by the rules, and he's in the hot seat again with the captain of his precinct. So, when a brazen little puppy alerts him of a crime, Jax is ordered to stand down or get canned.

On the city streets, broke and alone, Jax beats himself up for not following his own instincts and saving a boy's life. Even the little tramp who keeps trailing him everywhere can't lift his spirits. But crime never stops in New York City and a string of deadly Christmas capers spirals out of control.

The city's only hope is Jax and his new pint-sized partner who team up to save the Christmas holidays during the Roaring Twenties.



Review by Annarella: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Recommended. Reviewed in the United States on February 4, 2024. Verified Purchase. I cannot resist a book with a dog or a cat on the cover and this puppy is lovely. I also discovered a good new to me cozy mystery series that I enjoyed. Well plotted, likeable characters, solid mystery. Can't wait to read other books in this series. Recommended. Many thanks to the publisher for this ARC, all opinions are mine.

Review by Kindle Customer: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Loved it! Reviewed in the United States on February 1, 2024. Verified Purchase. I absolutely loved this story! Extremely well written & enjoyable. Of course, my favorite was Ace. What a cutie & so very smart! Kudos to u Gail! Keep up the good work. Looking forward to your next one.

Review by Chris: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Arf Arf. Reviewed in the United States on January 10, 2024. Verified Purchase. I really enjoyed this read, love the little smart cutie pup, Jax was funny in his own way, and they worked great together, I like how Ace always came to the Rescue.

Review by doglover: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. A wonderful story. Reviewed in the United States on November 26, 2023. Verified Purchase. Enjoyed this story very much. I could tell from the very beginning this was well written and I would like it. Great characters. Ace is my favorite. Looking forward to reading the rest of this series.

Review by Kindle Customer: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Two of a kind. Reviewed in the United States on November 25, 2023. Verified Purchase. This is one of the best holiday original stories I've read in a long time. Gail Meath created real characters, A well-developed plot, and a touch of Christmas magic.

Review by Jackie Houchin: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. A P.I and a Pup - a totally cute story to show how it all began. Reviewed in the United States on February 6, 2023. Verified Purchase. Gail Meath's TWO OF A KIND is a prequel to her five book Jax Diamond series, set in the "roaring 20's" in New York. It explains how and why Jax resigned from the Police Department and acquired his new "partner" (a German Shepherd puppy), and leaves it open as to how he begins a "Private Eye" business, which is the basis for the rest of the books. It also explains a tiny bit of his past and how he got his unusual name.

In TWO OF A KIND, it is the puppy (later named ACE) who alerts Officer Diamond to a crime in progress. What falls out is sad, but the puppy just won't leave Jax alone, following him, showing up for him in the best/worst of circumstances and finally just moving in with him. It's a very cute story. TWO OF A KIND also documents a list of very unusual crimes. Someone is robbing all the toys from the major department stores – I mean the big, high-bucks stores – and it's just a week before Christmas. Why? And more importantly who? Together Jax and Ace discover and "take down" the bad guys.

Oh, and in the middle of all this, Jax signs up and takes cooking classes from a very well-known, highly sought-after chef in a fancy-pants hotel. Yeah, I know, weird, but all is fun in this good clean mystery story. It truly makes me want to read more in the series. In fact, I just bought another one on Kindle.

Review by DMD: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Such Great Characters and a Terrific Story. Reviewed in Canada on December 3, 2023. Verified Purchase. Thank you to Book Sirens, the author and publisher, for a copy of this book for free. This is my honest voluntary review.

I wasn't sure when I started this book that I would care for it as I'm not a big fan of historical mysteries, but I've changed my mind. This book was incredible. I really felt for the main character Jax as he always tried to do what he thought was the right thing. It didn't always work out and when he ends up with a dog as his new sidekick, it's the sweetest relationship.

The dog (Ace) really adds to the book in a good way and isn't just there to have a dog in the book. He's smart and resourceful and just the type of pet (or partner) that Jax needs.

I felt so connected to them and to their friends Max and Carla. It really made the book feel cozy to have such interesting characters and I can't wait now to read the next book in the series.

The plot was interesting, and I was in the dark the whole time about who was stealing toys at Christmas. Great book and I can't wait to see what else the author has available.

Review by Sooz F: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Short and Sweet. Reviewed in the United Kingdom on November 27, 2023. Verified Purchase. A quick wet afternoon read which left a smile on my face. Definitely had a warm Christmas Feel to it.

Review by Jane Verco: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Prequel to a delightful series. Reviewed in Australia on December 7, 2022. Verified Purchase. I loved this prequel to the Jax Diamond series, which filled in a few gaps in the books in the rest of the series. We find out how Jax and Ace meet and become a team, and how Jax moves from being a policeman with Tim to a private detective. This was a lovely story, a quick read that I struggled to put down. I hope the author continues with this delightful series.

Review by Kindle Customer: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. SWEET PUP! Reviewed in Canada on October 1, 2023. Verified Purchase. What a great story to tell us how Jax met and named Ace! They truly were meant for each other. Ace is a "genius" puppy who seems to understand everything said to him without having to repeat it. He was invaluable helping/rescuing Jax from the criminals. Well written characters and storyline.

Review by Kindle Customer: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Great Read!!! Reviewed in Canada on September 2, 2023. Verified Purchase. I loved the whole novel, especially Ace!! It is truly wonderful to have a working partner like Tim to have you back and believe in you!! Had is not too jaded that he has forgotten the Christmas spirit. This is the perfect start to a fantastic series!

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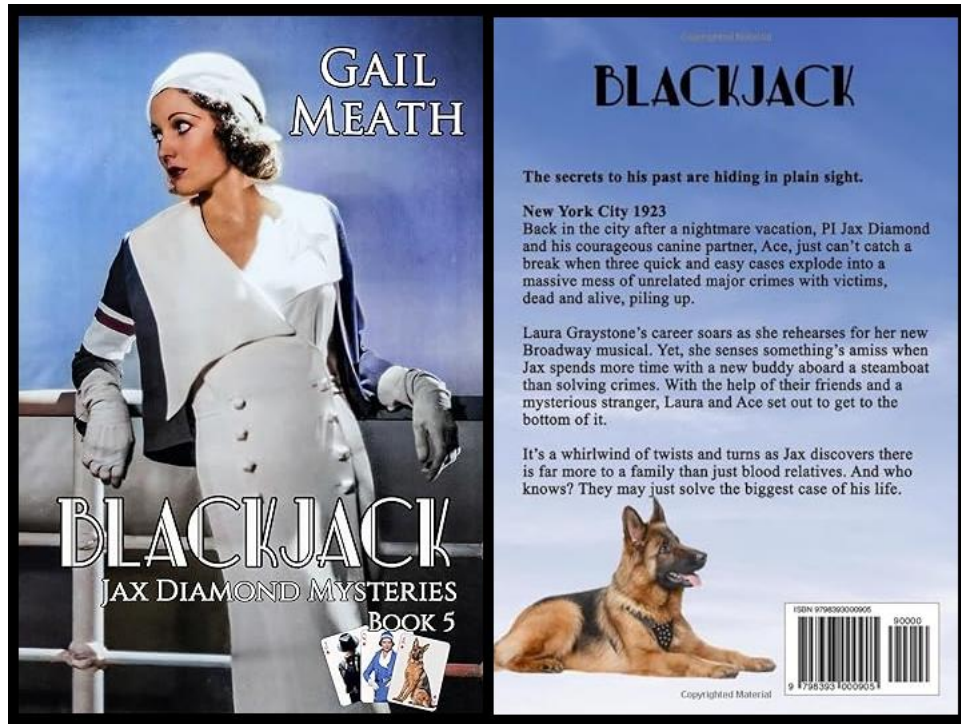
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BLACKJACK by Gail Meath

Book 5 of 7: Jax Diamond Mysteries.

A lifetime game of solitaire turns into a vicious family feud.

New York City 1923

Back in the city after a nightmare vacation, PI Jax Diamond and his courageous canine partner, Ace, just can't catch a break when three quick and easy cases explode into a massive mess of unrelated major crimes with victims, dead and alive, piling up.

Laura Graystone's career soars as she rehearses for her new Broadway musical. Yet, she senses something's amiss when Jax spends more time with a new buddy aboard a steamboat than solving crimes. With the help of their friends and a mysterious stranger, Laura and Ace set out to get to the bottom of it.

It's a whirlwind of twists and turns as Jax discovers there is far more to a family than just blood relatives. And who knows? They may just solve the biggest case of his life.



Review by Charleann Davis: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Hex a private investigator and his dog Ace she's A Broadway Star. Reviewed in the United States on July 7, 2023. Verified Purchase. Jax Diamond can't is a private investigator in the 1920s the woman HD lives just landed the starring role on Broadway HD picked

up three new cases. The suspense filled story will keep you on the edge of your seats. The characters will captivate you. Laura had a dream to perform on Broadway and she's finally getting the chance but she's also afraid she will lose Jax. There are so many twists and turns to this story you will be riveted until the very last page and leave you begging for more. I love the way this amazing author brings the characters to life before your eyes, and you can feel their emotions and their pain. I can hardly wait to see what's next by this multi-talented author.

Review by Shawn Pinzon: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Jax. Reviewed in the United States on July 9, 2023. Verified Purchase. Blackjack was a good mystery! I enjoyed reading it so much I finished reading it early this morning. This book was very entertaining with an array of wonderful characters. I loved that Jax finally got the answers he was looking for. This book is part of a series, and this is my first book by Gail Meath.

Review by Amazon Customer (Celia Martin): 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Capturing the 1920s. Reviewed in the United States on June 8, 2023. Verified Purchase. I love Gail Meath's Jax Diamond series and the newest, Blackjack, is another good mystery with Jax's friends and loved ones taking over to help him when he seems lost in trying to make enough money to ask the songbird to marry him. Really another fun read. I love the 1920s and how well Meath captures them. I can see everything so clearly through her descriptions. Can't wait for the next in the series.

Review by Retiredadunt: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. This book is GOOD! Reviewed in the United States on July 8, 2023. Verified Purchase. It's my second book by this author and she is now on my favorite authors list. Engaging characters (especially Ace) and the situations were believable. The humor made it wonderful. Highly recommend.

Review by Jane Smith: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Surprise ending. Reviewed in the United States on January 15, 2024. I received an advance review copy for free, and I am leaving this review voluntarily. After having read the first book in this series, I missed the next couple. I will have to double back and read them. I enjoyed this book and was easily able to pick up the storylines of the main characters. Wished Ace had a bigger role. Dialogue is sort of stilted with less attention on that than moving forward to action. Was sure surprised at the ending.

Review by Luci: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Clean mystery. Reviewed in the United States on October 29, 2023. I have discovered a new author! This author creates great stories with strong plots and relatable characters. The plots have several twists and turns throughout that kept me guessing and very interested to see how it would all wrap up. I enjoy the historical context as well as it makes it more realistic. I enjoy looking up references and digging deeper, so this is up my alley (so to speak). If you enjoy the 1920's, (gangsters and heroes) this is an author, book, series for you! I look forward to reading the next book! I received an ARC copy of the book, and all opinions are my own.

Review by Kindle Customer: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. OMG!!! Reviewed in Canada on September 6, 2023. Verified Purchase. All these novels are SUPERB! Love the HEA endings and this one helps Max find his parents, so he comes by his sleuthing qualities naturally. Every book is a 'must read' and you cannot put them down!! Absolutely cannot wait for the next instalment -keep on writing then quickly!!

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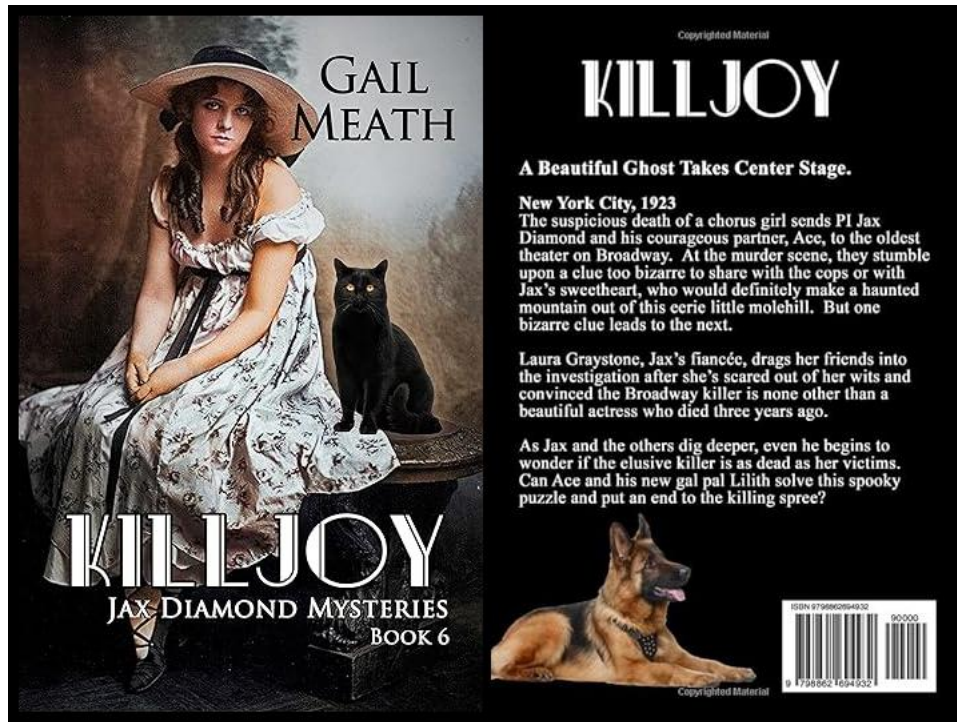
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KILLJOY by Gail Meath

Book 6 of 7: Jax Diamond Mysteries.

Can Ace and his new gal pal, Lilith, solve this spooky puzzle and stop the killing spree?

New York City, 1923

The suspicious death of a chorus girl sends PI Jax Diamond and his courageous partner, Ace, to the oldest theater on Broadway. At the murder scene, they stumble upon a clue too bizarre to share with the cops or with Jax's sweetheart, who would definitely make a haunted mountain out of this eerie little molehill. But one bizarre clue leads to the next.

Laura Graystone, Broadway star and Jax's fiancée, drags her friends into the investigation after she's scared out of her wits and finds another dead body. Convinced the ghost of a beautiful actress is behind the murders, Laura and her friends follow the breadcrumbs of clues and end up in the slammer charged with burglary and murder.

As Jax digs deeper, even he begins to wonder if the elusive killer is as dead as her victims. Can Ace and his new gal pal, Lilith, solve the spooky puzzle and stop the killing spree?



Review by Paige: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Another great mystery. Reviewed in the United States on November 3, 2023. Verified Purchase. I absolutely adore this series and I'm so thankful I discovered it! Gail Meath does a wonderful job of crafting a page-turning mystery. I couldn't bring myself to put the book down. And while I loved reading more of Jax and Laura's relationship I loved that we got more of Orin in this story. He's become one of my favorite characters and I only want good things for him. He's been through so much and deserves it. I received an advance review copy for free, and I am leaving this review voluntarily.

Review by Kindle Customer 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Killjoy (Jax Diamond Mysteries Book 6). Reviewed in the United States on November 11, 2023. Verified Purchase. I rated this because it's simply a good story. Also, it's nostalgic of earlier times. The author stuck with the props such as pay phones, diners, types of cars from that Era as well as the attitude and personalities of characters. Also, it didn't have an overabundance of typos and incorrect sentences structures. Those things that I really hate. It's altogether a good piece of work and a pleasure to read.

Review by Helena (Calif): 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Really enjoyed!!! Reviewed in the United States on October 19, 2023. Verified Purchase. So very good! Love this series! This one has a more ghostly spooky touch which I enjoyed a lot. Also liked getting to know Jax's mother Winnie who has some great abilities along with her cat Lilith. Gail always has excellent historical facts she weaves into these stories and the one at the beginning and notes at the end of the book were fascinating to me. Pre-ordered #7 and look forward to checking out the new series. You rock Gail! Keep them coming please!

Review by PolkaDot: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Another delightful mystery... Reviewed in the United States on October 20, 2023. Verified Purchase. Once again, Jax and Laura, along with their friends, start investigating a case and end up solving a number of related cases as well. Ace meets Lilith, a black cat, and they become fast friends. This story held my interest throughout and kept me reading chapter after chapter after chapter. I highly recommend this book and am eagerly awaiting the next one in the series.

Review by Fred Fanning: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. A Great Story. Reviewed in the United States on October 29, 2023. Verified Purchase. I am all in with the Jax Diamond Series. They are the most interesting mysteries I have ever read. I have enjoyed each one. The addition of spirits and a cat made this one special. It was a real page-turner.

Review by B.D. Harpold: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Can the prime suspect really be a ghost? Reviewed in the United States on October 23, 2023. In this 6th installment of the award winning Jax Diamond Mysteries series, by author Gail Meath, "Killjoy" once again provides us with a tight story line featuring the characters we have come to love. Detective Jax Diamond, his canine partner Ace, and Jax's fiancé, Laura Graystone, an up-and-coming Broadway star, have teamed up to find whoever is killing Broadway chorus girls.

Hang onto your hat as Jax, Laura and Ace speed along the streets of New York City during the roaring twenties as they try to solve a ghostly murder mystery! Jax and Laura are convinced that the death of one of the chorus girls at the theater where Laura is performing was no accident. But can one of the prime suspects really be a ghost? No matter if the killer is from this world or the spirit world, they had better hurry. Bodies are starting to pile up, and Laura's best friend, Jeanie, is about to end up on the killer's hit list!

I always look forward to any of Gail Meath's novels, but this series is a true delight as it continues to satisfy from the first page to the last. Plenty of twists and turns and a dose of humor makes the cozy Jax Diamond Mysteries "Killjoy" title, by author Gail Meath, a must read. These can be read as stand-alone books, but you'll get a more satisfying experience by starting at the beginning with "Songbird".

Review by Kindle Customer DVH: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Death at the theater. Reviewed in the United States on November 24, 2023. Killjoy is book 6 in the Jax Diamond Mysteries by Gail Meath. Killjoy is excellent and packed full of action and mystery. Jax and Laura are engaged and Jax has found his parents. Murder at the theater puts everyone on edge... was it an accident or a clever murder? I love that the core characters are in each book and the relationships grow in a natural way rather than forced. Ace is a force of detective greatness, and does he have a new cat partner? I found Killjoy to be an exceptional mystery and I can't wait to read book 8, The Diamonds. I received an arc for free and am leaving my review voluntarily.

Review by Jane Verco: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Another great Jax Diamond mystery... Reviewed in Australia on October 30, 2023. Verified Purchase. It is always a treat to find the next instalment of the Jax Diamond mysteries has arrived! Continuing from past escapades, and again with Laura and her Follies friends joining in, everyone finds themselves caught up in various mysterious happenings at the theatre. Jax and Ace, this time aided by Jax' Mother Winnie and her crazy cat Lilith, set out to investigate, of course along with Tim and everyone else joining in the sleuthing.

Needless to say, once again Gail Meath has given us a wonderful tale which was so hard to put down and enjoyable right to the last page. I was delighted to find out that there will be one more (although sadly the last) instalment in Jax Diamond's escapades coming to us next year - I can't wait. And in the meantime, Ms. Meath is tempting us with the news that a new series is on its way. And it's not even Christmas yet!

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STARRING...

ACE



JAX



LAURA





THE DIAMONDS by Gail Meath

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"I now pronounce you husband and..."

New York City, 1923

The most talked-about wedding is quickly approaching, and PI Jax Diamond, the groom, is on top of the world. The tuxedos are freshly pressed and hanging in their closets. His good friend is busy decorating the nightclub for a glorious reception, and the newspaper reporters are anxiously waiting to print the front-page headlines. Even Ace, his courageous canine partner and best man, is prancing around, anxious for the event to begin.

The only thing missing is the bride.

Four days before the wedding, a group of mastermind criminals pull off one of the biggest diamond heists in the city, but that's not the only gem they steal. And boy, do they have their hands full.

Every police officer from Albany to Washington is summoned to work around the clock, hunting down the culprits. Will they find Laura in time to save her life, so she can take her vows?

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