



## **Read-Alikes for the Stephanie Plum Series**

If you like Janet's Evanovich's Stephanie Plum series, you might want to try these similar novels featuring mystery, romance, and tough, spunky, and sassy female protagonists. To order any of these titles, contact the library by email, phone, mail, in person, or order through our [online catalog](#). Select titles can be [downloaded from BARD](#).

### **Track of the Cat: An Anna Pigeon Mystery** By Nevada Barr

Read by Suzanne Toren                      Reading time 8 hours, 21 minutes

National park ranger Anna Pigeon is patrolling the West Texas backcountry when she discovers the body of a colleague apparently killed by a mountain lion. Disbelieving, Anna tracks a human killer as conflict erupts among park employees, hunters, ranchers, and conservationists. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1993.

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### **Agatha Raisin and the Quiche of Death** By M.C. Beaton

Read by Carmella Ross                      Reading time 6 hours, 19 minutes

At fifty-three, Agatha Raisin sells her successful public relations firm in London for early retirement in the Cotswolds. Lacking social skills, Agatha is soon bored and lonely. To garner some popularity, she enters a store-bought quiche in a local bake-off, but instead of winning she learns that her entry has poisoned the judge. To clear her name, Agatha resolves to find the story behind the poison. Strong language. 1992.

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**The Little Lady Agency** By Hester Browne

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee    Reading time 12 hours, 48 minutes  
Twenty-seven-year-old Londoner Melissa Romney-Jones opens Little Lady Agency, a consulting firm dedicated to helping bachelors navigate their personal and social lives. Melissa dons a wig and assumes the professional identity of "Honey," but when sparks fly with American client Jonathan Riley, Melissa wonders whether he loves her or Honey. 2005.

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**Goodnight, Irene** By Jan Burke

Read by Carol Dines    Reading time 9 hours, 50 minutes  
O'Connor, Irene Kelly's best friend from her newspaper days, is blown to bits in his front yard. Homicide detective Frank Harriman asks Irene to help him by returning to her newspaper job to find out if O'Connor had made any progress on his pet project--a thirty-five-year-old case of an anonymous murder victim. Strong language and violence. 1993.

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**Goodbye, Ms. Chips** By Dorothy Cannell

Read by Corrie James    Reading time 9 hours, 47 minutes  
Ellie Haskell's old boarding-school chum Dorcas Critchley now works as their alma mater's games mistress. Familiar with Ellie's amateur-sleuthing skills, Dorcas asks Ellie to find out who took a valuable lacrosse cup. But the suspicious death of retired teacher Ms. Chips changes the focus of Ellie's investigation. 2008.

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**Catering to Nobody: A Culinary Mystery** by Diane Mott Davidson

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee. Reading time 9 hours 6 minutes.

Colorado. Goldy caters the wake for her son Arch's fifth-grade teacher, who apparently committed suicide. During the event, Goldy's ex-father-in-law is poisoned. Afraid of losing her business and ruining her reputation, Goldy investigates the incidents and discovers that Arch may be involved. Includes recipes. Some strong language. 1992.

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**Back to the Bedroom** By Janet Evanovich

Read by Colleen Delany Reading time 4 hours, 50 minutes

Washington, D.C., neighbors Kate and Dave unexpectedly fall in love. Kate's a professional musician while Dave, a former photographer, lives off of his lottery winnings. They contend with major household mishaps, disapproving parents, and a hostage-taker before marrying. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 1989.

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**Foul Play** By Janet Evanovich

Read by Colleen Delany Reading time 4 hours, 1 minute

Veterinarian Jacob Elliott falls in love with recently fired television host Amy Klasse. Amy is replaced at work by a seven-pound chicken and when it disappears, she is accused of taking it. Amy and Jacob search for the missing bird. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1989.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB067756

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**Metro Girl** by Janet Evanovich

Read by Faith Potts

Former stock-car driver Alexandra Barnaby leaves Baltimore to find her missing brother "Wild Bill" in Miami. NASCAR driver Sam Hooker is also looking for Bill, who stole Hooker's yacht. The two join forces to expedite the search and sparks fly. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller. 2004.

Available on cassette RC059459

**Motor Mouth** By Janet Evanovich

Read by Faith Potts

Reading time 7 hours, 45 minutes

Alexandra "Barney" Barnaby, last seen in Metro Girl (RC 59459), and her lover, NASCAR driver Sam Hooker, look for evidence of cheating at the race track. When they steal a car-hauler truck, they discover the body of a murdered race-car owner inside. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller. 2006.

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**Wicked Appetite** By Janet Evanovich

Read by Faith Potts

Reading time 6 hours, 57 minutes

After inheriting a house near Salem, Massachusetts, baker Lizzy Tucker encounters two supernatural men: Diesel, from Visions of Sugar Plums (DB 55055), and his cousin Wulf. Diesel and Wulf believe Lizzy has the power to find seven magical stones--and each wants to keep the other from possessing the objects. 2010.

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**Wicked Business and Lizzy and Diesel Novel** By Janet Evanovich

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

Reading time 6 hours, 44 minutes

After Harvard University professor Gilbert Reedy is murdered, baker Lizzy Tucker and her supernatural friend Diesel continue Gilbert's quest for the Luxuria Stone--an ancient relic with the power of lust. Also searching are Diesel's cousin Wulf and zombie-like Anarchy. Bestseller. 2012.

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**Lemon Meringue Pie Murder** By Joanne Fluke

Read by Kristin Allison

Reading time 8 hours, 11 minutes

Bakery owner Hannah Swensen of Lake Eden, Minnesota--last seen in Blueberry Muffin Murder (RC 55213)--enlists the help of two sometime boyfriends when middle-aged flirt Rhonda Scharf is murdered after consuming one of Hannah's pies. As Hannah investigates, her family urges her to settle down. Includes recipes. 2003.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB057480

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**Murder on a Girls' Night Out** By Anne George

Read by Ruth Ann Phimister      Reading time 7 hours, 31 minutes

Retired Alabama schoolteacher Patricia Anne Hollowell has a mystery to solve when, shortly after her flamboyant sister Mary Alice buys a country-and-western bar, the previous owner is found dead in a wishing well. Commercial audiobook. 1996.

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**And a Puzzle to Die On** By Parnell Hall

Read by Mitzi Friedlander      Reading time 9 hours, 20 minutes

Attorney Becky Baldwin asks amateur sleuth Cora Felton to investigate the twenty-year-old case of Darryl Daigue, who is serving a life sentence for a teenager's murder. When more deaths occur the "Puzzle Lady" puts together a convoluted theory. Some violence and some strong language. 2004.

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**Maggody in Manhattan an Arly Hanks Mystery** By Joan Hess

Read by Madelyn Buzzard      Reading time 8 hours, 42 minutes

Maggody, Arkansas, police chief Arly Hanks's mother, Ruby Bee, wins a Manhattan trip as a cook-off finalist. When Ruby Bee ends up in jail, Arly reluctantly rescues her and meets another unlikely contestant, dashing but mysterious Durmond Pilverman, who helps investigate a murder. Some strong language. 1992.

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**Dead to Rights a Joanna Brady Mystery** By Judith A. Jance

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee      Reading time 10 hours, 27 minutes

Newly widowed sheriff Joanna Brady of Cochise County, Arizona, investigates the murder of local veterinarian Bucky Buckwalter. Suspects include the husband of a woman Bucky ran over while drunk, Bucky's own wife, and his wife's lover. Some violence and some strong language. 1996.

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**Confessions of a Shopaholic** By Sophie Kinsella

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee Reading time 10 hours, 1 minute

Young London journalist Rebecca Bloomwood loves to shop for clothes, makeup, shoes, and other trendy extravagances she can ill afford on her meager wages. Her banker is pressing her about her enormous overdue credit-card bill, but Becky just can't seem to control her addiction. Some strong language. 2001.

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Also available on cassette RC054435

**Remember Me?** By Sophie Kinsella

Read by Mare Trevathan Reading time 10 hours, 44 minutes

London. After twenty-eight-year-old Lexi Smart wakes up with amnesia, she can't remember the past three years of her life. Lexi learns that she's now a gorgeous but cut-throat businesswoman with a priggish millionaire husband and a secret lover. Strong language. Bestseller. 2008.

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**A Date You Can't Refuse** By Harley Jane Kozak

Read by Mare Trevathan Reading time 10 hours, 10 minutes

After cash-strapped greeting-card designer Wollie Shelley finishes jury duty, defendant Yuri Milos offers Wollie a position as a dating coach at his media-training company for foreign celebrities. When FBI agents tell Wollie to take the job and spy for them, she reluctantly agrees. Some violence and some strong language. 2009.

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**Getting Old is Murder** by Rita Lakin

Read by Cecelia Riddett

Reading time 7 hours, 47 minutes

Seventy-five-year-old Gladdy Gold, a retired New York librarian, lives in the Lanai Gardens apartment complex in Fort Lauderdale. Gladdy is suspicious when one of her elderly neighbors dies, but the death of her best friend Francie sends heartbroken Gladdy into sleuth mode to find the murderer. Some strong language. 2005.

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**Our Lady of Immaculate Deception** By Nancy Martin

Read by Mare Trevathan

Reading time 9 hours, 6 minutes

Unlike her shady relatives, Pittsburgh single mom Roxy Abruzzo runs a legit architectural-salvage business. But she can't resist taking a seemingly abandoned Greek statue from a burned-down estate. When the owner is killed that same night, Roxy realizes she's in trouble. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2010.

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**A River in the Sky** By Elizabeth Peters

Read by Erin Jones

Reading time 9 hours, 18 minutes

Palestine, 1910. The British government instructs Amelia and Emerson to monitor amateur archaeologist Major George Morley, a suspected spy. Meanwhile, the Peabodys' son Ramses, elsewhere in Palestine on a dig, uncovers a treasonous plot but is kidnapped before he can reach his parents and reveal it. 2010.

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**A Hole in Juan: An Amanda Pepper Mystery** By Gillian Roberts

Read by Annie Wauters

Reading time 7 hours, 15 minutes

Halloween pranks at Philly Prep turn sinister when science teacher Juan Reyes is seriously injured in a chemistry lab explosion shortly after complaining of being harassed by his students. To find the culprit, English teacher Amanda Pepper enlists the aid of her new PI husband, C.K. Mackenzie. 2006.

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Also available on cassette RC062895

**Sweet Love** By Sarah Strohmeyer,

Read by Martha Harmon PAardee Reading time 8 hours, 59 minutes

The mother of Boston reporter and single parent Julie Mueller tries to reunite Julie with former crush Michael Slayton at a pastry class. But Julie and Michael are still feuding over a story Julie broke years ago, and, besides, Julie's too busy to fall in love. Some strong language. 2008.

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