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For those who like to perambulate through the past in their mysteries, *Crime Through Time* is the perfect companion. Edited by Sharan Newman (medieval mysteries) and Miriam Grace Monfredo's (mid-Victorian American mysteries), this collection of historical mystery stories spans ancient Egypt to World War II and features some of the most well known names in the field. Of particular note is Nicholas diChario's "The Soldier and His Dead Companion," which posits a new solution to a wartime mystery; and the welcome returns of diva Geraldine Farrar and the prank-loving Great Caruso in Barbara Paul's "Portrait of the Artist as a Young Corpse," and Peter Lovesey's lecherous but amiable Bertie, Prince of Wales, in "Bertie and the Boat Race."

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## **From Reader Review Crime Through Time for online ebook**

### **Joyce says**

Just read the Julian Kestrel story.

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### **Anne Brown says**

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I loved the idea of a collection of historical mysteries, but felt that many of the stories were too short. There was either 1 obvious solution, or a drastic one that there was literally no way to predict because not enough information had been given. Several of the stories didn't even have a real mystery, they were just about someone dying who "had it coming." Many were enjoyable at least.

(2017 Reading Challenge: Book with Multiple Authors)

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### **Jennifer says**

A collection of twenty-one historical mystery short stories presented in chronological order.

I bought this book solely to read Kate Ross' "The Lullaby Cheat," but I found I really enjoyed most all the stories in this collection. They range in length from eight to twenty-five pages, with the average seeming to be about fifteen to twenty pages.

I think there should be something here to appease any historical mystery fan as there's a wide range of settings and eras. The first story is set in Egypt during the reign of King Tut, the final is set (through a flashbacks) in Berlin in the final days of WWII.

Not every author's writing was to my liking, nor was every historical era, and I think a few of the stories could have been a lot better if they'd had a few more pages worth of fleshing out, but overall this is a top-notch anthology.

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### **Jamie Collins says**

This has a Julian Kestrel story in it, by Kate Ross.

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### **Kate says**

Historical mystery short stories, often without much detecting, and relying an awful lot on what you might

know about a detective from reading a series. The idea of spanning history is cool, but too many of the stories failed for me - it is not so easy to write a perfect short story if the author is used to a longer form, I guess. Still, the late 90s was the waning of the great mystery boom and these are better than a lot of mysteries coming out today. I did enjoy the Kate Ross Julian Kestrel story, which was the reason I borrowed this book.

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### **Ange says**

Read only the stories by Anne Perry and Kate Ross. Didn't care for them.

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### **Mary says**

Bought this book to read the Julian Kestrel short story by Kate Ross. The stories are all fine, but I found the book overall a little disappointing. I think for me the crime/mystery genre doesn't translate well to the short story format. I felt a little bit like I was reading a lot of teasers for mystery series rather than full-fledged stories.

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### **Nikki says**

I ordered this book so I could read the Julian Kestrel short story (set in Regency England) by Kate Ross, who died too young after writing three Kestrel novels and this one story. Crime through Time is an anthology of historical mystery short stories, some related to novel series and others standalones. (Laurie L. King's "Mrs. Hudson's Case," which I read on Kindle and reviewed earlier this year, is also included.)

I enjoyed all the stories in this collection, including some from periods I don't usually go for -- ancient Egypt, for example. Books of short detective stories are great to have stashed about one's person to while away waiting time in medical offices and elsewhere. I'm glad I also bought Crime through Time II and III, as well as a similar collection, Past Poisons. Recommended.

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### **Jaime says**

Standouts for me were The Lullaby Cheat by Kate Ross and Bertie and the Boat Race by Peter Lovesey.

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### **Nicole says**

A nice little collection of short historical mysteries by mostly-established writers. Each author was limited to about 20 pages, and some truly shone in this format, crafting a tight, satisfying mystery plot. Others, unfortunately, suffered from the need to resort to telling us how to solve the mystery rather than giving us the necessary resources to follow along. Still, it was a nice way to get a small taste of a wide variety of authors, and some I'm definitely planning to seek out and read more of.

