

A *Quilting Cozy* series by Carol Dean Jones

Adult; Cozy Mystery

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Did you know Eureka Public Library has a monthly mystery book club which has met since 2013? Meeting on the third Monday of every month at 10 am, the Monday Morning Mystery Book Club discusses mystery and suspense/thrillers (and even some true crime). Some months we read a book or author in common. Some months we read books set in a particular geographical area or centered on a particular theme. Other months we have “free choice” and read whatever we like. Regular attendees are from all over the area – Roanoke, Germantown Hills, Sunnyland, as well as Eureka.

In 2022 we lost one of our founding members – Mary Jane Connor. Mary Jane lived in Sunnyland and attended our book club each month with one of her best friends. They joined the group after their retirement – looking for something different to do together. Mary Jane was an avid quilter. She also preferred cozy mysteries. After her passing, members of the group donated funds towards the purchase of a set of cozy mysteries as a memorial to Mary Jane. The chosen series is called *A Quilting Cozy* written by author Carol Dean Jones.

The library owns the first 12 books in the series. At the start of the series (*Tie Died*), the main character, Sarah Miller, is 68-years old and newly widowed. She is also mourning the loss of a grandson. Her family encourages her to move to the Cunningham Village retirement community (which is set in Illinois). There she meets Sophie, who quickly becomes a close friend, and takes up quilting. Soon one of her other new friends is murdered, and Sarah and Sophie track down the killer.

The series is described as being fun and friendly – a classic cozy mystery. Each book also includes a quilt pattern, which is something our friend Mary Jane would have loved. On October 10, 2022, the Monday Morning Mystery Book Club will get to meet the author Carol Dean Jones via Zoom at our monthly meeting. We invite anyone who is interested in mysteries, authors, and/or quilting to join us! No registration is necessary. Below are the books in the series in order:

1. *Tie Died*
2. *Running Stitches*
3. *Sea Bound*
4. *Patchwork Connections*
5. *Stitched Together*
6. *Moon over the Mountain*
7. *The Rescue Quilt*
8. *Missing Memories*
9. *Tattered & Torn*
10. *Left Holding the Bag*
11. *Beneath Missouri Stars*
12. *Frayed Edges*