

***Murder for the Modern Girl* by Kendall Kulper**

This murder mystery is set in the Roaring Twenties, and the heroine, Ruby Newhouse, is definitely of her times – a dedicated flapper. There’s much more to her than flirting and wild parties, though, as we discover that she has taken on the role of avenging angel, determined to see justice done for the least valued, most vulnerable parts of society: battered women and their abused children. Ruby loves daring dresses that help her charm her way to her goals, but she also loves her hidden weapons: hidden poisons and self-protection.

As the daughter of the state’s attorney, it’s a risky venture – but it is about to get even dicier as we meet another character who can shape-shift, and who is using his interest in medicine and pathology to investigate the string of questionable deaths resulting in corpses appearing in the morgue where he works. Plus, he’s also about to fall in love with Ruby and the feeling will become mutual. It’s a wild ride in a wilder time, with gangsters and speakeasies, but a very satisfying read!