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Mary Higgins Clark

In the past year, Mary Higgins Clark has had four titles in the top 15 most checked out books and was among the most popular authors in the library. Here are a few books you might like to read if you like Mary Higgins Clark.

Patricia Cornwell writes the Kay Scarpetta Mysteries (among many other things!) about Kay, a female medical examiner. In this series, Cornwell focuses primarily on crimes against women and children.

Catherine Coulter writes both Historical Romance and Suspense Thrillers. For the FBI Thriller Series start with *The Cove*, where a seemingly peaceful setting explodes with fast-paced action.

Joy Fielding's 1990 titles match Clark's in terms of stories about women and children, characters, and the dark foreboding feel. Try *The Deep End*.

Lisa Gardner writes about sympathetic and independent heroines in suspenseful tales that offer similarities to Clark, although her language is sometimes rougher and her plots may be more violent. To start, try *The Other Daughter*.

Amy Gutman's Legal Thriller *Equivocal Death* also features a woman in danger from an unknown stalker. Dates and times, as chapter headings, move readers quickly through the story, which features the classic double points of view of Suspense, as well as the murder offstage.

Tami Hoag writes tightly-woven, fast-paced, suspenseful stories of women in danger. Her fans have come to expect a high level of tension, a gripping plot that is believable and characters that are appealing but not dominating to the story.

Iris Johansen writes suspenseful stories of Eve Duncan, a forensic sculptor. Fast-paced, involving, and suspenseful, these stories may reflect more violent themes but certainly provide a sympathetic, interesting heroine.

Judith Kelman offers another possibility for readers, with strong, resourceful heroines involved in dangerous investigations. Note though, that Kelmen uses slightly more violence than Mary Higgins Clark. To give Kelman a chance, start with *Summer of Storms*.

James Patterson is well known for his Alex Cross Series. But he also writes the Women's Murder Club series--about four career women who get together to solve crimes. Although more violent than Clark, Patterson focuses on the importance of female friendships.

