

MURDER GOES SOLO BOOK CLUB RESOURCES

A PIPER HAYDN PIANO MYSTERY #1

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A showcase piece for her big event. A musical instrument turned improvised coffin. A deadly sour note that may leave her playing a dirge.

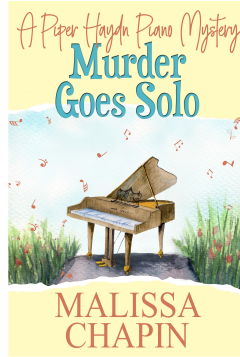
Piper Haydn's nerves are stretched to the max. Fuming that she still hasn't received the Steinway she ordered, the academy owner is in a panic that her student recitals will be ruined. But her relief at the piano's last-minute delivery turns to horror when she finds the corpse of her ex-fiancé stuffed inside.

Distraught that everything could go discordant so quickly, she leans on the kindness of friends as they herd the frightened kids outside only to find the cops already sniffing around. And after the chief of police tells her they're attending a bomb threat and not a murder, things only get worse when she admits knowing the victim.

Can Piper find the killer and bring the case to a compelling coda?

Murder Goes Solo is the delightful first book in the Piper Haydn Piano Mysteries cozy series. If you like engaging heroines, close-knit communities, and crazy crimes, then you'll love Malissa Chapin's symphony of suspense.

Buy *Murder Goes Solo* for a captivating criminal composition today!





Thank you for choosing to use my novel *Murder Goes Solo* for your book club. I'm so excited and thankful to share this resource with you.

Please email me several weeks before the meeting, and I will send bookmarks to you for the participants of your group. If you are interested, and if I am available for a quick phone call, I'd love to join you the night of your meeting.

malissa@malissachapin.com **Please put "book club request" in the subject line.

I can't wait to hear what you and your group thought of my book—good or bad.

Thank you for giving my novel a chance.

Malissa

CHAPTER ONE



Fun questions for your book club before you start discussing my book.

1. What is your favorite book of all time?
2. What type of books do you enjoy reading? What type do you dislike reading?
3. What is the first book you remember reading or the first book you remember someone reading to you?
4. What type of mystery books do you enjoy?
5. What is the first mystery book you remember reading?

CHAPTER TWO



Murder Goes Solo Discussion Guide

1. What did you like best about this book? What did you like least?
2. Did you like the main character? Did you like her sidekick? Why or why not? Who are you most like?
3. If you could chat with any character in this book, who would you want to talk to? What would you ask?
4. If you could hear this story from another character's point of view, which character would you choose?
5. Would you read another book by this author? Why or why not?
6. Was the murderer's motive believable?
7. When did you figure out the culprit?
8. Did you discover any hidden clues?
- 9.. What was your favorite moment in this book?
10. Would you trade places with any of the characters in this book?
11. What did you like about Cranberry Harbor—the town Murder Goes Solo is set in?

I'd love to hear the answers to these questions. Please email me and let me know what your book club discussed and your thoughts about my questions.

Thank you for reading *Murder Goes Solo*
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CHAPTER THREE



The citizens of Cranberry Harbor enjoy several fun cafes and restaurants. Dominique Landry's Sweetberrys is a favorite of Piper and Rosie. Dominique is always testing recipes on the girls and Piper loves her triple chocolate brownies. Enjoy!

Dominique's Triple Chocolate Brownies

- 1/2 c. unsalted butter
- 1/2 c. semi-sweet chocolate
- 3/4 c. granulated sugar
- 1/3 c. packed soft brown sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 c. cocoa powder
- 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1/4 – 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2/3 c. white chocolate chips or chunks
- 2/3 c. milk chocolate chips or chunks

Instructions

1. Preheat an oven to 350°F
2. Line an 8x8 inch square pan or similar with parchment paper or spray with cooking spray.
3. Mix the butter and the chocolate in a medium saucepan and heat it on top of a double boiler. Stir until melted and combined.
4. Whisk in sugars while mixture is hot.
5. Beat in eggs, one at a time then add salt and vanilla.
6. Whisk the cocoa powder and flour into the chocolate mixture until it is a glossy chocolate batter.
7. Stir in both chocolate chunks or chips. Pour the batter into the prepared baking dish and spread batter to the sides of the pan.
8. Bake the brownies 25-30 minutes or until a knife inserted into the pan comes out clean. Do not overbake.
9. Cool on wire rack before cutting.

**Substitute white chocolate chips with peanut butter chips or caramel chips.

**Dust with powdered sugar if you like

CHAPTER FOUR



I shared a behind the scenes look at my writing journey and fun interviews with Rosie and Piper on my blog. Check these posts out.

<https://malissachapin.com/my-writing-journey-part-1/>

Writing Murder Goes Solo

<https://malissachapin.com/a-bit-of-info-about-writing-murder-goes-solo/>

An interview with Piper

<https://malissachapin.com/meet-piper-hadyn-interview-by-malissa-chapin-a-new-cozy-mystery-series/>

An interview with Rosie

<https://malissachapin.com/out-for-coffee-with-rosie-pipers-bff/>

My Pinterest board for Murder Goes Solo has my vision of the book. If you check it out with your book club, let me know what they think.

Murder Goes Solo Playlist



Beethoven: Rage Over A Lost Penny
Berlioz: Symphonie fantastique, Op. 14: 1. Reveries-Passions



Chopin: Preludes, Op. 28: No. 15, Sostenuto in D-Flat Major
"Raindrops"



Debussy: Claire de Lune
Debussy: La Mer, L. 109: I. De l'aube a midi sur la mer

Debussy: Mandoline

Debussy: La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin, L. 33

Debussy: Reverie, CD 76, L. 68

Debussy: Petite suite, L. 65: En bateau

Debussy: Douze Etudes: X. Etude pour les sonorites opposees

Dino: Amazing Grace

Dino: To God Be the Glory



Rimsky-Korsakov: Flight of the Bumblebee



Tangled Lines: Grandma's Tea



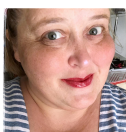
Vivaldi: 4 Seasons, Summer 3-Presto

I compiled this playlist on Spotify. If you'd like to find it, search for *Piper Haydn Murder Goes Solo Malissa Chapin*

Malissa Chapin has a heart for writing stories filled with humor, faith, and truth. She's always adored reading excellent books and is tickled to see her childhood dream of becoming an author finally come true.

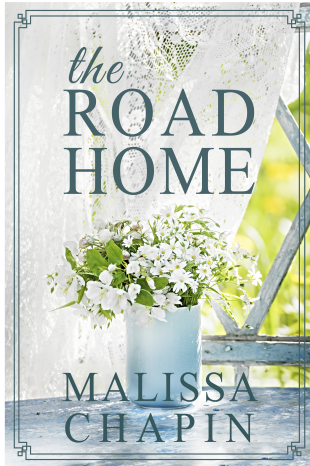
Malissa loves creating with words, watercolor, fabric, and yarn. You can find her in her garden, at the piano, homeschooling her bonus baby, or enjoying a coffee with friends.

She lives and sometimes freezes in Wisconsin with her family and a crazy cat.





Enjoy your own set of custom-designed Piper Haydn paper dolls.
These are copyrighted by the artist and free for your personal use.
You may download them at [this link](#).
Enjoy.



Hiding from her tainted past. Will unraveling a long-buried deception let the truth set her free?

Wisconsin, present day. Audra March's adult life is haunted by a teenage misstep. Taking an assumed name and enjoying simple things, the thirty-something comes upon a vintage recipe box while thrift shopping and hunts down the owner's daughter. So when a longtime adversary threatens her with blackmail, she jumps at the invitation to escape to the dead lady's estate and avoid an old enemy.

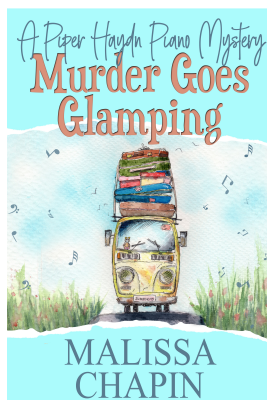
Kentucky, 1940's. Ida Bealle Horne aches for a baby. Deeply in love with her preacher husband, she despairs that God will never grace her Appalachian home with the laughter of a child. So when a knock at the door comes one stormy night, she thanks the Almighty when a granny shoves a newborn into her arms.

Stumbling across a collection of letters, Audra unearths a secret its owner took to the grave and embarks on a path of surprising consequences. And though Ida Bealle can't bear to admit to her now-grown daughter they don't share blood, she feels the burden of the lie crushing her soul.

Can Audra's journey bring fulfillment to another and gift her a second chance?

The Road Home is the emotional first book in a Christian women's fiction series. If you like conflicted heroines, tales of redemption, and dual-timeline stories, then you'll adore Malissa Chapin's generation-spanning saga.

Buy *The Road Home* to find forgiveness today!



She'd rather play a sonata than huddle around a campfire. But when homicide takes the stage, can she bring down the curtain on a killer?

Piper Haydn enjoys the finer things in life. Coming from wealth, the music academy owner refuses to let her friend drag her out glamor camping until the handsome local police chief's teasing strikes the wrong chord. And returning to the campground late after a piano conference, her panic hits a crescendo when she stumbles on a dead body.

Fleeing in horror and now suspected of committing the evil deed, the terrified thirty-something dives into the investigation to clear her name. Yet with her artsy hippie pal missing, an unpleasant sheriff eager to slap the cuffs on her, and a murderer still on the loose, she fears snooping around could lead to a deadly encore.

Can Piper piece together the cacophony of clues before her next concerto is played behind bars?

Murder Goes Glamping is the charming second book in the Piper Haydn Piano Mysteries cozy series. If you like amateur sleuths, loyal friends, and surprising twists, then you'll love Malissa Chapin's cutthroat cadenza.

Buy *Murder Goes Glamping* to orchestrate the perfect crime today!



Merry Noel is a busy woman with no time or patience to celebrate holidays. But when she's fired after going berserk at the office Christmas party, she goes home to visit her mom for the first time in years.

A wise man named Joe, a blizzard, and an unexpected guest help Merry recapture her joy and bring her Hope for Christmas



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If you're stumped on how to write a review, here are a few tips.

1. Share a quick summary of the story. Who is the book about? Where is the story set? What's happening in the book?
2. What is your opinion of the story? Include something you liked or did not like.

3. Would you recommend the book to a friend? Why or why not? What type of reader might enjoy this book?



I'd love an email to let me know what your group thought of the story.

If the participants have questions I can answer, I'd love to take the time to do that for you as well.

I know that everyone does not love every book and that's ok. Don't hesitate to send me constructive comments from those who didn't enjoy the book. I can take it!

Thank you again for giving my novel a chance.
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