

# Boisjoly & Bulletin Quillfeather Chronicle

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## Teddy Quillfeather In Sensational Series Starter!



Now that the cover issue is settled, the official publication date of Teddy's first mystery can be announced — *Hardy Haul at Hardy Hall* will be available from May 24th.

**Hardy Haul at Hardy Hall is available for pre-order from today**

Theodora 'Teddy' Quillfeather had her debut in Anty Boisjoly's *Mystery and Malice* aboard *RMS Ballast*. She's Anty's cousin — an audacious and loquacious, stylish and coquettish stiletta of the golden age and very much a citizen in good standing of the Anty Boisjoly world of whimsy.

But Teddy is not a female Anty Boisjoly. Where Anty's capricious, she's mischievous, where Anty's deductive, Teddy gets fully involved in the mystery as it unfolds, and as the locked room murder is to Anty Boisjoly the clever caper is to Teddy Quillfeather.

Indeed, in a nerve-testing departure for the genre, there are no murders in *Teddy Quillfeather Mysteries*. Instead, Teddy turns her take-charge talents to mysteries of manor house manners, as often as not fully implicating herself in smooth swindles and highwire heists, rigged rooms of loaded dice, and dark horses running dodgy courses.

Clearly, she needs her own series to manage it all.

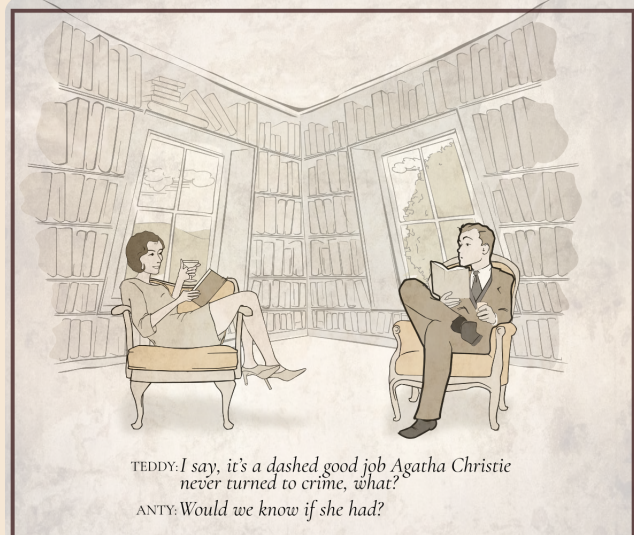
That begins on May 24th with *Hardy Haul at Hardy Hall*, in which the theft of an immensely valuable, immensely ugly necklace is only the beginning of the intrigues and idiosyncrasies of a country weekend at Hardy Hall where Teddy's mother has sent her with strict instructions to select an eligible bachelor from a shortlist of aristocrats, plutocrats, and copycats.

But when Teddy sets out to discourage the suitors and discover the looters with her natural knack for applied shenanigans she instead uncovers countless conspiracies complicated by country house courtesies. It's a comedy of manners and caper of manors and the only solution, if you're Teddy Quillfeather, is obviously another heist...

### Nineteen-twenty-never

Teddy and Anty both exist in a bygone golden age that never by went.

Nevertheless, each tale has a rough date on which it occurs, if only to communicate why Anty doesn't just send a text or Teddy isn't on Facebook (which she wouldn't be anyway, I feel quite sure). Teddy had her debut in *Mutiny and Malice aboard RMS Ballast* which is set in the Spring of 1929 but some readers might note that the events of *Hardy Haul at Hardy Hall* occur slightly more than a year earlier. That's deliberate. In time, Teddy's timelines will catch up to Anty's for two cross-over stories.



*This is no less than the third manifestation of this cartoon, so there's almost no obligation to laugh. One of the two minor differences is that Teddy now has the flapper bob described in the books.*

### The Case of the Case of Withdrawal



*This newsletter's cryptic clue is for Foreboding Foretelling at Ficklehouse Felling, and the clue is simply the manner in which the cover image is employed in this cartoon.*

The mailbag tells me that all this new series splendour and pomp has given the impression that Anty Boisjoly is retiring.

Nothing could be further from the truth; if anything the addition of Teddy Quillfeather to the canon has invigorated Anty Boisjoly Mysteries, and in less than a month there'll be another newsletter announcing the official publication date of *Death Reports to a Health Resort*, in which we meet yet more of Anty's eccentric extended family when he visits his uncle at a retreat for fans of the first deadly sin and suckers for the sixth.

Suspects are piqued and plentiful when the most disliked man in the spa is the victim of a locked room murder, but Inspector Wittersham soon points the finger at Anty's uncle and things only get worse when a second murder occurs that both eye-witnesses — Anty Boisjoly and Ivor Wittersham — swear was impossible.

### Spread The Blame

As Teddy Quillfeather takes on a cosy mystery without murder and changes the genre forever, let us commemorate the moment when Anty Boisjoly came along and ruined locked room murders for everyone.

In recognition of the milestone, Anty's first mystery — *The Case of the Canterfell Codicil* — is on sale in the US (the UK and elsewhere have to be separate arrangements, for some reason) for only 99c.

That's probably of no great utility to most of us, but if you know someone who hasn't yet read Anty Boisjoly and — and this part is key — would like to, this brief discount might present an opportunity to trumpet down the walls of resistance.

Accordingly, this newsletter comes in handy forwardable format — just click the forward button of your email client and enter the email addresses of everyone you know with a sense of humour.

**Get The Case of the Canterfell Codicil for 99c until Monday at midnight**

