**Books of a Feather**  
**Birdwatching Scavenger Hunt**

Bestselling mystery author Kate Carlisle snuck 18 bird references into the pages of her latest Bibliophile Mystery, *Books of a Feather*, some overt and some kind of tricky. Read the book, take notes, and then come back to see if you caught them all!

### The “Bird” People

**Sheng Li - “Crane”** (Derek’s pal from school) – His mother’s childhood nickname for him was Hè (pronounced “hua”), the Chinese word for Crane. When Derek found out, he began to call him Crane and the name stuck.

**Sheng Bai** (Crane’s brother) – Their mother’s childhood nickname for Bai was Que (pronounced “cheh”), the Chinese word for magpie.

**Micah Featherstone** (a possible book thief, purchased Poor Richard’s Almanack) – Feathers.

**Marva Pesca** (the new president of the Bird-Watchers Society) – La Pesca, Tamaulipas, Mexico – a small town on the Gulf of Mexico, a well-known site for spotting waterbirds, including various types of hawks, plovers, herons, terns, and gulls.

**Officer Vogel** (one of the police officers who accompanied Inspector Lee to Brooklyn and Derek’s home the night George was injured) – Vogel is the German word for bird.

**Officer Love** (one of the police officers who accompanied Inspector Lee to Brooklyn and Derek’s home the night George was injured) – Lovebirds.

**Bryce Flint** (the husband from the divorce case in which Brooklyn testified) – In *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson, the pirate Long John Silver had a parrot named Captain Flint.

**Goose** (Brooklyn’s parents’ old friend Goose) – A goose is a type of waterfowl, generally bigger than a duck but smaller than a swan.

**Lark** (the recently hired risk analyst in Derek’s office) – A lark is a small songbird, traditionally kept as a pet in China.

**Kea** (Bai’s girlfriend) – A kea is a large parrot found primarily in the alpine regions of New Zealand.

### The “Bird” Books

- *One Flew over the Cuckoo’s Nest*
- *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood of Great Renown*
- *The Maltese Falcon*
- *Lonesome Dove*
- *Songbirds in Trees*
- *To Kill a Mockingbird*

...and a non-avian winged creature, *Dracula*

### Extra credit “Bird” reference

Becky, Brooklyn’s Mom, is a witch and is currently the Grand *Raven* Mistress of her local Druidic coven.