



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 “ch eh”), 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.

