

Aren't we all just trying to figure out how to best get through these unusual days? From socially acceptable distances and channels, I hear all too much that so many readers are having difficulty finding their focus. The books I normally devour don't feel quite right to me given the current moment. Maybe you are like me (but I hope for your sake this is not the case) and a chapter took you days to read! This was in no means a comment on the book and left me completely flummoxed. Not reading was not an option for me. In my head there is a clock ticking that constantly reminds me that there are SO many good books and not enough time to read them!

Maybe the answer is to change things up a bit. For example, as I was grasping around for my next read, I came upon a cozy mystery series by Ellery Adams. An amateur sleuth, an unsuspecting victim, a quirky supporting cast, and trail of clues and red herrings are the main ingredients of a cozy mystery. In a cozy mystery the principle sleuth is just an ordinary person--be it a librarian, gardener, caterer, vicar or neighborhood busybody. The average person makes a difference. This is a great message for these times!

Ellery Adams has written numerous mysteries, but I started with the *The Secret, Book & Scone Society*. This is the first book in a series that currently has three titles. The simple premise is a group of four women, each with a painful secret, come together to solve murder in a small North Carolina town. This is the kind of book in which the descriptions of books and scones are more graphic than the murder. And there is a teeny tiny bit of romance thrown in for good measure. Hoopla has both the eAudio and eBook versions available for all books in this series.