

Fascinating. This book was so informative that it made up for the slow start.

Unless you are a librarian, this has everything you probably ever wanted to know about rare books and incunabula (a phrase I've not often used since I was in Library School).

It has jealousy, envy, hatred - all of the academic kind that one might find in a research library. And, of course, it has murder, mayhem and poses the question of just how easy (or hard) might it be to steal from the rare books collection.

The heroine, Crighton Jones, and a reader in Western history, Steve Carson, are among the first to find the body of Dr. DeVeer who has plunged head first down the stairs and split his skull open. Soon Dr. George, late of Yale University Library, comes to find some answers for his former student, Dr. Brooks, now head of the Werner-Bok Library.

I found Dr. George a most fascinating character. The author uses him to show just how much he knows about rare books.

I thought I would be interested in reading others in this series. I think they are mostly out of print, so if I do, I will probably have to go to a library. To find this out, I went to Amazon and found that this author had also written books about the Library of Congress. So, I guess he is no weakling in this area of expertise