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**ZJ CZUPOR'S  
MYSTERY MINUTE:  
ON TOUR WITH DEAD WRITERS**

**ANSWER: Mary Higgins Clark (1927-2020)** has been called the “Queen of Suspense.” She’s the #1 New York Times bestselling author of 51 novels, four collections of short stories, a historical novel, a memoir, and two children’s books. She co-authored the bestselling Under Suspicion series of novels with bestselling author Alafair Burke. And she co-authored five suspense novels with her daughter, Carol Higgins Clark, who passed away in 2023 in Los Angeles at the age of 66 from appendix cancer.



More than one hundred million copies of Mary Higgins Clark’s book are in print in the United States alone. Her books also are international bestsellers. She won numerous awards for her writing including serving as the 1987 president of Mystery Writers of America and served on its board for many years. In 2000, MWA awarded her its highest honor of “Grand Master.” She was awarded eighteen honorary doctorates. Several of her novels were adapted for film and television, and two for the theater. She outlived two other husbands. She died in Naples, Florida at the age of 92 from complications of old age. At the time of her death, she was survived by her five children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.