

**RECAP**  
**An Unlikely Exposure**  
**Book #5: The Unlikely Murder Club Series**

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*An Unlikely Exposure* unfolds in *Unlikely*, centering on the complexities surrounding former master criminal Agatha Shadewell, who is currently living on parole under the custodianship of retired FBI agent Martin Kopp. The central conflict begins with the release of convicted killer and true crime author, JJ Urquhart, who had previously attempted to kill Agatha. JJ was granted a new trial and released into the custody of Detective Cecil Kopp, Martin's son, after JJ's biological father, Gus Steward, claimed on his deathbed that he, not JJ, had committed the murders JJ had been convicted of. JJ, whose true crime books had become bestsellers, was hired as the head writer for the movie adaptation of his book, *The Gift of Grab: The Agatha Shadewell Story*.

Agatha sold the rights to her life story to Well Dark Studios, specifically stipulating that the filming occur in *Unlikely* to generate revenue for the town, which was struggling after years of embezzlement. Despite her desire for privacy, her contract required her to consent to being filmed. She was deeply distressed when she read the screenplay and realized JJ had included details of her childhood trauma of being locked in a basement, a secret she had only ever shared with Martin. Believing Martin had betrayed her trust, Agatha confronted him in an uncharacteristic, loud, public outburst outside Penny's diner. Martin managed to convince onlookers that Agatha's meltdown was only a dramatic performance for the movie. In a shocking turn of events, the true source of the leaked secret was Agatha's long-estranged mother, Deirdre Shadewell (Masterson), who had unexpectedly arrived in town seeking attention.

The situation escalated dramatically with the murder of obnoxious and intrusive videographer Cameron Crisp in the Belfair Parkette. Martin, who discovered the body alongside Agatha and Deirdre, was immediately arrested by his own son, Cecil, as the prime suspect. Cecil, believing his father was innocent, temporarily released Martin with an ankle monitor, leveraging his authority over the local ankle monitor pilot program. This created the complication that Martin, Agatha, and fellow parolee Samantha Park all had to stay at least five feet away from each other to prevent their monitors from emitting a painful feedback shriek.

The Unlikely Murder Club (UMC), an informal investigative team that now included Cecil Kopp, convened to clear Martin's name. The key to the case was the missing video camera and SD card, which were suspected of holding the killer's motive. Together with his tech-savvy granddaughter, Echo Augustus-Kopp, Martin organizes a town-wide search, and the camera is located hidden in actress Brittany McHoldfast's trailer. Echo, a skilled tech expert, then orchestrated a complex data heist during Cecil's drive to Grimthorpe, successfully copying the files from the cracked, password-protected SD card,,.

Meanwhile, Agatha was forced to contend with unexpected visits from her past. Her former mentor, Robert DuBois (alias Peter Parker), and former lover, Cat Fairweather (alias Natasha Keys),, arrived in *Unlikely*. Cat revealed she was seeking closure before committing to a new life outside of crime,, and Robert, who was terminally ill, wanted to say goodbye before traveling to Switzerland. Both left town shortly after assisting the UMC investigation,.

The recovered footage and UMC investigation efforts soon eliminated most suspects, including Agatha herself, who had an alibi confirmed by a security guard,. The true culprit was revealed to be the movie's producer, Dick Goodnight (aka Well Dark), who had orchestrated the entire film project as an elaborate revenge plot against Agatha,. Goodnight, who blamed Agatha for his imprisonment years earlier, intended for his prison cellmate, Ward Brooklyn (formerly the Brooklyn Vigilante),, the movie's obsequious production assistant, to kill Martin, someone Agatha loved, so she would suffer,. Ward, who had killed Cameron Crisp for recording Goodnight's plans, also confessed that Goodnight had manipulated him into delivering the fatal blow to Royce Belfair, meaning Samantha Park was innocent of murder.

The confrontation culminated at Goodnight's impromptu wedding to Deirdre Shadewell in the Belfair Bijou,, where he attempted to shoot Martin. Agatha instinctively shielded Martin, taking a bullet for him just as he once had for her,. Goodnight's attempt was foiled by Deirdre and Echo, and both Dick Goodnight and Ward Brooklyn were arrested,,. Dick Goodnight died shortly thereafter.

In the aftermath, Martin's charges were dropped, and Agatha's sentence was commuted to time served, allowing her to remove her ankle monitor. Echo found a recording confirming JJ Urquhart's original guilt, ensuring he remained incarcerated,. Finally, after decades of shared history, Martin and Agatha began a romantic relationship,,. Agatha, grounded in Unlikely and released from her past, began writing her own version of events: \*An Unlikely Story: The Life and Crimes of Agatha Shadewell, Master Criminal\*,.