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EUREKA SPRINGS, ARK – Arkansas regional publisher, Scorpius Carta Press, will release the fifth book in the Cardboard Cottage Mystery series by Jane Elzey, May 1. ***Ouija & Haints in the Silent City*** is a cold case murder mystery set in 1924, featuring four friends that reader fans call the Cardboard Cottage sleuths.

As one reviewer said, “Think Evanovich with a southern flair, Jane Elzey could be the next Big Thing in Cozy.”

Book #1, *Dying for Dominoes* (Scorpius Carta Press 2020), achieved #1 status in the Craft & Hobby Cozy Mystery category on Amazon Kindle in April.

Author and publisher invite readers to join the Book Launch Party on May 1 from 4 to 7 p.m. when a favorite local, award-winning brewery will become the “Gotahold Speakeasy” for the evening. Party plans include an author book signing, tarot readers, photo booth, bingo and prizes. Admission is free.

“Come in costume and party like it’s 1925!” says Eureka Springs resident, Janie Clark, who writes cozy mysteries under the pen name, Jane Elzey. “This time it’s a 1924 cold case in fictional Bluff Springs, Arkansas.”

Other local events planned for the book launch include a book signing at Iris at the Basin Park on May 10, and White Street Studio Walk (Springer Studio) May 16. Both are in Eureka Springs.

In ***Ouija & Haints in the Silent City***, vintage game store owner, Amy Sparks, and her three best friends volunteer to recreate local history for a fundraiser. The characters they portray are powerful women from the past and their stage is the graveyard—also known as The Silent City. But when an antique necklace drops in Amy’s lap, she realizes she holds the key to a cold case murder.

Spiritualism and séances were all the rage in the 1920s, so when the antique Ouija board Amy bought for her shop unexpectedly reveals a secret, she wonders what it has to say about the murder. But when the Cardboard Cottage sleuths reluctantly consult the mystical talking board, the planchette points a finger at the living.

Hobo signs and history are part of this puzzling mystery from that frigid night in the past, but it isn't long before Amy discovers that more than one husband didn't make it out of his marriage alive.

Was there a black widow society in their little town one-hundred years ago? Have they unknowingly called up a restless spirit wanting revenge? Can Amy solve this tale of deception before innocent lives are changed forever? And will the Silent City give up its secrets in time?

A retired journalist, Janie Clark writes under the Jane Elzey *nom de plume* from her studio in Eureka Springs, where she claims to eavesdrop on tourists for plausible and highly entertaining plots as to why the husband might bite the dust. #TheHusbandAlwaysDies

True to the cozy mystery genre made famous by Dame Agatha Christie, Jane Elzey's Cardboard Cottage Mystery series does not include foul language, sex, gore, or violence. Elzey warns, however, this is not your sweet-tea cozy, and her characters are anything but cookie-cutter cute.

The Cardboard Cottage Mystery series published by Scorpius Carta Press includes *Dying for Dominoes* (2020), *Dice on a Deadly Sea* (2021), *Poison Parcheesi and Wine* (2022), *Killer Croquet on the Emerald Isle* (2024), *Ouija & Haints in the Silent City* (2025).

What's next for book #6 in 2026?

"*I Spy a Dead Guy* takes place at the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Every other book is a bucket list adventure for the Cardboard Cottage sleuths," Elzey explains. "This time the husband's 500 feet up!"

Books are available for purchase at these events, on Amazon, on the author's website, and regional bookstores. To schedule Jane Elzey for a book signing or other author engagement, contact the author directly through her website at JaneElzey.com

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