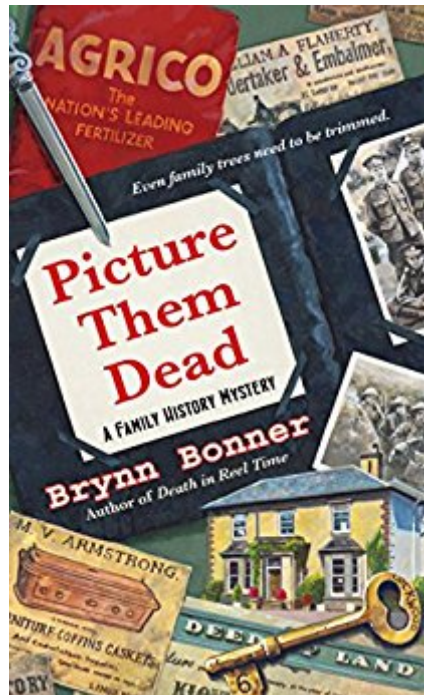


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Synopsis

In this third cozy whodunit in the Family History Mystery series, a professional genealogist duo searches for the link between a death from long ago and a modern-day murder. As a professional genealogist, Iâ™ve seen enough skeletons come dancing out of closets to get a respectable conga line formed up. But theyâ™ve always been metaphorical skeletons. Until today. When genealogists Sophreena McClure and Esme Sabatier are called on by Detective Jenny Jeffers to help figure out who the corpse in the backyard of her fatherâ™s house is, they reluctantly agree. Known for figuring out the unusual, Sophreena and Esme do their best to uncover the mystery behind the corpse, and the glass coffin heâ™s buried in. Word soon spreads about the bizarre burial site, leading the people of Morningside to âœadoptâ• the corpse and begin leaving mementos in memoriam for him. But when the body of a young woman is found near the memorial, the duo has another task on their hands: to dig into the past of the houseâ™s previous owners. Could the clues to a recent murder finally help this soul rest in peace?

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Sophreena and Esme run a genealogical business and their new neighbor hires them to investigate

what he inadvertently dug up on his new farm: an unknown man buried in a glass coffin with indications that he had been murdered decades earlier. The neighbor, River, wants to know what happened on his land. As he says, "I believe you share your space with the ghosts of those who came before. Their culture, their hopes, and fears, their living practices all sort of seep into the soil and grow in everything." Sophreena agrees with this philosophy and starts investigating the farm's previous owners in hopes of discovering the identity of the man in the glass coffin. As she begins looking into the family history of the farm's previous owners, a young woman is suddenly found murdered on the edge of the mystery man's grave. The rest of the book is about Sophreena's investigation of both people, the man in the glass coffin and the young woman, as well as the history of previous occupants of River's farm. Her partner Esme has a smaller role in this story, though her special gift provides a significant look at the farm's history. In the process they uncover many personal secrets that affect recent events and relationships. River was right and the past, like the man in the glass coffin, does not remain buried, with far-reaching repercussions as truth is revealed. Sophreena is a fascinating character, as are the people who surround her. Throughout the book various relationships move forward as they do in real life, producing a book that is entertaining and realistic. I enjoyed getting to know Sophreena and the people in her life. This was a good cozy mystery, with interesting and convoluted plots, from both the past and the present.

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