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# Cozy Mysteries

## AMATEUR SLEUTHS AND FELINE DETECTIVES

In this lively discussion about “cozy” mysteries, the panel of stellar authors, whose amateur sleuths run the gamut from antiques business owner to New York Sanitation Department employee, reveal the tough “cozy” questions: What distinguishes a cozy from a traditional mystery? Humor? Charm? Suspense? Why do so many readers love books that feature cats? (And can a cat really solve a crime?)

### FEATURING

Mystery Writers of America / New York Chapter

- DARYL WOOD GERBER (MODERATOR)
- JOANI ASCHER
- CYNTHIA BAXTER
- JANE K. CLELAND
- EVAN MARSHALL



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**JOANI ASCHER** writes the “Wally Morris” mystery series. Her fifth book, *Vengeance Runs Cold*, was recently published by Avalon Books. She lives in New Jersey with her husband, two dogs, and a cat, works in the children’s room of a library, and raises Seeing Eye® puppies. <http://www.joaniascher.com>

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