

The Killer Isn't June

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15,000 suspects · 20 clues

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How to play

Below is a register of suspects and a list of clues. Every clue is a fact that is true of the killer. Read each clue and cross out every suspect it does NOT fit. Every clue is valid on its own, but they are arranged from broad to narrow for the intended solving experience. Exactly one suspect survives them all. That suspect is the killer. Some clues describe WHERE the killer appears in the register. The names print in register order as running text: read left to right along each line, then down the page. Every clue is fair and literal: no tricks, no red herrings, no hidden story. Apply the clues correctly and you will always reach the same single suspect.

Rules

Vowels are A, E, I, O and U only. Y is never a vowel. When a clue counts names on a register page, count every name printed on that page, including ones you have already crossed out. Letters are matched regardless of capitalisation.

Worked example

Worked example: suppose a clue reads "the killer's name does NOT contain the letter E." You cross out every Helen, Pete and Irene (they contain an E) and keep names like Tom, Sam and Joan. Names repeat in the register, and a name clue treats every copy the same, so if two suspects are both called Mary, this clue keeps both (Mary has no E) or crosses out both; never just one. Then take the next clue and cross out again among the names that are still left. Work through every clue in turn: the one suspect never crossed out is the killer.

Progress checkpoints

Progress check: after clue 5, about 1,599 suspects should remain; after clue 10, about 128 suspects should remain; after clue 15, about 13 suspects should remain. If your count is wildly off, re-check the last clue you applied.

Clues

1. Among the suspects listed within 12 of the killer (above or below), at least 1 have a name starting with M.
2. The killer's initial is NOT one of the 4 most common starting letters in the whole register (those four are: A, M, K, J).
3. Counting every entry in the book, the killer's name length is one of the most common name-lengths — these: 6, 7.
4. The killer's name has exactly 2 vowel groups; adjacent vowels count as one group.
5. The killer's name contains the letter E.
6. The killer's name uses at least one letter more than once.
7. The killer's name is fewer than 7 letters long.
8. The killer's name begins with a letter in the first half of the alphabet (A–M).
9. The gap between the earliest and latest letter of the killer's name (in the alphabet) is less than 18.
10. The killer's name has an equal number of vowels and consonants.
11. The name immediately before the killer's name begins with a consonant.
12. The killer's name contains none of the letters C, U, D.
13. The killer's name begins with a letter from G to Z.
14. At least 2 letters of the killer's name are in the second half of the alphabet (N–Z).
15. Somewhere in the killer's name the same vowel is used at least twice (for example the two A's in SANDRA, or the two E's in HELEN).
16. The killer is NOT within the first 9 pages of the register.
17. The name immediately after the killer's name has the same number of letters as the killer's name.
18. The last two letters of the killer's name add up to at least 19 (A=1 ... Z=26).
19. Exactly 1 different letter appear more than once in the killer's name.
20. The first and last letters of the killer's name add up to at least 20 (A=1 ... Z=26).

The Register

Suspect Register – Page 1

Andrell Divya Janeane Valerye Korver Baili Jazzelle Abriana
Anant Elois Kalandra Makesha Louretta Kaula Felix Hewitt Rosita
Rozamond Carys Divisha Ayriana Howie Violette Shallon Sibella
Julien Rik Chantalle Annamae Arick Herminia Vir Alazay Kelis
Sollie Bennie Keasia Preeti Hanaa Donnie Glorious Nakya Dallyn
Pamla Geordie Khoi Dayne Kacie Sibyl Shellie Shefali Sibylle Karna
Shirly Makaylyn Andreana Analeah Keller Samyah Tiago Tiffani
Laikyn Dan Shanette Marnia Araya Jahmar Amante Keidy Orchid
Aveah Grigor Roxan Heather Rigley Angela Julyana Karlton
Aubriella Christel Emre Maddilynn Gino Johny Alona Alexiah Tziviah
Rudy Albaro Delonda Fredia Wisam Dar Shalina Karey Norah
Jeannine Ulanda Dijon Vishwa Jakeem Torr Keyleigh Lyon Sativa
Viha Isabella Colsen Vonita Psalm Graci Lowry Yaphet Saidah
Harriott Gage Gregoire Raylynn Aly Marlys Najeeb Daphnee
Roxana Delon Jessup Lindey Demetre Tandy Billiejean Mckennah
Adaleigh Griselle Tyrez Iqra Adonnis Tonnette Rivky Tvisha Jeran
Keyondre Kandise Torian Rashard Allisha Sande Jakeb Tomkin
Oisin Johnney Conda Alixandria Blessed Adam Skip Avia Alonah
Vessie Travon Jaylen Loyola Savanah Kelsie Jazper Kayliah Aury
Grisel Latroya Derinda Demetri Carlynn Tyrisha Necie Damyan
Anzal Janalee Knute Geralynn Rozlyn Vilhelmina Ledarius Regine
Theron Dietra Truth Dewanda Brietta Dallas Aleesia Aliscia Prynce
Thierno Dio Josmar Joachim Jeymi Gwyndolyn Aylissa Illianna
Kahleel Weylin Arsalan Jasmon Willamae Price Keondra Camauri
Jamauri Vilma Azad Jaelee Nakari Sarai Clover Knoah Ayan
Enos Cornelius Blessing Clayton Ivania Kalynn Maricruz Avianna
Nakisha Darlinda Danel Brielle Alphonse Annabella Stevens Serra
Chet Meeghan Jacolby Bridgitte Vasilios Alexey Sallee Deette Nila
Mitsue Seamus Isauro Jahvon Fredek Deshonda Devynn Camella
Marty Darice Anastazia Kato Zaia Keilly Jahari Sabryna Korrina
Sakia Luigi Priyanka Pebrook Diandra Raissa Irvine Henson

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Freeman Allanna Tawn Peg Terilyn Ulyssa Oliviana Kiani Christe
Eimile Luisangel Shatera Briana Carel Jaice Calab Jakhari Britni
Bellatrix Jonell Tadeo Jeancarlo Riad Revis Pembroke Jammy
Datha Raydon Eutha Malayshia Persia Nataly Billi Jaine Skyeler
Teanna Griffen Yaminah Orvill Alecia Fara Galvan Fadumo Farica
Theola Jeromie Ev Daivd Saphira Kestrel Veron Nitza Giordano Yari
Kennth Venita Chaney Otoniel Tilden Baila Zahid Shardai Nasra
Dezmond Lindi Hagen Avalee Maayan Ammie Kerrick Lanya Bibbie
Rayann Deavon San Lalena Juliany Delmar Makalya Neo Cohl
Jeana Desean Sabriya Quin Zorah Lyrach Dima Crandall Lynzie
Keishla Efe Nicie Waldo Lorilyn Kaytlynn Jurgen Delight Rae Mose
Adonay Berdie Kagan Gwenna Alzada Dinorah Maxen Jordanna
Trishia Aldea Dougy Issy Brooklen Lyncoln Tayveon Bryony Nana
Toy Granthem Nelvin Livvy Mahogany Kaivon Raif Leightyn Caresa
Naleah Sadao Kayshawn Rylan Kaleyah Veria Cahllil Mayor Contrell
Misaki Marinda Deon Arlena Noach Quana Barak Gilmore Mirabel
Arelia Denys Magali Jozef Denae Idaline Jerzy Lelan Brenen Nehal
Christina Bridget Epifania Editha Harvie Shanae Dulcemaria Nick
Ortha Storey Rylynn Joven Barbi Javius Corben Elija Miachel
Elowyn Sven Amaura Anstice Shekita Robbin Conner Ahmaud
Jenefer Eloise Arwin Adin Karliah Kelda Shatoya Noam Alaila
Mohid Hanny Yulma Yahayra Deigo Cynda Nicco Christohper
Kazandra Hao Kenna Toddy Amr Maxemiliano Sophee Kayce
Katinka Jeane Caidyn Breunna Sinai Sutter Isa Shellene Rois
Adelaine Cindy Jenkins Nathanil Tyriana Fulvia Jocelynn Gilbert
Vernette Laurella Aishani Miking Alaiia Beauden Kmya Pace
Shantay Kirston Ivyrose Daron Janie Kileigh Rigel Flori Demarquis
Maleny Kathlyn Garen Ireland Kannen Skipton Percell Meldon
Lowery Dita Saud Jabree Tambria Grant Kamiyah Lama Verline
Benett Mateen Henritta Kerryann Susette Gracin Seriyah Kailer
Duffie Valjean Phelicia Myiah Nata Tekesha Aaralyn Donita Jaleah