

A FAIR-PLAY DEDUCTION MYSTERY

THE KILLER ISN'T JUNE

24,500 SUSPECTS | 21 CLUES | ONE ANSWER

A case file built for careful eyes and patient minds.

JUNE BOOKS

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A NOTE BEFORE THE CASE

This book is designed to be solved from the printed evidence alone. The final solution is deliberately sealed behind a warning page and an upside-down reveal. Do not browse past that warning until you want the answer.

THE NIGHT THE REGISTER ARRIVED

The Name They Crossed Out

At 11:47 p.m., the records room should have been empty. Rain tapped against the high windows, the building's old clock had stopped three minutes earlier, and Detective Mara Voss was reaching for her coat when an envelope slid beneath the door.

There was no stamp, no return address, and no message on the front. Inside lay a single sheet of paper and a thin brass key. The paper held only four words, typed in hard black letters: THE KILLER ISN'T JUNE.

June Mercer was the records clerk who had spent the afternoon assembling a register for an unrelated inquiry. By closing time, the list contained 24,500 names. Now that same register was locked inside Cabinet 27, and the brass key in Mara's hand fit its drawer.

Mara opened the cabinet. The register was exactly where June had left it, but a second document rested on top: twenty-one numbered statements. None described a motive, a weapon, or a confession. They described letters, positions, neighbors, lengths, and patterns. Someone had turned the register itself into evidence.

Twenty-One Facts

Mara called June before touching another page. June answered from home, startled but certain: she had not written the note, had not seen the twenty-one statements, and had not returned to the records room after leaving work. Whatever the message meant, it was not an accusation against her. It was a boundary. A warning not to waste time on the wrong name.

Mara looked again at the first clue. Then the second. A method emerged. Each statement could remove suspects without guesswork. Some clues depended on spelling. Others depended on where a name appeared in the register. A few required looking at the names immediately before or after a suspect. Every fact narrowed the field.

She took a pencil from June's desk and drew one clean line through the first impossible name. Then another. The enormous register stopped looking like a wall of strangers and began to look like a path.

By dawn, the case would belong to whoever could follow that path without skipping a step. The note had given Mara one certainty. The register would provide the rest.

You now have the same file Mara had: the register, the twenty-one clues, and the rules needed to interpret them. Nothing essential is hidden outside these pages. The solution is not a trick. It is the one name that survives every fact.

YOUR CASE BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE

Keep the solution sealed until you have followed all 21 clues.

How to Solve the Case

Every clue is a fact that is true of the killer. Read the clues in order and cross out every suspect the current clue does not fit. Exactly one suspect survives all 21 clues.

Some clues describe where the killer appears in the register. Read names in printed order from left to right across each line, then continue downward. When a clue refers to the name immediately before or after a suspect, use that printed sequence.

Do not use outside research or assumptions about a name. Every clue is literal, and the information needed to solve the puzzle is contained in this book.

CORE RULES

- Vowels are A, E, I, O and U only. Y is always a consonant.
- Letters are matched regardless of capitalization.
- Count every printed entry when a clue depends on position, even if you already crossed that entry out.
- Repeated names are separate register entries. Name-based clues affect identical spellings in the same way.

Use the Register Correctly

VOWEL GROUPS

A vowel group is one run of adjacent vowels. In 'Naomi', 'ao' is one group and 'i' is another.

ALPHABET VALUES

Use A=1, B=2, C=3 ... Z=26 whenever a clue asks you to add or compare letter values.

ALPHABET SPAN

Find the alphabetically earliest and latest letters in the name, convert them to values, then subtract.

REGISTER NEIGHBORS

For 'before' and 'after' clues, use the entries directly adjacent in printed register order, even across lines.

WORKED EXAMPLE

If a clue says "the killer's name does not contain E," cross out Helen, Pete and Irene, but keep Tom, Sam and Joan. Then apply the next clue only to the suspects still in play.

PROGRESS CHECKPOINTS

After Clue 6: 1,551 After Clue 11: 156 After Clue 16: 15

If your count is far off, recheck the last clue before moving on.

The 21 Clues

1. The suspects listed just before and just after the killer BOTH have names beginning with a consonant.
2. The suspect listed immediately after the killer has a first name that comes later in the alphabet than the killer's.
3. The suspect listed immediately before the killer has a first name that comes later in the alphabet than the killer's.
4. The killer's first letter comes before its last letter in the alphabet.
5. The killer's name is fewer than 7 letters long.
6. The name immediately after the killer's name is longer than the killer's name.
7. The killer's name has exactly 2 vowel groups; adjacent vowels count as one group.
8. Counting every entry in the book, the killer's name length is NOT one of the most common name lengths (those are 6 and 7).
9. The second letter of the killer's name is a consonant.
10. The killer's name does NOT contain the letter R.
11. Fewer than 2 letters of the killer's name are in the second half of the alphabet (N-Z).
12. The last two letters of the killer's name add up to less than 19 (A=1 ... Z=26).
13. The killer's name uses exactly 2 distinct vowels (A, E, I, O or U).
14. The killer's initial is one of the 4 most common starting letters in the whole register: A, M, K or J.
15. The killer's name does NOT contain the letter L.
16. The killer's name contains exactly 2 consonants (Y counts as a consonant).
17. The SECOND letter of the killer's name is in the second half of the alphabet (N to Z).
18. The killer is NOT within the last 15 pages of the register.
19. The gap between the earliest and latest letter of the killer's name (in the alphabet) is less than 18.
20. The killer's name ends with a consonant.
21. The name immediately before the killer's name is shorter than the killer's name.

EVIDENCE FILE

THE SUSPECT REGISTER

24,500 NAMES

Cross out suspects as each clue eliminates them.

Preserve printed order for all positional clues.

When one suspect remains, continue to the protected solution section.

Suspect Register – Page 1

Wiatt Chayanne Stace Flem Naomi Claudia Amargo Abramo Paola
Rolonda Shaindel Quintez Lindsee Kynan Ermin Kaylina Wake
Vermelle Hernan Akiva Eppie Phong Far Trenity Ambree Chic
Maylea Mariam Rashaun Toulia Elyssa Chadd Jaiceon Jamontae
Bionca Arlington Red Vincente Augusta Serenidy Kanesha Ellynn
Domanique Natalyah Ohana Tayven Josaphine Aliany Aldene
Eutha Korbyn Ezriel Mac Sarafina Danay Lakin Miette Swayzie
Nancye Kamora Ridhaan Jolaine Garnette Mavie Jatoria Brigid
Findley Raynelle Adonai Aubriella Branon Shyanna Carolyn
Adriannah Elenora Ras Jeremiah Isolde Kaithlyn Zeta Keen
Taneika Velvet Deliyah Doyle Rhys Bevin Arkin Agnieszka Levester
Jahsiah Nykolas Naria Jeron Felizio Domenica Erskin Gib Jeddy
Zackarie Aryan Muzammil Randi Catrena Mayra Fraidy Krysti
Laikyn Yeslin Sabino Maelie Yorgo Kendarious Vertie Rasia Tinslee
Neviah Catalyna Clementina Donta Naquan Tiphany Labron
Keylon Rosalee Marabel Elliot Deaundra Ariyanah Eashan Lakeshia
Glenden Hamza Hedda Prisila Taaliyah Kenyana Kira Muneer
Chelsey Danil Genecis Consuelo Elani Emmajane Amiracle
Halleigh Demott Mieka Micael Varnell Charmion Cloee Amour
Navon Olivie Chase Ripp Read Cassia Daven Arnisha Sabrina
Aleeza Lofton Gertrud Tanaja Vincents Mikol Jermya Aldous
Zaeem Zakiyyah Minahil Kyera Carla Larina Amarion Hadriel
Levonina Easton Artisha Reyne Brynnley Khamani Makaylee Mabrey
Naftali Anallese Graceyn Urania Harvel Lachanda Alaska Joeann
Jovannie Ariyana Jamis Maylin Abbiegail Elta Rea Indra Amber
Graci Lorraine Hollee Menucha Nikya Georganne Munir Jyllian
Bryston Iyanna Zenaya Bea Gwendlyn Araiya Nas Toryn Natalynn
Marciana Nafeesah Dajaun Opal Wheeler Deshan Gavrielle
Ursuline Aldona Ishan Aamiyah Teresa Jayona Raphael Cameren
Autymn Jovanna Brannan Oretha Briella Renald Haiven Frazee Drina
Milka Natali Arabele Nyzir Cathlyn Jeziah Kesley Presley Kadon

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Joel Tasneem Emelin Tiburcio Zadie Leetta Jencarlos Alder
Nylah Vic Jenicka Reider Rayven Rithvik Garner Chrishawn Abbott
Kwame Jae Godart Worley Cindia Arther Onna Gardie Shrona
Dillen Kelechi Phenix Beni Zeenat Shauntell Lashonda Clarie
Makana Kattera Jeffie Kiarrah Malik Markeisha Dion Emmanuel
Taden Omega Diala Erubiel Ayme Verania Erinne Lynell Greyden
Lashanta Tarren Rahel Tenleigh Clydie Eilene Aamari Khaleen
Lorraine Kasiyah Hetty Denita Aarti Shaughn Florinda Grantley
Naoma Pascale Britni Delberta Maynord Tylar Pernie Adalay Kalub
Alano Fabien Jayven Babyboy Shawan Dewana Selia Bobbie
Leyanna Clovis Domanik Junior Vernisha Jazmon Ellyn Nataline
Myangel Juieta Lyndsie Felic Jenniffer Trevian Sianni Keatyn
Lucias Makaiah Sharifa Rakim Sumeet Ricky Puneet Jazalynn
Mathew Peggie Ernesto Gregg Alondra Riyah Lamoine Jazmyne
Amias Aprill Lucrezia Nailani Aspyn Selin Sivan Hasani Manuelita
Tyjon Dolores Joah Eriq Vincenz Garrek Debby Lemmy Mannie
Rikki Roma Tonie Denton Filmer Tomasita Keisy Murdoch Charo
Mintie Sebrina Desirea Carlton Lucielle Ladean Torrian Jolene
Andrey Kahlan Shameka Kennedy Trent Jaaron Claudianus
Dennisha Selvin Emberlee Keelyn Jadore Leelah Dhara Katelyne
Diora Verdell Alazia Lalo Barde Hasson Emmett Amillion Rozelle
Jhace Rynn Agneta Shaheem Vernal Alizah Bernardine Jerami
Raysean Lizbeth Emiley Lasonia Aurielle Verity Marica Watt Elynn
Kaleia Minnie Quinten Adalaya Midas Suzetta Rozalyn Oswaldo
Theo Blessin Margy Dasia Jadon Eveline Laurens Jaquelyne Maite
Lavanya Darion Roshonda Maxson Althia Gerard Arjay Jeramie
Maricella Tarun Chondra Ambrosi Juliene Carolanne Dinah Alahni
Elysia Terika Chestine Atanacio Gustave Savanah Isola Mir
Marella Portland Mattisyn Nachman Neveah Zyier Alanah Marvell
Whittaker Aqsa Irianna Kyair Simaya Rosalea Anwita Linc Kert
Khala Jarrell Stevie Baylea Zaccary Lumina Kynley Clearnce Lando

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Thelma Nolana Arnette Efraim Zymere Ranveer Julieth Mckaila
Lexxus Tae Eric Syeda Chavez Robel Bland Brynlie Giffy Sarthak
Dezi Keegen Marlette Glennis Yukie Degan Lattie Knoah
Jackqueline Cheick Chelsie Haizley Mckale Marquavious Ardys
Kaysen Emmanuel Emlen Kevonna Lesia Collete Squire Syaie
Shaune Eliud Evaan Tamesha Osa Ondre Esai Isaias Lillyana
Harden Kerk Meya Kordell Zackari Lakenya Romaine Jaycob
Gabryelle Cheryll Hassel Mersadie Rizwan Favour Weyman Taylyn
Janean Pepe Devyn Elicia Izaiyah Zakhari Kian Rivkah Hussam
Sena Kayori Giovonni Marques Melisandra Lashundra Myrtice
Mindee Dortha Chett Reuben Amariona Forrester Raoul Trevia
Chilton Sheeree Ayla Brea Danyette Donelda Cailyn Anant Haylo
Manley Kailan Kenith Zylen Margree Williamae Adrielle Jackquelyn
Lillyan Eman Aurore Fuquan Ashelyn Quetzalli Ondrea Mella Layth
Erasmo Aela Alura Tameca Eyal Tanny Allyson Towny Delno
Raymona Alias Cole Meilyn Ilsa Monalisa Azhar Davin Jorja My
Demetrick Machelle Portia Katlyn Devanta Aliah Celia Kennie
Victorino Sonnie Kassidi Myrl Graciella Makynzi Marilyn Aury
Spurgeon Callyn Yashua Corinthian Kristene Rorey Oluwatomisin
Silvano Dora Arye Rocio Blakleigh Jard Emmi Rutter Torianna
Elanie Kynlee Thatch Drusilla Anup Gearl Victoir Marisa Galo Yossi
Keilon Abril Desarae Autumn Sedalia Marlin Ayah Nalah Shaquan
Ludy Jaequan Stefania Joann Rafaella Lynann Bran Anubis Kelsea
Lawanda Anyla Karis Mittie Roderigo Guiseppe Oaklie Cornelia
Pennie Kazi Monia Chanin Leeandra Morrison Arlisha Amara
Maranda Ameen Deuce Kaliana Lenix Luqman Guglielma Emmalie
Eleah Haroon Younes Unice Fleurette Savanna Avelino Miangel
Larenda Charmagne Gari Angelita Adessa Aleister Alixander
Binky Moses Analee Faelynn Francesca Briann Melody Kaidynce
Robertine Alizon Dominique Charlyne Zaiya Kandee Cordney
Karlye Tenzin Gleason Hermione Elfrida Babatunde Gaberiel Beitris