‘Doorway to Murder’ showcases local spots

Onondaga Historical Association

Secrets lurk in a small new York town and betrayal is just around the corner. The morning after the worst blizzard of 1934, Detective Steven Blackwell takes on a highly charged murder case. The investigation starts badly; one clue, lots of lies and alibis. To make things worse, he’s seeing visions of a strange woman in his house.

One night the mysterious woman speaks.

Her name is Olivia and she lives in 2014. She believes time has folded over in the house they share.

As their relationship deepens, Steven’s investigation intensifies. Soon, he can no longer trust anyone in his own time. Can Olivia help him crack the case and catch a killer?

“Doorway to Murder” is the first in The Blackwell and Watson Time-Travel Mystery series by Carol Pouliot.

Here are the places the Detective Sergeant Steven Blackwell and his officers go in search of clues to the murder and bank robbery.

› Saratoga: many of the hotels on Broadway are mentioned, as well as some historical info and street name.
› The Adirondacks: Some flora and fauna native to the area are mentioned.
› Syracuse: Two visits include mentions of the Northside Italian and German immigrants in the early 1930s, the Assumption Church on Salina Street, the hotels that were located on Warren Street (The Yates and the Hotel Onondaga in some detail), the trains that used to run through town, the Hotel Syracuse where the final clue is discovered. Will and Baumer is also mentioned but only as Mr. Bau-mer’s candle factory.
› Liverpool: Steven drives through Liverpool on his way to Syracuse and mentions the area in general and specifically Heid’s, the old grammar school which was also the previous location of the Liverpool Public Library, Onondaga Lake and the salt flats, the Old Liverpool Road, Franklin Motors, Galeville and the Galeville Store.

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