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Aaron Elkins is the creator of two mystery series. The Gideon Oliver novels feature a forensic anthropologist frequently compelled to work not with ancient bones, but with modern murders. *Fellowship of Fear* (1982) initiated the series, followed by *The Dark Place* (1983), an unusually poetic mood-piece, and *Murder in the Queen's Armes* (1985). *Old Bones* (1987) received the 1988 Edgar Award for Best Mystery Novel. Subsequent Gideon Oliver novels include *Curses!* (1989), *Icy Clutches* (1990), *Make No Bones* (1991), *Dead Men's Hearts* (1994), and *Twenty Blue Devils* (1997). The Chris Norgren novels, whose hero is a museum curator, include *A Deceptive Clarity* (1987), *A Glancing Light* (1991), and *Old Scores* (1993). He has also co-written golf mysteries with Charlotte Elkins: *A Wicked Slice* (1989), *Rotten Lies* (1995), and *Nasty Breaks* (1997). Elkins' forté lies in combining intriguing characters and plots with exotic settings, as far ranging as England, Germany, Mexico, Alaska, Egypt, Tahiti, and the Pacific Northwest.