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**NIGHT KILL**  
**Ann Littlewood**  
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Murder in  
 the lions'  
 enclosure

Iris Oakley lives in Vancouver and takes care of the big cats at Finley Memorial Zoo, an "outdated miniature of Oregon Zoo in Portland." Her husband, a reptile keeper, has a drinking problem. When

he winds up dead in the lion's enclosure, it looks almost like a case of misadventure. Then strange things begin happening. An accident with a tiger and a case of arson convince Iris that there's more to Rick's death than anyone is telling. Her erratic behavior makes her superiors (and even some friends) uncomfortable, but she keeps asking questions anyway. Portland author Ann Littlewood has 12 years of experience as a zookeeper in Portland; "Night Kill" is her debut novel.

— *Katie Schneider*  
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