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= "B" & "C" format (oversize) paperback HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

CHARMED PIE SHOPPE 04: LEMON PIES AND LITTLE WHITE LIES

ADAMS, Ellery Mystery

**BURIED** ADLER-OLSEN, Jussi

Over three years ago, a civil servant vanished after returning home from a work trip to Africa. Missing, presumed dead, the man's family still want answers. It is one of the many unsolved crimes facing Department Q, Denmark's specialist cold case unit led by Detective Inspector Carl Mørck. But what Carl doesn't know is that the key to the investigation can be found right here in Copenhagen. Mystery **PBK** 

#### WOMAN OF THE DEAD

AICHNER, Bernard

Blum seems to have it all: the perfect husband, police detective Mark, two beautiful little daughters, a thriving undertaker business in the basement of her parents' villa in Innsbruck. But she is hiding a dark secret: eight years earlier, she drowned her

adoptive parents while sailing in Turkey.

#### **DEATH COME QUICKLY**

ALBERT, Susan Wittig

The new China Bayles novel. Mystery

#### TEARS OF THE PEARL

ALEXANDER, Tasha

Also reissued are Dangerous to Know and A Crimson Warning. **Historical mystery** \$19.99 each

**ANTIQUES CON** 

ALLAN, Barbara

PBK Mystery

#### **AUNT DIMITY AND THE DUMMER KING**

ATHERTON, Nancy

JOHN PULLER 03: ESCAPE

BALDACCI, David

#### **FACE OFF**

BALDACCI, David (Editor)

Twenty-three of the world's favourite crime writers bring you original, co-written short stories featuring their much-loved series characters. Included are the first meeting of Ian Rankin's Rebus and Peter James' Roy Grace; a case for Dennis Lehane's Patrick Kenzie and Michael Connelly's Harry Bosch, a mystery starring Lee Child's Jack Reacher and Joseph Finder's Nick Heller, an encounter involving F. Paul Wilson's Repairman Jack and Douglas Preston/Lincoln Child's Aloys, and many more.

Anthology

CONSIGNMENT SHOP 04: DEMISE IN DENIM BROWN, Duffy

Mystery

NINE LIVES TO DIE

BROWN, Rita Mae Mystery

**GAME OF MIRRORS** 

CAMILLERI, Andrea

The new Montalbano novel

CARLSSON, Christopher

In the final days of a Stockholm summer, a young woman is shot dead in her apartment. Three floors above, the blue lights of the police cars awaken disgraced ex-officer Leo Junker. Though suspended from the force, he can't stay away for long. Bluffing his way onto the crime scene, he examines the dead woman and sees that she is clasping a cheap necklace - a necklace he instantly recognizes.

#### **PREY**

CAROL, James

Six years ago a young married couple were found stabbed to death in their home in Upstate New York, Local police arrested a suspect who later committed suicide. But what if the police got it wrong? Ex-FBI profiler Jefferson Winter is drawn into a deadly cat-and-mouse game with a mysterious female psychopath

**PBK** Thriller

#### **ORKNEY TWILIGHT**

CARSON, Clare

Jim says he's an undercover policeman. His daughter Sam thinks he's a liar. On holiday in Orkney, beneath an endless midsummer sky, Sam spies on Jim as he runs secretive errands across the island. What did he take from the old watchtower on the edge of a cliff? Why is he so interested in Norse mythology? And why does Sam have the eerie feeling that she too is being watched?

WEDDING DURESS

CASEY, Elizabeth Lynn Mystery

THE DEAD WILL TELL

CASTILLO, Linda The latest Kate Burkholder investigation.

DERRICK STORM 02: WILD STORM

CASTLE, Richard PBK Thriller

#### THE DEFENCE

CAVANAGH, Steve

Eddie Flynn used to be a con artist. Then he became a lawyer. Turned out the two weren't that different. It's been over a year since Eddie vowed never to set foot in a courtroom again. But

now he doesn't have a choice. HOLY SPY CLEMENTS, Rory Historical thriller THE STRANGER

#### A SONG OF SHADOWS

CONNOLLY, John

COBEN, Harlan

The new Charlie Parker novel.

TEAPOT COLLECTOR 02:

#### SHADOW OF A SPOUT

COOPER, Amanda

Leaving her home in Gracious Grove behind her, Rose is off to the annual convention of the International Teapot Collectors Society. Her granddaughter, Sophie, is minding the tea house while she's away. Rose is eager for tough cookie Zunia Pettigrew to appraise a prized antique teapot she believes may be a holy water vessel from China. But when Zunia declares the pot a fake, Rose is really steamed. After Zunia is found dead beside Rose's dinged-in teapot, Sophie must rush to her grandmother's aid and find the real killer.

The sequel to Tempest in a Teapot (\$19.95).

#### THE AXE FACTOR

COTTERILL, Colin

On the gulf of Thailand, the Juree family are managing their rundown beach resort for the second year. Daughter Jimm has a new love in her life, but finds herself pursued by another man with a markedly different agenda in mind. Meanwhile, Jimm's new case is that of Dr. Somluk, a champion of the rights of rural mothers, who is missing following a run-in with the marketeers of infant formula.

Mystery

EVIL IN THE LAND WITHOUT COTTERILL, Colin

Detective John Jessel works on paedophile cases in Surrey, England. He's good at his job, but on a downhill slide as booze claims his body and lonely life. His latest case is out of control. Postcards signed "The Paw" have taken credit for the murders of several children. But "The Paw" also knows too much about John and his family, and he is forced to hide them while he follows every scarce clue. Dr. Shirley Heigh is a Karen intern returning from the US to work on the Burmese border. But her intentions are not wholly ethical. There is a great wrong she intends to right. The evil that haunts her is the same evil that haunts John's present.

SUGAR GROVE 03: A STICKY SITUATION CROCKETT, Jessie

Mystery PBK

**KOLYMSKY HEIGHTS** 

DAVIDSON, Lionel

Kolymsky Heights. A Siberian permafrost hell lost in endless nights, the perfect setting for an underground Russian research station. It's a place so secret it doesn't officially exist; once there, the scientists are forbidden to leave. But one scientist is desperate to get a message to the outside world. So desperate, he sends a plea across the wildness to the West in order to summon the one man alive capable of achieving the impossible. Reissue, "The best thriller I've ever read." - Philip Pullman

FLAVIA ALBA 03: DEADLY ELECTION

DAVIS, Lindsey

In the blazing July heat of imperial Rome, Flavia Albia inspects a decomposing corpse. It has been discovered in lots to be auctioned by her family business, so she's determined to identify the dead man and learn how he met his gruesome end. The investigation will give her a chance to work with the magistrate, Manlius Faustus, the friend she sadly knows to be the last chaste man in Rome. But he's got other concerns - it's election time and with democracy for sale at Domitian's court, tension has come to a head...

Historical mystery

THE ROYALIST

DEAS, S.J.

William Falkland is a dead man. A Royalist dragoon who fought against Parliament, he is currently awaiting execution at Newgate prison. Yet when he is led away from Newgate with a sack over his head, it is not the gallows to which they take him, but to Oliver Cromwell himself. Cromwell has heard of Falkland's reputation as an investigator and now more than ever he needs a man of conscience. His New Model Army are wintering in Devon but mysterious deaths are sweeping the camp and, in return for his freedom, Falkland is despatched to uncover the truth.

Historical mystery

SEAN CORRIGAN 04: THE JACKDAW

DELANEY, Luke \$27.99

#### THE STRINGS OF MURDER

DE MURIEL, Oscar

Edinburgh, 1888. A violinist is murdered in his home. The dead virtuoso's maid swears she heard three musicians playing in the night. But with only one body in the locked practice room - and no way in or out - the case makes no sense. Fearing a national panic over another Ripper, Scotland Yard sends Inspector Ian Frey to investigate under the cover of a fake department specializing in the occult.

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\$22,99

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FUDGE SHOP 03: FIVE-ALARM FUDGE

DESMET, Christine

Mystery

THE DETECTION COLLECTION

Historical mystery

This anthology includes eleven new stories by the Best of British: Robert Barnard, Lyndsey Davis, Colin Dexter, Clare Francis, Robert Goddard, John Harvey, Reginald Hill, P.D. James, H.R.F. Keating, Michael Ridpath and Margaret Yorke.

Mystery anthology

#### THE READAHOLICS AND THE **FALCON FIASCO**

DISILVERIO, Laura

Amy-Faye Johnson's book club, the Readaholics, enjoys guessing whodunit in mysteries like The Maltese Falcon. But when a murder happens in their midst, they discover that solving crimes is harder that reading about them. Taking a page from her favorite literary sleuths, Amy-Faye is determined to find the real killer

and close the book on this case. The first in a new series. Mystery PBK

TOXIC

DOWARD, Jamie

The mutilated body of a senior banker is found on a remote Kent beach. His employer is a global investment bank created by the CIA to help it track terrorism financing. Kate Pendragon, a financial analyst seconded to MI5, discovers that the bank is close to collapse

something that threatens to bring down the CIA. \$29.99

SLAYED ON THE SLOPES

DYER-SEELEY, Kate

Mystery

**CUCKOLD POINT** EASTER, Patrick

October, 1799. Sailing master Robert Cox cannot pay his gambling debts. But he has information about a ship which has arrived in British waters carrying a precious cargo. Selling that information to one of London's most feared men might be Robert Cox's salvation

\$29.99 Historical mystery

FAMILY FORTUNE 03: A FRIGHT TO THE DEATH

EASTMAN, Dawn \$19.95

TERMINAL CITY

FAIRSTEIN, Linda **PBK** \$19.99

OXFORD BLOOD & YOUR ROYAL HOSTAGE

FRASER, Antonia The next two in the reissue of the Jemima Shore series.

**PBK** 

RUTH GALLOWAY 07: THE GHOST FIELDS

GRIFFITHS, Elly TP Mystery

VERTIGO 42

GRIMES. Martha

At Vertigo 42, a bar high above London's financial district, Richard Jury meets Tom Williamson - a friend of a friend who is convinced his wife, Tess, was murdered 17 years ago. Tess's death was ruled accidental - a fall caused by vertigo - but Jury agrees to re-examine the case.

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## Crime & Mystery April 2015 (Continued)

#### ONE MILE UNDER

GROSS, Andrew Thriller

#### MY BLOODY VALENTINE

#### GUNN, Alastair

When the body of a young woman is found brutally slain on Valentine's Day the press reacts with barely disguised glee. For DCI Antonia Hawkins, still recovering from the terrible wounds inflicted by another killer, the pressure of another high-profile murder investigation could barely be worse timed.

PBK Mystery

#### PAST CRIMES

HAMILTON, Glen Erik

Meet Van Shaw - soldier, ex-con - as he returns to his native Seattle after a decade's self-imposed exile. Answering voices from his past, he finds a whole heap of trouble, and himself the prime suspect in the brutal attack on his grandfather.

Mystery/thriller TP

#### **FADEOUT**

HANSEN, Joseph

"Radio personality Fox Olsen seemed to have it all: devoted wife, adoring fans, perfect life. When his car is found crashed in a dry river bed, all of California mourns. But there is no body. Insurance investigator Dave Brandstetter is hired to dig a little deeper. And the more he looks into Fox Olsen's life, the more it seems as if he had good reason to disappear. Fadeout is the first novel starring Dave Brandstetter - one of the best fictional PIs in the business, and one of the first ever gay ones. Joseph Hansen's groundbreaking novels follow Brandstetter as he investigates cases in which motives are murky, passions run high, and nothing is ever as simple as it looks. Set in 1970s and 80s California, the series is a fascinating portrait of a time and a place, with  $mysteries\ to\ match\ Chandler\ and\ Macdonald."-publisher's$ blurb. The second in the series is Death Claims (\$19.99).

Mystery

#### MALICE

HIGASHINO, Keigo

Acclaimed bestselling novelist Kunihiko Hidaka is found brutally murdered in his home on the night before he's planning to leave Japan and relocate to Vancouver. His body is found in his office, in a locked room, within his locked house, by his wife and his best friend, both of whom have rock solid alibis. Or so it seems. Police Detective Kyochiro Kaga investigates.

**ELLIE RUSH 02:** GRAVE ON GRAND AVENUE

HIRAHARA, Naomi

#### THE BONE TREE

ILES, Greg Thriller

#### THE LYING DOWN ROOM

JAQUIERY, Anna

Mystery

Paris; in the stifling August heat: Commandant Serge Morel is called to a disturbing crime scene. An elderly woman has been murdered to the soundtrack of Faure's Requiem, her body then grotesquely displayed. At first this strange case seems to offer few clues; and Morel has problems of his own. His father - always a great force in his life - is beginning to succumb to senility; and he is unsettled by the reappearance of the beautiful Mathilde, the woman he once loved. Only origami can help calm the detective and focus his thoughts on this troubling crime. The first in a new series \$19.99

#### DEATH IN THE RAINY SEASON

JAQUIERY, Anna

Phnom Penh, Cambodia; the rainy season. When a French man, Hugo Quercy, is found murdered, Commandant Serge Morel finds his holiday drawn to an abrupt halt. Quercy - dynamic, well-connected - was the magnetic head of a humanitarian organisation which looked after the area's neglected youth. Opening his investigation, the Parisian detective soon finds himself buried in one of his most challenging cases yet.

#### HOUR OF DARKNESS JARDINE, Quintin

#### THE DANGEROUS GAME JUNGSTEDT, Mari

Mystery

#### A GHOSTLY GRAVE

KAPPES, Tonya Paranormal mystery

#### BEFORE HE FINDS HER

KARDOS, Michael

In 1991, Ramsey Miller murdered his wife, Allison, after hosting a block party at their home in Silver Bay, N.J. The people in this Jersey Shore town also believed he murdered his three-year-old daughter, Meg. In fact, the authorities spirited Meg away and put her in a witness protection program to protect her from her father. Fifteen years later, she lives under the alias Melanie Denison. with her uncle and aunt. Since Ramsey is still at large, Melanie is allowed only limited contact with the outside world. Chafing at these restrictions, Melanie begins to challenge them...

#### THE SILENT ONES

KNIGHT, Ali

Darren Evans was only eleven when his beloved sister Carly and four other teenage girls disappeared, sparking a huge police investigation. Eventually, a woman confessed to their murders. But although she admitted her guilt, Olivia Duvall refused to say

what had happened to those five missing girls. Ten years later, desperate to alleviate his parents' heartbreak, Darren gets a job as a cleaner in the psychiatric hospital where Olivia was committed, hoping he can make her tell him his sister's fate once and for all.

#### **SWEET NOTHING**

LANGE, Richard

A collection of tales set on the dark side of Los Angeles.

STOCKHOLM NOIR 03: LIFE DELUXE

LAPIDUS, Jens Noir

WICKED STITCH

LEE, Amanda Mystery PBK

#### **FALLING IN LOVE**

LEON, Donna

The new Commissario Brunetti novel.

#### **DEXTER IS DEAD**

LINDSAY, Jeff

The final Dexter novel.

### NO NAME LANE

LINSKEY, Howard

Young girls are being abducted and murdered in the North East, Outof-favour Detective Constable Ian Bradshaw struggles to find any leads - and fears that the only thing this investigation will unravel is himself. Journalist Tom Carney is suspended by his London tabloid and returns to his home village in country Durham. Helen Norton is the reporter who replaced Tom on the local newspaper. Together, they are drawn into a case that will change their lives forever.

Mystery/thriller

#### THE STONE WIFE

LOVESEY, Peter

Just as the bidding gets exciting in a Bath auction house, three armed men stage a hold-up and attempt to steal Lot 129, a medieval carving of the Wife of Bath. The highest bidder, appalled to have the prize snatched away, tries to stop them and is shot dead. Peter Diamond, head of the murder squad investigates. Mystery PBK

#### WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT 03: MARKED FOR MURDER

\$19.95

Mystery

#### THE GLORIOUS HERESIES

MCINERNEY, Lisa

One messy murder affects the lives of five misfits who exist on the fringes of Ireland's post-crash society.

DARK CHOCOLATE DEMISE

MCKINLAY, Jenn

Mystery

A LINE OF BLOOD

MCPHERSON, Ben

"You find your neighbour dead in his bath. Your son is with you. He sees everything. You discover your wife has been in the man's house. It seems she knew him. Now the police need to  $speak\ to\ you."-Publisher's\ blurb$ 

#### DANDY GILVER AND THE REEK OF RED

MCPHERSON, Catriona

On the rain-drenched, wave-lashed, wind-battered Banffshire coast, tiny fishing villages perch on ledges which would make a seagull think twice and crumbly mansions cling to crumblier cliff tops while, out in the bay, the herring drifters brave the storms to catch their silver darlings. It's nowhere for a child of gentle Northamptonshire to spend Christmas. But when odd things start to turn up in barrels of fish - with a strong whiff of murder most foul - that's exactly where Dandy Gilver finds herself.

**PBK** Mystery

#### **DEATH OF A COSY WRITER**

Cosily ensconced in his eighteenth-century Cambridgeshire manor, bestselling mystery writer Sir Adrian Beauclerk-Fisk delights in tormenting his four grown children with threats of disinheritance Then he announces his latest blow - he's engaged to Violet, a beautiful widow with a dubious past. Money-driven panic soon sets in among the backstabbing brood when eldest son and appointed heir, Ruthven, turns up dead in the wine cellar. Who will win the inheritance sweepstakes? It's a house full of suspicion, greed, vengeful malice - and ample motives for murder. Can Detective Chief Inspector St. Just nab the killer before another heir lands in the family burial plot? Recommended!

Mystery

MANCHETTE, Jean-Patrick

Aimée Joubert, a drop-dead gorgeous femme fatale with a penchant for bloody murder, meets her match in the detestable

backwater town of Bléville. Reissue.

#### THE CORSICAN CAPER

Billionaire Francis Reboul is taking in the view at his coastal estate, awaiting the arrival of vacationing friends Sam Levitt and Elena Morales, when he spies a massive yacht whose passengers seem a little too interested in his property. The yacht belongs to

rapacious, unscrupulous Russian tycoon Oleg Vronsky, who's decided he'll stop at nothing to obtain Reboul's villa. And when Reboul refuses to sell, Vronsky's methods quickly turn unsavory. Now, it's up to Sam to prevent his friend from becoming a victim of Vronsky's "Russian diplomacy."

#### SILVER BULLETS

MENDOZA, Elmer

"Tormented by past heartbreak and contemporary politics, for Edgar 'Lefty' Mendieta the news of the murder of lawyer Bruno Canizales represents just another day at the office in the drugridden city of Culiacán. It soon becomes clear that there is no shortage of suspects in a city where it's hard to tell the gangsters from the politicians. Canizales was the son of a former government minister and the partner of a drug baron's daughter, with his own penchant for cross-dressing and dangerous sex. What is less clear is why the assassin chose to use a silver bullet. And why, two days later, they seem to have struck again. In this sweltering city where a desire for the truth can be as dangerous as any drug, Mendieta's search for justice takes him from mansions to drug dens, in Élmer Mendoza's seminal founding text of Latin America's 'narco-lit' wave." – Publisher's blurb

#### **BLOOD, SALT, WATER**

MINA. Denise

Mystery

FEAR THE DARK

MOONEY, Chris Thriller

#### THE ICING ON THE CORPSE

MUGAVERO, Liz

#### **PARIS SPRING**

NAUGHTIE, James

Paris in 1968 - seething with revolutionaries and spies - sees Will Flemyng's world turned upside down, after a mysterious encounter on the metro and a chance revelation from a rival operative.

BLOOD ON SNOW NESBO, Jo

Olav lives the lonely life of a fixer. When you 'fix' people for a living - terminally - it's hard to get close to anyone. Now he's finally met the woman of his dreams. But there are two problems. She's his boss's wife. And Olav's just been hired to kill her.

**VENGEANCE OF MEMORY 02: THE EXILE** 

OLDFIELD, Mark 1954: Comandante Guzmán has been posted deep into the Basque country to confront a man known only as 'El Lobo'. High in the mountains, Guzman will have to fight for his life, not only against El Lobo, but also against someone who has been searching for him for a very long time... 2010, Madrid: Forensic Investigator Ana María Galindez has spent seven months in hospital recovering from the blast that nearly killed her. Her obsession with Guzman's fate has disturbed long dormant forces. Now she shall reap the

consequences.... The sequel to The Sentinel (\$19.99). \$29.99 Mystery

#### SERPENTS IN THE COLD

O'MALLEY, Thomas & PURDY, Douglas

Post-war Boston is down on its luck, and desperate to reinvent itself. But promises of a brighter future sound ever more hollow as the worst winter in recent memory tightens its grip. No one is interested in a string of murdered women - everyone would much rather pretend they don't exist. Old friends Cal and Dante are both struggling to find a way to live in a city that seems to be leaving them behind. The hunt for a killer gives them new

purpose, as well as making them powerful enemies.

#### THE MURDER BAG

PARSONS, Tony

There's a serial killer on the loose. The social network sites all love him because he cuts the throats of rich and powerful men. And he's good at it. Enter Detective Max Wolfe, newly arrived in the

Homicide division of London's West End Central, 27 Savile Row

#### WITCH CITY 02: TAILS, YOU LOSE

PERRY, Carol J.

After losing her job as a TV psychic, Lee Barrett has decided to volunteer her talents as an instructor at the Tabitha Trumbull Academy of the Arts - known as "The Tabby" - in her hometown of Salem, Massachusetts. But when the school's handyman turns up dead under seemingly inexplicable circumstances on Christmas night, Lee's clairvoyant capabilities begin bubbling to the surface once again. The sequel to Caught Dead Handed (\$19.95).

**DISAPPEARED** 

OUINN, Anthony

Introducing Celcius Daly, a Belfast Police Inspector laden with flawed judgment and misplaced loyalties. A retired Special Branch Detective succumbing to early-stage dementia disappears from his remote home in rural Northern Ireland. An exintelligence officer is tortured to death. But why was his obituary printed in the local paper before his death? "This should make Ouinn a star, for it is unquestionably one of the crime novels of the year, written in peerless prose, with a delicate plot - this is a novel to be read slowly and to be savoured sip by sip, as it slowly but surely snares you in its grip" -  $Daily\ Mail$ .

**TERMINAL** 

REICHS, Kathy \$24.99 YA mystery

#### THE WINTER FOUNDLINGS

RHODES, Kate

Four girls have disappeared in North London. Three are already dead. Britain's most prolific child killer, Louis Kinsella, has been locked up in Northwood high-security hospital for over a decade. Psychologist Alice Quentin is doing research at Northwood and she'll do anything to help save a child - even if it means forming

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#### a relationship with a charismatic, ruthless murderer. SECOND CHANCE CAT MYSTERY 02:

**BUY A WHISKER** 

RYAN, Sofie \$19.95

#### THE FIFTH HEART

SIMMONS, Dan

In 1893, Sherlock Holmes and Henry James come to America together to investigate the suicide of Clover Adams, wife of the esteemed historian Henry Adams - a member of the family that has given the United States two Presidents. Quickly, the investigators deduce that there's more to Clover's death than meets the eye - with issues of national importance at stake. \$29.99 Sherlockiana

THE NOVEL HABITS OF HAPPINESS

SMITH Alexander McCall \$29.99 Isabel Dalhousie

#### THE DETECTIVE'S SECRET

THOMSON, Lesley October 1987: as a hurricane sweeps through Britain, a man's body slowly rots, locked inside an old water tower in west London. He carries no identification and fits no missing persons' description. His corpse is never claimed. October 2013: the month of the great storm of St Jude. A man dies beneath a late night Piccadilly line train. His brother insists he was murdered, but Jack, a train driver, is sure it was suicide. Jack and Stella uncover the secrets of the case - but Jack is carrying a secret of his own. The third in a series receiving excellent feedback, after

#### The Detective's Daughter and Ghost Girl (\$17.99 each). TP

LOSER'S CORNER

VARENNE, Antonin 2008. George 'The Wall' Crozat has racked up thirty-eight victories (twenty-three of them by knock-out), eight defeats, and an empty bank account. Finally ready to hang up the gloves and focus on his career as a police officer, his chief concern is how to fund his prostitution habit. When a shady bouncer offers him a photograph, an address and a chance to finally turn a profit with his fists, the temptation is irresistible. Before long the money is flowing, but Crozat has unknowingly become a pawn in a very dangerous game. Powerful forces are using his brutality to keep their own secrets, and Crozat teeters on the precipice of an abyss that stretches fifty years into the past, to the darkest chapter of France's colonial history in Algeria. From the author of the superb Bed of Nails (\$19.99).

#### MY SUNSHINE AWAY

WALSH, M.O. One hot evening in the summer of 1989, fifteen-year-old Lindy Simpson cycles home and is knocked to the sidewalk and raped. No one saw anything and the police draw a blank. The traumatized community does its best to rebuild and move on. But one fourteenyear-old boy is sure there are answers still awaiting to be found.

#### THE FAT OF FED BEASTS

WARE, Guy "Monday lunchtime: a bank is being robbed. Gunmen tell an old man to get down on the floor; he refuses. Behind him in the queue is Rada Kalenkova, an investigator for the Office of Assessment, whose job is to evaluate the lives of the recently deceased. The gang leader fires a shot and one - or two? - women are killed. Perhaps. Rada ignores them and tries to follow the old man instead. Back at the Office, her boss calls in the Inquisitor. Lopez, to investigate her misconduct; her ambitious brother, D (for Dmitry), is delighted... The Fat of Fed Beasts is an ambitious literary mix of existential uncertainty, murder, bureaucracy, unreliable father figures and disaffected policemen. It asks why we do what we do, whether it matters, and what, if anything, our lives are worth. And it's funny." - Publisher's blurb

#### THE WHITSTABLE PEARL MYSTERY

WASSMER, Julie

Pearl Nolan always wanted to be a detective but life got in the way of a police career and instead she built up a successful seafood restaurant in her coastal home town of Whitstable - famous for its native oysters. Now, at 39, and with son Charlie away at university, Pearl finds herself suffering from empty nest syndrome . . . until she discovers the drowned body of local oyster fisherman Vinnie Rowe, weighted down with an anchor chain, on the eve of Whitstable's

annual oyster festival. TP \$29.99 Mystery

#### THESE ARE THE NAMES

WIERINGA, Tommy

A border town on the steppe. A small group of emaciated and feral refugees appears out of nowhere, spreading fear and panic in the town. When police commissioner Pontus Beg orders their arrest, evidence of a murder is found in their luggage. As he begins to unravel the history of their hellish journey, it becomes increasingly intertwined with the search for his own origins that

TP