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...and many others

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Until next time, good reading!

Ron, Iain & Beau

THE RIVERSIDE VILLAS MURDER

AMIS, Kingsley
A mummy is stolen from a small-town museum and a soaking wet man collapses in fourteen-year-old Peter Furneaux's living room bleeding from the head, as a suspected student prank becomes a murder. At first it is impossible to see the connection but with Peter's help, the eccentric Colonel Manton unravels a mystery that strikes fear into the heart of a genteel suburban neighbourhood.
Mystery PBK \$22.99

A SPOONFUL OF MURDER

ARCHER, Connie
When Lucky Jamieson inherits her parents' soup shop, her impending life decisions are moved to the back burner after an icy blonde tourist is found frozen to death behind the store, and her soup chef, Sage DuBois, is led out of the kitchen by the police. The start of a new series.
Mystery PBK \$17.95

THE ROPE

BARR, Nevada
Barr gathers together the many strings of Anna Pigeon's past and finally reveals the story of her first case. In 1995, 35-year-old Anna Pigeon takes a decidedly unglamorous job as a seasonal employee of the Glen Canyon National Recreational Area. On her day off, Anna goes hiking into the park never to return. Her co-workers think she's simply moved on—her cabin is cleaned out and her things gone. But Anna herself wakes up, trapped at the bottom of a dry natural well, naked, without supplies, and no clear memory of how she got herself in this situation.
Mystery PBK \$19.95

A WITCH BEFORE DYING

BALKE, Heather
When Darcy Merriweather, Salem's newest resident Wishcrafter, is hired by Elodie Keaton to clean up her missing mother's disorderly home, she's shocked to find something disturbing beneath the piles of old newspapers and knick-knacks - Patrice Keaton's dead body.
Mystery PBK \$17.95

THE DECEPTION AT LYME

BEBRIS, Carrie
Historical mystery TP \$27.95

DONUT SHOP 05: POWDERED PERIL

BECK, Jessica
Mystery PBK \$17.95

A DEATH IN SUMMER

BLACK, Benjamin
When newspaper magnate Richard Jewell is found dead at his country estate, clutching a shotgun in his lifeless hands, few see his demise as cause for sorrow. Before long Doctor Quirke and Inspector Hackett realise that "Diamond Dick" has in fact been murdered.
Mystery PBK \$19.99

DEFENSIVE WOUNDS

BLACK, Lisa
Few tears are shed over the slain corpse of Marie Corrigan, a Cleveland defense attorney with a history of falsifying evidence. Corrigan was resoundingly hated by all. Investigator Theresa MacLean is summoned to the crime scene by her daughter, Rachael, who is working the front desk, and immediately knows she is walking into a forensic nightmare. Recommended for fans of Kathy Reichs and Tess Gerritsen.
Thriller PBK \$17.95

69 BARROW STREET & STRANGE EMBRACE

BLOCK, Lawrence
"69 Barrow Street, originally published in 1961 under the name Sheldon Lord, is the kind of smutty pulp novel that would have remained lost in the thrift-store spinner racks if not for two facts. One, Sheldon Lord went on to become Lawrence Block, and two, it's actually kind of good. Read straight, it's the raunchy, melodramatic tale of a kept Greenwich Village painter who turns a lesbian straight - but it's impossible not to see Block winking out from behind some of the breathless hyperbole. Strange Embrace (1962), originally published under another Block pseudonym, Ben Christopher, is less a sex book with a crime in it than a mystery with a little sex thrown in. Broadway producer Johnny Lane is about to open a surefire hit when he finds his leading lady nude in bed with her throat slashed.... Block's afterwords explaining each book's origins will be pure catnip for fans." -Keir Graff
Pulp fiction HC \$49.95

HER ROYAL SPYNESS 05: NAUGHTY IN NICE

BOWEN, Rhys
Historical mystery PBK \$17.95

GUNS IN THE GALLERY

BRETT, Simon
Invited to a Private View of the work of controversial artist Denzil Willoughby, the good citizens of Fethering are not quite sure what to expect. But what no one could have anticipated was that the evening would end in sudden, violent death. Fethering residents Carole and Jude investigate. Simon Brett has lost his Macmillan contract so this trade paperback edition will henceforth be the only way to continue reading the Fethering series.
Mystery TP \$24.95

WHERE THE BODIES ARE BURIED

BROOKMYRE, Christopher
Detective Catherine McLeod was always taught that in Glasgow, they don't do whodunit. They do score-settling, vendettas and petty revenge. And however she looks at it, the discovery of a dead drug-dealer in a back alley means she's going to be busy.
Suspense PBK \$22.99

VULTURE PEAK

BURDETT, John
Nobody knows Bangkok like Royal Thai Police Detective Sonchai Jitpleecheep, but now he is heading out of his comfort zone. Assigned to the highest-profile case in all Thailand, he is tasked with ending international human-organ trafficking.
Mystery TP \$27.95

CREOLE BELLE

BURKE, James Lee
The new Robicheaux novel. The previous novel, featuring Hackberry Holland, *Feast Day of Fools*, is now in paperback (\$19.99).
Mystery TP \$29.99

PERIL IN PAPERBACK

CARLISLE, Kate
Brooklyn Wainwright is thrilled to be invited to the 50th birthday party of her neighbour Suzie's aunt Grace, who has an extensive collection of rare paperback pulp fiction. Part of the fun involves a séance - but after the lights flicker, one guest is dead. The latest in the Bibliophile series - this is one of our customers' favourites - which begins with *Homicide in Hardcover* (\$17.95).
Mystery PBK \$17.95

THE DEATH SCULPTURE

CARTER, Chris
Thriller TP \$29.99

A DARK PLACE TO DIE

CHATTERTON, Ed
On a freezing October morning, Detective Inspector Frank Keane is called to the scene of a crime on Liverpool's shoreline. Keane and his partner, DS Emily Harris, rely on their gut feeling that this murder is gang-related and their investigation takes them into the murky underworld of organised crime.
Mystery TP \$32.95

THE TRINITY GAME

CHERCOVER, Sean
"Daniel Byrne, an investigator for the Vatican's Office of the Devil's Advocate, has examined more than 700 claims of miracles but has never found one that checks out. Then, when he's instructed to investigate a televangelist who is making accurate predictions about future events, Daniel is faced with the seemingly unavoidable truth that the man is not a faker. "The novel should appeal to readers looking for action with some metaphysical meat on its bones." - *Booklist*
Thriller TP \$27.95

THE BLOOD ROYAL

CLEVERLY, Barbara
It's 1922. Joe Sandilands is just back in England from his trip to India, and he's juggling Irish terrorism and high-profile assassination attempts on prominent political officials. To top it all off, Joe locks horns with a Russian princess who is running a spy network out of Kensington. The next in the series is *Not My Blood* (HC, \$42.95). Recommended!
Historical mystery TP \$29.95

ALLERGIC TO DEATH

COCHRAN, Peg
Business is looking up for Gigi's Gourmet De-Lite, thanks to her newest client, restaurant reviewer Martha Bernhardt. Martha has the clout to put Gigi's personal meal plans on everyone's lips. But instead of dropping a few pounds, Martha drops dead from a severe peanut allergy...right after eating one of Gigi's signature dishes. When the distractingly debonair Detective Mertz identifies traces of peanut oil in Martha's last meal, Gigi suddenly finds her diet catering business on the chopping block. The first in a new cosy series, and it is getting some great reviews.
Mystery PBK \$17.95

THE DROP

CONNELLY, Michael
Mystery PBK \$19.99

MURDER BY MOCHA

COYLE, Cleo
Clare's Village Blend beans are being used to create a new java love potion: a "Mocha Magic Coffee" billed as an aphrodisiac. Clare may even try some on her boyfriend, NYPD detective Mike Quinn. The product, expected to rake in millions, will be sold exclusively on Aphrodite's Village, one of the Web's most popular online communities for women. But the launch party ends on a sour note when one of the Website's editors is found dead. Recommended.
Mystery PBK \$17.95

SOUR APPLES

CONNOLLY, Sheila
Mystery PBK \$17.95

THE ABBEY

CULVER, Chris
Ash Rashid is a former homicide detective who can't stand the thought of handling another death investigation. That's until his niece's body is found in the property of one of the city's wealthiest citizens.
Mystery/thriller PBK \$19.99

THE SEARCH FOR ANNE PERRY

DRAYTON, Joanne
An authorised biography of crime writer Anne Perry.
Biography TP \$32.95

SENTINEL

DUNN, Matthew
The United States and Russia are on the brink of war and only Will Cochrane - the master spy introduced in the critically acclaimed *Spycatcher* (\$19.99) - can unmask the double-agent responsible for it all.
Thriller TP \$29.99

THE WORST THING

ELKINS, Aaron
For Bryan Bennett, designing hostage negotiation programs is the perfect job - as long as he keeps a safe, theoretical distance. What he can't do is deal directly with kidnappers or their victims, as a result of his own abduction and imprisonment as a small boy. So when Bryan's boss asks him to fly to Reykjavik, Iceland, to teach his corporate-level kidnapping and extortion seminar, he automatically says no. But the CEO of GlobalSeas Fisheries, Inc. has specifically requested Bryan - and he finally relents...
Suspense PBK \$17.95

LOVE IN A NUTSHELL

EVANOVICH, Janet & KELLY, Dorien
Romantic suspense PBK \$18.95

ONCE A JAILBIRD

FALLADA, Hans
"For Willi Kufult, prison life means staying out of trouble, keeping his cell clean, snagging a precious piece of tobacco - and dreaming of the day of his release. Then he gets out. As Willi tries to make a new life for himself in Hamburg, finding a job and even love, he still cannot escape his past... Hans Fallada's dark and moving 1934 novel brilliantly describes a seedy criminal underworld of shabby lives and violent deeds, showing how our actions always catch up with us." - *publisher's blurb*
Noir PBK \$22.99

A BURIAL AT SEA

FINCH, Charles
1873 is a perilous time in the relationship between France and England. When a string of English spies is found dead on French soil, the threat of all-out war prompts government officials to ask Charles Lenox to visit the newly-dug Suez Canal on a secret mission. Once he is on board the "Lucy," however, Lenox finds himself using not his new skills of diplomacy but his old ones: the ship's second lieutenant is found dead on the voyage's first night, his body cruelly abused. This series is universally loved by all who try it and the first is *A Beautiful Blue Death* (\$27.95).
Historical mystery TP \$27.95

BRYANT & MAY AND THE INVISIBLE CODE

FOWLER, Christopher
Mystery HC \$39.95

TUESDAY'S GONE

FRENCH, Nicci
The rotting, naked corpse of a man is found amidst swarms of flies in the living room of a confused woman. Who is he? Why is Michelle Doyce trying to serve him afternoon tea? And how did the dead body find its way into her flat? DCI Karlsson needs an expert to delve inside Michelle's mind for answers and turns to former colleague, psychiatrist Frieda Klein.
Mystery TP \$29.99

HOW'S THE PAIN?

GARNIER, Pascal
Death is Simon's business. And now the ageing vermin exterminator is preparing to die. But he still has one last job down on the coast, and he needs a driver. Bernard is twenty-one. He can drive and he's never seen the sea. He can't pass up the chance to chauffeur for Simon, whatever his mother may say. As the unlikely pair set off on their journey, Bernard soon finds that Simon's definition of vermin is broader than he'd expected.
Noir PBK \$16.99

ROWLAND SINCLAIR 04: PAVING THE NEW ROAD

GENTILL, Sulari
Mystery TP \$29.99

A PARTICULAR EYE FOR VILLAINY

GRANGER, Ann
When one of Ben's neighbours is bludgeoned to death in his sitting room, Ben and Lizzie discover that there is a lot more to Mr Thomas Tapley than meets the eye - and more than one person who would benefit from his death...
Historical mystery TP \$32.99

Abbreviations used in this catalogue:

PBK = "A" format (standard size) paperback
TP = "B" & "C" format (oversize) paperback
HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

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MATTHEW BARTHOLOMEW 17:

MYSTERY IN THE MINSTER

GREGORY, Susanna

Historical mystery **PBK** **\$22.99**

KILL MY DARLING

HARROD EAGLES, Cynthia

The new Bill Slider mystery.

Mystery **TP** **\$24.95**

THE CUTTING ROOM

HOFFMAN, Jillane

The body of a student who went missing from a Florida nightclub is found in a dumpster. A horrifying scene, but nothing compared to what she had to endure before her murder. Detective Manny Alvarez works the homicide alongside young hotshot Assistant State Attorney Daria DeBianchi. The media spotlight shines on the accused, a privileged playboy seen leaving the club with the victim. But without cast-iron evidence, Daria and Manny must dig deeper to crack the case.

Mystery/thriller **TP** **\$24.99**

GROUNDS FOR APPEAL

KNIGHT, Bernard

The latest Richard Pryor forensic mystery set in the mid 1950s in England and Wales.

Mystery **TP** **\$24.95**

VENETIAN CURIOSITIES

LEON, Donna

Donna Leon recounts some of Venice's most intriguing tales: an elephant brought in for Carnival wreaks havoc upon the city before seeking refuge in a church, the city employs prostitutes in an attempt to prevent homosexuality, innocent men are mistakenly condemned to death, a gambler bets the family palazzo. Like *Handel's Bestiary* (\$39.95), it is illustrated and comes with a CD. Here the music is by Antonio Vivaldi, with tracks for each section of the book, expertly played by Il Complesso Barocco

Venetiana **HC** **\$35.00**

THIRTEEN MILLION DOLLAR POP

LEVIEN, David

Bernard "Bernie Cool" Kolodnik is a hard-driving business mogul in the process of making a move into big-time Indiana politics, and it's Frank Behr's job to protect him. When a gunman takes a shot at Kolodnik, Frank does what he does best: saves Kolodnik's life. So why then was he taken off the detail? And why are the usually adept Indianapolis cops making no headway? For fans of Harlan Coben and Lee Child.

Thriller **PBK** **\$17.95**

PAMPERED TO DEATH

LEVINE, Laura

Mystery **PBK** **\$17.95**

HARRY CURRY 02: THE MURDER BOOK

LITTLEMORE, Stuart

Harry Curry and his elegant partner, Arabella Engineer, return with more spanner-in-the-works criminal trials, every one of them in defence of clients charged with murder.

Mystery **TP** **\$29.99**

WHEN THE COOKIE CRUMBLES

LOWELL, Virginia

Mystery **PBK** **\$17.95**

THE THIEVE'S LABYRINTH

MCCREET, James

A death on Waterloo bridge, a body in the river near Wapping, a lady robbed on Wych Street - all common enough daily incidents in early Victorian London. But when an outrageous theft is committed at the port, the clues from these seemingly unconnected crimes soon point irresistibly to a mystery deeper and murkier than the Thames itself. The rapacious Inspector Newsome has much to prove, ex-police detective George Williamson faces difficult choices, and the mysterious Noah Dyson is once more drawn unwillingly within the reach of the authorities.

Historical mystery **PBK** **\$19.99**

GOING TO THE BAD

MCFARLAND, Nora

Working as a TV news photographer at her hometown television station, Lilly has documented Bakersfield's most violent crimes and tragic accidents. To stay sane and avoid burnout, she's developed a wicked sense of humor and a very thick skin. For her, a vicious shooting is just another day on the job. But what if the victim is someone she loves?

Suspense **TP** **\$27.95**

WICKED AUTUMN

MALLIET, G.M.

Having spent almost three years in the idyllic village of Nether Monkslip, Max Tudor is well acclimated to his post as vicar at the church of St. Edwold's. This quaint town seems to be the perfect new home for Max, who has fled a harrowing past serving in the British counter-intelligence agency, the MI5. Now he has found a measure of peace among urban escapees and yoga practitioners, artists and New Agers. But this serenity is quickly shattered when the highly vocal and unpopular president of the Women's Institute turns up dead at the Harvest Fayre. "Hugely funny, exquisitely well written, a tongue-in-cheek village mystery to be savored. G.M. Malliet's arch tone and wry humor make her a writer to be treasured." - *Julia Spencer-Fleming*

Mystery **TP** **\$27.95**

THE BAGHDAD RAILWAY CLUB

MARTIN, Andrew

Baghdad 1917. Captain Jim Stringer has been dispatched to investigate what looks like a nasty case of treason. He arrives to find a city on the point of insurrection, his cover apparently blown - and his only contact lying dead with flies in his eyes.

Mystery **HC** **\$29.99**

NO WAY TO KILL A LADY

MARTIN, Nancy

The Blackbird Sisters are back! (recommended!)

Mystery **HC** **\$39.95**

WICKED GIRLS

MARWOOD, Alex

One fateful summer morning in 1986, two eleven-year-old girls meet for the first time and by the end of the day are charged with murder. Twenty-five years later, journalist Kirsty Lindsay is reporting on a series of sickening attacks on young female tourists in a seaside town when her investigation leads her to interview funfair cleaner Amber Gordon. For Kirsty and Amber, it's the first time they've seen each other since that dark day when they were children.

Mystery/thriller **PBK** **\$19.99**

NORWEGIAN BY NIGHT

MILLER, Derek

Sheldon Horowitz - 82 years old, impatient, and unreasonable - is staying with his granddaughter's family in Norway when he disappears with a stranger's child. Sheldon is an ex-Marine, and he feels responsible for his son's death in Vietnam. To Norway's cops, Sheldon is just an old man who is coming undone at the end of a long and hard life. But Sheldon is clear in his own mind. He'd heard the boy's eastern European mother being murdered, and he's determined to protect the child from the killer and his Balkan gang.

Suspense **TP** **\$32.95**

ICELIGHT

MONROE, Aly

1947. Threadbare London endures the bleakest, coldest winter for decades. Food rationing is worse than during the war. Coal supplies run out. The Thames freezes over. Against a background of black ice, blackouts and the black market, agent Peter Cotton is seconded to Operation Sea-snake. MI5 is in the grip of civil war; MI6 is riddled with traitors. Unsure who to trust - or even who is pulling the strings - Cotton, ever the outsider, must protect an atomic scientist caught up in a vicious homophobic witch-hunt, limit the damage caused by a bully-boy MP, rely on a rent-boy informer and, despite the murderous attentions of a couple of Glasgow razor boys, embark on a ruthless hunt of his own.

Mystery **PBK** **\$22.99**

UNWANTED

OHLSSON, Kristina

In the middle of a rainy Swedish summer, a little girl is abducted from a crowded train. Despite hundreds of potential witnesses, no one noticed when the girl was taken. Her mother, left behind at the previous station, alerted the crew immediately. But as the train pulled into Stockholm Central Station, the girl was nowhere to be seen. To Inspector Alex Recht of the Stockholm police, this looks like a classic custody row. But none of the evidence adds up and young Investigative Analyst Fredrika Bergman is convinced the case is far more complex than her boss is prepared to admit.

Mystery **PBK** **\$19.99**

DADDY'S GIRL

ORFORD, Margie

Friday evening. A six-year-old ballerina waits alone for her mother to fetch her. Then an unmarked car approaches, and she is gone. With no trace of where, or why she's been abducted, suspicion falls on her divorced father, Captain Riedwaan. The boss of Cape Town's gang unit, Riedwaan is tough and ruthless, a man accustomed to being in control. But now he is powerless. Suspended from the squad for wasting police time, Riedwaan watches helplessly as the search for his daughter is called off. In desperation, Riedwaan turns to investigative journalist and police profiler Dr Clare Hart, whose TV documentary about Cape Town's missing young girls has made her something of a local celebrity.

Mystery/thriller **PBK** **\$19.99**

THE CROSSING

RADBURN, Michael

Set in the desolate, foreboding beauty of rural Tasmania, this is the story of park ranger Taylor Bridges, a man struggling with the guilt of his missing daughter who finds himself at the centre of the disappearance of another young girl exactly one year later.

Suspense **PBK** **\$22.99**

THE SAINT ZITA SOCIETY

RENDELL, Ruth

Suspense **TP** **\$32.95**

MELTWATER

RIDPATH, Michael

The third Magnus Jonson investigation, after the excellent *Where the Shadows Lie* and *66 Degrees North* (\$22.99).

Mystery/thriller **TP** **\$29.99**

WATCHING THE DARK

ROBINSON, Peter

The new DCI Banks novel.

Mystery **TP** **\$32.95**

CELEBRITY IN DEATH

ROBB, J.D.

Romantic suspense **PBK** **\$19.99**

MAX BRAVO 02: THE BARBARY DOGS

ROBINSON, Cynthia

Mystery **TP** **\$27.95**

SAY YOU'RE SORRY

ROBOTHAM, Michael

When Piper and her friend Tash disappeared, there was a huge police search, but they were never found. Now Tash has escaped, promising to come back for Piper. Clinical psychologist Joe O'Loughlin and his stalwart companion, ex-cop Vincent Ruiz, force the police to re-open the case after Joe is called in to assess the possible killer of a couple in their own home and finds a connection to the missing girls.

Thriller **TP** **\$29.99**

GHOST HERO

ROZAN, S.J.

The new Bill Smith and Lydia Chin novel.

Mystery **TP** **\$29.95**

FROZEN STIFF

RYAN, Annelise

"Writer-on-the-rise Ryan mixes CSI-style crime with laugh-out-loud humor in her third mystery featuring wisecracking former nurse-turned-deputy-coroner Mattie Winston, who investigates the murder of a stranger to Sorenson, Wisconsin" - *publisher's blurb*

Mystery **PBK** **\$17.95**

THE KILLER IS DYING

SALLIS, James

A hired killer on his final job, a burned-out detective whose wife is dying slowly and in agony, a young boy abandoned by his parents and living alone by his wits: The detective, Sayles, is looking for the killer, Christian, though he doesn't know that. Christian is trying to find the man who stepped in and took down his target before he had the chance. And the boy, Jimmie, is having the killer's dreams. If you enjoy Peter Temple then James Sallis is highly recommended.

Mystery **TP** **\$25.95**

BURIED PREY

SANDFORD, John

Thriller **PBK** **\$19.99**

THE BEST CRIME STORIES EVER TOLD

SAYERS, Dorothy & PENZLER, Otto (Editors)

When Dorothy L. Sayers first began compiling anthologies of the best crime stories in the 1920s and '30s, the genre was in the flush of its first golden age. Now today's fans of mystery and crime can experience a handpicked collection of over thirty of the most outstanding stories from this era, originally chosen by Sayers and newly introduced by Otto Penzler

Mystery anthology **PBK** **\$24.95**

DEADLY POLITICS

SEFTON, Maggie

As a senator's daughter and the widow of a congressman who died tragically, Molly Malone was fed up with Washington, D.C. But after losing everything in the market crash, she's back in town as a consultant and immediately thrown into a case close to her heart.

Mystery **TP** **\$27.95**

FIFTH VICTIM

SHARP, Zoe

Thriller **PBK** **\$17.99**

BRIGHTON BELLE

SHERIDAN, Sara

1951. Brighton. With the war over and the Nazis brought to justice at Nuremberg, Mirabelle Bevan (Secret Service, retired) thinks her skills are no longer required. After her lover's death she retires to the seaside to put the past behind her and takes a job at a debt collection agency run by the charismatic Big Ben McGuigan. But when the case of Romana Laszlo - a pregnant Hungarian refugee - comes in, Mirabelle soon discovers that her specialist knowledge is vital. This is getting fantastic reviews - recommended for Kerry Greenwood readers!

Mystery **PBK** **\$19.99**

DEATH OF A SCHOOLGIRL

SLAN, Joanna Campbell

Soon after the birth of Jane and Edward Rochester's first son, Jane receives a troubling plea for help from her former pupil, Adele Varens, now at London's Alderton House School for Girls. Jane travels from Yorkshire to London, where she poses as a German teacher to gain entry to Alderton House, which she discovers is a hotbed of bullying, theft, laudanum drugging, and long-held grudges. The death of one of Adele's schoolmates and a possible connection to George IV add to the intrigue.

Historical mystery **TP** **\$27.95**

SUNSHINE ON SCOTLAND STREET

SMITH, Alexander McCall

The new novel featuring Bertie and friends. Also released is the latest Isabel Dalhousie in paperback, *Forgotten Affairs of Youth* (\$22.99), and the second in the delightful children's series featuring Precious Ramotswe's early years, *Precious and the Mystery of Meerkat Hill* (HC, \$19.99). The first, *Precious and the Monkeys*, is now in paperback (\$12.99). These are beautifully illustrated and highly recommended for middle primary school children.

Fiction **HC** **\$29.99**

BRUJA BROUHAHA

STAAB, Rochelle

Practical psychologist Liz Cooper and occult professor Nick Garfield may make something of an odd couple, but things become even more odd when they attempt to solve a mystery while sidetracking a hex from a Santeria witch.

Mystery **PBK** **\$17.95**

THE KING'S SPY

SWANSTON, Andrew

Summer, 1643. England is at war with itself. King Charles I has fled London, his negotiations with Parliament in tatters. The country is consumed by bloodshed. For Thomas Hill, a man of letters quietly running a bookshop in the rural town of Romsey, knowledge of the war is limited to the rumours that reach the local inn. When a stranger knocks on his door one night and informs him that the king's cryptographer has died, everything changes. Aware of Thomas's background as a mathematician and his expertise in codes and ciphers, the king has summoned him to his court in Oxford. On arrival, Thomas soon discovers that nothing at court is straightforward. There is evidence of a traitor in their midst, and brutal murder follows brutal murder.

Historical mystery **TP** **\$32.95**

BRIGHT YOUNG THINGS

THOMAS, Scarlett

Bright young things required for big project...Six young people respond to the advert in The Times - all clever, all disaffected with their lives, all looking for an escape. What they least expect is to find themselves prisoners on an island, at the mercy of...who? Their needs are well provided for with a comfortable house and provisions but there's no telephone, no television and no way to escape. The bright young things have to start working out why they're there and how to get away before it's too late.

Thriller **PBK** **\$22.99**

THE SECRET NOTEBOOKS OF

SHERLOCK HOLMES

THOMPSON, June

Thompson is one of the most renowned authors of Holmes pastiches and this new-into-paperback collection includes cases involving Italian Cardinals, Transylvanian mind reader Count Rakoczi, and the King of Scandinavia. Allison & Busby have also reissued Holmes and Watson, an earlier collection.

Sherlockiana **PBK** **\$17.99 each**

AN UMARKED GRAVE

TODD, Charles

During the deadly Spanish Influenza pandemic of 1918, Bess Crawford discovers the body of a murdered British officer among the many dead.

Mystery **TP** **\$24.99**

BED OF NAILS

VARENNE, Antonin

When John Nichols arrives to identify the body of an old friend, he is immediately caught up in the detritus of Alan Musgrave's life, the side of Paris the tourists don't see, where everyone has a past but very few count on a future. But what can he expect from a man who bled to death in his own excruciating S&M stage show? Now there's a maverick police lieutenant on the prowl who thinks that Musgrave's suicide was murder - Guérin might not look like much, but he's one of the few honest officers on the force. This is gripping and disturbing, translated with aplomb by Fred Vargas' translator, Sian Reynolds - if you enjoy the dark, edgy stuff, this is for you.

Noir **TP** **\$29.99**

LET THE DEVIL SLEEP

VERDON, John

Dave Gurney, the most decorated homicide detective in the history of the NYPD, is still trying to adjust to life in upstate New York when a young woman who is producing a documentary on serial killers asks for his input. Soon after this conversation, odd events begin occurring in Dave's life: There is a strange problem with his tractor, a razor-sharp hunting arrow lands in his yard, and he narrowly escapes serious injury in a booby-trapped basement. As things grow more bizarre, Dave finds himself re-examining the case of 'The Good Shepherd' - which, 10 years before, involved a series of roadway shootings and a 'Unabomber-like' manifesto expressing rage at society.

Thriller **TP** **\$29.99**

THE DEVIL'S CAVE

WALKER, Martin

Springtime in St Denis. It's two weeks before Easter, and Satanism has reared its ugly head. A female body has been found on a boat, bearing the signs of a black magic ritual. The victim is unknown and nobody is coming forward. This is the last thing Bruno needs. The Chief of Police-come-culinary connoisseur has too much on his plate as it is, mediating both a domestic abuse case and a local development proposal that seems just too good to be true. Recommended.

Mystery **TP** **\$29.99**

THE GIRL ON THE STAIRS

WELSH, Louise

Jane Logan is six months pregnant and has moved to Berlin to live with her long-term lover, rich banker, Petra. The women's chic new apartment is in a trendy part of the city but Jane finds herself increasingly uneasy there. She conceives a dread of the derelict backhouse across the courtyard and begins to suspect something sinister is happening in the flat next door, where gynaecologist Alban Mann lives with his teenage daughter Anna. Her decision to turn detective has devastating results when her own past collides with the past of the building and its inhabitants.

Suspense **TP** **\$29.99**

THE KINGS OF COOL

WINSLOW, Don

In the brilliant literary thriller *Savages* (\$19.95), Don Winslow introduced Ben and Chon, twentysomething best friends who risk everything to save the girl they both love, O. Now, in this prequel, Winslow reaches back in time to tell the story of how Ben, Chon and O became the people they are.

Thriller **TP** **\$32.95**

THE TWENTY-YEAR DEATH

WINTER, Ariel S.

"Winter, a literary detective and former bookseller, tells an epic tale in the form of three novels written in the style of three different crime-fiction legends. Book 1, Malniveau Prison, channels Georges Simenon as Chief Inspector Pelleter tries to deduce how a murdered prisoner escaped the prison walls. Book 2, The Falling Star, is the Chanderlesque story of a private eye, Dennis Foster, who's hired to reassure a paranoid movie star and maybe take the rap for a murder. A recurring character in both books is Shem Rosenkrantz, an American writer who first seeks seclusion in France and then squanders his talents in Hollywood. In book 3, Police at the Funeral, Rosenkrantz takes over the narration with the voice of a washed-up Jim Thompson protagonist, and, as he unravels, we see how the stories are stitched together... What might seem at first like an amusing exercise for crime-fiction buffs becomes by the end immersive, exhilarating, and revelatory." - *Booklist*. The latest from Hard Case Crime.

Noir **HC** **\$42.95**