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Ron, Iain and Beau

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

DIARY OF AN OXYGEN THIEF

ANONYMOUS

'Hurt people hurt people. Say there was a novel, in which Holden Caulfield was an alcoholic and Lolita was a photographer's assistant; and, somehow, they met in *Bright Lights, Big City*. He's blinded by love. She by ambition.' – *publisher's blurb*.

Suspense PBK \$22.99

KILL THE NEXT ONE

AXAT, Federico

Ted McKay had it all: a beautiful wife, two daughters, a high-paying job. But after being diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour, he finds himself with a gun to his temple, ready to pull the trigger. Then the doorbell rings. A stranger makes him a proposition: why not kill two deserving men before dying? The first target is a criminal, and the second is a man with terminal cancer who, like Ted, wants to die. After executing these kills, Ted will become someone else's next target, like a kind of suicidal daisy chain. Ted understands the stranger's logic: it's easier for a victim's family to deal with a murder, than with a suicide. It isn't long, however, until Ted's reality begins to unravel. Recommended.

Thriller TP \$29.99

VICTORIA SQUARE MYSTERIES 04:

DEAD, BATH, AND BEYOND

BARTLETT, Lorraine, with CASS, Laurie

Mystery PBK \$19.95

THE BEAUTIFUL DEAD

BAUER, Belinda

There's no safety in numbers... Eve Singer needs death. With her career as a TV crime reporter flagging, she'll do anything to satisfy her ghoulish audience. The killer needs death too. He even advertises his macabre public performances, where he hopes to show the whole world the beauty of dying. When he contacts Eve, she welcomes the chance to be first with the news from every gory scene. Until she realises that the killer has two obsessions. One is public murder. And the other one is her...

Thriller TP \$32.99

LOVEMURDER

BLACK, Saul

When she's called to the murder scene, the last thing San Francisco Homicide detective Valerie Hart is expecting is for Katherine Glass to walk back into her life. Six years earlier, revulsion and fascination had gripped the nation in equal measure, as beautiful, intelligent, charming and utterly evil Katherine Glass had been convicted on six counts of Murder One. But the freshly-mutilated corpse in the ground-floor apartment bears all the hallmarks of Katherine's victims. And then there's the note, with its chilling implications. Addressed to Valerie. To stop the slaughter, Valerie has no choice. She must ask Katherine Glass to help her decipher the killer's twisted message. But that means re-entering the pitch-black labyrinth that is Katherine's mind; and, this time, Valerie isn't so sure, which one of them will survive. This is as good as the earlier novel featuring Valerie Hart, *The Killing Lessons* (\$19.99), perhaps better – highly recommended!

Thriller TP \$32.99

DEATH GOING DOWN

BOSCO, María Angélica

Frida Eiding is young, beautiful, and lying dead... in the lift of a luxury Buenos Aires apartment block. It looks like suicide, and yet none of the building's residents can be trusted; the man who discovered her is a womanising drunk; her husband is behaving strangely; and upstairs, a photographer and his sister appear to be hiding something sinister. When Inspector Ericourt and his colleague, Blasi, are set on the trail of some missing photographs, a disturbing secret past begins to unravel... One of Argentina's greatest detective stories, this is a post-war tale of survival and extortion, obsession, and lies – shot through with some of history's darkest hours.

Mystery PBK \$21.99

JOE PICKETT: OFF THE GRID

BOX, C J

Thriller PBK \$19.99

INSPECTOR ANDERS AND

THE PRAGUE CONSPIRACY

BROWNE, Marshall

The battle-worn Inspector Anders – Europol's top terrorism investigator and Mafia nemesis – is ordered to Prague, tasked with quickly locating a mysterious, unpublished dossier said to detail explosive allegations against the Czech Republic's most eminent business leaders. But does the dossier even exist? And what lies behind the threats of its author, who – like the famous Kafka protagonist – styles himself as Joseph K? In the elegant city of Kafka's birth, as the Inspector tries to make sense of the situation, persons of interest disturbingly follow a pattern, falling fatally from high windows. Clues seem to lie in the past, in the spring of 1968, in interactions between the ruthless communist secret police – the StB – and their victims. Historical truth proves a slippery concept, although its deadly repercussions still resonate for contemporary players, with whom Inspector Anders' fate is now entwined.

Suspense TP \$29.99

MONTALBANO'S FIRST CASE

AND OTHER STORIES

CAMILLERI, Andrea

A collection of short stories, chosen by Andrea Camilleri, which follows Inspector Montalbano from his very first case in Vigata, in

which he stumbles upon a young girl lurking outside a courthouse, with a pistol in her handbag. When she is taken in for questioning and won't utter a single word, Montalbano must find another way to learn who she is trying to kill, and why... Recommended.

Mystery collection PBK \$19.99

SAM: THE SALT MARSH

CARSON, Clare

A sequel to *Orkney Twilight* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery PBK \$19.99

BRENNAN & ESPOSITO: THE LOST GIRL

CARVER, Tania

Thriller PBK \$22.99

STYLES CENTENARY BOXED SET

CHRISTIE, Agatha

A box set to mark exactly 100 years since Agatha Christie wrote *The Mysterious Affair At Styles* – which includes that first Poirot novel, with her last: *Curtain*. Also available, this month, is a TV tie-in edition of Christie's *The Witness For the Prosecution and Other Stories* (PBK, \$19.99)

Poirot HC \$69.99

SHETLAND SERIES: COLD EARTH

CLEEVES, Ann

In the dark days of a Shetland winter, torrential rain triggers a landslide that crosses the main Lerwick-Sumburgh road and sweeps down to the sea. At the burial of his old friend Magnus Tait, Jimmy Perez watches the flood of mud and peaty water smash through a croft house in its path. Everyone thinks the croft is uninhabited, but in the wreckage, he finds the body of a dark-haired woman wearing a red silk dress. In his mind, she shares his Mediterranean ancestry and soon he becomes obsessed with tracing her identity. Then it emerges that she was already dead, before the landslide hit the house. Perez knows he must find out who she was, and how she died. The first in this great series is *Raven Black* (\$19.99).

Mystery TP \$29.99

AMY'S TRAVEL MYSTERIES 02:

DEARLY DEPARTED

CONRAD, Hy

Mystery PBK \$19.95

THAT EMPTY FEELING

CORRIS, Peter

One case still haunts Hardy... Legendary PI Cliff Hardy has reached an age when the obituaries have become part of his reading, and one triggers his memory of a case in the late 1980s. Back then, Sydney was awash with colourful characters, and Cliff is reminded of a case involving 'Ten-Pound Pom' Barry Bartlett and racing identity and investor Sir Keith Mountjoy. Two murders raised the stakes and, with the sinister figure of Lady Betty Lee Mountjoy pulling the strings, it was odds against a happy outcome.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

AGATHA CHRISTIE'S COMPLETE SECRET

NOTEBOOKS (REVISED EDITION)

CURRAN, John

Christie reference HC \$69.99

CRUSH

DARD, Frédéric

Seventeen-year-old Louise Lacroix is desperate to escape her dreary life. So, on her way home from work, every evening, she takes a detour past the enchanting house of Jess and Thelma Rooland – a wealthy and glamorous American couple – where the sun always seems to shine. When Louise convinces the Roolands to employ her as their maid, she thinks she's in heaven. But, soon, their seemingly perfect life begins to unravel. What terrible secrets are they hiding?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

DC MAGGIE NEVILLE: GONE ASTRAY

DAVIES, Michelle

Lesley and her husband Mack are the sudden winners of a £15 million EuroMillions' jackpot. They move with their 15-year-old daughter Rosie to an exclusive gated estate in Buckinghamshire, leaving behind their ordinary lives – and friends – as they are catapulted into wealth beyond their wildest dreams. But it soon turns into their darkest nightmare when, one beautiful spring afternoon, Lesley returns to their house to find it empty: their daughter Rosie is gone. DC Maggie Neville is assigned to be Family Liaison Officer to Lesley and Mack... supporting them, while quietly trying to investigate the family.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

THE GRAVEYARD OF THE HESPERIDES

DAVIS, Lindsey

Flavia Albia's beloved, the plebeian Manlius Faustus, has recently moved in and decided that they should get married in a big, showy ceremony as part of beginning a proper domestic life together. Also, his contracting firm has been renovating a rundown dive bar, called The Garden of the Hesperides, only to uncover human remains buried in the backyard.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

MAGICAL BOOKSHOP MYSTERIES 02:

PROSE AND CONS

FLOWER, Amanda

October in Cascade Springs means tourists are pouring in for the annual Food and Wine Festival, and Daisy hopes to draw those crowds to the store. She asks Violet and the local writing group, the Red Inkers, to give a reading of the works of Edgar Allan Poe on the

shop's front porch to entertain the revellers. Everyone eagerly agrees – yet their enthusiasm is soon extinguished when Violet discovers one of the writers, dead, in the shop... moments before the event. After the shop magically tells Violet she'll need to rely on Poe's works to solve the murder, she enlists the help of her trusty tuxedo cat Emerson and the shop's crow, Faulkner. *Crime and Poetry* is the first in this great, new, cosy series (\$19.95).

Mystery PBK \$19.95

THE KNIFE SLIPPED

GARDNER, Earle Stanley

Edith Cunner and her mother, Mrs. Atterby, come to B Cool Investigations because no other agency in town will tell them if Eben Cunner is cheating on his wife of five years. Donald, a part-time op, still years from making partner, agrees to follow Eben and quickly discovers that his wife is half right. Eben is indeed meeting an attractive blonde in a unit of the Mountain Crest Apartments he's rented under an assumed name, but it's for a much more criminal purpose, than mere adultery. In short order, Eben is shot to death with a .38 revolver Mountain Crest switchboard operator Ruth Marr presses on Donald, and his mission switches from getting the goods on Eben to protecting Ruth from a murder charge. Bertha, however, never changes gears along with him; her paramount objective is to cut herself on the action. Previously unpublished, this is the latest from Hard Case Crime.

Hardboiled PBK \$22.95

MURDER UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE

GAYFORD, Cecily (editor)

Ten classic, crime stories for the festive season – a selection of puzzling Christmas mysteries, from the *crème de la crème* of crime writers. A murderer who materialises in a field of snow, leaving no footprints. Blackmail on Christmas Eve. A missing jewel, discovered in a very festive hiding place. A body slumped in a chair, on Christmas morning, still listening to carols. The midnight theft of a gift intended for a saint. Crime doesn't take a holiday; so, these – and many more – are the puzzles that make up *Murder under the Christmas Tree*, a collection of festive mysteries; featuring fictional sleuths from Miss Marple to Sherlock Holmes, Cadfael to Father Brown.

Classic mystery anthology PBK \$19.99

INSPECTOR LYNLEY:

A BANQUET OF CONSEQUENCES

GEORGE, Elizabeth

Mystery PBK \$19.99

THOMAS CHALONER:

THE CHELSEA STRANGLER

GREGORY, Susanna

In the sapping summer heat of 1665, there is little celebration in London of the naval victory at the Battle of Lowestoft. The King, his retinue and anyone with sufficient means has fled the plague-ridden city, its half-deserted streets echoing to the sound of bells tolling the mounting number of deaths. Those who remain clutch doubtful potions to ward off the relentless disease and dart nervously past shuttered buildings, watchful for the thieves who risk their lives to plunder what has been left behind. At Chelsea, a rural backwater by the river, with fine mansions leased to minor members of the Court avoiding the capital, there are more immediate concerns: the government has commandeered the theological college to house Dutch prisoners of war and there are daily rumours that those sailors are on the brink of escaping. Moreover, a vicious strangler is stalking the neighbourhoods. Thomas Chaloner is sent to investigate the murder of the first victim, an inmate of a private sanatorium known as Gorges. There have been thefts there as well, but the few facts he gleans from inmates and staff are contradictory and elusive. He realises, though, that Gorges has stronger links to the prison than just proximity, and that the influx of strangers offers plenty of camouflage for a killer – a killer who has no compunction about turning on those determined to stop his murderous rampage.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

JOHN WALLACE: PENDULUM

HAMDY, Adam

You wake. Confused. Disorientated. A noose is round your neck. You are bound, standing on a chair. All you can focus on is the man in the mask tightening the rope. You are about to die. John Wallace has no idea why he has been targeted. No idea who his attacker is. No idea how he will prevent the inevitable. Then the pendulum of fate swings in his favour. He has one chance to escape, find the truth and halt his destruction. The momentum is in his favour, for now. But with a killer on his tail, everything can change with one swing of this deadly pendulum... You have one chance. Run... A photo-journalist is targeted for death, in this high-concept, twisting, and dangerous journey – through a digital underworld.

Thriller TP \$32.99

WICCAN WHEEL MYSTERIES 02:

BELL, BOOK AND CANDLEMAS

HESSE, Jennifer David

The Wiccan holiday of Candlemas is right around the corner, but when vandals target New Age gift shop Moonstone Treasures, the mood is far from festive. Frightening threats and accusations of witchcraft, aimed at the owner, have some Wiccan patrons calling it a hate crime. And when things escalate to murder, the community turns to Keli. As a friend and customer, Keli wants to help. But there's one problem: she's fiercely private about her religion. How can she stop the harassment, not to mention catch a killer, while keeping her faith hidden from her colleagues, clients, and her promising and long awaited new boyfriend? At a time meant

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to banish darkness, will Keli have to choose between risking the spotlight and keeping her beliefs locked in the proverbial broom closet? Or will she call on her deepest convictions to conjure the perfect path? The second in the series, after *Midsummer Night's Mischief* (\$19.95).

Mystery PBK \$19.95

A MIDSUMMER'S EQUATION

HIGASHINO, Keigo

When a man's body is discovered at the base of some cliffs, in the small resort town of Hari Cove, the police at first suspect a tragic accident, a misstep that cost the man his life. However, when the victim is found to have been a former policeman and that the cause of death was actually carbon monoxide poisoning, they begin a murder investigation. Manabu Yukawa, the physicist known as 'Detective Galileo', is in Hari Cove – to speak at a conference on a planned underwater mining operation – and finds himself drawn into the case. Did the murder have something to do with the fight of the small community to rebuild itself, or does it have its roots in the town's history? In a series of twists, Yukawa uncovers the hidden relationship behind the tragic events that led to this murder.

Suspense PBK \$19.99

DI RAY DRAKE: THE TWO O'CLOCK BOY

HILL, Mark

One night changed their lives... Thirty years ago, the Longacre Children's Home stood on a London street, where once-grand Victorian homes lay derelict. There, its children lived in terror of Gordon Tallis, the home's manager. Then Connor Laird arrived: a frighteningly intense boy, who quickly became Tallis' favourite criminal helper. Soon after, destruction befell the Longacre, and the facts of that night have lain buried... until today.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

SNOW GLOBE SHOP MYSTERIES 03:

FROSTY THE DEAD MAN

HUSOM, Christine

Mystery PBK \$19.95

GHOST OF GRANNY APPLES MYSTERIES 06:

THE GHOSTS OF MISTY HOLLOW

JAFFARIAN, Sue Ann

Mystery PBK \$19.95

ANDERS KNUTAS: THE FOURTH VICTIM

JUNGSTEDT, Mari

In the stifling heat of an August morning on the beautiful Swedish island of Gotland, terror shatters the calm. An armed robbery is over in minutes, leaving a little girl on the road, hit by the getaway car. Desperate to find those responsible, the police track down one of the culprits. But he is dead, brutally murdered at a remote farm. Tattooed on his arm are three initials: his own and two others.

The only clues to the identity of his friends. As the hunt to find the remaining two robbers intensifies, there's every chance the murderer is on their trail too. Can Detective Superintendent Knutas beat them to it? Recommended for Henning Mankell fans.

Mystery TP \$32.99

PAW ENFORCEMENT MYSTERIES 05:

ABOVE THE PAW

KELLY, Diane

Mystery PBK \$19.95

BERNIE GUNTHER:

THE OTHER SIDE OF SILENCE

KERR, Philip

The latest in this brilliant series, which begins with the omnibus

Berlin Noir (PBK, \$39.99), does not disappoint!

Noir PBK \$19.99

AUDREY HARTE: TWO CAN PLAY

KESSLER, Kate

In this sequel to *It Takes One* (TP, \$29.99), Audrey is drawn into a dangerous game of cat and mouse; and – when someone close to her is abducted by the killer – Audrey has no choice, but to play...

Thriller TP \$29.99

THE FALL OF MAN IN WILMSLOW

LAGERCRANTZ, David

Leonard Corell, a detective sergeant in the sleepy town of Wilmslow, is disillusioned with his lot. Trapped between professional stagnation and personal repression, he can't even work up the courage to ask out Julie, the pretty assistant at the tailor's. Tasked with investigating the suicide of a local recluse, Alan Turing, Corell is torn between admiration for the dead man's genius and disgust for his sexuality. In the face of opposition from his superiors, Corell continues to investigate the open-and-shut case, stumbling across forbidden knowledge about the marvels of Bletchley Park, and the horrors of its hero's downfall.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

HAP & LEONARD SERIES

LANSDALE, Joe R

More of the books featuring Hap & Leonard have been reissued this month: *The Two-Bear Mambo*, *Bad Chili*, and *Rumble Tumble*. Darkly hilarious and wacky redneck noir – this series begins with *Savage Season* (\$19.99). Recommended!

Thriller PBK \$19.99 each

EMBROIDERY MYSTERIES 10:

BETTER OFF THREAD

LEE, Amanda

Mystery PBK \$19.95

NICK AND NORA MYSTERIES 03:

CRIME AND CATNIP

LOTEMPIO, T C

While catering a gala for the Cruz Museum, Nora Charles agrees to look into the disappearance of director Violet Crenshaw's niece, a case previously undertaken by her frisky feline friend Nick's former owner, a private eye whose whereabouts are also currently unknown. As Nora and her curious cat Nick pull at the string of clues, they begin to unravel a twisted tale of coded messages, theft, false identities, murder, and international espionage. Nora dares to hope that the labyrinth of leads will not only help them

locate the missing young woman, but also solve the disappearance of the detective. That's if Nora can stay alive long enough to find him... The first, in this excellent, cosy series is *Meow if its Murder* (\$19.95).

Mystery PBK \$19.95

ROBERT LUDLUM'S THE PATRIOT ATTACK

LUDLUM, Robert & MILLS, Kyle

Robert Ludlum's bestselling Covert-One series continues.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

THE BODY ON THE DOORSTEP

MACKENZIE, A J

Kent, 1796. Shocked to discover a dying man on his doorstep – and lucky to avoid a bullet himself – Reverend Hardcastle finds himself entrusted with the victim's cryptic last words.

With smuggling rife on England's south-east coast, the obvious conclusion is that this was a falling out among thieves. But why is the leader of the local Customs service so reluctant to investigate? Ably assisted by the ingenious Mrs Chaytor, Hardcastle sets out to solve the mystery, for himself. But smugglers are not the only ones to lurk off the Kent coast, and the more he discovers, the more he realises he might have bitten off more than he can chew.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

STALKING JACK THE RIPPER

MANISCALCO, Kerri

Seventeen-year-old Audrey Rose Wadsworth was born a lord's daughter, with a life of wealth and privilege stretched out before her. But between the social teas and silk dress fittings, she leads a forbidden secret life. Against her stern father's wishes and society's expectations, Audrey often slips away to her uncle's laboratory to study the gruesome practice of forensic medicine. When her work, on a string of savagely-killed corpses, drags Audrey into the investigation of a serial murderer, her search for answers brings her close to her own sheltered world.

Gothic mystery HC \$32.99

ANNIKA BENGTON: THE FINAL WORD

MARKLUND, Liza

Mystery PBK \$22.99

CHINA THRILLERS

MAY, Peter

An unlikely partnership develops between Li and Campbell, as they investigate. A fiery and volatile chemistry ignites: exposing not only their individual demons, but an even greater evil – a conspiracy that threatens their lives, as well as those of millions of others. The first three of Peter May's China thrillers: *The Firemaker*, *The Fourth Sacrifice*, and *The Killing Room* – featuring Beijing detective Li Yan and American pathologist Margaret Campbell – reissued in paperback.

Thriller PBK \$19.99 each

THE CHEMIST

MEYER, Stephenie

She used to work for the US government, but very few people ever knew that. An expert in her field, she was one of the darkest secrets of an agency – so clandestine, it doesn't even have a name. And when they decided she was a liability, they came for her without warning. Now, she rarely stays in the same place, or uses the same name, for long. They've killed the only other person she trusted, but something she knows still poses a threat. They want her dead, and soon. When her former handler offers her a way out, she realises it's her only chance to erase the giant target on her back. But it means taking one last job for her ex-employers. To her horror, the information she acquires only makes her situation more dangerous. Resolving to meet the threat head-on, she prepares for the toughest fight of her life but finds herself falling for a man who can only complicate her likelihood of survival. As she sees her choices being rapidly whittled down, she must apply her unique talents, in ways she never dreamed of.

Thriller TP \$32.99

WHERE DEAD MEN MEET

MILLS, Mark

Mistaken identity, accident, or design? Paris, 1937. Luke Hamilton – a junior air intelligence officer at the British Embassy – finds himself the target of an assassination attempt. A clear case of mistaken identity, or so it first appears. As Luke is hunted across a continent sliding towards war, he comes to learn that the answers lie deep in a past that predates his abandonment – as a baby – on the steps of an orphanage, twenty-five years ago. Highly recommended for fans of Philip Kerr, Alan Furst, and David Downing.

Thriller TP \$32.99

THOMAS DE QUINCEY INVESTIGATIONS:

RULER OF THE NIGHT

MORRELL, David

A sequel to *Murder is a Fine Art* and *Inspector of the Dead*

(PBK, \$19.99 each).

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

NO 2 FELINE DETECTIVE AGENCY:

THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAWS

MORTON, Mandy

It's a week before Christmas, and Hettie and Tilly set out on a very dangerous case for the No 2 Feline Detective Agency. Lady Eloise Crabstock-Singe has summoned them to Crabstock Manor in the village of Porthladle on the Cornish Coast to solve the mystery of Christmas Paws – a servant cat, who haunts the Manor, intent on killing off all the Crabstocks. Should they put their trust in Absalom and Lamorna Tweek? Will Saffron Bunn's cooking get any better? And what is Evergreen Flinch searching for? Through blizzard and storm, stranded on the notorious Bodkin Moor and laid up at Jam Makers Inn will Hettie and Tilly save the day, and get home in time for Christmas dinner?

Mystery PBK \$22.99

PAWSITIVELY ORGANIC MYSTERIES 05:

CUSTOM BAKED MURDER

MUGAVERO, Liz

Mystery PBK \$19.95

KIRCHHOFF & BODENSTEIN:

TO CATCH A KILLER

NEUHAUS, Nele

Detective Pia Kirchhoff is about to leave on her long-delayed honeymoon when she hears that a woman has been shot while out walking her dog. Then more long-range shootings swiftly follow, and it becomes clear that a highly-trained serial killer is on the loose. The victims seem to have just one thing in common: they were all good people with apparently no enemies. So why are they dead? As fear of the sniper grows among local residents, all leave is cancelled for the Frankfurt police department as they are put on red alert. The pressure is on Kirchhoff and her colleague, Oliver von Bodenstein, to find the killer before he can tick another name off his hit list.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

MY HUSBAND'S SON

O'CONNOR, Deborah

Heidi and Jason aren't like other couples. Six years ago, Heidi's daughter was murdered. A year later, Jason's son Barney disappeared. Their shared loss brought them together. By chance, Heidi meets a boy she's certain is her husband's long-missing son – but Jason is equally convinced it's not him. Is Heidi mad? Or is Jason hiding something? And can their fragile marriage survive Heidi's search for the truth...?

Thriller TP \$29.99

PENANCE

O'RIORDAN, Kate

The lives of Rosalie Douglas and her teenage daughter, Maddie, are changed forever, when they meet Jed, a beautiful, charismatic young man at Bereavement Counselling. Inexplicably, and self-destructively, Maddie holds herself accountable for her brother's drowning accident in Thailand. Jed moves into their lives and their home. Calming the tensions between mother and daughter. He understands the twisted wilderness of grief. Lover and confidante to a besotted Maddie, gentle surrogate son to a grateful Rosalie – on the surface their lives are transformed. But underneath a deadly and morally corrupt triangle is taking shape... Rosalie commits an unspeakable act which forces her to unravel the truth behind the beautiful stranger in their midst. The truth behind the death of her son. And the true extent of just how far she's prepared to go – to save what remains of her family.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

SEYMOUR OF SPECIAL BRANCH:

A DEAD MAN IN ATHENS

PEARCE, Michael

The two preceding, Seymour of Special Branch novels: *A Dead Man in Trieste* and *A Dead Man in Istanbul*, will be reissued, early in the new year (PBK, \$19.99 each).

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

WILLIAM MONK: REVENGE IN A COLD RIVER

PERRY, Anne

Also available now, in paperback, is Anne Perry's Christmas novella: *A Christmas Escape* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

AGENT PENDERGAST: THE OBSIDIAN CHAMBER

PRESTON, Douglas & CHILD, Lincoln

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

EVE CLAY: DEAD SILENT

ROBERTS, Mark

Investigating a killer, bringing medieval horror to Merseyside, DCI Eve Clay must overcome her own demons to unpick the dark symbolism of the crime scene.

Mystery/thriller PBK \$19.99

MAINE CLAMBAKE MYSTERIES 05:

ICED UNDER

ROSS, Barbara

Mystery PBK \$19.95

THE HERMIT

RYDAHL, Thomas

A car is found crashed on a beach in the Canary Island resort of Fuerteventura. In the trunk is a cardboard box containing the body of a small boy – no one knows his name, and there is no trace of a driver. The last thing Fuerteventura needs is a murder. The island's already got half-empty bars and windswept beaches, and the local police are under pressure to cut the investigation short. But long-time islander, Erhard, who sees more than most people, won't let the investigation drop – and he has nothing to lose. He has severed ties with his wife and child in Denmark, and has cut himself off from the modern world. The question is: can an old man who knows nothing about mobile phones, the internet or social media possibly solve a murder in the modern world, especially one that stretches far beyond the sandy beaches of Fuerteventura? For fans of Paul Auster, Raymond Chandler, and Graham Greene.

Mystery HC \$35.00

LORD PETER WIMSEY MYSTERIES

SAYERS, Dorothy L

Reissued – with gorgeous, art deco covers – are the remainder (see our November Crime & Mystery catalogue) of the Lord Peter mysteries: *Have His Carcase*, *Hangman's Holiday*, *Murder Must Advertise*, *The Nine Tailors*, *Gaudy Night*, and *Busman's Honeymoon*. We love Lord Peter and think these would be great gifts, to introduce someone to Sayers, for the first time; or to refresh your own collection!

Classic mysteries PBK \$19.99

THE MAN WHO WATCHED THE TRAINS GO BY

(PENGUIN MODERN CLASSICS)

SIMENON, Georges

Kees Poppinga is a respectable Dutch citizen and family man. Then he discovers that his boss has bankrupted the shipping firm he works for – and something snaps. Kees used to watch the trains go by, to exciting destinations. Now, on some dark impulse, he boards one at random, and begins a new life of recklessness and

violence. Also reissued by Penguin Modern Classics, this month, is another of Simenon's 'non-Maigret', crime novels: *The Snow Was Dirty* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery PBK \$22.99

LOLA & INGRID INVESTIGATIONS: DIRTY WAR

SYLVAIN, Dominique

A lawyer, who specialises in French-African relations, is found brutally murdered after suffering 'the torture of Father Lebrun' – a burning tyre is placed around his neck, until he suffocates. The case is already explosive, because of its connections to high-profile members of the Franco-African arms trade. But for Lola Jost, the case has a darker resonance – her much-loved assistant, a mixed-race policeman named Toussaint Kidjo, was murdered in the same manner, five years before – a crime that was never solved. Follows *Dark Angel* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery PBK \$19.99

THE COMEBACK

TAYLOR, B I

Rosemary Paul used to be a celebrated singer, but now she is aging, and past her prime. Living an isolated life, her only companion is Carrie Markham, her live-in assistant – who panders to Rosemary's every need and looks up to her older mentor. When Rosemary hears news from London that one of her albums is getting an unexpected re-release, the old hunger for fame and success is reignited; and, with Carrie's help, she plans her big comeback to relaunch herself into the public stratosphere. But as preparations commence, long buried secrets begin to resurface and signs of strain show in Rosemary and Carrie's relationship, until reaching its dramatic breaking-point...

Thriller PBK \$16.99

HOW WILL I KNOW YOU?

TREADWAY, Jessica

Someone knows what really happened... Someone who is prepared to keep their secret at any cost. On a cold December day, teenager Joy Enright is found, drowned at the edge of a frozen pond. When an autopsy reveals she was strangled first, suspicion is thrown onto Martin, the young graduate who was last to see her alive. In a small community, secrets are hard to keep and, as the web of lies around Joy's life and death unravels, the truth will either bring one family closer together, or tear them further apart.

Suspense TP \$32.99

INK AND BONE

UNGER, Lisa

Twenty-year-old Finley Montgomery has always been different. She's never been able to control the things that happen to her – not even the pain of a new tattoo or the roar of her motorcycle can drown out the chaos. When she moves to her grandmother's house in the small town of The Hollows, in upstate New York, Finley is hoping to a fresh start. Then a detective shows up. He knows about Finley's unusual gifts and he wants her help. There's a little girl missing and the police investigation has gone cold. Now, time is running out. Only Finley can uncover the truth – but can she find the answers before it's too late?

Thriller TP \$29.99

DI MURPHY & DS ROSSI: THEN SHE WAS GONE

VESTE, Luca

Tim Johnson took his baby daughter out for a walk and she never made it home. Johnson claims he was assaulted and the girl was snatched. The police see a different crime, with Johnson their only suspect. A year later, Sam Bryne is on course to be elected as one of the youngest MPs in Westminster. He's tipped for the very top... until he vanishes. Detectives Murphy and Rossi are tasked with discovering what has happened to the popular politician – and in doing so, they unearth a trail that stretches into the past, and crimes that someone is hell-bent on avenging.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

THE CELLAR

WALTERS, Minette

Muna's fortunes changed for the better, on the day that Mr and Mrs Songoli's younger son failed to come home from school. Before then, her bedroom was a dark, windowless cellar, her activities confined to cooking and cleaning. She'd grown used to being maltreated by the Songoli family; to being a slave. She's never been outside, doesn't know how to read or write, and cannot speak English. At least, that's what the Songolis believe. But Muna is far cleverer – and her plans more terrifying – than the Songolis, or anyone else, can ever imagine.

Noir PBK \$22.99

AMORY AMES: A MOST NOVEL REVENGE

WEAVER, Ashley

February 1933. Receiving a mysterious summons from her cousin Laurel, Amory Ames and her playboy husband Milo, set off for the Lyonsgate estate, post haste. The house was the scene of a tragic accident seven years ago, when a reckless party of wild young things got out of hand; but it seems a mystery lingers on, as the same guests reassemble, and Amory is sure that the notorious Isobel Van Allen stands at the centre of it.

Historical mystery HC \$29.99

VICTOR THE ASSASSIN: A TIME TO DIE

WOOD, Tom

Thriller PBK \$22.99

RYKEL: INTO THE NIGHT

WOODHOUSE, Jake

A body is found on a rooftop: the palms of the dead man's hands have been blowtorched, his head removed. The detective tasked with finding and stopping the killer is Inspector Jaap Rykel. But as Rykel searched the headless body, for clues to its identity, what he finds makes his blood run cold. Why on earth are there pictures of himself – and his home – on the victim's phone? And then a message from the killer reveals the location of another mutilated corpse.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99