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Until next time, good reading!

Ron, Iain & Beau

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

THE LAST WORD

ADAMS, Ellery

Olivia Limoges and the Bayside Book Writers are excited about Oyster Bay's newest resident: bestselling novelist Nick Plumley, who's come to work on his next book. But when Olivia stops by Plumley's rental she finds that he's been strangled to death.

Mystery PBK \$16.95

HE LOVER OF DEATH

AKUNIN, Boris

Erast Fandorin must unweave a tangled web of narcotics, false identities and organised crime. This swashbuckling series begins with *The Winter Queen*. (\$22.99)

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

STILL RIDING ON THE STORM

BARRETT, Robert G.

"First published in 1996, *Rider on the Storm* was a collection of Les Norton short stories and articles by Bob on subjects as wide-ranging as acting, dating, getting the dole and being famous. As well as a new introduction to explain the book to Bob's readers, there are two new Les Norton stories and he is also writing an article about the last few years of his life and his battle with cancer - but in his inimitable, unselfpitying style!" - *publisher's blurb*

Collection TP \$24.99

DEAD BY NIGHTFALL

BARTON, Beverly

Romantic suspense PBK \$16.95

NINE INCHES

BATEMAN

Radio shock-jock and self-styled people's champion Jack Caramac is used to courting controversy - but when his four-year-old son is kidnapped for just one hour, and then sent back with a warning note, he knows he may have finally gone too far. Jack has no choice but to turn to Dan Starkey for help. Dan resolves to catch whoever kidnapped Jack's son - and very soon finds himself in the middle of a violent feud between rival drug gangs, pursued by jealous husbands, unscrupulous property developers and vicious killers as the case spirals ever more out of his control. Starkey first appears in *Divorcing Jack* (\$22.99).

Caper TP \$32.99

DARKSIDE

BAUER, Belinda

Shipcott in bleak mid-winter: a close knit community where no stranger goes unnoticed. So when an elderly woman is murdered in her bed, village policeman Jonas Holly is doubly shocked. How could someone have entered, and killed, and left no trace? The investigation is quickly snatched away from him by abrasive Detective Marvel. But someone in the village blames Jonas for the tragedy. And when the killer claims another vulnerable victim, these taunts turn into sinister threats.

Mystery PBK \$14.95

ENDANGERED

BEASON, Pamela

Meet wildlife biologist and writer Summer "Sam" Westin, whose dream of saving the cougars is complicated when a boy vanishes from a campground in Utah. Now there's a media campaign targeting the cougars she helped rehabilitate and release a year ago, blaming them for the boy's disappearance. It's only when FBI Agent Chase Perez joins the case that human suspects are considered. Clues lead Sam and Chase to the high country, where they comb the rocky canyons for evidence of the boy and for the one man who may be a vital witness. This is getting fantastic reviews.

Mystery PBK \$16.95

DEAD MAN'S SECRET

BEAUFORT, Simon

When the former crusader knight Geoffrey Mappstone is ordered by King Henry to deliver a series of letters to the restless western reaches of Wales, he agrees only reluctantly. His conviction that the mission hides something more sinister is strengthened when the letters' scribe is murdered before the journey begins. Then one of Geoffrey's travelling companions is killed, and he knows he must uncover the secret behind the letters before more victims are claimed.

Historical mystery TP \$24.95

DEATH SENTENCE

BIRKEGAARD, Mikkel

Frank Føns is a very successful crime writer. His novels, famed for their visceral descriptions of violent death, have made him a household name. But now someone is copying his crimes. For Frank what once seemed a clever, intriguing plot twist, has suddenly become a terrifying, blood-spattered reality. Now, the writer must become the detective.

Mystery PBK \$19.95

DEAD BOLT

BLACKWELL, Julia

Turner Construction's latest restoration project is a presumably haunted historic Queen Anne Victorian in San Francisco. The ghosts aren't the only ones standing in the way of the renovations. A crotchety neighbour secretly wants this house, and could be behind some of the disturbances. But when the neighbour is found dead, it's Mel Turner who appears guilty.

Mystery PBK \$16.95

DOUBLE BOOKED FOR DEATH

BRANDON, Ali

As the new owners of Pettistone's Fine Books, Darla Pettistone is determined to prove herself a worthy successor to her late great-aunt Dee, and equally determined to outwit Hamlet, the smarter-than-thou cat she inherited along with the shop. Darla's first store event is a real coup: the hottest bestselling author of the moment is holding a signing there. But when the author meets an untimely end during the event, it's ruled an accident-until Hamlet digs up a clue that seems to indicate otherwise. The first in a new series.

Mystery PBK \$16.95

CRIPPEN

BOYNE, John

July 1910: The grisly remains of Cora Crippen, music hall singer and wife of Dr Hawley Crippen, are discovered in the cellar of 39 Hilldrop Crescent, Camden. But the Doctor and his mistress, Ethel Le Neve, have vanished, much to the frustration of Scotland Yard and the outrage of a horrified London. Across the Channel in Antwerp, the SS *Montrose* sets sail on its two week voyage to Canada. Amongst its passengers are the overbearing Antonia Drake and her daughter Victoria, who is hell-bent on romance, the enigmatic Mathieu Zela and the modest Martha Hayes. Also on board are the unassuming Mr John Robinson and his seventeen-year-old son Edmund... "Had Charles Dickens been around to turn his talents to fictionalizing the classic Crippen murder case, the result might well have been close to this superb, multifaceted novel from Irish author Boyne" - *Publisher's Weekly*

Mystery PBK \$19.95

SENSELESS

BURTON, Mary

The vicious burns scarring the victims' flesh reveal the agony of their last moments. Each woman was branded with a star, then stabbed through the heart. Ten years ago, Eva Rayburn and her sorority sisters were celebrating the end of the school year. That party turned into a nightmare Eva can't forget. Now she's trying to start over in her Virginia hometown, but a new nightmare has begun. Every victim is linked to her. And Detective Deacon Garrison isn't sure whether this mysterious woman needs investigating - or protecting.

Romantic suspense PBK \$19.95

CAT SITTER AMONG THE PIGEONS

HEMMINGWAY, Dixie

Dixie Hemingway is caring for the cat of a prickly old man whose granddaughter shows up with baby in tow. Dixie desperately tries to save this young woman and her infant from murderous con-artists ready to kill in order to hold on to the millions they had stolen from naive investors.

Mystery PBK \$16.95

A BRIEF HISTORY OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

CAWTHORNE, Nigel

Cawthorne introduces the general reader to Holmes and his creator Arthur Conan Doyle. He gives a full biography of author as well as his creation, including his resurrection following his unlikely death at the hands of arch enemy, Moriarty. Cawthorne also surveys the world of Holmes, looking at Victorian crime, the real characters behind Dr Watson and Inspector Lestrade, as well as the world on the doorstep of 221b Baker Street.

Sherlockiana PBK \$19.99

INQUISITION

COLITTO, Alfredo

In 14th-century Italy, Mondino is a university anatomist - a man of science in a land governed by the brutal Inquisition. But the corpse brought to Mondino's laboratory one night defies natural law: The victim is a Templar knight, and his heart has been transformed into a block of iron. Is it alchemy? Or the diabolical work of an ingenious killer?

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

THE LINCOLN LAWYER NOVELS

CONNELLY, Michael

An omnibus of *The Lincoln Lawyer*, *The Brass Verdict* and *The Reversal*.

Mystery/thriller TP \$35.00

MORTAL MEMORY

COOK, Thomas

Steve Farris is an architect who lives with his wife and son in the suburbs. His world changes drastically when he is contacted by Rebecca Soltero, who wants to interview him for a book she's writing about men who murdered their families. For in 1959 Steve's father shot his wife and their teenage daughter and son, then vanished.

Suspense PBK \$22.99

FOLLOW THE MONEY

CORRIS, Peter

The new Cliff Hardy novel.

Mystery PBK \$17.99

KILLED AT THE WHIM OF A HAT

COTTERILL, Colin

When crime reporter Jimm Juree is forced to follow her family from Chiang Mai to a fishing village on the Gulf of Siam, she's convinced her career is over. What crimes could possibly happen in such an

out-of-the-way place? Answer: plenty. A local palm oil plantation owner and his worker are excavating a well. They dig down six feet and hit the roof of an old Volkswagen combi, which is found to contain two skeletons - one of them wearing a hat. A monk is murdered in Lang Suan, the nearest town. There is apparently no motive for the killing and no suspects are found. But there are odd connections between this killing and several others around the world. Suddenly Jimm's new life becomes somewhat more promising - and a great deal more dangerous.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

MICRO

CRICHTON, Michael & PRESTON, Richard

Three men are found dead in a locked second-floor office in Honolulu. There is no sign of struggle, though their bodies are covered in ultra-fine, razor-sharp cuts. With no evidence, the police dismiss it as a bizarre suicide pact. But the murder weapon is still in the room, almost invisible to the human eye. In Cambridge, Massachusetts, seven graduate students at the forefront of their fields are recruited by a pioneering microbiology start-up company. Nanigen MicroTechnologies sends them to a mysterious laboratory in Hawaii, where they are promised access to tools that will open up a whole new scientific frontier. But this opportunity of a lifetime will teach them the true cost of existing at the cutting-edge.

Thriller TP \$32.99

BLOOD OF EDEN

DANE, Tami

Introducing Sloan Skye, an ambitious intern at the FBI's paranormal unit, where the usual rites of crime fighting don't apply.

Paranormal romantic suspense PBK \$16.95

ME, MYSELF, AND WHY?

DAVDISON, MaryJanice

Cadence Jones isn't your typical girl-next-door. She's a Special Agent for the FBI's team of operatives who are psychologically "gifted" - which is the polite way of saying she's nuts. The tough-as-stiletto Cadence simply can't keep her mind off whatever, or whoever, pops into her head. Which is enough to drive any man away. Except one. He's tall, dark...and high up on America's "Most Wanted" list.

Romantic suspense PBK \$16.95

SORRY

DRVENKAR, Zoran

Kris, Tamara, Wolf and Frauke. Four friends with one big idea: an agency called Sorry. Unfair dismissals, the wrongly accused: everyone has a price, and Sorry will find out what it is. It's as simple as that. But they didn't count on their next client being a killer. Standing face to face with a brutally murdered woman, the philosophy that has brought them so much success sounds hollow. But who is the killer and why has he killed her? Someone is mocking them for playing God and hell is only just beginning.

Thriller TP \$29.99

DEATH IN SIBERIA

DRYDEN, Alex

The West is under threat. Russia has been granted sole access to the undersea Lomonosov Ridge in the Arctic Ocean - home to oil reserves even greater than Saudi Arabia's. The US is determined to claim a share of the oil riches. The CIA send ex-KGB agent Anna on a mission to the wilderness of Norilsk - the base of Russia's Arctic development and a new floating nuclear station. She must disrupt their plans, but Intelligence reports that a Russian group are already planning to destroy the precious power station. But why are they risking everything to sabotage their own country's resources? With the KGB hot on their tail, it's up to Anna and the CIA to prevent an attack that could destroy the entire Arctic region, and its oil reserves.

Thriller TP \$32.99

THE RED COFFIN

EASTLAND, Sam

It is 1939. For the coming battles, Stalin has placed his hopes on a 30-ton steel monster, known to its inventors as the T-34 tank, and the 'Red Coffin' to those men who will soon be using it. But the design is not yet complete. When Colonel Nagorski, the weapon's architect, is murdered, Stalin sends for Pekkala, his most trusted investigator.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

BUTTONS AND BONES

FERRIS, Monica

While renovating a cabin in the Minnesota woods, Betsy Devonshire, owner of the Crewe World needlework shop, discovers the skeleton of a Nazi. Her investigation yields the site of a former German POW camp and an intricately designed pattern of clues to a decades-old crime.

Mystery PBK \$16.95

LAYE OVER IN DUBAI

FESPERMAN, Dan

Sam Keller, an auditor at a giant pharmaceutical firm, expected a six-hour layover in Dubai. Then his company's corporate security officer asked him to extend his stay two days to keep an eye on a hard-partying colleague. Sam agrees, but against his better judgment, he decides to live it up a little, which has disastrous results. First Hatcher is murdered. Then Sam is arrested. Was he set up? Unsure whether he can trust his employer, Sam forms an unlikely alliance with Anwar Sharaf, a former pearl diver and gold smuggler.

Mystery PBK \$22.95

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EVERY BITTER THING

GAGE, Leighton

The son of the Foreign Minister of Venezuela is found dead in his apartment in Brasilia. Due to the political nature of the crime, Chief Inspector Mario Silva of Brazil's Federal Police is called in to investigate. As he delves deeper into the murder, he discovers that a chain of murders have occurred throughout Brazil, all with the same MO: victims are first shot in the stomach, then beaten to death and, even more puzzling, they were all passengers on TAB flight 8101 from Miami to Sao Paulo.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

BLOOD COUNT

GODDARD, Robert

Thirteen years ago surgeon Edward Hammond he performed a life saving operation on a Serbian gangster, Dragan Gazi. Gazi is now standing trial for war crimes in the international court in The Hague. After his life was saved, his men went on to slaughter thousands in the Balkan civil wars. Now Gazi's family want more from him: in exchange for keeping Hammond's dirty little secret, they want him to find for them the man who holds the key to all the money Gazi squirreled away before he was locked up.

Thriller PBK \$19.95

WICKED WORDS

GOODHIND, J.G.

A sense of justice is felt amongst Bath hoteliers when an unpopular hotel reviewer is found dead stuffed inside a giant teddy at the bottom of an open grave. As the Hotels' Association police liaison officer, Honey Driver is expected to help solve his murder - even though she's something of a suspect herself. On top of that, she's lumbered with a distant friend's incontinent dog - and when it gets kidnapped, she hopes it doesn't come back.

Mystery TP \$24.95

V IS FOR VENGEANCE

GRAFTON, Sue

"A woman with a murky past who kills herself. A dying old man. A lovely woman. A professional shoplifting ring. A brutal and unscrupulous gangster. A wandering husband. A spoiled kid. A lonely widower. An elegant but ruthless businessman whose dealings are definitely outside the law: the spider at the center of the web. And in the middle of it all is Kinsey Millhone, whose 38th-birthday gift is a punch in the face that leaves her with two black eyes and a busted nose." - *publisher's blurb*

Mystery TP \$29.99

BETRAYAL OF TRUST

HILL, Susan

Freak weather and flash floods all over southern England. Half of Lafferton is afloat. A landslide on the Moor has closed the bypass and, as the rain slowly drains away, a shallow grave - and a skeleton - are exposed. It doesn't take long to identify the remains as those of the missing teenager, Harriet Lowther, last seen carrying a tennis racket while waiting for a bus. But that was sixteen years ago. How long will it take to trawl through the old, stale evidence and assess it anew? The Lafferton force is struggling with staff shortages and economies, and Simon Serailler has to do a lot of the legwork on his own. Meanwhile, his sister, Dr Cat Deerbon, is fighting for extra funding for the hospice which is threatened with cuts and closures. This wonderful series begins with *Various Haunts of Men* (\$19.95).

Mystery TP \$32.95

DEAD MAN'S GRIP

JAMES, Peter

Carly Chase is traumatized ten days after being in a fatal traffic accident which kills a teenage student from Brighton University. Then she receives news that turns her entire world into a nightmare. The drivers of the other two vehicles involved have been found tortured and murdered. Now Detective Superintendent Roy Grace of the Sussex Police force issues a stark and urgent warning to Carly: She could be next.

Mystery/thriller PBK \$19.99

GEORGETTE HEYER

KLOESTER, Jennifer

"During ten years of research into Heyer's life and writing, Jennifer Kloester has had unlimited access to notebooks and private papers and the Heyer family records, and exclusive access to several untapped archives of Heyer's early letters. Engaging, authoritative and meticulously researched, *Georgette Heyer: Biography of a Bestseller* offers a comprehensive insight into the life and writing of a remarkable and ferociously private woman." - *publisher's blurb*. This is getting excellent reviews.

Biography HC \$49.95

WINK MURDER

KNIGHT, Ali

Kate Forman has an enviable life: a loving family and a perfect husband, Paul. But one night she finds Paul drunk and covered in blood, mumbling about having killed something - or someone. When a young and attractive woman who works for Paul is found murdered, Kate's suspicions about what he has really done send her on an increasingly desperate search for the truth.

Suspense PBK \$19.99

ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S MYSTERY MAGAZINE PRESENTS FIFTY YEARS OF CRIME AND SUSPENSE

LANDRIGAN, Linda (Editor)

This celebratory anthology reflects the diversity of every issue of the magazine: historicals and police procedurals, cozies and noirs, humor and suspense. From Jim Thompson in the fifties and Donald Westlake in the sixties, to recent stories by S. J. Rozan, Martin Limon, and Rhys Bowen, this anthology documents over a half century of superb storytelling.

Mystery anthology TP \$29.95

YOUNG SHERLOCK HOLMES: FIRE STORM

LANE, Andrew

Sherlockiana PBK \$16.99

A SPIRITED GIFT

LAVENE, Joyce & Jim

As the mayor of Duck, North Carolina, Dae is playing host to 20 North Carolina elected officials attending her first Mayors' Conference Weekend at the Blue Whale Inn. When the body of Mayor Sandi Foxx is discovered the morning after a severe storm, Dae receives a vision through the mayor's ring - that there's a killer among the guests who's as deadly as any hurricane.

Mystery PBK \$16.95

DJIBOUTI

LEONARD, Elmore

Dara Barr, a documentary filmmaker, is at the top of her game, but now she's looking for an even bigger challenge. So she and her right-hand-man - a six-foot-six, 72-year-old, African-American man named Xavier - head to Djibouti, on the Horn of Africa, to tackle modern-day pirates. Once they start filming, though, they find more than they bargained for.

Suspense PBK \$22.99

A COOKIE BEFORE DYING

LOWELL, Virginia

On a stormy night, Olivia Greyson and her Yorkie discover the body of a man stabbed to death, which looks suspiciously like the intruder seen fleeing the local health food store The Vegetable Plate. Charlene Critch, owner of The Vegetable Plate, has a grudge against Olivia's cookie cutter shop, but could Charlene be hiding a secret serious enough to kill for?

Mystery PBK \$16.95

SPIRAL

MCEUEN, Paul

The Pacific Ocean 1946: Liam Connor of the British Army, a global expert on germ warfare, is sent to help the US Navy foil an attempt by a Japanese submarine to unleash the world's first biological super-weapon, Spiral. New York, present day: Connor, now a world-renowned Nobel prize-winner working on the cutting edge of nanotechnology, prayed that the spectre of Spiral would never return. But now it is back.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

RED WOLF

MARKLUND, Liza

Reporter Annika Bengtzon is working on the story of a devastating crime when she hears that a journalist investigating the same incident has been killed. It appears to be a hit-and-run accident. Several brutal killings follow - all linked by handwritten letters sent to the victims' relatives. When Annika unravels a connection with the story she's writing, she is thrown on to the trail of a psychopath.

Thriller PBK \$19.95

THE BOMBER

MARKLUND, Liza

Crime reporter Annika Bengtzon is woken by a phone call in the early hours of a wintry morning. An explosion has ripped apart the Olympic Stadium. And a victim has been blown to pieces. As Annika delves into the details of the bombing and the background of the victim, there is a second explosion. These crimes could be her biggest news story yet. When her police source reveals they are hot on the heels of the bomber, Annika is guaranteed an exclusive with her name on it. But it soon becomes clear that she has uncovered too much, as she finds herself the target of a serial killer.

Thriller TP \$32.95

MRS BRADLEY MYSTERIES

MITCHELL, Gladys

Three more reissues from Vintage. In Come Away, Death, an attempt to summon an ancient Greek goddess goes murderously wrong. The Twenty-third Man finds Mrs Bradley investigating when a cave containing the bodies of 23 mummified kings acquires another corpse overnight, and in Watson's Choice Mrs Bradley investigates the murder of a young woman following a Sherlock Holmes themed party.

Mystery PBK \$19.95 each

FOREVER RUMPOLE: THE BEST OF THE RUMPOLE STORIES

MORTIMER, John

Collects fourteen of Rumpole's most entertaining adventures, together with a fragment of a new story

Rumpole HC \$39.95

YOU MIGHT AS WELL DIE

MURPHY, J.J.

When second-rate illustrator Ernie MacGuffin's artistic works triple in value following his apparent suicide off the Brooklyn Bridge, Dorothy Parker smells something fishy. Enlisting the help of magician and skeptic Harry Houdini, she goes to a seance held by MacGuffin's mistress, where Ernie's ghostly voice seems hauntingly real.

Mystery PBK \$16.95

CAT COMING HOME

MURPHY, Shirley Rousseau

Felina private investigator Joe Grey and his friends solve a mystery during the holidays with the aid of a lonely prison cat.

Mystery PBK \$16.95

THE LEOPARD

NESBO, Jo

In the depths of winter, a killer stalks the city streets. His victims are two young women, both found with twenty-four inexplicable puncture wounds, both drowned in their own blood. The crime scenes offer no clues, the media is reaching fever pitch, and the police are running out of options. There is only one man who can help them, and he doesn't want to be found. Deeply traumatised by The Snowman investigation, which threatened the lives of those he holds most dear, Inspector Harry Hole has lost himself in the squalor of Hong Kong's opium dens. But with his father seriously ill in hospital, Harry reluctantly agrees to return to Oslo. He has no intention of working on the case, but his instinct takes

over when a third victim is found in a city park. This cracking series begins with *The Redbreast* (\$19.95).

**Mystery/thriller TP \$32.95
PBK \$19.95**

LET THE DEAD LIE

NUNN, Malla

Forced to resign from his position of Detective Sergeant and re-classified as mixed race, Cooper winds up powerless and alone in the tough coastal city of Durban, mixing labouring with a bit of surveillance work for his old boss, Major van Niekerk. Patrolling the freight yards one night, Cooper stumbles upon the body of a young white boy. When two more bodies - this time black women - are discovered at his boarding house, he unwittingly becomes the prime suspect in a triple murder case. Cooper first appears in A Beautiful Place to Die (\$22.99). The nastiness and surprising ambiguities of the Apartheid era are wonderfully captured in both of these superb novels - highly recommended.

Mystery TP \$26.95

SUGAWARA AKITADA 07:

THE FIRES OF THE GODS

PARKER, I.J.

Eleventh-century Japan: Sugawara Akitada's ailing wife is expecting a child, and when he loses his job and tries to confront the nobleman who is responsible for his dismissal, he ends up suspected of his murder. With no income and a growing family to support, Akitada desperately plunges into the investigation of this crime, aided by his faithful servant Tora, inadvertently placing not only his own life, but also the lives of his wife and child, in grave danger.

Historical mystery TP \$24.95

THE COCOA CONSPIRACY

PENROSE, Andrea

Lady Arianna's gift of a rare volume of botanical engravings to her husband, the Earl of Saybrook, has something even more rare hidden inside: sensitive government documents which would mark one they hold dear as a traitor of King and country. To unmask the villain, they must root out a cunning conspiracy, armed only with their wits and expertise in chocolate.

Historical mystery PBK \$16.95

A CHRISTMAS ODYSSEY

PERRY, Anne

Once again, the distinguished mathematician Henry Rathbone is approached to help solve a mystery. With nothing left to lose, Lucien, the son of Rathbone's old friend, embarks on an act of bravery and self-sacrifice that will ultimately save lives and reunite father and son for a much-deserved Christmas celebration.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

TIGERLILY'S ORCHIDS

RENDELL, Ruth

A housewarming party for a new flat is usually a pleasurable experience, but the one thrown by the unworldly Stuart Font is to have unwanted consequences. Stuart invites everyone in his building to the bash, even the caretaker and his wife - people, Stuart finds, it is hard to warm to. The party turns out to be a memorable one for everyone involved - but for all the wrong reasons. The eponymous 'Tigerlily' is an attractive young Asian woman who is one of Stuart's nearest neighbours. Her influence over those around her is to prove dark and all-enveloping...

Suspense PBK \$14.95

TRACES OF RED

RICHARDSON, Paddy

Rebecca Thorne is a successful television journalist, but her world is thrown into turmoil when her Saturday night programme is axed because of falling ratings. Not only will she lose her job but her big story on the convicted triple murderer Connor Bligh, whom Rebecca believes is innocent, has to be abandoned. Rebecca's lover Joe, a married man and the barrister representing Bligh, also thinks Bligh is innocent - or does he? And if he loves Rebecca so much, why is he prepared to cast her off?

Suspense PBK \$24.95

CROWN OF LIGHTS

RICKMAN, Phil

When a redundant church is bought by a young pagan couple, the local fundamentalist minister reacts with fury. In an isolated community on the Welsh border, a modern witch hunt begins. Diocesan exorcist Merrily Watkins is expected to keep the lid on the cauldron...but what she finds out will seriously test her beliefs.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

THE GUILTY PLEA

ROTENBERG, Robert

On the morning his headline-grabbing divorce trial is due to begin, multi-millionaire Terrance Wyler is found dead on his kitchen floor. He's been stabbed seven times. Detective Ari Greene arrives minutes before the international press and finds Wyler's four-year-old son asleep upstairs. When Wyler's ex-wife shows up at her lawyer's office with a bloody knife, it looks as if the case is over. But Greene soon discovers the Wyler family has secrets they'd like to keep hidden, and they're not the only ones.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

THE VESTAL VANISHES

ROWE, Rosemary

A Libertus Mystery of Roman Britain: The marriage of a former vestal virgin is always an important event, so the anticipated arrival of such a bride in Glevum is the excuse for an even more lavish banquet than usual on the Emperor's birthday feast. However, when Audelia's covered carriage finally arrives, the lady in question is nowhere to be found. Libertus investigates and makes a gruesome discovery, suggesting that Druid rebels may have been involved. But when another lady disappears, Libertus finds himself in a race against time to ensure the safety of the 'vanishing vestals'.

Historical mystery TP \$24.95

THE MIDSUMMER CROWN

SEDLEY, Kate

In the sultry midsummer of 1483, as Richard of Gloucester begins his bid for the English crown, Roger the Chapman returns home to Bristol, glad to be out of the capital. But almost immediately, the Duke recalls him to London to investigate the mysterious disappearance of a young boy whose tutor has been found murdered, apparently in a locked room.

Historical mystery TP \$24.95

CROPS AND ROBBERS

SHELTON, Paige

Thanks to her delicious farm-made jams and preserves, Becca Robins' business has been booming. But when an unhappy customer turns up dead in Becca's kitchen, she's afraid it will really sour her reputation.

Mystery PBK \$16.95

THICK AS THIEVES

SPIEGELMAN, Peter

Carr, ex-CIA, is the reluctant leader of an elite crew planning a robbery of such extraordinary proportions that it will leave them set for life. His cohorts are seasoned pros, but they're wound drum-tight - months before, the man who brought them together was killed in what Carr suspects was a setup. But bigger problems are yet to come, because few on his crew are what they seem to be, and even his own past is a lie.

Thriller TP \$27.99

STILL MISSING

STEVENS, Chevy

When a woman is kidnapped by a psychopath and eventually escapes, everyone thinks her nightmare must be over. So why is she still so terrified? 'Grim and unsettling ... a fast-paced read that is utterly absorbing.' - *Kathy Reichs*

Thriller PBK \$23.99

SHORTCUT MAN

STURGES, P.G.

"Dick Henry calls himself the "Shortcut Man." Whether he's hired by a landlord coping with a deadbeat tenant or a woman whose widowed father is being bilked by a pen pal, Henry is there with a smile, a fist, a solution—and no annoying paperwork. His simple approach gets complicated, however, when the client is a porn producer who wants to know if his gorgeous young wife is cheating. It turns out that Henry already knows the wife, biblically, but by another name. Henry's fix only works until the client decides he wants more information, and soon the Shortcut Man is navigating an unpredictable series of detours in an effort to keep himself—and his love life—alive. This fast and funny debut paints a wickedly comic portrait of L.A. in all its sprawling seediness." - *Booklist*

Noir TP \$26.95

HELL AND GONE

SWIERCZYNSKI, Duane

Left for dead after an epic shootout that blew the lid off a billion-dollar conspiracy, ex-cop Charlie Hardie quickly realizes that when you're dealing with The Accident People, things can get worse. Drugged, bound and transported by strange operatives of unknown origin, Hardie awakens to find himself captive in a secret prison that houses the most dangerous criminals on earth. And then things get *really* bad. Because this isn't just any prison. It's a Kafkaesque nightmare that comes springloaded with a brutal catch-22: Hardie's the warden.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

RIVER OF SHADOWS

VARESI, Valeri

In a bleak valley in Northern Italy, the River Po is swollen to its limits. The thick fog that usually clings to the town, blurring its surroundings and plunging its inhabitants into near-blindness, has been driven out by the raging storm. So when an empty barge drifts downriver, the fact the owner is missing does not go unnoticed. That same night Commissario Soneri is called in to investigate the murder of the boatman's brother. The brothers served together in the fascist militia fifty years earlier - could this be a revenge killing after so long?

Mystery PBK \$19.99

THE DARK VALLEY

VARESI, Valeri

It is Autumn in Parma. Commissario Soneri decides to escape the city to return to his home village in the Apennines for a much-needed holiday. He plans to spend the time hunting for mushrooms on the wooded slopes of Montelupo. The small and isolated village revolves around the fortunes of the Rodolfi family, salami manufacturers for generations. Its patriarch, the gifted Palmiro, runs a tight ship, but behind the scenes, all is not well: his son, Paride, has other plans for his future. And then all of a sudden the family finds itself in the throes of a financial scandal, with worrying implications for the entire community. Soon afterwards a hiker discovers a decomposing body in the woods...

Mystery TP \$27.99

KILLER ON A HOT TIN ROOF

WASHBURN, Livia J.

Indomitable Southern sleuth Delilah Dickinson is back. Delilah's Literary Mystery Tour is underway again, and this time Tennessee Williams is the subject - but murder will steal the spotlight.

Mystery PBK \$16.95

THE LOW ROAD

WOMERSLEY, Chris

A young petty criminal, Lee, wakes in a seedy motel to find a bullet in his side and a suitcase of stolen money next to him, with only the haziest memory of exactly how he got there. Soon he meets Dr. Wild, a morphine-addicted doctor who is escaping his own disastrous life. The two men form an unwilling, unlikely alliance and set out for the safety of a country estate owned by a former colleague of Wild's named Sherman.

Suspense PBK \$24.95