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### December 2012

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PBK = "A" format (standard size) paperback

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

### DARK FRONTIER

AMBLER, Eric

England, 1935. Physicist Henry Barstow is on holiday when he meets the mysterious Simon Groom, a representative for an armaments manufacturer. Groom invites the professor to Ixania, a small nation-state in Eastern Europe whose growing weapons program threatens to destabilize the region. But he quickly recognizes that Groom has a more sinister agenda, and Carruthers is the only man who can stop him. Reissue.

### Suspense

### **SHOOTING SEAN**

BATEMAN

When maverick movie star Sean O'Toole is forced to leave the glamour of Hollywood to make a film about an Irish gangster, he's not best pleased - and even less so when he finds out he'll be joined by hapless local journalist Dan Starkey, who is writing his biography. It's a job that plunges Dan into the murky underbelly of the movie business, and from the backstreets of Belfast to the fleshpots of Amsterdam and the glitz of the Cannes Film Festival. Along the way a smouldering romance threatens the frequently rocky balance of his marriage to Patricia while he battles his way through kidnap, extortion and murder, all of it liberally sprinkled with Hollywood gold dust.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> VICTIM

BAUER, Sydney

A blood-soaked nursery. A missing baby. A traumatised mother. When David Cavanaugh hears of this heinous crime, he knows he doesn't want to touch it. The mother's guilt appears obvious, and David expects to be a bystander only to the disturbing investigation. So when David is appointed Sienna Walker's attorney against his will, he faces the prospect of taking on a challenge he has always refused defending someone who is guilty. But David soon realises that she may not just be innocent but also the victim of a conspiracy

so vast that securing a just verdict will be close to impossible.

### DONUT SHOP 09: ILLEGALLY ICED

BECK, Jessica

### Mystery

### A DEAL TO DIE FOR

Letting no good deal go undone, the Good Buy Girls are ready to pounce on the St. Stanley flea market, where wealthy Vera Madison is selling off her vintage clothing. But when Vera is found dead, it turns out that she collected enemies like Dior gowns and had more than a few skeletons in her walk-in closet.

### MURDER ON THE HOUSE

BLACKWELL, Juliet

Word has spread that contractor Mel Turner can communicate with the spirits of the dead, and she's having a hard time maintaining a low profile. She decides to embrace her reputation for the chance to restore a historic house that calls to her. The new owners, who hope to run a haunted bed-and-breakfast, want Mel to encourage the ghosts that supposedly roam the halls to enhance the house's paranormal charm. The catch: Mel has to spend one night in the house to win the project. During the spinechilling sleepover, the estate gains another supernatural occupant when someone doesn't survive the night. As Mel tries to coax the resident spirits into revealing the identity of the killer, she risks becoming the next casualty of this dangerous renovation.

### **SCRAPPED**

BRYAN, Mollie Cox

The ladies of the Cumberland Creek Scrapbook Crop are welcoming an eccentric newbie into their fold. A self-proclaimed witch. Cookie Crandall becomes fast friends with her fellow scrapbookers. So when Cookie becomes the prime suspect in a series of bizarre murders, the croppers set out to clear her name **PBK** 

### BEWTICHED, BOTHERED, AND BISCOTTI

CATES, Bailey

As a new witch - not to mention owner of Savannah's most enchanting bakery - Katie Lightfoot is still getting used to casting spells, brewing potions, and mastering her magical powers. But that doesn't mean she can't find time to enjoy a picnic with firefighter Declan McCarthy...until she stumbles upon a corpse The dead man's tattoo reveals he was a member of a secret society, and it turns out he's missing an object that was very important to the group. When Katie learns the killer was after more than the man's life, she and her Aunt Lucy leave the baked goods on the rack to cool and set off in hot pursuit of a killer. Brownies and Broomsticks (\$17.95) is the first in the series PBK

### **REST IN PIZZA**

CAVENDER, Chris

When a dead body turns up in her restaurant vet again, Eleanor and her wisecracking younger sister and business partner, Maddy Spencer, must race to find the killer among a host of colourful suspects: a chef's inebriated wife, a snappy television producer, a wronged assistant chef, and a local bookstore owner hiding a big

secret. Meanwhile, Maddy and Eleanor wrestle with their always complicated love lives and the always complicated ins and outs of EASTLAND, Sam owning a small business

Mystery

### **READ AND BURIED**

CHASE, Erika

For their very first guest author event, most of the book club members can't wait to pull out all the stops in Southern hospitality. But for Lizzie, Derek Alton is nothing but trouble from his massive ego to his smarmy moves. When he's found murdered in her living room, it seems someone decided that this womanizing writer would be better off dead than read. After suspicion falls on Lizzie's friend, she and her fellow book club members discover that Derek wasn't who he pretended to be. Cracking this case means going up against Lizzie's boyfriend, police chief Mark Dreyfus, and unearthing a novel's worth of nasty secrets. The first in the series, Killer Read, has got excellent customer feedback.

### THE GLASS ROOM

CLEEVES, Ann

DI Vera Stanhope is not one to make friends easily, but her hippy neighbours keep her well-supplied in homebrew and conversation so she has more tolerance for them than most. When one of them goes missing she feels duty-bound to find out what happened. But her path leads her to more than a missing friend.

### THE CAT SITTER'S PAJAMAS

CLEMENT, Blaize Mystery

### THE TOE TAG QUINTET

CONDON, Matthew

"Retirement can be murder! The adventures of a former Sydney detective from 21 Division who, in his prime, collared some of the most murderous criminals in Australian history yet, on retiring to the Gold Coast in Queensland, along with half of the criminal milieu he once pursued, is shot, king-hit, tortured, and thrown from buildings in his relentless pursuit of justice. With his trademark wit, warmth and humour, Matthew Condon takes us on a crazy ride - in boats, kombis, peugeots and window-washing platforms - through art galleries, libraries, swampy islands and caravan parks to illustrate that we are never too old for adventures." – publisher's blurb**Fiction** TP

### THE BLACK BOX

CONNELLY, Michael

In a case that spans 20 years, Harry Bosch links the bullet from a recent crime to a file from 1992, the killing of a young female photographer during the L.A. riots. Harry originally investigated the murder, but it was then handed off to the Riot Crimes Task Force and never solved. Now Bosch's ballistics match indicates that her death was not random violence, but something more personal, and connected to a deeper intrigue. Also released is the fifth Harry Bosch omnibus, which includes The Overlook, Nine

Dragons, and The Drop (TP, \$32.99) Mystery/thriller

**RED MIST** 

CORNWELL, Patricia Scarpetta

### **HOLIDAY BUZZ**

COYLE, Cleo

Clare Cosi, part owner of the Village Blend coffeehouse, is happy to be doing the coffee service for the Great New York Cookie Swap, a huge charity event taking place in Central Park, until she finds the battered body of Moirin, an Irish immigrant and baker's assistant Claire had been sharing with her friend Janelle, a pastry chef, during the busy holiday season. The cop who catches the case is utterly dependent on DNA evidence and has no use for fancy theories, forcing Clare to do some investigating of her own. A cosy recommendation!

Mystery

THE PROPHET CROSS, Ethan PBK

### I WILL HAVE VENGEANCE

DE GIOVANNI, Maurizio

Naples, March 1931: As one of the world s greatest tenors, Maestro Vezzi, is found brutally murdered in his dressing room at Naples famous San Carlo Theatre, the enigmatic and aloof Commissario Ricciardi is called in to investigate. But Ricciardi carries his own secret: will it help him solve this murder?

### **GRAVE WAITING**

DOWNIE, Jill

Guernsey police detectives Ed Moretti and Liz Falla are called in to investigate the shooting death of arms dealer Bernard Masterson on the Just Desserts, his luxury yacht. With the knowledge that there's nowhere to hide in a world as small as his island. Moretti searches for answers before a violent showdown.

September 1939. Even as the fighting rages in Poland, Stalin's long time obsession with the missing treasure of Tsar Nicholas II is rekindled. An informant claims to have information about the whereabouts of the man entrusted by the Tsar with hiding his gold. As the news of the informant reaches Stalin, however, the man is knifed to death. Stalin summons Pekkala to the Kremlin and orders him to solve the murder. To accomplish his mission, he must return to Borodok, the notorious Gulag where he himself spent many years as a prisoner

Mystery

### THE WRONG MAN

ELLIS, David

A young paralegal is brutally killed. A homeless Iraq war veteran has been caught with the murder weapon and the victim's belongings and he can't remember what happened. Jason Kolarich has been asked by the young man's aunt to defend him. It seems like a standard insanity defense based on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder until Kolarich realizes that his client is actually innocent. The victim had been working a case of her own, following a trail of paper trail that connected international terrorists to corporate America, where there are those who want to teach the U.S. government a lesson.

### TRUTH DARE KILL

FERRIS, Gordon

1945: The war's over. But there are no medals for Danny McRae Just amnesia and blackouts: twin handicaps for a private investigator with a filthy rich client on the hook for murder. Danny's blackouts mean that hours, sometimes days, are a complete blank. So when news of a killer stalking London's red light district start to stir grisly memories, Danny is terrified about what he might discover if he delves deeper into his fractured mind.

### THREADBARE

FERRIS, Monica

Mystery

When an elderly homeless woman is found dead on the shore of Lake Minnetonka, she's wearing something that holds the key to her identity but also opens up a mystery. Embroidered on her blouse is her will, in which she bequeaths everything she owns to her niece - Emily Hame, a member of the Monday Bunch at Betsy Devonshire's Crewel World needlework shop.

\$17.95

### **MURDER HOOKS A MERMAID**

Inheriting her great-uncle Louis's bay side souvenir shop should have been a breeze for Glory. Instead it's been one headache after another - with a lot of them generated by Bluebeard, a parrot with a mouth like a sailor and a personality a lot like her late great-uncle. But Glory's troubles pale in comparison to those of her best friend Karen, whose ex may still have the personalized key chain to her heart, but whose brother-in-law is about to get locked up. A diver has been found with a gaff hook in his chest, and Karen turns to Glory to help get her brother-in-law off the hook for his murder. The second in the series, after Murder Buys a T-Shirt (\$17.95).

Mystery

### GOLD DIGGER

FYFIELD, Francis

In a huge old school house by the sea, full of precious paintings, Thomas Porteous is dying. His much younger wife Di holds him and mourns. She knows that soon, despite her being his sole inheritor, Thomas's relatives will descend on the collection that was the passion of both of their lives. The two needy daughters, who were poisoned against their father by their defecting mother, are now poison themselves. The family regards Thomas's wealth as theirs by right, with the exception of young Patrick, who adored his grandfather and is torn between his parents and Di, the interloper. The family know Di's weaknesses, and she has to learn theirs. After all, she met Thomas when she came to his house to rob him. With the help of an unlikely collection of loners and eccentrics, she sets a trap to hoist the family members on their own greed.

THE KINGDOM OF BONES GALLAGHER, Stephen

"It was my friend. Bram Stoker, who told me of the legend of the Wanderer a man who made a bargain with the devil himself, trading his soul for forbidden knowledge and eternal life. Once I would have dismissed such tales as mere fancy but I knew what I had seen. And there is no mind so open as that of desperate man'. A dark Gothic Victorian thriller, The Kingdom of Bones unfolds in a twilight world of music halls, boxing booths, and travelling theatrical shows; and pits a formidable Pinkerton detective against a man who fears more than justice." – publisher's blurb

Historical mystery

### THE REVENGE OF MORIARTY

GARDNER, John

Now back in print after forty years, the second novel in John Gardner's classic series of Victorian crime thrillers pitting Sherlock Holmes against the Napoleon of crime, Professor James Moriarty

Sherlockiana \$42.95

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### THE HONOURABLE PHYRNE FISHER RETURNS

GREENWOOD, Kerry

An omnibus of Death at Victoria Dock, The Green Mill Murder, and Blood and Circuses.

Mystery

### **MISERY BAY**

HAMILTON, Steve

On a frozen January night, a young man loops one end of a long rope over the branch of a tree and ties the other end around his neck. A snowmobiler finds him thirty-six hours later, in that lonely corner of Lake Superior's Upper Peninsula called Misery Bay. Alex McKnight does not know this young man, and he won't even hear about the suicide until another cold night, two months later and 250 miles away, when the door to the Glasgow Inn opens and the last person

Alex would ever expect to see comes walking in to ask for his help.

PBK

### **DEADER HOMES AND GARDENS**

Now that she's back from her honeymoon, Claire Malloy must face the reality of her home life: It's too close for comfort. A twobedroom apartment is a formula for disaster for her new husband, Police Chief Peter Rosen, and her teenage daughter, Caron. Time to go house hunting - before they all kill each other. Figuratively speaking, of course... Or not. Ever since Claire found the perfect home—a well-preserved large house on a large plot of land in Hollow Valley-she has beeen up to the roof with problems. Not only has the real estate agent gone mysteriously missing but soon Claire learns that the house's previous owner died in circumstances labeled "accidental." And new bodies are starting to pile up... Mystery

### **BETRAYAL OF TRUST**

HILL, Susan

Freak weather and flash floods all over southern England. Half of Lafferton is afloat. A landslip 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).

### **BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO THIRST**

HOLT. Anne

It is only the beginning of May but in Oslo a brutal heat wave has coincided with an alarming increase in violent crime. In the latest instance, police investigator Hanne Wilhelmsen is sent to a macabre scene on the outskirts of town. An abandoned shed is covered in blood. On one wall an eight-digit number is written in blood. There is no body—nor any sign of a victim. Is it a kid's prank or foul play? As more bloody numbers are found in isolated locations throughout Oslo, Hanne's colleague Hakon Sand makes a startling discovery: the digits correspond to the filing numbers of foreign immigrants. All are female, all are missing. The second in the excellent series that begins with Blind Goddess (TP, \$27.95). "Anne Holt is the god<br/>mother of modern Norwegian crime fiction." - JoNesboMystery TP

# HAPPY DAYS

HURLEY, Graham

The 12th and final Faraday and Winter novel.

## FONDUING FATHERS

A trip to visit her mother reveals that Olivia's father was dishonorably discharged from the army. Olivia is even more shocked to learn that he was murdered because someone at his company suspected him of selling corporate secrets. Refusing to believe that her father was a scoundrel, Olivia won't rest until she proves his innocence.

### Mystery

### LEFT FOR DEAD

JANCE, J.A.

Not even Ali Reynolds is immune to the escalating drug wars just across the border as two ruthless crimes threaten to bring her face-to-face with a cold-blooded killer. When one of Ali's former Arizona Police Academy classmates is gunned down and left to die, he is at first assumed to be an innocent victim of the violent drug cartels. But the crime scene investigation reveals there's much more to the story. Summoned to his hospital bedside, Ali finds it hard to believe he's mixed up in the drug trade, and she also meets another seriously injured victim, an unidentified young woman, presumed to be an illegal border crosser, who was raped and savagely beaten. Ali is determined to seek justice in both cases

### Mystery/thriller

### WHAT A GHOUL WANTS

LAURIE, Victoria

M.J. Holiday, Heath Whitefeather, Gilley Gillespie, and the rest of the investigative team for cable TV's Ghoul Getters explore Wales's haunted Kidwellah Castle, home of the ghostly Grim Widow, who's strong enough to physically grapple with the living and is known for drowning victims in the castle moat. Determined to close the Widow down and free other phosts the Widow has trapped, as well as expose the living people involved with these murders, M.J. and company dig into the history of the insane Lady Jane and her duke, whose spirit foretells death to

### those who see him. Mystery

### HAUNTING DREAM

LAVENE, Joyce

When her boyfriend Kevin's ex-fiance, Ann, arrives in Duck looking for a second chance, Dae suddenly finds herself facing certain heartache. And while her romantic life is in shambles, she's even more concerned by the sudden change in her gift. After touching a medallion owned by a local named Chuck Sparks, Dae is shocked when her vision reveals his murder—and a cry for help. **PBK** 

### THREAD ON ARRIVAL

LEE Amanda

When Marcy's friend Reggie, Tallulah Falls' local librarian, asks her to teach an embroidery class as therapy for domestic abuse victims, she gladly agrees. One of the women wants to flee from her abusive husband but is afraid to leave her elderly father-in-law behind. And she thinks Marcy can help. The elderly gentleman shows Marcy a tapestry his grandmother made, which he believes reveals the location of pirate treasure off the Oregon coast. He'll move to a shelter, provided Marcy takes the tapestry to keep it safe. But when the police arrive the next day to escort him out, they find the old man murdered and the house ransacked.

### MURDER FOR THE HALIBUT

LIPPERMAN, Liz

Tempted by the offer of a free Caribbean cruise, sportswriter-turnedfood critic Jordan McAllister accepts a spot as a judge in a weeklong big-time cooking competition aboard the "Carnation Queen." But there are bigger fish to fry when arrogant chef Stefano Mancini falls face first into his signature halibut dish during the first event. **PBK** 

### **PANIC BUTTON**

Josie is approached at her shop to appraise a very rare item: a complete charm string. In Victorian times, girls strung buttons on long strings to make the charms. Once the string reached 1,000 buttons - no two alike - the legend was that the owner would meet her beloved. But the owner of this charm string is not looking for love - she's desperate to donate the piece to a museum and be rid of it. She believes the string is far from charmed; it's cursed. When Josie finds the woman strangled with the charm string, she doesn't know whether the curse is real, but the killer certainly is. **PBK** 

### A FUNCTION OF MURDER

MADISON, Ada

At the math department's graduation party, Sophie hears heated arguments coming from the graduates about Mayor Graves, the commencement speaker. Not the mayor's biggest fan, Sophie is happy to escape the drama with an after-hours campus stroll accompanied by her helicopter-piloting boyfriend, Bruce Granville. However, their date is interrupted by the mayor himself - with a knife in his back. As it turns out, the knife is actually a Henley College letter opener, something that is gifted to every member of the graduating class. Sophie is led to a complicated puzzle of scandal and corruption, and it seems that Mayor Graves is at the apex of it all. When Sophie finds out that the mayor was seeking her help on the day he was murdered, she must use her top-notch logic to crack the puzzle and catch the killer running free on campus. The Square Root of Murder and The Probability of Murder (\$17.95 each) begin this excellent series.

### Mystery

### THE LEWIS MAN

MAY, Peter

An unidentified corpse is recovered from a Lewis peat bog; the only clue to its identity being a DNA sibling match to a local farmer. But this islander, Tormod Macdonald - now an elderly man suffering from dementia - has always claimed to be an only child. When Tormod's family approach Fin Macleod for help, Fin feels duty-bound to solve the mystery. Fin Macleod first appears in Blackhouse (\$19.99).

### BIRTHDAYS FOR THE DEAD

MACBRIDE, Stuart

Five years ago Detective Constable Ash Henderson's daughter, Rebecca, went missing on the eve of her thirteenth birthday. A year later the first card arrived: homemade, with a Polaroid picture stuck to the front: Rebecca, strapped to a chair, gagged tabloids call him The Birthday Boy. But Ash hasn't told anyone about Rebecca's birthday cards because if anyone finds out, he'll be taken off the investigation.

### **BOOK, LINE AND SINKER**

Lindsey is enjoying her second year in Briar Creek as the library director, meeting with the crafternoon club, and happily dating tour boat captain Mike Sullivan. But when a salvage company arrives in town to dig up treasure buried on Pirate Island over three hundred years ago, the locals are torn between protecting the island and welcoming the publicity. In spite of the squabbling, Charlie Peyton, Lindsey's downstairs neighbour, takes a job with the salvage company. But when Trudi Hargrave, the local tourism director who hired the company, is found murdered at the excavation site. Charlie becomes the chief suspect. To help him, Lindsey must do some digging of her own before the real killer buries the truth for good. The third in the Library Lover's series, after Books Can Be Deceiving, and Due or Die (\$17.95 each), which is getting great customer feedback. **PBK** 

### KILLER MOVE

MARSHALL, Michael

Bill Moore has a lucrative job selling condos in the Florida keys, a great marriage, and a beautiful house. He had a five year plan for world domination, too, but it's already creeping into year six... so now he's decided to mix it up. This means getting in

tight with the people who run the area like their personal kingdom. It's all going to plan until the day Bill gets to work to find a black card left on his desk, just one word printed in white: MODIFIED. From that moment, Bill's life begins to change, in the most terrifying fashion.

### THE MARSEILLE CAPER

MAYLE, Peter

Sam's last adventure sent him to France in search of a missing wine collection (The Vintage Caper, \$22.99), but he thought it'd be a while before he was back, especially with the charms of the fiery Elena Morales to keep him settled in Los Angeles. But when the immensely wealthy Francis Reboul, the recent victim of Sam's own counter-heist, asks him to take a job in Marseille, it's impossible for Sam and Elena to resist. The lure of further excitement and the pleasures of the region beckon them back to France.

### CHOCOLATE COVERED MURDER

MEIER, Leslie

Mystery

### A FRIENDLY GAME OF MURDER

MURPHY, J.J.

Why should Dorothy Parker's friends be the only ones making "enviable names" in "science, art, and parlor games"? Dorothy can play with the best of them - as she sets out to prove at a New Year's Eve party at the Algonquin Hotel. Since the swanky soiree is happening in the penthouse suite of swashbuckling star Douglas Fairbanks, some derring-do is called for. How about a little game of "Murder"? Each partygoer draws a card to be detective, murderer, or victim. But a young Broadway starlet trumps them all when her dead body is found in the bathtub. When more partiers are put in peril, it becomes clear the game is indeed on, and it's up to Dorothy, surprise guest Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and the members of the Round Table to stay alive - and relatively sober - long enough to find the killer.. Mystery PBK

### THE PHANTOM

After the horrors of a case that nearly cost him his life, Harry Hole left Oslo and the police force far behind him. Now he's back, but the case he's come to investigate is already closed, and the suspect already behind bars. Denied permission to reopen the investigation, Harry strikes out on his own, quickly discovering a trail of violence and mysterious disappearances apparently unnoticed by the police. At every turn, Harry is faced with a wall of silence. But Harry is not the only one interested in the case. From the moment he steps off the plane, someone is watching his every move.

### **DEATH IN BRUNSWICK**

Down on his luck and hard up for cash, Carl works in the kitchen of a seedy rock 'n' roll joint in ethnically diverse Brunswick. The bouncers and bosses terrify him, he's desperately in love with a much younger Greek waitress, and to make matters worse his mother has come to stay with him. Then a dead body turns up. He and his best mate, Dave, will have to do something about it, and fast - or it's goodnight, Carl. The latest crime novel to feature in the Text Publishing Australian Classics series.

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS, ALEX CROSS**

PATTERSON, James

Also, I, Michael Bennett is now in paperback (\$19.95). **Thriller** 

### RECIPE FOR TREASON

PENROSE, Andrea

England, 1814. Lady Arianna Hadley and her husband, the Earl of Saybrook, want nothing more than to savour a quiet life embellished by the occasional cup of the finest chocolate. However, when they receive orders to travel to Scotland and capture an elusive traitor, they feel their duty to the Crown must come first. In a laboratory in Scotland, they discover the corpse of a chemistry professor, and cryptic papers hinting at a dangerous new discovery now in enemy hands.

### FOUL PLAY AT FOUR

PURSER, Ann

A series of robberies have begun to plague Long Farnden, and Lois Meade's own daughter, Josie, is shaken when a thief makes off with a hundred pounds from the till in her grocery shop. But before her policeman fiance can crack the case, someone cracks Lois's husband on the head when he interrupts a burglary in progress.

### BEELINE TO TROUBLE

REED, Hannah

It's a real buzz-kill when beekeeper Story Fischer gets a visit from her frantic sister. Now she has to help host a combative trio of professional food flavorists. Good thing the well-stocked shelves of Story's grocery store, the Wild Clover, can provide the morning meal. During a pre-lunch tour of Story's hives, however, one of the guests is found dead. Just what Story needs only days after hunky boyfriend, Hunter Wallace, finally decided to move in.

### TIME OF DEATH

ROBB, J.D.

An omnibus of three Eve Dallas novellas: Eternity in Death, Ritual in Death, and Missing in Death, which first appeared in The Lost, Suite 606, and Dead of Night. Romantic suspense

**COLD GRAVE** 

ROBERTSON, Craig

November 1993. Scotland is in the grip of an ice-cold winter and the Lake of Menteith is frozen over. A young man and woman walk

across the ice to the historic island of Inchmahome which lies in the middle of the lake. Only the man returns. In the spring, as staff prepare the abbey ruins for summer visitors, they discover the body of a girl, her skull violently crushed. Present day. Retired detective Alan Narey is still haunted by the unsolved crime. Desperate to relieve her ailing father's conscience, DS Rachel Narey risks her job and reputation by returning to the Lake of Menteith and unofficially reopening the cold case. With the help of police photographer Tony Winter, Rachel prepares a dangerous gambit to uncover the killer's identity - little knowing who it truly is.

### A KILLER IN THE RYE

ROSEN, Delia

\$17.95 Mystery

### THE OPENING NIGHT MURDER

RUTHERFORD, Anne

The triumphant return of King Charles II in 1660 is occasion for much celebration in London. The Merry Monarch's unquenchable thirst for entertainment creates opportunities for everyone from tavern keepers to brothel owners to actors. One of these is Suzanne Thornton. No longer a kept woman since her man has fled, she sees an opportunity to reopen a theatre - and now, thanks to Royal decree, Juliet can be played by a woman! Suzanne secures financing from an old lover, assembles a troupe, and restores the venue - none other than the historic Globe Theatre. Tragically, during the opening night performance, a dead body lands on the stage. After the curtain comes down. Suzanne finds herself a suspect. But she also finds that murder is good for business as the next night's performance is sold out. Wishing to live to enjoy her success, Suzanne undertakes her own investigation to find a killer who may try to close her down for good. "I read this book in one sitting, captivated by Rutherford's vivid depiction of actors and aristocrats, political intrigue, and her strong, resourceful heroine. The world of Restoration London and its theatres leaps off the page in this impressive novel." - Carol K. Carr **Historical mystery** 

### THE TWO DEATHS OF DANIEL HAYES

SAKEY, Marcus It starts with you waking on a Maine beach, naked, half-drowned and very, very cold. Your name is Daniel Hayes. At least, you think it is. That's the name on the insurance card you find in the BMW parked near you. How did you get here? And why? All you remember is a woman's face. So you set off to the only place you might find her. But this raises the most chilling question of all: what will you find when you get there?

\$19.95

### A KILLER MAIZE

SHELTON, Paige

The last person Becca expects to run into at the Swayton County Fall Festival is her ex-husband, Scott Triplett, who's operating a shooting gallery. Honesty was not always Scott's policy, and their unexpected reunion is further complicated when the festival becomes a crime scene. On Becca's second day there, Ferris wheel operator is found hanging from his rickety ride, dead from a gunshot. As Becca starts to notice Scott suspiciously sneaking around the fairgrounds, she begins to worry her ex may be

involved in the murder. **PBK** 

### THE DEAD WITNESS

Historical mystery anthology PBK

SIMS, Michael (Editor)

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