

# Pulp Fiction

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Until next time, good reading!

Ron, Iain & Beau

Abbreviations used in this catalogue:

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

### THE SAYERS SWINDLE

ABBOTT, Victoria

Jordan Kelly is delighted to make money tracking down rare and valuable mystery novels for her employer, Vera Van Alst, an avid collector and the most difficult woman in Harrison Falls, New York. But now her boss's complete set of Dorothy Sayers is missing, and finding them may lead Jordan to a murder suitable for Sayers's esteemed sleuth, Lord Peter Wimsey... The second in the series, after *The Christie Curse* (\$17.95). A cosy recommendation!

**Mystery PBK \$17.95**

### DILLMAN AND MASEFIELD REISSUES

ALLEN, Conrad

The first three in the George Porter Dillman and Genevieve Masefield cruise ship mysteries have been reissued: *Murder on the Mauretania*, *Murder on the Lusitania*, and *Murder on the Minnesota*. A cosy recommendation.

**Mystery PBK \$19.99 each**

### THE RANGER

ATKINS, Ace

After years of war, Army Ranger Quinn Colson returns home to the rugged, rough hill country of northeast Mississippi to find his native Tibbehah County overrun with corruption, decay, meth runners, and violence. His uncle, the longtime county sheriff, is dead. A suicide, he's told, but others, like tomboy deputy Lillie Virgil, whisper murder. In the days that follow, it's up to Colson to discover the truth, not only about his uncle, but about his family, his friends, his town, and himself. Quinn Colson is a great character - recommended.

**Mystery PBK \$19.99**

### THE LOST ONES

ATKINS, Ace

When Army Ranger Quinn Colson, the new sheriff of Tebbehah County, is called out to investigate a child abuse case, what he finds is a horrifying scene of neglect, thirteen empty cribs, and a shoe box full of money...

**Mystery TP \$29.99**

### FIRE AND BRIMSTONE

BATEMAN (Colin)

When Alison Wolff, the daughter of a billionaire media mogul, disappears following a massacre at a party, nobody knows if she has been kidnapped or killed. Dan Starkey is hired to find the missing student but he soon discovers that Belfast's underworld has changed since his days as a journalist. Old tribal conflicts have been superseded by drugs and greed, defended with a ruthlessness undreamt of even in the worst days of The Troubles.

**Thriller TP \$29.99**

### HOME FOR THE HOMICIDE

BENTLEY, Jennie

For Avery and her husband, Derek, renovating the Craftsman bungalow was like stepping back in time. The quaint old home was just as its original owners had left it. In a discretely hidden antique crate in the attic, Avery finds a clue to a decades-old missing persons case. As Avery works on the house and delves deeper into the sinister story, it becomes clear that someone wants the old home's secrets to stay that way.

**Mystery PBK \$17.95**

### HOME FOR THE HAUNTING

BLACKWELL, Juliet

San Francisco contractor Mel Turner is leading a volunteer home renovation project, and while she expects lots of questions from her inexperienced crew, she can't help asking a few of her own, especially about the haunted house next door...the place local kids call the Murder House. But when volunteers discover a body while cleaning out a shed, questions pile up faster than discarded lumber.

**Mystery PBK \$17.95**

### MURDER ON A SUMMER'S DAY

BRODY, Frances

When amateur sleuth detective Kate Shackleton receives a dawn telephone call from her cousin James, his news soon snaps Kate into wakefulness. The India Office seeks her on-the-spot help in finding a Maharajah, last seen on the Bolton Abbey estate. He has with him a hugely valuable diamond.

**Mystery PBK \$19.99**

### LENDING A PAW

CASS, Laurie

Eddie followed Minnie home one day, and now she can't seem to shake the furry little shadow. But in spite of her efforts to contain her new pal, the tabby sneaks out and trails her all the way to the bookmobile on its maiden voyage. Before she knows it, her slinky stowaway becomes her cat co-pilot! Minnie and Eddie's first day visiting readers around the county seems to pass without trouble, until Eddie darts outside at the last stop and leads her to the body of a local man who's reached his final chapter. Initially, Minnie is ready to let the police handle this case, but Eddie seems to smell a rat. The first in a new series.

**Mystery PBK \$17.95**

### BLOOD GUILT

CHEETHAM, Ben

After the death of his son in a freak accident, DI Harlan Miller's life is spiralling out of control. He's drinking too much. His

marriage and career are on the rocks. But things are about to get much worse for him when, after a booze-soaked night out, a man lies dead and Harlan is facing a manslaughter charge. Four years later, Harlan's prison term is up, but life on the outside holds little promise. Divorced, alone, consumed with guilt, he thinks of nothing beyond atoning for the death he caused.

**Noir PBK \$17.99**

### TEA FOR THREE

CHILDS, Laura

Charleston tea shop owner Theodosia Browning always seems to find herself steeped in mystery and murder. This omnibus collected the first three novels from one of our all-time favourite cosy series. *Death by Darjeeling*: Theo is serving tea for two hundred or so at the annual historic homes garden party when one guest is found dead clutching a teacup. *Gunpowder Green*: While unveiling her newest flavor of tea at a yacht race, Theo hears the crack of an antique gun and a member of Charleston's elite falls dead. *Shades of Earl Grey*: Theo attends the engagement soiree of the season where a wedding ring, a family heirloom from Marie Antoinette's crown, goes missing.

**Mystery TP \$29.95**

### PAYBACK

CLEGGETT, Harvey

Victorian Homicide Detective Inspector Michael Ballard is vigorously resisting retirement; not wishing to walk away from serving society by investigating and solving complex criminal cases. The brutal murder of a factory owner has him and his partner applying their 'old school' policing skills to hunt down the killer.

**Mystery PBK \$24.99**

### MICKEY HALLER 05: THE GODS OF GUILT

CONNELLY, Michael

Mickey Haller gets the text, 'Call me ASAP - 187', and the California penal code for murder immediately gets his attention. Murder cases have the highest stakes and the biggest paydays, and they always mean Haller has to be at the top of his game. When Mickey learns that the victim was his own former client, a prostitute he thought he had rescued and put on the straight and narrow path, he knows he is on the hook for this one. He soon finds out that she was back in LA and back in the life. Far from saving her, Mickey may have been the one who put her in danger.

**Mystery/thriller TP \$32.99**

### THE DUNBAR CASE

CORRIS, Peter

This wasn't Hardy's usual brief - uncover the mysteries of a nineteenth-century shipwreck - but he could do with an easy case and the retainer was generous. But is it ever that simple? Not with a notorious crime family tearing itself apart, and an undercover cop playing both sides against the middle. These and an alluring but fiercely ambitious female journalist give Hardy all the trouble he can handle.

**Mystery PBK \$17.99**

### QUILT TRIP

CRAIG, Elizabeth

Retired folk art curator Beatrice Coleman has never crashed a party but now her fellow quilt guild member, Meadow Downey, is driving them to a Victorian mansion in the mountains beyond Dappled Hills, North Carolina. Muriel Starnes, an elderly eccentric, has organized a meeting of quilters to pick someone to administer a quilting scholarship. The fact that the Village Quilters weren't invited isn't enough to keep Meadow from speaking her piece. But once the quilters arrive at the mansion, it seems they may never leave. An ice storm sends an old tree crashing across the driveway, leaving them stranded for the night. And by the next morning, they are one fewer - for Muriel has been sent to meet her maker.

**Mystery PBK \$17.95**

### MURDER, SHE BARKED

DAVIS, Krista

Holly Miller's life has gone to the dogs. She has no job, her boyfriend's former flame is sniffing around, and a scruffy but loveable Jack Russell Terrier is scattering crumbs all over her borrowed car. Just when she thought things couldn't get worse, a troubling phone call about her grandmother sends her rushing home to the family inn on Wagtail Mountain. The staff, and a frisky Calico kitten named Twinkletoes, adopts Holly and her new dog on arrival. But someone in this friendly town is bad to the bone. One of the employees at the inn has been killed in a hit-and-run accident - which is looking anything but accidental. The first in a new series.

**Mystery PBK \$17.95**

### THE GAME TRILOGY

DE LA MOTTE, Anders

Henrik 'HP' Petterson makes a living from a mix of petty crimes, the welfare and mind-numbing odd jobs. His only interests are marijuana, movies and online gaming. One hot and humid morning on a Stockholm train, HP picks up a mobile phone. Unnervingly, the phone refers to him by name and invites him to play The Game. In no time HP is embarked upon a series of daring missions. Meanwhile, ambitious Detective Rebecca Normen is moving up the career ladder in the Swedish Secret Service. She's troubled by the handwritten notes she keeps finding in her locker. Whoever's writing them knows way too much about her past. Inevitably, HP's and Rebecca's worlds collide. The next two in the trilogy are Buzz and Bubble.

**Thriller PBK \$16.99 each**

### HEIRS OF THE BODY

DUNN, Carola

In the late 1920s in England, The Honourable Daisy Dalrymple Fletcher is recruited to help her cousin Edgar - i.e. the Lord Dalrymple. About to turn fifty, Lord Dalrymple decides it is time to figure out who will be the heir to the viscountcy. With the help of the family lawyer, who advertises empire-wide, they have come up with four potential claimants. For his fiftieth birthday, Edgar invites those would-be heirs - along with Daisy and the rest of the family - to Fairacres, the family estate... This is only in hardback at this stage.

**Historical mystery HC \$39.95**

### DYING ON THE VINE

ELKINS, Aaron

When Gideon Oliver and his wife, Julie, are in Tuscany visiting the Cubbidu family, the renowned Skeleton Detective is asked to reexamine the remains of a mysterious family tragedy. Pietro Cubbidu, former patriarch of the Villa Antica wine empire, is thought to have killed his wife and then himself in the remote mountains of the Apennines. It does not take long for Gideon to deduce that, whatever happened, a murder-suicide it was not. Soon Gideon finds himself in a morass of family antipathies, conflicts, and mistrust, to say nothing of the local authority's resentment. And when yet another Cubbidu relation meets an unlikely end, it becomes bone-chillingly clear that the killer is far from finished.

**Mystery PBK \$17.95**

### AND THEN YOU DYE

FERRIS, Monica

Betsy is a natural-born yarnspinner, so it's only fitting that some of her favorite items to stock come from the dye-works of Hailey Brent. But when Hailey is found dead in her workshop, Betsy discovers that there was a lot about Hailey she would have never guessed. Like her penchant for stealing, her use of dangerous additives to create her so-called all-natural fibres, and a scheming mind that had made her more than one enemy. Now Betsy must wring the truth from a bevy of colourful suspects.

**Mystery PBK \$17.95**

### HIGH DESERT

FORREST, Katherine V.

Five months into mandated retirement from LAPD, her long term on-again off-again relationship with Aimee Grant off again, hopelessly dependent on the only substance that can drown her pain over Aimee and the illness of her best friend, lost without her police career, beset by terrifying dreams, Kate Delafield is in a world of trouble. Into this world walks Captain Carolina Walcott of the LAPD, with a request that Kate quietly and secretly try to locate Kate's former police partner, Joe Cameron, who has vanished. She also offers Kate a business card - the name on it a woman from Kate's past who may be able offer a lifeline back to the self Kate once was. Even as she deals with a shocking and inexplicable homicide, Kate simultaneously pursues a trail of evidence toward Cameron that leads her into the high desert.

**Mystery TP \$29.95**

### CASTING THE FIRST STONE

FYFIELD, Francis

A year after her husband's death, young widow and art collector Diana Porteous listlessly roams the beach near her home. Her friend and agent Saul takes action, introducing her to his stylish, anarchic sister, Sarah, to pep her up. They plan that Di should rediscover her talents as a thief, as well as art expert, to recover stolen paintings - and begin with Steven, the neighbour's son, who is amassing works of art in a strange building in London, including work stolen from his mother. But if Di is interested in his illicit treasures, he is equally fascinated by hers - and in the secrets still held in that house by the sea. Gold Digger, the first in the series, is now in paperback (\$19.99).

**Suspense TP \$29.99**

### THE REVENGE OF MORIARTY: SHERLOCK HOLMES' NEMESIS LIVES AGAIN

GARDNER, John

"When foggy mists lift in San Francisco in 1896, they reveal a new underworld alliance in the Barbary Coast alleyways. A soft-spoken man known as Jacques Meunier has come to wield immense influence. On the street, Meunier's voice has a French accent. In private, he appears to be an Englishman. To readers familiar to this classic bestselling crime series by John Gardner, this notorious figure is, of course, Professor James Moriarty. But upon discovering that Inspector Angus MacCreedy Crow is tracking his movements, the Professor slips swiftly and secretly back to the familiar streets of London. A superb master of disguise a brilliantly twisted tactician, Moriarty maneuvers his army of lurkers, pickpockets, punishers, and mobsters, trapping his enemies all across Europe. In this vivid novel of London underworld crime, John Gardner has crafted another novel in his brilliant series pitting the Napoleon of Crime, James Moriarty, against mystery fiction's great detective, Sherlock Holmes." - *Publisher's blurb*

**Sherlockiana TP \$27.95**

### PAVING THE NEW ROAD

GENTILLI, Sulari

The latest Rowan Sinclair novel into paperback.

**Mystery PBK \$22.99**

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### THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE

GERHARDSEN, Carin

Ingrid Olsson returns home from a Stockholm hospital to discover a man in her kitchen. She's never seen the intruder before. But he's no threat - he's dead. Criminal Investigator Conny Sjöberg takes the call, abandoning his wife Åsa and their five children for the night. His team identify the body as that of a middle-aged family man. But why was he there? And who bludgeoned him to death? Lacking suspect and motive, Sjöberg's team struggle until they link the case to another - apparently random - killing.

**Mystery/thriller TP \$29.99**

### THE SWEDISH GIRL

GRAY, Alex

When Kirsty Wilson lands a room in a luxury Glasgow flat owned by Swedish fellow student Eva Magnusson she can't believe her luck. But Kirsty's delight turns to terror when she finds the beautiful Swedish girl lying dead in their home and their male flatmate accused of her murder. Kirsty refuses to accept that he is guilty and, inspired by family friend Glasgow's Detective Superintendent Lorimer, sets out to clear his name. Meanwhile, Lorimer calls on trusted psychologist Solly Brightman to help unravel the truth behind the enigmatic Eva's life and death. But it is not long until another woman, bearing a marked resemblance to Eva, is brutally murdered. Horrified, Lorimer realises that Kirsty could be right.

**Mystery PBK \$19.99**

### THOMAS SILKSTONE 03: THE DEVIL'S BREATH

HARRIS, Tessa

**Historical mystery TP \$27.95**

### CRY IN THE NIGHT

HART, Carolyn

Egyptologist Sheila Ramsay develops a newfound interest in MesoAmerican affairs after meeting an outspoken, and attractive, Mexico City curator, a harsh critic of museums that deal in stolen art. And her own museum gives her the perfect opportunity to see him again: a valuable Aztec manuscript needs to be returned to its rightful owners, the wealthy Ortega family. But things don't go as planned for Sheila south of the border. An anonymous note threatens her with death if she remains in Mexico City. The curator she longed to see treats her with contempt. And the Ortegas are as mysterious as they are charming. What Sheila has stumbled into is much bigger, and more deadly, than she ever dreamed. And amid the splendor of Mexico's ancient ruins and treacherous hillsides, Sheila will realize that there's no one she can trust.

**Mystery PBK \$17.95**

### A QUESTION OF INDENTITY

HILL, Susan

Duchess of Cornwall Close: sheltered accommodation, a mix of bungalows and flats, newly built and not quite finished. Despite the bitterly cold weather, elderly residents are moving in. They don't notice the figure in the shadows. Then, one snowy night, an old lady is murdered - dragged from her bed and strangled with a length of flex. DCS Simon Serrailier and his team are aware of bizarre circumstances surrounding her death - but they keep some of these details secret, while they desperately search for a match. All they know is that the killer will strike again, and will once more leave the same tell-tale signature. This brilliant series begins with *Various Haunts of Men* (\$19.95).

**Mystery PBK \$19.95**

### WESTERN APPROACHES

HURLEY, Graham

D/S Jimmy Suttle has finally tired of the relentless struggle against the rising tide of urban crime in Portsmouth. Surely a job in Major Crimes in the West Country will offer some respite? He finds a remote cottage nestled in a fold of Dartmoor and, with his wife and two year old daughter, heads West for what he is sure will be a saner existence. How wrong could he be? Soon he is investigating the murder of a long-distance rower in the small town of Exmouth.

**Mystery PBK \$19.99**

### TOUCHING DISTANCE

HURLEY, Graham

Jimmy Suttle has barely got his feet under the desk at his new job. Having flown in the face of his superiors on his first big case he now finds himself trying to track down a random, hugely skilled killer before another innocent dies and before the media tear the force apart.

**Mystery TP \$29.99**

### THE PREACHER

JAKOBSEN, Sander

Thorkild Christensen stares down at his murdered wife, Karen, and realises he knows almost nothing about her. How did she fill her days? Where did she really go every Thursday? Detective Thea Krogh is determined to find out as she immerses herself in town life. Yet Karen's secrets elude her at every turn. And then a second woman is shot dead.

**Mystery TP \$29.99**

### A NOT SO MODEL HOME

JAMES, David

**Mystery PBK \$17.95**

### DEADLY STAKES

JANCE, J.A.

Hired to investigate the grisly murder of a gold-digging divorcee on behalf of the woman accused of the crime, Ali Reynolds is immediately drawn to the case of the secretive teenager who found the body. A. J. Sanders was in the Camp Verde desert to retrieve a mystery box buried by his absent father, a box that turns out to be filled with hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of poker chips. When a second body is found in the desert, it seems the three cases are more closely related than anyone could have imagined.

**Mystery/thriller PBK \$14.99**

### DEATH OVERDUE

KIRWIN, Mary Lou

Ropes, revolvers, daggers, arsenic... They are the classic, go-to murder weapons, from Christie to Clue. But death by bookcase?

With one good shove, a crafty killer can keep investigators guessing: did it fall or was it pushed? That's what sassy Midwestern librarian Karen Nash must determine - and if so, who did the pushing - when an avalanche of books and splintered wood fatally flattens Sally Burroughs, the ex-girlfriend of Karen's squeeze, London B&B proprietor Caldwell Perkins, who appears the most likely suspect for murder. The second in the series, after *Killer Librarian* (\$17.95).

**Mystery PBK \$17.99**

### NO WAY BACK

KLEIN, Matthew

Every time Jimmy Thane has been faced with a crossroad, he's taken the wrong path. But after years of drinking and womanising, he has been given one last chance to save both his career and his marriage - he has seven weeks to transform a failing company. From the moment he enters the building there's something wrong - the place is too quiet, too empty. When the police come calling about the disappearance of the former CEO, Jimmy starts to wonder what he's got himself into. Then he discovers surveillance equipment in his neighbour's house, looking straight into his front room. And his wife isn't just tired, she's terrified and trying to hide it. Nothing is at it seems. Jimmy's not living his dream - he's been plunged into the worst kind of nightmare.

**Thriller PBK \$19.99**

### UNTIL DEATH

KNIGHT, Ali

Marriage is a prison for Kelly. Her controlling and manipulative husband Christos videos her in the house, has her followed and tracks her every move. She may be desperate to leave, but she's not stupid. If she runs, he'll make sure she never sees her children again. Christos has a mistress, Sylvie, keen to pander to his every whim and even keener to step into Kelly's shoes, should she ever vacate them. Kelly thinks it's stalemate for their twisted threesome, but one of Christos's container ships is about to dock in London with a secret cargo that will change all their lives forever.

**Thriller TP \$29.99**

### BUTTONED UP

LOGAN, Kylie

Artist Forbis Parmenter has invited Josie to the opening of his latest exhibit of voodoo-inspired works. He plans to make a show of completing the centrepiece, a button- encrusted statue, when Josie arrives with the final button. But just as the big moment comes, Forbis bolts out of the gallery in panic. Is it another of his publicity stunts, or is something more sinister afoot? Josie gets her answer when the eccentric artist is found dead - his lifeless body in the arms of a statue and his eyes and lips sealed with buttons.

**Mystery PBK \$17.95**

### THE LOST

MCGOWAN, Claire

When two teenage girls go missing along the Irish border, forensic psychologist Paula Maguire has to return to the hometown she left years before. Swirling with rumour and secrets, the town is gripped by fear of a serial killer. But the truth could be even darker. Surrounded by people and places she tried to forget, Paula digs into the cases as the truth twists further away. What's the link with two other disappearances from 1985? And why does everything lead back to the town's dark past-including the reasons her own mother went missing years before?

**Mystery PBK \$19.99**

### THE NECESSARY DEATH OF LEWIS WINTER

MACKAY, Malcolm

"A twenty-nine-year-old man lives alone in his Glasgow flat. The telephone rings; a casual conversation, but behind this a job offer. The clues are there if you know to look for them. He is an expert. A loner. Freelance. Another job is another job, but what if this organisation wants more? A meeting at a club. An offer. A brief. A target: Lewis Winter. It's hard to kill a man well. People who do it well know this. People who do it badly find out the hard way. The hard way has consequences. An arresting, gripping novel of dark relationships and even darker moralities, The Necessary Death of Lewis Winter introduces a remarkable new voice in crime fiction." – publisher's blurb. This has been getting rave reviews: "'The debut writer who is being hailed as tartan noir's most authoritative and authentic new voice. . . . Mackay writes in a tough-guy style that is reminiscent of Raymond Chandler and Dashiell Hammett at their most hard-boiled.'" - *Scotsman*. The second book in the Glasgow Trilogy is *How A Gunman Says Goodbye* (TP, \$29.99).

**Mystery PBK \$19.99**

### NIGHT TRAIN TO JAMALPUR

MARTIN, Andrew

North East India, 1923. On the broiling Night Mail from Calcutta to Jamalpur, a man is shot dead in a first class compartment. Detective Inspector Jim Stringer was sleeping in the next compartment along. Was he the intended target? Jim should have known that his secondment to the East Indian Railway, with a roving brief to inspect security arrangements, would not be the working holiday he had hoped for.

**Mystery HC \$29.99**

### THE PREACHER

MARWOOD, Alex

No. 23 has a secret. In this gloomy, bedsit-riddled South London wreck, lorded over by a lecherous landlord, a horrifying collection quietly waits to be discovered. Yet all six residents have something to hide. Collette is on the run from her ex-boss; Cher is an underage children's home escapee; lonely Thomas tries to make friends with his neighbours; while a gorgeous Iranian asylum seeker and a 'quiet man' nobody sees try to keep themselves hidden. And there for them all is Vesta, a woman who knows everything that goes on in the house - or thought she did. Then in the dead of night, a terrible accident pushes the six into an uneasy alliance. But one of them is a killer...

**Suspense TP \$29.99**

### 7 DAYS

MEYER, Deon

"I'll shoot a policeman every day until you arrest the murderer of Hanneke Sloet." Shortly after the South African Police Services receive this threatening email, a policeman is shot by a sniper, and recovering alcoholic Benny Griessel is ordered to reopen the Sloet case. The first Benny Griessel mystery is *Devil's Peak* (\$19.99) – recommended.

**Thriller PBK \$19.99**

### LIFE FOR A LIFE

MUIR, T.F.

Middle of winter, St Andrews: When a young woman's half-naked body is found on Fife's Coastal Path, frozen and with remnants of a rope manacle around her wrist, DCI Andy Gilchrist is given the case. With DS Stan Davidson in hospital recovering from multiple stab wounds, Gilchrist finds himself partnered with DS Jessica 'Jessie' Janes, who has only just transferred to Fife Constabulary from Strathclyde. But Jessie's first day on the job gives her sight of the darker underbelly of Fife, when the slaughtered bodies of two more young women are found in an abandoned house.

**Mystery PBK \$19.99**

### COCKROACHES

NESBO, Jo

Detective Harry Hole arrives in a steaming hot Bangkok. The Norwegian ambassador has been found dead in a seedy motel room, and Harry has been sent to investigate. It's clear that the Ambassador's family are hiding some secrets of their own, but few people are willing to talk. When Harry lays hands on some incriminating CCTV footage, things only get more complicated. The man who gave him the tape goes missing, and Harry realises that failing to solve a murder case is by no means the only danger that faces the unwary. The second Harry Hole novel, finally translated.

**Mystery TP \$32.95**

### THE VANISHING THIEF

PARKER, Kate

Georgia Fenchurch appears to be an unassuming antiquarian bookseller in Victorian London, but the life she leads is as exciting as any adventure novel. For Georgia is a member of the Archivist Society, a secret association of private investigators led by the mysterious Sir Broderick. When a frantic woman comes to Georgia claiming that her neighbor, Nicholas Drake, has been abducted by the notorious Duke of Blackford, Georgia and the Archivist Society agree to take the case. But Drake is no innocent - he is a thief who has been blackmailing many of the leading members of London society. To find Drake and discover who is behind his abduction, Georgia and her beautiful assistant, Emma, will have to leave the cozy confines of their bookshop and infiltrate the inner circles of the upper crust - with the help of the dashing but dubious Duke of Blackford himself.

**Historical mystery TP \$27.95**

### THE SPY

PHELAN, James

A sinister group code-named Zodiac has launched devastating global attacks. Twelve targets across the world, twelve code-named missions. Operating distinct sleeper cells, they are the ultimate terrorist organisation, watching and waiting for a precise attack to activate the next group. It is a frightening and deadly efficient way to stay one step ahead. And cause the most chaos. For ex-CIA operative Jed Walker, chaos is his profession. On the outer, burned by his former agency, he is determined to clear his name.

**Thriller TP \$29.99**

### CARVER'S QUEST

RENNISON, Nick

1870. When amateur archaeologist Adam Carver and his loyal but obdurate retainer Quint are visited in their lodgings in London's Doughty Street by an attractive young woman, their landlady is not pleased. The visitor's arrival pitches Carver and Quint headlong into an elaborate mystery which comes to centre on the existence (or not) of a lost text in Ancient Greek, one that may reveal the whereabouts of the treasure hoard of Philip II of Macedonia. Two deaths soon ensue as master and manservant follow what clues they can grasp in the roughest and most genteel parts of the teeming metropolis, with the whiff of cordite and blackmail never far from their nostrils.

**Historical mystery PBK \$19.99**

### FOUND GUILTY AT FIVE

PURSER, Ann

A wedding is always a happy occasion, even if Lois Meade must remind herself she isn't losing a daughter, but gaining a policeman. Her new son-in-law is in the Tresham force - and happens to be Inspector Cowgill's nephew - so now Lois has another link to the law. But when her youngest son invites a mysterious woman, Akiko, as a guest, Lois wonders why she refuses to talk about her past. And when a thief waltzes off with the young woman's cello, Lois enlists the inspector's help to find the valuable instrument. When Akiko herself goes missing, Lois discovers that this could be another in a string of murderous musical thefts.

**Mystery PBK \$17.95**

### THE CITY OF STRANGERS

RUSSELL, Michael

A brutal murder in middle-class Dublin. The unexplained death of an Irish diplomat in New York. Detective Sergeant Stefan Gillespie encounters murder, kidnap and terror on the streets of Dublin and New York, on the eve of the Second World War.

**Mystery PBK \$14.99**

### MERRY MARKET MURDER

SHELTON, Paige

Jam and preserve maker Becca Robins is excited about the extra business that the Ridgeway Christmas Tree Farm is bringing to the market this holiday season. But when a competing tree farmer, Reggie Stuckey, arrives with a truck full of trees, angrily

barking that he has exclusive selling rights at the market, Becca finds herself pining for more goodwill toward men. After Reggie is found with a tree stake in his chest, she wonders when the Christmas tree business turned so deadly.

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### STAGED TO DEATH

SMITH, Karen Rose

Interior designer Caprice De Luca has created a profitable subniche by becoming a home stager for clients preparing to sell their homes. Recently, Caprice has been working with an old friend, Roz, and her husband, Ted. Their castle-motif home features Ted's extensive knife and dagger collection. Unfortunately, one of those valuable daggers is used to kill him off. Disagreeable Ted had plenty of enemies: he was having an affair, his company has problems, and even the gardener hated him. Roz begs Caprice to help since the police suspect her, so Caprice starts poking around.

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### THROUGH THE EVIL DAYS

SPENCER-FLEMING, Julia

On a frigid January night, Chief of Police Russ Van Alstyne and Reverend Clare Fergusson are called to the scene of a raging fire that quickly becomes a double homicide and kidnapping. Which is the very last thing Russ needs. Currently he's struggling with the prospect of impending fatherhood. And his new wife is not at all happy with his proposal for their long-delayed honeymoon: a week in an ice-fishing cabin. The vestry of St. Alban's Church has called for the bishop to investigate Clare's "unpriestly" pregnancy. She has one week to find out if she will be scolded, censured, or suspended from her duties. The latest in the excellent series that begins with *In the Bleak Midwinter* (\$17.95).

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### THE DARK ANGEL

SYLVAIN, Dominique

On the one hand, there's Lola. She's a grumpy retired police commissioner who cannot go a day without her best friend: red wine. On the other hand, there's Ingrid, an American girl in love with Paris. She gives massages all day long and does stripteases at night. When a local girl is murdered - her body mutilated in the most cruel and unusual manner - suspicion falls on Maxime Duchamp, a charming restaurateur whose suave exterior hides a tragic past. Convinced of his innocence - persuaded in no small part by his magnetic appeal - Lola and Ingrid hit the streets to unmask the real killer, one whose gruesome methods are inspired by a morbid obsession with Japanese Manga imagery.

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### THE MIDWIFE'S TALE

THOMAS, Samuel

"In the tradition of Arianna Franklin and C.J. Sansom comes Thomas' remarkable debut. It is 1644, and midwife Bridget Hodgson becomes embroiled in a different sort of rebellion. One of her friends has been convicted of murdering her husband and sentenced to be burnt alive. Convinced that her friend is innocent, Bridget sets out to find the real killer." – publisher's blurb. "Everything rings true in historian Thomas's superb first mystery. . . . Authentic details of life in 17th-century York complement the whodunit's intelligently concealed clues." - *Publishers Weekly*

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### PROOF OF GUILT

TODD, Charles

When the clues in a hit-and-run investigation lead him to two families famous for producing and selling the world's best Madeira wine, Scotland Yard's Ian Rutledge is pitted against his new supervisor, who has his own suspect.

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### THE GOLDEN CALF

TURSTEN, Helene

Detective Inspector Irene Huss - jujitsu champion, mother of teenage twin girls, and investigator on Goteborg Murder Squad - is back! Three men have been shot in one of Goteborg's most fashionable neighborhoods, sending Irene Huss and her colleagues on a goose chase through a tony world of expensive cars and fancy homes. All three victims seem to be tied to one person, the glamorous dot-com darling Sanna Kaegler-Ceder, but Sanna isn't talking, even when her own life seems to be at stake.

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### DEATH IN FLORENCE

VICHI, Marco

Florence, October 1966. The rain is never-ending. When a young boy vanishes on his way home from school the police fear the worst, and Inspector Bordelli begins an increasingly desperate investigation. Then the flood hits. During the night of 4th November the swollen River Arno, already lapping the arches of the Ponte Vecchio, breaks its banks and overwhelms the city. Streets become rushing torrents, the force of the water sweeping away cars and trees, doors, shutters and anything else in its wake. In the aftermath of this unimaginable tragedy the mystery of the child's disappearance seems destined to go unsolved. But obstinate as ever, Bordelli is not prepared to give up.

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### DANCING AZTECS

WESTLAKE, Donald

From the "master of the rolling scam", here is a hilarious crime caper set in New York. A hot hustler is searching for a million-dollar Aztec sculpture that is accidentally mixed with cheap plaster copies. From Harlem to Greenwich, a motley cast chases the lost piece. Out of print since 1978, this is one of his masterpieces.

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