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Ron, Iain and Beau

Abbreviations used in this catalogue:

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

CHEESE SHOP MYSTERIES 07:

FOR CHEDDAR OR WORSE

AAMES, Avery
Mystery PBK \$19.95

NOVEL IDEA MYSTERIES 05: OFF THE BOOKS

ARLINGTON, Lucy
A cosy recommendation!
Mystery PBK \$19.95

THE EVENING SPIDER

ARSENAULT, Emily
Inspired by a sensational murder from the 1800s this novel links two young mothers from different centuries. Frances Barnett and Abby Bernacki are two haunted young mothers living in the same house in two different centuries. Frances Barnett might not be the only new mother to lose her mind in this house. And like Frances, Abby discovers that by trying to uncover another's secrets, she risks awakening some of her own.
Suspense TP \$27.99

A GOD IN RUINS

ATKINSON, Kate
The dazzling *Life After Life* (\$19.99) explored the possibility of infinite chances, as Ursula Todd lived through the turbulent events of the last century again and again. Here, the focus is on Ursula's beloved younger brother Teddy – would-be poet, RAF bomber pilot, husband and father – as he navigates the perils and progress of the 20th century. For all Teddy endures in battle, his greatest challenge will be to face living in a future he never expected to have. Winner of the 2015 Costa Novel Award. A powerful, beautiful novel. Recommended.
Fiction PBK \$22.99

FEVER CITY

BAKER, Tim
Nick Alston, a Los Angeles private investigator, is hired to find the kidnapped son of America's richest and most hated man. Hastings, a mob hitman, in search of redemption, is also on the trail. But both men soon become ensnared by a sinister cabal that spreads from the White House, all the way to Dealey Plaza. Decades later, in Dallas, Alston's son stumbles across evidence from JFK conspiracy buffs that just might link his father to the shot heard round the world. Violent, vivid, visceral: *Fever City* is a high-octane, nightmare journey through a *Mad Men*-era America of dark powers, corruption and conspiracy.
Thriller TP \$29.99

HAMISH MACBETH: DEATH OF A LIAR

BEATON, M C
Mystery PBK \$19.99

HOUSE OF THIEVES

BELFOURE, Charles
In 1886 New York, a respectable architect shouldn't have any connection to the notorious gang of thieves and killers that rules the underbelly of the city. But when John Cross's son racks up an unfathomable gambling debt to Kent's Gent's, Cross must pay it back himself. All he has to do is use his inside knowledge of high society mansions and museums to craft a robbery even the smartest detectives won't solve. The take better include some cash too: the bigger the payout, the faster this will be over. With a newfound talent for sniffing out vulnerable and lucrative targets, Cross becomes invaluable to the gang. But Cross's entire life has become a balancing act, and it will only take one mistake for it all to come crashing down and for his family to go down too.
Historical mystery TP \$29.99

A TASTE OF ASHES

BLACK, Tony
When DI Bob Valentine returns to duty after a narrow escape with death, he is faced with the discovery of a corpse on a kitchen table with a horrific neck wound and a mystery surrounding the victim's missing partner and her daughter. It's all too close to his own near-fatal stabbing. When the murder investigation begins to reveal a tragic family drama, Bob Valentine struggles to deal with the rapidly unfolding events and the terrifying visions that haunt him. As he starts to uncover the illicit secrets of the family's past, can he keep a grip on the case and on his own sanity, before the body count starts to rise?
Mystery PBK \$16.99

CRAGG AND FIDELIS: SKIN AND BONE

BLAKE, Robin
1743, and the tanners of Preston are a pariah community, plying their unwholesome trade beside a stretch of riverside marsh where many Prestonians by ancient right graze their livestock. When the body of a newborn child is found in one of their tanning pits, Cragg's enquiry falls foul of a cabal of merchants, dead set on modernising the town's economy and regarding the despised tanners – and Cragg's apparent championship of them – as obstacles to their plan. The murder of a baby is just the evidence they need to get rid of the tanners once and for all. But the inquest into the baby's death is disrupted when the inn in which it is being held mysteriously burns down. Then Cragg himself faces a charge of lewdness, jeopardising his whole future as a coroner...
Historical mystery TP \$29.99

MOLLY MURPHY MYSTERIES 14:

THE EDGE OF DREAMS
BOWEN, Rhys
Mystery TP \$31.95

JACK PARLABANE: BLACK WIDOW

BROOKMYRE, Christopher
Diana Jager is clever, strong and successful, a skilled surgeon and fierce campaigner via her blog about sexism. Yet it takes only hours for her life to crumble when her personal details are released on the internet as revenge for her writing. Then she meets Peter. He's kind, generous, and knows nothing about her past: the second chance she's been waiting for. Within six months, they are married. Within six more, Peter is dead in a road accident, a nightmare end to their fairytale romance. But Peter's sister Lucy doesn't believe in fairytales, and tasks maverick reporter Jack Parlabane with discovering the dark truth behind the woman the media is calling Black Widow. Another brilliant novel from Brookmyre with a savage twist. Recommended.
Suspense TP \$29.99

LEO JUNKER: THE FALLING DETECTIVE

CARLSSON, Christoffer
Leo Junker is back in the snake pit – the nickname for the homicide unit – after a long leave of absence due to his entanglement in a murder case where he'd been personally targeted by the perpetrator. He is still abusing prescription drugs and battling his inner demons, but he does his best to appear fit for duty. In early winter, a sociologist named Thomas Heber is found murdered in an alley in the centre of Stockholm. The only traces the police have to work with are Heber's cryptic research notes, which indicate that someone else's life is also under threat. But who? Leo is put on the Heber case, together with Gabriel Birck, his former antagonist in the force. That is hard enough, but when the case is abruptly taken from them and reassigned to the Swedish Security Service, Leo realises this is no ordinary street mugging.
Mystery TP \$32.99

FAIRY TALE FATAL MYSTERIES 03: BEAUTY, BEAST, AND BELLADONNA

CHANCE, Maia
Mystery PBK \$19.95

PROFESSOR JEREMY LOGAN: THE FORGOTTEN ROOM

CHILD, Lincoln
Mystery/thriller TP \$29.99

VERA STANHOPE: THE MOTH CATCHER

CLEEVES, Ann
Life seems perfect in Valley Farm, a quiet community in Northumberland. Then a shocking discovery shatters the dream. The owners of a local country estate have employed a house-sitter, a young ecologist named Patrick, to look after the place while they're away. But Patrick is found dead by the side of the lane leading into the valley – a lonely place to die. DI Vera Stanhope arrives on the scene, with her detectives Holly and Joe. When they look around the attic of the big house – where Patrick had a flat – Vera finds the body of a second man. All the two victims have in common is a fascination with moths – and with catching these beautiful, intriguing creatures.
Mystery PBK \$19.99

ALL THESE PERFECT STRANGERS

CLIFFORD, Aoife
'This is about three deaths. Actually more, if you go back far enough. I say deaths but perhaps all of them were murders. It's a grey area. Murder, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. So let's just call them deaths and say I was involved. This story could be told a hundred different ways.' Within six months of Pen Sheppard starting university, three of her new friends are dead. Only Pen knows the reason why. College life had seemed like a wonderland of sex, drugs and maybe even love. Full of perfect strangers, it felt like the ideal place for Pen to shed the confines of her small home town and reinvent herself. But the darkness of her past clings tight, and when the killings begin and friendships are betrayed, Pen's secrets are revealed. The debut novel from Victorian, Aoife Clifford.
Suspense TP \$29.99

COUNTY CORK MYSTERIES 04:

A TURN FOR THE BAD
CONNOLLY, Sheila
Mystery PBK \$19.95

TEAPOT COLLECTOR MYSTERIES 03:

THE GRIM STEEPER
COOPER, Amanda
Mystery PBK \$19.95

THE POCKET WIFE

CRAWFORD, Susan
Dana Catrell wakes from a drunken stupor in time to see an ambulance pull into her neighbour's house a few doors down. Celia Steinhauser has been murdered. But Dana was at her house, only a few hours ago. Celia wanted to show her a photo – a photo of Dana's husband with another woman – and Dana has blank spots about what happened to the rest of the afternoon...
Thriller PBK \$19.99

THE DETECTIVE CLUB: THE PONSON CASE

CROFTS, Freeman Wills
When the body of Sir William Ponson is found in the Cranshaw River, near his home of Luce Manor, it is assumed to be an accident – until the evidence points to murder. Inspector Tanner of Scotland Yard discovers that those who would benefit most from Sir William's death seem to have unbreakable alibis, and a mysterious fifth man, whose footprints were found at the crime scene, is nowhere to be found... The latest from the Collins Crime Club archives.
Classic mystery HC \$22.99

KISS THEM GOOD-BYE

EASTBURN, Joseph
Sitting atop a hill overlooking the surrounding countryside in upstate New York, the Ravenhill School is a bastion of exclusivity, offering the children of the nation's first families a magnificent education and a refuge from the harsh realities beyond its ancient cloisters – until the first student is found dead, upside down in a campus garbage can. When the body count rises and the clues multiply, panic grips the environs of Ravenhill, and expert Nick Fowler is called in from out of town to break the case.
Mystery/suspense PBK \$24.99

THE DUNGEON HOUSE

EDWARDS, Martin
Hannah Scarlett's cold case team are looking into the three-year-old mystery of the disappearance of Lily Elstone, whose father was Malcolm Whiteley's accountant. Their investigation coincides with the disappearance of another teenage girl, Shona Whiteley, daughter of Malcolm's nephew Nigel. Nigel now lives in the Dungeon House, despite its tragic history. Twenty years earlier, Malcolm shot his wife and apparently killed his daughter before shooting himself. But as Hannah's team dig down into the past, doubts arise about what exactly happened at the Dungeon House, twenty years ago.
Mystery HC \$45.00

MURDER AT THE MANOR

EDWARDS, Martin (editor)
The English country house is an iconic setting for some of the greatest British crime fiction. This new collection gathers together stories written over a span of about 65 years; during which British society, and life in country houses, was transformed out of all recognition. Many distinguished writers are represented in this collection, including such great names of the genre as Anthony Berkeley, Nicholas Blake and G K Chesterton. Martin Edwards has also unearthed hidden gems and forgotten masterpieces: among them are a fine send-up of the country house murder; a suspenseful tale by the unaccountably neglected Ethel Lina White; and a story by the little-known Scottish writer J J Bell. The latest of the British Library Crime Classics.
Classic mystery TP \$27.95

NEEDLECRAFT MYSTERIES 18:

DARNED IF YOU DO
FERRIS, Monica
Mystery PBK \$19.95

THE FIXER

FINDER, Joseph
Thriller PBK \$19.99

THE MYSTERY OF THE VENUS ISLAND FETISH

FLANNERY, Tim
It's 1932, and the Great Venus Island Fetish – a ceremonial mask, surrounded by thirty-two human skulls – now resides in a museum in Sydney, Australia. But young anthropologist, Archie Meek, recently returned from an extended field trip to Venus Island, has noticed something amiss: a strange discoloration on some of the skulls. Has someone tampered with the fetish? Is there a link between it and the mysterious disappearance of Cecil Polkinghorne, curator of archaeology? And how did Eric Sopwith, retired molluscs' expert, die in the museum's storeroom?
Mystery HC \$46.95

THE THIRD WOMAN

FREEDLAND, Jonathan
Journalist Madison Webb is obsessed with exposing lies and corruption. But she never thought she would be investigating her own sister's murder. Madison refuses to accept the official line that Abigail's death was an isolated crime. She uncovers evidence that suggests Abi was the third victim in a series of killings hushed up as part of a major conspiracy.
Thriller PBK \$19.99

LORIMER AND BRIGHTMAN: KEEP THE MIDNIGHT OUT

GRAY, Alex
Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

THE NARROW BED

HANNAH, Sophie
A killer, the police have dubbed Billy Dead Mates, is killing pairs of best friends, one by one. Just before each murder, he sends his victim a small white book... Three regional police forces are working together to identify and catch Billy. For five months, they've been failing. Then a fifth victim, scared by what she's seen and heard on the news, comes forward to seek help. Unlike Billy's first four victims, she isn't dead. Yet...
Suspense TP \$29.99

TOWN IN A CINNAMON TOAST

HAYWOOD, B B
Mystery PBK \$19.95

BLACK-EYED SUSANS

HEABERLIN, Julia
Seventeen-year-old Tessa, dubbed a 'Black-Eyed Susan' by the media, became famous for being the only victim to survive the vicious attack of a serial killer. Her testimony helped to put a dangerous criminal behind bars – or so she thought. Now, decades later the Black-Eyed Susans planted outside Tessa's bedroom window seem to be a message from a killer, who should be safely in prison. Haunted by fragmented memories of the night when she was attacked and terrified for her own teenage daughter's safety, can Tessa uncover the truth about the killer, before it's too late?
Suspense PBK \$22.99

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JOSEPHINE TEY: A LIFE

HENDERSON, Jennifer Morag

'This biography of one of the most complex and fascinating twentieth-century Scottish women writers brings her out from the shadows of her several pen names and draws attention not only to her importance as a playwright and novelist, but to the whole milieu that allowed her to live a double life between domestic commitments in Inverness and cosmopolitan literary relationships in the south of England. A truly necessary and fascinating biography.' – *Professor Ian Brown*. '... becomes at a stroke the definitive volume.' – *Barry Forshaw*.

Biography **HC** **\$49.99**

SLOUGH HOUSE: REAL TIGERS

HERRON, Mick

The latest in Herron's Slough House series, following *Slow Horses* and *Real Tigers* (PBK, \$19.99 each).

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

WEBB'S GLASS SHOP MYSTERIES 02:

SHARDS OF MURDER

HOLLON, Cheryl

Mystery **PBK** **\$19.95**

PICKLED AND PRESERVED MYSTERY 03:

SCENE OF THE BRINE

HUGHES, Mary Ellen

Mystery **PBK** **\$19.95**

WITCH'S CAT MYSTERIES 01: A FAMILIAR TAIL

JAMES, Delia

Unlucky-in-love artist Annabelle Britton decides that a visit to the seaside town of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, is the perfect way to get over her problems. But when she stumbles upon a smoky grey cat named Alastair, and follows him into a charming cottage, Annabelle finds herself in a whole spell book full of trouble. Suddenly saddled with a witch's wand and a furry familiar, Annabelle soon meets a friendly group of women, who use their spells, charms, and potions to keep the people of Portsmouth safe. But despite their gifts, the witches can't prevent every wicked deed in town. The first in a new series.

Mystery **PBK** **\$19.95**

CAT IN THE STACKS MYSTERIES 06:

ARSENIC AND OLD BOOKS

JAMES, Miranda

Lucinda Beckwith Long, the mayor of Athena, Mississippi, has donated a set of Civil War-era diaries to the archives of Athena College. She would like librarian Charlie Harris to preserve and substantiate them as a part of the Long family legacy something that could benefit her son, Beck, as he prepares to campaign for the state senate. Beck's biggest rival would like to get a look at the diaries in an attempt to expose the Long family's past sins. Meanwhile, a history professor is also determined to get her hands on the books in a last-ditch bid for tenure. Together with his Maine Coon cat Diesel, Charlie must discover why the diaries were worth killing for, before he too reaches his final chapter. The first in this wonderful cosy series is *Murder Past Due* (\$19.95).

Mystery **PBK** **\$19.95**

BILLIONAIRE

JAMES, Peter

City stockbroker Alex Rocq leads a comfortable life – with a luxury flat in London, a country cottage, a very expensive car, and a lucrative job that still leaves time for leisure. But all this isn't enough. After receiving a tip-off, Alex decides to play the commodities market for himself. He soon learns the hard way that fortune doesn't always favour the brave, and his luck comes to an abrupt end. When he is offered the chance to write off his debts – in exchange for special services and silence – Rocq can't believe his luck. But how far will a desperate man go to harness the power players around him? Reissue of a thriller originally published in 1983.

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

DEATH DESCENDS ON SATURN VILLA

KASASIAN, M R C

London: 1883. 125 Gower Street was once a house of justice, truth and perspicacity. Now, madness, murder and scandal lurk in its empty halls. It is rumoured that its owner, Sidney Grice – London's foremost personal detective – has been driven to the brink of despair. Sidney Grice journeys to Yorkshire, to solve a mysterious death; leaving March Middleton, his ward, to her own devices, in a London swarming with danger and vice. Curiosity, as we know, has a dark edge. So when an intriguing letter leads March to the gates of the palatial Saturn Villa, and into the nightmarish world of her long-lost uncle, it could be the beginning of an end, for all. The third in a humorous series getting raves from customers, the first being *The Mangle Street Murders* (\$17.99).

Historical mystery **PBK** **\$17.99**

THE LONG ROOM

KAY, Francesca

When Stephen Donaldson joins the Institute, he anticipates excitement, romance and new status. Instead, he gets the tape-recorded conversations of ancient communists and ineffectual revolutionaries, until the day he is assigned a new case: the ultra-secret PHOENIX. Is PHOENIX really working for a foreign power? Stephen hardly cares; it is the voice of the target's wife that mesmerises him. This is December 1981. Bombs are exploding, a cold war is being waged, another war is just over the horizon, and the nation is transfixed by weekly instalments of *Brideshead Revisited*. Dangerously in love, and lonely, Stephen sets himself up for a vertiginous fall that will forever change his life.

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

BERNIE GUNTHER: THE LADY FROM ZAGREB

KERR, Philip

In 1942, there are many worse places to be than Zurich, and detective Bernie Gunther has seen his fair share of them. So when a superior asks him to track down a glamorous German actress believed to be hiding in Zurich, he takes the job. Not that he has much choice: the superior is Goebbels himself. Soon Bernie finds himself involved in something much more sinister. The actress, it emerges, is the daughter of a fanatical Croatian fascist, the sadistic commandant of a notorious concentration camp. And the Swiss police have a cold case that they want Bernie to take a look at: one that seems to have connections to some powerful people, back in the Reich.

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

SHOOT THE MESSENGER

KUHN, Shane

Meet John Lago: hitman, film fan, dangerously in love. The object of his affection is Alice, who also happens to be John's nemesis, a fellow killer, and now the wife he never knew he wanted. Together, this thrillseeking, lethal couple aim to take over John's former employers: Human Resources Inc – a group of assassins who get close to their high-profile targets in the guise of office interns.

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

SWEET NOTHING

LANGE, Richard

A collection of tales set on the dark side of Los Angeles.

Noir **PBK** **\$19.99**

HAP COLLINS AND LEONARD PINE:

HONKY TONK SAMURAI

LANSDALE, Joe R

Hap and Leonard are not your typical private eyes. But what they lack in experience they make up with perseverance. Hap, a former 60s activist and self-proclaimed white trash rebel, and Leonard, a tough black, gay Vietnam vet, have finally decided to make their detective work official. Their first client: a mean old woman looking for her missing granddaughter. The girl used to work for a car dealership in town... but it seems like cars weren't the only things on offer. The mystery thickens to include blackmail, revenge, and an inbred family of hillbilly assassins who eliminate any threats to the operation.

Mystery **TP** **29.99**

PARADISE SKY

LANSDALE, Joe R

Meet Nat Love. Born a slave in Texas, he escapes a lynching and finds a mentor who trains him in shooting, riding, reading, writing and gardening. But the enemies of his youth pursue him, and soon he is on the run again... In the course of a tumultuous life, he becomes in turn a Buffalo Soldier, a bouncer, a ratcatcher, a sharpshooter, a dime-novel star, a friend to Wild Bill Hickock and a US Marshal. From Texas to Deadwood, and back down south, he both dodges and courts violence, hoping one day to get his revenge.

Fiction **PBK** **\$19.99**

REBOUND

LESIEWICZ, Aga

Life is good for Anna Wright. She's a successful media executive, working for one of the UK's largest TV corporations. She's got a great boyfriend, some close friends and a lovely home. But Anna's perfect life starts to crumble from the moment when, out jogging on the Heath one day, she meets a handsome stranger. She takes a route into unfamiliar territory, and then she has to face the consequences.

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

WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT MYSTERY 04:

A DEADLY TAIL

LYLE, Dixie

Mystery **PBK** **\$19.95**

BLACK RUN

MANZINI, Antonio

'The dark flanks of the Italian Alps tower over everything. Wind whistles through the fir trees. An expanse of ice and snow with no end in sight. A growing stain. A mess of flesh and blood. A corpse buried six inches under the snow. Enter Rocco Schiavone, Deputy Police Chief and a man who has more beautiful women in his bed than sensible shoes under it. He's stuck in this backwards Alpine town after getting on the wrong side of the wrong people and longs for the *fritto misto*, cobbled streets and lucky breaks of his beloved Rome. He hates this place and the provincial locals almost as much as his superiors for their petty rules and for exiling him here. On top of that, he's got a body to deal with and this mangled corpse is: "a pain in the ass, number 10 on the scale, summa cum laude..." There is blood on the black run and nothing to identify the victim but a tattoo of Luisa Pec, owner of a bar popular with the locals and a pair of blue eyes popular with Rocco. Was it a crime of passion? Or of jealousy? And how are the mafia involved? Rocco Schiavone is on the case, the first in a sensational new crime series.' – *publisher's blurb*.

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

DS AECTOR MCAVOY: DEAD PRETTY

MARK, David

Hannah Kelly has been missing for nine months. Ava Delaney has been dead for five days. One girl to find. One girl to avenge. And DS Aector McAvoy won't let either of them go until justice can be done. But some people have their own ideas of what justice means. The Aector McAvoy series has been getting excellent feedback and reviews. The first is *Dark Winter* (PBK, \$19.99).

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

HOME FRONT DETECTIVE: DANCE OF DEATH

MARSTON, Edward

Historical mystery **HC** **\$39.99**

KATIE MAGUIRE: BURIED

MASTERTON, Graham

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

DEAD SECRET

MCCARTHY, Ava

After the death of her three-year-old daughter, Jodie has nothing left to live for – or almost nothing. She has one task to fulfil, before she takes her own life. And that's to kill the man she holds responsible for her daughter's death – her seemingly perfect husband, Ethan. But Ethan is hiding more than just his true nature. And as more horrifying secrets from his past emerge, Jodie's strength will be pushed to the limit.

Suspense **PBK** **\$19.99**

HETTIE BAGSHOT MYSTERIES 01:

THE NO 2 FELINE DETECTIVE AGENCY

MORTON, Mandy

Hettie Bagshot has bitten off more than any cat could chew. As soon as she launches her No 2 Feline Detective Agency, she's bucketed into a case: Furcross, home for slightly older cats, has a nasty spate of bodysnatching, and three of the residents have been stolen from their graves. Hettie and her sidekick, Tilly, set out to reveal the terrible truth. Is Nurse Mogadon involved in a deadly game? Has the haberdashery department of Malkin & Sprinkle become a mortuary?

And what flavour will Betty Butter's pie of the week be? The second in this new series. *Cat Among the Pumpkins*, is also available this month, in paperback format (\$16.99).

Mystery **PBK** **\$16.99**

THE LIVING AND THE DEAD IN WINSFORD

NESSER, Hakan

A woman arrives in the village of Winsford on Exmoor. She has travelled a long way and chosen her secluded cottage carefully. Her sole intention is to outlive her beloved dog Castor. And to survive the torrent of memories that threaten to overwhelm her. Weeks before, Maria and her husband Martin fled Stockholm under a cloud. The couple were bound for Morocco, where Martin planned to write an explosive novel; one that would reveal the truth behind dark events within his commune of writers, decades before. But the couple never made it to their destination. As Maria settles into her lonely new life, walking the wild, desolate moors, it becomes clear that Winsford isn't quite the sanctuary she thought it would be. While the long, dark evenings close in and the weather worsens, strange things begin to happen around her. But what terrible secrets is Maria guarding?

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

THE SECRET LIFE AND CURIOUS DEATH OF

MISS JEAN MILNE

NICOLL, Andrew

Wealthy spinster Miss Jean Milne is murdered in the quiet seaside town of Broughty Ferry. Yet, despite an abundance of clues and apparent witnesses, the investigation proves troublesome: suspects are elusive and Miss Milne herself is found to be far from a model of propriety. And when sensational headlines put pressure on the police force to find a culprit, Sergeant John Fraser and Detective Lieutenant Trench must work fast to prevent the wrong man from going to the gallows. But will they ever unravel the secret life and curious death of Miss Jean Milne?

Mystery **PBK** **\$18.99**

FAITH FAIRCHILD MYSTERIES 22:

THE BODY IN THE BIRCHES

PAGE, Katherine Hall

Mystery **PBK** **\$19.95**

BAZTÁN TRILOGY: THE INVISIBLE GUARDIAN

REDONDO, Dolores

The naked body of a teenage girl is found on the banks of the River Baztán. Less than 24 hours after this discovery, a link is made to the murder of another girl, the month before. Is this the work of a ritualistic killer or of the Invisible Guardian, the Basajaun – a creature of Basque mythology? 30-year-old Inspector Amaia Salazar heads an investigation which will take her back to Elizondo, the village in the heart of Basque country where she was born, and to which she had hoped never to return.

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

TRAITORS: SHADOWS OF WAR

RIDPATH, Michael

October, 1939: War has been declared, but until the armies massed on either side of the French/German border engage, all is quiet on the Western Front. But just because it's quiet doesn't mean that it's not deadly. There are those who believe the war no one wants to fight should be brought to a swift conclusion, even if it means treachery. A year ago, Conrad de Lancey came within seconds of assassinating Hitler. Now, the British Secret Service want him to go back into Europe and make contact with a group of German officers they believe are plotting a coup. But this is the Shadow War. And the shadows are multiplying. And it's not only disaffected Germans, who are prepared to betray their country to save it.

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

BROTHERHOOD IN DEATH

ROBB, J D

Romantic suspense **TP** **\$29.99**

MAINE CLAMBAKE MYSTERIES 04: FOGGED INN

ROSS, Barbara

Mystery **PBK** **\$19.95**

MEDIAEVAL MYSTERY: TYRANT OF THE MIND

ROYAL, Priscilla

Winter, 1271. The shadow of death falls over Castle Wynethorpe, on the Welsh border. Prioress Eleanor's nephew's life hangs in the balance, and she is summoned home, to tend him with prayers and healing talents. But death will not be denied. The chill that pervades the castle stems not just from the bitter winter besieging it, but also from the murderous tensions that afflict its occupants. Soon after Eleanor arrives, her brother, bloody dagger in hand, is found standing over the corpse of his oldest friend. Unable to believe that her brother is a murderer, Eleanor sets out to prove his innocence, before he meets his fate on the hangman's gibbet. The next book in Royal's Medieval Mystery series, *Sorrow Without End*, is also available in paperback format (\$19.99).

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

THE GHOSTS OF ALTONA

RUSSELL, Craig

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WYNNE, Anthony

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