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HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

POPCORN SHOP MYSTERIES 02:

POP GOES THE MURDER

ABBOTT, Kristi
Mystery PBK \$19.95

BAKESHOP MYSTERIES 05: FUDGE AND JURY

ALEXANDER, Ellie
Mystery PBK \$19.95

LADY EMILY MYSTERIES: A TERRIBLE BEAUTY

ALEXANDER, Tasha
On a quest to distract her lifelong friend Jeremy from his recent heartbreak, Lady Emily organises a holiday in Greece. But the pleasantries are brought to an abrupt halt – when a man, long-believed dead, greets the party at their island villa. Lord Philip Ashton... Emily's first husband, has returned. But can Philip really be who he claims, even if he has the scars and stories to prove it? Where has he been, for all this time?
Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

THE WATCHER

ARMSTRONG, Ross
Lily Gullick lives with her husband Aiden in a new-build flat – opposite an estate which has been marked for demolition. A keen birdwatcher, she can't help spying on her neighbours. Until, one day, Lily sees something suspicious through her binoculars; and, soon, her elderly neighbour Jean is found dead. Lily, intrigued by the social divide in her local area – as it becomes increasingly gentrified – knows that she has to act. But her interference is not going unnoticed, and as she starts to get close to the truth, her own life comes under threat. But can Lily really trust everything she sees?
Thriller TP \$29.99

REN BRYCE: THE DROWNING CHILD

BARCLAY, Alex
Mystery PBK \$19.99

JANE AUSTEN MYSTERIES:

JANE AND THE WATERLOO MAP

BARRON, Stephanie
Historical mystery TP \$33.95

WEDDING PLANNER MYSTERIES 02:

MURDER WEARS WHITE
BLACKMOORE, Stephanie
Mystery PBK \$19.95

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. But the fates have not finished playing with him just yet. The sudden and suspicious death of a very prominent person may just, with the help of Fidelis' sharp forensic skills, bring about Cragg's redemption...
Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

DAISY IN CHAINS

BOLTON, Sharon
Thriller PBK \$19.99

THE EX

BURKE, Alafair
A lawyer agrees to help an old boyfriend, who has been accused of murder – but begins to suspect that she is the one being manipulated.
Thriller PBK \$19.99

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ADELE BEDEAU

BURNET, Graeme Macrae
Manfred Baumann is a loner. He has always lived in the nondescript French town of Saint-Louis. Shy and awkward, a man of habit, he spends his days working in the local bank and his evenings in the drab Restaurant de la Cloche – where he can surreptitiously observe Adèle Bedeau – its sullen, but alluring waitress. Until, one day, Adèle vanishes. Georges Gorski, a detective haunted by his failure to solve one of his first murder cases, is called in to investigate. Manfred is rattled, and the careful routine of his life starts to crumble around him. And that's when he meets Alice Tarrou.
Suspense PBK \$19.99

LEO JUNKER: MASTER, LIAR, TRAITOR, FRIEND

CARLSSON, Christoffer
One hot June Swedish day, Leo Junker's mentor is found dead. Charles Levin has been shot in the head in the small village of Bruket. Obsessed with catching the murderer, Leo teams up with local police officer Tove Waltersson, who is leading the investigation. But while he doesn't recognise her, she knows all about him: one fateful night a year earlier, a shootout ended when Leo accidentally killed her brother. Working together to uncover Levin's killer, Tove and Leo soon find themselves implicated in a plot that stretches back decades.
Mystery TP \$32.99

ETHICAL CHIANG MAI DETECTIVE AGENCY:

MURDER AT THE HOUSE OF

ROOSTER HAPPINESS

CASARETT, David
Ladarat Patalung, for one, would have been happier without a serial murderer in her life. Then again, she never meant to be a detective, in the first place. But while content in her role at the Chaing Mai Hospital in Thailand as the nurse ethicist, Ladarat couldn't resist when police detective Kuhn Wiriya came to her with his dilemma. Two nights ago, a young woman brought her husband to the emergency room, where he passed away. Now, someone remembers her coming in before, with a different husband (who also died). Is there a serial killer on the loose? One who likes to murder her husbands? And what else can one lone nurse ethicist do about it, but investigate? This fascinating mystery, set in Thailand, in the vein of Alexander McCall Smith, is the first in a new series.
Mystery TP \$29.99

THE BOOK OF MIRRORS

CHIROVICI, E O
When big-shot, literary agent Peter Katz receives an unfinished manuscript entitled *The Book of Mirrors*, he is intrigued. The author, Richard Flynn, is writing a memoir about his time at Princeton in the late '80s, documenting his relationship with the famous Professor Joseph Wieder. One night in 1987, Wieder was brutally murdered in his home, and the case was never solved. Peter Katz is hell bent on getting to the bottom of what happened that night, twenty-five years ago, and is convinced the full manuscript will reveal who committed the violent crime. But other people's recollections are dangerous weapons to play with, and this might be one memory that is best kept buried. 'Intelligent and sophisticated – a crime story, told the way Picasso painted pictures. Highly recommended.' – *Lee Child*.
Thriller TP \$32.99

INSPECTOR O: THE GENTLEMAN FROM JAPAN

CHURCH, James
Mystery HC \$34.99

DI ERICA MARTIN: THE TAKEN

CLARK-PLATTS, Alice
In a Durham boarding house at dawn, Pastor Tristan Snow is murdered while he prays. Detective Inspector Erica Martin's investigation encounters a host of suspects, all staying in the boarding house. Violet Snow, his daughter, who seems unsurprised by her father's murder. Sera Snow, his inscrutable wife. Her sister, Antonia, who was closer to the Pastor than anyone yet knows. And Fraser McKenzie, Snow's manager and best friend, who has his own dark secrets to hide. DI Martin soon learns that this is a case, in which nothing is what it seems, and no one is innocent...
Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

WIN, LOSE OR DRAW

CORRIS, Peter
A missing teenager, drugs, yachts, the sex trade and a cold trail that leads from Sydney to Norfolk Island, Byron Bay, and Coolangatta. Can Cliff Hardy find out what's really going on?
Mystery TP \$29.99

MYSTERY IN THE CHANNEL

CROFTS, Freeman Wills
The *Chichester* is making a routine journey across the English Channel on a pleasant afternoon in June, when the steamer's crew notice something strange. A yacht, bobbing about in the water ahead of them, appears to have been abandoned, and there is a dark, red stain on the deck... Two bodies later, with no sign of a gun, there certainly is a mystery in the channel. Inspector French soon discovers a world of high-powered banking, luxury yachts and international double dealing. British and French coastal towns, harbours and, of course, the Channel itself provide an alluring backdrop to this nautical adventure, along with a cast of shady characters. The latest of the British Library Crime Classics.
Classic mystery TP \$27.95

MERCY KILLING

CUTTS, Lisa
The death of a local sex offender places the police officers at East Rise incident room under immense pressure – they must treat this case like any other murder; but they know what Albie Woodville did, and can feel little sympathy. Except, as the investigation progresses, it becomes clear this isn't just a one-off killing – someone is out for revenge...
Thriller PBK \$19.99

YOU SENT ME A LETTER

DAWSON, Lucy
At 2am, on the morning of her fortieth birthday, Sophie wakes to find an intruder in her bedroom. The stranger hands Sophie a letter and issues a threat: open the letter at her party that evening, in front of family and friends, at exactly 8pm, or those she loves will be in grave danger. What can the letter possibly contain? This will be no ordinary party; Sophie is not the only person keeping a secret about the evening ahead. When the clock strikes eight, the course of several people's lives will be altered for ever.
Thriller PBK \$19.99

KILL THE FATHER

DAZIERI, Sandrone
When a woman is beheaded in a park outside Rome and her six-year-old son goes missing, the police unit assigned to the case sees an easy solution: they arrest the woman's husband and await his confession. But the Chief of Rome's Major Crimes unit doubts

things are so simple. Secretly, he lures to the case two of Italy's top analytical minds: Deputy Captain Colomba Caselli, a fierce, warriorlike detective still reeling from having survived a bloody catastrophe, and Dante Torre, a man who spent his childhood trapped inside a concrete silo. Fed through the gloved hand of a masked kidnapper who called himself 'The Father', Dante emerged from his ordeal with crippling claustrophobia but, also, with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and hyper-observant capacities...
Thriller TP \$29.99

DEAD GOOD BOOKS

A collection of dead good, twisty, gripping mysteries/thrillers at a dead good price. Includes: *Cold Cold Ground* (Sean Duffy) by Adrian McKinty; *Echo Park* (Bosch) by Michael Connelly; *The Boy Under the Table* by Nicole Trope; *Restless* by William Boyd; *Try Not to Breathe* by Holly Seddon; *Punishment* (Vik & Stubo) by Anne Holt; *The Girl With a Clock for a Heart* by Peter Swanson; and *Innocent Blood* by P D James.
Mystery/thriller PBK \$12.99 each

LOTTE MEERMAN:

A COLD DEATH IN AMSTERDAM

DE JAGER, Anja
Set in Amsterdam, the novel introduces Lotte Meerman, a Cold Case detective still recovering from the emotional devastation of her previous investigation. A tip off leads Lotte to an unresolved ten-year-old murder case, in which her father was the lead detective. When she discovers irregularities surrounding the original investigation that make him a suspect, she decides to cover for him. She doesn't tell her boss about the family connection and jeopardises her career by hiding evidence. Now she has to find the real murderer before her acts are discovered, otherwise her father will go to jail and she will lose her job, the one thing in life she still takes pride in... The first in a series, now followed by *Cold Case in Amsterdam Central* (TP, \$29.99).
Mystery PBK \$19.99

A KILLER BALL AT HONEYCHURCH HALL

DENNISON, Hannah
Kat Stanford stumbles upon a hidden room, in an abandoned wing at Honeychurch Hall. However, Kat's initial excitement soon ends in horror. There, lying on the cold, stone floor, Kat comes across the body of a young woman dressed in an Egyptian toga and wearing a tawdry fairground trinket around her broken neck. Suspicion falls on some of those who live at the Hall – both upstairs and down – and even those, who are just had been passing through. This series of delightful Honeychurch Hall mysteries begins with *Murder at Honeychurch Hall* (PBK, \$22.99).
Mystery PBK \$19.99

STYX

DHOOGHE, Bavo
A serial killer is on the loose in Ostend, Belgium. Nicknamed, The Stuffer, the mysterious killer fills his victims full of sand and poses them as public art installations – and the once idyllic beach town is in a panic. The fact that Rafael Styx is on the case is no comfort. The corrupt, middle-aged cop has a bum hip, a bad marriage, and ties to the Belgian underworld, but no leads. And if he wants to catch the killer before he's replaced by the young, ambitious, and flamboyant new cop, Detective Delacroix, he'll have to take matters into his own hands. When a chance encounter puts him face to face, with The Stuffer; Rafael's life is cut short – by a gun to the chest. But the afterlife has only just begun: Styx wakes up a zombie. Gradually he realises his unique position. Not only is his body in decay, now that he exists between life and death, he can enter the Ostend of a different time. There he meets the surrealist painter, Paul Delvaux, who gives Styx his first clue about the killer. With a new lead and a fresh start, the dirty cop decides to change his ways, catch The Stuffer, and restore his honour. But with his new decaying body and hunger for human flesh getting in the way, he'll need his old rival, Detective Delacroix to help him out. From the Number 1 Flemish crime writer, 'an atmospheric, noir-tinged tale about a stubborn cop who just won't quit, even if he is dead' – *Kirkus Reviews*.
Thriller PBK \$24.99

APPLE TREE YARD

DOUGHTY, Louise
Yvonne Carmichael has worked hard to achieve the life she always wanted: a highflying career in genetics; a beautiful home; a good relationship with her husband, and their two grown-up children. Then one day she meets a stranger at the Houses of Parliament and, on impulse, begins a passionate affair with him – a decision that will put everything she values at risk. A reissue, to tie in with a new BBC series.
Suspense PBK \$19.99

SEA DETECTIVE: THE WOMAN WHO WALKED INTO THE SEA

DOUGLAS-HOME, Mark
Preceded by *The Sea Detective* (PBK, \$22.99), and followed by *The Malice of the Waves* (TP, \$32.99 each). This series has had some good customer feedback.
Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

CRIMSON SNOW

EDWARDS, Martin (editor)
Crimson Snow brings together a dozen vintage crime stories set in winter. Welcome to a world of Father Christmases behaving oddly, a famous fictional detective in a Yuletide drama, mysterious tracks in the snow, and some very unpleasant carol singers. There's no denying that the supposed season of goodwill is a time of year that

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lends itself to detective fiction. And more than that, claustrophobic house parties, with people cooped up with long-estranged relatives, can provide plenty of motives for murder. Including forgotten stories by major writers such as Margery Allingham, as well as classic tales by less familiar crime novelists, each story in this selection is introduced by the leading expert on classic crime, Martin Edwards. The resulting volume is an entertaining and atmospheric compendium of wintry delights. The latest of the British Library Crime Classics.

Classic mystery TP \$27.95

MISS TREADWAY AND THE FIELD OF STARS

EMMERSON, Miranda
In a tiny, two-bed flat above a Turkish café on Neal Street lives Anna Treadway, a young dresser at the Galaxy Theatre. When the American actress Iolanthe Green disappears after an evening's performance at the Galaxy, the newspapers are wild with speculation about her fate. But as the news grows old and the case grows colder, it seems Anna is the only person left determined to find out the truth. Her search for the missing actress will take her into an England she did not know existed: an England of jazz clubs and prison cells, backstreet doctors and seaside ghost towns, where her carefully calibrated existence will be upended by violence but also, perhaps, by love. For, in order to uncover Iolanthe's secrets, Anna is going to have to face up to a few of her own...

Mystery TP \$29.99

JANE STEELE

FAYE, Lyndsay

Like the heroine of the novel she adores, Jane Steele suffers cruelly – at the hands of her aunt and schoolmaster. And, like Jane Eyre, they call her wicked – but in her case, she fears the accusation is true. When she flees, she leaves behind the corpses of her tormentors. A fugitive navigating London's underbelly, Jane rights wrongs on behalf of the have-nots, whilst avoiding the noose. Until an advertisement catches her eye. Her aunt has died and the new master at Highgate House, Mr Thornfield, seeks a governess. Anxious to know if she is Highgate's true heir, Jane takes the position and is soon caught up in the household's strange spell. When she falls in love with the mysterious Charles Thornfield, she faces a terrible dilemma: can she possess him – body, soul and secrets – and what if he discovers her murderous past?

Historical thriller PBK \$22.99

THE RIVER AT NIGHT

FERENCIK, Erica

Win Allen doesn't want an adventure. After a miserable divorce and the death of her beloved brother, she just wants to spend some time with her three best friends, far away from her soul-crushing job. But athletic, energetic Pia has other plans. Plans for an adrenaline-raising, breathtaking, white-water rafting trip in the Maine wilderness. Five thousand square miles of remote countryside. Just mountains, rivers and fresh air. No phone coverage. No people. No help...

Thriller TP \$24.99

NICK HELLER: GUILTY MINDS

FINDER, Joseph

Thriller PBK \$19.99

VIRAL

FITZGERALD, Helen

When Leah Oliphant-Brotheridge and her adopted sister Su go on holiday together to Magaluf to celebrate their A-levels, only Leah returns home. Her successful, swotty sister remains abroad, humiliated and afraid: there is an online video of her, drunkenly performing a sex act in a nightclub. And everyone has seen it. Ruth Oliphant-Brotheridge, mother of the girls, successful court judge, is furious. How could this have happened? How can she bring justice to these men who took advantage of her dutiful, virginal daughter? What role has Leah played in all this? And can Ruth find Su and bring her back home, when Su doesn't want to be found?

Suspense PBK \$19.99

HANNAH SWENSEN 19: WEDDING CAKE

MURDER

FLUKE, Joanne

Mystery PBK \$19.95

LORIMER & BRIGHTMAN: THE DARKEST

GOODBYE

GRAY, Alex

Thriller PBK \$19.99

CHRONICLES OF MATTHEW BARTHOLOMEW

GREGORY, Susanna

To celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Matthew Bartholomew series, the first three books – *A Plague On Both Your Houses*; *An Unholy Alliance*; and *A Bone of Contention* – are being reissued, with beautiful, new, series-style covers.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99 each

RUTH GALLOWAY MYSTERIES: THE WOMAN IN

BLUE

GRIFFITHS, Elly

Mystery PBK \$19.99

TOM FOX: MOSKVA

GRIMWOOD, Jack

January, 1986. A week after disgraced Intelligence Officer Tom Fox is stationed to Moscow, the British Ambassador's fifteen-year-old daughter goes missing. Fox is ordered to find her, and fast. But the last thing the Soviets want is a foreign agent snooping about on their turf. Not when a killer they can't even admit to, let alone catch, is preparing to kill again... This is Jon Courtenay Grimwood, writing as Jack Grimwood. Recommended.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

BEFORE THE FALL

HAWLEY, Noah

The elite have everything: money, cars, private jets and beautiful families. David Whitehead and Ben Kipling are the top of the elite, both influential men with jobs in the media and finance, both travelling back to New York on a private jet after a vacation with their families, and both with secrets that could ruin their lives.

Invited on a whim by David's wife, Scott Burroughs, a middle-aged painter, finds himself on their plane – he needs to visit New York for a meeting that could spark a revival in his failed career. But sixteen minutes into its journey the plane crashes into the sea, Scott and the Whiteheads' four-year-old son are the only survivors. With a little boy's life in his hands. Scott begins to swim – an epic journey to the coast.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

SEBASTIAN BERGMAN: THE MAN WHO WASN'T THERE

HJORTH, Michael & ROSENFELDT, Hans

Thriller PBK \$19.99

JIMMY SUTTLE: THE ORDER OF THINGS

HURLEY, Graham

Mystery PBK \$22.99

LOVE YOU DEAD

JAMES, Peter

The latest in the Roy Grace series.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

BOB SKINNER: PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS

JARDINE, Quintin

Mystery PBK \$19.99

GOOD ME, BAD ME

LAND, Ali

Annie's mother is a serial killer. The only way she can make it stop is to hand her in to the police. But out of sight is not out of mind. The secrets of her past won't let her sleep, even with a new family and name – Milly. A fresh start. Now, surely, she can be whoever she wants to be. But Milly's mother is a serial killer. And blood is thicker than water... She is, after all, her mother's daughter.

Thriller TP \$32.99

HAP & LEONARD SERIES

LANSDALE, Joe R

Two more of the Hap & Leonard books have been reissued, this month: *Vanilla Ride* and *Devil Red*. Darkly hilarious and wacky, redneck noir – this series begins with *Savage Season* (\$19.99). Recommended!

Thriller PBK \$22.99 each

THE GENESIS FLAW

LARKIN, L A

Human experiments in Zimbabwe, an Australian farmer's death, and a Sydney CEO's suicide: these events are linked in the mind of one woman, Serena Swift. A ballsy advertising director with a guilty conscience, she decides to take on one of the world's most powerful producers of genetically modified food, Gene-Asis. Serena disguises herself – to infiltrate Gene-Asis, in an attempt to expose the company's horrific genetic experiments. But, suddenly, Swift's informants disappear, and she is hunted by a hired killer and framed for murder. Chased from Sydney to New York, she must face the man she fears most, on his own turf. If she fails, nothing can stop a global catastrophe. And nobody can help her – except a dead man. Also newly available, this month, is Larkin's Antarctic thriller: *Thirst* (PBK, \$19.99).

Thriller PBK \$19.99

THE GREAT SWINDLE

LEMAITRE, Pierre

October 1918. The war on the Western Front is all but over, for most soldiers – except the ambitious Lieutenant Henri d'Aulnay Pradelle. Desperate for one last chance of promotion, Pradelle sends two scouts over the top, and secretly shoots them in the back to incite his men to heroic action once more. When Albert Maillard realises how the two soldiers must have died, Pradelle is ready to go to any lengths to silence him. Pushed into a shell hole and buried alive, Albert is left to face a horrific death – or he is, until another soldier, Edouard Péricourt digs him out, in the nick of time, losing half his face to a piece of flying shrapnel for his troubles. So, the fates and fortunes of this unlikely pair are bound together. Back in civilian life, both struggle to adjust to a society whose reverence for its dead cannot quite match its resentment for those who survived.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

PAULA MAGUIRE: A SAVAGE HUNGER

MCGOWAN, Claire

Mystery PBK \$19.99

HAT SHOP MYSTERIES 05: ASSAULT AND BERET

MCKINLAY, Jenn

Mystery PBK \$19.95

EGOROVA & NASH: RED SPARROW

MATTHEWS, Jason

A Russian honey trap agent targets a young CIA operative to uncover a senior-ranking mole at the heart of the Russian Intelligence service. Dominika Egorova, former prima ballerina, is sucked into the heart of Putin's Russia, the country she loved, and spat out as the twists and turns of betrayal and counter-betrayal unravel. American Nate Nash, idealistic and ambitious, handles the double agent, codenamed MARBLE, considered one of CIA's biggest assets. He needs to keep his identity secret for as long as the mole can keep supplying golden information. Will Dominika be able to unmask MARBLE, or will the mission see her faith destroyed in the country she has always passionately defended? The first in a series.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

ENZO MACLEOD INVESTIGATIONS: CAST IRON

MAY, Peter

In 1989, a killer dumped the body of twenty-year-old Lucie Martin into a picturesque lake in the West of France. Fourteen years later, during a summer heatwave, a drought exposed her remains – bleached bones amid the scorched mud and slime. No one was ever convicted of her murder. But now, forensic expert Enzo Macleod is reviewing this stone-cold case – the toughest of those he has been challenged to solve. Yet when Enzo finds a flaw in the original evidence surrounding Lucie's murder, he opens a Pandora's box that not only raises old ghosts but endangers his entire family.

Mystery/thriller TP \$32.99

THE LAST ACT OF HATTIE HOFFMAN

MEJIA, Mindy

Seventeen-year-old Hattie Hoffman is a talented actress, loved by everyone in her Minnesotan hometown. So, when she's found stabbed to death on the opening night of her school play, the tragedy rips through the fabric of the community. Local sheriff Del Goodman, a good friend of Hattie's dad, vows to find her killer, but the investigation yields more secrets than answers; it turns out Hattie played as many parts offstage, as on.

Suspense TP \$32.99

COLLECTED MILLAR:

THE TOM ARAGON NOVELS (OMNIBUS)

MILLAR, Margaret

The California hills are filled with folly as one of Margaret Millar most beloved characters, Tom Aragon – a Mexican-American lawyer, turned private investigator – looks into three very bizarre vanishings. One of her few recurring characters, Tom Aragon, ranks among Millar's best creations. A charming and competent young lawyer, Aragon finds himself navigating one entitled nest of vipers after another, let alone racial prejudice, in three of Millar's most unusual and humorous novels. In *Ask For Me Tomorrow* (1976) Gilda Decker needs a new bag, what with her second husband being suddenly crippled and her ex-husband hiding himself and his money somewhere in the hinterlands of Mexico. Gilda's recently retained lawyer, Tom Aragon, Mexican himself, is the best man for the job. But as Aragon digs deeper into her ex-husband's past the more dangerous his job becomes. Tom Aragon returns in *The Murder of Miranda* (1979), which sees Aragon on his most entertaining case yet, looking into the simultaneous disappearances of Miranda Shaw and Grady Keaton. Shaw, a recently-widowed woman of fifty, was last seen with Keaton, a young lifeguard, half her age, who worked at the prestigious Penguin Beach Club. The clues come one stranger than the next in this often-hilarious novel of folly among the California elite. No dragnet is large or small enough to find Cleo Jasper, the beautiful and missing young woman at the centre of *Mermmaid* (1982), Tom Aragon's third and final outing. Retained by the woman's dotting brother, who will spare no expense to find his sister, Aragon soon realises that he has once again found himself in over his head when Cleo's friend turns up dead, amidst a sea of somewhat dubious suicide notes.

Mystery TP \$35.95

FIND ME

MONROE, J S

Five years ago, Rosa walked to the end of the pier in the dead of night. She looked into the swirling water, and jumped. She was a brilliant young Cambridge student who had just lost her father. Her death was tragic, but not unexpected. Was that what really happened? The coroner says it was. But Rosa's boyfriend Jar can't let go. He sees Rosa everywhere – a face on the train; a figure on the cliff. He is obsessed with proving that she is still alive. And then he gets an email. Find me, Jar. Find me, before they do... Is Rosa really dead? And, if she is, who is playing games with the ones she left behind?

Suspense TP \$29.99

ANOTHER LITTLE CHRISTMAS MURDER

MORGAN, Lorna Nicholl

When Dilys Hughes finds herself snowbound, in the middle of a bleak and lonely stretch of Yorkshire, she has no option but to accept help, from passing motorist Inigo Brown, who is on his way to visit his uncle. Arriving at his uncle's remote country house, Wintry Wold, the couple encounters a less than warm welcome from Inigo's new young aunt, Theresa. Why is she reluctant to let Inigo see his uncle; and is he really as ill, as they are told? As the snowstorm brings more stranded strangers to their door, Dilys starts to realise that all is not as it seems at Wintry Wold. When the morning brings news of the death of Inigo's uncle, Dilys sets out to investigate – was it a natural death, or was it murder? A classic, country house mystery, republished for the first time in nearly seventy years. Perfect for fans of *Murder at the Old Vicarage* and *Partners in Crime*.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

IRISH VILLAGE MYSTERIES 01:

MURDER IN AN IRISH VILLAGE

O'CONNOR, Carlene

In the small village of Kilbane, County Cork, Ireland, Naomi's Bistro has always been a warm and welcoming spot, to visit with neighbours and share a cup o'tea. But murder has a way of killing business... Nowadays, Siobhan O'Sullivan – along with her five siblings – runs the family bistro, named for their mother. It's been a rough year for the O'Sullivans, but it's about to get rougher. One morning, as they're opening the bistro, they discover a man – seated at a table, with a pair of hot-pink, barber scissors protruding, from his chest. With the local *garda* suspecting the O'Sullivans, and their business in danger of being shunned, it's up to feisty, redheaded Siobhan to solve the crime and save her beloved brood.

Mystery PBK \$19.95

LOVE OR MONEY MYSTERIES 03:

THIRD TIME'S A CRIME

ORGAIN, Diana

Mystery PBK \$19.95

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SANDERS, Ben

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