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Until next time, good reading!
Ron and Leanne

SECRET, BOOK & SCONE SOCIETY 02:

THE WHISPERED WORD

ADAMS, Ellery

Nora Pennington, owner of Miracle Books, believes that a well-chosen novel can bring healing and hope. But she and the other members of the Secret, Book, and Scone Society know that sometimes practical help is needed too. Such is the case with the reed-thin girl hiding in the fiction section of Nora's store, wearing a hospital ID and a patchwork of faded bruises. She calls herself Abilene but won't reveal much else. And when a customer is found dead in an assumed suicide, Nora uncovers a connection that points to Abilene as either a suspect – or another target. After a second death hits town, Nora and her intrepid friends must help the new, greenhorn sheriff discern fact from fiction – and stop a killer intent on bringing another victim's story to a close...

A cosy recommendation!

Mystery TP \$25.99

JOHN MADDEN: THE DECENT INN OF DEATH

AIRTH, Rennie

Rennie Airth's John Madden series – a modern take on the Golden Age, English murder mystery – is highly recommended. If you haven't tried them, start with *River of Darkness* (TP, \$33.95).

Mystery TP \$33.95

BIG SKY

ATKINSON, Kate

Jackson Brodie has relocated to a quiet seaside village, in the occasional company of his recalcitrant teenage son and an ageing Labrador, both at the discretion of his ex-partner Julia. It's picturesque, but there's something darker lurking behind the scenes. Jackson's current job, gathering proof of an unfaithful husband for his suspicious wife, is fairly standard issue; but a chance encounter with a desperate man, on a crumbling cliff, leads him into a sinister network – and back across the path of someone from his past. Old secrets and new lies intersect... Kate Atkinson is an astounding writer and always entertaining; Jackson Brodie makes his first appearance in *Case Histories* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery PBK \$19.99

THORKILD ASKE: I WILL MISS YOU TOMORROW

BAKKEID, Heine

Fresh out of prison and a stint in a psychiatric hospital, disgraced ex-policeman Thorkild Aske only wants to lose himself in drugged dreams of his beloved Frei. Wild, unknowable Frei. The woman he loved. The woman he has lost forever. Yet, when Frei's young cousin goes missing off the Norwegian coast and Thorkild is called in by the family to help find him, dead or alive, Thorkild cannot refuse. He owes them this. Tormented by his past, Thorkild soon finds himself deep in treacherous waters. He's lost his reputation – will he now lose his life? The first in a new Norwegian crime series featuring disgraced ex-Chief Inspector Thorkild Aske, a damaged man with a complicated past.

Mystery TP \$29.99

VICTORIA SQUARE MYSTERIES 02: MURDER INK

BARTLETT, Lorraine & LEESON, Gayle

Mystery PBK \$18.99

TOM THORNE: THEIR LITTLE SECRET

BILLINGHAM, Mark

Mystery PBK \$22.99

MY SISTER, THE SERIAL KILLER

BRAITHWAITE, Oyinkan

A short, darkly-funny, hand grenade of a novel about a Nigerian woman whose younger sister has a very inconvenient habit of killing her boyfriends... 'Femi makes three, you know. Three, and they label you a serial killer.' Korede is bitter. How could she not be? Her sister, Ayoola, is many things: the favourite child, the beautiful one, possibly sociopathic. And, now, Ayoola's third boyfriend in a row is dead. Korede's practicality is the sisters' saving grace. She knows the best solutions for cleaning blood, the trunk of her car is big enough for a body; and she keeps Ayoola from posting pictures of her dinner to Instagram when she should be mourning her 'missing' boyfriend. Not that she gets any credit. Korede has long been in love with a kind, handsome doctor at the hospital where she works. She dreams of the day when he will realise that she's exactly what he needs. But when he asks Korede for Ayoola's phone number, she must reckon with what her sister has become... and how far she's willing to go to protect her. 'Sharp as nails and full of deadpan wit, Oyinkan Braithwaite's deliciously deadly debut is as fun as it is frightening' – *publisher's blurb*. Ron loves this – Recommended! Now in paperback.

Noir PBK \$19.99

FETHERING MYSTERIES:

THE KILLER IN THE CHOIR

BRETT, Simon

Mystery TP \$29.95

JACK TAYLOR: GALWAY GIRL

BRUEN, Ken

Mystery TP \$32.99

KATE MARSHALL: NINE ELMS

BRYNDZA, Robert

A detective who would stop at nothing... Kate Marshall was a rising star in the London Metropolitan police force. Young, ambitious and with a keen sense of justice, she solved several high-profile murder cases. *Until a killer stopped her in her tracks...* But when Kate was tasked with tracking down a vicious serial killer, even her sharp instincts couldn't help her find him – until he found her. *Now, he's back for more...* Sixteen years after her narrow escape, Kate lives a quiet life on the English coast, though her years with the police are still with her. And when one day she receives a letter from someone in her past, she is pulled back into the twisted mind of a murderer she knows only too well – and into a case only she can solve.

Thriller TP \$29.99

THE BETTER SISTER

BURKE, Alafair

For a while, it seemed like both Taylor sisters had found happiness. Chloe landed a coveted publishing job in New York City. Nicky got married to a promising young attorney named Adam McIntosh, and became a mother to a baby boy named Ethan. But now, fourteen years later, it is Chloe who is married to Adam. When he is murdered at the couple's beach house, she has no choice but to welcome her estranged sister – her teenage stepson's biological mother – back into her life. When the police begin to treat Ethan as a suspect, the sisters are forced to confront the truth behind family secrets they both tried to leave behind, in order to protect the boy they love... whatever the cost.

Suspense PBK \$19.99

THE PALE HORSE (TV TIE-IN EDITION)

CHRISTIE, Agatha

Christie PBK \$19.99

SECOND SIGHT

CLIFFORD, Aoife

Eliza Carmody returns home to the country to work on the biggest legal case of her career. The only problem is this time she's on the 'wrong side' – defending a large corporation against a bushfire class action by her hometown of Kinsale. On her first day back, Eliza witnesses an old friend, Luke Tyrell, commit an act of lethal violence. As the police investigate that crime, and hunt for Luke, they uncover bones at The Castle, a historic homestead in the district. Eliza is convinced that they belong to someone from her past. As Eliza becomes more and more entangled in the investigation, she is pulled back into her memories of youthful friendships and begins to question everyone she knows... and everything she once thought was true. 'A shrewdly-paced account of a young litigation lawyer's investigations into a suspicious fire, and her own troubled history.' – *Garry Disher*.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

GABRIEL TAVERNER: A RUSTLE OF SILK

CLARE, Alys

Devon, 1607. Gabriel Taverner, former ship's surgeon turned country physician, is called to examine a rotting body found impaled on a blade. Identifying the corpse seems a hopeless task and the death is declared a suicide. But Gabriel is not satisfied, and re-examines the body – making the first of a series of shocking discoveries that will lead him deep into the dark underbelly of the lucrative silk trade. As he investigates, Gabriel realises that not only was the death a murder – but even worse, he had a personal connection with the corpse. Introducing Dr Gabriel Taverner in the first of a gripping series of British mysteries, set in early 17th century Devon – in UK B format paperback for the first time.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

TOM WILDE: NEMESIS

CLEMENTS, Rory

A sequel to the hugely-recommended, award-winning *Corpus* and *Nucleus* (PBK, \$19.99 each).

Historical suspense PBK \$19.99

THE BOOK CLUB

COOPER, C J

The book club was her idea, of course. Alice's. It was her way into our group. A chance to get close. I knew from the day she arrived that she couldn't be trusted. And I was right. Because Alice didn't come to the village for peace and quiet. She came for revenge.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

SAM BERGER: HUNTED

DAHL, Arne

It starts when Desirée Rosenqvist of Stockholm Police receives a letter. Two things are immediately clear: the letter she holds in her hands contains details of one of her old murder cases, which only the murderer could know. Desirée contacts private investigator Sam Berger – who sets off to the remote north of Sweden with his colleague Molly Blom, to find the author of the letter and to stop them in their tracks... The follow-up to *Watching You* (PBK, \$19.99).

Suspense PBK \$19.99

COZY CAPERS BOOK GROUP MYSTERIES 01:

MURDER ON CAPE COD

DAY, Maddie

Summer is busy season for Mackenzie 'Mac' Almeida's bicycle shop, nestled in the quaint, seaside hamlet of Westham, Massachusetts. She's expecting an influx of tourists at Mac's Bikes; instead, she discovers the body of Jake Lacey. Mac can't imagine anyone stabbing the down-on-his-luck handyman. However, the authorities seem to think Mac is a strong suspect after she was spotted arguing with Jake just hours before his death. Mac knows she didn't do it, but she does recognise the weapon – her brother, Derrick's fishing knife. Mac's only experience with murder investigations is limited to the cosy mysteries she reads with her local book group, the Cosy Capers. So to clear her name – and maybe her brother's too – Mac will have to summon help from her Cosy Capers co-investigators and a library's worth of detectives' tips and tricks. For a small town, Westham is teeming with possible killers, and this is one mystery where Mac is hoping for anything but a surprise ending... The first in a new series.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

TUVA MOODYSON: RED SNOW

DEAN, Will

Who's really pulling the strings in the small Swedish town of Gavrik? Black Grimberg liquorice coins cover a murdered man's eyes. The hashtag #Ferryman starts to trend, as local people stock up on ammunition. Tuva Moodyson, deaf reporter at the local paper, has a fortnight to investigate the deaths, before she starts her new job in the south. A blizzard moves in. Tuva must go deep inside the Grimberg factory, to stop the killer – before she leaves town for good... The sequel to the highly-acclaimed *Dark Pines* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

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DELARGY, James

Wilbrook in Western Australia is a sleepy, remote town that sits on the edge of miles and miles of unexplored wilderness. It is home to Police Sergeant Chandler Jenkins, who is proud to run the town's small police station – a place used to dealing with domestic disputes and noise complaints. All that changes on a scorching day, when an injured man stumbles into Chandler's station. He's covered in dried blood. His name is Gabriel. He tells Chandler what he remembers. He was drugged and driven to a cabin in the mountains and tied up in iron chains. The man who took him was called Heath. Heath told Gabriel he was going to be number 55. His 55th victim. Heath is a serial killer. As a manhunt is launched, a man who says he is Heath walks into the same station. He tells Chandler he was taken, by a man named Gabriel. Gabriel told Heath he was going to be victim 55. Gabriel is the serial killer. Two suspects. Two identical stories. *Which one is the truth?* A debut thriller set in remote Western Australia, now in paperback.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

MEDLAR MYSTERIES: A JUSTIFIED MURDER

DEVERAUX, Jude

Despite their lack of investigative experience, Sara Medlar; her niece, Kate; and Jack Wyatt found themselves at the centre of a recent mystery, working together to reveal the truth behind a decades-old secret in their sleepy town. After a narrow escape, they vowed to never again involve themselves in something so dangerous – until Janet Beeson is murdered. When Janet's body is discovered, everyone is shocked by the violence of the attack. The sweet little old woman has been shot, stabbed, and poisoned – but no one can imagine who would want to harm one of the town's kindest, most helpful residents... A follow-up to *A Willing Murder* (PBK, \$22.95).

Mystery PBK \$22.95

SEA DETECTIVE: THE DRIFTWOOD GIRLS

DOUGLAS-HOME, Mark

This series, which has had some wonderful customer feedback, begins with *The Sea Detective* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

VESPASIAN: EMPEROR OF ROME

FABBRI, Robert

The final, thrilling instalment in the epic Vespasian series.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

CHARLES LENOX MYSTERIES:

THE VANISHING MAN

FINCH, Charles

Another prequel to the delightful historical mystery series. Charles Lenox's investigatory career begins in *A Beautiful Blue Death* (PBK, \$24.95). Recommended!

Historical mystery TP \$37.95

CRIMSON LAKE: GONE BY MIDNIGHT

FOX, Candice

Thriller PBK \$19.99

SARAH W GARAGE SALE MYSTERIES 08:

SELL LOW, SWEET HARRIET

HARRIS, Sherry

Mystery PBK \$18.99

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PBK = 'A' & 'B' format (standard size) paperback

TP = 'B+' & 'C' format (oversize) paperback

HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

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REVEREND MOTHER: A SHAMEFUL MURDER HARRISON, Cora

Ireland, 1923. The country has been torn apart by the War of Independence and is now in the throes of sectarian violence and severe flooding. But Mother Aquinas knows that not all floods cleanse the deeds of humanity... When a body washes up at her convent chapel, dressed in evening finery, she immediately suspects foul play. The overstretched police force may be ready to dismiss the case as accidental drowning, but strangulation marks on the girl's throat tell a grimmer story. Mother Aquinas wants justice for the girl – and won't let a murderer slip away unpunished under the cover of war. Introducing a new, Irish historical mystery series set in war-torn 1920s Cork, featuring the savvy, amateur sleuth Mother Aquinas – in UK B format paperback for the first time.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

DI FAWLEY: ALL THE RAGE

HUNTER, Cara

Mystery PBK \$19.99

EIGHT LIVES

HURLEY, Susan

Thriller PBK \$16.99

BLOODY MARY MYSTERIES:

REBELLION'S MESSAGE

JECKS, Michael

London, 1554. Light-fingered Jack Blackjack wakes in a tavern's yard with a sore head, his knife smeared with blood, and a dead stranger lying beside him. Jack may have robbed the man but he's certain that he didn't kill him. Unfortunately, the man's purse contains something much more valuable than money; and, as the prime suspect for the murder, everyone is on Jack's tail. He needs to get out of the city, and fast, but a rebel army is marching on London: the bridge is blocked and every gate manned. Trapped in the city, Jack must avoid being caught, long enough to find the real murderer. Introducing Tudor cutpurse and adventurer Jack Blackjack in the first of a historical mystery series, set in 1550s' London – in UK B format paperback for the first time.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

POPPY MCALLISTER MYSTERIES 04:

THEATER NIGHTS ARE MURDER

KLEIN, Libby

Mystery PBK \$18.99

DANUBE BLUES: KOSSUTH SQUARE

LEBOR, Adam

When Detective Balthazar Kovacs is called out before dawn, to a brothel owned by his brother, he knows it can only be bad news. A customer has died in the brothel's VIP room. Worse still, he's an Arab financier, a guest of government, connected to a massive investment programme that could transform Hungary. It looks like a heart attack – but why has the brothel's CCTV footage been erased? Kovacs knows only too well the treacherous undercurrents that permeate life in Hungary's capital – the deadly intersection between the criminal underworld, the corridors of power and the ghosts of history. He knows that his investigation is more than likely to lead back to the seat of power, the *Orszaghaz*, in Kossuth Square... but he does not expect to be swept into his own family's dark past, too. A sequel to *District VIII* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

HAUNTED LIBRARY HORROR CLASSICS:

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

LEROUX, Gaston

Classic mystery (reissue) TP \$29.99

FELL MURDER: A LANCASHIRE MYSTERY

LORAC, E C R

The Garths had farmed their fertile acres for generations, and fine land it was with the towering hills of the Lake Country on the far horizon. Here, hot-tempered Robert Garth, still hale and hearty at eighty-two, ruled Garthmere Hall with a rod of iron. Until, that is, old Garth was found dead – 'dead as mutton' – in the trampled mud of the ancient outhouse. Glowering clouds gather over the dramatic dales and fells as seasoned investigator Chief Inspector Macdonald arrives in the north country. Awaiting him are the reticent Garths and their guarded neighbours of the Lune Valley; and a battle of wits to unearth their murderous secrets. First published in 1944, *Fell Murder* is a tightly-paced mystery with authentic depictions of its breathtaking locales and Second World War setting. This edition also includes the rare E C R Lorac short story, 'The Live Wire'.

British Library Crime Classics TP \$29.95

FRANCIS MEADOWES: THE FESTIVAL MURDERS

MCCRUM, Mark

Bryce Peabody is ready to give a scandalous talk at the annual literary festival in the pretty English town of Mold-on-Wold. Scathing in his reviews and unseemly in his affairs, Bryce is known to have many enemies. So, when he is discovered dead in his hotel room, festival-goers are desperate to know what happened. Could one of the numerous writers, he insulted, have taken revenge? Or, perhaps, one of his scorned lovers? As more festival-goers meet their ends, Francis Meadows is drawn into a role he knows only from his own fiction; that of amateur detective. The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

A LINE OF FORGOTTEN BLOOD

MACKAY, Malcolm

Scotland has been a proudly independent country for centuries. But success has now turned sour. The Scottish city of Challaidd is a corruption-riddled place where people, frequently, go off the radar. So, when PC Vinny Reno discovers his ex-wife, Freya, has disappeared, he turns to private detectives Darian Ross and Sholto Douglas. Their search will lead them to a collision between Freya and a wealthy banking family. But it also leads to more questions.

What does Freya's disappearance have to do with a year-old murder case? What is the involvement of a young man who never leaves his house? As they dig deeper into the past, Darian and Sholto realise they must stand against the most powerful people in the city, if they are to unearth the truth...

Noir PBK \$19.99

PERVEEN MISTRY:

A MURDER AT MALABAR HILL

MASSEY, Sujata

1920s' Bombay: Perveen Mistry, the daughter of a respected Zoroastrian family, has just joined her father's law firm, becoming one of the first female lawyers in India. Armed with a legal education from Oxford, Perveen also has a tragic personal history that makes women's legal rights especially important to her. Mistry Law has been appointed to execute the will of Mr Omar Farid, a wealthy Muslim mill owner who has left three widows behind. But, as Perveen examines the paperwork, she notices something strange: all three of the wives have signed over their full inheritance to a charity. What will they live on? Perveen is suspicious, especially since one of the widows has signed her form with an X – meaning she probably couldn't even read the document. The Farid widows live in full purdah – in strict seclusion, never leaving the women's quarters, or speaking to any men. Are they taken advantage of by an unscrupulous guardian? Perveen tries to investigate, and realises her instincts were correct when tensions escalate to murder.

Now, it is her responsibility to figure out what really happened on Malabar Hill, and to ensure that no innocent women or children are in further danger. The first in a new series (originally published in 2018, as *The Widows of Malabar Hill* – Massey has changed publishers, and the book has been retitled). If you didn't get this, the first time 'round, we recommend it!

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

A SILENT DEATH

MAY, Peter

Spain, 2020. When ex-pat fugitive Jack Cleland watches his girlfriend die – gunned down in a pursuit involving officer, Cristina Sanchez Pradell; he promises to exact his revenge by destroying the policewoman. Cristina's aunt Ana has been deaf and blind for the entirety of her adult life: the victim of a rare condition named Usher Syndrome. Ana is the centre of Cristina's world – and of Cleland's cruel plan. John Mackenzie – an ingenious yet irascible Glaswegian investigator – is seconded to aid the Spanish authorities in their manhunt. He alone can silence Cleland, before the fugitive has the last, bloody, word.

Thriller TP \$32.99

FIRST CUT

MELINEK, Judy & MITCHELL, T J

For San Francisco's newest medical examiner, Dr Jessie Teska, it was supposed to be a fresh start. A new job in a new city. A way to escape her own dark past. Instead, she faces a chilling discovery when a suspected overdose case contains hints of something more sinister. Jessie's superiors urge her to close the case, but as more bodies land on her autopsy table, she uncovers a constellation of deaths that point to an elaborate plot involving nefarious opioid traffickers and flashy tech titans who got rich off Bitcoin. Autopsy means 'see for yourself', and Jessie Teska won't stop until she has seen it all – even if it means the next corpse on the table could be her own.

Thriller TP \$29.99

THE SILENT PATIENT

MICHAELIDES, Alex

Alicia Berenson writes a diary as a release, an outlet – and to prove to her beloved husband that everything is fine. She can't bear the thought of worrying Gabriel, or causing him pain. Until, late one evening, Alicia shoots Gabriel five times; and then never speaks another word. Forensic psychotherapist Theo Faber is convinced he can successfully treat Alicia, where all others have failed... This debut thriller, now in paperback, has had raves.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

LONG BRIGHT RIVER

MOORE, Liz

Kensington Ave, Philadelphia: the first place you go for drugs, or sex... the last place you want to look for your sister. Mickey Fitzpatrick has been patrolling the 24th District for years. She knows most of the working women by name. She knows what desperation looks like and what people will do when they need a fix. She's become used to finding overdose victims: their numbers are growing every year. But every time she sees someone sprawled out, slumped over, cold to the touch, she has to pray it's not her sister, Kacey. When the bodies of murdered sex workers start turning up on the Avenue, the Chief of Police is keen to bury the news. They're not the kind of victims that generate a whole lot of press anyway. But Mickey is obsessed, dangerously so, with finding the perpetrator – before Kacey becomes the next victim.

Thriller TP \$32.99

DUBLIN DRIVER MYSTERIES 01: DEAD IN DUBLIN

MURPHY, Catie

Ferrying tourists around Dublin for the Leprechaun Limo Service makes quite a change after years in the military. Still, Megan Malone is enjoying her life in Ireland. She likes the scenery, the easy pace, the quirky, quick-witted locals. Everything – except having one of her clients drop dead at the statue of fabled fishmonger, Molly Malone. Most restaurant critics notch up their share of enemies. Elizabeth Darr, however, was a well-loved international star. She and her husband, Simon, had just had dinner when Elizabeth collapsed, and spoiled seafood is the first suspect. The restaurant's owner, worried her business is doomed, begs Megan to look into it. Between her irate boss and a handsome *Garda* who's both amused and annoyed by her persistence, Megan has her hands full even before she's cajoled into taking care of two adorable Jack Russell

puppies (which she is almost definitely not keeping). But if cockles and mussels aren't to blame, can Megan find the real culprit... before another fishy death occurs? The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

APRON SHOP MYSTERIES 01:

HEMS AND HOMICIDE

PENNEY, Elizabeth

Iris Buckley is *sew* ready for a change. After the death of her beloved grandfather, Iris decides to stay in her Maine hometown to help out her widowed grandmother, Anne – and bring her online, handmade apron designs to real-time retail life. Her and Anne's shop, Ruffles & Bows, is set to include all the latest and vintage linen fashions, a studio for sewing groups and classes, and a friendly orange cat. The only thing that they were not planning to have on the property? A skeleton in the basement... Anne recognises the remains of an old friend; and, when a second body shows up in the apron shop – this time, their corrupt landlord, whom Anne had been feuding with for decades – she becomes a prime suspect. Now, it's up to Iris to help clear her name. Enlisting the help of her old high-school crush Ian Stewart – who, like certain fabrics, has only gotten better-looking with age – and her plucky BFF, Madison Morris, Iris must piece together an investigation to find out who the real killer is... and find a way to keep her brand-new business from being scrapped, in the process. The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

SCHLEGEL & MORGEN: MISTER WOLF

PETTIT, Chris

Follows *The Butchers of Berlin* and *Pale Horse Riding*

(PBK, \$19.99 each).

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

NECESSARY PEOPLE

PITONIAK, Anna

Stella and Violet are best friends, and from the moment they met in college, they knew their roles. Beautiful, privileged, and reckless Stella lives in the spotlight. Hardworking, laser-focused Violet stays behind the scenes, always ready to clean up the mess that Stella inevitably leaves in her wake. After graduation, Violet moves to New York and lands a job in cable news, where she works her way up from intern to assistant to producer, and to a life where she's finally free from Stella's shadow. In this fast-paced world, Violet thrives, and her ambitions grow – but everything is jeopardised when Stella, envious of Violet's new life, uses her connections, beauty, and charisma to get hired at the same network. Stella soon moves in front of the camera, becoming the public face of the stories that Violet has worked tirelessly to produce – and taking all the credit. Stella might be the one with the rich family and the right friends, but Violet isn't giving up so easily. As she and Stella strive for success, each reveals just how far she'll go to get what she wants – even if it means destroying the other person, along the way.

Thriller TP \$32.99

IN THE CLEARING

POMARE, J P

Amy has only ever known life in the Clearing. She knows what's expected of her. She knows what to do to please her elders, and how to make sure the community remains happy and calm. That is, until a new young girl joins the group. She isn't fitting in; she doesn't want to stay. What happens next will turn life, as Amy knows it, on its head. Freya has gone to great lengths to feel like a 'normal person'. In fact, if you saw her go about her day with her young son, you'd think she was an everyday mum. That is, until a young girl goes missing and someone from her past, someone she hasn't seen for a very long time, arrives in town. As secrets of the past bubble up to the surface, this small town's dark underbelly will be exposed and lives will be destroyed. Set in rural Australia, this is the new novel from the author of *Call Me Evie* (PBK, \$19.99).

Thriller TP \$32.99

BRITISH ICE (GRAPHIC NOVEL)

POMERY, Owen D

In this gripping Arctic-noir mystery, a whistleblowing diplomat grapples with the legacy of colonialism, far from the eyes of the world. Working for the British High Commission, Harrison Fleet is posted to a remote arctic island – which is still, inexplicably, under British rule. As he struggles to understand why, and what interests he is protecting, Harrison learns just how much of the land and its community lies in the shadow cast by the outpost's founder. Caught between hostile locals, the British Government, and an unforgiving physical environment, he begins dragging dark secrets into the light, unaware of the tragic repercussions they will cause. And help is very, very far away. Part noir, part historical mystery, *British Ice* explores the consequences of colonialism and the legacy of empire.

Historical noir PBK \$24.99

DI BEN KITTO: BURNT ISLAND

RHODES, Kate

Thriller TP \$29.99

MAINE CLAMBAKE MYSTERIES 08: SEALED OFF

ROSS, Barbara

Mystery PBK \$18.99

LUCAS DAVENPORT: NEON PREY

SANDFORD, John

Thriller PBK \$19.99

COUNTY GUIDES TO MURDER:

THE SUSSEX MURDER

SANSOM, Ian

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

PIRATA

SCARROW, Simon & ANDREWS, T J

It is AD 25. Pirate ships strike terror in the hearts of those who brave the seas of the Roman Empire. When young Telemachus

gets the chance to join the crew of the merchant ship *Selene*, he's delighted to escape the rough streets of Piraeus. He knows little of the dangers of life, at sea. And even past hardship has not prepared him for the terror on board, when a pirate ship appears...

Historical thriller PBK \$22.99

ARKADY RENKO: GORKY PARK

SMITH, Martin Cruz

Thriller (reissue) PBK \$14.99

KATE SHUGAK INVESTIGATIONS: NO FIXED LINE

STABENOW, Dana

Mystery TP \$32.99

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