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PBK = "A" format (standard size) paperback

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

STAY AT HOME DEAD

ALLEN, Jeffrey

What is a dead body doing in stay-at-home dad Deuce Winters's minivan? And why does the whole town think he's guilty of killing his old football nemesis in the first place? Deuce finds allies in strange places in his Dallas suburb of Rose Petal, including a feisty little person, Victor Doolittle, a crackerjack PI. "Deuce Winters is a winning new protagonist." - Library Journal

CURSE THE NAMES

ARELLANO, Robert

"In this unsettling mix of noir and paranormal obsession from Edgar-finalist Arellano, James Oberhelm, who writes banal feelgood pieces for the official publication of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, and whose 10-year marriage has long since slipped into autopilot, accepts the invitation of an attractive young tech at the local blood bank to party with her and her goth friends at a abandoned house in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The girls never show, but soon after Oberhelm visits the strange old adobe house, he begins to have nightmares of an impending radioactive disaster... Arellano displays a sly, Hitchcockian touch." – Publisher's Weekly

RUNNING ON EMPTY

BALZO, Sandra

Mystery

COLD COMFORT

BATES, Quentin Officer Gunnhildur, recently promoted from her post in rural Iceland to Reykjavik's Serious Crime Unit, is tasked with hunting down escaped convict Long Ommi, who has embarked on a spree of violent score-settling in and around the city. Meanwhile, she's also investigating the murder of a fitness guru in her own citycentre apartment. Set in an Iceland plagued by an ongoing financial crisis, Gunna has to take stock of the whirlwind changes that have swept through the country. Gunnhildur first appears in Frozen Out (\$19.99), which Publisher's Weekly noted as a

"crackling fiction debut ...[with] palpable authenticity."

KILLER CRULLERS BECK, Jessica

Donut shop owner Suzanne Hart is privy to the deliciously personal, downright eccentric tastes of her customers. One man is crazy for crullers. But when he doesn't pick up his order, a tall dark stranger buys the whole box - which he tosses at her friend Gabby's storefront next door.

Mystery

BONE AND CANE BELBIN, David

Nottingham, 1997. Sarah Bone is a Labour politician with a hidden radical past, about to face the election battle of her life. She also has a radical ex-boyriend Nick Cane, just released from prison for growing and selling cannabis. They're brought together again when Sarah campaigns successfully for the release of Ed Clarke, a wrongfully imprisoned 'murderer', only to be sexually assaulted on the night she celebrates his release with him. Nick's life is strangely bound up with Ed Clarke's: inmates in the same prison and now working illegally for the same taxi firm. Will the old chemistry spark as Nick and Sarah work together to expose Ed Clarke's guilt?

IT TAKES A WITCH BLAKE, Heather

"Blake successfully blends crime, magic, romance, and selfdiscovery in her lively debut, set in the Enchanted Village, a picturesque Salem, Mass., neighbourhood that's secretly the home to Wishcrafters, witches with the power to grant wishes (with certain restrictions). A sudden rise in crime in particular. the murder of Alexandra Shively, a publicity seeker who claimed to be a Craft high priestess, has the community worried about the impact on the tourist trade. Suspicion falls on Sylar Dewitt, who was caught kneeling over Alexandra's strangled body. When Sylar's girlfriend asks her Wishcrafter niece, Darcy Merriweather, to investigate, Darcy soon realizes that Alexandra

had more than one enemy in the village and Sylar may not be as innocent as her aunt believes. Fans of paranormal cozies will look forward to the sequel." – Publisher's Weekly

Mystery

COLD WIND

BOX, C.J.

When Earl Alden is found dead, his wife Missy is arrested. Unfortunately for Joe Pickett, Missy is his much-disliked motherin- law. All signs point to her being guilty as sin. But then things happen to make Joe wonder if everything is as it seems. TP

AN APPETITE FOR MURDER

BURDETTE, Lucy

Havley Snow's life always revolved around food. But when she applies to be a food critic for a Key West style magazine, she discovers that her new boss will be Kristen Faulkner - the woman Hayley caught in bed with her boyfriend. Hayley thinks things are as bad as they can get, until the police pull her in as a suspect in Kristen's murder. Kristen was killed by a poisoned key lime pie. The first in a new series.

A QUESTION OF DESPAIR

When a baby is snatched from outside a Birmingham newsagent's, 'Ice Queen' DI Sarah Quinn and feisty TV reporter Caroline King clash head-on in the desperate search to find her. Quinn's cool investigative methods contrast with those of the fiery King, who'll stop at nothing in pursuit of a good story. But as the investigation stonewalls, it soon becomes clear that the two enemies will have to work together if the police are to have any chance of success

LIVE WIRE

Former tennis star Suzze T and her rock star husband, Lex, are both clients of Myron Bolitar's, and now Lex has disappeared and a very pregnant Suzze is in tears. Myron is forced to confront deep secrets in Suzze's past, as well as his own. Deal Breaker (\$19.99) kicks off this great series.

LONDON CALLING

CRAIG, James

When Inspector John Carlyle finds a body in a luxury London hotel room he begins a journey through the murky world of the British ruling classes which leads all the way to the top. In the middle of a General Election, a murderer is stalking the man poised to be the next Prime Minister. The first in a new series

PBK Mystery

TAKEN CRAIS, Robert

When the police tell a wealthy industrialist that her missing son has faked his own kidnapping, she hires Elvis Cole and Joe Pike and Cole soon determines that it was no fake. The boy and his

secret girlfriend have been taken, and are now lost in the world of professional border kidnappers Mystery/thriller

THE FLOATING ADMIRAL

CHRISTIE, Agatha et al.

Christie, Sayers, G.K. Chesterton and nine other writers from the legendary Detection Club collaborate in this fiendishly clever but forgotten crime novel first published 80 years ago

THE IONIA SANCTION

CORBY, Gary

Athens, 460 B.C. Life's tough for Nicolaos, the only investigating agent in ancient Athens. His girlfriend's left him and his boss wants to fire him. But when an Athenian official is murdered, the brilliant statesman Pericles has no choice but to put Nico on the job. The case takes Nico, in the company of a beautiful slave girl, to the land of Ionia within the Persian Empire. Nico previously appears in The Pericles Commission (\$19.95).

Historical mystery

PORT MORTUARY CORNWELL, Patricia

PBK Scarpetta

COMEBACK

CORRIS. Peter

Cliff Hardy has his PI licence back - but does he still have what it takes to cut it on the mean streets of Sydney?

SLASH AND BURN

COTTERILL, Colin

Latest marvellous Dr Siri mystery, set in Laos. Recommended!

WILD, WILD DEATH

DANIELS, Casey

Her job has been cut, she's low on cash, and her detective sometime- boyfriend refuses to even talk about her ability to see the dead and solve their murders. So Pepper is most certainly down for a vacation to get her spirits up. But when her cute scientist friend Dan is kidnapped, Pepper soon stumbles upon another deadly mystery that brings her to New Mexico.

PBK

DIE JOB

DARE, Lila

After an attempted murder at a supposedly haunted plantation, the ladies of Violetta's beauty salon unravel secrets that link a centuries-old crime, to the roots to a very dark mystery

THE DAMAGE DONE DAVID. Hilary

Lily Moore fled to Spain to get away from her troubled, drugaddicted younger sister, Claudia. But when Claudia is found dead. Lily must return to New York. The situation shifts from tragic to baffling when the body at the morgue turns out to be a

Mystery

YOURS, MINE & OURS

DAVIDSON, MaryJanice Romantic suspense \$42.95

THE CUCKOO'S CHILD ECCLES, Marjorie

\$24.95

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Mystery **GUILTY CONSCIENCES**

EDWARDS, Martin (Editor)

The new Crime Writer's Association anthology \$24.95 Mystery anthology

BREACH OF TRUST ELLIS, David

Jason Kolarich is investigating the murder of Ernesto Ramirez, a key

witness in a criminal case that he tried. Jason had been pushing him for information, but all he got was the guy's death on his conscience. When the evidence leads to an obscure agency in state government,

Jason is hood-winked into being a federal informant. \$18.99 Thriller

KISSING THE DEMONS

Thirteen Torland Place is a house with a disturbing past. When a student living there is found murdered, DI Joe Plantagenet wonders whether her death has anything to do with its grim history. Then other, similar deaths come to light and he fears that

a ruthless serial killer is at work.

LOVE IN A NUTSHELL

EVANOVICH, Janet & KELLY, Dorien Kate Appleton needs a job. Her husband has left her, she's been fired from her position as a magazine editor, and the only place she wants to go is to her parents' summer house, The Nutshell, in Keene's Harbor, Michigan. Kate's plan is to turn The Nutshell into a Bed and Breakfast. Problem is, she needs cash, and the only job she can land is less than savoury. Matt Culhane wants Kate to spy on his brewery employees. If Kate finds the culprit, Matt will pay her a \$20,000 bonus. But Kate despises beer, no

one seems to trust her, and she is falling hard for her boss. Romantic suspense

ONE OF OUR THURSDAYS IS MISSING

FFORDE, Jasper Now available in paperback. The Eyre Affair (\$22.99) kicks of

this wonderful, unique series.

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BELIEVING THE LIE

GEORGE, Elizabeth

The new D.I. Lynley novel

BLOODLAND

Thriller

A private security contractor loses it in the Congo, with deadly consequences, while in Ireland the ex-prime minister struggles to write his memoir. A tabloid star is killed in a helicopter crash and three years later a young journalist is warned off the story. As a news story breaks in Paris, a US senator prepares his campaign to run for office. What links these things and who controls what we know?

KNOCKDOWN

GRAVES, Sarah

The past that Jacobia "Jake" Tiptree thought she'd laid to rest comes calling at her lovingly restored 1823 Federal-style house in Eastport, Maine. Unfortunately, her old life and her new one are

about to collide with deadly cons Mystery **PBK**

A ROOM FULL OF BONES

GRIFFITHS, Elly

It is Halloween night, and the local museum in King's Lynn is preparing for an unusual event - the opening of a coffin containing the bones of a medieval bishop. But when Ruth Galloway arrives to supervise, she finds the museum's curator lying dead beside the coffin. It is only a matter of time before she and DI Nelson cross

paths once more, as he is called in to investigate

KILLING HOUR

GROSS, Andrew Thriller **PBK** \$19.99

DEATH IN THE OPENING CHAPTER

HEALD, Tim

\$24.95

FALSE MONEY

HELEY, Veronica TP \$24.95 Mystery

THE FIRST RULE OF TEN HENDRICKS, Gay

Tenzing Norbu ("Ten" for short), ex-monk and soon-to-be excop, takes on his first case as a private investigator in Los Angeles. Growing up in a Tibetan Monastery, Ten dreamed of

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becoming a modern-day Sherlock Holmes. So when he was sent to Los Angeles to teach meditation, he joined the LAPD instead. But as the Buddha says, change is inevitable; and ten years later, everything is about to change for Ten.

Mystery

FIRST FROST

HENRY, James

R.D. Wingfield's Detective Jack Frost returns: It's the early 1980s - Britain is in recession, the IRA is becoming increasingly active, and a case of rabies has just been reported in a neighbouring county. Detective Sergeant Jack Frost, now in his early forties, is working under his mentor and inspiration Detective Inspector Bert Williams. But when DI Williams fails to turn up for work, DS Frost is temporarily put in charge of an investigation into a missing twelve-year-old girl.

Mystery

CREEP

HILLIER, Jennifer

Psychology professor Dr Sheila Tao is an expert on human behaviour, so when she begins an affair with charming graduate student Ethan Wolfe, she's well aware she's playing with fire. Consumed by lust and riddled with guilt, Sheila ends their three month fling when she becomes engaged to a kind and loving man who adores her. But Ethan has different plans.

Thriller

DOWN THE DARKEST ROAD

HOAG, Tami

Thriller

1222

HOLT, Anne

1222 metres above sea level, train 601 from Oslo to Bergen careens off iced rails in the worst snowstorm in Norwegian history. Marooned in the high mountains with night falling and the temperature plummeting, its 269 passengers are forced to abandon their snowbound train and decamp to a centuries-old mountain hotel. They ought to be safe from the storm here, but as dawn breaks one of them will be found murdered. With the storm showing no sign of abating, retired police inspector Hanne Wilhelmsen is asked to investigate.

\$19.99

BORROWED LIGHT

HURLEY, Graham

A car accident during a holiday in the Middle East lands Faraday in a hospital packed with the maimed from Gaza, where he embarks on a wild scheme to adopt a horribly burned Palestinian girl. Back in England crimelord Bazza McKenzie is watching his empire fall apart under the pressures of the biggest recession in 70 years. Desperate times call for desperate measures and soon ex-cop Winter is in the thick of it as Bazza runs out of options.

AFFAIRS OF STEAK

HYZY, Julie

White House chef Olivia Paras and her arch nemesis, White House Sensitivity Director Peter Everett Sargeant, must work together to solve the double murder of one of the First Lady's assistants and the Chief of Staff.

Mystery

THE DISPATCHER

JAHN, Ryan David

Ian Hunt is the police dispatcher for the small town of Bulls Mouth, East Texas. Just as his shift is ending he gets a call from his fourteen-year-old daughter, Maggie. Maggie, who has just been declared dead, having been snatched from her bedroom seven years ago. Her call ends in a scream. The trail leads to a local couple, but this is just the start of his battle to get his daughter back. What follows is a bullet-strewn cross-country chase along Interstate 10, from Texas to California.

Thriller TP

FILE M FOR MURDER

JAMES, Miranda

Athena College's new writer in residence is native son and playwright Connor Lawton. After an unpleasant encounter, librarian Charlie Harris heads home to a nice surprise: his daughter Laura is subbing for another Athena professor. Unfortunately her old flame Connor got her the job. But before Connor finishes his newest play, he's murdered - and Laura is the prime suspect.

BLOOD GAMES KELLERMAN, Faye

The new Decker and Lazarus novel.

DEVIL-DEVIL

KENT, G.W.

It's 1960 and Sergeant Ben Kella of the Solomon Islands police force is only a few days into a routine patrol of the most beautiful and dangerous areas of the South Pacific. Yet, already, he has been cursed by a magic man, stumbled across evidence of a cult uprising and failed to find an American anthropologist who has been scouring the mountainous jungle in search of a priceless erotic icon. To complicate matters further, at a local mission station, Kella discovers the redoubtable Sister Conchita secretly trying to bury a skeleton, before a mysterious gunman tries to kill her. Mission-educated vet an aofia - the traditional peacemaker of the islands - Kella is forced to link up with Sister Conchita, an independent and rebellious young American nun, in order to track down the perpetrators of a series of bizarre murders.

BUDAPEST NOIR

KONDOR, Vilmos

"A dark, riveting, and lightning fast novel of murder, intrigue, and political corruption, set in 1936 Hungary during the rise of Adolph Hitler and the Nazis in Germany, Budapest Noir marks the emergence of an extraordinary new voice in literary crime fiction, Vilmos Kondor. Kondor's remarkable debut brings this European city to breathtaking life—from the wealthy residential neighborhoods of Buda to the slums of Pest—as it follows crime reporter Zsigmond Gordon's investigation into the strange death of a beautiful woman." – publisher's blurb

GHOUL INTERRUPTED

LAURIE, Victoria

M.J. Holliday and her crew interrupt the frantic schedule of their reality TV show and hotfoot it to New Mexico, where a dreadful demon is waging tribal warfare. Sam Whitefeather -M.J.'s spirit guide - urgently needs her help to stop this evil spirit from wiping out the descendants of his tribe

SHE'S NEVER COMING BACK

KOPPEL, Hans

Mike Zetterberg lives with his wife Ylva and their daughter in a house just outside Helsingborg. One evening, Ylva isn't home as expected after work. Mike passes it off as a drink with a work friend, but when she's still missing the next day, he starts to worry. As Mike battles suspicion from the police and his own despair, he is unaware that Ylva is still alive, just a stone's throw from his own home. Ylva has been drawn into a twisted plot of revenge and tragedy that leads back into her and her abductors' shared past.

\$19.99

COLLISON OF EVIL

As evening falls against the majestic backdrop of the Bavarian Alps, Charles Hirter, an American tourist, is murdered. Kommissar Franz Waldbaer, the German detective in charge of the case, faces an investigation that yields neither clues nor suspects nor motives. A gruff, go-it alone detective, Waldbaer is dismayed by the arrival of Robert Hirter, the victim's brother, who insists on joining the investigation. But there is more to Robert than meets the eye.

VOICES OF THE DEAD

LEONARD, Peter

Detroit, 1971. Harry Levin, scrap metal dealer and holocaust survivor, learns that his daughter has been killed in a car accident. Travelling to Washington DC, he's told by Detective Taggart that the German diplomat, who was drunk, has been released and afforded immunity; he will never face charges. So Harry is left with only one option - to discover the identity of this man, follow him back to Munich and hunt him down.

ENGLISH TEA MURDER

LESLIE, Meier

Lucy Stone is saying cheerio to Tinker's Cove and jetting off to jolly old England. But when things get dodgy, it appears murder may have followed her across the Atlantic.

Mystery

SHATTER THE BONES

MACBRIDE, Stuart

The latest DS Logan McRae investigation. Mystery

THE OUEEN'S HEAD

MARSTON, Edward

A reissue of the first Nicholas Bracewell mystery, set in Elizabthen England. The next two, The Merry Devils and The Trip to Jerusalem, also now available (\$17.99 each).

Historical mystery

MURDER AND REDEMPTION

MEALY, Noel

Having survived a brutal childhood in Bindoon orphanage, a tour in Vietnam and a spiral into alcoholism, Syd Fielding is now a detective sergeant in Geraldton. But when two men from the same cargo ship are murdered, he is drawn into the murky world of drug trafficking through WA's mining towns. His investigation takes him alarmingly close to home and he is forced to realise that even the people he loves may not be what they seem.

Mystery

SNOWDROPS

MILLER, A.D.

"A. D. Miller's Snowdrops is an intensely riveting psychological drama that unfolds over the course of one Moscow winter, as a young Englishman's moral compass is spun by the seductive opportunities revealed to him by a new Russia: a land of hedonism and desperation, corruption and kindness, magical dachas and debauched nightclubs; a place where secrets - and corpses - come to light only when the deep snows start to thaw.' - publisher's blurb. This was shortlisted for this year's Man Booker – and no wonder, it is a superb novel.

STOLEN SOULS

NEVILLE, Stuart

It is snowing, she's barefoot, but Galya runs. Her captors are close behind her, and she won't go back there, no matter what Tricked into coming to Belfast with the offer of a good job, all she wants now is to get back home. Her only hope is a man who gave her a cross and a phone number, telling her to call if she escaped. Detective Inspector Jack Lennon wants a quiet Christmas with his daughter. When an apparent turf war between rival gangs leaves a string of bodies across the city, he knows he

Mystery

UNWANTED

OHLSSON, Kristina

In the middle of a rainy Swedish summer, a little girl is abducted from a crowded train. Despite hundreds of potential witnesses, no one noticed when the girl was taken. Her mother, left behind at the previous station, alerted the crew immediately. But as the train pulled into Stockholm Central Station, the girl was nowhere to be seen. To Inspector Alex Recht of the Stockholm police, this looks like a classic custody row. But none of the evidence adds up and young Investigative Analyst Fredrika Bergman is convinced the case is far more complex than her boss is prepared to admit.

Mystery

BREAKDOWN

PARETSKY, Sara

The new V.I. Warshawski investigation

SIXKILL

PARKER, Robert B.

The final Spenser novel by Parker - beware: the franchised ones are on their way.

PRIVATE GAMES

PATTERSON, James

THE JACK HARVEY NOVELS: WITCH HUNT, **BLEEDING HEARTS, BLOOD HUNT**

RANKIN Ian Mystery

PLAN BEE

REED, Hannah

Moraine, Wisconsin's annual Harmony Festival is anything but harmonious for Story Fischer, as a dead body makes an uninvited appearance in the parade - and the person who may be responsible for putting it there starts dating Story's mother

PBK

THE CURE OF SOULS

RICKMAN, Phil Mystery

WRECKAGE

ROBOTHAM, Michael

In London, ex-cop Vincent Ruiz rescues a young woman from a violent boyfriend but wakes next morning to find that he's been set up and robbed. As he tracks down the thieves, he discovers the boyfriend's tortured body and learns that powerful men are looking for the girl. Meanwhile in Baghdad, the bank robbery capital of the world, billions of dollars in reconstruction funds has gone missing and Pulitzer prize-winning Journalist Luca Terracini is trying to 'follow the money'. The dangerous trail will lead him to London where he teams up with Vincent Ruiz and together they investigate the disappearance of an international banker and a mysterious 'black hole' in the bank's accounts.

IF FRIED CHICKEN COULD FLY

SHELTON, Paige

At Gram's Country Cooking School, Betts and Gram are helping students prepare the perfect dishes for the Southern Missouri Show-Down, the cook-off that draws the first of the summer visitors. Everything is going smoothly until they discover the body of local theatre owner Everett Morningside in the school's supply closet, and Everett's widow points an accusatory finger at

Gram. The first in a new series. Mystery

THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE WEB WEAVER

When a mysterious gypsy places a cruel curse on the guests at a ball and a series of terrible misfortunes begin to affect those who attended that night, Mr. Donald Wheelwight engages Sherlock Holmes to find out what really happened.

THE DEAD WITNESS

SIMS, Michael (Editor)

The greatest ever anthology of Victorian detective stories, The Dead Witness gathers the finest police and private detective adventure stories from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, including a wide range of overlooked gems. 'The Dead Witness', the 1866 title story by Australian writer Mary Fortune, is the first known detective story by a woman, a suspenseful cluestrewn manhunt in the Outback." - publisher's blurb Historical mystery anthology HC

THE DEAD WON'T SLEEP

SMITH, Anna

A decomposed body washes up on a beach near Glasgow. The victim, Tracy Eadie: Junkie. Prostitute. Fourteen years old. Rosie Gilmour, tabloid journalist and crusader for justice, receives evidence linking police officials with Tracy's disappearance. **PBK**

THE LADDER DANCER SOUTHEY, Roz

Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, 1736. A foggy September evening. When a child is ridden down and killed by an unknown horseman, musician sleuth Charles Patterson, the only witness close enough to see that the collision was no accident, vows to hunt down the rider.

Historical mystery

NEVER KNOWING

STEVENS, Chevy

All her life, Sara Gallagher has wondered about her birth parents. As an adopted child with two sisters who were born naturally to her parents, Sara did not have an ideal home life. The question of why she was given up for adoption has always haunted her. Finally, she is ready to take steps and to find closure. But some questions are better left unanswered.

Thriller \$29.99

THE INNOCENT

STEVENS, Taylor Eight years ago, a man walked five-year-old Hannah out the front doors of her school and spirited her over the Mexican border. taking her into the world of a cult known as The Chosen. For eight years, followers of The Prophet have hidden the child, moving her from country to country, shielding the man who stole her. Now, those who've searched the longest know where to find her. They are childhood survivors of The Chosen, thirtysomethings born and raised inside the cult who've managed to make lives for themselves on the outside. They understand the mindset, the culture within that world, and turn to Vanessa Michael Munroe for help. Stephens' previous novel *The* Informationist - is now available in paperback (\$19.95)

Thriller TP \$32.95

BLOOD RELATIVE

THOMAS, David Peter Crookham is delayed in traffic on his way home to dinner with his wife, Mariana, and his journalist brother, Andy. He arrives back to a bloodbath: his brother is dead - covered in knife wounds - and his wife, in a near-catatonic state, is bathed in blood. Convinced Mariana is incapable of murder, Peter vows to discover what happened and clear her name. But he is forced to question his conviction when he discovers what Andy was secretly investigating prior to his death - Mariana's past.

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR HUSS

The dead man landed on the sidewalk in front of his luxurious duplex apartment. He was a wealthy financier connected, through an old-boys' network, with the first families of Sweden. But the "Society Suicide" turns out to have been a carefully plotted murder. As more murders ensue, Inspector Irene Huss tangles with street gang members, skinheads, immigrants and neo-Nazis - a cross-section of Sweden's disaffected - in order to

DEATH IN AUGUST

VICHY, Marco

Florence, summer 1963. Everyone has left town for the holidays, and the city is deserted, hot and full of mosquitoes. Inspector Bordelli is tossing and turning in bed when a telephone call informs him of a mysterious death: a wealthy Signora has been found dead in her villa. Next to the bed lies a glass with traces of her asthma medicine, but the coroner explains a sudden asthma attack is unlikely to have been the cause of death. This won the

Scerbanenco, Rieti and Camaiore prizes.

THE UNSEEN

WEBB, Katherine England, 1911. The Reverend Albert Canning, a vicar with a passion for spiritualism, leads a happy existence with his naive wife Hester in a sleepy Berkshire village. As summer dawns. their quiet lives are changed for ever by two new arrivals. First comes Cat, the new maid: a free-spirited and disaffected young woman sent down from London after entanglements with the law Cat quickly finds a place for herself in the secret underbelly of local society as she plots her escape. Then comes Robin Durrant, a leading expert in the occult, enticed by tales of elemental beings in the water meadows nearby. A young man of magnetic charm and beauty, Robin soon becomes an object of fascination and desire.

Suspense A WOMAN IN JERUSALEM

YEHOSHUA, A.B. A suicide bomb explodes in a Jerusalem market. One of the victims is a migrant worker without any papers, only a salary slip body lies unclaimed in the morgue, her employers are labelled unfeeling and inhuman by a local journalist. The manager of human resources is given the task of discovering who she was and why she had come to Jerusalem.

\$19.99

HERMES DIAKTOROS SERIES

ZOUROUDI, Anne

Anne Zouroudi's wonderful series features one of the most distinctive protagonists in contemporary mystery fiction: "The Fat Man" Hermes Diaktoros. With a combination of charm, steely determination and flashes of genius, the enigmatic Fat Man invariably manages to get to the bottom of the mystery at hand. albeit in an unconventional manner. The Messenger of Athens is the first in the series: When the battered body of a young woman is discovered on a remote Greek island, the local police are quick to dismiss her death as an accident. Then a stranger arrives, uninvited, from Athens, announcing his intention to investigate further. His methods are unorthodox, and he brings his own mystery into the web of dark secrets and lies. Who has sent him on whose authority is he acting, and how does he know of dramas played out decades ago? The next three - the Taint of Midas, The Doctor of Thessaly and The Lady of Sorrows, are also being promoted. Recommended!

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