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PBK = 'A' & 'B' format (standard size) paperback TP = 'B+' & 'C' format (oversize) paperback

HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

POPCORN SHOP MYSTERIES 03:

ASSAULT AND BUTTERY ABBOTT, Kristi

Mystery

PBK

JOHN MADDEN: THE DEATH OF KINGS 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 (\$19.99, PBK).

THE FATAL TREE

ARNOTT, Jake

Newgate Gaol, 1726. An anonymous writer sets down the words of Edgworth Bess, as she confides the adventures and misfortunes that led her all too soon to the judgement of London: Cruelly deceived, Bess is cast out onto the streets of the wicked city. In that dangerous underworld - known, in thieves' cant, as Romeville - she will learn new tricks and trades. And all begins with her fateful meeting, that very first night, with the corrupt thief-taker general, Jonathan Wild But it is the infamous gaol-breaker, Jack Sheppard, who will lay Romeville at her feet..

Historical mystery

JEAN BRASH MYSTERIES: THE LOST DAUGHTER ASHTON, David

It's spring and Jean Brash, Mistress of the Just Land (best bawdyhoose in Edinburgh) is raring to go. But past, present and future collide to undermine that desire. A theatre company arrives in Leith to perform King Lear. A ruthless robbery is planned, a gruesome murder committed, both of which set Inspector James McLevy on the prowl, and Jean's past returns in the form of bad seed from a vicious killer... Follows the first Jean Brash mystery: Mistress of Just Land

(PBK, \$19.99). Historical mystery **PBK**

WILL ROBIE: END GAME

BALDACCI, David

Mystery/suspense

ZACK WALKER: BAD GUYS

BARCLAY, Linwood Much to his family's relief, stay-at-home writer Zack Walker finally gets a job outside of the house. Surely, becoming a journalist will keep his overactive imagination in check... But while writing his feature article, Zack stumbles into the centre of a web of murder and deceit

Follows Bad Move (PBK, \$19.99)

ROSE AVENUE WINE CLUB MYSTERIES 01:

FULL BODIED MURDER BLUM, Christine E

Leaving behind a failed marriage, New Yorker Annie 'Halsey' Hall is ready to begin the next phase of her life, in coastal Southern California. She looks forward to joining the neighbourhood ladies for their weekly Wine Club gathering. Unfortunately, she finds nothing but red, at the Wine Club meeting – and judging by the dead woman, lying face down in the backyard, it's not spilled merlot. Enlisting the eclectic talents of the Wine Club ladies, Halsey searches for the true criminal at large... The first in a series

PBK Mystery

RESTLESS (BLOOMSBURY MODERN CLASSICS) BOYD, William

It is 1939. Eva Delectorskaya is a beautiful 28-year-old Russian émigrée, living in Paris. As war breaks out, she is recruited for the British Secret Service by Lucas Romer, a mysterious Englishman. Since the war, Eva has carefully rebuilt her life as a typically English wife and mother. But once a spy, always a spy. Now, she must complete one final assignment, and this time Eva can't do it alone: she needs her daughter's help. A beautiful new paperback. Recommended.

PBK

FLAVIA DE LUCE MYSTERIES:

THRICE THE BRINDED CAT HATH MEW'D

The latest in this absolutely delightful and well-beloved series, which begins in The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie (PBK, \$22.99) **PBK**

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE:

THE ASSASSIN OF VERONA

BRANDRETH, Benet

All is not well in Venice. Threatened daily by Papal assassins, William Shakespeare and his close friends Oldcastle and Hemminges are increasingly isolated - the lies that have protected them so far beginning to wear thin. Will is tied to the city - his lover, the beautiful Isabella, is growing ever sicker. This series, reimagining the lost years of William Shakespeare, begins with $\it The Spy of Venice$ (PBK, \$19.99).

HC Historical mystery

DETECTIVE CLUB: NIGHTMARE

BROCK, Lvnn

Simon Whalley is an unsuccessful novelist, who is gradually going to pieces under the strain of successive setbacks. Brooding over his troubles, and driven to despair by the cruelty of his neighbours, he decides to take his revenge, in the only way he knows how - by

Classic mystery

THE JEALOUS KIND BURKE, James Lee

Beneath the glitz and superficial normality of Houston, a class war has begun. When Aaron Holland Broussard inadvertently challenges the power of the Mob, and one of the richest families in Texas, he

must find the courage his father had found, as an American soldier in the Great War.

CAT LATIMER MYSTERIES 03: OF MURDER AND MEN

CAHOON, Lynn Mystery **CHOCOHOLIC MYSTERIES 16:**

THE CHOCOLATE BUNNY BROUHAHA

CARL, JoAnna Mystery FIXER-UPPER MYSTERIES 05:

EAVES OF DESTRUCTION CARLISLE, Kate Mystery

THE GIRL IN THE FOG

CARRISI, Donato

Anna, fifteen, has disappeared, on a cold night in a small town in the Italian mountains close to the Slovenian border. Vogel, a policeman specialising in murder cases, has two suspects: a lonely literature professor who could be connected to the crime; and a teenage boy tracked down, via Anna's diary. The lines blur between policemen and murderer when Vogel becomes a potential suspect, in the case of

MAGICAL BAKERY MYSTERIES 07:

POTIONS AND PASTRIES CATES, Bailey PBK \$19.95 Mystery

EDDIE FLYNN: THE LIAR CAVANAGH, Steve

Mystery

DALES DETECTIVE: DATE WITH MALICE CHAPMAN, Julia

When a pensioner turns up at the Dales Detective Agency and tells Samson O'Brien that someone in her old people's home is trying to kill her, he dismisses her fears as the ramblings of a confused elderly lady. But after several disturbing incidents at Fellside Court, he begins to wonder if perhaps there is something malicious at the heart of the retirement community, after all. With Christmas around the corner, Samson is thrown into an investigation that will require all of his detective skills. Follows the first Dales Detective mystery, Date with

Death (PBK, \$19.99), which was a bit hit with customers. PBK

JACK REACHER: THE MIDNIGHT LINE CHILD, Lee TP Thriller

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... 'Intelligent and sophisticated – a crime story told the way Picasso painted pictures. Highly recommended.' - Lee Child.

Thriller

RAGDOLL

COLE, Daniel

A body is discovered with the dismembered parts of six victims stitched together like a puppet, nicknamed by the press as the 'ragdoll'. Assigned to the shocking case are Detective William 'Wolf' Fawkes, recently reinstated to the London Met, and his former partner Detective Emily Baxter. The 'Ragdoll Killer' taunts the police by releasing a list of names to the media, and the dates on which he intends to murder them. With six people to save, can Fawkes and Baxter catch a killer, when the world is watching their every move? The first in a series - this is 2017's breakout debut.

Thriller

GUS MURPHY: WHERE IT HURTS

COLEMAN, Reed Farrel

Gus had everything a man could want: a great marriage, two kids, a nice house, and the rest of his life ahead of him. But during a single deadly moment, his family is blown apart, and he is transformed from a man who believes he understands everything, into a man who understands nothing. But his comfortable waking trance comes to an end, when ex-con Tommy Delcamino asks him for help. Four months earlier, the battered body of Tommy's son TJ was discovered in a wooded lot, yet the Suffolk County PD doesn't seem interested in pursuing the killers. It's a dangerous favour Gus has taken on, as he claws his way back to take a place among the living, while searching through the sewers for a killer. The first in a new series.

Mystery **BOSCH: TWO KINDS OF TRUTH** CONNELLY, Michael

Mystery/thriller ORCHARD MYSTERIES 11: A LATE FROST CONNOLLY, Sheila

FOOLS AND MORTALS

CORNWELL, Bernard

Mystery

Young Richard Shakespeare is an actor, struggling to make his way in a company dominated by his estranged older brother, William. As the growth of theatre blooms, their rivalry – and that of the playhouses,

PBK

playwrights and actors vying for acclaim and glory - propels a highstakes story of conflict and betrayal. Historical mystery

GERVASE FEN: FREQUENT HEARSES CRISPIN, Edmund

Also available now is The Glimpses of the Moon Classic mystery \$16.99

DUNCAN KINCAID & GEMMA JONES: GARDEN OF LAMENTATIONS CROMBIE, Deborah

\$29.95 PAWS & CLAWS MYSTERIES 05: NOT A CREATURE WAS PURRING

DAVIS, Krista \$19.95 Mystery

LOTTE MEERMAN: A COLD CASE IN AMSTERDAM CENTRAL

DE JAGER, Anja The second Lotte Meerman procedural, following A Cold Death in

Amsterdam (PBK, \$19.99). \$19.99 Mystery

SHARP EDGE

DELACOURT, Marianne

Dead bodies, a complicated love life, a conflict between the local drug cartels, and a favour owed to the local bikies have Tara scrambling to stay ahead of the game. Just another Tuesday for Tara Sharp.

YEAR-ROUND CHRISTMAS MYSTERIES 03: HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SLAY

DELANY, Vicki \$19.95 Mystery

UNDER THE COLD BRIGHT LIGHTS

DISHER, Garry The young detectives call Alan Auhl a re-tread, but that doesn't faze him. He does things his own way - and gets results. He still lives with his ex-wife, off and on, in a big house full of random boarders and hard-luck stories. And he's still a cop, even though he retired from Homicide, some years ago. He works cold cases, now. Auhl will stick with these cases, until justice is done. One way or another. Auhl is a

 $brilliantly\ ambivalent\ character-recommended.$ \$29.99

Mystery/thriller ONE MAN'S FLAG

DOWNING, David Jack McColl is stationed in India, charged with defending the Empire against Bengali terrorists and their German allies. Belgium, he finds, is not the only country seeking to expel an invader. In England, meanwhile, suffragette journalist Caitlin Hanley begins the business of rebuilding her life after the execution of her brother an IRA sympathiser whose terrorist plot was foiled by Caitlin's own ex-lover, the very same Jack McColl... Jack McColl first appears in

the excellent Jack of Spies (\$19.99).

THE JUDGE AND HIS HANGMAN

DURRENMATT, Friedrich

Inspector Barlach forgoes the arrest of a murderer in order to manipulate him into killing another, more elusive criminal. This is a thriller that brings existential philosophy and the detective genre into dazzling convergence.

Thriller PBK \$9.99

SOPHIE KIMBALL MYSTERIES 02:

DITCHED 4 MURDER EATON, J C

Sophie 'Phee' Kimball is much closer to her mother's retirement community, now that she's moved, from Minnesota to Arizona has her book club and her chiweenie dog. Streetman, to keep her company. And, now, there's even more activity, with Aunt Ina's upcoming wedding. The seventy-four-year-old bride has roped Phee into working on the tent, the pastries, and even her headpiece. in preparation for the ceremony. But it's Harriet, who really gets demanding when a dead body turns up, yards from her front door.

CHANGE OF FORTUNE MYSTERIES 02: WHISPERS OF WARNING

ESTEVAO, Jessica

Ruby Proulx feels a sense of purpose, as she helps her Aunt Honoria keep her business afloat, by acting as a psychic medium for metaphysically-inclined guests. When one of the guests, renowned Spiritualist and outspoken suffragist, Sophronia Foster Eldridge checks into the hotel for a month-long stay, a dangerous act of sabotage is carried out, and a body is found floating in the pool of a local bathhouse. Ruby takes it upon herself to find answers - and, in the process, learns that her new friend has been hiding some deadly secrets, of her own...

Historical mystery HARDCORE TWENTY-FOUR

\$29.99

EVANOVICH, Janet Stephanie Plum

LUCY CLAYBURN: SHADOWS FINCH, Paul

\$19.95

As a female cop walking the mean streets of Manchester, life can be tough for PC Lucy Clayburn. But when one of the North West's toughest gangsters is your father, things can be particularly difficult. When it transpires that the targets of a spate of murder-robberies are Manchester's criminal underworld, attitudes change. Lucy is soon

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faced with one of the toughest cases of her life... Follows Strangers (PBK, \$19.99), the first of the Lucy Clayburn novels.

\$29.99 Mystery/suspense

SWEET LITTLE LIES

FREAR, Caz

What I thought I knew: In 1998, Maryanne Doyle disappeared and Dad knew something about it? Maryanne Doyle was never seen again. What I actually know: In 1998, Dad lied about knowing Maryanne Doyle. Alice Lapaine has been found strangled, near Dad's pub. Dad was in the local area, for both Maryanne Doyle's disappearance and Alice Lapaine's murder - Fact. Connection?

TURN ON THE HEAT

GARDNER, Erle Stanley

Hired by a mysterious 'Mr Smith', to find a woman who vanished 21 years earlier, Donald Lam finds himself facing a sadistic cop, a desperate showgirl, a duplicitous client, and one very dogged (and beautiful) newspaper reporter - while Bertha Cool's attempts to cut herself in on this lucrative opportunity land them both hip-deep in murder... First published in 1940, this reissue is latest from Hard Case Crime.

Hardboiled

LUKE CARLTON: ULTIMATUM

GARDNER, Frank

After helping to avert a deadly attack on London, Luke Carlton is sent undercover, into Iran, to 'turn' and recruit an officer in that country's infamous Revolutionary Guard Corps. A sequel to superb Crisis (PBK, \$19.99).

FBI PROFILER: RIGHT BEHIND YOU

GARDNER, Lisa Suspense

THE GLAMOROUS DEAD

GATES, Suzanne

Miss Penny Harp would recognise that chipped pink nail polish,

anywhere: it belongs to her best friend, Rosemary. And, so, does the rest of the body, buried beneath it. Rosemary: with the beauty and talent, who stood out from all other extras on the Paramount lot. Now, an LAPD detective thinks Penny is the one, who killed her.

\$24.99 Mystery TP

GOOD AS GONE

GENTRY, Amy

Eight years ago, thirteen-year-old Julie Whitaker was kidnapped from her bedroom in the middle of the night. Her family have papered over the cracks of their grief, ever since – while hoping against hope that Julie is still alive. And then, one night, the doorbell rings.

Mystery/suspense

LORIMER & BRIGHTMAN: STILL DARK

GRAY, Alex

Mystery STEPHENS & MEPHISTO: THE VANISHING BOX

GRIFFITHS, Elly

Mystery

JOHN WALLACE: FREEFALL

HAMDY, Adam

An assassination attempt makes Wallace realise that he has, once again, been targeted for death. This time, Wallace is prepared and, tracking down his would-be assassin, he discovers a link to his nemesis, Pendulum. The link is the missing piece of a puzzle that has tormented FBI Agent Christine Ash, ever since they confronted Pendulum; but with no Bureau support she has been unable to progress her case... John Wallace's first appearance, Pendulum, is available in its paperback edition (\$19.99).

DEADLIER: 100 OF THE BEST CRIME STORIES WRITTEN BY WOMEN (ANTHOLOGY)

HANNAH, Sophie (editor)

One hundred of the best crime stories written by women, selected and

introduced by Sophie Hannah Mystery anthology \$44.99

SLOUGH HOUSE: SPOOK STREET

HERRON, Mick

'Mick Herron is an incredible writer and if you haven't read him yet, you need to.' - Mark Billingham. This fantastic series begins with Slow Horses (PBK, \$19.99). Ron highly recommends – a slow burner but fantastic!

PIETER VOS: SLEEP BABY SLEEP

HEWSON, David

Mystery

ANNA FEKETE: THE EXILED

HIEKKAPELTO, Kati

Anna Fekete returns to the Balkan village of her birth for a relaxing summer holiday. But when her purse is stolen, and the thief is found dead on the banks of the river, Anna is pulled into a murder case Her investigation leads straight to her own family, to closely guarded secrets concealing a horrendous travesty of justice that threatens them all..

WEBB'S GLASS SHOP MYSTERIES 04:

ETCHED IN TEARS HOLLON, Cheryl

KEEPSAKE COVE MYSTERIES 01:

A FATAL COLLECTION

HUGHES, Mary Ellen

Callie Reed pays a long overdue visit to her aunt, Melodie, at her fairy-tale cottage in quaint Keepsake Cove. Just as they're beginning to reconnect. Callie discovers her aunt's body on the floor of the music box shop she owns. Grief-stricken, Callie finds she can't accept Melodie's death being ruled accidental... Signs seem to come from her late aunt, through a favourite music box, urging Callie on. The first in a new series.

Mystery TP

DS NATHAN CODY: HOPE TO DIE

JACKSON, David

On a bitterly cold winter's night, Liverpool is left stunned by a brutal murder in the grounds of the city's Anglican Cathedral. DS Nathan Cody is quickly stumped by the case. Wherever he digs, the victim seems to be almost angelic – no one has a bad word to say, let alone a motive for such a violent murder. And Cody has

other things on his mind too. The ghosts of his past are coming ever closer... The second in Jackson's Nathan Cody series, following A Tapping at My Door (PBK, \$19.99).

\$19.99 Thriller

SLEEP NO MORE: SIX MURDEROUS TALES JAMES, PD

As a companion volume to The Mistletoe Murder and Other Stories, a further six of P D James's ingenious short stories are published here together for the first time.

HC Mystery collection

ROY GRACE: NEED YOU DEAD JAMES, Peter

Mystery

BOB SKINNER: GAME OVER

JARDINE, Quintin Mystery

KILLING SEASON

KELLERMAN, Faye

Three years ago, fifteen-year-old Ellen Vicksburg went missing in the quiet town of River Remez, New Mexico. On the first anniversary of her death, her brother Ben found her body in a shallow grave by the river's edge. The police believe she was the victim of a known psychopath. But Ben continues to pore over the evidence. In his sister's files, they see patterns that don't fit - tiny threads that link Ellen's case to similar unsolved murders..

ECHOES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES:

STORIES INSPIRED BY THE HOLMES CANON KING, Laurie R & KLINGER, Leslie S (editors)

The third of the King & Klinger-curated anthologies, inspired by Holmes's adventures, or methods.

Sherlockiana

SHADOW MAN

KIRK, Margaret

The body of the queen of daytime TV, Morven Murray, is discovered by her sister, Anna, on the morning of her wedding day. But does Anna know more about the murder than she's letting on? Police informant Kevin Ramsay's murder looks like a gangland-style execution. But what could he have stumbled into that was dangerous enough to get him violently killed? Ex-Met Detective Inspector Lukas Mahler has only a couple of weeks to solve both cases, while dealing with his mother's fragile mental health... A gripping Scottish crime thriller from the winner of the 2016 Good Housekeeping Novel Writing competition.

TP Thriller

FARO & MCQUINN: THE DARKNESS WITHIN

KNIGHT, Alanna

It is 1906 and the Faro family gather in Orkney, after the sudden death of Inspector Faro's son-in-law Erland Yesnaby. When the body of one of the passengers, from the royal yacht: the Victoria and Albert III, washes up on the shore; both Inspector Faro and his investigator daughter, Rose McQuinn, struggle to resist the mystery of the Scottish coastline...

PBK Historical mystery

THE HOUSE

LELIC, Simon

Londoners Jack and Syd moved into the house, a year ago. It seemed like their dream home: tons of space, the perfect location, and a friendly owner who wanted a young couple to have it. So, when they made a grisly discovery in the attic, Jack and Syd chose to ignore it. But that was a mistake. Because someone has just been murdered. Right outside their back door. And, now, the police are watching them...

Mystery/suspense

KURLAND ST MARY MYSTERIES: DEATH COMES TO THE FAIR

LLOYD, Catherine

The first in this excellent series, redolent of golden age English mysteries, is Death Comes to the Village (\$27.95).

Historical mystery

HEARTLAND TRILOGY: BUTTERFLY ON THE STORM

Journalist Farah Hafez, together with her colleague Paul Chapelle, gets caught up in an investigation that takes them all the way to Moscow, and has greater political and personal ramifications than they bargained for. New in translation, this first in a series is perfect for fans of Steig Larsson's Millennium novels.

LIBRARY LOVER'S MYSTERIES 07:

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER MCKINLAY, Jenn

A cosy recommendation!

PBK Mystery

KATE MAGUIRE: DEAD GIRLS DANCING MASTERTON, Graham

PBK Mystery

THE DEATH BOX

MORGAN, Lorna Nicholl

When club owner Joe Trayne meets Wendy Bond, on a warm summer's night in London, his curiosity gets the better of him. Joe accompanies Wendy into her flat off Conduit Street, only to find himself alone, after she mysteriously disappears. But it's what she leaves him with that's most disturbing: a large box... and a body

PBK Historical mystery

THOMAS DE QUINCEY INVESTIGATIONS:

RULER OF THE NIGHT MORRELL, David

MORTON, Mandy

A sequel to Murder is a Fine Art and Inspector of the Dead (PBK, \$19.99 each).

Historical mystery

HETTIE BAGSHOT MYSTERIES: THE NO 2 FELINE DETECTIVE AGENCY

As soon Hettie Bagshot 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. PBK INSPECTOR BARBAROTTI: THE DARKEST DAY

NESSER, Håkan

It's December, in the quiet Swedish town of Kymlinge, and the Hermansson family are gathering to celebrate father Karl-Erik and eldest daughter Ebba's joint landmark birthdays. But tensions are running high, and it's not long before the night takes a dark and unexpected turn... Before the weekend is over, two members of the Hermansson family are missing; and it's up to Inspector Barbarotti to determine exactly what has happened. And he soon discovers he'll have to unravel a whole tangle of sinister family secrets, in the process... The first in a new series.

Mystery/suspense

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

PERRY, Anne

Christmas novella

A SPOT OF FOLLY: TEN AND A QUARTER NEW TALES OF MURDER AND MAYHEM

RENDELL, Ruth

These are ten (and a quarter) of Rendell's most chillingly compelling short stories, collected here together for the first time. Atmospheric, gripping and never predictable, this is Ruth Rendell at her inimitable best; with an introduction by Sophie Hannah

Mystery collection

BONFIRE

RITTER, Krysten

It has been ten years since Abby Williams left home and scrubbed away all evidence of her small-town roots. Now, working as an environmental lawyer in Chicago, she has a thriving career, a modern apartment, and her pick of meaningless one-night stands. But when a new case takes her back home to Barrens, Indiana, the life Abby painstakingly created begins to crack. Tasked with investigating Optimal Plastics, the town's economic heart, she begins to find strange connections to a decade-old scandal involving the popular Kaycee Mitchell, and her friends – just before Kaycee disappeared for good...

TP

CRIME CLUB: DEATH AT BREAKFAST

RHODE, John Victor Harleston awoke with uncharacteristic optimism. Today, he would be rich at last. Half an hour later, he gulped down his breakfast coffee and pitched to the floor, gasping and twitching. Despite an almost complete absence of clues, the circumstances were so suspicious that Inspector Hanslet of Scotland Yard soon referred the evidence to his friend and mentor, Dr Lancelot Priestley; whose deductions revealed a diabolically ingenious murder that would require equally fiendish ingenuity to solve.

Classic mystery VIRGIL FLOWERS: DEEP FREEZE

SANDFORD, John

SHERIDAN, Sara Mystery

SNARE SIGURDARDOTTIR, Lilja

OPERATION GOODWOOD

After a messy divorce, attractive young mother Sonia is struggling to provide for herself and keep custody of her son. With her back to the wall, she resorts to smuggling cocaine into Iceland, and finds herself caught up in a ruthless criminal world. She must pit her wits against her nemesis, Bragi, a customs officer, whose years of experience frustrate her new and evermore daring strategies. Things become even more complicated, when Sonia embarks on a relationship with a woman, Agla. Once a high-level bank executive, Agla is currently

being prosecuted, in the aftermath the Icelandic financial crash.

MAIGRET AND THE HEADLESS CORPSE

SIMENON, Georges Also available now, Maigret's Christmas and Other Stories (HC, \$24.99).

Maigret

THE END OF THE WEB (BRITISH LIBRARY CLASSIC THRILLERS)

SIMS, George Leo Selver, a middle-aged antiques dealer, is stunned when the beautiful and desirable Judy Latimer shows an interest in him. Soon they are lying in each other's arms, unaware that this embrace will be their last. Ed Buchanan, a former policeman who has known the Selvers, since childhood, agrees to clear Leo's name. Selver and his fellow antique dealers had uncovered a secret and it is up to Ed to find the person willing to kill in order to protect it. This exhilarating and innovative thriller was first published in 1976. Also available now is

Sims' 1967 thriller: The Last Best Friend. Classic thriller TP \$27.95 each

MY ITALIAN BULLDOZER

SMITH. Alexander McCall.

When writer Paul Stewart heads to the idyllic Italian town of Montalcino to finish his already-late book, it seems like the perfect escape from stressful city life. Upon landing, however, things quickly take a turn for the worse - when he discovers his hired car is nowhere to be found. While there may be no cars available, there is something

else on offer: a bulldozer PBK **Fiction**

CAPRICE DE LUCA MYSTERIES 07: **SLAY BELLS RING**

SMITH, Karen Rose Mystery

Recommended.

THE GIRL FROM VENICE

SMITH, Martin Cruz Cenzo is a world-weary fisherman, determined to sit out the rest of the war. He's happy to stay out of the way of the SS, quietly going about his business of fishing in the lagoons of northern Italy. Then one night, Cenzo fishes a young woman out of the canal. Guilia is an Italian Jew, who has managed to escape capture and is determined to find her family. This meeting results in them both taking an $\,$ entirely unexpected journey, and Cenzo suddenly finds himself

thrown headlong into the world of international wartime politics.

burning down the town's courthouse and killing a young boy who

Suspense LITTLE SECRETS

SNOEKSTRA, Anna An arsonist is on the loose in Colmstock, Australia, most recently was trapped inside. The clock is ticking for Rose Blakey: an aspiring journalist, desperate for a story. With nothing but rejections from newspapers piling up, her job pulling beers for cops at the local tavern isn't enough to even cover rent. Rose needs a story - a big one. But as her articles gain traction, and the boundaries of her investigation blur, Colmstock is seized by a seething paranoia...

SPIEGELMAN, Peter

Dr Adam Knox returns from the war, in Afghanistan, a little rougher, a little wiser, and a lot more inclined to kick it to the ones at the top. He sets up a clinic in Los Angeles's most notorious district, tending to the vagrant, the vulnerable and the victims of skid row. One night, they're beseeched by a Romanian woman who comes in with her son. Her bruises give away a story, she's too scared to tell; escaping from traffickers and forced prostitution - to try to get her son back. He was kidnapped by his father - who happens to be heir to one of the most influential dynasties on the West Coast..

\$19.99 Suspense

TP

\$32.99

KOPP SISTERS:

MISS KOPP'S MIDNIGHT CONFESSIONS

STEWART, Amy

The third in this hugely popular series, after Girl Waits With Gun and Lady Cop Makes Trouble (TP, \$32.99 each). Very much recommended!

Historical mystery EDGAR ALLAN POE AND

THE LONDON MONSTER STREET Karen Lee

Summer, 1840. Edgar Allan Poe sails from Philadelphia to London to meet his friend, Auguste Dupin, in the hope that the great detective will help him solve a family mystery. For Poe has inherited a mahogany box, containing a collection of letters – allegedly written by his grandparents, Elizabeth and Henry Arnold. The Arnolds were actors who struggled to make a living on the London stage, but the mysterious letters suggest that the couple played a more clandestine role: stalking well-to-do young women at night, to slice their clothing and derrieres...

Historical mystery PBK \$18.99

LADY SHERLOCK: A CONSPIRACY IN **BELGRAVIA**

THOMAS, Sherry

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