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Ron and Leanne

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

AND SO IT BEGINS

ABBOTT, Rachel

Cleo knows she should be happy for her brother Mark. He's managed to find someone new, after the sudden death of his first wife – but something about Evie just doesn't feel right... When Evie starts having accidents at home, her friends grow concerned. Could Mark be causing her injuries? Called out to their cliff-top house one night, Sergeant Stephanie King finds two bodies entangled on blood-drenched sheets. Where does murder begin? When the knife is raised to strike, or before, at the first thought of violence? As the accused stands trial, the jury is forced to consider – is there ever a proper defence for murder?

Thriller TP \$29.99

IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE WOODS

ADAMS, Seth C

We were so young when it all happened. Just 13 years old, making the most of the long, hot, lazy days of summer, thinking we had the world at our feet. That was us – me, Fat Bobby, Jim and Tara – the four members of the Outsiders' Club. The day we found a burnt-out car in the woods was the day everything changed. Cold, hard cash in the front seat and a body in the trunk... it started out as a mystery, we were desperate to solve. Then, the Collector arrived. He knew we had found his secret. And suddenly, our summer of innocence turned into the stuff of nightmares. Nothing would ever be the same, again...

Mystery PBK \$22.99

DI HELEN GRACE: DOWN TO THE WOODS

ARLIDGE, M J

Suspense TP \$32.99

ATLEE PINE: LONG ROAD TO MERCY

BALDACCI, David

The first in a new series from Baldacci. Also available this month is the Amos Decker mystery, *The Fallen* (PBK, \$17.99).

Mystery TP \$29.99

VICTORIA SQUARE MYSTERIES 05:

YULE BE DEAD

BARTLETT, Lorraine & LEESON, Gayle

Mystery PBK \$21.95

EXHIBIT ALEXANDRA

BELL, Natasha

Marc's world is seemingly perfect, complete with two daughters and a loving wife. Until the day she vanishes. Police, friends and family pull together to find her but their hopes quickly turn into a nightmare, as the missing person case becomes a murder investigation...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

LUCKY PAWS PETSITTING MYSTERIES 04:

A MIDWINTER'S TAIL

BLAKE, Bethany

Mystery PBK \$21.95

UNDER THE ICE

BLOK, Rachael

It is the week before Christmas and the cathedral city of St Albans is blanketed by snow. But beneath the festive lights, darkness is stirring. The frozen body of a young girl is discovered by the ice-covered lake. The police scramble for clues. A local woman, Jenny, has had visions of what happened the night of the murder. But Jenny is an exhausted new mother, whose midnight wanderings pull her ever closer to the lake. Can Jenny be trusted? What does she really know? Then another girl goes missing, and the community unravels. Neighbour turns against neighbour, and Jenny has no idea who to believe. As Christmas Eve approaches, Jenny discovers a secret about her past – and why she could be key to everything...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

ROSE AVENUE WINE CLUB MYSTERIES 03:

THE NAME OF THE ROSÉ

BLUM, Christine E

Mystery PBK \$21.95

THE CRAFTSMAN

BOLTON, Sharon

Thriller PBK \$19.99

AMISH MYSTERIES 06: JUST PLAIN MURDER

BRADFORD, Laura

Mystery PBK \$21.95

KATE SHACKLETON: A SNAPSHOT OF MURDER

BRODY, Frances

Kate jumps at the chance to visit Haworth and Stanbury, in the heart of Brontë country, the setting for *Wuthering Heights*. But when an obnoxious member of their party is murdered, the group is thrown into disarray. Is the murderer amongst them, or did the loud-mouthed Tobias have more enemies than they might have imagined? This well-loved series is great fun – imagine Miss Marple in her youth; and begins with *Dying in the Wool* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

JACK TAYLOR: IN THE GALWAY SILENCE

BRUEN, Ken

Mystery TP \$29.99

ILLUSION OF JUSTICE: INSIDE MAKING A MURDERER AND AMERICA'S BROKEN SYSTEM

BUTING, Jerome F

Over his career, Jerome F Buting has spent hundreds of hours in courtrooms representing defendants in criminal trials. When he agreed to join Dean Strang as co-counsel for the defence in *State of Wisconsin v Steven A Avery*, he knew a tough fight was ahead. But, as he reveals in *Illusion of Justice*, no one could have predicted just how tough and twisted that fight would be – or that it would become the centre of the documentary *Making a Murderer*, which made Steven Avery and Brendan Dassey household names, and thrust Buting into the spotlight. Buting's powerful, riveting boots-on-the-ground narrative of Avery's and Dassey's cases becomes a springboard to examine the shaky integrity of law enforcement and justice in the United States, which Buting has observed first hand for more than thirty-five years. From his early career as a public defender to his success overturning wrongful convictions working with the Innocence Project, his story provides a compelling expert view into the high-stakes arena of criminal defence law; the difficulties of forensic science; and the horrifying reality of biased interrogations, coerced or false confessions, faulty eyewitness testimony, official misconduct; and more. Combining narrative reportage with critical commentary and personal reflection, Buting explores his professional and personal motivations, career-defining cases – including his shocking fifteen-year-long fight to clear the name of another man wrongly accused and convicted of murder – and what must happen if our broken system is to be saved. Taking a place beside *Just Mercy* and *The New Jim Crow*, *Illusion of Justice* is a *tour de force* from a relentless and eloquent advocate for justice who is determined to fulfil his professional responsibility and, in the face of overwhelming odds, make America's judicial system work as it is designed.

True crime TP \$27.99

CAT LATIMER MYSTERIES 04:

SLAY IN CHARACTER

CAHOON, Lynn

Mystery PBK \$21.95

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 policeman and murderer when Vogel becomes a potential suspect, in the case of Anna's death...

Suspense PBK \$22.99

CATO KWONG: HEAVEN SENT

CARTER, Alan

Cato Kwong first appears in the novel *Prime Cut* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery TP \$29.99

JACK REACHER: PAST TENSE

CHILD, Lee

Thriller TP \$32.99

FAWKES & BAXTER: HANGMAN

COLE, Daniel

Eighteen months after the 'Ragdoll' murders, a body is found hanging from Brooklyn Bridge, the word 'bait' carved into the chest. In London, a copycat killer strikes, branded with the word 'puppet', forcing DCI Emily Baxter into an uneasy partnership with the detectives on the case, Special Agents Rouche and Curtis. Each time they trace a suspect, the killer is one step ahead. With the body count rising on both sides of the Atlantic, can they learn to trust each other and identify who is holding the strings, before it is too late? A sequel to *Ragdoll* (PBK, \$19.99)

Thriller PBK \$19.99

BALLARD & BOSCH: DARK SACRED NIGHT

CONNELLY, Michael

At the end of a long, dark night detectives Renee Ballard and Harry Bosch cross paths for the first time. Detective Renee Ballard works the graveyard shift and returns to Hollywood Station in the early hours, to find a stranger rifling through old files. The intruder is none other than retired legendary LAPD detective Harry Bosch, hunting for leads in an unsolved case that has got under his skin. Ballard escorts him out but – curious to know what he was searching for – soon becomes obsessed by the murder of Daisy Clayton. Was she the first victim of a serial killer who still stalks the streets? For Bosch, the case is more than personal: it may be all he has left. But in a city where crime never sleeps, even detectives have a dark side...

Suspense TP \$32.99

THE OTHER SISTER

CROFT, Elle

Gina Mills is desperate to be a newsreader, but her boss – the director of the struggling Channel Eight, won't help. Walking home one night, Gina stumbles upon a dead body, and after calling the police, she makes the split-second decision to report the murder live. When questioned by the police, Gina can't remember specific details about her discovery, but these memory gaps are explained away as shock. But when Gina finds a second body, it's clear she's

being targeted. But, why? And how is this connected to the death of Gina's younger sister, so many years ago?

Thriller PBK \$19.99

LOTTE MEERMAN: DEATH ON THE CANAL

DE JAGER, Anja

The third smart and engaging Lotte Meerman procedural, following *A Cold Death in Amsterdam* and *A Cold Case in Amsterdam Central* (PBK, \$19.99 each).

Mystery PBK \$19.99

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.

Mystery/thriller PBK \$22.99

ROSE CITY MYSTERIES 02: VIOLET TENDENCIES

DYER-SEELEY, Kate

Britta Johnston and her aunt Elin are delighted that their Portland floral boutique is part of the city's Rose Festival, which draws thousands to the Pacific Northwest for dragon boat races, fireworks, and other attractions – capped off by a big parade. They're building a float that's sure to rock the judge's boat... until a gang of angry protesters shows up. The group, who call themselves Dark Fusion, are decidedly not into flower power, and they want to take down the system... including the upcoming extravaganza. Then their leader is strangled with a garland of violets – and Britta finds the body. With tensions running high and so much at stake, there are plenty of suspects, from the Grand Marshal to a long-time volunteer to a former Rose Queen. But before Britta and Elin can stem the violence, the case is going to get even more explosive...

Mystery PBK \$21.95

LOOK ALIVE TWENTY-FIVE

EVANOVICH, Janet

Stephanie Plum TP \$29.99

MISS DIMONT MYSTERIES:

A QUARTER PAST DEAD

FIELDEN, T P

The third in the series, following *The Riviera Express* (TP, \$29.99) and *Resort to Murder* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery PBK \$19.99

THE WYCH ELM

FRENCH, Tana

One night changes everything for Toby. A brutal attack leaves him traumatised, unsure even of the person he used to be. He seeks refuge at his uncle's rambling home, the Ivy House, filled with cherished memories of wild-strawberry summers and teenage parties with his cousins. But not long after Toby's arrival, a discovery is made. A skull, tucked neatly inside the old wych elm in the garden. As detectives begin to close in, Toby is forced to examine everything he thought he knew about his family, his past, and himself.

Suspense TP \$32.99

TALES FROM THE DEAD OF NIGHT: THIRTEEN

CLASSIC GHOST STORIES (ANTHOLOGY)

GAYFORD, Cecily (editor)

Contains ghost stories by: Ruth Rendell, M R James, Rudyard Kipling, Edith Wharton, E F Benson, E Nesbit, Saki, W W Jacobs, W F Harvey, Hugh Walpole, Chico Kidd, and L P Hartley.

Ghost story anthology PBK \$19.99

DETECTIVE LOTTIE PARKER:

THE STOLEN GIRLS

GIBNEY, Patricia

Suspense PBK \$22.99

THE BOUNCER

GORDON, David

Joe Brody is just your average Dostoevsky-reading, Harvard-expelled, strip-club bouncer who has a highly classified military history and a best friend from Catholic school who happens to be head *mafioso* Gio Caprisi. FBI agent Donna Zamora, the best shot in her class at Quantico, is a single mother stuck at a desk manning the hotline. A tip from a cokehead leads to a crackdown on Gio's strip joint in Queens, and Joe's arrest...

Thriller HC \$39.99

LORIMER & BRIGHTMAN:

ONLY THE DEAD CAN TELL

GRAY, Alex

Mystery PBK \$22.99

HOLLY WAKEFIELD: WHEN DARKNESS CALLS

GRIFFIN, Mark

Holly Wakefield works for the NHS as a criminal psychologist specialising in serial killers. She has particular reason to be good at her job – but she keeps that to herself. When DI Bishop from the Met Police approaches Holly to investigate a recent killing, Holly is horrified by the dismembered bodies and the way they

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have been theatrically positioned. More shocking still is when the pathologist reveals this is not the first time, she has seen these mutilations. It means a serial killer is out there, and they're going to kill again – soon. Holly is used to chasing serial killers. But this killer has something in common with Holly that she's kept hidden for as long as she can remember. And for the first time, since she was a child, Holly is forced to face the darkness of her past... The first in a series.

Thriller TP \$32.99

THE STRANGER DIARIES

GRIFFITHS, Eilly

A dark story has been brought to terrifying life. Can the ending be rewritten in time? Clare Cassidy is no stranger to tales of murder. As a literature teacher, specialising in the Gothic writer R M Holland, she teaches a short course on them, every year. Then Clare's life and work collide tragically – when one of her colleagues is found dead, a line from an R M Holland story by her body. The investigating police detective is convinced the writer's works somehow hold the key to the case. Not knowing who to trust – and afraid that the killer is someone she knows – Clare confides her darkest suspicions and fears about the case to her journal. Then, one day, she notices some other writing in the diary. Writing that isn't hers... A new, standalone thriller, from the author of the Dr Ruth Galloway mysteries. Also available this month is the paperback edition of the newest book in the Stephens & Mephisto series, *The Vanishing Box* (\$19.99).

Thriller TP \$29.99

BLEAK HARBOR

GRULEY, Bryan

Summertime, in Bleak Harbor, means tourists, overpriced restaurants, and the Dragonfly Festival. One day before the much-awaited and equally chaotic celebration, Danny Peters, the youngest member of the family that founded the town five generations ago, disappears. When Danny's mother, Carey, and stepfather, Pete, receive a photo of their brilliant, autistic, and socially withdrawn son tied to a chair, they fear the worst. But there's also more to the story. Someone is sending them ominous texts and emails filled with information no one else should have. Could the secrets they've kept hidden – even from one another – have led to Danny's abduction? As pressure from the kidnapper mounts, Carey and Pete must face their own ugly mistakes to find their son, before he's taken from them forever.

Suspense HC \$37.99

JOHN WALLACE: AFTERSHOCK

HAMDY, Adam

Thriller TP \$32.99

STONE & OLIVER: THE INSIDER

HANNAH, Mari

Suspense PBK \$22.99

DO NO HARM

HAY, L V

After leaving her marriage to jealous, possessive oncologist Maxwell, Lily and her six-year-old son have a second chance at happiness with head-teacher Sebastian. Kind but vulnerable, Sebastian is the polar opposite of Maxwell, and the perfect match for Lily. After a whirlwind romance, they marry, and that's when things start to go wrong... Maxwell returns to the scene, determined to win back his family, and events soon spiral out of control. Lily and Sebastian find themselves not only fighting for their relationship, but also their lives...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

SLOUGH HOUSE: THE DROP (NOVELLA)

HERRON, Mick

Old spooks carry the memory of tradecraft in their bones, and when Solomon Dortmund sees an envelope being passed from one pair of hands to another, in a Marylebone cafe, he knows he's witnessed more than an innocent encounter. Meanwhile, Lady Di Taverner is trying to keep the Service on an even keel, and if that means throwing the odd crew member overboard, well: collateral damage is her speciality. A drop, in spook parlance, is the passing on of secret information. It's also what happens, just before you hit the ground. This fantastic series begins with *Slow Horses* (PBK, \$19.99). Ron highly recommends – a slow burner but fantastic!

Suspense HC \$22.99

DETECTIVE DANIEL HAWTHORNE:

THE SENTENCE IS DEATH

HOROWITZ, Anthony

'You shouldn't be here. It's too late...' These, heard over the phone, were the last recorded words of successful celebrity-divorce lawyer Richard Pryce, found bludgeoned to death in his bachelor pad with a bottle of wine – a 1982 Château Lafite worth £3,000, to be precise. Odd, considering he didn't drink. Why this bottle? And why those words? And why was a three-digit number painted on the wall by the killer? And, most importantly, which of the man's many, many enemies did the deed? Baffled, the police are forced to bring in Private Investigator Daniel Hawthorne and his sidekick, the author Anthony, who's really getting rather good at this murder investigation business. But as Hawthorne takes on the case with characteristic relish, it becomes clear that he, too, has secrets to hide. As our reluctant narrator becomes ever more embroiled in the case, he realises that these secrets must be exposed – even at the risk of death... The sequel to *The Word Is Murder* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery TP \$32.99

ROY GRACE: DEAD IF YOU DON'T

JAMES, Peter

Mystery PBK \$17.99

BOB SKINNER: COLD CASE

JARDINE, Quentin

The previous Skinner novel, *A Brush with Death*, is also now available in paperback (\$19.99).

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

HALFWAY

JONES, B E

Thriller TP \$29.99

BERNIE GUNTHER: GREEKS BEARING GIFTS

KERR, Philip

We love this hugely entertaining series, which begins with the omnibus *Berlin Noir* (PBK, \$39.99). Unfortunately, this may be the last, as Kerr died in March.

Noir PBK \$19.99

FOR THE SAKE OF THE GAME: STORIES

INSPIRED BY THE SHERLOCK HOLMES CANON

KING, Laurie R & KLINGER, Leslie S (editors)

The latest volume in the award-winning series from Laurie R King and Leslie S Klinger, with stories of Sherlock Holmes, Dr Watson, and friends... in a variety of eras and forms. King and Klinger have a simple formula: ask some of the world's greatest writers – regardless of genre – to be inspired by the stories of Arthur Conan Doyle. The results are surprising and joyous. Featuring stories by: Peter S Beagle, Rhys Bowen, Reed Farrel Coleman, Jamie Freveletti, Alan Gordon, Gregg Hurwitz, Toni L P Kelner, William Kotzwinkle and Joe Servello, Harley Jane Kozak, D P Lyle, Weston Ochse, Zoe Sharp, Duane Swierczynski, and F Paul Wilson.

Sherlockiana HC \$49.95

CUTTING EDGE

LARSEN, Ward

Trey DeBolt is a young man at the crest of life. His role as a Coast Guard rescue swimmer in Alaska offers him a rewarding job and limitless adventure. Then a tragic accident alters his life: during a harrowing rescue, his helicopter goes down. Severely injured, DeBolt awakens in a seaside cabin in Maine, thousands of miles from where the accident occurred. His lone nurse lets slip that he has been officially declared dead, lost in the crash. Back in Alaska, however, Coast Guard investigator Shannon Lund uncovers evidence that DeBolt might still be alive. Her search quickly becomes personal, but before she can intervene, chaos erupts outside a cabin in the wilds of Maine. The nurse who has been treating DeBolt is brutally killed, by military-trained assassins. DeBolt is only saved when a bizarre vision guides him to safety. Soon, other images appear, impossible revelations that are unfailing in their accuracy. As he runs for his life, DeBolt discovers he has been drawn into an ultra-secret government project. The power it bestows is boundless, both a gift and a curse. Yet, one thing is certain: Trey DeBolt has abilities, no human has ever known.

Thriller PBK \$22.95

DETECTIVE CLUB:

THE SHOP WINDOW MURDERS

LODER, Vernon

Mander's Department Store in London's West End is so famous for its elaborate window displays that, on Monday mornings, crowds gather to watch the window blinds being raised on a new weekly display. On this particular Monday, just a few weeks before Christmas, the onlookers quickly realise that one of the figures is in fact a human corpse, placed among the wax mannequins. Then a second body is discovered, and this striking tableau begins a baffling and complex case for Inspector Devenish of Scotland Yard.

Classic mystery HC \$22.99

I SEE THROUGH YOU

MCNALLY, Daisy

Thriller PBK \$19.99

RAILWAY DETECTIVE: POINTS OF DANGER

MARSTON, Edward

Historical mystery HC \$39.99

PERVEEN MISTRY:

THE WIDOWS OF 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 being 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.

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

KATIE MAGUIRE: DEAD MEN WHISTLING

MASTERTON, Graham

Mystery PBK \$19.99

INSPECTOR BARBAROTTI: THE ROOT OF EVIL

NESSER, Håkan

July 2007. A letter arrives on Inspector Barbarotti's doorstep detailing a murder that is about to take place... in his own, quiet, Swedish town. By the time the police track down the subject of the letter, he is already dead. So, when a second letter arrives, then a third, and a fourth, it's a game of cat and mouse to stop the killer before he can make good on all of his promises. Meanwhile, an anonymous diary is unearthed depicting the incidents of a two-week holiday in France, five years earlier, and it doesn't take Barbarotti long to realise the people populating the diary are the ones whose lives are now in the balance... The sequel to the terrific *The Darkest Day* (PBK, \$18.99).

Suspense TP \$29.99

V I WARSHAWSKI: SHELL GAME

PARETSKY, Sara

V I Warshawski returns to the Windy City, to save an old friend's nephew from a murder arrest. The case involves a stolen artefact that could implicate a shadowy network of international criminals.

Suspense TP \$29.99

INSPECTOR GAMACHE: GLASS HOUSES

PENNY, Louise

This fantastic series begins with *Still Life* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery PBK \$19.99

FIREFLY

PORTER, Henry

From the refugee camps of Greece to the mountains of Macedonia, a thirteen-year-old boy is making his way to Germany and safety. Codenamed 'Firefly', he holds vital intelligence: unparalleled insight into a vicious ISIS terror cell, and details of their plans. But the terrorists are hot on his trail, determined he won't live to pass on the information. When MI6 become aware of Firefly and what he knows, the race is on to find him. Paul Samson, ex-MI6 agent and now private eye, finds himself recruited to the cause. Fluent in Arabic, thanks to his Lebanese heritage, Samson's job is to find Firefly, win his trust and get him to safety.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

SOHO NIGHTS: THE BREAK

O'SULLIVAN, Ronnie

Thriller TP \$29.99

JENNY AARON: A SHADOW FALLS

PFLÜGER, Andreas

Mystery TP \$29.99

REBUS: LONG SHADOWS – THE NEW PLAY

RANKIN, Ian & MUNRO, Rona

The stage debut of the legendary detective John Rebus. John Rebus is not as young as he was, but his detective instincts have never left him. And after the daughter of a murder victim turns up outside his flat, he's going to need them at their sharpest. Enlisting the help of his old friend DI Siobhan Clarke, Rebus is determined to solve this cold case once and for all. But Clarke has problems of her own, problems that will put her at odds with her long-time mentor and push him into seeking help from his age-old adversary: 'Big Ger' Cafferty.

Mystery HC \$45.00

JACK WEST JR: THE THREE SECRET CITIES

REILLY, Matthew

Thriller HC \$39.99

SHARDLAKE: TOMBLAND

SANSOM, C J

This fantastic series by bestselling author C J Sansom – featuring Dr Matthew Shardlake, lawyer and long-time supporter of Reform – begins with *Dissolution* (PBK, \$19.99). Recommended!

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

JEEVES AND THE KING OF CLUBS

SCHOTT, Ben

Ben Schott follows in the patent-leather footsteps of the great humourist, P G Wodehouse and his empire of comic writing; building on Wodehouse's incalculable legacy, and reimagining Bertie Wooster as a British spy... and the Junior Ganymede – the club for the gentleman's gentleman – as a branch of the British Secret Service. Full of intrigue, exploits, comedy and wit, Schott and Wodehouse make for a harmonious, hilarious pair.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

PRESERVATION

SERONG, Jock

On a beach not far from the isolated settlement of Sydney in 1797, a fishing boat picks up three shipwreck survivors, distressed and terribly injured. They have walked hundreds of miles across a landscape whose features – and inhabitants – they have no way of comprehending. They have lost fourteen companions along the way. Their accounts of the ordeal are evasive. It is Lieutenant Joshua Grayling's task to investigate the story. He comes to realise that those fourteen deaths were contrived by one calculating mind and, as the full horror of the men's journey emerges, he begins to wonder whether the ruthless killer poses a danger to his own family.

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

A DAMNED SERIOUS BUSINESS

SEYMOUR, Gerald

Thriller PBK \$19.99

DS GRACE ALLENDALE: HUSH HUSH

SHERATT, Mel

A killer is on the loose, attacking people in places they feel most safe: their workplaces, their homes. It's up to DS Grace Allendale to stop the murders, and prove herself to her new team. All clues lead to local crime family the Steeles, but that's where things get complicated. Because the Steeles aren't just any family, they're Grace's family. Two brothers and two sisters, connected by the violent father only Grace and her mother escaped. To catch the killer, Grace will have to choose between her team and her blood. But who do you trust, when both sides are out to get you?

The first in a series.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

MAIGRET'S FURY

SIMENON, Georges

Also available now is the paperback edition of *A Maigret Christmas and Other Stories* (PBK, \$19.99).

Maigret PBK \$16.99

TALLIE GRAVER MYSTERIES 03:

DECEASED AND DESIST

SIMON, Misty

Mystery PBK \$21.95

GILDED AGE MYSTERIES:

LIES THAT COMFORT AND BETRAY

SIMPSON, Rosemary

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