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#### November 2012

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Until next time, good reading! Ron, Iain & Beau

Abbreviations used in this catalogue:

PBK = "A" format (standard size) paperback

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

WRITTEN IN STONE

ADAMS, Ellery When a old woman known as the 'Witch of Oyster Bay' warns Olivia Limoges that death is coming, neither of them realize that it is the old woman herself who will die. And Olivia's instincts tell her that something sinister is at play.

SHERLOCK: THE CASEBOOK

ADAMS, Guy

The official guide to the BBC series.

THE DIAMOND CHARIOT

AKUNIN, Boris

Fandorin is charged with protecting the Trans-Siberian Railway from Japanese sabotage in a pacy adventure filled with double agents and ticking bombs.

Historical mystery

**FORGOTTEN** 

BALDACCI, David

The Innocent is now in paperback (\$17.99)

Thriller

FINDERS KEEPERS

BAUER, Belinda

At the height of summer a dark shadow falls across Exmoor. Children are being stolen from cars. Each disappearance is marked only by a terse note - a brutal accusation. Policeman Jonas Holly faces a precarious journey into the warped mind of the kidnapper if he's to stand any chance of catching him. But is Jonas really up to the task?

A DROP OF THE HARD STUFF

BLOCK, Lawrence

Latest Matt Scudder is now in paperback. Mystery

**CAUGHT OUT IN CORNWALL** 

BOLITHO, Jane

When a distress flare goes up from a yacht in the bay near St. Michael's Mount, artist Rose Trevelyan immediately alerts the coastguard and very soon a small crowd has gathered to watch the rescue in progress. In the confusion Rose spots a little girl wandering alone by the shore but loses sight of her. The girl's disappearance leaves Rose racked with guilt and determined to help in any way she can. Also released into paperback is the next in the series, Buried in Cornwall.

Mystery

ARSENIC AND OLD CAKE

BRADY, Joanne

An old musician asks Rita to investigate a man who claims to be his long-lost brother. Checking into a seedy bed-and-breakfast, Rita discovers that the mysterious man may be telling the truth, but he also may be a murderer.

Mystery

A NOVEL WAY TO DIE

BRANDON, Ali

Darla Pettistone is settling nicely into her life after inheriting her aunt's bookshop - and her temperamental large black cat Hamlet. But after a local businessman is found dead, Darla learns that Hamlet was prowling the neighborhood in the vicinity. This new cosy series, which begins with Double Booked for Death (\$17.95), is getting some excellent customer feedback.

**PBK** 

MRS JEFFRIES AND THE MISTLETOE MIX UP

BRIGHTWELL, Emily

An art collector is killed with a priceless sword and left under a bundle of mistletoe. It's up to Inspector Witherspoon and Mrs. Jeffries to find out who delivered the kiss of death.

**NEVER TELL** 

BURKE, Alafair

Detective Ellie Hatcher will be forced to uncover the truth behind the apparent suicide of a teenaged girl with intriguing connections to both New York's wealthiest - and its most dispossessed.

Mystery

**BEFORE SHE DIES** 

BURTON, Mary

A serial killer obsessed with the occult plays judge, jury, and

Thriller

LET IT SEW

CASEY, Elizabeth Lynn

Down south, the holidays mean family, and for Yankee librarian Tori Sinclair, family means the Sweet Briar Ladies Society sewing circle. It may not be a white Christmas, but it's one she'll never forget - no matter how hard she tries.

**STAKE & EGGS** 

CHILDS, Laura When a snowmobile crashes into the woods behind the Cackleberry Club cafe, Suzanne finds her town's most-hated banker beheaded by a wire staked in the snow...

FATAL DEBT

**FAULT LINES** 

GODDARD, Robert

GRANT, Barry

Sherlockiana

**DEAD LEVEL** 

GRAVES, Sarah

When Ben, a talented British psychiatrist working in New York,

Street bank, he diagnoses him as suicidally depressed and admits

him to hospital. But when pressure is brought by his superiors to discharge Harry, Ben must keep him under observation, and is

slowly drawn into the financiers gilded world, where nothing is

revelations of fraud, Ben realises he has made a terrible error that

"It could be your average suicide. A man found dead in his car,

engine running, parked at the end of a lonely track, a tube feeding

deadly fumes from the exhaust through the window. Except for

the seven-year-old boy still breathing in the boot... For Jonathan

destruction lie buried there. But if he is to uncover the truth, he

must confront all the secrets which have consumed his life, and

SHERLOCK HOLMES & THE SWEDISH ENIGMA

"A corpse in a sarcophagus, a headless macaw, and a stolen slice

international crime in progress, and lead him through London's

Greek statues vanish. Even Holmes vanishes - to the distress of

his companion, James Wilson, whose emails and text messages

his journey through ice to the twenty-first century and ready to

Driving to a cottage in the Maine woods with her best friend,

of her. She bet her husband that she could finish building the

cottage porch in only a few days. But as Jake and Ellie set to

him sent away for murder years ago and here, in the remote

wilderness, he can exact his revenge. Tough as nails and not

afraid to defend themselves, Jake and Ellie are determined to

keep their wits about them-to prevent the quaint little cottage

"In 1948 a man was found dead on an Adelaide beach. Well-

dressed and unmarked, he had a half-smoked cigarette by his

side, but no identity documents. Six decades on we don't know

TAMAM SHUD: THE SOMERTON MAN

from turning into the ultimate death trap.

GREENWOOD, Kerry

work, they soon realize that they're not alone. Dewey Hooper, a

recently escaped convict, is watching them. Jake's testimony got

Ellie White, Jacobia "Jake" Tiptree has a challenging week ahead

reveal a multitude of secrets..." - publisher's blurb

go unanswered. But Holmes is in top form, fully recovered from

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\$17.95

backstreets to the gloomy moors of Cornwall. People vanish,

of Black Forest gateau alert Sherlock Holmes to a macabre

Kellaway, the past is somewhere he chooses not to go. Dead

friends, lost lovers and a family dynasty hell-bent on self-

which may yet consume him..." - publisher's blurb

what it first seems. After a colleague of Harry's dies amid

threatens both his career and his life.

first meets Harry, the former chief executive of a failed Wall

GAPPER, John

A PARLIAMENT OF SPIES

CLARK, Cassandra

Autumn 1386. Hildegard of Meaux - a Cistercian Abbess with a keen instinct for crime solving - is accompanying the Archbishop of York, Alexander Neville, to London for the opening of Parliament amid much civic unrest. The journey is fraught with deadly surprises, and it becomes clear to Hildegard that a sinister plot may also involve King Richard, and those looking to depose him at all costs.

Historical mystery

NIGHTSHADE ON ELM STREET

COLLINS, Kate

In addition to running her flower shop and planning her wedding, Abby Knight is facing another challenge: finding a woman who's gone missing from an exclusive beach house. The missing woman also happens to be the fiance of Pryce Osborne, who dumped Abby at the altar years before.

Mystery

**VIVA LA MADNESS** 

CONNOLLY, J.J.

The anonymous hero of Layer Cake (\$21.99) is pulled back into the drug game before he can escape to a sunny retirement: in a dazzling combination of London low-life, Caribbean high-life and Venezuelan drug cartels toting machine-guns in Mayfair. First published in 2000, Layer Cake is now a stone-cold classic.

Recommended. Suspense/noir

FEN COUNTRY

CRISPIN, Edmund

Dandelions and hearing aids, a bloodstained cat, a Leonardo drawing, a corpse with an alibi, a truly poisonous letter...just some of the unusual clues that Oxford don/detective Gervase Fen and his friend Inspector Humbleby are confronted with in this sparkling collection of short mystery stories by one of the great

masters of detective fiction

MASTER AND GOD

DAVIS, Lindsey

A reluctant hero, Gaius Vinius Clodianus is hand-picked for high rank in the Praetorian Guard - a brave man striving for decency in a world of corruption and deceit. Flavia Lucilla, tending the privileged women at court, hears the intimate secrets of a ruler who plays with the lives of his subjects as if he were indeed a careless god. In the shadow of Domitian's reign, Clodianus and Lucilla play out their own complex tale of resilience, friendship and love.

**Historical fiction** 

**NOTORIOUS NINETEEN** 

EVANOVICH, Janet

Also, Wicked Business, the latest Lizzie and Diesel novel, is now in paperback (\$19.99)

**DEATH IN THE SMALL HOURS** FINCH, Charles

Charles Lenox is at the pinnacle of his political career and is a delighted new father. He plans a trip to his uncle's country estate in the expectation of a few calm weeks to write an important speech. When he arrives in the quiet village of Plumley, however, what greets him is a series of strange vandalisms upon the local shops: broken windows, minor thefts, threatening scrawls. Only when a far more serious crime is committed does he begin to understand the great stakes of those events, and the complex and sinister mind that is wreaking fear and suspicion in Plumley. This brilliant series begins with A Beautiful Blue Death (TP, \$27.95).

Historical mystery

THE LAST MAN

Mitch Rapp heads to Afghanistan to track down a missing CIA

TP

A VINE IN THE BLOOD

GAGE, Leighton

Three weeks before the first game of the FIFA world cup in Brazil, the mother of Tico Santo, Brazil's premier player, is kidnapped. Chief Inspector Mario Silva's being pressured to get her back as quickly as possible, but with no lack of suspects, resolving the situation won't be that simple. "Whether it's characterization, plot or setting, A Vine in the Blood is possibly the best book in this series. If you have yet to sample it, fear not. This book stands on its own very well. My personal recommendation would be to read the entire series. Each book is a window into a fascinating country." - Crimespace

who he was, how he got there or how he died. Somerton Man remains one of Australia's most mysterious cold cases. Yet it is the bizarre details of this case that make it the stuff of a spy novel. The missing labels from all his clothing. The tiny piece of paper with the words 'Tamam Shud' found sewn into the lining of the dead man's coat. A mysterious code found etched inside the very book of Persian poetry from which this note was torn. Brimming with facts that are stranger than fiction, the case has intrigued novelist Kerry Greenwood for almost her whole life. She goes on a journey into her own past to try to solve this crime uncovering a new way of writing about true crime - and herself as she goes." – publisher's blurb

True crime

THE LOST DAUGHTER GRINDLE. Lucretia

In Florence, a young American student goes missing. At first neither Alessandro Pallioti, one of the city's most senior policemen, nor Enzo Saenz, his deputy, are too concerned. But soon the men are horrified to discover that the older man Kristen has been spending time with is Antonio Tomaselli, a member of the notorious Red Brigades. Then, before the police can get a handle on the case, Kristen's step-mother, Anna, also vanishes. Before long Enzo finds himself enmeshed in a web of false identities, betrayed loyalties, and revenge.

THE RACKETEER

GRISHAM, John

Thriller HC \$39.99

THE DISCIPLE OF LAS VEGAS

HAMILTON, Ian

RETURN OF THE THIN MAN

HAMMETT, Dashiell

Following the enormous success of The Thin Man movie in 1934, Hammett was commissioned to write stories for additional

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Fear not, Rebus devotees, this is getting great customer feedback.

films. He wrote two full-length novellas, for the films that became After the Thin Man and Another Thin Man. Bringing back his classic characters, retired private investigator Nick Charles and his former debutante wife Nora. Hammett has written two fully satisfying Thin Man stories, with classic, barbed Hammett dialogue and fully developed characters. Neither of these stories has been previously published (except for a partial in a small magazine 25 years ago), and the editing has been done by Hammett scholar Richard Layman and Hammett's granddaughter, Julie M. Rivett, who provide background on such matters as Hammett's negotiations with MGM.

#### **GENERATION LOSS**

HAND, Elizabeth

Cass Neary made her name in the seventies as a photographer embedded in the burgeoning punk movement in New York City. Her pictures of the musicians and the hangers on earned her a brief moment of fame. Thirty years later she is adrift, on her way down, and almost out when an old acquaintance sends her on a mercy gig to interview a famously reclusive photographer who lives on an island in Maine. When she arrives, Cass stumbles across a decades-old mystery that is still claiming victims, and she finds one final shot at redemption. "Intense and atmospheric, Generation Loss is an inventive brew of postpunk attitude and dark mystery. Elizabeth Hand writes with craftsmanship and passion." - George Pelecanos

#### THE ANATOMIST'S APPRENTICE

HARRIS, Tessa

"Set in 1780, Harris' absorbing debut introduces anatomist Thomas Silkstone, an American living in London, whom the author credits with a number of firsts, including recording the stages of decomposition of corpses and observing insects on a cadaver to determine time of death. When the sudden demise in Oxfordshire of Lord Edward Crick, after violent convulsions, arouses the suspicions of his brother-in-law. Capt. Michael Farrell, Crick's sister and Farrell's wife, Lady Lydia, asks Silkstone to determine the truth... Harris has more than a few tricks up her sleeve, and even veteran armchair puzzle solvers are likely to be surprised." – Publisher's Weekly

**Historical mystery** 

#### **SKULDUGGERY**

HART, Carolyn G.

San Francisco, 1980s: The greatest treasure in the history of paleontology remains missing, the ancient bones of the famed Peking Man until a frantic stranger named Jimmy calls on noted anthropologist Ellen Christie and shares a scintillating secret with her: he has evidence of the bones in his backpack. She becomes convinced that he is right. But when she visits his Chinatown home, Jimmy must flee with the evidence, as a couple of thugs are also after the treasure.

Suspense

#### **BEHIND THE SEAMS**

HECHTMAN, Betty

Molly Pink and her crochet group, the Tarzana Hookers, are thrilled when one of their own gets a shot at the spotlight - but Molly soon learns that life in the entertainment biz can be deadly. **PBK** 

#### A QUESTION OF IDENTITY

HILL, Susan

Duchess of Cornwall Close: sheltered accommodation, a mix of bungalows and flats, newly built and not quite finished. Despite the bitterly cold weather, elderly residents are moving in. They don't notice the figure in the shadows. Then, one snowy night, an old lady is murdered - dragged from her bed and strangled with a length of flex. DCS Simon Serrailler and his team are aware of bizarre circumstances surrounding her death - but they keep some of these details secret, while they desperately search for a match. All they know is that the killer will strike again, and will once more leave the same tell-tale signature. This brilliant series begins with Various Haunts of Men (\$19.95).

#### DEATH OF A COUNTRY FRIED REDNECK

HOLLIS, Lee

Local food writer Hayley Powell thinks she's done solving murders in scenic Bar Harbor, Maine. But when a taste of the South comes to New England, Hayley's following another recipe for disaster

PBK

#### THE FIRST PROPHET

HOOPER, Kay PBK Thriller

#### **AUTUMN KILLING**

KALLENTOFT, Mons

The rain is pouring down over Skogsa Castle, outside of Linkoping. Sheets of rain are crashing down on both the landscape and the body floating in the moat. Lawyer Jerry Petersson, Skogsa Castle's new owner, notorious for his ruthlessness, will not be doing any more business. But how did he end up in the moat? Superintendent Malin Fors soon becomes suspicious of the castle s previous owners, the aristocratic Fagelsjos, who could hardly have been happy to sell the family estate to a social climber like Jerry Petersson.

#### **DEATH'S DOOR**

KELLY, Jim

On a hot August day in 1994, 76 holidaymakers travel to an island off the North Norfolk coast. Only 75 return alive - a young man is murdered, the case left unsolved. Twenty years later, using state-of-the-art forensics, the DNA results of a bloodsoaked towel prompts DI Peter Shaw to summon all 75 original suspects to a mass screening, but one of them, the beautiful Marianne Osbourne, is found dead in her bed. Is there a link to the 1994 murder? DI Shaw and DS Valentine become immersed in the

dark secrets of an isolated community. Kelly has lost his mass market paperback contract so this will be the only edition of the

#### PRAGUE FATALE

KERR, Philip

Philip Kerr's sequence of historical thrillers featuring private detective Bernie Gunther forms a body of work comparable to the great series of the two masters of the genre, Len Deighton and John le Carre. The Berlin Noir Trilogy (\$29.95) established Kerr and Gunther as the perfect combination of writer, character, setting and genre. Here, Gunther is called to Prague by Heydrich, ostensibly to solve the murder of one of Heydrich's staffers. What begins as a locked room mystery rapidly spirals into something grimmer, and a lot more intriguing. Recommended.

#### HERALD OF DEATH

KINGSBURY, Kate

Cecily Sinclair Baxter promised her husband that she'd take a hiatus from sleuthing. But three killings have created a blizzard of bad publicity, and guests are cancelling their hotel reservations. The next in the series is The Clue is in the Pudding (TP, \$27.95).

A BESPOKE MURDER

MARSTON, Edward May 1915. When the sinking of the Lusitania sparks an unprecedented wave of anti-German riots and arson attacks across the city. Among the victims are the immigrant tailor Jacob Stein, found dead in his burnt-out shop. Initially Jacob 's killing appears to be the tragic excess of wartime hysteria but when it transpires that Jacob had been stabbed amidst the flames, his safe ransacked, and his daughter Ruth raped, the possibility that these assaults were longpremeditated crimes becomes unavoidable. Detective Inspector Harvey Marmion and Sergeant Joe Keedy must take on this case of cover-ups and contradictions and track down Jacob 's killer and Ruth's assailants. This has been getting great reviews. The next in the series is  $Instrument\ of\ Slaughter\ (HC, \$39.95).$ 

Historical mystery PBK

#### SUTTON

MOEHRINGER, J.R. "Between 1925 and 1950, Willie Sutton robbed 100 banks and also broke out of three escape-proof prisons - all without firing a single shot. He was driven by two things - a lost love and the belief that bankers were the root cause of everything wrong with society. Among the most notorious criminals in American history, he spen half his life in prison, the other half on the run. Then, on 24th December 1969, at the age of 68, he found himself a free man. Despite a universal demand for interviews, he granted only one, spending all that Christmas with a newspaper reporter and a photographer. They drove around New York City, visiting the scenes of his many heists, heartbreaks and escapes. The result was an odd front-page article, filled with half-truths and platitudes. Notably missing was any mention of Sutton's first accomplice, the girl who lead him into a life of crime, then broke his heart. Sutton is a compulsively readable fictional re-imagining of the life of Willie The Actor Sutton, a man who became a folk hero by waging war on banks." – *publisher's blurb* 

#### KILLING HOUSE

Malcolm Fletcher - a former FBI profiler and now the nation's Most Wanted fugitive - arrives in Colorado to help Theresa and her husband find their missing son. But his arrival coincides with a dangerous and shocking twist in the case. Barely surviving his first encounter with a suspect, Fletcher embarks on his own secret investigation, with the police just behind him every step of the way.

#### FOREVER RUMPOLE: THE BEST OF THE **RUMPOLE STORIES**

MORTIMER, John

Collects fourteen of Rumpole's most entertaining adventures, together with a fragment of a new story

**CAT TELLING TALES** 

MURPHY, Shirley Rousseau Mystery

#### KILL ME IF YOU CAN

PATTERSON, James Thriller

#### A SUNLESS SEA

PERRY, Anne

Inspector Monk investigates a brutal killing and a deadly opium conspiracy. Also released is A Christmas Homecoming (\$19.99). **PBK** Historical mystery

#### ANOTHER TIME, ANOTHER LIFE

PERSSON, Leif

1975: Six people take the staff of the West German embassy hostage. demanding that the Baader-Meinhof members being held as prisoners in West Germany be released. The long siege ends with the deaths of two hostages and the wounding of several others, including the captors, 1989: When a Swedish civil servant is murdered, the two leading detectives on the case, Anna Holt and Bo Jarnebring, find their investigation hastily shelved by an incompetent and corrupt senior investigator. 1999: Lars Johansson, having just joined the Swedish Security Police, decides to tie up a few loose ends left behind by his predecessor: specifically, two files on Swedes who had allegedly collaborated on the 1975 assault on the West German embassy, one of whom turned out to be the murder victim in 1989. Johansson reopens the investigation and, with help from detectives Jarnebring and Holt, follows the leads - right up the Swedish political ladder. Recommended.

#### TP DOG IN THE MANGER

STANDING IN ANOTHER MAN'S GRAVE

RESNICK Mike

RANKIN, Ian

Hired to investigate the disappearance of a Westminster winner. Eli Paxton stumbles into a web of intrigue. A down-on-his-luck private eye is hired to find the number one Weimaraner in the country. A dog is missing. It turns out to be anything but a routine case. People start dying in mysterious ways, a cargo plane goes missing, and someone is taking shots at him. It makes no sense. Even a top show dog isn't worth that much. Now the hunt is on. Paxton needs to find this dog to save his own skin. "Resnick's engrossing puzzler (originally published in 1995) captures the essence of the antiheroic PI. Resnick, a noted science fiction author (five Hugo awards) writes with a speculative tone that translates well to the detective genre. May there be more!" - Library Journal

Mystery

#### BETWEEN THE THAMES AND THE TIBOR: THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF **SHERLOCK HOLMES**

RICCARDI, Ted

After a eventful jaunt in the far east (see The Oriental Casebook of Sherlock Holmes, \$27.95). Holmes and Watson return to England to address an inheritance left by one of Watson's relatives, half of which he gave to his dear friend, Sherlock Holmes. Financially secure, the two are now free to spend as much time on Baker Street and the Continent as they please, and the duo find themselves as comfortable in Rome on the banks of the Tiber as the Thames. As Holmes rationalizes and ratiocinates his way through case after case. from The Case of Two Bohemes to A Singular Event in Tranquebar, it's all in a day's work, until clues surface that his great nemesis, Professor James Moriarty, might still be alive...

Sherlockiana

#### HAWTHORN AND CHILD

RIDGWAY, Keith

Hawthorn and Child are mid-ranking detectives tasked with finding significance in the scattered facts. They appear and disappear in the fragments of this book along with a ghost car, a crime boss, a pickpocket, a dead racing driver and a pack of wolves. "The novel that has impressed, mesmerised and bamboozled me most this past year... It begins as a police procedural, then spins outwards, never quite coming back to explain the mystery. Along the way we learn that a secret cabal of wild animals may underpin life in contemporary London, we hang out at art exhibitions, visit an orgy at a gay sauna, and wallow in gorgeous (if unsettling) writing. A novel or a series of loosely connected short stories? I don't really care. Whatever it is, it's great." - Ian Rankin

Mystery

#### MEET INSPECTOR BANKS

ROBINSON, Peter

An omnibus of the first three Banks novels: Gallows, View, A Dedicated Man, A Necessary End.

#### CITY OF SHADOWS

Dublin 1934: Detective Stefan Gillespie arrests a German doctor and encounters Hannah Rosen desperate to find her friend Susan, a Jewish woman who disappeared after a love affair with a Catholic priest. When the bodies of a man and woman are found buried in the Dublin mountains, Stefan becomes involved in a complex case that takes him, and Hannah, across Europe to Danzig.

Mystery

SHOCK WAVE

SANDFORD, John **Thriller** 

**PBK** 

#### BENEATH THE ABBEY WALL

Joanne, Neil, Rob, and the rest of the Highland Gazette staff are struck hard when, first, one of their own is savagely killed, and, next, Don, the assistant editor, is arrested for her murder. At the same time, a handsome young journalist from Canada shows up, ostensibly researching his own lineage but instead distracting (and romancing) reporter Joanne. Editor-in-chief Neil never believes Don could have killed the beloved Mrs. Smart, but the evidence is dame the reading of her will releases shocking and long-held secrets, Neil and his intrepid reporter Rob begin investigating because the suspect list just expanded dramatically.

Mystery

#### I REMEMBER YOU

SIGURDARDOTTIR, Yrsa

In an isolated village in the Icelandic Westfjords, three friends set to work renovating a derelict house. But soon they realise they are not alone there - something wants them to leave. Meanwhile, in a town across the fjord, a young doctor investigating the suicide of an elderly woman discovers that she was obsessed with his vanished son. When the two stories collide the terrifying truth is uncovered...

**Thriller** 

#### THE RIPPER SECRET

STEEL, Jack August 1888. Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Charles Warren has a precious artefact, a relic of incalculable value that dates back to the very earliest days of human history. When a mysterious stranger pays Warren a visit, he's terrified to discover that the man is on the trail of the ancient relic but, with Warren's entire career and reputation at stake, he denies all knowledge of the object, little knowing just how far the stranger is prepared to go to destroy him and recover the artefact. And when the first murder takes place in Whitechapel, Warren realizes the callous determination and disregard for human life of his ruthless enemy

\$19.99

#### THE DA VINCI DECEPTION

SWAN, Thomas

A reissue of the first in the series featuring New Scotland Yard's Inspector Jack Oxby of the Art and Antiquities Squad, which pits him against a mastermind of art forgery. When an original Leonardo da Vinci folio goes missing from the Royal Library at Windsor Castle, Oxby is brought in to investigate. Travelling from London to New York and Lake Como, Oxby eventually uncovers a daring art forger who blackmails artists into faking Leonardo da Vinci manuscripts, including early sketches of the Mona Lisa. "A full cast of sharply etched characters, both villains and good guys, trace a twisting adventure." - Publishers Weekly Mystery/thriller

#### THE ASYLUM

THEORIN, Johan

An underground passage leads from the Dell nursery to Saint Patricia's asylum. Only the children enter, leaving their minders behind. On the other side are their parents - some of the most dangerous psychopaths in the country... Jan has just started working at the nursery. He is a loner with many secrets but only one goal. He must get inside the asylum... What is his connection with one of the inmates, a famous singer? What really happened when a boy in his care went missing nine years ago?

Suspense TP \$32.95

#### **MAXWELL'S ISLAND**

TROW, M.J.

Mystery \$17.99

#### MURDER IS A PIECE OF CAKE

Bride-to-be Josie Marcus can't wait to marry Ted. But her wedding plans are put on hold when Molly, a maniacal bridezilla who wants Ted for her own, is shot and Ted's mother becomes the prime suspect.

#### WINTER OF THE LIONS

WAGNER, Jan Costin

Every year since the tragic death of his wife, Detective Kimmo Joentaa has prepared for the isolation of Christmas with a glass of milk and a bottle of vodka to arm himself against the harsh Finnish winter. However, this year events take an unexpected turn when a young woman turns up on his doorstep. Not long afterwards two men are found murdered, one of whom is Joentaa's colleague, a forensic pathologist. The previous in this excellent series, Silence (\$22.99),

won the 2008 German Mystery Prize.

#### NOWHERE TO HIDE

WALTERS, Alex

On the North Wales coast two people traffickers are brutally murdered; a drug dealer is mown down in inner-city Stockport and in a remote Pennine cottage, a police informant is shot dead. Seemingly random, these murders are the work of one professional hitman. Reluctantly, Marie Donovan takes on another undercover role and finds herself working with DI Jack Brennan, a high-flying detective with a tarnished career. PBK

#### THE GINGERBREAD BUMP-OFF

WASHBURN, Livia J.

As Christmas approaches in Weatherford, Texas, Phyllis Newsom is decorating her house in preparation for the Jingle Bell Tour. The last thing she expects is that one of her ceramic gingerbread men will be used to commit murder. The next in the series is The

Wedding Cake Killer (TP, \$27.95). \$17.95 Mystery

#### LOST SOULS

WHITE, Neil

A woman is found brutally murdered on a quiet housing estate. Children are being abducted and then returned to their families days later without a scratch and with no knowledge or where they have been - or with whom. If DC Laura McGanity thought moving from London to sleepy Lancashire was taking the easy option then she can think again. Already worried about uprooting young son Bobby to follow her reporter boyfriend Jack Garrett back to his hometown, she must quickly get a handle on these mystifying cases terrifying the people of Blackley - without putting the local officers' noses out of joint.

#### **CHARLES WILLEFORD REISSUES**

WILLEFORD, Charles

Mystery

Now in 80s styled Penguin Modern Classics, Willeford's four Sergeant Hoke Moseley novels: Miami Blues, The Way We Die Now, Sideswipe, and New Hope for the Dead.

\$19.99 each

#### THE PLEASURES OF MEN

WILLIAMS, Kate

Catherine Sorgeiul lives with her Uncle in a rambling house in London's East End. She has few companions and little to occupy the days beyond her own colourful imagination. But then a murderer strikes, ripping open the chests of young girls and stuffing hair into their mouths to resemble a beak, leading the press to christen him The Man of Crows. "A wonderfully ripe, imaginative and gripping piece of Victorian pastiche, with a spider's web of a plot and a spine-tingling atmosphere of menace and suspense." - The Times

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