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Until next time, good reading!

Ron, Iain & Beau

Abbreviations used in this catalogue:

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

MR CAMPION'S FAREWELL

ALLINGHAM, Margery & RIPLEY, Mike
When Albert Campion contemplates visiting his wayward niece in Carfax, Superintendent Charles Luke warns him that the seemingly-idyllic village isn't all it seems. And when a missing schoolteacher reappears after nine days, and Campion's car is inadvertently damaged - not to mention Campion himself - all signs point to this being true. "With the cooperation of the Margery Allingham Society, I have completed the untitled third novel by Pip Youngman Carter, Margery's widower, left unfinished on his death in 1969." - *Mike Ripley*.

Mystery TP \$26.95

THE NIGHTINGALE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

ANDREWS, Donna
Meg Langslow has been roped into helping organize the designer show house. Each room will be decorated by a different designer, including Meg's mother, and visitors will purchase tickets to tour the house with proceeds going to charity. Wrangling the demanding designers is difficult enough, but when one of them ends up murdered and the house vandalized, Meg has an even bigger challenge. She needs to get the house put back together and find a killer, which won't be easy since the victim seemed to be hated by most of the people he encountered.

Mystery HC \$39.95

HARM'S REACH

BARCLAY, Alex
Mystery PBK \$19.99

ONLY ONE LIFE

BLAEDEL, Sara
When a young immigrant girl is found in the watery depths of Holbaek Fjord, a piece of concrete tied around her waist and two mysterious circular patches on the back of her neck, Detective Louise Rick is called to investigate.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

ONE POTION IN THE GRAVE

BLAKE, Heather
When Katie Sue Perrywinkle walks into the Little Shop of Potions, Carly is surprised and delighted to see her old childhood friend. Katie Sue fled her hometown and a troubled family over a decade ago. But she's not back for a social visit. She's come to settle a score with Senator Warren Calhoun, who is in town for his son's high-profile wedding. But before Katie Sue has a chance to voice any objections, she's forced to forever hold her peace. After finding her friend dead, Carly vows to find her murderer.

Mystery PBK \$18.95

A SCREAM IN SOHO

BRANDON, John
Brandon's novel, first published in 1940, presents Scotland Yard's Insp. Patrick Aloysius McCarthy as a hero for his time: WWII-era London. Under the blackout, it can be hard to see your hand in front of your face. But as long as Soho native McCarthy is on the job, even the most heinous of criminals, including spies and murderers, will be brought to justice. Leaning on underworld figures like Floriello "Flo" Mascagni and Danny "the Dip" Regan, the sleuth dives into a case with national security implications: will the wily "Teutons" be able to smuggle stolen anti-aircraft defence plans out of England?

Mystery TP \$28.95

BLOTTO, TWINKS AND THE RIDDLE OF THE SPHINX

BRETT, Simon
Mystery PBK \$19.99

THE DISCOURTESY OF DEATH

BRODRICK, William
An anonymous letter sent to Larkwood's Prior accuses Peter Henderson, an academic celebrity renowned for daring ideas, of a grotesque murder: the calculated killing of Jenny, his disabled partner, believed by everyone to have died peacefully two years previously from a sudden attack of cancer. But for this letter there is no evidence, no suspect and no crime. Now Father Anselm, a Gray's Inn barrister turned Suffolk monk, has been told the truth behind the soothing lie. He must move cautiously to expose the killer and the killing. He must think of young Timothy, Jenny and Peter's son.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

A CRAFTY CHRISTMAS

BRYAN, Mollie Cox
Mystery PBK \$18.95

GILT TRIP: A SCRAPBOOKING MYSTERY

CHILDS, Laura
Mystery PBK \$18.95

VERA STANHOPE 06: HARBOUR STREET

CLEEVES, Ann
Mystery PBK \$19.99

PICKED TO DIE

CONNOLLY, Sheila
Mystery PBK \$18.95

A CATERED CHRISTMAS

COOKIE EXCHANGE
CRAWFORD, Isis
Mystery PBK \$18.95

ART OF DECEPTION

CROSS, A.J.
The New Year brings a gruesome discovery for forensic psychologist Dr Kate Hanson and Birmingham's Unsolved Crimes Unit: a mummified body. The victim is Nathan Troy, an art student who has been missing for 20 years. As Kate begins to dig further into Nathan's past, she discovers a series of toxic relationships. Why do his old housemates refuse to talk about him? And what was his connection to the beautiful and apparently promiscuous daughter of his professor?

Mystery PBK \$19.99

DROWNED VANILLA

DAY, Livia
It's the beginning of a hot, hot summer in Hobart. Tabitha Darling is in love with the wrong man, and determined to perfect the art of ice cream. Playing amateur detective again is definitely not on the cards - not even when her friends try to lure her into an arty film noir project in the historical town of Flynn. But when a young woman goes missing from a house full of live webcams, and is found drowned in the lake outside Flynn, Tabitha is dragged into the whole mess - film crew, murder victim, love life and all. The second in a great new cosy Australian crime series, after *A Trifle Dead* (\$22.99).

Mystery PBK \$22.99

THE CROCODILE

DE GIOVANNI, Maurizio
Transferred to Naples after a tangle with the Sicilian Mafia, Detective Inspector Giuseppe Lojaco feels that he's marking time, waiting out an awkward scandal. But when the bloodied bodies of teenagers start appearing around the city, victims of a strange and sinister killer whom police and locals take to calling The Crocodile, it soon becomes clear to Lojaco that the killings are more than simple Mafia hits.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

THE ANATOMY OF MURDER

DETECTION CLUB
A unique anthology for crime aficionados - seven of the world's most notorious genuine murder mysteries retold by the most accomplished classic crime writers of their generation. The contributors are: Margaret Cole, Freeman Wills Crofts, Francis Iles, E.R. Punshon, John Rhode, Dorothy L. Sayers, and Helen Simpson.

Mystery HC \$27.99

THE FOUR CORNERS OF PALERMO

DI PIAZZA, Giuseppe
"Palermo in the 1980s is a perfect place for a young crime reporter to get his start. The Sicilian Mafia is at work, threatening, wounding, and killing anyone who dares to defy their orders. Our protagonist is himself no angel, hardly compassionate, a bit macho and egocentric, but candid in his recounting of what has unfolded in front of his eyes both on the job and in his private life. Di Piazza, who is also a Sicilian journalist, tells his stories as if he were reporting actual events. His description of the tense bravado of a youth growing up in the midst of Mafia terror is strikingly acute." - Publisher's blurb

Noir TP \$28.95

THE ADVENTURE OF THE PLATED SPOON AND OTHER TALES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

ESTELMAN, Loren
Sherlockiana HC \$41.95

DAMAGE

FRANCIS, Felix
Thriller TP \$29.99

GENTLEMEN FORMERLY DRESSED

GENTILLI, Sulari
Mystery PBK \$22.99

AUTUMN, ALL THE CATS RETURN

GEORGET, Philippe
Inspector Sebag is a policeman in the South of France with an unparalleled sixth sense, who excels at slipping into the skin of killers and hunting them down. However, when a retired French Algerian cop is discovered in his apartment with the symbol OAS left near his body and few indications who killed him or why, Sebag's skills are put to the test. Days later, when a controversial monument is destroyed and another French Algerian is shot down, Sebag begins to put the pieces together.

Mystery TP \$32.95

THE GIFT OF DARKNESS

GIAMBANO, V.M.
Twenty-five years ago in the woods near the Hoh River in Seattle, three boys were kidnapped. One did not come home. A quarter of a decade later, a family of four is found brutally murdered, the words thirteen days scratched near their lifeless bodies. Homicide Detective Alice Madison ran away from home as a child, one breath away from committing an unforgivable act; as an adult, she found her peace chasing the very worst humanity has to offer. Madison believes these murders are linked. And she

has thirteen days to prove it. To stop a psychopath, Madison must go back into the woods and confront the unsolved mystery of the Hoh River Boys. The Dark (\$29.99) is the next in the series.

Mystery/thriller PBK \$19.99

TREACHEROUS TART

GRANT, Ellie
It's Christmastime at Pie in the Sky, Aunt Clara's pie shop, and she has a new beau, Donald Wickerson, who loves her Marvellous Mince Pies. Unfortunately, it seems that this holiday, Donald might only be interested in Aunt Clara for her money. Ryan and Maggie research his background and find he's had several wives who met with unfortunate "accidents" that left him wealthier. Now they have to convince Aunt Clara that her boyfriend is after more than just her pie recipes. When Donald stumbles into Pie in the Sky and dies after being shot, Aunt Clara is devastated - and also a suspect, since everyone in Durham knows about Donald from Ryan's newspaper article. Now Maggie and Ryan will have to prove that someone else in the long list of people he'd wronged finally got the courage to end his life.

Mystery PBK \$18.95

THE GREY MAN

GREANEY, Mark
To those who lurk in the shadows, he's known as the Gray Man. He is a legend in the covert realm, moving silently from job to job, accomplishing the impossible and then fading away. And he always hits his target. But there are forces more lethal than Gentry in the world. Forces like money. And power. And there are men who hold these as the only currency worth fighting for. In their eyes, Gentry has just outlived his usefulness. Recommended for Lee Child fans.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

THE DEVIL'S WORKSHOP

GRECIAN, Alex
April, 1890. London wakes to the shocking news of a mass prison escape. Walter Day and the Scotland Yard Murder Squad now face a desperate race against time: if the four convicted murderers aren't recaptured before night settles, they'll vanish into the dark alleys of the London's criminal underworld for ever. And in the midst of this mayhem and fear, the city's worst nightmare is realized: Jack the Ripper haunts the streets of London once more.

Historical thriller TP \$29.99

GOOD GIRLS DON'T DIE

GREY, Isabelle
Accused of grassing up a fellow officer and driven brutally out of home and job, Grace Fisher is thankful to survive some dark times and find haven with the Major Investigation Team in Essex. One female student is missing, last seen at a popular bar in Colchester. When a second student, also out drinking, is murdered and left grotesquely posed, the case becomes headline news. Someone is leaking disturbing details to a tabloid crime reporter. Is it the killer? Or a detective close to the case?

Mystery PBK \$19.99

LET IT BURN

HAMILTON, Steve
Half a lifetime ago, Alex McKnight was a young cop in Detroit. Now he's an occasional private eye up in Paradise, Michigan, and trying hard to put the past behind him. Then he gets the call that every cop dreads: a killer he helped put behind bars is getting released, and he might just have payback on his mind. Suddenly the years fall away, and in his mind Alex is back in that hot summer in Detroit, hunting the brutal murderer of a young woman. The problem is, something about the case no longer makes sense, and Alex feels compelled to retrace the steps that led to the arrest and conviction of Darryl King.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

THE TELLING ERROR

HANNAH, Sophie
All she wanted to do was take her son's forgotten sports kit to school. So why does Nicki Clements drive past the home of controversial newspaper columnist Damon Blundy eight times in one day? Blundy has been murdered, and the words 'HE IS NO LESS DEAD' daubed on his wall - in red paint, not blood. And, though Blundy was killed with a knife, he was not stabbed. Why? Nicki, called in for questioning, doesn't have any of the answers police are looking for. Nor can she tell them the truth, because although she is not guilty of murder, she is far from innocent. And the words on the wall are disturbingly familiar to her, if only she could remember where she has heard them before...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

GHOST GONE WILD

HART, Carolyn
As far as emissaries from Heaven's Department of Good Intentions go, Bailey Ruth is far from the top of the go-to list for assignments in the eyes of her boss, Wiggins. So she's surprised when she's dropped off on the outskirts of her old hometown, Adelaide, Oklahoma, at the home of young Nick Magruder. When a window cracks and a rifle barrel is thrust inside, only Bailey Ruth's hasty intervention saves Nick from taking a bullet. But after she materializes to reassure him, she finds she can't go back to vanishing. It turns out Bailey's been tricked by Nick's

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late aunt to come to his rescue, which means Wiggins has no idea where she is—and now she may be trapped in Adelaide forever. Unless she can help snare the person who wants Nick dead...

Mystery PBK \$18.95

MISSING

HAWKEN, Sam
Marina and her cousin Patricia head out to a concert, and they never come back. A frantic hunt for them begins, with Marina's stepfather, Jack, leading the way. But this is Nuevo Laredo, and girls go missing all the time here. They're lucky to find that a good cop - Gonzalo Soler - is leading their investigation, but soon the whole police force is suspended due to endemic corruption. The army take over the city, and finding the missing girls is not their priority. To survive this nightmare and have any chance of finding Marina and Patricia, Jack and Gonzalo must take the law into their own hands.

Suspense PBK \$19.99

MURDER AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

HESS, Joan
Her foray into French cooking was one type of disaster. But when Claire attempts to give back to her community by volunteering as an ESL tutor with the Farberville Literacy Council, she finds herself railroaded onto the Board of Directors...and confronted with an epic to-do list including but not limited to responding to acts of vandalism, fighting charges of embezzlement, and the murder of a female Russian student. Now it's up to Claire, with the help of her new husband, to solve the brutal crime.

Mystery PBK \$18.95

SKINK: NO SURRENDER

HIAASEN, Carl
Classic Malley - to avoid being shipped off to boarding school, she takes off with some guy she met online. Poor Richard—he knows his cousin's in trouble before she does. Wild Skink—he's a ragged, one-eyed ex-governor of Florida, and enough of a renegade to think he can track Malley down. With Richard riding shotgun, the unlikely pair scour the state, undaunted by blinding storms, crazed pigs, flying bullets, and giant gators. Recommended.

YA suspense PBK \$19.99

GHOSTMAN

HOBBS, Roger
I make things disappear. It's what I do. This time I'm tidying up the loose ends after a casino heist gone bad. The loose ends being a million cash. But I only have 48 hours, and there's a guy out there who wants my head in a bag. "Fast, hard and knowing: this is an amazing debut full of intrigue, tradecraft and suspense. Read it immediately!" - Lee Child

Thriller PBK \$19.99

THE DEVIL IN THE MARSHALSEA

HODGSON, Antonia
London, 1727 - and Tom Hawkins is about to fall from his heaven of card games, brothels and coffee-houses into the hell of a debtors' prison. The Marshalsea is a savage world of its own, with simple rules: those with family or friends who can lend them a little money may survive in relative comfort. Those with none will starve in squalor and disease. And those who try to escape will suffer a gruesome fate at the hands of the gaol's ruthless governor and his cronies. The trouble is, Tom Hawkins has never been good at following rules - even simple ones. And the recent grisly murder of a debtor, Captain Roberts, has brought further terror to the gaol. While the Captain's beautiful widow cries for justice, the finger of suspicion points only one way: to the sly, enigmatic figure of Samuel Fleet. Some call Fleet a devil, a man to avoid at all costs. But Tom Hawkins is sharing his cell. Soon, Tom's choice is clear: get to the truth of the murder - or be the next to die. Winner of the CWA Historical Dagger Award 2014.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

THE PREACHER

JAKOBSEN, Sander
Thorkild Christensen stares down at his murdered wife, Karen, and realises he knows almost nothing about her. How did she fill her days? Where did she really go every Thursday? Detective Thea Krogh is determined to find out as she immerses herself in town life. Yet Karen's secrets elude her at every turn. And then a second woman is shot dead.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

BLESS HER DEAD LITTLE HEART

JAMES, Miranda
With the Mississippi sun beating down, An'gel and Dickce are taking a break to cool off and pet sit their friend Charlie Harris's cat, Diesel, when their former sorority sister, Rosabelle Sultan, shows up at their door unexpectedly, with her ne'er-do-well adult children not far behind. Rosabelle's selfish offspring are desperate to discover what's in her will, and it soon becomes clear that one of them would kill to get their hands on the inheritance. Suddenly caught up in a deadly tangle of duplicitous suspects and deep-fried motives, it will take all of the sisters' Southern charm to catch a killer...

Mystery PBK \$18.95

WAIT FOR THE SIGNS

JOHNSON, Craig
A collection of Walt Longmire short stories. This fantastic series begins with *The Cold Dish* (\$18.95). Recommended. Books 1-9 have been collected in a boxed set for Christmas in the reader friendly American trade editions (\$195.00).

Mystery collection HC \$36.95

THE GOLEM OF HOLLYWOOD

KELLERMAN, Jonathan & Jesse
Paranormal thriller

TP \$29.99

A MIDWINTER'S TALE

KELLY, Sofie
Winter in Mayville Heights is busy and not just because of the holidays. Kathleen is hard at work organizing a benefit to raise money for the library's popular Reading Buddies program. She

has her hands full hosting the event. And when a guest at the gala drops dead, her magical cats, Owen and Hercules, will have their paws full helping her solve a murder. The victim is the ex of town rascal Burtis Chapman, but she hasn't lived in the area in years. And though everybody is denying knowledge of why she was back in town, as Kathleen and her detective boyfriend, Marcus, begin nosing around, they discover more people are connected to the deceased than claimed to be.

Mystery PBK \$18.95

CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE

LAUKKANEN, Owen
From the outside, Carter Tomlin's life looks perfect: a big house, a pretty wife and two kids. But Tomlin has a secret. He's lost his job, the bills are mounting, and that perfect life is hanging by a thread. Desperate, he robs a bank. Then he robs another. As the red flags start to go up, FBI Special Agent Carla Windermere hones in on Tomlin from one direction, while Minnesota state investigator Kirk Stevens picks up the trail from another. The two cops haven't talked since their first case together, but that's all going to change very quickly. Because Carter Tomlin's decided he likes robbing banks.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

MY FIRST MURDER

LEHTOLAINEN, Leena
Twenty-three-year-old law student Maria Kallio is recruited for a temporary position at the Helsinki police department. Sweet-faced but tough and hot-tempered, Maria faces pushback from her new squad - so when a young playboy is murdered at his family's summer villa, the new detective is out to prove herself. Found floating facedown at the water's edge after a night of partying, Tommi Pelatonen appears to have been murdered by one of his closest friends - but why? As Maria discovers, bitter passion and jealousy seethe under the placid surface of the group's privileged, carefree lifestyle. As Maria uncovers the victim's unsavoury secrets, motives for all seven suspects come to light. Now it's up to her to untangle the clues before the killer strikes again.

Mystery TP \$28.95

THE BEST AMERICAN MYSTERY STORIES 2014

LIPPMAN, Laura & PENZLER, Otto (Editor)

Mystery anthology TP \$28.95

LEAGUE OF LITERARY LADIES 03:

THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HARLOW
LOGAN, Kylie

For Halloween, the Literary Ladies have chosen to read Washington Irving's spooky classic, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," with its infamous headless horseman. But South Bass Island has its own headless legend - of a Prohibition bootlegger named Charlie "Sleepy" Harlow. Decapitated by rival rumrunners, Harlow appears once a year in spectral form to search for his noggin. This October, the Elkhart Ghost Getters (EGG) have returned to the island. The group claims that they have film footage of Harlow's ghost, and are determined to get more. They're staying at Bea Cartwright's B and B, but it's Kate Wilder who isn't happy to see them after they trashed her winery last year. When the EGG leader turns up dead, Kate becomes the prime suspect.

Mystery PBK \$18.95

NORTHANGER ABBEY

MCDERMID, Val

Fiction TP \$19.99

FORENSICS: AN ANATOMY OF CRIME

MCDERMID, Val

True crime TP \$32.99

CRUCIFIXION CREEK

MAITLAND, Barry
"Homicide detective Harry Belltree wouldn't usually be looking too hard at an elderly couple's suicide pact. Especially now, when his brother-in-law Greg has just been stabbed to death. But it seems Greg and the old couple had ties to the same man, a bent moneylender with friends in high places - and low. Harry can't get officially involved in Greg's murder, but he suspects a link with two other mysterious deaths: his parents'. Set in Sydney, this dark, morally ambiguous and adrenaline-charged new series is a triumphant change of direction for Barry Maitland." - *publisher's blurb*

Mystery TP \$29.99

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MARKLUND, Liz

Thriller TP \$32.99

WEAVE OF ABSENCE

MARTIN, Carol Ann
It's a joyous time at Dream Weaver - Della Wright's studio in small-town Briar Hollow, North Carolina - as part-time employee and full-time friend Marnie Potter is preparing for her upcoming marriage. Della has enlisted a tight-knit group of close friends to hand weave a beautiful collection of fine household linens as a wedding gift for the happy couple. But when Della notices Marnie's suave fiancé engaged in a heated argument with one of her students at the engagement party, she starts to worry that there may be something wrong with Marnie's Mr. Right. After the student turns up dead the next day, Della must find the killer.

Mystery PBK \$18.95

CHRISTMAS CAROL MURDER

MEIER, Lucy

Mystery PBK \$18.95

POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE

MISHANI, D.A.
A suspicious device is found inside a suitcase near a nursery in Holon, Tel Aviv. The children are taken to safety; a man is caught fleeing the scene. Then comes the phone call: 'the suitcase is only the beginning.' And it is. Chaim Sara's son is glad not to be at nursery that day. He has been bullied - there are bruises. Chaim, taking care of both his children since the sudden absence of his wife, watches with anticipation as the police search for clues. Inspector

Avraham is thrust into the investigation, still haunted by the failure of his last case. Witnesses are unforthcoming; suspects are eliminated. Then a frightening act of violence shifts his understanding. The suitcase has alerted him to a greater danger; one more private, and deeply disturbing. No one believes in it but him. And he will do anything to stop it in its tracks.

Mystery TP \$29.99

LITTLE GREEN

MOSLEY, Walter
As Easy wakes from his coma, the last thing he needs is an investigation. But a friend's son is in trouble and old habits die hard. So Easy wades into the squats, clubs and LSD dens of Sunset Boulevard, trying to find the missing boy, Evander. What he discovers will take him on a journey into the dark underbelly of 1960s culture, where Evander's disappearance is only one piece of a far larger puzzle.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

ROSE GOLD

MOSLEY, Walter
When four armed policemen turn up at Easy Rawlins' door, he thinks he's in trouble. He is. They want him to find Rosemary Goldsmith, the daughter of a millionaire arms dealer. And Easy can't afford to say no. They think she's with Bob Mantle, a boxer turned radical. As a black man in post-war LA, Easy has access to Mantle's world. The LAPD does not. But Mantle's world is a dangerous one. When Easy is almost gunned down on his first day on the case, he realises he'll need more than his wits to find Rose Gold. Has she been kidnapped? Is she colluding? And what does her father really want?

Mystery TP \$29.99

POISONED GROUND

NADEL, Barbara
Ex-soldier Lee Arnold and his Muslim assistant Mumtaz Hakim run a detective agency in London's ethnically diverse, crime-ridden East End. Mumtaz is approached by an Egyptian woman, Salwa, whose husband is in Belmarsh on terrorism charges. Salwa convinces Mumtaz of her husband's innocence and persuades her to go undercover to prove it. But Salwa is not what she seems. The first Hakim & Arnold mystery is *A Private Business* (\$19.99).

Mystery TP \$29.99

BIG BAD WOLF

NEUHAUS, Nele
On a hot day in July, the body of a 16-year-old girl is pulled from the river Main near Frankfurt. She has been brutally attacked and murdered, but no one seems to miss her and no one seems to know who she is. Investigators Pia Kirchhoff and Oliver von Bodenstein are led to a rural children's home in the mountains, and to a TV presenter whose research took her too close to the wrong people.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

CRITICAL MASS

PARETSKY, Sara

Mystery PBK \$19.99

THE CAT, THE DEVIL AND LEE FONTANA

MURPHY, Shirley Rousseau

Mystery PBK \$18.95

ROSEMARY AND CRIME

OUST, Gail
Piper Prescott, a transplanted Yankee living in the South, has got her sass back. She might be down, but don't count her out. 'Change of life?' she asks. Bring it on. Recently divorced, Piper decides to pursue a dream she's secretly harboured: owning her own business, Spice it Up!, a spice shop in her adopted hometown, Brandywine Creek, Georgia. But Piper's grand opening goes awry when the local chef who's agreed to do a cooking demo is found stabbed. Not only did Piper find the body, she handled the murder weapon and doesn't have a witness to her alibi, making the case look like a slam dunk to brand new police Chief Wyatt McBride. Desperate to uncover the truth—and prove her innocence—Piper enlists the help of her outspoken BFF Reba Mae Johnson to help track down the real culprit.

Mystery PBK \$18.95

SILENT NIGHT

PARKER, Robert B., & BRANN, Helen
It's December in Boston, and Spenser is busy planning the menu for Christmas dinner when he's confronted in his office by a young boy named Slide. Homeless and alone, Slide has found refuge with an organization named Street Business, which gives shelter and seeks job opportunities for the homeless and lost. Slide's mentor, Jackie Alvarez, is being threatened, and Street Business is in danger of losing its tenuous foothold in the community. But it's not a simple case of intimidation - Spenser, aided by Hawk, finds a trail that leads to a dangerous drug kingpin, whose hold on the at-risk community Street Business serves threatens not just the boys' safety and security, but their lives as well. Unfinished at the time of his death, *Silent Night* was completed by Parker's longtime agent.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

TREACHERY

PARRIS, S.J.

Historical thriller PBK \$19.99

THE BEST AMERICAN MYSTERY STORIES OF

THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

PENZLER, Otto (Editor)
32 stories in a rich compendium of early American mysteries, includes work by Washington Irving, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Abraham Lincoln (!), Poe, Louisa May Alcott, Mark Twain, Edith Wharton, and Jack London, as well as by a number of forgotten, if no less deserving, names.

Historical mystery anthology HC \$44.95

WILLIAM MONK 20: BLOOD ON THE WATER

PERRY, Anne

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

BLEEDING EDGE

PYNCHON, Thomas
It is 2001 in New York City, in the lull between the collapse of the dotcom boom and the terrible events of September 11th. Maxine Tarnow is running a nice little fraud investigation business on the Upper West Side, chasing down different kinds of small-scale con artists. She soon finds herself mixed up with a drug runner in an art deco motorboat, a professional nose obsessed with Hitler's aftershave, a neoliberal enforcer with footwear issues, plus elements of the Russian mob and various bloggers, hackers, code monkeys and entrepreneurs, some of whom begin to show up mysteriously dead. Foul play, of course. Recommended.

Fiction PBK \$19.99

DISAPPEARED

QUINN, Anthony
Introducing Celcius Daly, a Belfast Police Inspector laden with flawed judgment and misplaced loyalties. An ex-intelligence officer is tortured to death. But why was his obituary printed in the local paper before his death? A stone-cold killer stalks the outskirts of Belfast. But at whose behest is he hunting his targets? And why? "This should make Quinn a star, for it is unquestionably one of the crime novels of the year, written in peerless prose, with a delicate plot - this is a novel to be read slowly and to be savoured sip by sip, as it slowly but surely snares you in its grip" *Daily Mail*.

Mystery TP \$29.99

THE BEAT GOES ON: THE COMPETE

REBUS STORIES

RANKIN, Ian

Mystery collection TP \$29.99

OFF KILTER

REED, Hannah
After the recent death of her mother and the dissolution of her marriage, thirty-something Eden Elliott is seriously in need of a fresh start. But almost as soon as she arrives in a quaint town in the Scottish Highlands, she gets caught up in a very real drama. The town's sheep shearer is found murdered, clipped with his own shears, and the locals suspect Vicki MacBride, an outsider whose father's recent death left her the surprise heir to his lucrative sheep farm. Eden refuses to believe the affable heiress is a murderer.

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LAST REFUGE

ROBERTSON, Craig
When John Callum arrives on the Faroe Islands, determined to sever all ties with his previous life and make a new start, he is surprised by how quickly he is welcomed into the close-knit community. But no matter what he changes in his outward life, the debilitating nightmares that haunt him just won't stop. Then the sleepy peace is shattered by an almost unheard of crime on the Island: murder. A specialist team of detectives arrives from Denmark to help the local police, who are completely ill-equipped for a manhunt of this scale. But when tensions arise, and the community closes rank to protect its own, outsider Ryan will have to watch his back.

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SANDFORD, John

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SIMENON, Georges

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SMITH, Alexander McCall

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STERNBERGH, Adam
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LIGHT IN A DARK HOUSE

WAGNER, Jan Costin
Finnish detective Kimmo Joentaa is called to the local hospital in which his young wife died several years before. An unidentified woman in a coma has been murdered by someone who wept over the body, their tears staining the sheets around her. The death marks the start of a series of killings, with the unknown patient at their centre. As autumn turns to winter, and Christmas fast approaches, Kimmo's attempts to unravel the case and identify the first victim are complicated by the disappearance of his sometime girlfriend. Series is recommended!

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THE FATAL FUNNEL CAKE

WASHBURN, Livia

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AUNTY LEE'S DEADLY SPECIALS

YU, Ovidia
Prosperous widow and self-professed busybody Rosie "Aunty" Lee, the owner of *Aunty Lee's Delights*, gets hired to cater a party celebrating attorney Sharon Sung's new partnership in Sung Law. Sharon's mother, Mabel Sung, the firm's proprietor, ask Aunty Lee to bring a chicken dish made from seeds that are poisonous unless specially prepared. Midway through the party, Mabel and her beloved son, Leonard, whose health has been comprised by drug addiction, are found dead next to each other. Sensing foul play, Aunty Lee probes the Sungs' family conflicts, financial woes, and possible connection to the illegal trafficking of human organs.

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