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

The Empty Birdcage

Mycroft Holmes series

Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem & Waterhouse, Anna

It is 1873, and Mycroft Holmes is in service to the Crown, once again. A distant relative of Queen Victoria has been slain by the Fire Four Eleven killer, a serial murderer who leaves no mark upon his victims. Mycroft allows Sherlock to take the case, as he has been asked to find a missing person – the fiancé of the woman he loves. As Sherlock travels the country on the hunt for a murderer, both he and Mycroft will discover that the greed of others is at the root of the evil they are trying to unearth...

Sherlockiana PBK \$19.99

Victim 2117

Department Q series

Adler-Olsen, Jussi

The newspaper refers to the dead boy only as Victim 2117 – the two thousand, one hundred and seventeenth refugee to die in the Mediterranean Sea. But to three people, the victim is so much more, and the death sets off a chain of events that throws Department Q, Copenhagen's cold cases division led by Detective Carl Morck, into a deeply dangerous – and deeply personal – case: a case that not only reveals dark secrets about the past... but has deadly implications for the future. For a troubled Danish teen, the death of Victim 2117 becomes a symbol of everything he resents and is the perfect excuse to unleash his murderous impulses. For Ghallib, a brutal tormentor from the notorious prison Abu Ghraib, the death of Victim 2117 was the first step in a terrorist plot, years in the making. And for Department Q's Assad, Victim 2117 is a link to his buried past and to the family he assumed was long dead.

Noir PBK \$22.99

Fake Law: the Truth About Justice in an Age of Lies

Barrister, Secret

Could the courts really order the death of your innocent baby? Was there an illegal immigrant who couldn't be deported because he had a pet cat? Are unelected judges truly enemies of the people? Most of us think the law is only relevant to criminals; if we even think of it, at all. But the law touches every area of our lives: from intimate family matters to the biggest issues in our society. Our unfamiliarity is dangerous because it makes us vulnerable to media spin, political lies and the kind of misinformation that frequently comes from loud-mouthed amateurs and those with vested interests. This 'fake law' allows the powerful and the ignorant to corrupt justice without our knowledge – worse, we risk letting them make us complicit. Thankfully, the Secret Barrister is back to reveal the stupidity, malice and incompetence behind many of the biggest legal stories of recent years. In *Fake Law*,

the Secret Barrister debunks the lies and builds a defence against the abuse of our law, our rights and our democracy that is as entertaining as it is vital.

True crime/Access to justice PBK \$19.99

Don't Turn Around

Barry, Jessica

Cait's job is to transport women to safety. Out of respect, she never asks any questions. Like most of the women, Rebecca is trying to escape something. But what if Rebecca's secrets put them both in danger? There's a reason Cait chooses to keep on the road, helping strangers. She has a past of her own, and knows what it's like to be followed. And there is someone right behind them, watching their every move...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

The Mystery of the Parsee Lawyer:

Arthur Conan Doyle, George Edalji and the Case of the Foreigner in the English Village

Basu, Shrabani

In the village of Great Wyrley near Birmingham, someone is mutilating horses. Someone is also sending threatening letters to the vicarage, where the vicar, Shahpur Edalji, is a Parsi convert to Christianity and the first Indian to have a parish in England. His son George – quiet, socially awkward and the only boy at school with distinctly Indian features – grows up into a successful barrister, till he is improbably linked to and then prosecuted for the above crimes in a case that left many convinced that justice hadn't been served. When he is released early, his conviction still hangs over him. Having lost faith in the police and the legal system, George Edalji turns to the one man he believes can clear his name – the one whose novels he spent his time reading in prison, the creator of the world's greatest detective. When he writes to Arthur Conan Doyle asking him to meet, Conan Doyle agrees. From the author of *Victoria and Abdul* comes an eye-opening look at race and an unexpected friendship in the early days of the twentieth century, and the perils of being foreign in a country built on empire. 'A potent mix of racial injustice, Sherlockian mystery, and Shrabani's signature storytelling.' – *Lucy Worsley*.

True crime/Sherlockiana TP \$29.99

The Secrets of Us

Berry, Lucinda

Foster sisters, Krystal and Nichole, have always been there for each other; so, when Nichole is committed to a psychiatric hospital after trying to kill her husband, Krystal drops everything to defend her. Scarred by a hard upbringing, Nichole and Krystal managed to construct comfortable lives for themselves. Krystal became a respected lawyer, and Nichole was happily married to an architect – until Nichole starts raving that her husband isn't her husband, believing that he's an

impostor. Driven by fierce loyalty, Krystal starts asking questions, but she's not sure she can bear the answers. Her investigation leads to the sisters' dark shared past... to a horrible tragedy and a well-guarded lie that cemented their sisterly bond. But that lie can't kill the truth – the battered, gasping, clawing truth that's coming for them both. Now, Krystal and Nichole must both fight for the lives they've built, before they're consumed by the one they left behind.

Thriller TP \$35.95

Three Hours in Paris

Black, Cara

In June of 1940, when Paris fell to the Nazis, Hitler spent a total of three hours in the City of Light – abruptly leaving, never to return. To this day, no one knows why. Kate Rees, a young American marksman, has been recruited by British intelligence to drop into Paris with a dangerous assignment: assassinate the Führer. Wrecked by grief after a Luftwaffe bombing killed her husband and infant daughter, she is armed with a rifle, a vendetta, and a fierce resolve. But other than rushed and rudimentary instruction, she has no formal spy training. Thrust into the red-hot centre of the war, a country girl from rural Oregon finds herself holding the fate of the world in her hands. When Kate misses her mark and the plan unravels, Kate is on the run for her life – all the time wrestling with the suspicion that the whole operation was a set up.

Suspense TP \$27.99

The Others

Blau, Sarah

They would rather die than become mothers. A serial killer is on the loose in Tel Aviv. Each victim is found tied to a chair with a baby doll glued to their hands, the word 'mother' carved into their forehead like a mark of Cain. Stowed away between the wax figurines of the Bible museum, where she works, Sheila Heller knows both victims. She suspects the killings have something to do with a pact their group all made at university – to never have children. What Sheila doesn't know is who is committing these gruesome acts of ritualistic violence, and whether she herself might be the next target.

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

Collectibles

anthology

Block, Lawrence (editor)

A collection... of collections... What leads one person to collect stamps and another coins, one fine art and another butterflies? Who can say? But one thing is certain: those who have the collecting bug, care passionately – sometimes violently – about the objects of their obsession. No one covets like a collector; and as you will find in the pages of this brand-new anthology from MWA Grand Master Lawrence Block, a truly-dedicated collector will ignore the

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other nine commandments, too, in his quest for his personal Holy Grail. From Joyce Carol Oates' tale of the ultimate Marilyn Monroe collectible to Dennis Lehane's bookseller with a penchant for other people's tragic correspondence, from Lee Goldberg's Hollywood hustler with a collection of unaired TV shows to Joe R Lansdale's stylish foray into noir, culminating in Lawrence Sanders' own classic story of a killer with a unique approach to choosing his victims, *Collectibles* illustrates the range of the collecting impulse and the lengths people will go to in their hunger to possess the perfect piece.

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

The Fire Thief

Dark Paradise mysteries

Bokur, Debra

Under a promising morning sky, police captain Walter Alaka'i discovers the body of a teenage surfer bobbing among the lava rocks of Maui's south-eastern shore. Closer inspection reveals something far more sinister than the results of a savage wave gone wrong. Now that Alaka'i is looking at a homicide, he solicits the help of his niece, Detective Kali Mahoe. Kali sees evidence of a strange ritual murder, a suspicion reinforced by a rash of sightings of a *noppera-bo* – a faceless and malicious spirit many believe to be more than superstition. When a grisly sacrifice is left on the doorstep of a local, and another body washes ashore, Kali fears that the deadly secret ceremonies on Maui are just beginning. As the skies above Maui grow darker, and as she balances reason and superstition, Kali can only wonder: Who'll be the next to die? And who – or what – is she even on the trail of?

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Dying Inside

DI Nick Dixon Crime series

Boyd, Damien

Newly-promoted DCI Nick Dixon is stuck behind a desk when the peace of the Somerset countryside is shattered by a spate of sheep killings. Dixon recognises a sinister pattern: the animals have all been slaughtered with a crossbow, the power increasing with each kill. It seems whoever is responsible is practising, but for what? Then the owner of a yacht that capsized on a suspected drug run is found dead, pinned to a tree by four crossbow bolts. Convinced that the killing is a gangland execution, the organised crime unit take over the investigation. Dixon is sure the motive lies elsewhere, but is forced to watch from the sidelines – until another body is found. Leading a major investigation team at Avon and Somerset Police headquarters, and with internal politics threatening to thwart him at every turn, Dixon must find the murderer before he kills again. And again...

Mystery/suspense TP \$35.95

Arkangel

Brabazon, James

Officially, Max McLean doesn't exist. An off-the-books assassin for the British government, he operates alone. But when a routine hit goes badly wrong, a cryptic note on a \$100 bill prised from his target's dead fingers suggests there's more to the mission than meets the eye. Is someone from Max's former life trying to send him a message? From Paris to Jerusalem and on to the frozen wastes

of north-west Russia, Max is forced into a desperate race for the truth – with unknown enemies determined to stop him, at any cost. And when the secret coded into the banknote is finally revealed, only one thing is certain: with the fate of the world in his possession, failure is not an option...

Suspense PBK \$19.99

Risk Factor

Buddy Steel series

Brandman, Michael

Buddy Steel, acting Sheriff of Freedom, California, is enjoying some well-deserved R&R when he's called home to investigate a home invasion – at his father's address. The break-in is just one in a series, perpetrated by ingeniously inventive and seemingly fearless burglars. To complicate matters, Buddy must also investigate a spate of cybercrimes targeting local businesses and individuals. Buddy teams up with LAPD Gang Enforcement's foremost computer geek, Detective Quinn Anthony, to trace the convoluted trail of the hackers. The closer they get, the more danger they face; and the more danger they face, the closer they become...

Thriller PBK \$18.99

The Darkest Shore

Brooks, Karen

Scotland, 1703: The wild east coast of Scotland. Returning to her hometown of Pittenweem, fishwife and widow Sorcha McIntyre knows she faces both censure and mistrust. After all, this is a country where myth and legend are woven into the fabric of the everyday, a time when those who defy custom like Sorcha has are called to account. It is dangerous to be a clever woman who 'doesn't know her place' in Pittenweem – a town rife with superstition. So, when a young local falls victim to witchcraft, the Reverend Cowper and the townsfolk know who to blame. What follows for Sorcha and her friends is a terrifying battle, not only for their souls, but for their lives, as they are pitted against the villagers' fear, a malevolent man and the might of the church.

Historical fiction PBK \$19.99

Forest of Secrets

Ursula Blanchard mysteries

Buckley, Fiona

May, 1586. Ursula and her retinue return home from a lengthy trip to discover she has an unexpected visitor. Etheldreda Hope is a simple countrywoman who has come to Ursula with disturbing tales of strange goings-on in her rural village. Fearing that Etheldreda's reports of mysterious forest rites indicate a possible conspiracy to overthrow Queen Elizabeth in favour of her cousin, Mary Stuart, the queen's spymaster, Sir Francis Walsingham, orders Ursula to travel to Etheldreda's home to find out what's really going on. On reaching Chenston village, deep in the New Forest, Ursula discovers an isolated, suspicious community... the locals deeply in thrall to the old pagan traditions and beliefs. But are these ancient customs harmless – or are they part of a genuine conspiracy against the queen? And, if so, who is behind it? It's not until the night of Halloween that Ursula will discover the shocking truth.

Thriller HC \$62.95

The Sicilian Method

Inspector Montalbano series

Camilleri, Andrea

Mimi Augello is visiting his lover when the woman's husband unexpectedly returns to the apartment. Hurriedly, he climbs out the window and into the downstairs apartment, but from one danger to another. In the dark he sees a body lying on the bed. Shortly afterwards, another body is found. The victim is Carmelo Catalanotti, a director of bourgeois dramas with a harsh reputation for the acting method he developed for his actors: digging into their complexes to unleash their talent, a traumatic experience for all. Are the two deaths connected? Catalanotti scrupulously kept notes and comments on all the actors he worked with as well as strange notebooks full of figures, dates and names... Inspector Montalbano finds all of Catalanotti's dossiers and plays, the notes on the characters and the notes on his final drama, *Dangerous Turn*. It is in the theatre where he feels the solution lies.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Payback

Tank Rizzo series

Carcatera, Lorenzo

If there's one kind of person Tank Rizzo hates most in this world, it's a dirty cop. Criminals are at least honest about being dishonest; dirty cops are a disgrace to the badge they carry. Detective Eddie Kenwood is one such disgrace. He's got the highest signed-confession rate in the NYPD and a distinguished career built on putting men behind bars – whether they're guilty or not doesn't matter much to him. When Tank's partner, Pearl, tells him about an old family friend Kenwood put in jail for a murder he didn't commit, Tank and Pearl vow to take Kenwood down. Also in need of a takedown: the money-laundering accounting firm where Tank's brother used to work – before he mysteriously died, leaving Tank the sole guardian of his nephew, Chris. Chris smells a rat, and enlists Tank's help to bring the man who had his father killed to justice. Working two big cases means getting out the big guns, and Tank assembles his A-team. With help from a retired mobster, a professional boxer, a Chelsea psych, a dog named Gus, and the US Attorney – not to mention his and Pearl's own quick wits and Chris' burgeoning skills as a computer whiz – Tank gears up to take on his most dangerous and personal cases to date.

Thriller PBK \$18.99

The Chocolate

Shark Shenanigans

Chocoholic mysteries

Carl, Joanna

When a house, near Lee and Joe's home, goes up for sale, the couple teams up with Lee's aunt and uncle, Nettie and Hogan, to buy it, remodel it, and resell it – for a sweet profit. But after the owners of the house, the Baileys, accept their offer, a local developer, Richard Spud Dirk, suddenly swoops in with a higher one, and it seems their dreams might be snatched away. Lee, never as passionate about the plan as her husband and uncle, is anxious to get back to focusing on managing TenHuis Chocolate. But when a long-hidden gun is found behind a pipe in

the Baileys' basement, she begins to suspect a mystery is afoot. And when Spud turns up dead in the Baileys' carport a few days later, it becomes clear there's something rotten at the foundation... To solve the murder, Lee will have to strip away layers of secrets – that is, if someone doesn't level her first...

A cosy recommendation!
Mystery PBK \$18.99

Checking Out Crime

Bookmobile Cat mysteries 09

Gass, Laurie

Minnie and her rescue cat Eddie can often be found out and about in their bookmobile near Chilson, Michigan, delivering great reads to grateful patrons all over the county. But they always brake for trouble, and when Minnie sees a car speeding away down the road, and soon comes upon a dead bicyclist, she assumes she just missed seeing a hit and run incident. Minnie is determined to discover who was behind the wheel, but it soon turns out that things are far more complicated than they seem and there's more to this case than meets the eye. Luckily, this librarian is ready to read the killer his rights.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Murder at Beaulieu Abbey

Abbess of Meaux mysteries

Glark, Cassandra

February, 1390. The Church seethes with rebellion. Newly elected Pope Boniface faces a challenger: the anti-Pope Clement, who sows discord from his power base in France. The quarrel threatens the very survival of the Cistercian Order. So, when suspicions grow that distant Beaulieu Abbey may turn traitor, Hildegard's prioress summons her with a mission, she can't refuse: travel to the isolated royal abbey and spy out their true allegiance. The public reason for Hildegard's trip is more prosaic. A young Cornish heiress, promised in marriage to the son of local aristocrat Sir William, needs escorting to her new home. It's not often Hildegard joins a betrothal party, and she's looking forward to meeting the girl. But little does Hildegard know, death and danger wait at Beaulieu – and even the protection of her travelling companions, the monks militant Brother Gregory and Brother Egbert, may not be enough to keep her safe from harm...

Historical mystery HC \$62.95

Raven Black

Shetland mysteries

Cleeves, Ann

It is a cold January morning and Shetland lies buried beneath a deep layer of snow. Trudging home, Fran Hunter's eye is drawn to a vivid splash of colour on the white ground, ravens circling above. It is the strangled body of her teenage neighbour Catherine Ross. As Fran opens her mouth to scream, the ravens continue their deadly dance... The locals on the quiet island stubbornly focus their gaze on one man – loner and simpleton Magnus Tait. But when police insist on opening out the investigation a veil of suspicion and fear is thrown over the entire community. For the first time in years, Catherine's neighbours nervously lock their doors, whilst a killer lives on in their midst. A reissue of the first book in the Shetland series, with new jacket art.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

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White Nights

Shetland mysteries

Cleeves, Ann

When Shetland detective Jimmy Perez finds a body in a hut used by fishermen it seems to be a straightforward case of suicide.

He recognises the victim – a stranger with amnesia who had disrupted a local party the night before his death. Yet, this is no desperate act of anguish, but the work of a cold and calculating killer. As Perez investigates, he finds himself mired in the hidden secrets of the small Biddista community. Then another body is found. Perez knows he must break the cycle before another death occurs. But this is a crazy time of year when night blurs into day and nothing is quite as it seems... A reissue, with new jacket art.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

Red Bones

Shetland mysteries

Cleeves, Ann

When an elderly woman is shot in a tragic accident, Shetland detective Jimmy Perez is called to investigate. The sparse landscape and the emptiness of the sea have bred a fierce and secretive people. As Jimmy looks to the islanders for answers, he finds instead two feuding families whose envy, greed and bitterness have lasted generations. Then there's another death and, as the spring weather shrouds the island in claustrophobic mists, Jimmy must dig up old secrets to stop a new killer from striking again... A reissue, with new jacket art.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

Double Down

Hard Case Crime

Collins, Max Allan

It takes a thief to take a thief. In the aftermath of a bloody heist, Nolan and Jon find themselves flying home to count their ill-gotten gains – but a skyjacker taking the same flight has other plans. Meanwhile, in Des Moines, someone is offing members of the Mob-connected DiPreta family; and the Mob thinks, maybe, Nolan can make it stop. Maybe, he can – for a six-figure fee. Originally published as two separate novels (and unavailable in bookstores for 40 years!), *Double Down* finds Nolan and Jon pursuing the American dream in their inimitable criminal fashion.

Hardboiled TP \$28.95

Skim Deep

Hard Case Crime

Collins, Max Allan

The onetime world-class thief Nolan – now, happily gone straight with his own restaurant nightclub – whisks his long-time lover Sherry off to Vegas for a trip to a wedding chapel and a honeymoon stay. But an eye-in-the-sky security cam at a casino spots Nolan, whose past catches up with him when he's thought to be casing the joint. An old 'friend' sees Nolan as the perfect patsy for a scheme to heist the weekly skim haul, and when the former thief's young frequent accomplice, Jon – a musician in the casino's house band – finds the couple mysteriously, suspiciously missing, it's up to Nolan's Best Man to keep wedding bells from tolling a funeral march.

Hardboiled PBK \$19.99

The Reversal

Lincoln Lawyer series

Gonnely, Michael

When Mickey Haller is invited by the Los Angeles County District Attorney to prosecute a case for him, he knows something strange is going on. Mickey's a defence lawyer, one of the best in the business, and to switch sides like this would be akin to asking a fox to guard the henhouse. But the high-profile case of Jason Jessup, a convicted child-killer – who spent almost 25 years on death row, before DNA evidence freed him – is an intriguing one. Eager for the publicity and drawn to the challenge, Mickey takes the case, with Detective Harry Bosch on board as his lead investigator. But as a new trial date is set, it starts to look like he's been set up. Mickey and Harry are going to have to dig deep into the past and find the truth about what really happened to the victim, all those years ago. A reissue.

Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Big Little Spies

Paws & Claws mysteries 07

Davis, Krista

The ladies of the Wagtail Animal Guardians – WAG, for short – are in town for a pet adoption charity ball, and Holly is making sure to roll out the red carpet for her special guests. She and her furry best friend Trixie are busy keeping the WAG ladies happy and preparing for the ball when they learn that a retired judge has lost his prized pup. The venerable citizen has hired a pet detective who has some personal ties to Holly's new guests. His presence ruffles some feathers, and when the PI is found DOA not long before the ball, Holly wonders if one of the WAG ladies had a motive for murder. To make matters worse, some pet-loving guests of the ball nearly suffer the same deadly fate. Holly and Trixie will have to sniff out the clues and leash a callous killer, before they strike again...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Murder at the Taffy Shop

Cosy Capers Book Group Mystery 02

Day, Maddie

When your mother is an astrologist and your dad is a minister, you learn to keep an open mind. Which is just what Mac loves to do – exercise her mind, by puzzling out fictional clues in the mystery novels she reads and discusses with her Cosy Capers Book Group. But, now, Mac's friend Gin has found herself in a sticky situation. After wealthy genealogist Beverly Ruchart is found dead outside Gin's taffy shop, the candy maker becomes a person of interest. When it's revealed that Beverly was poisoned the night Gin brought a box of taffy to a dinner party at Beverly's house, she's bumped to the top of the suspects list. It's up to Mac and her Cosy Capers crime solvers to unwrap this real-life mystery. But this time they might have bitten off more than they can chew...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Fresh Brewed Murder

Ground Rules mysteries 01

Duncan, Emmeline

Portland is famous for its rain, hipsters, craft beers... and coffee. Sage Caplin has high hopes for her coffee truck, Ground

Rules, which she runs with her business partner, Harley – a genius at roasting beans and devising new blends. That's essential in a city where locals have intensely strong opinions about cappuccino versus macchiato – especially in the case of one of Sage's very first customers... Sage finds the man's body in front of her truck, a fatal slash across his neck. There's been plenty of anger in the air, from long-time vendors annoyed at Ground Rules taking a coveted spot in the food truck lot, to protestors demonstrating against a new high-rise. But who was mad enough to commit murder? Sage is already fending off trouble in the form of her estranged, con-artist mother, who's trying to trickle back into her life. But when Sage's very own box cutter is discovered to be the murder weapon, she needs to focus on finding the killer fast – before her business, and her life, come to a bitter end... The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$25.99

Knitty Gritty Murder

Knit & Nibble mysteries 07

Ehrhart, Peggy

Most times of the year, the tight-knit community gardens in quaint Arborville, New Jersey, overflow with seasonal vegetables and herbs. But who planted the dead body? Farm-to-table enthusiast Jenny Miller had a cookbook in the works when she was suddenly found strangled by a circular knitting needle in her own plot. Now, the pressure is on Pamela and her neighbour Bettina as they weave together clues in search of the person who kept Jenny's renowned heirloom plants – and budding career – from growing. With suspects and victims cropping up like weeds, it'll take a whole lot more than green thumbs and creative minds this spring to entangle the crafty culprit...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

You Can Go Home Now

Elias, Michael

Nina is a tough Queens' detective with a series of cold case homicides on her desk – men whose widows had the same alibi: they were living in Artemis, a battered women's shelter, when their husbands were killed. Nina goes undercover into Artemis. Though she is playing the victim, she's anything but. Nina knows about violence and the bullies who rely on it because she's experienced it in her own life. In this heart-pounding thriller Nina confronts the violence of her own past in Artemis where she finds solidarity with a community of women who deal with abusive and lethal men in their own way. For the women living in Artemis there is no absolute moral compass, there is the law and there is survival. And, for Nina, who became a cop so she could find the man who murdered her father, there is only revenge.

Thriller TP \$37.95

Under the Cover of Murder

Beyond the Page Bookstore mysteries 06

Elliott, Lauren

It promises to be Greyborne Harbor's wedding of the year. The impending nuptials of Serena Chandler and Zach Ludlow will take place aboard his family's luxurious super-yacht, currently moored in the harbour and the talk of the town. But on the day of the wedding, a man's body washes up on the beach with no ID, only a torn page from a

book in his pocket. As owner of Beyond the Page Books and Curios, bibliophile Addie is called in to identify the book, but she cannot. The morning following the extravagant ceremony, a second body washes ashore and Addie has a sinking feeling that the two deaths are connected. While the guests are held on the yacht as the police investigate, at least Addie can peruse Zach's father's rare books library on board. A copy of Agatha Christie's first Hercule Poirot novel, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, provides a clue that the killer may still be on the ship – but narrowing down the suspects without becoming the next victim may prove a truly Herculean task...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

The Whitby Murders

Yorkshire Murder series

Ellis, J R

Halloween, Whitby. DCI Jim Oldroyd's daughter Louise is in town with friends for a goth festival. But their visit to an escape room ends in bloody murder, when one of the group stabs his girlfriend and flees the scene. It's a crime with three witnesses – but Louise refuses to take what she saw at face value. Oldroyd and DS Carter are called in to solve the case, assisted from the sidelines by Louise. But the closer they investigate, the more complex the web of deceit appears. This is no straightforward crime of passion. With a violent murderer on the loose, it's only a matter of time before they strike again. And this time it's personal. Oldroyd must expose the truth, protect his daughter and stop the horror before it's too late.

Mystery TP \$35.95

Fortune and Glory

Stephanie Plum series

Evanovich, Janet

When Stephanie's beloved Grandma Mazur's new husband died on their wedding night, the only thing he left her was a beat-up old easy chair... and the keys to a life-changing fortune. But as Stephanie and Grandma Mazur search for Jimmy Rosolli's treasure, they discover that they're not the only ones on the hunt. Two dangerous enemies from the past stand in their way – along with a new adversary who's even more formidable: Gabriela Rose, a dark-eyed beauty from Little Havana with a taste for designer clothes. She's also a soldier of fortune, a gourmet cook, an expert in firearms and mixed martial arts – and someone, who's about to give Stephanie a real run for her money. Stephanie may be in over her head, but she's got two things that Gabriela doesn't: an unbreakable bond with her family and a stubborn streak that will never let her quit. She'll need both to survive... because this search for 'fortune and glory' will turn into a desperate race against time with more on the line than ever before. Because even as she searches for the treasure and fights to protect her Grandma Mazur, her own deepest feelings will be tested – as Stephanie could, finally, be forced to choose between Joe Morelli and Ranger.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

The Graves of Whitechapel

Evans, Claire

Victorian London, 1882. Five years ago, crusading lawyer Cage Lackmann successfully defended Moses Pickering

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against a charge of murder. Now, a body is found bearing all the disturbing hallmarks of that victim – and Pickering is missing. Cage's reputation is in tatters, and worse, he is implicated in this new murder by the bitter detective who led the first failed case. Left with no other alternative, Cage must find Pickering to prove his innocence. Did Cage free a brutal murderer? Or is there something more sinister at work? 'Exuberant plotting and witty prose. Great fun' – *The Times*.
Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Tell Me the Truth

Adler & Dwyer series

Farrall, Matthew

Eighteen-year-old Jenny Moore is looking forward to a fresh start at college. There's just one problem: the people in her life won't let her go. When Jenny is viciously stabbed and left for dead, it's her mother who finds Jenny's body underneath the pines outside their home in the upscale town of Lewisboro, New York. State police investigator Susan Adler and her consultant partner Liam Dwyer are called to investigate the crime scene, but they sense something's off right away. The clues contradict the story Jenny's parents keep telling, which makes the entire family suspects in Jenny's murder. But who did it? Was it the wealthy father? The disappointed mother? The strange, quiet little brother? The jealous best friend? An ex-lover? So many suspects. Too many secrets. One town with a history of hiding the truth. But this is only the beginning of Susan and Liam's investigation... because the killer is just getting started.
Thriller TP \$35.95

Like Flies from Afar

Ferrari, K

A wickedly dark, multi-award-winning noir novel in translation, about corruption in the Argentine state. Luis Machi has had enemies for a long time thanks to his corrupt business deals and cooperation with the military junta's coup, not to mention the numerous infidelities of his love life. What is new, however, is the corpse chained to the boot of Machi's car with furry pink handcuffs... Someone is trying to set him up and the number of suspects is incalculable. Machi is stuck dredging his guilty past for clues and trying to dispose of the mystery corpse. But time is just another enemy, and it's running out fast. 'Sharp, savage and tense' – *Sunday Times Crime Club*.
Noir PBK \$19.99

The Good Shepherd

Forester, C S

In the early days of WWII, an international convoy of 37 Allied ships, is led by captain Ernest Krause – in his first command of a US destroyer. The convoy ploughs through icy, submarine-infested North Atlantic seas, while hotly pursued by wolf packs of Nazi U-boats. Faced with 48 hours of desperate peril, Captain Krause's hopeless mission is doomed to fail. But armed with extraordinary courage and grit, hope may just be on the horizon. Now, a major motion picture, starring Tom Hanks.
Thriller PBK \$19.99

Shills Can't Cash Chips

Hard Case Crime

Gardner, Erle Stanley

Has Donald Lam gone to the dark side? This is another baffling case for the 1960s' Cool & Lam detective agency: Shills Can't Cash Chips. A simple insurance investigation into a car accident puts Bertha Cool and Donald Lam on the trail of murder – and Donald hip-deep in danger, when he poses as an ex-con to infiltrate a criminal gang.
Hardboiled PBK \$19.99

Outbreak

Luke Carlton series

Gardner, Frank

Deep within the Arctic Circle, three scientists from the UK's Arctic Research Station trudge through a blizzard in search of shelter. They see a cabin ahead. It appears abandoned. No lights. No snowmobile outside. But as they push open the door, the smell hits them. Rank and foetid: there's something bad inside. Then movement. A man lies slumped, his face disfigured by livid pustules. Blood runs from his nostrils; his chest glistens blackly. The team's medic, Dr Sheila Mackenzie, pushes forward to examine him when the convulsions start. Blood, bile, and mucus spray into the air. The doctor knows it's too late – she's been contaminated... Within hours, a full-scale operation to contain this contagion is underway. Samples are rushed to the laboratories at Porton Down, on high alert. What they discover changes everything. Supported by phone and data intercepts, British Intelligence reaches a terrifying conclusion: that Russia has been developing a new generation of bioweapons. Dispatched to investigate, MI6's Luke Carlton finds himself on a serpentine trail of lies and deception. From a mysterious factory in Lithuania, via arrest and imprisonment, and ultimately back to Britain, he discovers that they've been looking in the wrong place, all along... Luke Carlton makes his first appearance in *Crisis* (PBK, \$19.99).
Suspense TP \$32.99

By Way of Sorrow

Erin McCabe Legal mysteries

Gigi, Robyn

Erin McCabe has been referred the biggest case of her career. Four months ago, William E Townsend Junior, son of a New Jersey State Senator, was found fatally stabbed in a rundown motel near Atlantic City. Sharise Barnes, a nineteen-year-old, transgender prostitute, is in custody, and given the evidence against her, there seems little doubt of a guilty verdict. Erin knows that defending Sharise will blow her own private life wide open, and doubtless deepen her estrangement from her family. Yet, as a trans woman, she feels uniquely qualified to help Sharise, and duty bound to protect her from the possibility of a death sentence. Sharise claims she killed the senator's son in self-defence. As Erin assembles the case with her partner, former FBI agent Duane Swisher, the circumstances hint at a more complex and chilling story with ties to other brutal murders. Senator Townsend is using the full force of his prestige and connections to publicly discredit everyone involved in defending Sharise. Behind the

scenes, his tactics are even more dangerous. His son had secrets that could destroy the senator's political aspirations – secrets worth killing for. And as leads begin mysteriously disappearing, it's not just the life of Erin's client at stake, but her own...
Mystery HC \$42.99

Far Gone

Badlands series

Girard, Danielle

When a North Dakota couple is shot down in their home in cold blood, the sleepy town of Hagen wakes with a jolt. After all, it's usually such a peaceful place. But Detective Kylie Milliard knows better. Despite not handling a homicide investigation in years, Kylie is on the case. A drop of blood found at the scene at first blush promises to be her best evidence. But it ultimately only proves that someone else witnessed the murder – and the results are shocking: the DNA reveals a familial match to a crime involving local nurse, Lily Baker, from over a decade ago. This unveiling stirs new nightmares for Lily, as she's forced to reckon with the most traumatic time in her life. Haunted by their pasts and hunting the killer, Kylie and Lily uncover hellish secrets and impossible truths, finding answers that put both their lives in jeopardy.
Thriller TP \$35.95

The Abduction of

Pretty Penny

Daughter of Sherlock Holmes mysteries

Goldberg, Leonard

Joanna and the Watsons are called in by the Whitechapel Playhouse to find Pretty Penny, a lovely, young actress who has gone missing without reason or notice. While on their search, the trio is asked by Scotland Yard to join in the hunt for a vicious murderer whose method resembles that of Jack the Ripper. It soon becomes clear that the Ripper has re-emerged after a 28-year absence and is once again murdering young prostitutes in Whitechapel. Following a line of subtle clues, Joanna quickly reasons that Pretty Penny has been taken capture by the killer. But as Joanna moves closer to learning his true identity, the killer sends her a letter indicating her young son Johnny will be the next victim to die. Time is running out, and Joanna has no choice but to devise a most dangerous plan which will bring her face to face with the killer. It is the only chance to protect her son and rescue Pretty Penny... and save both, from an agonising death.
Sherlockiana HC \$55.00

Against the Law

Joe the Bouncer series

Gordon, David

Joe is an ex-Special Forces operative with a bad case of PTSD and some substance abuse issues, trying to rebuild a simple life as a strip-club bouncer living with his grandmother in Queens. But this simple life is constantly complicated by the fact that, at the invitation of a childhood friend, now a Mafia boss, Joe also moonlights as a fixer for the most powerful crime families in town. In his newest assignment, Joe is sent to take out a shadowy figure named Zahir, the faceless name behind White Angel, a powerful new brand of heroin invading the mob's territories

and threatening their sales. Then Joe discovers a link between Zahir and a shady group of private military contractors, and the stakes of his mission become increasingly deadly. Soon, the Five Boroughs are on the verge of an all-out drug war, pitting Joe and the crime world's most infamous talents against a ruthless clan of professional killers. Joe's only chance to calm the violence is to intercept the newest shipment of Zahir's product – if his skills as a master thief prove up to the task.
Mystery HC \$42.99

Flight

Texas Murder Files

Griffin, Laura

When former forensic photographer Miranda Rhoads moves to the seaside town of Lost Beach, she's decided to make her living as a wildlife photographer and put crime scenes behind her. But her plans are quickly upended when one morning, she comes across a couple sleeping in a canoe, entwined in an embrace. Looking closer, she realises the man and woman aren't asleep – they've been murdered. Detective Joel Breda sets out to find answers – not only about the unidentified victims in the marshy death scene, but also about the aloof and beautiful photographer who seems to know more about his investigation than he does. As they begin to unravel the motivation of a merciless serial killer, Miranda and Joel must race against the clock to make an arrest – before the killer can find them first.
Thriller PBK \$22.99

Island Reich

Grimwood, Jack

An unlikely spy. July 1940. As Britain braces itself for invasion, ex-Tommy and safecracker Bill O'Hagan is glad to have escaped the battlefield. But when a job goes wrong, he finds himself forced to serve his country once more. A former king. Spurned by his government and fearing for his life, the Duke of Windsor flees to Portugal with the woman for whom he abdicated the throne, Wallis Simpson. As a web of Nazi trickery threatens to ensnare him, his fate and the fate of Britain rest on one man. *The fate of a nation in their hands.* Dropped on an occupied Channel Island without backup, Bill must crack an enemy safe and get its contents to safety. Failure will devastate any hope Britain has of winning the war. But with the layers of deception and intrigue drawing ever more tightly around them, Bill and the Duke both learn they aren't the only players in this game. And Berlin – which has the Duke in its own sights – is plotting its greatest move, yet... A rich, atmospheric WWII thriller, from the award-winning author of *Moskva* and *Nightfall Berlin* (PBK, \$19.99 each).
Suspense TP \$32.99

This Is How I Lied

Gudenkauf, Heather

Twenty-five years ago, the body of sixteen-year-old Eve Knox was found in the caves near her home in small-town Grotto, Iowa – discovered by her best friend, Maggie, and her sister, Nola. There were a handful of suspects, but without sufficient evidence the case ultimately went cold. For decades, Maggie has been haunted by Eve's death and

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that horrible night. Now, a detective in Grotto, and seven months pregnant, she is thrust back into the past when a new piece of evidence surfaces. As Maggie investigates and re-examines the clues, secrets about what really happened begin to emerge. But someone in town knows more than they're letting on, and they'll stop at nothing to keep the truth buried deep.

Thriller PBK \$26.95

What the Devil Knows

Sebastian St Cyr mysteries

Harris, G S

It's October 1814. The war with France is finally over and Europe's diplomats are convening in Vienna for a conference that will put their world back together. With peace finally at hand, London suddenly finds itself in the grip of a series of heinous murders eerily similar to the Ratcliffe Highway murders of three years before. In 1811, two entire families were viciously murdered in their homes. A suspect – a young seaman named John Williams – was arrested. But before he could be brought to trial, Williams hanged himself in his cell. The murders ceased, and London slowly began to breathe easier. But when the lead investigator, Sir Edwin Pym, is killed in the same brutal way three years later and others possibly connected to the original case meet violent ends, the city is paralysed with terror, once more. Was the wrong man arrested for the murders? Bow Street magistrate Sir Henry Lovejoy turns to his friend Sebastian St Cyr, Viscount Devlin, for assistance. Pym's colleagues are convinced his manner of death is a coincidence, but Sebastian has his doubts. The more he looks into the three-year-old murders, the more certain he becomes that the hapless John Williams was not the real killer. Which begs the question – who was and why are they dead set on killing again? The excellent Sebastian St Cyr mysteries begin with *What Angels Fear* (PBK, \$24.95).

Historical mystery HC \$42.99

The Other Black Girl

Harris, Zakiya Dalila

Twenty-six-year-old editorial assistant Nella Rogers is tired of being the only Black employee at Wagner Books. Fed up with the isolation and the microaggressions, she's thrilled when Hazel starts working in the cubicle beside hers. They've only just started comparing natural hair care regimens, though, when a string of uncomfortable events cause Nella to become Public Enemy Number One and Hazel, the Office Darling. Then the notes begin to appear on Nella's desk: *Leave Wagner. Now.* It's hard to believe Hazel is behind these hostile messages. But as Nella starts to spiral and obsess over the sinister forces at play, she soon realises that there is a lot more at stake than her career. 'You will turn page after page after page, in your eagerness to unravel this unique tale' – *Oyinkan Braithwaite.*

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

Digging Up Dirt

Poppy McGowan mysteries

Hart, Pamela

When your builder finds bones under the floor of your heritage home, what do you do? For TV researcher Poppy McGowan, the first step is to find out if the bones are

human (which means calling in the cops and delaying her renovations) or animal (which doesn't). Unfortunately, 'help' comes in the form of Dr Julieanne Weaver, archaeologist, political hopeful, and Poppy's old enemy. She declares the bones evidence of a rare breed of fat-tailed sheep, and slaps a heritage order on the site. The resultant archaeological dig introduces Poppy to Tol Lang, the best-looking archaeologist she's ever met – and also Julieanne's boyfriend. When Julieanne is found murdered in Poppy's house, both she and the increasingly attractive Tol are considered suspects – and, so, Poppy uses her media contacts and news savvy to investigate other suspects. Did Julieanne have enemies in the right-wing Australian Family Party, for which she was seeking preselection, or in the affiliated Radiant Joy Church? Or at the Museum of New South Wales, among her rivals and ex-boyfriends? And who was her secret lover? Can Poppy save herself, and Tol... and finally get her house back? 'Fast, fun and ferocious in turns' – *Candice Fox.* The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$29.99

The Cat and the Corpse in the Old Barn

High, Kate

Clarice Beech has two passions in life: animal rescue and Detective Inspector Rick Beech. She is devoted to the first, but she and Rick have been separated for the past six months – life without him is hard. Clarice shares her other love, for contemporary ceramics, with the charming Lady Vita Fayrepyont. When Vita's adopted three-legged ginger cat Walter disappears from Weatherby Hall Clarice is called in to find him. Walter, snug in an old barn, is quite well. But his discovery ends with Clarice in hospital, and Rose Miller, late of the Old Vicarage in the morgue. There is nothing natural about Rose's death... Putting their differences aside, Clarice and Rick are drawn together to try to understand the murder that has shaken the rural Lincolnshire community. As she explores Rose's past Clarice is pulled into a shady world of blackmail, scams and violence. And as the secrets of Weatherby Hall and the Fayrepyont family threaten to spill out Clarice finds friendships tested, and her own life at risk. The first in a series; perfect for fans of Ann Granger and M C Beaton.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

The Cat Saw Murder

American Mystery Classics

Hitchens, Dolores

When Rachel Murdock and her sister Jennifer receive a call for help from their favourite niece, Lilly, in Breakers Beach, CA, they quickly hop a train from Los Angeles to see her – but not before collecting their prized cat Samantha in a picnic basket and bringing her along for the ride. Samantha, it turns out, is an heiress, the inheritor of a fortune left by a wealthy relative, and so the attempt at the cat's life, made right after they arrive, comes as a shock. The cat survives, but unfortunately, Lilly, murdered soon thereafter, is not so lucky. By the time the police arrive, the clues are already falling into place. The source of Lilly's trouble is revealed to be a gambling debt incurred during an attempt to cheat at bridge, and the suspects in her slaying quickly pile up. But

then another corpse is discovered, buried in the nearby sand, and it becomes clear that the killing spree concerns more than just the young lady's personal money trouble. With the authorities distracted by lurid details, it's up to Rachel and her furry friend to uncover the subtleties containing the solution to the puzzle. A prototypical early 'cat mystery', written before the subgenre became a staple of cosy mystery fiction, *The Cat Saw Murder* is an entertaining and endlessly surprising whodunit with a focus on felines. Reissued for the first time in over half a decade, the book, written pseudonymously by the author better known for her hardboiled and suspense novels, is the first in the long-running Rachel Murdock series.

Classic mystery HC/TP \$49.95/\$26.95

Poppy Harmon and the Pillow Talk Killer

Desert Flowers mysteries 03

Hollis, Lee

Cast in her first role since the 1980s, Poppy has never been more rattled or unprepared on a film set. It's an embarrassing but necessary cover to keep an eye on client Danika Delgado, a rising starlet and social media influencer with a large following – including a dangerous stalker who won't disappear. The leading lady's fame is growing, and so are the threats against her life... Unfortunately, for Poppy, there's more to fear than flubbed lines. When she finds Danika smothered to death in her trailer at Joshua Tree National Park, the horrifying crime stirs up memories of a man known as the Pillow Talk Killer during her time as a young actress, bringing unsolved murders from the past back into focus... A trail of clues urges Poppy, hunky sidekick Matt Flowers, and the rest of the Desert Flowers Detective Agency gang on a frantic chase after Danika's crazed Number One Fan. But as co-stars and production crew members start looking equally suspicious, Poppy must expose a slew of insidious industry secrets before a murderer rolls out the red carpet for someone else...

Mystery HC \$42.99

A Wicked Conceit

Lady Darby mysteries

Huber, Anna Lee

Edinburgh, Scotland. March 1832. Kiera and Gage have been eagerly awaiting their bundle of joy, but trouble has been brewing in the form of the roguish criminal Bonnie Brock Kincaid. A new book and subsequent play features some of Kincaid's daringly heinous exploits; although, he swears, he had nothing to do with it or the characters which are obvious representations of Kiera and Gage. While the scoundrel's fury seems genuine, as well as his determined quest to uncover the real identity of the author, the Gages still hold doubts about his innocence. A rash of crimes break out across the city, seemingly inspired by the play and book. When the publisher is found brutally murdered – in an imitation of a gruesome scene – the finger not only points to Bonnie Brock as the possible culprit, but also the Gages, who have been outspoken in their condemnation of the tale. Now, the Gages are on a hunt to unmask the killer. Between the infamy garnered by the play, the cholera outbreak still wreaking havoc throughout the city, and the impending birth of their child, they will need all the resources

they can garner. But family quarrels and the revelation of a secret Kiera has been keeping from Sebastian threaten to undermine everything they have overcome. When they find themselves in the crosshairs of the killer, trapped in the squalid underground vaults of the city, they will soon discover that the truth does not always set you free, and death can lurk around any corner. Our historical mystery fans love this series! Recommended. Historical mystery TP \$27.99

Victim F:

From Crime Victims to Suspects to Survivors

Huskins, Denise; Quinn, Aaron; Egan, Nicole Weisensee

The shocking true story of a bizarre kidnapping and the victims' re-victimisation by the justice system. In March 2015, Denise Huskins and her boyfriend Aaron Quinn awoke from a sound sleep into a nightmare. Armed men bound and drugged them, then abducted Denise. Warned not to call the police or Denise would be killed. Aaron agonised about what to do. Finally, he put his trust in law enforcement and dialled 911. But instead of searching for Denise, the police accused Aaron of her murder. His story, they told him, was just unbelievable. When Denise was released alive, the police turned their fire on her, dubbing her the 'real-life "Gone Girl"' who had faked her own kidnapping. In *Victim F*, Aaron and Denise recount the horrific ordeal that almost cost them everything. Like too many victims of sexual violence, they were dismissed, disbelieved, and dragged through the mud. With no one to rely on except each other, they took on the victim blaming, harassment, misogyny, and abuse of power running rife in the criminal justice system. Their story is, in the end, a love story, but one that sheds necessary light on sexual assault and the abuse by law enforcement that all too frequently compounds crime victims' suffering. True crime HC \$55.00

Death at the Salon

Daisy Thorne mysteries 02

Innes, Louise R

When Ooh La La regular Mel Haverstock left the hair salon that morning, no one expected it would be her final parting. But when Daisy closes shop Saturday night, she finds her client dead as the mullet cut. Homicide is back in style in the quiet village of Edgemoor in Surrey, England. But who would want to harm a hair on poor Mel's head? Suspicions higher than a beehive pile on Daisy, when it's revealed that she and Mel had tangled back in high school, and DNA evidence seems to colour her guilty. Handsome DCI Paul McGuinness gives the hairstylist new accessories – a lovely pair of silver handcuffs. To clear her name, Daisy must highlight the real backstabber, or she'll end up shaving heads in the prison barbershop. Mystery PBK \$18.99

Hardcastle's Secret Agent

Hardcastle & Marriott Historical mysteries

Ison, Graham

August, 1939. As war looms, Detective Inspector Walter Hardcastle is following in the footsteps of his father, Ernest, and progressing through the ranks of the Metropolitan Police. Summoned to the

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office of Charles Marriot, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of CID at New Scotland Yard, Walter learns that he has been promoted to a senior role at V Division, and is plunged into a top secret case when burglaries occur at the homes of those working on a new type of war submarine. Could a German spy be behind the break-ins? When one of the burglaries ends with a double murder, the stakes get higher for Walter. Can he track down an enemy agent on the streets of London, while also resolving another disturbing case?

Historical mystery HC \$62.95

The Skeleton Tree **Janes, Diane**

Is Wendy's dream house about to turn into her worst nightmare? From the moment Wendy Thornton first laid eyes on number 37, The Ashes, she knew she had to have it. It may seem neglected on the outside, but Wendy is convinced it's her perfect family home. It just needs to be loved. It needs her. When Wendy receives an unexpected sum of money from her aunt's will, her dream of buying The Ashes becomes a reality. But as Wendy moves in with her young family and starts uncovering its past, she soon learns that The Ashes is hiding a number of dark secrets. Is Wendy's dream house about to become her worst nightmare? As she is drawn further into The Ashes' dark history, Wendy's own life starts to unravel in the most spectacular and devastating way...

Mystery HC \$62.95

A Trap for Cinderella **Japrisot, Sébastien**

A young woman wakes in a hospital room. What happened to her and why is a mystery. Is she victim or murderer? The young woman has been badly injured in a fire and has amnesia. But what happened to her? Is she Mi, Micky, or Michèle, or Do, Dominique? As she struggles to rebuild her identity, she starts to recall the crime that was committed and the house on the French Riviera. She remembers the rich heiress and the faithful friend – but which is she? A reissue.

Thriller (reissue) TP \$27.99

The Lady in the Car with Glasses and a Gun **Japrisot, Sébastien**

Dany Longo is blonde, beautiful – and thoroughly unpredictable. After doing a favour for her boss, she finds herself behind the wheel of his exquisite Thunderbird on a sun-kissed Parisian morning. On impulse she decides to head south. What starts as an impromptu joyride rapidly takes a turn for the chilling when strangers all along the unfamiliar route swear they recognise Dany from the previous day. But that's impossible: she was at work, she was in Paris, she was miles away... wasn't she? A reissue.

Thriller (reissue) TP \$27.99

One Deadly Summer **Japrisot, Sébastien**

Car mechanic Fiorimond is irresistibly drawn to beautiful, provocative Elle, a recent arrival in his sleepy Provence village. Their relationship develops quickly, but even as they make plans to marry, Fiorimond doesn't know what to make of his bride-to-be: is she an enigma or simply vacuous? In fact, the

troubled Elle is on a mission to exact revenge on Fiorimond's family for a crime committed decades earlier, with a plan that will ultimately destroy all their lives, including hers. A reissue.

Thriller (reissue) TP \$27.99

Seven Years of Darkness **Jeong, You-jeong**

A young girl is found dead in Seryong Lake, a reservoir in a remote South Korean village. The police immediately begin their investigation. At the same time, three men – Yongje, the girl's father, and two security guards at the nearby dam, each of whom has something to hide about the night of her death – find themselves in an elaborate game of cat and mouse as they race to uncover what happened to her, without revealing their own closely guarded secrets. When a final showdown at the dam results in a mass tragedy, one of the guards is convicted of murder and sent to prison. For seven years, his son, Sowon, lives in the shadow of his father's shocking and inexplicable crime. When Sowon receives a package that promises to reveal at last what really happened at Seryong Lake, he must confront a present danger he never knew existed.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

A Fatal Finale

Ella Shane mysteries
Kalb, Kathleen Marple
New York City, 1899. When it comes to show business, Gilded Age opera singer Ella Shane wears the pants. The unconventional diva breaks the mould by assuming 'trouser roles' – male characters played by women – and captivating audiences far and wide with her travelling theatre company. But Ella's flair for the dramatic takes a terrifying turn when an overacting Juliet to her Romeo drinks real poison during the final act of Bellini's *I Capuleti e i Montecchi*. Weeks after the woman's death is ruled a tragic accident, a mysterious English duke arrives in Greenwich Village on a mission. He's certain someone is getting away with murder, and the refined aristocrat won't travel back across the Atlantic until Ella helps him expose the truth. As Ella finds herself caught between her craft and a growing infatuation with her dashing new acquaintance, she's determined to decode the dark secrets surrounding her co-star's fatale finale – before the lights go dark and the culprit appears for an encore... The first in a new series.

Historical mystery TP \$25.99

The Burn

Detective Betty mysteries
Kent, Kathleen
Not much can make Detective Betty Rhyzyk flinch. But when forced into therapy, a desk assignment, and domestic bliss following a terrifying run-in with an apocalyptic cult, she's having trouble readjusting to life as it once was. At home, she struggles to connect with her loving wife, Jackie. At work, someone has been assassinating confidential informants. To make matters worse, Betty's partner seems to be increasingly dependent on the painkillers he was prescribed for injuries he sustained narrowly rescuing her. Betty's at the point of breaking, when she decides to go rogue, on a chase that will lead her to the dark

heart of a drug cartel terrorising Dallas, and straight to the crooked cops who plan to profit from it all. Detective Betty's first investigation is *The Dime* (PBK, \$25.95).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$26.95

Castle Shade

Mary Russell series
King, Laurie R
Queen Marie of Roumania, granddaughter to both Victoria, Empress of the British Empire, and Alexander II, Tsar of Russia, is in need of Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes' services. The queen, a famous beauty who has single-handedly transformed Roumania from a backwater into a force to be reckoned with, invites the pair to Bran castle. The ancient fortress sits on the border with the newly-regained territory of Transylvania, and was a gift to Queen Marie from her people. The threat the queen fears is somewhat dubious: shadowy figures, vague whispers, dangers that may only be accidents. But a young girl is involved. So, putting aside their doubts, Russell and Holmes set out to investigate the mystery in a land of long memory and hidden corners – a land that had known Vlad the Impaler. A land from whose churchyards the shades creep. This is the US hardcover edition; we expect to have the UK HC (\$39.99) in August. Leanne loves and recommends these Holmesian pastiches, set in the 1920s; if you haven't tried them, start with *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* (PBK, \$19.99).

Sherlockiana HC \$57.95

Shutter

Larsen, Melissa
In the wake of her father's death, Betty Roux doesn't allow herself to mourn. Instead, she pushes away her mother, breaks up with her boyfriend, and leaves everything behind to move to New York City. She doesn't know what she wants, except to run. When she's offered the chance to play the leading role in mysterious indie filmmaker Anthony Marino's new project, she jumps at the opportunity. For a month, Betty will live in a cabin on a private island off the coast of Maine, with a five-person cast and crew. Her mother warns against it, but Betty is too drawn to the charismatic Anthony to say no. Anthony gives her a new identity – Lola – and Betty tells herself that this is exactly what she's been looking for. The chance to reinvent herself. That is, until they begin filming and she meets Sammy, the island's caretaker, and Betty realises just how little she knows about the movie and its director.

Thriller TP \$37.95

Hammer To Fall

Joe Wilderness
Lawton, John
It's London, the swinging sixties... and, by rights, MI6 spy Joe Wilderness should be having as good a time as James Bond. But alas, in the wake of an embarrassing disaster for MI6, Wilderness has been posted to remote northern Finland in a cultural exchange program to promote Britain abroad. Bored by his work, with nothing to spy on, Wilderness finds another way to make money: smuggling vodka across the border into the USSR. He strikes a deal with old KGB pal Kostya, who explains to him there is a vodka

shortage in the Soviet Union – but there is something fishy about Kostya's sudden appearance in Finland and intelligence from London points to a connection to cobalt mining in the region, a critical component in the casing of the atomic bomb. Wilderness' posting is getting more interesting by the minute, but more dangerous too. Moving from the no-man's-land of Cold War Finland to the wild days of the Prague Spring, and populated by old friends (including Inspector Troy) and old enemies alike, Hammer to Fall is a gripping tale of deception and skulduggery, of art and politics, a page-turning story of the always riveting life of the British spy. For some of our regular customers, John Lawton is the exemplar of British spy novels. *Then We Take Berlin* (PBK, \$19.99) introduces Joe Wilderness; and the first of the Inspector Troy novels is *Black Out* (PBK, \$19.99).

Suspense PBK \$19.99

Arsène Lupin, Gentleman-Thief **Leblanc, Maurice**

The year is 1905. Meet Arsène Lupin: a gentleman and a thief. An enemy to the rich and powerful; a friend to the poor – Arsène Lupin will stop at nothing, until he gets what he wants. When Arsène Lupin is arrested, the police think it's all over. But the most dangerous place for Lupin is to be behind bars... The inspiration behind the hit Netflix series, *Lupin*.

Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Radio Operator **Lenze, Ulla**

At the end of the 1930s, Europe is engulfed in war. Though America is far from the fighting, the streets of New York have become a battlefield. Anti-Semitic and racist groups spread hate, while German nationalists celebrate Hitler's strength and power. Josef Klein, a German immigrant, remains immune to the troubles roiling his adopted city. The multicultural neighbourhood of Harlem is his world, a lively place full of sidewalk tables where families enjoy their dinner and friends indulge in games of chess. Josef's great passion is the radio. His skill and technical abilities attract the attention of influential men who offer him a job as a shortwave operator. But when Josef begins to understand what they're doing, it's too late; he's already a little cog in the big wheel – part of a Nazi espionage network working in Manhattan. Discovered by American authorities, Josef is detained at Ellis Island, and eventually deported to Germany. Back in his homeland, fate leads him to his brother Carl's family, soap merchants in Neuss – where he witnesses the seductive power of the Nazis and the war's terrible consequences – and finally to South America, where Josef hopes to start over again as José. Eventually, Josef realises that no matter how far he runs or how hard he tries, there is one indelible truth he cannot escape: How long can you hide from your own past, before it catches up with you?

Suspense TP \$32.99

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Palace of the Drowned Mangan, Christine

In Venice, Frances Croy is working to leave the previous year behind: another novel published to little success, a scathing review she can't quite manage to forget, and, most of all, the real reason behind her self-imposed exile from London: the incident at the Savoy. Sequestered within an aging palazzo, Frankie finds comfort in the emptiness of Venice in winter, in the absence of others. Desperate to rediscover the success of her first novel, the one by which all her other work has been judged, she attempts to return to the page – ignoring the strained relationship with her best friend, the increasing phone calls from her editor, demanding the final book of her contract, and the growing fear that the end of her career is imminent. And then Gilly appears. A young woman claiming a connection from back home, one that Frankie can't quite seem to recall, Gilly seems determined for the two women to become fast friends. Frankie finds herself equally irritated and amused by the strange young woman before her – but there's something about her that continues to give Frankie pause, that makes her wonder just how much of what Gilly tells her is actually the truth. Those around Frankie are quick to dismiss her concerns, citing her recent fragile state and what took place that night at the Savoy. So, too, do they dismiss Frankie's claims that someone is occupying the other half of the palazzo, which has supposedly stood empty since after the war. But Frankie has caught Gilly in numerous lies, has seen the lights across the way, has heard the footsteps too – and, what's more, knows she isn't mad. Set in the days before and after the 1966 flood – the worst ever experienced by the city of Venice – the trajectory of the disaster that forever altered the city mirrors Frankie's own inner turmoil as she struggles to make sense of what is and is not the truth, ultimately culminating in a tragedy that leaves her questioning her own role and responsibility – as well as her sanity.

Mystery TP \$32.99

The Lions of the North

Domesday mysteries

Marston, Edward

Ralph Delchard, a former soldier in the notorious Battle of Hastings, and Gervase Bret, a skilled lawyer, continue to travel the length of England examining issues raised during the collection of information for the Domesday Book, the great survey of the country commissioned by William the Conqueror. The pair frequently discover that where matters of property are concerned, there are often dangerous and violent consequences. The King's work is a dangerous business. A wealthy Yorkshire merchant enjoys the security of his castle, guarded as it is by his pet lions. When the beasts literally make a meal of an anonymous young man attempting to gain entry, Delchard and Bret wonder why anyone would make such a suicidal effort. Despite their mission, they cannot help but delve into exactly what was at stake. A reissue.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Tragedy on the Branch Line

Railway Detective mysteries

Marston, Edward

When Bernard Pomeroy finds a letter slipped under his door in the early hours, he flies into a panic. After dashing off a short note to his friend, he hands it to the porter at Corpus Christi College before hastening on to the railway station and boarding a train leaving Cambridge. However, shortly after disembarking at his destination, the undergraduate lies dead on the platform. Inspector Colbeck and Sergeant Leeming are summoned by the Master of the college to investigate Pomeroy's untimely demise. With the Boat Race on the horizon, the president of the Cambridge Boat Club believes their Oxford rivals responsible for the death of their cox, who had been heralded in the press for his talent. Yet, it seems Pomeroy had ruffled many feathers during his short time at the university. With academic disputes, sporting rivalry and a clandestine romance in play, the Railway Detective will have to disentangle the many threads of Pomeroy's life, in order to answer the truth about his death.

Historical mystery HC \$39.99

The Bombay Prince

Perveen Mistry mysteries

Massey, Sujata

November, 1921. Edward VIII, Prince of Wales and future ruler of India, is arriving in Bombay to begin a four-month tour. The Indian subcontinent is chafing under British rule, and India's only female lawyer, Perveen Mistry, isn't surprised when local unrest spirals into riots. But she's horrified by the death of Freney Cuttingmaster, an eighteen-year-old student, who falls from a second-floor gallery just as the prince's grand procession is passing by her college. Freney had come for a legal consultation just days before her death, and what she confided makes Perveen suspect that her death was not an accident. When Freney's death is indeed ruled a murder, Perveen knows she can't rest until she sees justice done. As with the previous books in the redoubtable Perveen Mistry's series, we recommend this highly!

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

A Murder at Malabar Hill

Perveen Mistry mysteries

Massey, Sujata

Armed with a legal education from Oxford, Perveen Mistry has joined her father's law firm, becoming one of the first female lawyers in India. Mistry Law has been appointed to execute the will of Mr Omar Farid, a wealthy mill owner who has left three widows behind. But when Perveen examines the paperwork, she notices something that seems very strange. As Perveen inches closer to the truth, tensions escalate to murder, the widows fall under suspicion and Perveen must figure out what's really happening on Malabar Hill. '... a splendid first instalment in what promises to be a memorable series.' – *The Wall Street Journal*. Now in paperback. We've had fantastic customer feedback on Bombay's first female legal practitioner; highly recommended!

Historical mystery PBK \$16.99

Nancy Business

Nancys series

McDonald, R W R

It's been four months, since Tippy, Uncle Pike, and Devon were together for Christmas. Now, back for the first anniversary of Tippy's father's death, the Nancys are reformed when Riverstone is rocked by an early morning explosion that kills three people and destroys the town hall. A new case is born. Is the accused bomber really guilty? Is there a second bomber? And if so, does that mean a threat to destroy Riverstone Bridge is real? And is asparagus a colour? Once again, it is up to the Nancys to go against the flow and ignore police orders to get to the truth. It's great to be back in Nancy business again, but this time it's all different. Uncle Pike and Devon can't agree on anything and Tippy is learning hard truths about the world and the people she loves the most. Can the Nancys stay together to do their best work and save the town? Or will the killer strike again? When everyone is right, does that make you wrong? And can Tippy ever trust anyone again? The first in this camp cosy crime mystery series, *The Nancys* (PBK, \$16.99), was the winner of the 2020 Ngaio Marsh Award for Best First Novel!

Mystery TP \$29.99

Mirror Man

DCI Jack Hawksworth series

McIntosh, Fiona

Police are baffled by several deaths, each unique and bizarre in their own way – and shockingly brutal. Scotland Yard sends in its crack DCI, the enigmatic Jack Hawksworth, who wastes no time in setting up Operation Mirror. His chief wants him to dismiss any plausibility of a serial killer before the media gets on the trail. With his best investigative team around him, Jack resorts to some unconventional methods to disprove or find a link between the gruesome deaths. One involves a notorious serial killer from his past, and the other, a smart and seductive young journalist – who'll do anything, to catch her big break. Discovering he's following the footsteps of a vigilante and in a race against time, Jack will do everything it takes to stop another killing – but at what personal cost for those he holds nearest and dearest? *Bye Bye Baby* (PBK, \$19.99) introduces DCI Jack Hawksworth, Scotland Yard's brightest talent.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Maidens

Michaelides, Alex

St Christopher's College, Cambridge, is a closed world to most. For Mariana Andros – a group therapist struggling through her private grief – it's where she met her late husband. For her niece, Zoe, it's the tragic scene of her best friend's murder. As memory and mystery entangle Mariana, she finds a society full of secrets, which has been shocked to its core by the murder of one of its own. Because behind its idyllic beauty is a web of jealousy and rage which emanates from an exclusive set of students known only as The Maidens. A group under the sinister influence of the enigmatic professor Edward Fosca. A man who seems to know more

than anyone about the murders – and the victims. And the man who will become the prime suspect in Mariana's investigation – an obsession which will unravel everything... *The Maidens* is a story of love, and of grief – of what makes us who we are, and what makes us kill. 'Grips from intriguing start to horrifying finish... A brilliant achievement.' – *Harriet Tyce*.

Thriller TP \$32.99

A Royal Affair

Sparks & Bainbridge mysteries

Montclair, Allison

In 1946 London, The Right Sort Marriage Bureau is just beginning to take off and the proprietors, Miss Iris Sparks and Mrs Gwendolyn Bainbridge, are in need of a bigger office and a secretary to handle the growing demand. Unfortunately, they don't yet have the necessary means. So, when a woman arrives – a cousin of Gwen's – with an interesting and quite remunerative proposition, they two of them are all ears. The cousin, one Lady Matheson, works for the Queen in some capacity and is in need of some discreet investigation. It seems that the Princess Elizabeth has developed feelings for a dashing Greek prince and a blackmail note has arrived, alluding to some potentially damaging information about said prince. Wanting to keep this out of the palace gossip circles, but also needing to find out what skeletons might lurk in the prince's closet, the palace has quietly turned to Gwen and Iris. Without causing a stir, the two of them must now find out what secrets lurk in the prince's past, before his engagement to the future Queen of England is announced. And there's more at stake, than the future of the Empire – there is their potential new office that lies in the balance. The first in this postwar detective series is *The Right Sort of Man* (PBK, \$26.95).

Mystery TP \$37.95

A Rogue's Company

Sparks & Bainbridge mysteries

Montclair, Allison

In 1946 London, the Right Sort Marriage Bureau is getting on its feet and expanding. Miss Iris Sparks and Mrs Gwendolyn Bainbridge are making a go of it. That is until Lord Bainbridge – the widowed Gwen's father-in-law and legal guardian – returns from a business trip to Africa and threatens to undo everything important to her, even sending her six-year-old son away to a boarding school. But there's more going on than that. A new client shows up at the agency, one whom Sparks and Bainbridge begin to suspect really has a secret agenda, somehow involving the Bainbridge family. A murder, and a subsequent kidnapping, sends Sparks to seek help from a dangerous quarter – and, now, their very survival is at stake. The first in this postwar detective series is *The Right Sort of Man* (PBK, \$26.95).

Mystery HC \$55.00

The Secret Life of Writers

Musso, Guillaume

In 1999, after publishing three cult novels, celebrated author Nathan Fawles announces the end of his writing career and withdraws

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to Beaumont, a wild and beautiful island off the Mediterranean coast. *Autumn 2018*: As Fawles' novels continue to captivate readers, Mathilde Monney, a young Swiss journalist, arrives on the island, determined to unlock the writer's secrets and secure his first interview in almost twenty years. Then, a woman's body is discovered on the beach and the island is cordoned off by the authorities. And so, begins a dangerous face off between Mathilde and Nathan, in which the line between truth and fiction becomes increasingly blurred... Set on a sun-kissed island off the coast of France, this is a take on classics like Agatha Christie and Donna Tartt, by the French suspense king – with a deliciously-meta twist.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Still

Nable, Matt

Darwin, summer, 1963. The humidity sat heavy and thick over the town as Senior Constable Ned Potter looked down at a body that had been dragged from the shallow marshland. He didn't need a coroner to tell him this was a bad death. He didn't know then that this was only the first. Or that he was about to risk everything looking for answers. Late one night, Charlotte Clark drove the long way home, thinking about how stuck she felt, a 23-year-old housewife, married to a cowboy who wasn't who she thought he was. The days ahead felt suffocating, living in a town where she was supposed to keep herself nice and wait for her husband to get home from the pub. Charlotte stopped the car, stepped out to breathe in the night air and looked out over the water to the tangled mangroves. She never heard a sound before the hand was around her mouth. Both Charlotte and Ned are about to learn that the world they live in is full of secrets and that it takes courage to fight for what is right. But there are people who will do anything to protect themselves and sometimes courage is not enough to keep you safe. Perfect for fans of *The Dry* or *Scrublands*.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Lost and the Damned Norek, Olivier

A corpse that wakes up during the autopsy. A case of spontaneous human combustion. There is little by the way of violent crime that Capitaine Victor Coste has not encountered in his fifteen years policing France's most notorious suburb – but nothing like this. As he struggles to find a link between the cases, he receives a pair of anonymous letters highlighting the fates of two women whose deaths were never explained – two more blurred faces among the ranks of the lost and the damned. Why were their murders not investigated? Coste is not the only one asking that question. Someone out there believes justice is best served on a cold mortuary slab.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Summer House

Patterson, James & DuBois, Brendan

For seven unsuspecting victims, death comes in the dark... Once a luxurious getaway for a wealthy Southern family, the Summer House has long since fallen into disrepair. Its fall from grace is complete, when it becomes the scene of a horrific mass murder. Shocking evidence points to four Army

Rangers recently returned from Afghanistan. The Army sends Major Jeremiah Cook, a war veteran and former NYPD cop, to investigate. As Cook and his team struggle to put together pieces of evidence that just won't fit, powerful forces rally against them to try to ensure that damning secrets are buried, along with the victims.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

All the Devils Are Here

Chief Inspector Gamache series

Penny, Louise

On their first night in Paris, the Gamaches gather for a family dinner with Armand's godfather, the billionaire Stephen Horowitz. But the evening ends in horror when Stephen is knocked down and critically injured in what Armand is convinced is no accident, but a deliberate attempt on an elderly man's life. When a strange key is found in Stephen's possession it sends Armand on a desperate search for the truth that will take him from the top of the *Tour Eiffel*, to the bowels of the Paris Archives. And as Armand begins to uncover the secrets his godfather has kept hidden for decades, he finds himself ensnared in a web of lies and deceit that threatens to destroy everything – and everyone – he holds dear. For even the City of Light casts long shadows. And in that darkness, devils hide... This fantastic series begins with *Still Life* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Death with a Double Edge

Daniel Pitt series

Perry, Anne

It is May 1911, when Daniel Pitt is summoned to a murder scene in the slums of London's East End. He fears the victim is his friend Toby Kitteridge, but relief is quickly followed by dismay when Daniel identifies the dead man as Jonah Drake, a distinguished senior barrister who has been killed with a double-edged sword. But what was Drake doing in Mile End? And does their head of chambers, Marcus fford Croft, know more than he is willing to admit...? With the police holding out little hope of finding Drake's killer, Daniel and Kitteridge rise to the challenge. Within days, they have leads that take them from the underbelly of the East End to the very highest echelons of society. Then Daniel's father, Thomas Pitt, receives a warning from Special Branch to cease the investigation. But Daniel and his father will not be deterred – despite the risks involved in the pursuit of justice...

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

A Song for the Dark Times

Rebus series

Rankin, Ian

When his daughter Samantha calls, in the dead of night, John Rebus knows it's not good news. Her husband has been missing for two days. Rebus fears the worst – and knows from his lifetime in the police that his daughter will be the prime suspect. He wasn't the best father – the job always came first – but now his daughter needs him more than ever. But is he going as a father or a detective? As he leaves at dawn to drive to the windswept coast – and a small town with big secrets – he wonders whether this might be the first time in his life where the truth is the one thing he doesn't want to find...

Mystery PBK 22.99\$

The Two Lost Mountains

Jack West Jr series

Reilly, Matthew

Against all the odds, Jack West Jr found the Three Secret Cities but at a heartbreaking cost. His beloved daughter Lily, it appeared, was slaughtered by Sphinx in a cruel ancient ritual. With his rivals far ahead of him, Jack must now get to one of the five iron mountains and perform a mysterious feat known only as 'The Fall'. Although what is this object on the moon that is connected to it? Amid all this, Jack will discover that a new player has entered the race, a general so feared by the four legendary kingdoms they had him locked away in their deepest dungeon. Only, now, this general has escaped, and he has a horrifying plan of his own...

Thriller TP \$32.99

American Sherlocks:

Stories from the Golden Age of the American Detective (anthology)

Rennison, Wick (editor)

Sherlock Holmes is the most famous of all fictional detectives but, across the Atlantic, he had plenty of rivals. Between 1890 and 1920, American writers created dozens and dozens of crime solvers. In this thrilling, unusual anthology, editor Nick Rennison gathers fifteen often-neglected tales to highlight American crime fiction's early years. The detectives that feature include Professor Augustus SFX Van Dusen, 'The Thinking Machine', even more cerebral than Holmes; Craig Kennedy, the so-called 'scientific detective'; Uncle Abner, a shrewd backwoodsman in pre-Civil War Virginia; Violet Strange, New York debutante turned criminologist; and Nick Carter, the original pulp private eye.

Sherlockiana PBK \$22.99

Mr Campion's Goven

Margery Allingham's
Albert Campion series

Ripley, Mike

East coast of England, 1971. Harvard student Mason Clay is writing a thesis on a group of settlers who travelled to America from the remote Essex coastal village of Wicken-juxta-Mare, 300 years ago. Clay plans to visit Wicken as part of his research, and who better assist him with all things Essex than Albert Campion? But Wicken is already firmly on Campion's radar thanks to Dame Jocasta Upcott's luxury yacht found beached on a mud bank close to the village, its captain very stuck – and very dead – in the mud. Was it a bizarre accident or something more sinister? Agreeing to Dame Jocasta's request to recover her beloved pet pooch, Robespierre, Campion finds himself in Wicken, surrounded by suspicious locals and tales of witchcraft, and soon discovers its past is linked to a number of current disturbing events...

Historical mystery HC \$62.95

Legacy

Roberts, Nora

The first time Adrian met her father was the day he tried to kill her... Adrian Rizzo didn't have the easiest childhood, to put it mildly, but she's worked hard to put it behind her and to the outside world she is a beautiful young woman with a successful, high-profile career and a wonderful family and friends. When, out of the blue, she receives a death threat in the post, she is shocked but puts it down to

someone's jealousy of her success and tries to forget about it. But Adrian doesn't realise that it's more than just spite. Someone is very, very angry about her happy life and will stop at nothing to bring it all crashing down.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Animal Instinct

K Team mysteries O2

Rosenfelt, David

Corey Douglas and his K-9 partner, a German shepherd named Simon Garfunkel, are recently retired police officers turned private investigators. Along with fellow former cop Laurie Collins and her investigating partner, Marcus, they call themselves the K Team, in honour of Simon. The K Team's latest case – a recent unsolved murder – gives Corey a chance to solve the one that got away. Corey knew the murder victim from his time on the force, when he was unable to protect her in a domestic dispute. Now, he is convinced the same abusive boyfriend is responsible for her murder. With some help from Laurie's lawyer husband, Andy Carpenter, the K Team is determined to prove what the police could not, no matter the cost. What they uncover is much more sinister than they could have imagined.

Mystery HC \$54.99

The Next Wife

Rouda, Kaira

Kate Nelson had it all. A flourishing company founded with her husband, John; a happy marriage; and a daughter, Ashlyn. The picture-perfect family. Until John left for another woman. Tish is half his age. Ambitious. She's cultivated a friendship with Ashlyn. Tish believes she's won. Tish Nelson has it all. Youth, influence, a life of luxury, and a new husband. But the truth is, there's a lot of baggage. Namely, his first wife – and suspicions of his infidelity. After all, that's how she got John. Maybe, it's time for a romantic getaway, far from his vindictive ex. If Kate plans on getting John back, Tish is one step ahead of her. But what happens next is something neither Kate nor Tish saw coming. As best-laid plans come undone, there's no telling what a woman will do in the name of love – and revenge.

Thriller TP \$29.99

The Black Order

Tom Clancy's Op-Centre series

Rovin, Jeff; Glancy, Tom & Pieczek, Steve

They are known as the Black Order. Self-proclaimed patriots and survivalists, they refuse to surrender their values and beliefs to the left-leaning cultural and progressive forces threatening their nation. Military veterans and high-tech specialists, they've begun a savage war which includes public assassinations of politicians and celebrities and high-profile bombings, striking without warning or mercy. The Black Order wants nothing less than complete capitulation by the US government, giving them free rein to make their ideologies the law of the land. Only Op-Centre's Black Wasp, a skilled team of military operatives answerable to the President, can defeat these militant revolutionaries. But even as Admiral Chase Williams and his agents force them on the run, the Black Order possesses a weapon of mass destruction that they will not hesitate to unleash against millions of innocent civilians.

Thriller TP \$39.95

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Dead Even

Mattie Winston mysteries 12

Ryan, Annelise

In her previous career as a nurse, Mattie Winston's job was to keep death at bay. Now, as a medicolegal investigator, she's required to study death intimately – to figure out causes and timing, and help deduce whether it was natural or suspicious. In the case of Montgomery Monty Dixon, a well-to-do realtor, there can be little doubt: broken pool cues do not embed themselves. Monty's body is found in the game room of his lavish house, the walls adorned with photos of Monty and various celebrities. But as Mattie and her husband, homicide detective Steve Hurley, both know, money and connections can't protect anyone from a killer. The first suspect is Monty's wife, Summer, who claims to have been at a cooking class at the time. When that alibi is served up as a fake, Summer moves to the top of the suspects list, but is soon joined by Monty's ne'er-do-well son, Sawyer, who has racked up gambling debts he hoped his dad would pay off. Monty's twin brother is engaging in shady financial deals. An affair, a Ponzi scheme, a disputed inheritance... there are as many motives as suspects, and soon Mattie and Hurley have turned up other, possibly related deaths. Balancing a high-profile case with the demands of their increasingly stressful household isn't easy. It'll take all of Mattie's skill – along with a lucky break or two – to stop a killer from racking up another victim...

Mystery HC \$42.99

The Lake

Sharland, Louise

Kate's world falls apart, when her teenage son drowns in the waters by his school. She's convinced it wasn't just a tragic accident, but no one will listen. Then, six years later, Kate unearths Michael's lost diary and realises she may finally be able to uncover what really happened that night. But as she delves deeper, she begins to realise that she didn't really know her son – or the people in his life – at all. And that, sometimes, secrets are better left submerged...

Thriller TP \$19.99

Deadly Editions

Scottish Bookshop mysteries 06

Shelton, Paige

It's a quiet, snowy morning at the Cracked Spine bookshop, when bookseller Delaney Nichols receives a mysterious visitor, a messenger. He presents her with a perplexing note: an invitation to a meeting with eccentric socialite Shelagh O'Conner, who requests Delaney's participation in an exclusive treasure hunt. Delaney is intrigued, but also cautious: Shelagh, while charming in person, has a reputation for her hijinks as a wealthy young woman in the '70s. She was even once suspected, for the murder of a former boyfriend, though ultimately cleared of all charges. But Delaney is enticed by the grand prize at the end of the treasure hunt: a highly valuable first-edition copy of *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, by Robert Louis Stevenson. The winner is also to receive the contents of Shelagh's vast library, and all participants will earn a large sum of cash. The night after the first meeting of the treasure hunters, however, several homes in Edinburgh are robbed in a manner reminiscent of Shelagh's old tricks. And

when a man connected to Shelagh is killed, suspicion builds. Except Shelagh herself has disappeared from her home, seemingly kidnapped by the villain. Terror mounts throughout the city as Delaney attempts to solve the mystery, while trying to evade the killer's clutches. But it's hard to know who to trust – when, around every corner, a new monster could be lurking.

Mystery HC \$49.99

The Little Man from Archangel

Simenon, Georges

She was beautiful, full of vitality, and he was sixteen years older, a dusty, lonely bookseller whose only passion in life was collecting stamps. Jonas is used to his young wife disappearing. Everyone in the town knows that she goes off with other men. This time, however, he tells a small lie to protect her, saying she is visiting a school friend. It is a lie, however, that eats into him like an illness, provoking hostility and resentment against this timid little Russian-Jewish bookseller, who always thought he had been accepted. As suspicion mounts, his true, terrifying isolation is revealed. A reissue of the poignant story of an outsider, falsely accused of murder; from the celebrated author of the Maigret series.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Silent Wife

Will Trent series

Slaughter, Karin

Investigating the killing of a prisoner during a riot inside a state penitentiary, GBI investigator Will Trent is confronted with disturbing information. One of the inmates claims that he is innocent of a brutal attack for which he has always been the prime suspect. The man insists that he was framed by a corrupt law enforcement team led by Jeffrey Tolliver and that the real culprit is still out there – a serial killer who has systematically been preying on women across the state for years. If Will reopens the investigation and implicates the dead police officer with a hero's reputation of wrongdoing, the opportunistic convict is willing to provide the information GBI needs about the riot murder. Only days ago, another young woman was viciously murdered in a state park in northern Georgia. Is it a fluke, or could there be a serial killer on the loose? As Will Trent digs into both crimes, it becomes clear that he must solve the cold case in order to find the answer. Yet, nearly a decade has passed – time for memories to fade, witnesses to vanish, evidence to disappear, and lies to become truth. But Will can't crack either mystery without the help of the one person he doesn't want involved: his girlfriend and Jeffrey Tolliver's widow, medical examiner Sara Linton. When the past and present begin to collide, Will realises that everything he values is at stake...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

A Promise of Ankles

44 Scotland Street series

Smith, Alexander McCall

The winds of change are blowing through Scotland Street. Though Bertie is getting older, he can't resist an adventure to escape his domineering mother; and Bruce, ever the navel gazer, will have to bring his best self, to navigate the complexities of the *pas de deux*.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Fourth Courier

Smith, Timothy Jay

It is 1992 in Warsaw, Poland, and the communist era has just ended. A series of grisly murders suddenly becomes an international case when it's feared that the victims may have been couriers smuggling nuclear material out of the defunct Soviet Union. The FBI sends an agent to help with the investigation. When he learns that a Russian physicist who designed a portable atomic bomb has disappeared, the race is on to find him – and the bomb – before it ends up in the wrong hands. Together, a straight white FBI agent and gay black CIA officer must uncover a gruesome plot involving murder, radioactive contraband, narcissistic government leaders, and unconscionable greed.

Mystery/suspense TP \$37.95

After the Fire

Tom Reynolds mysteries

Spain, Jo

Nobody was supposed to get out alive. On a Dublin city street, packed with afternoon shoppers, a young woman appears, naked, traumatised and bearing burn marks. Tom Reynolds, now Chief Superintendent, is no longer head of the murder squad. But when it transpires the woman escaped from a house fire started deliberately and that there are more victims, Tom is sucked in. What begins as a straightforward case of arson, soon becomes something much more sinister. The people in that house never wanted to be there, in the first place. Now, more of them are missing. Tom is faced with a ticking clock as he tries to locate the others and as he does, a terrifying spider's web of domestic and international crime unfolds. And not everybody will survive the fallout.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Skelton's Guide to Domestic Poisons

Skelton's Guides

Stafford, David

January 1929. When Arthur Skelton won the legal case of the century, he went from being an unremarkable barrister to front-page sensation. Now, he faces a new challenge. Mary Dutton is accused of poisoning her husband and the police are utterly convinced she is guilty. Even her supporters think she did it. Skelton agrees to take on what many consider an unwinnable case, a decision wholly unconcerned with the defendant's resemblance to a beautiful actress... With an army of women set to vote for the first time in history, the fate of Mary Dutton will have a significant impact on Britain's political future. Skelton faces mounting pressure to find the truth, but will that be enough to save a young woman's life? The first in a series.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

Skelton's Guide to Suitcase Murders

Skelton's Guides

Stafford, David

A woman's dismembered corpse is discovered in a suitcase, and police quickly identify her husband, Doctor Ibrahim Aziz, as their chief suspect. Incriminating evidence is discovered at his home and his wife was rumoured to be having an affair, giving him clear motive. With his reputation for winning hopeless cases, barrister Arthur Skelton is asked to

represent the accused. Though Aziz's guilt does not seem to be in doubt, a question of diplomacy and misplaced larvae soon lead Skelton to suspect there may be more to the victim's death. Aided by his loyal clerk Edgar, Skelton soon finds himself seeking justice for both victim and defendant. But can he uncover the truth before an innocent man is put on trial and condemned to the gallows? The sequel to *Skelton's Guide to Domestic Poisons* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery HC \$39.99

The Constant Man

Willi Geismeyer series

Steiner, Peter

Former Munich detective Willi Geismeyer is a wanted man. He sacrificed his career and put his life on the line by exposing a high-ranking Nazi official as a murderer – and is, now, in hiding in a cabin deep in the Bavarian forest. But when his friend, Lola, is savagely attacked, Willi returns to Munich in disguise and under a new identity – Karl Juncker – determined to find the perpetrator. Meanwhile, the discovery of the body of a woman in the River Isar leads Willi's old colleague and friend, Detective Hans Bergemann, to uncover similar disturbing murders stretching back years. A serial killer who preys on young women is running loose on Munich's streets. Could they be responsible for the attack on Lola, and can Willi catch a deranged murderer before the Gestapo catches him?

Mystery/suspense HC \$62.95

The Best New True Crime Stories:

Well-Mannered Crooks, Rogues and Criminals

Szereto, Mitzi (editor)

From mild mannered co-workers to doting parents. Some might be your jack-of-all-trades friend, or others might be your family member with an altruistic persona. *The Best New True Crime Stories: Well-Mannered Crooks and Criminals* takes you deeper into the unconventional criminal's psyche. The ones where their most prominent feature isn't a bloodied knife, but a bright smile and warm gaze meant to lure their next victim. Meet the real killers. You've heard about John Wayne Gacy. You've read about Jeffrey Dahmer. You've delved into the Ted Bundy fascination. It's time for you to meet the infamous Naún Briones, who struck fear into the hearts of the rich, and Freddie Brenman, a notorious street-fighter with mysterious ties to the Dillinger Gang. You'll find yourself realising that being nice and friendly is a killer combination.

True crime TP \$41.95

The Mountains Wild

Maggie d'Arcy mysteries

Taylor, Sarah Stewart

Twenty-three years ago, Maggie D'arcy's family received a call from the Dublin police. Her cousin Erin has been missing for several days. Maggie herself spent weeks in Ireland, trying to track Erin's movements, working beside the police. But it was to no avail: no trace of her was ever found. The experience inspired Maggie to become a cop. Now, back on Long Island, more than 20 years have passed. Maggie is a detective and a divorced mother of a teenager. When the *Gardaí* call to say that Erin's scarf has been found and another young woman has

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gone missing, Maggie returns to Ireland, awakening all the complicated feelings from the first trip. The despair and frustration of not knowing what happened to Erin. Her attraction to Erin's co-worker, now a professor, who never fully explained their relationship. And her determination to solve the case, once and for all.

Mystery TP \$26.95

A Distant Grave

Maggie d'Arcy mysteries

Taylor, Sarah Stewart

Long Island homicide detective Maggie D'arcy and her teenage daughter, Lilly, are still recovering from the events of last fall when a strange new case demands Maggie's attention. The body of an unidentified Irish national turns up in a wealthy Long Island beach community and with little to go on but the scars on his back, Maggie once again teams up with *Garda* detectives in Ireland to find out who the man was and what he was doing on Long Island. The strands of the mystery take Maggie to a quiet village in rural County Clare that's full of secrets and introduce her to the world of humanitarian aid workers half a world away. And as she gets closer to the truth about the murder, what she learns leads her back to her home turf and into range of a dangerous and determined killer who will do anything to keep the victim's story hidden forever.

Mystery HC \$57.95

The Mystic's Accomplice

Mystic's Accomplice series

Theobald, Mary Mile

It's 1924, and Maddie Pastore has it made. A nice house, a loving husband with a steady job – even if it is connected to Chicago's violent Torrio-Capone gang – and a baby on the way. But then Tommy is shot dead, and she learns her husband had a secret that turns her life upside down. Penniless and grieving, Maddie is only sure of two things: that she will survive for the sake of her baby, and that she'll never turn to the mob for help. So, when she's invited to assist a well-meaning but fraudulent medium, she seizes the chance. She's not proud of her work investigating Madam Carlotta's clients, but she's proud of how well she does it. When Maddie unearths potential evidence of a dark crime, however, she faces a terrible dilemma: keep quiet and let a murderer go unpunished, or follow the trail and put herself and her baby in mortal danger...

Historical mystery HC \$62.95

I Don't Forgive You

Thompson, Aggie Blum

An accomplished photographer and the devoted mom of an adorable little boy, Allie Ross has just moved to an upscale DC suburb, the kind of place where parenting feels like a competitive sport. Allie's desperate to make a good first impression. Then, she's framed for murder. It all starts at a neighbourhood party when a local dad corners Allie and calls her by an old, forgotten nickname from her dark past. The next day, he is found dead. Soon, the police are knocking at her door, grilling her about a supposed Tinder relationship with the man, and pulling up texts between them. She learns quickly that she's been hacked and someone is impersonating her online. Her reputation – socially and professionally – is at stake;

even her husband starts to doubt her. As the killer closes in, Allie must reach back into a past, she vowed to forget, in order to learn the shocking truth of who is destroying her life.

Thriller TP \$35.95

The Shapeshifter's Lair

Sister Fidelma mysteries

Tremayne, Peter

Ireland. AD 672. The body of a dead man has been found on a lonely mountain road and taken to the isolated abbey of Gleann Da Loch for a proper burial. The abbot quickly identifies him as Brehon Brocc, who had been travelling to the abbey on a secret mission with Princess Gelgeis and her steward. When news reaches Colgu, King of Muman, that his betrothed, Princess Gelgeis, has disappeared, Fidelma with her trusted companions, Eadulf and Enda, enter the hostile Kingdom of Laigin in search of the truth. But one death is quickly followed by another and warnings of demonic shapeshifters and evil lurking in the mountains must be taken seriously. Are there really brigands stealing gold and silver from the ancient mines? And are rumours of a war between the Kingdoms of Laigin and Muman to be believed? As Fidelma searches for answers, she must do everything in her power to avoid danger and death in a land, where no one is to be trusted...

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

The Little Sleep and No Sleep Till Wonderland Omnibus

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Tremblay, Paul

An omnibus edition, collecting Tremblay's two classic noirs: *The Little Sleep* and *No Sleep Till Wonderland*. *The Little Sleep* is Paul Tremblay's nod to Raymond Chandler, starring a PI, who nods off. Mark Genevich is a South Boston private detective who happens to have a severe form of narcolepsy, which includes hypnagogic hallucinations, like waking dreams. Unsurprisingly, his practice is not exactly booming. Then, one day, the daughter of an ambitious district attorney and a contestant on the reality talent show *American Star* named Jennifer Times comes to him for help – or does she? A man has stolen her fingers, she claims, and she'd like Genevich to get them back. When the PI wakes up from what must surely be a hallucination, the only evidence that his client may have been real is a manila envelope on his desk. *No Sleep Till Wonderland*: Like most private eyes, Mark Genevich is something of a lone wolf. So, group therapy isn't a great fit. But his landlord/mother is convinced it will help his narcolepsy – ignoring the fact that his disorder is a physical condition. Truth is, he has the time. It's been a year and a half since his last big case, and his business could best be described as, well, sleepy. It's never a wise choice to go on a two-day bender with someone you meet in group therapy, but there's something about Gus that intrigues Genevich. And when his new drinking buddy asks him to protect a female friend who's being stalked, the PI, finally, has a case. A reissue omnibus.

Noir (reissue) PBK \$24.99

The Boy in the Photo

Trope, Nicole

Six years ago... Megan waits at the school gates for her six-year-old son, Daniel. As the playground empties, panic bubbles inside her.

Daniel is nowhere to be found. Her darling son is missing. *Six years later...* After years of sleepless nights and endless days of missing her son, Megan finally gets the call she has been dreaming about. Daniel has walked into a police station in a remote town just a few miles away. Megan is overjoyed – her son is finally coming home. She has kept Daniel's room, with his Cookie Monster poster on the wall and a stack of Lego under the bed, in perfect shape to welcome him back. But when he returns, there is something different about Daniel... According to the police, Daniel was kidnapped by his father. After his dad died in a fire, Daniel was finally able to escape. Desperate to find out the truth, Megan tries to talk to her little boy – but he barely answers her questions. Longing to help him heal, Megan tries everything – his favourite chocolate milkshake, a reunion with his best friend, a present for every birthday missed – but still, Daniel is distant. And as they struggle to connect, Megan begins to suspect that there is more to the story. Soon, she fears that her son is hiding a secret. A secret that could destroy her family...

Thriller TP \$28.95

The Devil and the Dark Water

Turton, Stuart

An impossible murder... A remarkable detective duo... A demon who may, or may not, exist... It's 1634 and Samuel Pippis, the world's greatest detective, is being transported from the Dutch East Indies to Amsterdam, where he is facing trial and execution for a crime he may, or may not, have committed. Travelling with him is his loyal bodyguard, Arent Hayes, who is determined to prove his friend innocent, while also on board are Sara Wessel, a noble woman with a secret, and her husband, the governor general of Batavia. But no sooner is their ship out to sea than devilry begins to blight the voyage. A strange symbol appears on the sail. A dead leper stalks the decks. Livestock are slaughtered in the night. And then the passengers hear a terrible voice whispering to them in the darkness, promising them three unholy miracles. First: an impossible pursuit. Second: an impossible theft. Third: an impossible murder. Could a demon be responsible for their misfortunes? With Pippis imprisoned, only Arent and Sara can solve a mystery that stretches back into their past and now threatens to sink the ship, killing everybody on board... 'A glorious mashup of William Golding and Arthur Conan Doyle' – *Val McDermid*. Another high-concept mystery from the author of *The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* (PBK, \$19.99); which Leanne loved.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

Farewell My Herring

Elsie & Ethelred mysteries

Tyler, L C

Ethelred Tressider and his agent Elsie Thirkettle have been invited to lecture on a creative writing course at Fell Hall, a remote location in the heart of ragged countryside that even sheep are keen to shun. While Ethelred's success as a writer is distinctly average, Elsie sees this as an opportunity to scout for new, hopefully more lucrative, talent. But heavy snow falls overnight, trapping those early arrivals inside, and tensions are quick to emerge between the assembled group. When one of their number

goes missing, Ethelred leads a search party and makes a gruesome discovery. With no phone signal and no hope of summoning the police, can Ethelred and Elsie identify the killer among them, before one of them is next? This popular, quirky mystery series begins with *The Herring Seller's Apprentice* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery HC \$39.99

The Plague Letters

Valentine, V L

London, 1665. Hidden within a growing pile of corpses, one victim of the pestilence stands out: a young woman with a shorn head and pieces of twine delicately tied around each ankle. Symon Patrick, rector of St Paul's Covent Garden, cannot say exactly why this corpse amongst the many in his churchyard should give him pause. Longing to do good, he joins a group of medical men who have gathered to find a cure for the plague, each man more peculiar and splenetic than the next. But there is another – unknown to The Society for the Prevention and Cure of Plague – who is performing his own terrible experiments upon unwilling plague-ridden subjects. It is Penelope – Symon's unwanted yet unremovable addition to his household – who may yet shed light on the matter. Far more than what she appears, she is already on the hunt. But the dark presence that enters the houses of the sick will not stop, and has no mercy... A serial killer stalks London during the Great Plague of 1665, in this highly inventive historical thriller – perfect for fans of C J Sansom and Andrew Taylor.

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

When You Find Me

Vernon, P J

Visiting her family's South Carolina estate, socialite Gray Godfrey wakes from a night out to an empty bed. Her husband Paul is gone, and a thrashing hangover has wiped her memory clean. At first, she's relieved for the break from her tumultuous marriage; perhaps, Paul just needed some space. But when his car is found abandoned on the highway, Gray must face the truth: Paul is gone. And Gray may not want him found. When a stranger named Annie calls, claiming to know Paul's whereabouts, Gray reluctantly accepts her help. But this ally is not what she seems: soon, Annie is sending frightening messages and revealing disturbing secrets only Gray could know. As Annie's threats escalate and Gray's grip on reality begins to slip, the life she thought she had and the dark truth she's been living begin to merge, leaving an unsettling question: *What does Annie want? And what will she do to get it?*

Thriller TP \$37.95

The Mercenary

Vidich, Paul

Moscow, 1985. The Soviet Union and its communist regime are in the last stages of decline... but remain opaque to the rest of the world – and still very dangerous. In this ever-shifting landscape, a senior KGB officer – code name *Gambit* – has approached the CIA Moscow Station chief with top secret military weapons intelligence and asked to be exfiltrated. *Gambit* demands that his handler be a former CIA officer, Alex Garin, a former KGB officer who defected to the American side. The CIA had never successfully exfiltrated a KGB officer from Moscow, and

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the top brass do not trust Garin. But they have no other options: *Gambit's* secrets could be the deciding factor in the Cold War. Garin is able to gain *Gambit's* trust, but remains an enigma. Is he a mercenary acting in self interest, or are there deeper secrets from his past that would explain where his loyalties truly lie? As the date nears for *Gambit's* exfiltration – and, with the walls closing in on both of them – Garin begins a relationship with a Russian agent and sets into motion a plan that could compromise everything.

Suspense PBK \$22.99

To Die in Tuscany

Rick Montoya Italian mysteries
Wagner, David
One dead art collector and a gallery of suspects. This romantic weekend just turned deadly... Translator Rick Montoya is looking forward to a quiet weekend away with his girlfriend, Betta, an art fraud investigator for the Italian Culture Ministry. Their destination: the beautiful village of Urbino, home to Renaissance masters Rafael and the lesser-known Piero della Francesca. While Betta does have official business to attend to – namely, collecting a priceless Piero drawing from a wealthy Spanish collector on the ministry's behalf – she asks Rick to join her in case she needs an interpreter, but with other, less-official intentions in mind. When the Spaniard is found murdered and the drawing stolen, Betta must shift back into art cop mode, and Rick's official services are required after all. As they set out to discover the identity of the killer and the whereabouts of the stolen sketch, they are drawn from Urbino's cobbled streets to eastern Tuscany and back as the list of suspects grows longer – and more dangerous. Will this lovers' getaway literally be to die for? This captivating armchair detection-and-travel series begins with *Cold Tuscan Stone* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery TP \$29.99

The Wedding Night

Walker, Harriet
When Lizzie calls off her wedding in the south of France only a week before the big day, not even her closest friends know why. But since the château is already paid for, they figure it's the perfect place to take Lizzie and get her mind off her suddenly single state. But when the party arrives, the wedding is waiting for them – food, flowers, and all. The next day, Lizzie wakes to find her friends have drunkenly revelled in the wedding-that-wasn't – but not all their antics were benign. Someone is set on tormenting Lizzie, and she can't figure out who. The more the friends try to piece together exactly what happened that night, the more secrets start to come out.

The biggest secret of all – the one that must not come out – is Lizzie's. But as intimidating messages appear around the château, it seems that someone intends to pursue her until it does. Will Lizzie ever be able to escape her past, or will it destroy more than one life on this trip?

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Goldest Case

Bruno, Chief of Police mysteries
Walker, Martin
Bruno Courreges is Chief of Police of the lovely town of St Denis in the Dordogne. His main wish is to keep the local people safe and his town free from crime. But crime has a way of finding its way to him. For thirty years, Bruno's boss, Chief of Detectives Jalipeau, known as J-J, has been obsessed with his first case. It was never solved, and Bruno knows that this failure continues to haunt J-J. A young male body was found in the woods near St Denis and never identified. For all these years, J-J has kept the skull, as a reminder. He calls him 'Oscar'. Visiting the famous prehistory museum in nearby Les Eyzies, Bruno sees some amazingly lifelike heads expertly reconstructed from ancient skulls. He suggests performing a similar reconstruction on Oscar as a first step towards at last identifying him. An expert is hired to start the reconstruction and the search for Oscar's killer begins again in earnest. The latest in this wonderful series (another of Ron's faves!), set in the Dordogne. *Death in the Dordogne (aka Bruno, Chief of Police)* is the first in the series (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery TP \$32.99

Castle in the Air

Hard Case Crime
Westlake, Donald E
When four groups of international heist artists team up to pull off the theft of the century – stealing an entire castle, and the treasure secreted in its walls – what could possibly go wrong? Well, consider this: none of the master thieves speak each other's languages... and no one knows, precisely, where the loot is stashed... and every one of them wants to steal it all for him or herself. In the funniest crime caper ever, four teams of international thieves race through Paris to steal a king's ransom from the walls of a disassembled castle. It's Westlake at his wildest, a breathless slapstick chase through the streets of France with the law in hot pursuit...

Hardboiled PBK \$19.99

Beneath Devil's Bridge

White, Loreth Anne
True crime podcaster Trinity Scott is chasing breakout success, and her brand-new serial

may get her there. Her subject is Clayton Jay Pelley. More than two decades ago, the respected family man and guidance counsellor confessed to the brutal murder of teenage student Leena Rai. But why he killed her has always been a mystery. In a series of exclusive interviews from prison, Clayton discloses to Trinity the truth about what happened that night beneath Devil's Bridge. It's not what anyone in the Pacific Northwest town of Twin Falls expects. Clayton says he didn't do it. Was he lying then? Or now? As her listeners increase and ratings skyrocket, Trinity is missing a key player in the story: Rachel Walczak, the retired detective who exposed Pelley's twisted urges and put him behind bars. She's not interested in playing Clayton's game – until Trinity digs deeper and the podcast's reverberations. Then Rachel begins to question everything she thinks she knows about the past. With each of Clayton's teasing reveals, one thing is clear: he's not the only one in Twin Falls, with a secret.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

The Dead Husband

Wilson, Carter
Twenty years ago, an unspeakable tragedy rocked Rose Yates' small, affluent hometown... and only Rose and her family know the truth about what happened. Haunted by guilt, Rose escaped into a new life. Now, she seems to have it all: a marriage, a son, a career. And then her husband is found dead. As far as Detective Colin Pearson is concerned, Rose is guilty. Her marriage wasn't as happy as she'd led everyone to believe, and worse, she's connected to a twenty-year-old cold case. She can play the part of the victim, but he won't let her or her family escape justice, this time around. Grieving her husband and struggling to make ends meet, Rose returns home, hoping to finally confront her domineering father and unstable sister. But memories of a horrific crime echo through the house, and Rose soon learns that she can't trust anyone, especially not the people closest to her.

Thriller TP \$29.99

Mrs Morris and the Sorceress

Salem B&B mysteries 04
Wilton, Traci
Madison Boswell, a beauty recently transplanted from Boston, is starring in the Independence Day play in this New England town full of colonial history – and, of course, witchcraft. Madison may not be a Wiccan, but she does seem to have certain hypnotic powers. And she's left some angry people in her wake, from a fellow actress beaten out for a role to a jealous betrayed wife.

Now, as Charlene films the performance for her housemate, Jack – a handsome ghost who shares the Victorian B&B with her and her Persian cat – the drama queen takes a deadly bullet from what was supposed to be a prop gun. With a long list of suspects and lots of backstage whispers, it looks like the investigation by Charlene and Detective Sam Holden could set off some fireworks...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

The Darkest Flower

Allison Barton series
Wright, Kristin
You'll never believe the terrible things being said about the perfect president of the PTA. Attempted murder? Inexplicable accident? Either way, a PTA mom struggled for her life in an elementary school cafeteria, poisoned by a wolfsbane-laced smoothie at the fifth-grade graduation party. Now, all eyes are on the accused, the victim, and a woman hired to look deeper. Ambitious defence attorney and single mother Allison Barton is anxious to escape the shadow of the lowdown dog of a marquee partner carrying their renowned Virginia law firm. A win for her high-profile new client will give Allison the career she deserves. And PTA president Kira Grant certainly appears innocent – except for the toxic bloom in her backyard and perhaps a bit of a malicious streak. But no one said the innocent had to be likable – or entirely honest. Besides, with an image as carefully cultivated as her garden, Kira would be insane to risk everything on something as outrageous as the attempted murder of one of her closest friends. What about those in Kira's orbit, a sunny suburb of moms behaving badly? What do they really know about Kira? What does Kira know about them? For Allison, the answers are getting darker every day.

Thriller TP \$35.95

Silver Wings, Iron Cross

Young, Tom
Lieutenant Karl Hagan earned his wings the hard way. But when his plane is shot down behind enemy lines, he's forced to make the hardest decision of his life: trusting the enemy. *Oberleutnant* Wilhelm Albrecht wore his Iron Cross with pride. But when his U-boat is attacked in a devastating air raid, he abandons ship and finds an unlikely ally: the pilot who bombed him. It is November of 1944. The tides of war have turned. Allies have taken back France, and German troops have retreated. But for Karl and Wilhelm, the war is far from over. Each must be prepared to lie for the other, fight for the other, or die with the other. But their short-lived alliance won't truly be put to the test, until they reach the end of the line – inside a POW camp...

Thriller TP \$25.99