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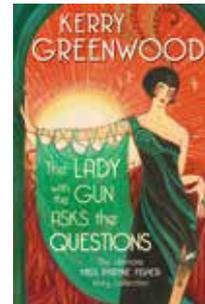
Crime & Mystery Bestsellers May 2021

The Lady with the Gun Asks the Questions (Phryne Fisher collection)

Kerry Greenwood

The Honourable Phryne Fisher – she of the Lulu bob, Cupid’s bow lips, diamante garters and pearl-handled pistol – is the 1920s’ most elegant and irrepressible sleuth. Miss Phryne Fisher is up to her stunning green eyes in intriguing crime in each of these entertaining, fun, and compulsively readable stories. With the ever-loyal Dot, the ingenious Mr Butler, and all of Phryne’s friends and household, the action is as fast as Phryne’s wit and logic. ‘With Phryne Fisher, the indefatigable Greenwood has invented the character-you-fall-in-love-with genre.’ – *The Australian*. If you love Phryne, you’ll want to grab this collection of new stories! And don’t forget the most-recent, full-length Phryne Fisher novel, *Death at Daylesford* (TP, \$29.99).

Historical mystery | TP | \$29.99



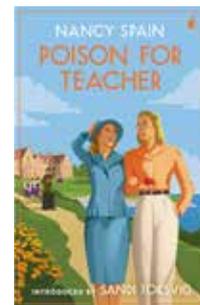
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Poison for Teacher

Nancy Spain

Miriam Birdseye, ex-revue star and now professional sleuth, is intrigued when the headmistress of Radcliff Hall arrives at her Baker Street detective agency. A series of bizarre stunts that at first seemed like pranks have taken a sinister turn, and since Miss Lipscomb found her gym rope half sawn through, she’s begun to fear not only for her school, but for her life. This is how Miriam and her friend, Russian ballerina Natasha Nevkorina, find themselves on board the train to a Sussex girls’ school, in the unlikely guise of teachers. Before long, the detective duo uncovers a blackmail plot, infidelity, and a dizzying array of school schisms. And then a teacher is poisoned during the school play; can they discover the culprit before the body count rises? ‘Her detective novels are hilarious – less about detecting than delighting, with absurd farce and a wonderful turn of phrase... Nancy Spain was bold, she was brave, she was funny, she was feisty’ – *Sandi Toksvig*. Lovely! Start with *Death on Skis* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery (reissue) | PBK | \$22.99



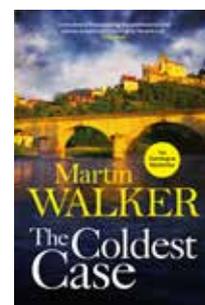
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The Coldest Case (Bruno, Chief of Police 14)

Martin Walker

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



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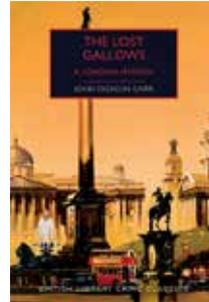
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***The Lost Gallows: A London Mystery* (British Library Crime Classics)**

John Dickson Carr

John Dickson Carr lays on the macabre atmosphere again in this follow-up to *It Walks by Night*, in which Inspector Bencolin attempts to piece together a puzzle involving a disappearing street, a set of gallows which mysteriously reveals itself to a number of figures traipsing through the London fog, and the bizarre suggestion that a kind of fictional bogeyman, Jack Ketch, may be afoot and in the business of wanton execution. An early gem from one of the great writers of the genre. This edition also includes the rare Bencolin short story, 'The Ends of Justice'. Another of the fantastic British Library Reissues! (Keep 'em coming!)

Classic mystery | TP | \$33.95



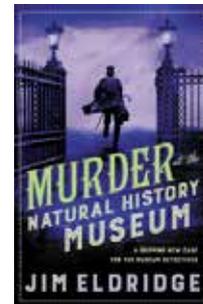
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***Murder at the Natural History Museum* (Museum mysteries 05)**

Jim Eldridge

1895. When the newly dubbed 'Museum Detectives' are asked to investigate deliberate damage to a dinosaur skeleton at the Natural History Museum there is evidence that the fossil-hunting mania of the notorious Bone Wars in America may have reached their shores. But for Daniel Wilson, famed for his involvement in the Jack the Ripper case, and renowned archaeologist Abigail Fenton, events soon take a sinister turn... A museum attendant is found dead in an anteroom by none other than the infamous theatre manager, Bram Stoker – who, it seems, may have had a personal connection with the deceased. Facing pressure both from an overseas business and local celebrity, Wilson and Fenton must rely on their talents and instincts to solve their most puzzling case, yet. Lotsa fun! Series starts with *Murder at the Fitzwilliam* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery | PBK | \$19.99



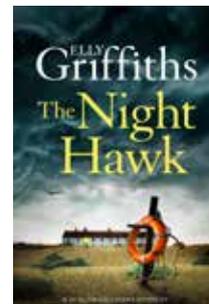
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***The Night Hawk* (Dr Ruth Galloway mysteries 13)**

Elly Griffiths

Dr Ruth Galloway returns to the moody and beautiful landscape of North Norfolk to confront another killer. A devastating new case for our favourite forensic archaeologist in this acclaimed and bestselling crime series. The Night Hawks, a group of metal detectorists, are searching for buried treasure when they find a body on the beach in North Norfolk. At first Nelson thinks that the dead man might be an asylum seeker; but he turns out to be a local boy, Jem Taylor, recently released from prison. Ruth is more interested in the treasure, a hoard of Bronze Age weapons. Nelson at first thinks that Taylor's death is accidental drowning, but a second death suggests murder. Nelson is called to an apparent murder-suicide of a couple at the isolated Black Dog Farm. Local legend talks of the Black Shuck, a spectral hound that appears to people before they die. Nelson ignores this, even when the owner's suicide note includes the line, 'He's buried in the garden'. Ruth excavates and finds the body of a giant dog. All roads lead back to this farm in the middle of nowhere, but the place spells serious danger for anyone who goes near. Ruth doesn't scare easily. Not until she finds herself at Black Dog Farm... These are great! She's a fave with regulars!

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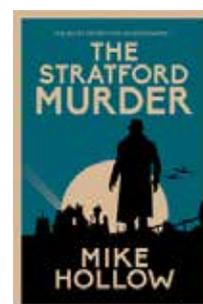
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***The Stratford Murder* (Blitz Detective mysteries 04)**

Mike Hollow

October, 1940. Bombs are falling on Stratford when air-raid warden Sylvia Parks sees a house with a shining light, in clear breach of the city's strict blackout rules. With no answer at the door, she manages to break in... only to discover the body of a young woman, strangled to death with a stocking. For Detective Inspector John Jago, the scene brings back memories of the gruesome Soho Strangler, who murdered four women a few years ago but has never been caught – could there be a connection? First published as *Firing Line*. The first in the series is *The Blitz Detective* (PBK, \$19.99).

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Ocean Prey (Lucas Davenport 30)

John Sandford

An off-duty Coast Guardsman is fishing with his family when he calls in some suspicious behaviour from a nearby boat. It's a snazzy craft, slick and outfitted with extra horsepower, and is zipping along until it slows to pick up a surfaced diver... a diver who was apparently alone, without his own boat, in the middle of the ocean. None of it makes sense unless there's something hinky going on, and his hunch is proved right when all three Guardsmen who come out to investigate are shot and killed. They're federal officers killed on the job, which means the case is the FBI's turf. When the FBI's investigation stalls out, they call in Lucas Davenport. And when his case turns lethal, Davenport will need to bring in every asset he can claim, including a detective with a fundamentally

criminal mind: Virgil Flowers.

Thriller | TP | \$32.99



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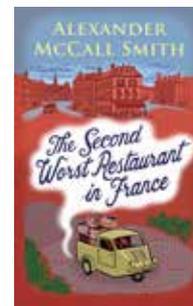
The Second Worst Restaurant in France (Paul Stewart 02)

Alexander McCall Smith

Paul Stewart has returned to Scotland to continue his successful career. His agent and girlfriend, Gloria, has arranged for him to write *The Philosophy of Food in Six Easy Chapters*, a project he relishes but that will have to be delivered in six months. It is not going well, as Paul finds his domestic circumstances unsuited to concentrated hard work: Gloria has now moved in with him (not specifically invited) and has brought with her two extremely vocal and demanding Siamese cats. The cats give Paul no peace. Beginning to worry that *The Philosophy of Food* will never be written, Paul calls on the aid of his cousin, Chloe – who suggests a radical course of action.

She has taken a six-month lease on a house in a French village – not far from Poitiers – and invites him to join her there, and get the book finished in peace. He needs no second bidding, and it is not long before he escapes to France. Once there, however, Paul finds his fortunes tangled up with the fate of one eating establishment in the village: the infamous Second-Worst Restaurant in France... This is the second in the charming Paul Stewart series by the ever-wonderful Alexander McCall Smith, following *My Italian Bulldozer* (PBK, \$19.99).

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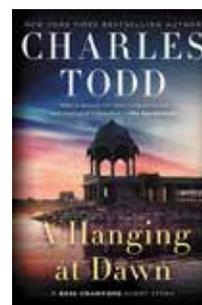
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A Hanging at Dawn (Bess Crawford mysteries novella)

Charles Todd

Years before the Great War summoned Bess Crawford to serve as a battlefield nurse, the indomitable heroine spent her childhood in India – under the watchful eye of her friend and confidant: the young soldier, Simon Brandon. The two formed an inseparable bond on the dangerous Northwest Frontier where her father's Regiment held the Khyber Pass against all intruders. It was Simon who taught Bess to ride and shoot, escorted her to the bazaars and the Maharani's Palace, and did his best to keep her out of trouble; after the Crawford family took an interest in the tall, angry boy with a mysterious past. But the Crawfords have long guarded secrets for Simon, and he owes them a debt that runs deeper than Bess could ever know. A short story that unravels dark secrets from her close friend Simon Brandon's past – and told through the eyes of Melinda, Richard, Clarissa, and Bess – *A Hanging at Dawn* pieces together a mystery at the centre of Bess' family that will irrevocably change the course of her future. Our regular Charles Todd fans have been longing for this story; their feedback has been that it's been worth the wait!

Historical mystery | PBK | \$14.99



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