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

The Stalker

Alderson, Sarah

Newlyweds Liam and Laura are spending their honeymoon in paradise: just the two of them on a remote island off the coast of Scotland. But they soon discover that all is not as it seems, and the island has a tragic past. And they can't shake the feeling of being watched... When one morning, they wake to find a message scratched into the window, their worst fears are confirmed. They aren't alone on the island. And this stranger wants them dead...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

The Cure for What Ales You

Sloan Krause mysteries 05

Alexander, Ellie

After a long cold winter, spring is beginning to bloom in the alpine village of Leavenworth, Washington, where craft brewer Sloan Krause and her partner in crime Garrett Strong are putting the finishing touches on their bright and refreshing Lemon Kiss ale. They'll be debuting their new line, at the Maifest celebration; which will bring visitors from near and far to dance around the Maipole and shop at the outdoor flower markets. Despite the festive spirit in the air, Sloan is brewing over her past. She's spent months following leads that have turned into dead ends. But when she spots a woman who strongly resembles Marianne – a long-lost contact who may be her only connection to piecing together her story – she hopes that things might be taking a turn in her favour. That hope is quickly smashed when Marianne is involved in the murder of a local housekeeper. To make matters worse, Marianne issues a dire warning that Sloan and her entire family are in danger. If Sloan can't figure out who the killer is and what happened in her past, she won't find any happy endings.

Mystery HC \$55.00

Much Ado About Nauticaling

Whit & Whiskers mysteries 01

Allan, Gabby

After far too many years in the Los Angeles corporate world, Whitney Dagner has come home to Santa Catalina Island off the California coast to help her brother Nick run Nautically Yours, the family tourism business. Between gift shop shifts selling all manner of t-shirts and tchotchkes and keeping her feline Whiskers in fine fettle, she pilots the Sea Bounder, a glass bottom boat showing tourists the underwater sights of aquatic plants, marine life – and a murder victim? The self-proclaimed Master of the Island, Jules Tisdale was a wealthy man with business interests throughout Catalina who was about to be honoured as Person of the Year, before someone strangled him with his own tie and tossed his body into the water. That someone appears to be Nick, who had a raw deal from Jules and no alibi the night of his murder. To clear her brother's name,

Whit will have to investigate Jules' shady associates and not exactly grief-stricken family members – with the unwelcome help of Felix Ramirez, police diver and Whit's ex-boyfriend who's looking to rekindle their relationship. The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$24.99

The Affair of the Bloodstained Egg Cosy

Inspector Wilkens mysteries

Anderson, James

It is the 1930s, and a house party is taking place at Alderley, the historic stately home of the Earl and Countess of Burford and their livewire daughter Geraldine. Amongst the guests are a government minister and civil servant engaged in top secret talks with representatives of European powers, a Texan oil millionaire with a taste for guns, his wife – owner of a fabulous diamond necklace, an impoverished woman, an author, a foppish young man, and a ravishing Baroness (who is also the Earl's old flame). And let's not forget, of course, the imperturbable butler, Merryweather. All goes smoothly until during a violent night-time thunderstorm a series of incidents occurs, and when Inspector Wilkens is called in to sort out the goings on, a body is found in a lake. 'Don't expect me to solve anything,' Inspector Wilkens announces, modestly, and with so many interesting suspects in the house indeed it is going to take some intricate sleuthing to uncover who killed whom and why... For fans of the golden age of the English detective story, this is a charming and quirky blend of Agatha Christie, P G Wodehouse, and *Gosford Park* – an affectionate tribute to the classic country-house mysteries of the interwar years, repackaged for a new readership.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

The Affair of the Mutilated Mink

Inspector Wilkens mysteries

Anderson, James

The Earl of Burford can't believe his luck; Rex Ransom, his favourite star from the 'talkies', and his hot-shot producer, Haggermeir, want to film their next feature at Alderley, the family's 17th-century country estate. Somewhat less enthusiastic is the Countess, who suddenly finds herself hosting an impromptu house party for the incoming Hollywood crowd. It's almost too much for poor Merryweather, the family's imperturbable butler, to cope with. And that's before there's a murder in the dead of night... By morning, Inspector Wilkins of the Westshire Constabulary is cast in the unlikely role of hero, as he tiptoes through the evidence and endeavours to unravel the slightly batty, thoroughly baffling mystery... and work out just what a mutilated mink coat has to do with anything. The second in a popular 1930s-set whodunnit series; repackaged for a new readership.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

The Affair of the Thirty-Nine Cufflinks

Inspector Wilkens mysteries

Anderson, James

And then there were eight... Understandably, Lord Burford had some misgivings about hosting another house party at Alderley, his beautiful country mansion. After all, the previous two could at best be described as disastrous... since a couple of their guests were unceremoniously bumped off during their stay on each occasion. But with family members travelling down for the funeral of an elderly relative, the Earl really had no choice but to offer them accommodation. It didn't take long for things to start to go wrong. One of the guests claimed she had knowledge that would ruin the others' reputations, but luckily nobody took her seriously enough to take offence. At least, that's what they thought up until her body was found... Lord Burford had never been so relieved, as when Chief Inspector Wilkins arrived – again! The third in a popular 1930s-set whodunnit series; repackaged for a new readership.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

The Gift of the Magpie

Meg Langslow mysteries

Andrews, Donna

Meg's running Caerphilly's Helping Hands for the Holidays project, in which neighbours help each other with things they can't do and can't afford to have done. Her hopes for a relatively peaceful (if busy) Christmas vanish when someone murders Harvey the Hoarder, whose house the Helping Hands were decluttering. Was there any truth to the rumour that he had something valuable hidden beneath all his junk? Was one of his friends, neighbours, or relatives greedy enough to murder him for the rumoured treasure? And what about the magpie that has been bringing her family bits of tinsel and costume jewellery – does the bird's latest gift hold a clue to solving the crime?

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Murder Most Fowl

Meg Langslow mysteries

Andrews, Donna

Meg Langslow's in for a busy summer. Her husband is directing a production of *Macbeth*, and most of the cast and crew are occupying spare bedrooms in their house. She also has to keep an eye on Camp Birnam, where a group of medieval re-enactors are commemorating the real-life *Macbeth* by setting up what they fondly believe is an authentic medieval Scottish military camp. And then there's Damien Goodwin, a filmmaker who has been hanging around, trying to document the production. When Goodwin hosts a showing of some of the footage he's taken, he manages to embarrass or offend just about everyone. The next morning, Meg isn't exactly surprised to find

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that someone has murdered him. But who? Some people's motives were obvious from the footage: the couple whose affair was revealed... the bombastic leader of the re-enactors, who could be facing years in prison if the evidence from the video helps convict him of sheep stealing... the actress who's desperately trying to downplay a health issue that could cost her the role of her life. Other motives are only hinted at – did the filmmaker have other footage that would reveal why one of the actors is behaving so furtively? Unfortunately, whoever murdered Goodwin also destroyed all the electronic devices on which his video was stored. So, Caerphilly's chief of police – and Meg – must rediscover the same secrets the filmmaker did if they want to catch a killer.

Mystery HC \$49.99

The Twelve Jays of Christmas

Meg Langslow mysteries

Andrews, Donna

Meg and Michael's annual holiday celebration is well underway, with a throng of out-of-town relatives staying at their house. Hosting these festivities is a little harder than usual – they have to relocate all the events normally held in their library, currently occupied by Roderick Castlemayne, the irascible wildlife artist who's creating twelve paintings of birds to illustrate Meg's grandfather's latest nature book. Still, the celebrations continue – and the entire family rejoices to learn that Meg's brother Rob and his long-time fiancée Delaney have finally decided to tie the knot. Unfortunately, they decide to do this in the middle of Meg and Michael's annual New Year's bash, dashing their mothers' hopes of planning the wedding to end all weddings. Delaney's mother sneaks into town so she and Meg's mother can secretly plot a way to talk the happy couple into having a big bash. Hiding her only adds to Meg's holiday stress – it's almost a full-time job fending all the visitors who want to confront Castlemayne – reporters, bill collectors, process servers, and several ex-wives in search of unpaid alimony. Then someone murders Castlemayne in the middle of a blizzard and sets loose the birds he was painting. Can Meg help the police crack the case before the killer strikes again? Can she keep Christmas merry, in spite of the body in the library? Can she negotiate a compromise between Rob and Delaney and their disappointed mothers? And can she recapture the twelve escaped jays before they begin nesting in the Christmas tree?

Mystery HC \$55.00

Welcome to Cooper Ashkanani, Tariq

Cooper, Nebraska, is forgettable and forgotten, a town you'd only stumble into if you'd taken a seriously wrong turn. Like Detective Thomas Levine's career has. But when a young woman is found lying in the snow, choked to death, her eyes gouged out, the disgraced detective is Cooper's only hope for restoring peace and justice. For Levine, still grieving and guilt ridden over the death of his girlfriend, his so-called 'transfer' from the big city to this grubby backwater has always felt like a punishment. And when his irascible new partner shoots their prime suspect using Levine's gun, all hope of redemption is shattered. With the case

in chaos, and both blackmail and a violent drug cartel to contend with, he finds himself in a world of trouble. It gets worse. The real killer is still out there, and he's got plans for Detective Levine. And Cooper may just be the perfect place to get away with murder.

Thriller TP \$27.99

Snow

Banville, John

'The body is in the library,' Colonel Osborne said. 'Come this way.' Following the discovery of the body of a well-loved parish priest at Ballyglass House – the Co Wexford family seat of the aristocratic, secretive Osborne family – Detective Inspector St John Strafford is called in from Dublin to investigate. Facing obstruction from all angles, Strafford is determined to identify the murderer. But, as the snow continues to fall over this ever-expanding mystery, the people of Ballyglass are equally determined to keep their secrets. A chilling festive mystery from a Man Booker Prize winner.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

April in Spain

Quirke series

Banville, John

'Northern Spain is southern Ireland,' she said. 'It rains all the time, everywhere is green, and everyone is Catholic. You will love it.' On the idyllic coast of San Sebastian, Spain, Dublin pathologist Quirke is struggling to relax – despite the beaches, the cafés and his disarmingly lovely wife. So, when he glimpses a familiar face in the twilight at the bar Las Arcadas, it's hard, at first, to tell whether his imagination is just running away with him. Could she really be who he thinks she is, and have a connection with a crime that nearly brought ruin to an Irish political dynasty? Unable to ignore his instincts, Quirke makes a call back home and Detective St John Strafford is soon dispatched to Spain. But he's not the only one on route: as a terrifying hitman hunts down his prey, they are all set for a brutal showdown. 'Deeply atmospheric; forensically psychological.' – *Mick Herron*. John Banville is the author of the previous books in the Quirke series of crime novels, under the pen name Benjamin Black. The first of these is *Christine Falls* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery TP \$29.99

A Deadly Deletion

Booktown mysteries 15

Barrett, Lorna

Tricia Miles has just received a second marriage proposal within fifteen minutes. The first was from her friend with benefits, Marshall Chambers, and the second from her ex-lover, police chief Grant Baker. Tricia's got some serious thinking to do. She's still weighing her options, when she hears the sound of an engine roaring down Main Street. It's a big white pickup truck that aims for and hits Marshall as he's walking back to his apartment. Tragically, he's killed, leaving Tricia feeling bereft and guilty. She retreats to her sister, Angelica's, apartment to wait for Baker to update her on what happened. While there, Tricia takes Angelica's dog out for a comfort call behind the building, and the same white pickup roars up the alley and just misses hitting Tricia. Still shaken by that news, Tricia returns to Haven't Got a Clue and

is met by federal marshal Kirby, who tells her that Marshall had been in the Federal Witness Protection Program. Everything Marshall told Tricia was a lie – in particular, that he was a widower. Was his death an act of revenge? Tricia's on the hunt for a killer, and it seems like she might be next on the list.

Mystery HC \$42.99

The Mystery of Mrs Christie Benedict, Marie

In December 1926, Agatha Christie goes missing. Investigators find her empty car on the edge of a deep, gloomy pond, the only clues some tire tracks nearby and a fur coat left in the car – strange for a frigid night. Her World War I veteran husband and her daughter have no knowledge of her whereabouts, and England unleashes an unprecedented manhunt to find the up-and-coming mystery author. Eleven days later, she reappears, just as mysteriously as she disappeared, claiming amnesia, and providing no explanations for her time away. The puzzle of those missing eleven days has persisted. With her trademark historical fiction exploration into the shadows of the past, acclaimed author Marie Benedict brings us into the world of Agatha Christie, imagining why such a brilliant woman would find herself at the centre of such murky historical mysteries. What is real, and what is mystery? What role did her unfaithful husband play, and what was he not telling investigators? Agatha Christie novels have withstood the test of time, due in no small part to Christie's masterful storytelling and clever mind that may never be matched, but Agatha Christie's untold history offers, perhaps, her greatest mystery of all.

Historical mystery TP \$37.95

The Red Horse

Billy Boyle WWII mysteries

Benn, James R

Just days after the Liberation of Paris, US Army Detective Billy Boyle and Lieutenant Kazimierz are brought to Saint Albans Convalescent Hospital in the English countryside. Kaz has been diagnosed with a heart condition, and Billy is dealing with emotional exhaustion and his recent methamphetamine abuse. Meanwhile, Billy's love, Diana Seaton, has been taken to Ravensbrück, the Nazi concentration camp for women, and Kaz's sister, Angelika, who he recently learned was alive and working with the Polish Underground, has also been captured and transported to the same camp. This news is brought by British Major Cosgrove, who asks Billy for help, unofficially, in solving what he thinks was the murder of a British agent recuperating at Saint Albans. The convalescent hospital is really a secret installation for those in the world of clandestine warfare to recover from wounds, physical and emotional. Some are allowed to leave; others are deemed security risks and are detained there. When a second body is found, it is evident that a killer is at work in this high-security enclave. Now, Billy must carry out his covert investigation while maintaining his tenuous recovery, shielding his actions from suspicious hospital authorities, and dodging the unknown murderer.

Mystery/suspense TP \$24.99

The Bones of Wolfe

Wolfe Family series

Blake, James Carlos

Rudy and Frank Wolfe are engaging in routine miscellaneous business – some legitimate and some less so – for their family when they stumble upon a stash of high-quality pornographic films in a raid. The plot thickens when their Aunt Catalina, the family matriarch aged 115, recognises her long-lost sister in one of the young performers. Catalina tasks the boys with tracking the girl down, however improbable a connection may be. This proves to be no simple task. Soon, Rudy and Frank find themselves moving away from world of porn and towards the upper echelons of the Sinaloa drug cartel, where the mysterious woman has become a particular favourite of the head narco. For their aunt, the woman, and themselves, Frank and Rudy must find a way to get her out without alerting the cartel. A tropical storm complicates their quest, but their sprawling family may save them from this obstacle, too.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Fatal Divisions

Hank Worth mysteries

Booth, Claire

Hank Worth has always been committed to his job as Branson sheriff, so getting him to take a break is difficult. But to everyone's surprise he agrees to take time off after a gruelling case and visit a friend in Columbia, Missouri, leaving Chief Deputy Sheila Turley in charge. She quickly launches reforms that create an uproar, and things deteriorate even further when an elderly man is found brutally murdered in his home. As Sheila struggles for control of the investigation and her insubordinate deputies, Hank is not relaxing as promised. His Aunt Fin is worried her husband is responsible for the disappearance of one of his employees, and Hank agrees to investigate. The search for the missing woman leads to a tangle of deceit that Hank is determined to unravel... no matter the impact on his family.

Mystery TP \$39.95

The Last Mrs Summers

Royal Spyness mysteries

Bowen, Rhys

I am a bit at loose ends, at the moment. My cook, Queenie, is making my new role as mistress of Eynsleigh something akin to constant torture as Darcy is off on another one of his top-secret jaunts. And Grandad is busy helping wayward youths avoid lives of crime. So, when my dearest friend, Belinda, inherits an old cottage in Cornwall and begs me to go with her to inspect the property, I jump at the chance. After a heart-stopping journey in Belinda's beast of a motorcar, we arrive at the creaky old cottage called White Sails and quickly realise that it is completely uninhabitable. Just when I'm starting to wonder if I would have been better off trying to get Queenie to cook a roast that hasn't been burnt beyond all recognition, we meet Rose Summers, a woman Belinda knew as a child when she spent time in Cornwall. Rose invites us to stay at Trewoda Hall, the lovely estate now owned by her husband, Tony. Belinda confesses that she never liked Rose and had a fling with Tony years ago, so staying with them is far from ideal but beggars can't be choosers as they say. Trewoda is not the

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idyllic house Belinda remembers. There's something claustrophobic and foreboding about the place. Matters aren't helped by the oppressively efficient housekeeper Mrs Mannering or by the fact that Tony seems to want to rekindle whatever he and Belinda once had right under his wife's nose. Our increasingly awkward visit soon turns deadly when a member of the household is found murdered and all clues point to Belinda as the prime suspect. I soon learn that some long buried secrets have come back to haunt those in residence at Trewoma Hall and I'll need to sift through the ruins of their past so Belinda doesn't lose her chance at freedom in the present...

Historical mystery TP \$24.99

The Invisible Host

Bristow, Gwen & Manning, Bruce

New Orleans, 1930. Eight guests are invited to a party at a luxurious penthouse apartment, yet on arrival it turns out that no one knows who their mysterious host actually is. The latter does not openly appear, but instead communicates with the guests by radio broadcast. What he has to tell his guests is chilling: that every hour, one of them will die. Despite putting the guests on their guard, the Host's prophecy starts to come horribly true, each demise occurring in bizarre fashion. As the dwindling band of survivors grows increasingly tense, their confessions to each other might explain why they have been chosen for this macabre evening – and invoke the nightmarish thought that the mysterious Host is one of them. The burning question becomes: will any of the party survive, including the Host...? *The Invisible Host* (1930) established one of the best-loved and most durable forms in classic mystery fiction. It was famously to reappear in Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None* (1939). How much Christie's novel is indebted to its predecessor is open to conjecture (and the subject is discussed in our new introduction, by crime fiction historian Curtis Evans). Whatever the verdict, readers will delight in *The Invisible Host*, an innovative and most unusual mystery from the golden age of crime fiction. It was adapted into a play, and a Hollywood movie as *The Ninth Guest* (1934).

Classic mystery TP \$26.95

Claws for Alarm

Mrs Murphy mysteries 10

Brown, Rita Mae

Death stalks the Blue Ridge Mountains, once again, and Mary Minor Harry Harristeen, along with her beloved cats, is on the case.

Mystery HC \$57.95

Out of Hounds

Sister Jane mysteries

Brown, Rita Mae

Spring is peeking through the frost in Virginia, and though the hunting season is coming to a close, the foxes seem determined to put the members of the Jefferson Hunt Club through their paces. Sister and her friends are enjoying some of the best chases they've had all season when the fun is cut short by the theft of Crawford Howard's treasured Sir Alfred Munnings painting of a woman in hunting attire, riding side saddle. When another painting goes missing five days later – also a Munnings, also of a woman

hunting, side saddle – Sister Jane knows it's no coincidence. Someone is stealing paintings of foxhunters from foxhunters. But why? Perhaps, it's a form of protest against their sport. For the hunt club isn't just under attack from the thief. Mysterious signs have started to appear outside their homes, decrying their way of life. stop foxhunting: a cruel sport reads one that appears outside Crawford's house, not long after his painting goes missing. no hounds barking shows up on the telephone pole outside Sister's driveway. Annoying, but relatively harmless. Then Delores Buckingham, retired now but once a formidable foxhunter, is strangled to death after her own Munnings side-saddle painting is stolen. Now, Sister's not just up against a thief and a few obnoxious signs – she's on the hunt for a killer.

Mystery TP \$37.95

Ordinary Hazards

Bruno, Anna
It's five pm on a Wednesday, when Emma settles into her hometown bar with a motley crew of locals, all unaware that a series of decisions over the course of a single night is about to change their lives forever. As the evening unfolds, key details about Emma's history emerge, and the past comes bearing down on her like a freight train. Why has Emma, a powerhouse in the business world, ended up here? What is she running away from? And what is she willing to give up, to recapture the love she once cherished?

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Tank Water

Burge, Michael
James Brandt didn't look back when he got away from his rural hometown as a teenager. Now, he has returned to Kippen, for the first time in 20 years, because his cousin Tony has been found dead under the local bridge. The news that Tony has left him the entire family farm triggers James' journalistic curiosity – and his anxiety – both of which cropped up during his turbulent journey to adulthood. But it is the unexpected homophobic attack he survives that draws James into a hunt for the reasons one lonely Kippen farm boy in every generation kills himself. Standing in the way is James' father, the town's recently retired top cop, who is not prepared to investigate crimes no one reckons have taken place. James must use every newshound's trick he ever learned in order to uncover the brutal truth. 'Clear-eyed and suspenseful, *Tank Water* exposes more than one taboo of Australian life away from the big cities. An unforgettable ride.' – *Nigel Featherstone*, author of *Bodies of Men*.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

The Cabin on Souder Hill

Busch, Lonnie
Michelle and Cliff Stage bought their isolated vacation cabin in the mountains of North Carolina with hopes of repairing their 18-year marriage. But when Cliff disappears one night searching for the source of a mysterious light in the woods, Michelle's life will change in unimaginable ways. After the sheriff's department fails to find him, Michelle scrambles down the same dark mountainside alone, the strange, beckoning light her only guide. What she discovers is a cabin, identical

to theirs, housing a life she barely recognises – and a husband she hardly knows. Cliff is a changed man. Now, caring and considerate, no longer a manipulative womaniser, he is also missing a finger. He claims that Cassie, their teenage daughter, is dead, killed in a car accident over a year ago. Michelle knows that's not possible – Cassie had phoned her from Atlanta only hours before. Even when shown Cassie's grave, Michelle refuses to accept she's gone. Michelle wants her daughter and her life back, and the only clue to what has happened is a man named Pink. A real estate agent and the man who years earlier built Michelle and Cliff's cabin, Pink was rumoured to have killed his wife and buried her on the property, then vanished, never to be seen again. But in Michelle's new reality, Pink and his wife still reside in town and Pink's smile-splashed billboards are everywhere. To get back to the world where her daughter exists, Michelle must unravel the mystery of Pink while questioning her very reality – and her sanity.

Thriller TP \$37.95

Two Wicked Desserts

Kitchen Witch mysteries 02

Gahoon, Lynn

Magic Springs, Idaho, may be a small town, but Mia Malone is living an enchanted life running her own catering business and cooking school. And while she's teaching the locals culinary craft, her grandmother is teaching her witchcraft for the day she inherits the family magical spells that have been passed down for generations. Unfortunately, all that knowledge is not helping Mia or her grandmother in removing the spirit of warlock Dorian Alexander from Mia's cat Mr Darcy. But even though Dorian hasn't yet left this earthly plane, his spells have already been transferred to his daughter Cindy's grimoire. An actress looking for her big Hollywood break, Cindy is hoping there's something in her father's bag of tricks to make her a star. But playing with magic has only resulted in a trip to Idaho where Cindy finds herself the number one suspect in the murder of a hitman whose body was found in the garden of Mia's Morsels. Now, it's up to Mia to conjure up a killer before everything she's worked so hard for vanishes with a *poof!*

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Tom Glancy

Shadow of the Dragon

Jack Ryan series

Gameron, Marc

Aboard an icebreaker in the Arctic Ocean, a sonar operator hears an unusual noise coming from the ocean floor. She can't isolate it and chalks the event up to an anomaly in a newly installed system. Meanwhile, operatives with the Chinese Ministry of State Security are dealing with their own mystery – the disappearance of brilliant but eccentric scientist, Liu Wangshu. They're desperate to keep his crucial knowledge of aerospace and naval technology out of their rivals' hands. Finding Liu is too great an opportunity for any intelligence service to pass up, but there's one more problem. A high-level Chinese mole, codenamed Surveyor, has managed to infiltrate American Intelligence. President Jack Ryan has only one choice: send John Clark and his Campus team deep

into China to find an old graduate student of the professor's – who may hold the key to his whereabouts. It's a dangerous gamble, but with John Clark holding the cards, Jack Ryan is all in.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Riccardino

Inspector Montalbano mysteries (final!)

Gamilleri, Andrea

Montalbano receives an early-morning phone call, but this time it's not Catarella announcing a murder... but a man, called Riccardino, who's dialled a wrong number and asks him when he'll be arriving at the meeting. Montalbano, in irritation, says: *In ten minutes*. Shortly after, he gets another call, this one announcing the customary murder. A man has been shot and killed outside a bar in front of his three friends. It turns out to be the same man who called him. Thus begins an intricate investigation further complicated by phone calls from the Author, in a *tour de force* of metafiction and Montalbano's last case. 'At eighty, I foresaw Montalbano's departure from the scene, I got the idea and I didn't let it slip away. So, I found myself writing this novel which is the final chapter; the last book in the series. And I sent it to my publisher saying to keep it in a drawer and to publish it only when I am gone.' – *Andrea Camilleri*.

Mystery TP \$32.99

The Potter's Field

Inspector Montalbano mysteries

Gamilleri, Andrea

While Vigàta is wracked by storms, Inspector Montalbano is called to attend the discovery of a dismembered body in a field of clay. Bearing all the marks of an execution style killing, it seems clear that this is, once again, the work of the notorious local mafia. But who is the victim? Why was the body divided into thirty pieces? And what is the significance of the Potter's Field? Working to decipher these clues, Montalbano must also confront the strange and difficult behaviour exhibited by his old colleague Mimi, and avoid the distraction of the enchanting Dolores Alfano – who seeks the inspector's help in locating her missing husband. But like the Potter's Field itself, Montalbano is on treacherous ground and only one thing is certain – nothing is quite as it seems... A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

The Age of Doubt

Inspector Montalbano mysteries

Gamilleri, Andrea

A chance encounter with a strange young woman leads Inspector Montalbano to Vigàta harbour – and into a puzzling new mystery. The crew of a mysterious yacht – the Vanna – due to dock in the area have discovered a corpse floating in the water, the dead man's face badly disfigured. It isn't long before Montalbano begins to become suspicious of the Vanna's inhabitants. Who is the yacht's owner, the glamorous and short-tempered Livia Giovannini? How has she accrued her riches? And why does she spend so much time at sea? Meanwhile Montalbano finds himself getting into tangles with the dreaded Commissioner, the exasperating Dr Lattes and a very beautiful young woman at the harbour, with whom he becomes dangerously

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besotted... Can the Inspector clear his head long enough to unravel this murky mystery? A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

The Dance of the Seagull

Inspector Montalbano mysteries

Gamilleri, Andrea

Inspector Montalbano is awake at dawn, sitting on his porch, when his attention is caught by a seagull which falls from the sky, performing a strange dance, before lying down to die. Montalbano is perplexed by what he has witnessed and the scene hangs over him like an omen. About to depart for a holiday with his girlfriend Livia, Montalbano makes a quick trip to the police station to tie up loose ends. But when his dear colleague Fazio is discovered missing – and it transpires that the policeman has been involved in his own secret investigations – Montalbano instead launches a desperate search for his lost friend, as time begins to run out... Navigating a shadowy maze of smuggling, blackmail and the darkest murder, and moving from the docks of Vigàta to its deep, dry wells where the mafia hide their terrible crimes, Inspector Montalbano must have his wits about him to unravel this tangled mystery. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

The Treasure Hunt

Inspector Montalbano mysteries

Gamilleri, Andrea

When a crazed elderly man and his sister begin firing bullets from their balcony down onto the Vigàta street below, Inspector Montalbano finds himself a reluctant television hero. A few days later, when a letter arrives containing a mysterious riddle, the Inspector becomes drawn into a perplexing treasure hunt set by an anonymous challenger. As the hunt intensifies, Montalbano is relieved to be offered the assistance of Arturo Pennisi, a young man eager to witness the detective's investigative skills, first hand. Fending off meddling commissioners and his irate girlfriend, Livia, the inspector will follow the treasure hunt's clues and travel from Vigàta's teeming streets to its deserted outskirts: where an abandoned house overlooks a seemingly bottomless lake. But when a horrifying crime is committed, the game must surely be laid aside. And it isn't long before Montalbano himself will be in terrible danger... A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

The Chocolate

Raccoon Rigarole

Chocoholic mysteries 18

Carl, Joanna

A frantic late-night phone call from her right-hand woman Dolly Jolly brings Lee Woodyard to the scene of a break-in at the Warner Pier jewellery store next door to TenHuis Chocolade. To her shock, the suspect being held at gunpoint by police is Dolly's boyfriend, Mike Westerly, who was recently hired as a night watchman specifically to prevent break-ins. Dolly hopes Lee can help straighten out the crazy misunderstanding. Even crazier? The thieves took nothing of value from the jewellery store, only swiping some snacks. It's another in a series of break-ins by burglars the media has dubbed the

Cookie Monsters. They've been hitting shops selling everything from sunglasses to shoes but stealing only sweets: lollipops, cookies, even chewing gum! It all seems pretty funny – until the discovery of a dead body. With her friends and community in danger, Lee must stop one very sour killer before someone else comes to a bitter end.

Mystery HC \$39.99

The Yards

Carter, A F

Git O'Rourke is from the wrong side of the tracks – even if, in the depressed Rust Belt town of Baxter, it's not always clear where that designation begins. A single mother, she works hard to support her daughter Charlie, but still finds time to cut loose, every once in a while; to go to a local bar, drink martinis and find a companion for the night. Which is exactly how she ends up in a hotel room with a strange man passed out on heroin, and how she comes to possess the bag of money and guns that he left open as he got his fix. When the dead body is discovered at the Skyview Motor Court, a bullet through its forehead, officer Delia Mariola is one of the first on the scene. She recognises the victim as the perpetrator in an earlier crime – a domestic violence call – but that does little to explain how he ended up in the situation in which they find him. She knows he's connected to the local mob, but the crime scene doesn't exactly resemble their typical hit. Instead, all signs point to a pick-up gone wrong. Which means that all signs point to Git.

Hardboiled HC \$42.95

Rhode Island Red

Nanette Hayes mysteries

Carter, Charlotte

Nan's day is not off to a good start. Her on-again, off-again relationship with Walter is off... again, and when she offers a fellow busker a place to stay for the night, he ends up murdered on her kitchen floor. To make matters worse, the busker turns out to have been an undercover cop. And his former partner has taken an immediate and extreme dislike to Nan. When she finds that the dead man stashed a wad of cash in her apartment, cash that could go to help his blind girlfriend, Nan's desire to do the right thing lands her in trouble. Soon, she's on the hunt for a legendary saxophone worth its weight in gold. But there are plenty of people who would kill for the priceless instrument, and Nan's new beau just might be one of them. A reissue of the first in the series.

Mystery (reissue) TP \$24.99

Drumsticks

Nanette Hayes mysteries

Carter, Charlotte

Nanette is on the rocks. Heartbroken and alone, she finds what comfort she can in the bottom of a bottle. But her life seems to turn around when she's given a voodoo doll, so much so that Nan seeks out the doll's creator, Ida, to thank her. Unfortunately, the meeting doesn't go so well, and Ida ends up with a bullet in her head. Guilt-ridden, Nan resolves to get justice for her new friend, only to find that Ida was hiding some dark skeletons in her closet. Now, plunged into a dangerous world she doesn't understand, Nan will have to team up with some unlikely allies, like her

estranged father, a high school principal, and Leland Sweet, an NYPD officer with whom Nan has some major history. But will Nan solve Ida's murder or fall victim to the same forces that brought her down? A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) TP \$35.95

The Best American Mystery and Suspense 2021

anthology

Cha, Steph & Burke, Alafair (editors)

Steph Cha, a rising star who brings a fresh perspective as series editor, takes the helm of the new *The Best American Mystery and Suspense*, with bestselling crime novelist Alafair Burke joining her as the first guest editor. 'Crime writers, forgive the pun, are killing it right now creatively,' writes guest editor Alafair Burke in her introduction. 'It was difficult – painful, even – to narrow this year's Best American Mystery and Suspense to only twenty stories.' From a mediocre spa in Florida, to New York's gritty East Village, to death row in Alabama, this collection reveals boundless suspense in small, quiet moments, offering startling twists in the least likely of places. From a powerful response to hateful bullying, to a fight for health care, to a gripping desperation to vote, these stories are equal parts shocking, devastating, and enthralling, revealing the tension pulsing through our everyday lives and affirming that mystery and suspense writing is better than ever before.

Year's Best TP \$37.95

Better off Dead

Jack Reacher series

Child, Lee & Andrew

Reacher never backs down from a problem. And he's about to find a big one, on a deserted Arizona road, where a Jeep has crashed into the only tree for miles around. Under the merciless desert sun, nothing is as it seems. Minutes later Reacher is heading into the nearby border town, a backwater that has seen better days. Next to him is Michaela Fenton, an army veteran turned FBI agent, who is trying to find her twin brother. He might have got mixed up with some dangerous people. And Reacher might just need to pay them a visit. Their leader has burrowed his influence deep into the town. Just to get in and meet the mysterious Dendoncker, Reacher is going to have to achieve the impossible. To get answers will be even harder. There are people in this hostile, empty place who would rather die than reveal their secrets. But then, if Reacher is coming after you, you might be better off dead.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Hercule Poirot's Christmas

Poirot mysteries

Christie, Agatha

It is Christmas Eve. The Lee family reunion is shattered by a deafening crash of furniture, followed by a high-pitched wailing scream. Upstairs, the tyrannical Simeon Lee lies dead in a pool of blood, his throat slashed. But when Hercule Poirot, who is staying in the village with a friend for Christmas, offers to assist, he finds an atmosphere not of mourning but of mutual suspicion. It seems everyone had their own reason to hate the old man...

Christie (reissue) TP \$32.99

Under Color of Law

Trevor Finnegan series

Clark, Aaron Philip

Black rookie cop Trevor 'Finn' Finnegan aspires to become a top-ranking officer in the Los Angeles Police Department and fix a broken department. A fast-track promotion to detective in the coveted Robbery-Homicide Division puts him closer to achieving his goal. Four years later, calls for police accountability rule the headlines. The city is teeming with protests for racial justice. When the body of a murdered black academy recruit is found in the Angeles National Forest, Finn is tasked to investigate. As pressure mounts to solve the crime and avoid a PR nightmare, Finn scours the underbelly of a volatile city where power, violence, and race intersect. But it's Finn's past experience as a beat cop that may hold the key to solving the recruit's murder. The price? The end of Finn's career... or his life.

Noir TP \$27.99

State of Terror

Clinton, Hillary Rodham & Penny, Louise

Take a ringside seat in the high-stakes world of international politics... After a tumultuous period in American politics, a new administration has just been sworn in. Secretary of State, Ellen Adams, is determined to do her duty for her country. But she is about to face a horrifying international threat... A young foreign service officer has received a baffling text from an anonymous source. Too late, she realises it was a hastily coded warning. Then a series of bus bombs devastate Europe, heralding the rise of a new rogue terrorist organisation who will stop at nothing in their efforts to develop their own nuclear arsenal. As Ellen unravels the damaging effects of the former presidency on international politics, she must also contemplate the unthinkable: that the last president of the United States was more than just an ineffectual leader. Was he also a traitor to his country? *State of Terror* is a compelling and critically acclaimed international political thriller, co-written by Hillary Rodham Clinton, the 67th secretary of state, and Louise Penny, a multiple award-winning, bestselling novelist (of the Inspector Gamache mysteries).

Thriller TP \$32.99

Jim Hanvey, Detective

Library of Congress Crime Classics

Cohen, Octavus

First published in 1923, *Jim Hanvey, Detective* is a collection of seven stories that originally appeared in *The Saturday Evening Post* and features private eye, Jim Hanvey, in classic whodunit style mysteries. Described as the 'backwoods Nero Wolfe', the genial Hanvey befriends 'good guys' and criminals alike to get the job done. Bank robberies, jewel heists, and all-purposes cons – none are a match for Octavus Roy Cohen's waddling sleuth.

Classic mystery TP \$27.99

Pulp Fiction

Crime & Mystery October 2021 (continued)

The Glitter End

Stationery Shop mysteries 03

Conroy, Vivian

Stationery shop owner Delta Douglas is finally settling into small-town life in Tundish, Montana. But with the tourist season drying up, she must find a way to draw in her stationery shop clientele. Well-known artist Tilly Tay is just the ticket – and her new miniature gold mining display is sure to be a hit attraction in town. But on the day of the grand reveal, Delta discovers a tiny prospector dead in the exhibit. That's when a body is found at the nearby motel, perfectly mirroring the miniature murder. Soon enough, Delta's artist guest is suspected of the crime and her shop is suddenly cast under a cloud of bad press. With her faithful Paper Posse at her side, Delta must pull no paper punches to crack the case and save Wanted's reputation before more trouble comes into the fold.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

The Savage Kind

Copenhagen, John

Philippa Watson – a good-natured yet troubled 17-year-old – has just moved to Washington, DC. She's lonely until she meets Judy Peabody, a brilliant and tempestuous classmate. The girls become unlikely friends and fashion themselves as intellectuals, drawing the notice of Christine Martins, their dazzling English teacher, who enralls them with her passion for literature and her love of noirish detective fiction. When Philippa returns a novel Miss Martins has lent her, she interrupts a man grappling with her in the shadows. Frightened, Philippa flees, unsure who the man is or what she's seen. Days later, her teacher returns to school altered: a dark shell of herself. On the heels of her teacher's transformation, a classmate is found dead in the Anacostia River – murdered – the body stripped and defiled with a mysterious inscription. As the girls follow the clues and wrestle with newfound feelings toward each other, they suspect that the killer is closer to their circle than they imagined – and that the greatest threat they face may not be lurking in the halls at school, or in the city streets, but creeping out from a murderous impulse of their own.

Mystery HC \$45.00

Inherit the Shoes

Jersey Girl Legal mysteries

Copperman, EJ

New Jersey prosecutor Sandy Moss is tired of petty criminals, and a new job at a glitzy Los Angeles law firm seems the perfect career move. Putting 3,000 miles between her and her ex-boyfriend is just an added bonus. But on Sandy's first morning as a family attorney, she inadvertently kills her new career stone dead when she offends her boss during a meeting with the firm's top celebrity client, charismatic TV star Patrick McNabb. But that's not as dead as Patrick's soon-to-be ex-wife, Patsy, is that evening, when she's discovered shot by an arrow, her husband standing over her. Did Patrick really kill his wife in a dispute over a pair of shoes? All signs point to yes. But Patrick is determined to clear his name, using all the legal skills he's learned from playing a lawyer on TV, and to Sandy's deep dismay, she's the only person he'll allow to help... The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$39.95

Judgment at Santa Monica

Jersey Girl Legal mysteries

Copperman, EJ

New Jersey prosecutor turned LA family lawyer Sandy Moss is back with a bang in the second book in this fun, witty and fast-paced cosy legal mystery series. The last person family lawyer Sandy Moss expects to walk into her courtroom, right in the middle of a trial, is TV star Patrick McNabb: prime suspect in her first (and she hopes, last) murder case. Sandy knows what Patrick's like. Friendly, overconfident, dazzlingly handsome... and a well-meaning menace. But his request seems harmless enough. His dear friend Cynthia is getting divorced, and he thinks Sandy's perfect for the job. She accepts – because he's Patrick and there is no denying him. But, of course, it's not that simple. Soon, Sandy's tangled up in yet another murder – and Patrick, who's currently playing a private detective on TV, believes he's essential to solving the whole thing...

Mystery HC \$62.95

Loch Down Abbey

Gowan-Erskine, Beth

It's the 1930s and a mysterious illness is spreading over Scotland. But the noble and ancient family of Inverkillen, residents of Loch Down Abbey, are much more concerned with dwindling toilet roll supplies and who will look after the children now that Nanny has regretfully (and most inconveniently) departed this life. Then Lord Inverkillen, Earl and head of the family, is found dead in mysterious circumstances. The inspector declares it an accident but Mrs MacBain, the head housekeeper, isn't so convinced. As no one is allowed in or out because of the illness, the residents of the house – both upstairs and downstairs – are the only suspects. With the Earl's own family too busy doing what can only be described as nothing, she decides to do some digging – in between chores, of course – and in doing so uncovers a whole host of long-hidden secrets, lies and betrayals that will alter the dynamics of the household for ever. The first in a series.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

The French Paradox

Wine Country mysteries 11

Grosby, Ellen

In 1949, during her junior year abroad in Paris, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis bought several inexpensive paintings of Marie-Antoinette by a little-known 18th-century female artist. She also had a romantic relationship with Virginia vineyard owner Lucie Montgomery's French grandfather – until recently, a well-kept secret. Seventy years later, Cricket Delacroix, Lucie's neighbour and Jackie's school friend, is donating the now priceless paintings to a Washington, DC museum. And Lucie's grandfather is flying to Virginia for Cricket's 90th birthday party, hosted by her daughter Harriet. A washed-up journalist, Harriet is rewriting a manuscript Jackie left behind about Marie-Antoinette and her portraitist. She's also adding tell-all details about Jackie, sure to make the book a bestseller. Then on the eve of the party a world-famous landscape designer who also knew Jackie is found dead in Lucie's vineyard. Did someone make good on the death threats he'd received

because of his controversial book on climate change? Or was his murder tied to Jackie, the paintings, and Lucie's beloved grandfather?

Mystery TP \$39.95

Nanny Needed

Gross, Georgina

Nanny needed. Discretion is of the utmost importance. Special conditions apply.

When Sarah Larsen finds the notice, posted on creamy card stock in her building's lobby, one glance at the exclusive address tells her she's found her ticket out of a dead-end job – and life. At the interview, the job seems like a dream come true: a glamorous penthouse apartment on the Upper West Side of NYC; a salary that adds several zeroes to her current income; the beautiful, worldly mother of her charge, who feels more like a friend than a potential boss. She's overjoyed when she's offered the position and signs the NDA, without a second thought. But in retrospect, the notice in her lobby was less an engraved invitation than a waving red flag. For there is something very strange about the Bird family. Why does the beautiful Mrs Bird never leave the apartment alone? And what happened to the nanny before Sarah? It soon becomes clear that the Birds' odd behaviours are more than the eccentricities of the wealthy. But by then it's too late for Sarah to seek help. After all, *discretion is of the utmost importance.*

Thriller TP \$37.95

The Final Twist

Colter Shaw series

Deaver, Jeffery

Unique investigator Colter Shaw is searching for the answer to his father's final, posthumous riddle. It will lead him to evidence that will topple the secretive espionage company, BlackBridge. He believes BlackBridge to be responsible for his father's murder and brother's disappearance. They can outmanoeuvre anyone, as the long trail of bodies behind them can confirm. But they haven't yet met Colter Shaw. This time, the stakes are huge – the fate of a nation is in Colter's hands. He must find the solution as to why his father died – but to do that he needs to stay alive...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Deadly Summer Nights

Catskill Summer Resort mysteries 01

Delany, Vicki

It's the summer of 1953, and Elizabeth Grady is settling into Haggerman's Catskills Resort. As a vacation getaway, Haggerman's is ideal, and although Elizabeth's ostentatious but well-meaning mother is new to running the resort, Elizabeth is eager to help her organise the guests and the entertainment acts. But Elizabeth will have to resort to untested abilities if she wants to save her mother's business. When a reclusive guest is found dead in a lake on the grounds, and a copy of The Communist Manifesto is found in his cabin, the local police chief is convinced that the man was a Russian spy. But Elizabeth isn't so sure, and with the fate of the resort hanging in the balance, she'll need to dodge red herrings; withstand the Red Scare; and catch a killer, red handed. The first in a new series.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Murder in a Teacup

Tea by the Sea mysteries 02

Delany, Vicki

Lily has her work cut out for her when a visit from her grandmother Rose's dear friend, Sandra McHenry, turns into an unexpected – and unpleasant – McHenry family reunion. The squabbling boils over and soon Tea by the Sea's serene afternoon service resembles the proverbial tempest in a teapot. Somehow, Lily and her tearoom survive the storm, and Sandra's bickering brethren finally retreat to Rose's B & B. But later that evening, a member of their party – harmless Ed French – dies from an apparent poisoning and suddenly Tea by the Sea is both scene and suspect in a murder investigation! Mercifully, none of the other guests fall ill. They all ate the same food, but Ed insisted on bringing his own special blend of herbal teas. So it seems, amid the whining and dining, someone snuck up to one of Lily's cherished teapots and fatally spiked Ed's bespoke brew, but who? Was it Ed's long-estranged sister-in-law? Did teenage troublemaker Tyler take a prank too far? Or perhaps the family's feuds have been steeping for longer than anyone realises? It's up to Lily, Rose, and their friends to get to the bottom of the poisoned pot and bag the real culprit behind the kettle murder plot.

Mystery HC \$42.99

Are Snakes Necessary?

Hard Case Crime

DePalma, Brian & Lehman, Susan

When the beautiful young videographer offered to join his campaign, Senator Lee Rogers should've known better. But saying no would have taken a stronger man than Rogers, with his ailing wife and his robust libido. Enter Barton Brock, the senator's fixer. He's already gotten rid of one troublesome young woman – how hard could this new one turn out to be? Pursued from Washington DC to the streets of Paris, 18-year-old Fanny Cours knows her reputation and budding career are on the line. But what she doesn't realise is that her life might be as well... 'It's like having a new Brian De Palma picture.' – *Martin Scorsese*, Academy Award-winning director.

Hardboiled PBK \$19.99

Sammy Two Shoes

Foggy Moskowit mysteries

Depoy, Phillip

1976. Foggy Moskowit has decided to pay his hometown of New York a visit and soon bumps into his old friend, Sammy 'Two Shoes' Cohen. Sammy wants a favour – Emory Brewster, an actor in an all-female production of Hamlet, is sending threatening notes to Sammy's girlfriend and the play's stage manager, Phoebe Peabody, and Sammy asks Foggy to speak to her. But before he has a chance, Emory is brutally murdered backstage and Phoebe is arrested. The other actors all despised Emory, but as Foggy strives to prove Phoebe's innocence, Sammy stuns him with an astonishing revelation. Is he telling the truth, or is there more to the story? Foggy is reluctantly pulled back into New York's criminal underworld as he uncovers more about Emory Brewster. Can he stay alive long enough to catch her killer?

Noir HC \$62.95

Pulp Fiction

Crime & Mystery October 2021 (continued)

The Basel Killings

Inspector Hunkeler series

Dilger, Hansjörg

It is the end of October, the city of Basel is grey and wet. It could be December. It is just after midnight when Police Inspector Peter Hunkeler, on his way home and slightly worse for wear, spots old man Hardy sitting on a bench under a streetlight. He wants to smoke a cigarette with him, but the usually very loquacious Hardy is silent – his throat a gaping wound. Turns out he was first strangled, then his left earlobe slit, his diamond stud stolen. The media and the police come quickly to the same conclusion: Hardy's murder was the work of a gang of Albanian drug smugglers. But for Hunkeler that seems too obvious. Hardy's murder has much in common with the case of Barbara Amsler, a prostitute also found killed, with an ear slit and pearl stud missing. He follows his own intuition, and the trail leads him deep into an edgy world of bars and strip clubs, but also into the corrupt core of some of Basel's political and industrial elite. More ominously, he will soon discover the consequences of certain events in recent Swiss history that those in power would prefer to keep far from the public eye.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

The Stone of Destiny

Brother Athelstan mysteries

Doherty, Paul

This abbey is a strange place, Brother Athelstan. A hall of ghosts, a place of fitting shadows. The dead through here. I can hear them whispering as they ride the air. During the harsh winter of 1381 murder stalks the streets of London in all its grisly forms. The city's prostitutes are falling prey to a silent, deadly assassin known as The Flayer who carefully peels his victims' skins for his collection. At the same time, Westminster Abbey, which houses the sacred Stone of Scone, is plagued by a series of hideous poisonings. Could there be a connection between these brutally violent deaths and the stone, which the English crown cherishes as a symbol of its rule over Scotland? Then there are the two former Upright Men, leaders of the Great Revolt, who are found mysteriously hanged in the Piebald Tavern, close to Brother Athelstan's parish church of St Erconwald – and Athelstan is faced with his most baffling investigation to date. Can he navigate this deadly maze of murder and intrigue and pull the various threads together?

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

The Adventures of Isabel

Epitome Apartments mysteries

Dorsey, Gandas Jane

Unique crimes call for unique detectives... When a good friend's beloved granddaughter is murdered, our ambisexual, downsize social-worker and her cat, Bunnywit, are enlisted to help solve the case. For the police, Madeline is just one more dead sex worker – so it is down to our hero and her friends to uncover what happened to her (though, not the cat... the cat mainly sulks). With humour, sarcasm and a good dose of irony, our protagonist swaggers through the mean streets of a Canadian city tracking down leads to get the bad guy. Aided by a love of mystery fiction the gang dives deep into the

underbelly of city life. What at first seems an average street killing is actually the surface of a grandiose and glittering set of criminal schemes... The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Shadow House

Downes, Anna

Alex, a single mother of two, is determined to make a fresh start for her and her children. In an effort to escape her troubled past, she seeks refuge in a rural community. Pine Ridge is idyllic; the surrounding forests are beautiful and the locals welcoming. Mostly. But Alex finds that she may have disturbed barely hidden secrets in her new home. As a chain of bizarre events is set off, events eerily familiar to those who have lived there for years, Alex realises that she and her family might be in greater danger than ever before. And that the only way to protect them all is to confront the shadows lurking in Pine Ridge. Extraordinarily tense and deliciously mysterious from a new Australian voice.

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Not Quite Perfect Murderer

Gillard & Langley mysteries

Duffy, Margaret

Twelve-year-old Damien 'Spike' Baker is a young voyeur who loves to climb up trees, houses and walls... and look in people's windows. But when he climbs up some rampant ivy on a large mansion and peers through one of its windows, he makes a deadly mistake. It seems that Damien has looked in one window too many... What did he see? Detective Chief Inspector James Carrick of Bath CID is dealing with a raid on a jeweller's shop, and soon has a broken leg and the discovery of Damien's body on a building site near the River Avon to contend with. Fortunately, his old colleague, Patrick Gillard, now retired from the National Crime Agency, offers to assist with the investigation. Can Patrick and his wife and working partner, Ingrid Langley, catch a criminal heavyweight intent on leaving a trail of death and destruction in the city?

Mystery HC \$62.95

Murder, She Edited

Deadly Edits mysteries 04

Dunnett, Kaitlyn

When Mikki inherits a nearby farm from a woman she hasn't seen in two decades, the unexpected arrangement comes with a big catch: forgotten diaries hidden in the neglected house must be recovered, edited, and published across the internet within one month. The lonely locale is like an untouched time capsule from the 1950s, and it was left behind for good reason. While searching for the mysterious memoirs and clues about the former owners, Mikki discovers that the once peaceful place was punctuated by an unsolved homicide and other rumoured crimes. Worse, suspicious activity in the creepy, dilapidated barn suggests it really hasn't been abandoned at all... In a remote farmhouse with only her observant calico cat, Calpurnia, keeping her company, Mikki must swiftly crack an eerie cold case from the past and stop a clever culprit from leaving red mark-ups on anything other than pages of revised copy...

Mystery HC \$42.99

A Surprise for Christmas and Other Seasonal Mysteries

British Library Crime Classics, anthology

Edwards, Martin (editor)

A postman murdered while delivering cards on Christmas morning. A Christmas pine growing over a forgotten homicide. A Yuletide heist gone horribly wrong. When there's as much murder as magic in the air and the facts seem to point to the impossible, it's up to the detective's trained eye to unwrap the clues and neatly tie together an explanation (preferably with a bow on top). Martin Edwards has once again gathered the best of these seasonal stories into a stellar anthology brimming with rare tales, fresh as fallen snow, and classics from the likes of Julian Symons, Margery Allingham, Anthony Gilbert, and Cyril Hare. A most welcome surprise indeed, and perfect to be shared between super-sleuths by the fire on a cold winter's night.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

The Chaos Kind

Eisler, Barry

Assistant US Attorney Alondra Diaz hates traffickers. And she's determined to put one of America's most powerful financiers, Andrew Schrader, in prison forever for his crimes against children. But Schrader has videos implicating some of the most powerful members of the US national security state. To eliminate Diaz, the powers that be bring in a contractor: Marvin Manus, an implacable assassin whose skills have been forged in intelligence, the military, and the hardest prisons. Enter former Marine sniper Dox and black-ops veteran Daniel Larison with an unusual assignment: not to kill Diaz, but to keep her alive. A lot of players are determined to acquire the videos and the blackmail power they represent. But with Seattle sex-crimes detective Livia Lone, "natural causes" killer John Rain, and ex-Mossad honey-trap specialist Delilah, the good guys might just have a chance. They're not going to play by anyone else's rules. They're not going to play by any rules at all. They want a different kind of fight. The chaos kind.

Thriller TP \$24.99

One for the Road

Bourbon Tour mysteries

Ellis, Mary

Travel writer Jill Curtis loves her job, but she desperately needs a break if she's to achieve her dream of becoming an investigative reporter. Sent to Kentucky by her boss to find out why thousands of tourists flock to Bourbon Country every year, Jill's dream seems to be slipping further away. After all, nothing interesting ever happens in small town America... does it? Staying at an estranged relative's B&B, Jill's plan to uncover what makes the state's bourbon tours so popular goes awry when she trips over a body at one of the distilleries and quickly becomes a suspect in a brutal murder. Can she navigate high-stakes bourbon rivalries, centuries-old family feuds and ill-fated romance to catch a killer and finally land the promotion she craves? The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$39.95

Gry Justice

Charlie George series

Falconer, Colin

Most acts of violence are pretty random. But murdering someone and impaling their head on the railing outside the Royal Courts of Justice... that takes planning. And when the pathologist finds a page from a book rammed down the dead man's throat, DI Charlie George thinks it's safe to assume that someone, somewhere, wants to send a message. But people who have the resources to plan a murder like that also have the smarts not to get caught. So, Charlie knows he has a problem. Whoever the killer is, he doesn't think they've finished handing out their version of justice just yet. He just wishes he could summon the enthusiasm to stop them. Because sometimes people really do get what's coming to them. And Charlie and his team are left wondering which side of the law is justice really on?

Mystery TP \$32.99

The Mitford Trial

Mitford Murders series

Fellowes, Jessica

It's former lady's maid Louisa Cannon's wedding day, but the fantasy is shattered shortly after when she is approached by a secretive man asking her to spy on Diana Mitford – who is having an affair with the infamous Oswald Mosley – and her similarly fascist sister Unity. Thus, as summer 1933 dawns, Louisa finds herself accompanying the Mitfords on a glitzy cruise, full of the starriest members of Society. But the waters run red when a man is found attacked, with suspects everywhere. Back in London, the case is taken by lawyer Tom Mitford, and Louisa finds herself caught between worlds: of a love lost to blood, a family divided, and a country caught in conflict. This series of timeless whodunnits, with the fascinating Mitford sisters at its heart, begins with *The Mitford Murders* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

A Fiancée's Guide to First Wives and Murder

Countess of Harleigh mysteries

Freeman, Dianne

For Frances Wynn, widow to the late Earl of Harleigh, life has a cosmopolitan flavour of late. No sooner has she sent her mother and daughter off on a shopping trip to Paris than she and her fiancé, George Hazelton, are socialising with visiting members of the Russian royal family. Amid this whirlwind, scandal also comes calling when Inspector Delaney turns up outside Frances' house with a young French woman with a shocking claim: she is Mrs George Hazelton. As the future Mrs George Hazelton, Frances assumes the woman is either lying or demented. 'Mrs Hazelton', aka Irena, makes other outrageous statements. Among them, she insists that she is the illegitimate daughter of Russian royalty, that she has been abducted many times, and that someone is sending her threatening letters. When George arrives, he clarifies that he is certainly not married to Irena – though he can confirm her royal parentage. But even as he agrees to investigate whether Irena's life is in danger, her claim proves tragically true. Irena is found strangled

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in Frances' garden. To uncover a killer – and clear their own names – Frances and George must determine which of Irena's outlandish stories were based in fact. And as the search reaches a shocking conclusion, they may find that villainy lurks all too close to home...

Historical mystery HC \$42.99

The Searcher French, Tana

Cal Hooper thought a fixer-upper in a remote Irish village would be the perfect escape. After 25 years in the Chicago police force, and a bruising divorce, he just wants to build a new life in a pretty spot with a good pub where nothing much happens. But then a local kid comes looking for his help. His brother has gone missing, and no one, least of all the police, seems to care. Cal wants nothing to do with any kind of investigation, but somehow he can't make himself walk away. Soon, Cal will discover that even in the most idyllic small town, secrets lie hidden, people aren't always what they seem, and trouble can come calling at his door. Our greatest living mystery writer weaves a masterful tale of breathtaking beauty and suspense, asking how we decide what's right and wrong in a world where neither is simple, and what we risk if we fail.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

The Strike Collection

box set

Galbraith, Robert

Robert Galbraith's Strike novels are some of the finest examples of detective fiction of our age. The series has sold well over a million copies in the UK, alone; and has been adapted into a highly-successful television series for the BBC. For the first time, readers can purchase all five paperbacks in the series in this exquisite deluxe box set; featuring: *The Cuckoo's Calling*, *The Silkworm*, *Career of Evil*, *Lethal White*, and *Troubled Blood*.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$89.99

Nothing Can Hurt You Goldberg, Nicola Maye

On a cold day in 1997, student Sara Morgan was killed in the woods surrounding her liberal arts college in upstate New York. Her boyfriend, Blake Campbell, confessed, his plea of temporary insanity raising more questions than it answered. In the wake of his acquittal, the case comes to haunt a strange and surprising network of community members, from the young woman who discovers Sara's body to the junior reporter who senses its connection to convicted local serial killer John Logan. Others are looking for retribution or explanation: Sara's half-sister, stifled by her family's bereft silence about Blake, poses as a babysitter and seeks out her own form of justice, while the teenager, Sara used to baby sit, starts writing to Logan in prison.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Larrimah:

A missing man, an eyeless croc, and an outback town of 11 people who mostly hate each other

Graham, Caroline & Stevenson, Kylie

A dying town, a missing man. One of Australia's greatest mysteries – two

whodunnits, twisted together. Larrimah: hot, barren, a speck of dust in the centre of the nothingness of outback Australia. Where you might find a death adder in the bar and a spider or ten in the toaster. Maybe it's stupid to write a love letter to a town that looks like this, especially when it's someone else's town. A town where there's nothing to see, nothing to buy and the closest thing to an attraction is a weird Pink Panther in a gyrocopter whose head falls off intermittently. A town steeped in ancient superstition and pockmarked with sinkholes. It's Kadaitja country. People go missing in the bush there, the traditional owners say. It's doubly stupid to write a love letter to a town where someone did go missing and one of the remaining residents might be a murderer. A town at the centre of one of the biggest mysteries outback Australia has ever seen – a weird, swirling whodunnit about camel pies and wild donkeys and drug deals and crocodiles, a case that's had police scratching their heads for years, while journalists and filmmakers and Hollywood turn up, from time to time, to ask what the hell happened here. And it makes no sense to fall for a place when the town is crumbling into the dust and it looks a lot like your love letter might end up being a eulogy. But whatever happened in Larrimah, it's strange and precious and surprisingly funny. Journalists Kylie Stevenson and Caroline Graham have spent years trying to pin it down – what happened to Paddy Moriarty and his dog, how they disappeared, how they might take the whole town and something even bigger with them.

True crime TP \$32.99

The Midnight Hour

Stephens & Mephisto/Brighton mysteries

Griffiths, Elly

Brighton, 1965: When theatrical impresario Bert Billington is found dead in his retirement home, no one suspects foul play. But when the post mortem reveals that he was poisoned, suspicion falls on his wife, eccentric ex-Music Hall star Verity Malone. Frustrated by the police response to Bert's death and determined to prove her innocence, Verity calls in private detective duo Emma Holmes and Sam Collins. This is their first real case; but, as luck would have it, they have a friend on the inside: Max Mephisto is filming a remake of *Dracula*, starring Seth Billington, Bert's son. But when they question Max, they feel he isn't telling them the whole story. Emma and Sam must vie with the police to untangle the case and bring the killer to justice. They're sure the answers must lie in Bert's dark past and in the glamorous, occasionally deadly, days of Music Hall. But the closer they get to the truth, the more danger they find themselves in...

Our customers love Elly Griffiths mysteries; this particular series starts with *The Zig Zag Girl* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery TP \$32.99

The Judge's List Grisham, John

Lacy Stoltz investigated a corrupt judge who was taking millions in bribes from a crime syndicate. She put the criminals away, but only after being attacked and nearly killed. Three years later, and approaching forty, she is tired of her work for the Florida Board on Judicial Conduct and ready for a change.

Then she meets a mysterious woman who is so frightened she uses a number of aliases. Jeri Crosby's father was murdered twenty years earlier in a case that remains unsolved and that has grown stone cold. But Jeri has a suspect whom she has become obsessed with and has stalked for two decades. Along the way, she has discovered other victims. Suspicions are easy enough, but proof seems impossible. The man is brilliant, patient, and always one step ahead of law enforcement. He is the most cunning of all serial killers. He knows forensics, police procedure, and most important: he knows the law. He is a judge, in Florida – under Lacy's jurisdiction. He has a list, with the names of his victims and targets, all unsuspecting people unlucky enough to have crossed his path and wronged him in some way. How can Lacy pursue him, without becoming the next name on his list?

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Apollo Murders Hadfield, Chris

1973: a final, top-secret mission to the Moon. Three astronauts in a tiny module, a quarter of a million miles from home. A quarter of a million miles from help. As Russian and American crews sprint for a secret bounty hidden away on the lunar surface, old rivalries blossom and the political stakes are stretched to breaking point back on Earth. Houston flight controller Kazimieras 'Kaz' Zemeckis must do all he can to keep the NASA crew together, while staying one step ahead of his Soviet rivals. But not everyone on board *Apollo 18* is quite who they appear to be. Full of fascinating technical detail, twists and tension, *The Apollo Murders* puts you right there in the moment. Experience the dark majesty of space, the fierce G-forces of launch and the rush of holding on to the outside of a spacecraft travelling at 17,000 mph, as told by a former Commander of the International Space Station who has done all of those things in real life. Strap in and count down for the ride of a lifetime. 'An exciting journey to an alternate past' – *Andy Weir*, author of *The Martian*.

Thriller TP \$32.99

A Garland of Bones

Sarah Booth Delaney mysteries 22

Haines, Carolyn

Sarah Booth has traded in hosting this Christmas season for a road trip with her besties. Each little Delta town has a special Christmas activity, and Sarah Booth's bff and detective partner, Tinkie, has arranged to rent a limo for the gang and drive to Columbus, MS, to stay in a B&B. Visions of Christmas shopping, parade floats, and romantic rendezvous are already dancing in their heads. But Christmas cheer soon turns to Christmas fear when, at one event after another, people keep getting hurt. Christmas karaoke gets ugly when one singer's microphone gives her an electric shock. A party during a historic home tour ends with a fall down the stairs for one of Columbus' most disreputable 'players'. And when the woman who hires Sarah Booth to find the villain behind the so-called accidents is nearly killed with an arrow during a holiday mumming, Sarah Booth knows something more sinister is at work. The Christmas bells are ringing hauntingly in Columbus this year, and Sarah Booth and Tinkie – with a little

help from hunky Sheriff Coleman Peters, of course – are determined to catch the wrongdoers and ensure they receive nothing but coal in their stockings.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

House of the Patriarch

Benjamin January mysteries

Hambly, Barbara

New Orleans, 1840. Freshly home from a dangerous journey, that last thing Benjamin January wants to do is leave his wife and young sons again. But when old friends Henri and Chloe Viellard ask for his help tracking down a missing girl in distant New York, he can't say no. Three weeks ago, 17-year-old Eve Russell boarded a steamboat – and never got off it. Mrs Russell is adamant Eve's been kidnapped, but how could someone remove a teenager from a crowded deck in broad daylight? And why would anyone target Eve? The answer lies in New York, a hotbed of new religions and beliefs, of human circuses and freak shows... and of blackbirders, who'll use any opportunity to kidnap a free man of colour and sell him into slavery. January's determined to uncover the truth, but will he ever be able to return to New Orleans to share it?

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

Treasure and Dirt Hammer, Chris

In the desolate outback town of Finnigans Gap, police struggle to maintain law and order. Thieves pillage opal mines, religious fanatics recruit vulnerable young people and billionaires do as they please. Then an opal miner is found crucified and left to rot down his mine. Nothing about the miner's death is straightforward, not even who found the body. Sydney homicide detective Ivan Lucic is sent to investigate, assisted by inexperienced young investigator Nell Buchanan. But Finnigans Gap has already ended one police career and damaged others, and soon both officers face damning allegations and internal investigations. Have Ivan and Nell been set up and, if so, by whom? As time runs out, their only chance at redemption is to find the killer. But the more secrets they uncover, the more harrowing the mystery becomes, as events from years ago take on a startling new significance. For in Finnigans Gap, opals, bodies and secrets don't stay buried forever. A superb standalone thriller from the acclaimed and award-winning author of the international bestseller *Scrublands* (PBK, \$16.99).

Thriller TP \$32.99

A Time to Swill

Chloe Jackson Sea Glass Saloon mysteries 02

Harris, Sherry

Chloe loves her new life pouring beers and mixing cocktails at the Sea Glass Saloon in the Florida Panhandle town of Emerald Cove. But on the job, the only exercise she gets is walking from one end of the bar to the other, so in the mornings she loves to run on the beach. On this morning's foggy run, she spots a sailboat washed up on a sandbar. Hearing a cry, she climbs aboard the beached vessel to investigate and finds not only a mewling kitten – but a human skeleton in the cabin. The skeleton is tied back to Chloe's friend Ralph, whose wife disappeared on a sailboat

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with three other people twelve years ago. Believing his wife was lost at sea, Ralph remarried. Now, he finds himself a murder suspect. Chloe is determined to find out who's been up to some skulduggery, but her sleuthing will lead her into some rough waters and some bone-chilling revelations...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Meadowlark:
a coming-of-age crime story graphic novel

Hawke, Ethan & Ruth, Greg
Set against the quiet and unassuming city of Huntsville, Texas, Jack 'Meadowlark' Johnson, and his teenage son, Cooper embark on a journey of epic proportions. Told over the course a single day, this electrifying graphic novel recounts Cooper's struggle to survive the consequences of his father's mistakes and the dangers they have brought home to his estranged family. As Cooper and his father desperately navigate cascading threats of violence, they must also grapple with their own combative, dysfunctional, but loving relationship. Drawing on inspiration from the authors' childhoods in Texas, their relationships with their own sons and from ancient myths that resonate throughout the ages, this contemporary crime noir is a propulsive coming-of-age tale of the shattering transition into manhood. While both father and son strive to understand their place in the world and each other's lives, tension and resentment threaten to boil over. As emotionally evocative as it is visually stunning, this captivating graphic novel will appeal to fans of Cormac McCarthy's *No Country for Old Men* and Terrence Malick's *Badlands*.

Noir comic HC \$35.00

Wolf at the Door
Bradecote & Catchpoll mysteries

Hawkswood, Sarah
All Hallow's Eve, 1144. The savaged body of Durand Wuduward, the solitary and unpopular keeper of the King's Forest of Feckenham, is discovered beside his hearth, his corpse rendered barely identifiable by sharp teeth. Whispers of a wolf on the prowl grow louder and Sheriff William de Beauchamp's men, Hugh Bradecote and Serjeant Catchpoll, are tasked with cutting through the clamour. They must uncover who killed Durand and why while beset by superstitious villagers, raids upon manors and further grim deaths. Out of the shadows of the forest, where will the wolf's fangs strike next? The first in this terrific mediaeval mystery series is *Servant of Death* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

The River Mouth
Herbert, Karen
Fifteen-year-old Darren Davies is found, face down, in the Weymouth River with a gunshot wound to his chest. The killer is never found. Ten years later, his mother receives a visit from the local police. Sandra's best friend has been found dead on a remote Pilbara road. And Barbara's DNA matches the DNA found under Darren's fingernails. When the investigation into her son's murder is reopened, Sandra begins to question what she knew about her best friend. As she digs, she discovers that there are many secrets in her small town, and that her murdered son

had secrets too. '... tautly plotted, brilliantly characterised, and laced with venomous moments that lay bare the town's racial and criminal histories. *The River Mouth* marks the debut of a brilliant new voice in Australian crime fiction.' – *David Whish-Wilson*.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Slough House
Slough House series
Herron, Mick
Slough House – the crumbling office building to which failed spies, the 'slow horses', are banished – has been wiped from secret service records. Reeling from recent losses in their ranks, the slow horses are worried they've been pushed further into the cold, and fatal accidents keep happening. With a new populist movement taking a grip on London's streets, the aftermath of a blunder by the Russian secret service that left a British citizen dead, and the old order ensuring that everything's for sale to the highest bidder, the world's an uncomfortable place for those deemed surplus to requirements. The wise move would be to find a safe place and wait for the troubles to pass. But the slow horses aren't famed for making wise decisions. 'I think this might be the best Jackson Lamb outing yet' – *Christopher Brookmyre*. We love the slow horses of Slough House. Highly recommended.

Suspense PBK \$22.99

The Garden of Angels
Hewson, David
The Palazzo Colombina is home to the Uccello family: three generations of men, trapped together in the dusty palace on Venice's Grand Canal. Awkward, 15-year-old Nico. His distant, business-focused father. And his beloved grandfather, Paolo. Paolo is dying. But before he passes, he has secrets he's waited his whole life to share. When a Jewish classmate is attacked by bullies, Nico just watches – earning him a week's suspension and a typed, yellowing manuscript from his frail Nonno Paolo. A history lesson, his grandfather says. A secret he must keep from his father. A tale of blood and madness... Nico is transported back to the Venice of 1943, an occupied city seething under its Nazi overlords, and to the defining moment of his grandfather's life: when Paolo's support for a murdered Jewish woman brings him into the sights of the city's underground resistance. Hooked and unsettled, Nico can't stop reading – but he soon wonders if he ever knew his beloved grandfather at all.

Thriller TP \$39.95

A Change of Circumstance
Simon Serrailier series
Hill, Susan
DCS Simon Serrailier has long regarded drugs ops in Lafferton as a waste of time. Small-time dealers are picked up outside the local secondary school, they don't have any information about those higher up the chain, they're given a fine or a suspended and away they go. And rinse and repeat. But when the body of a 22-year-old drug addict is found in neighbouring Starley, the case pulls Simon into a whole new way of running drugs. The foot soldiers? Vulnerable local kids like Brookie and Olivia, who will give Simon a bitter taste of this new landscape. It is a harsh winter at home as well as work. Simon's

GP sister Cat and her husband Kieron (also Simon's boss) are struggling with medical dramas big and small. A trip to Bevham General on her rounds sets off alarm bells for Cat, and a visit from her son Sam as he tries to work out if his midwifery course is right for him coincides with a threat to their beloved family dog. Simon is working hard, but he's restless, wondering what's next. There's nothing new going on for him in Lafferton, but sometimes the familiar holds surprises, too... This wonderful anthero is introduced in *The Various Haunts of Men* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery TP \$32.99

Clark and Division
Hirahara, Naomi
Chicago, 1944: Twenty-year-old Aki Ito and her parents have just been released from Manzanar, where they have been detained by the US government since the aftermath of Pearl Harbour, together with thousands of other Japanese Americans. The life in California the Itos were forced to leave behind is gone; instead, they are being resettled two thousand miles away in Chicago, where Aki's older sister, Rose, was sent months earlier and moved to the new Japanese American neighbourhood near Clark and Division streets. But on the eve of the Ito family's reunion, Rose is killed by a subway train. Aki, who worshipped her sister, is stunned. Officials are ruling Rose's death a suicide. Aki cannot believe her perfect, polished, and optimistic sister would end her life. Her instinct tells her there is much more to the story, and she knows she is the only person who could ever learn the truth. Inspired by historical events.

Mystery HC \$39.99

The Dare
Kara, Lesley
Lizzie and Alice are the best of friends, as close as can be. Until the day when they're out playing by the train tracks and a childish spat triggers Lizzie's epilepsy. When she comes to, she finds an unimaginable horror: Alice has been killed. Lizzie is devastated, and as she tries to cope with her grief, she is shocked to find herself alienated from Alice's friends and relatives, who are convinced Lizzie and 'the dare' somehow had a role in her friend's death. Years later, Lizzie has tried to move on. She's engaged to a wonderful man and is starting a new life in London. But someone from her past isn't willing to forgive and forget. And they'll do anything to pry answers from her. Even if Lizzie doesn't know them herself.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

A Case of Cat and Mouse
Magical Cats mysteries 12
Kelly, Sofie
Spring has come to charming Mayville Heights, and with it, some Hollywood glamour. The little town is abuzz because the reboot of a popular baking TV show is filming there. Librarian Kathleen Paulson is working as an advisor on historical facts for the show, local restaurants are providing catering for the camera crews, and Kathleen's faithful felines, Hercules and Owen, are hoping there is a cat treat challenge. But then Kathleen finds one of the judges dead. She has solved many-a-murder, with help from the supernaturally gifted Herc and Owen, and

with the whole town on tenterhooks, the talented trio will have to have all paws on deck to chase down this killer.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Five Decembers
Kestrel, James
December 1941. America teeters on the brink of war, and in Honolulu, Hawaii, police detective Joe McGrady is assigned to investigate a homicide that will change his life forever. Because the trail of murder he uncovers will lead him across the Pacific, far from home and the woman he loves; and though the US doesn't know it yet, a Japanese fleet is already steaming toward Pearl Harbour. This extraordinary novel is so much more than just a gripping crime story – it's a story of survival against all odds, of love and loss and the human cost of war. Spanning the entirety of World War II, *Five Decembers* is a beautiful, masterful, powerful novel that will live in your memory forever.

Mystery/suspense HC \$47.95

The Other Emily
Koontz, Dean
A decade ago, Emily Carlino vanished after her car broke down on a California highway. She was presumed to be one of serial killer Ronny Lee Jessup's victims whose remains were never found. Writer David Thorne still hasn't recovered from losing the love of his life, or from the guilt of not being there to save her. Since then, he's sought closure any way he can. He even visits regularly with Jessup in prison, desperate for answers about Emily's final hours so he may finally lay her body to rest. Then David meets Maddison Sutton, beguiling, playful, and keenly aware of all David has lost. But what really takes his breath away is that everything about Maddison, down to her kisses, is just like Emily. As the fantastic becomes credible, David's obsession grows, Maddison's mysterious past deepens – and terror escalates. Is she Emily? Or an irresistible dead ringer? Either way, the ultimate question is the same: What game is she playing? Whatever the risk in finding out, David's willing to take it for this precious second chance. It's been ten years since he's felt this inspired, this hopeful, this much in love... and he's afraid.

Thriller TP \$29.99

To Coach a Killer
Cat & Gilley Life Coach mysteries 02
Laurie, Victoria
As the Hamptons drags through early spring, Cat's shot at becoming the toast of the town in time for Memorial Day is dwindling – and fast. The only client she can find has been housebound for decades and claims to be the victim of a devastating curse. Then there's the matter of Detective Shepherd's intense jealousy over Maks Grinkov, the handsome bad boy who approaches Cat with an unusual offer she can't stop thinking about. Havoc finally breaks loose when a string of murders rocks the coastal community, landing Maks on the hook as the culprit. With a storm approaching shore and no one to trust, Cat and her sharp-tongued best friend, Gilley, must solve a client's curse and a series of violent deaths before a killer sends them all sailing to their doom...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

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Silverview le Carré, John

The much-anticipated publication of John le Carré's last complete novel. Julian Lawndley has renounced his high-flying job in the City for a simpler life running a bookshop in a small English seaside town. But only a couple of months into his new career, Julian's evening is disrupted by a visitor. Edward, a Polish émigré living in Silverview, the big house on the edge of town, seems to know a lot about Julian's family and is rather too interested in the inner workings of his modest new enterprise. When a letter turns up at the door of a spy chief in London warning him of a dangerous leak, the investigations lead him to this quiet town by the sea... *Silverview* is the mesmerising story of an encounter between innocence and experience and between public duty and private morals. In this last complete masterwork from the greatest chronicler of our age, John le Carré asks what you owe to your country, when you no longer recognise it.

Suspense TP \$32.99

Mystery: a Seduction, a Strategy, a Solution Lehrer, Jonah

Why is mystery so compelling? What draws us to the unknown? Jonah Lehrer sets out to answer these questions in a vividly entertaining and surprisingly profound journey through the science of suspense. He finds that nothing can capture a person's attention as strongly as mystery, and that mystery is the key principle in how humans view and understand the world. Whenever patterns are broken, we are hardwired to find out why. Without our curiosity driving us to pursue new discoveries and solve stubborn problems, we would never have achieved the breakthroughs that have revolutionised human medicine, technology – and culture. From Shakespeare's plays to the earliest works of the detective genre, our entertainment and media have continually reinvented successful forms of mystery to hook audiences. Here, Lehrer interviews individuals in unconventional fields – from dedicated small-business owners to innovative schoolteachers – who use mystery to challenge themselves and to motivate others to reach to new heights. He also examines the indelible role of mystery in our culture, revealing how the magical world of Harry Potter triggers the magic of dopamine in our brains, why the baseball season is ten times longer than the football season, and when the suspect is introduced in each episode of *Law & Order*. Fascinating, illuminating, and fun, *Mystery* explores the many surprising ways in which embracing a sense of awe and curiosity can enrich our lives.

Mystery reference HC \$45.00

Rosy and John Lemaitre, Pierre

Jean Garnier lives on the fringes – a lonely nobody who has lost everything dear to him. His girlfriend was killed in an unexplained accident, his mother has just been sent to prison – he has even lost his job after the sudden death of his boss. In one last, desperate cry for help, Jean sets up seven lethal bombs, hidden all over Paris and timed

so that one will explode every 24 hours. After the first detonation, Jean gives himself up to the police. He has one simple demand: his mother must be released, or the daily explosions will continue. Camille Verhoeven is faced with a race against time to uncover the secrets of this troubled young man and avert a massive human disaster. Lemaitre's Paris trilogy – *Alex*, *Irene*, and *Camille* (PBK, \$22.99 each) – has been a multiple winner of the CWA International Dagger.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Manhattan Meltdown novella

Lentricchia, Frank

Two men, no longer young, and friends from childhood, fly to NYC – each with a secret purpose unknown to the other. They arrive just as COVID-19 explodes across the city's five boroughs. One of the men (white) has come to Manhattan to confront a theatre producer who has made a coercive offer to his wife. The other man (black, former All-American football star) plans to confront and take revenge on his white girlfriend from college days – who left him for a white man. As they pursue their goals they are caught up in the hunt for America's most famous criminal. The black man, seeking revenge, makes a surprising turn. The white man, who has taken his confrontation with the theatre producer to criminal length, may never leave Manhattan to return to his family. *Manhattan Meltdown* introduces a series of interconnected characters who, ever as their lives are impacted by lethal disease, must continue to struggle with more conventional personal crises: uterine cancer, imperilled romantic relationships, and the deteriorations of advancing old age.

Thriller TP \$39.95

Transient Desires

Commissario Brunetti series

Leon, Donna

In his many years as a *commissario*, Guido Brunetti has seen all manner of crime and known intuitively how to navigate the various pathways in his native city, Venice, to discover the person responsible. Now, he faces a heinous crime committed outside his jurisdiction. He is drawn in, innocently enough: two young American women have been severely injured in a boating accident, joy riding in the Laguna with two young Italians. However, Brunetti's curiosity is aroused by the behaviour of the young men, who abandoned the victims after taking them to the hospital. If the injuries were the result of an accident, why did they want to avoid association with it? As Brunetti and his colleague, Claudia Griffoni, investigate the incident, they discover that one of the young men works for a man rumoured to be involved in more sinister night-time activities in the Laguna. To get to the bottom of what proves to be a gut-wrenching case, Brunetti needs to enlist the help of both the Carabinieri and the Guardia di Costiera. Determining how much trust he and Griffoni can put in these unfamiliar colleagues adds to the difficulty of solving a peculiarly horrible crime whose perpetrators are technologically brilliant and ruthlessly organised. 'Donna Leon's thirtieth Brunetti novel is as powerful as any she has written, testing Brunetti to his limits,

forcing him to listen very carefully for the truth...' – *publisher's blurb*. Recommended! Armchair travel to Venice (we have no other choice about it, just now, as things stand!).

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Cider Shop Rules

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Lindsey, Julie Anne

The Fall Festival is in full swing. Civil War re-enactors from three counties are partaking in Blossom Valley's tribute to John Brown. Blue Ridge Mountain foliage is in full bloom. And best of all is Jacob Potter's pumpkin farm where his hayrides, piglet races, pumpkin picking, and corn maze are time-honoured draws for locals and tourists alike. That's why it's such a shock when Mr Potter is found dead, hidden under a tarp in the back of Winnie's pickup truck. This certainly betrays Potter's reputation as one of the town's most popular citizens. Fortunately, when it comes to solving a murder, no one has a patch on Winnie. Now, all eyes are on her to do it. Unfortunately, that includes those of the killer who'll do anything to keep an orchard full of secrets buried.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Devil's Work:

Australia's Jack the Ripper and the serial murders that shocked the world

Linnell, Garry

He was a murderer, swindler, bigamist and suspect in the Jack the Ripper killings. Frederick Deeming was also the most hated man in the world. Claiming to be haunted by the ghost of his dead mother, Deeming had spent years roaming the planet under various aliases, preying on the innocent, the gullible and the desperate. But the discovery – by Australian police, in 1892 – of the body of one of his wives in a shallow concrete grave triggered one of the greatest manhunts in history and exposed a further series of grisly murders – those of his first wife and four children – that stunned the Victorian era. *The Devil's Work* is a gothic journey into the twisted mind of a serial killer, set in the dying years of the 19th century when science and religion had collided and some of the world's most powerful and influential people believed in spirits and an afterlife. It reveals Deeming's crime spree across three continents, raising fresh questions about his role in the Jack the Ripper killings and culminating in his sensational trial where he was defended by a future Australian Prime Minister who believed he could also speak to the dead. Born bad or simply mad? It's time to meet Frederick Deeming, the man known and reviled throughout the United States, England, and Australia as the Criminal of the Century.

True crime TP \$34.99

Litani

Lourey, Jess

In the summer of '84, 14-year-old Frankie Jubilee is shuttled off to Litani, Minnesota, to live with her estranged mother, a county prosecutor she barely knows. From the start, Frankie senses something uneasy going on in the small town. The locals whisper about The Game, and her mother warns her to stay out of the woods and away from adults. When a bullying gang of girls invites Frankie

to The Game, she accepts, determined to find out what's really going on in Litani. She's not the only one becoming paranoid. Hysteria burns through the community. Dark secrets emerge. And Frankie fears that, even in the bright light of day, she might be living among monsters.

Thriller TP \$27.99

Diamond and the Eye

Peter Diamond series

Lovesey, Peter

Of all the weird characters Detective Superintendent Peter Diamond has met in Bath, this one is the most extreme: a 21st-century private eye called Johnny Getz, whose office is over Shear Amazing, a hairdressing salon. Johnny has been hired by Ruby Hubbard, whose father, an antiques shop owner, has gone missing, and Johnny insists on involving 'Pete' in his investigation. When Diamond, Johnny, and Ruby enter the shop, they find a body and a murder investigation is launched. Diamond is forced to house his team in the dilapidated Corn Market building across the street. His problems grow when his boss appoints Lady Bede, from the Police Ethics Committee, as an observer. Worse still, Johnny conducts his own inquiry by latching onto Ruby's stylish friend, a journalist called Olympia. Shootings from a drive-by gunman at key players create mayhem and the pressure is really on. Can the team stop more killings in this normally peaceful city? What happened to Ruby's father? And will Johnny crack the case before Diamond does?

Mystery HC \$55.00

Knot Ready for Murder

Quilting mysteries 09

Marks, Mary

One loose thread threatens to unravel Martha's wedding plans: the groom-to-be married a pregnant teen to save her from scandal thirty years ago – and the marriage was never annulled. Now, Crusher's wife Hadas is coming to LA, along with his sister Fanya. But soon after she arrives, their houseguest goes missing, with her room ransacked and a chloroform-soaked cloth left behind. Could her apparent abduction be connected to her brother's unsolved death from a hit-and-run, six months ago? Martha and her quilting cohorts must find the pattern to solve the twin mysteries and determine if Crusher is still married – or, now, a widower...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Scandal

Marsh, Nicola

Ever since her twin girls left home, Marisa has felt there's something missing from her life. Her sprawling mansion is no longer filled with laughter and chaos, and she's desperate to feel needed... and to be distracted from the secret she's been hiding from her husband for all these years. Coffee with her best friends might be the only thing holding Marisa together. But Claire and Elly have their own secrets. Like why Claire hasn't been to work in weeks, or why Elly won't tell anyone who's buying her flowers. When Jodi, a pregnant young girl, turns up at Marisa's doorstep, Marisa is quick to come to her aid. She sees herself in Jodi and she knows how devoted

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yourself to looking after others can take up all your time in the most marvellous way. But Jodi's arrival quickly pushes everyone's lies to the surface. The father of her unborn child is someone the women know very well, and Marisa starts to wonder if her obsession with helping Jodi might come at a devastating price...

Thriller PBK \$24.95

The Oxford Brotherhood **Martinez, Guillermo**

Mathematics student G is trying to resurrect his studies, which is proving difficult as he finds himself – and not for the first time – drawn into investigating a series of mysterious crimes. When Kristen, a researcher hired by the Lewis Carroll Brotherhood, makes a startling new discovery concerning pages torn from Carroll's diary, she hesitates to reveal to her employers a hitherto unknown chapter in his life. Oxford would be rocked to its core if the truth about Lewis Carroll's relationship with Alice Liddell – the real Alice – were brought to light. After Kristen is involved in a surreal accident and members of the Brotherhood are anonymously sent salacious photographs of Alice, G joins forces with Kristen as they begin to realise that dark powers are at work. More pictures are received, and it becomes clear that a murderer is stalking anyone who shows too much interest in Carroll's life. G must stretch his mathematical mind to its limits to solve the mystery and understand the cryptic workings of the Brotherhood. Until then, nobody, not even G, is safe. Now, in paperback, a thrilling novel from the author of *The Oxford Murders* (PBK, \$24.99), inspired by true, strange stories from Carroll's life, *The Oxford Brotherhood* is sure to make you curiously and curiously.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Murder at Kingscote

Gilded Newport mysteries

Maxwell, Alyssa

On a clear July day in 1899, the salty ocean breeze along Bellevue Avenue carries new smells of gasoline and exhaust as Emma, now editor-in-chief of the Newport Messenger, covers Newport's first-ever automobile parade. But the festive atmosphere soon turns to shock as young Philip King drunkenly swerves his motorcar into a wooden figure of a nanny pushing a pram on the obstacle course. That evening, at a dinner party hosted by Ella King at her magnificent Gothic-inspired cottage, Kingscote, Emma and her beau Derrick Andrews are enjoying the food and the company when Ella's son staggers in, obviously still inebriated. But the disruption is nothing compared to the urgent shouts of the coachman. Rushing out, they find the family's butler pinned against a tree beneath the front wheels of Philip's motorcar, close to death. When Emma later receives a message informing her that the butler bullied his staff and took advantage of young maids, she steers the police toward a murder investigation. While Emma investigates the connections between a competing heir for the King fortune, a mysterious child, an inmate of an insane asylum, and the brutal boxing rings of Providence, a killer remains at large – with unfinished business to attend to...

Historical mystery TP \$24.99

Marked Man

Joe Gunther series

Mayor, Archer

A year ago, local philanthropist and millionaire Nathan Lyon died a natural death in his sprawling mansion, a 150,000 square foot converted mill, surrounded by his loving, attentive family. Or, so it seemed, at the time. Now, Joe Gunther and his Vermont Bureau of Investigation team has discovered that almost nothing about that story was true. Nathan Lyon was actually Nick Bianchi from Providence, Rhode Island. His money came from Mafia-tainted sources. And his family now seems to be dying themselves and their deaths are now revealed to be murders. As Gunther's team desperately works to uncover what is going on at The Mill, who is responsible and what they are trying to accomplish. Joe himself travels to Rhode Island to look into the original source of the money. While the police are doing their jobs, private investigator Sally Kravitz teams up with reporter Rachel Reiling to expose the truth behind this tangled and expanding web of duplicity, greed, and obsession. Having betrayed many, it's no surprise that Nathan Lyon was a marked man. But, now, Gunther has to figure out who, among the many, killed him, and stop them before their killing spree claims another.

Mystery/suspense HC \$62.95

A Few Drops of Bitters

Savannah Reid mysteries 26

McKevett, G A

For the first time in recent memory, Savannah has no guilt about indulging in personal interests before her career. Between being a mom to her new foster son and arranging a lavish wedding for her sister, things are messy, unpredictable, and delightfully fulfilling. She even gains an impressive friend: Dr Carolyn Erling, a caring veterinarian with a deeper story than her down-to-earth nature suggests... When Savannah attends a birthday bash for Dr Carolyn's husband, she's astonished to find that her no-frills acquaintance resides in a pristine hilltop mansion with Dr Stephen Erling, a jetsetter brain surgeon boasting throngs of A-list patients around the globe. Before Savannah can get a headcount on the mingling celebrities, Dr Stephen has one too many champagne toasts and drops dead. With a poisonous residue found inside Dr Stephen's glass, the search is on for the killer who spiked his drink. Motivated to set things right for a devastated Dr Carolyn, Savannah must infiltrate the elite world of foreign dignitaries and Oscar-winning stars to identify the guilty culprit – or prepare to kiss this happy chapter in her life goodbye.

Mystery HC \$42.99

One for the Books

Library Lover's mysteries 11

McKinlay, Jenn

Love is in the air in Briar Creek as library director Lindsey Norris and boat captain Mike (Sully) Sullivan are finally tying the knot. The entire town is excited for the happy day, and Lindsey and Sully's plan for a small wedding evaporates as more and more people insist upon attending the event of the year. When Lindsey and her craft afternoon pals head out to Bell Island to see if it can accommodate the ever-expanding guest list, they are

horrified to discover a body washed up on the rocky shore. Even worse, Lindsey recognises the man as the justice of the peace who was supposed to officiate her wedding ceremony. When it becomes clear he was murdered, Lindsey can't help but wonder if it had to do with the wedding. Now, she has to book it to solve the mystery before it ends her happily ever after before it's even begun...

Mystery PBK \$24.95

The Mirror Dance

Dandy Gilver mysteries

McPherson, Catriona

Something sinister is afoot in the streets of Dundee, when a puppeteer is found murdered behind his striped Punch and Judy stand, as children sit, cross legged, drinking ginger beer. At once, Dandy Gilver's seemingly-innocuous investigation into plagiarism takes a darker turn. The gruesome death seems to be inextricably bound to the gloomy offices of Doig's Publishers, its secrets hidden in the real stories behind their girls' magazines *The Rosie Cheek* and *The Freckle*. On meeting a mysterious professor from St Andrews, Dandy and her faithful colleague Alex Osbourne are flung into the worlds of academia, the theatre and publishing. Nothing is quite as it seems, and behind the cheerful facades of puppets and comic books, is a troubled history has begun to repeat itself.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Bodies from the Library 3

anthology

Medawar, Tony (editor)

This anthology of rare stories of crime and suspense brings together 18 tales from the Golden Age of Detective Fiction for the first time in book form, including uncollected stories by Ngaio Marsh and John Dickson Carr. The Golden Age of detective fiction had begun inauspiciously with the publication of E C Bentley's schismatic *Trent's Last Case* in 1913, but it hit its stride in 1920 when both Agatha Christie and Freeman Wills Crofts – latterly crowned queen and king of the genre – had crime novels published for the first time. They ushered in two decades of exemplary mystery writing, the era of the whodunit, the impossible crime and the locked-room mystery, with stories that have thrilled and baffled generations of readers.

Classic mystery PBK \$19.99

Goodnight Beautiful

Molloy, Aimee

Newlyweds Sam Statler and Annie Potter are head over heels, and excited to say goodbye to New York City and start a life together in Sam's sleepy hometown upstate. Or, it turns out, a life where Annie spends most of her time alone while Sam, her therapist husband, works long hours in his downstairs office, tending to the egos of his (mostly female) clientele. Little does Sam know that through a vent in his ceiling, every word of his sessions can be heard from the room upstairs. The pharmacist's wife, contemplating a divorce. The well-known painter whose boyfriend doesn't satisfy her in bed. Who could resist listening? Everything is fine until the French girl in the green Mini Cooper shows up, and Sam decides to go to work and not come home, throwing a wrench into Sam and Annie's happily ever after.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Publish and Be Killed

Tessa Crichton mysteries

Morice, Anne

It is well known that the celebrated playwright, Sheridan Seymour, had three children by his mistress. The copyright to his plays was left to his legitimate daughters, but over the years Baba, the youngest, has gained sole control. Now, Sheridan's work is enjoying a popular revival on the West End stage. Baba is rich and planning to write a biography of her father, promising salacious revelations. When Tessa Crichton is asked to help prevent the biography's publication, she needs no encouragement. With all of her customary curiosity she burrows deep into the family secrets. But she is brought to a halt by the disappearance of a family member, identified as the body found in a burnt-out house – but who reappears from an impulsive visit overseas. So, who died in the fire? *Publish and Be Killed* was originally published in 1986. This new edition features an introduction and afterword by crime fiction historian Curtis Evans.

Mystery (reissue) TP \$26.95

Fatal Charm

Tessa Crichton mysteries

Morice, Anne

The renowned Deverell theatrical family, gathers to celebrate the 80th birthday of its matriarch, actress Evadne Proctor, on a TV show specialising in celebrities' lives. An unexpected guest is daughter Eliza, a former actress now married to an anthropologist and living on a Pacific island. Always a source of tension in a bickering family, Eliza is soon found in her hotel room, dead from a mixture of painkillers and alcohol. Actress Tessa Crichton and her husband, chief inspector Robin Price, become involved, and while Evadne angles for a suicide verdict, Tessa finds that Eliza had a lot to live for. Soon, other members of the Deverell clan excite Tessa's suspicions. This final 'Tessa Crichton' mystery shows Anne Morice's dry wit and keen observations in full effect. *Fatal Charm* was originally published in 1988. This new edition features an introduction and afterword by crime fiction historian Curtis Evans.

Mystery (reissue) TP \$26.95

Design for Dying

Tubby Wiseman mysteries

Morice, Anne

When Christine Marsh returns to live in the Sussex town where she grew up, the only person to greet the news with enthusiasm is her nearly senile mother Dolly. Christine's put-upon cousin Martha Kershaw knows how selfish Christine is: Martha takes care of Dolly with little recompense and has now been asked to find a large, elegant house at an impossibly low price for the Marshes. When Christine arrives, attended by both her current and former husbands, the temperature rises. Billy Jones, the architect supervising the conversion of her house, is a former flame she callously discarded. She accuses the workmen of stealing and cruelly tells the hopeful Dolly she won't be sharing the grand new house. Then Christine's husband, wealthy Derek Marsh, is found murdered. Detective Chief Superintendent Wiseman ('Old Tubby') suspects both Christine and her first husband, but they and the other suspects all have good

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alibis. Morice is her usual savagely witty self, and this solid mystery is social comedy as well. *Design for Dying* was originally published in 1988. This new edition features an introduction and afterword by crime fiction historian Curtis Evans.

Mystery (reissue) TP \$26.95

Planning for Murder

Tubby Wiseman mysteries

Morice, Anne

There is no shortage of murderous feelings among the eccentric country folk opposed to the development of a new 'model village'. But when a nosy estate agent and her friend peer into the windows of the country house at the centre of the development scheme, they spy an actual corpse. Their action sets off a series of incidents that include staged pranks and cold-blooded murder. As always, Morice provides not only a solid and satisfying plot but also marvellous, witty dialogue that illuminates both character and class. Anne Morice's final novel maintains her considerable powers as a creator of complex puzzles. *Planning for Murder* was originally published in 1990. This new edition features an introduction and afterword by crime fiction historian Curtis Evans.

Mystery (reissue) TP \$26.95

Ice and Stone

Sharon McCone mysteries

Muller, Marcia

When the bodies of two Indigenous women are found in the wilderness of northern California, it is only the latest horrific development in a string of similar crimes in the area. Despite all evidence to the contrary, officials rule the deaths isolated incidents, which soon join the ranks of countless other unsolved cases quickly dismissed by law enforcement. In a town where too many injustices are tolerated or brushed under the rug, only a few people remain who refuse to let a killer walk free. But Private Investigator Sharon McCone is one of those few. She is hired by an organisation called Crimes against Indigenous Sisters to go undercover in Meruk County – a community rife with secrets, lies, and corruption – to expose the truth. In an isolated cabin in the freezing, treacherous woods, McCone must work quickly to unravel a mystery that is rooted in profound evil – before she becomes the killer's next target.

Mystery/suspense HC \$39.99

The Family Tree

Mullin, Steph & Mabry, Nicole

The DNA results are back. And there's a serial killer in her family tree... Liz Catalano is shocked when an ancestry kit reveals she's adopted. But she could never have imagined connecting with her unknown family would plunge her into an FBI investigation of a notorious serial killer... The 'Tri-State Killer' has been abducting pairs of women for forty years, leaving no clues behind – only bodies. Can Liz figure out who the killer in her new family is? And can she save his newest victims before it's too late?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

The Jealousy Man and Other Stories

Filled with dark thrills, twisted minds and vengeful hearts, these twelve page-turning short stories, from creator of the iconic detective Harry Hole, will have you reading late into the night. We meet a Greek detective who has become an expert on jealousy thanks to some hard-earned lessons from his private life. Far away, in another country, a taxi driver finds his wife's earring in a car belonging to his boss and sets out to discover how it ended up there. High in the skies above, a woman is on board a plane headed to London, about to end her own life in the wake of her husband's affair with her best friend. But who is the man sitting next to her? Nesbo also takes us to the near future, to a dystopian America, where the upper-class elite is waiting atop a skyscraper to be evacuated while the masses fight for survival in the streets below. We are introduced to two best friends on their way to the running of the bulls in Pamplona when they fall in love with the same girl and, in the epic and vicious finale, we meet a psychologist who also happens to be an assassin. In his first ever collection of short stories, this master of crime writing skilfully draws in the reader as we watch the potentially fatal outcomes of humanity's most powerful emotions play out on the page.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Lonely Ones

Inspector Barbarotti series

Nesser, Håkan

A trip behind the Iron Curtain would change their lives forever... It begins in 1969. Six young people arrive in Uppsala. Different circumstances push the three young couples together and, over the course of a few years, they become friends. But a summer trip through Eastern Europe changes everything, and when their time at Uppsala University is over it also signals the end of something else. Years later, a lecturer at Lund University is found dead at the bottom of a cliff in the woods close to Kymlinge. And chillingly, it is the very same spot where one of the Uppsala students died, 35 years before. Detective Inspector Gunnar Barbarotti takes on this ominous case of history repeating itself, and is forced to confront an increasingly grave reality.

Mystery TP \$32.99

The Shadows

North, Alex

You knew a teenager like Charlie Crabtree. A dark imagination, a sinister smile – always on the outside of the group. Some part of you suspected he might be capable of doing something awful. Twenty-five years ago, Crabtree did just that, committing a murder so shocking that it's attracted that strange kind of infamy that only exists on the darkest corners of the internet – and inspired more than one copycat. Paul Adams remembers the case all too well: Crabtree – and his victim – were Paul's friends. Paul has slowly put his life back together. But, now, his mother – old and suffering from dementia – has taken a turn for the worse. Though every inch of him resists, it is time to come home. It's not long before things start to go

wrong. Paul learns that Detective Amanda Beck is investigating another copycat that has struck in the nearby town of Featherbank. His mother is distressed, insisting that there's something in the house. And someone is following him. Which reminds him of the most unsettling thing about that awful day, 25 years ago. It wasn't just the murder. It was the fact that afterward, Charlie Crabtree was never seen again...

Thriller TP \$37.95

Murder in Connemara

Home to Ireland mysteries 02

O'Connor, Garlene

Former New Yorker and interior designer Tara Meehan is eagerly anticipating the grand opening of her architectural salvage shop Renewals in her newly adopted home of Galway. She's in the midst of preparations when heiress Veronica O'Farrell bursts in to announce she's ready for some renewal of her own. To celebrate one year of sobriety, she's invited seven people she wronged in her drinking days to historic Ballynahinch Castle Hotel in neighbouring Connemara to make amends in style. But perhaps one among them is not so eager to pardon her past misdeeds. Veronica is found lying in the ruins of manor house Clifden Castle with an antique Tara Brooch buried in her heart – the same brooch Tara Meehan admired in her shop the day before, posting a photo with the caption: *#Killerbrooch*. Now, she's a prime suspect, along with Veronica's guests, all of whom had motives to stab the heiress. It's up to Tara to pin down the guilty party...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Bad Timing

Henry Christie mysteries

Oldham, Nick

Henry Christie thought he'd solved the case that drew him out of retirement, but finds himself joining forces with Diane Daniels once again when the body of a young woman is discovered close to the scene of the chilling murders that took place at Hawkshead Farm. The deaths appear to be linked, and when Henry and Diane stumble upon an execution in progress and narrowly avoid becoming victims themselves, Henry embarks on a mission to bring a merciless gunman to justice, as well as a very personal quest for revenge. Does Henry still have what it takes to catch a ruthless serial killer? Propelled on to a trail of criminality involving money laundering and serious organised crime that stretches from Lancashire to London, Henry's bravery and resolve is about to be tested to its very limits.

Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

The Guckoo's Cry

Overington, Caroline

On the eve of the global lockdown, Don Barlow opens the door of his old beachside cottage to find a pretty girl with pink-tipped hair, claiming to be his granddaughter. She needs help and has nowhere else to go. He welcomes her in, and so begins a mystery set in unprecedented times: with the virus raging outside their home, the girl cannot be asked to leave, but what does he risk by having her stay? As Don and the girl start to forge a bond, Don's adult daughter has her own suspicions about what the newcomer

is after. But, unable to travel, how can she protect Don and discover if the girl really is who she claims to be?

Thriller TP \$19.99

The Stoning

Papathanasiou, Peter

A small outback town wakes to a savage murder. Molly Abbott, a popular teacher at the local school, is found taped to a tree and stoned to death. Suspicion falls on the refugees at the new detention centre on Cobb's northern outskirts. Tensions are high between immigrants and some of the town's residents. Detective Sergeant Georgios 'George' Manolis is despatched to his childhood hometown to investigate. His late father immigrated to Australia in the 1950s, where he was first housed at the detention centre's predecessor – a migrant camp. He later ran the town's only milk bar. Within minutes of George's arrival, it is clear that Cobb is not the same place he left as a child. The town once thrived, but now it's disturbingly poor and derelict, with the local police chief it seemingly deserves. As Manolis negotiates his new colleagues' antagonism and the simmering anger of a community destroyed by alcohol and drugs, the ghosts of his own past flicker to life. His work is his calling, his centre, but now he finds many of the certainties of his life are crumbling. White skin, black skin, brown skin – everyone is a suspect in this tautly written novel that explores the nature of prejudice and keeps the reader guessing to the last. *The Stoning* is an atmospheric page-turner, a brilliant crime novel with superb characters, but also a nuanced and penetrating insight into the heart of a country intent on gambling with its soul. 'A struggling cop, long-buried secrets, a town gone awry – this is outback noir with the noir dialled right up. I loved it.' – *Chris Hammer*, bestselling author of *Scrublands*.

Noir TP \$29.99

Love and Other Crimes

collection

Paretsky, Sara

In this spellbinding collection, Sara Paretsky showcases her extraordinary talents with fourteen short stories, including one new V I story and seven other classics featuring the indomitable detective. In the new title story, 'Love and Other Crimes' V I treads the line between justice and vengeance, when the wrongful firing of a family friend makes him a murder suspect. In 'Miss Bianca' a young girl becomes involved in espionage when she befriends a mouse in a laboratory that is conducting dark experiments. Ten-year-old V I Warshawski appears in 'Wildcat', embarking on her very first investigation to save her father. A hardboiled New York detective and elderly British aristocrat team up to reveal a murderer in Chicago during the World's Fair in 'Murder at the Century of Progress'.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

A Corruption of Blood

Raven & Fisher mysteries

Parry, Ambrose

Edinburgh. This city will bleed you dry. Dr Will Raven is a man seldom shocked by human remains, but even he is disturbed by the contents of a package washed up at the

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Port of Leith. Stranger still, a man Raven has long detested is pleading for his help to escape the hangman. Back in the townhouse of Dr James Simpson, Sarah Fisher has set her sights on learning to practise medicine. Almost everyone seems intent on dissuading her from this ambition, but when word reaches her that a woman has recently obtained a medical degree despite her gender, Sarah decides to seek her out. Raven's efforts to prove his former adversary's innocence are failing and he desperately needs Sarah's help. Putting their feelings for one another aside, their investigations take them to both extremes of Edinburgh's social divide, where they discover that wealth and status cannot alter a fate written in the blood. The first of these Scotland-set mysteries is *The Way of All Flesh* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

2 Sisters Detective Agency **Patterson, James & Fox, Candice**

Two sisters go into the family business they didn't know they had – catching killers. Attorney Rhonda Bird returns home to LA – to bury her estranged father – and discovers that he left her two final surprises. The first is a private detective agency. The second is a teenage half-sister, named Baby. When Rhonda goes into her father's old office to close down the business, she gets drawn into a case involving a young man who claims he was abducted. The investigation takes Rhonda and Baby to dark and dangerous places. Soon, they are caught in the crosshairs of an angry criminal cartel and an ex-assassin seeking revenge... The exciting new collaboration from James Patterson and Australia's own Candice Fox.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Three Women Disappear

Patterson, James; Serafin, Shan
Accountant Anthony Costello has a talent for manipulating both numbers and people, turning losses into profits, enemies into allies – and vice versa. When Costello is found murdered in his own home, three suspects had motive. All three had access to his home. And all three women are missing. Are they in the wind – or in the grave? Eyes are on Detective Sean Walsh, whose personal connection to the case is stronger than leads to solve it. Neither the powerful bankroll behind Costello nor Walsh's vengeful superior officer can budge the investigation, yet as Walsh continues to dig, he uncovers even more reasons the women have, to stay hidden – from the law, and from each other.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Chapter and Curse

Cambridge Bookshop mysteries 01
Penney, Elizabeth
Librarian Molly Kimball and her mother, Nina, need a change. So, when a letter arrives from Nina's Aunt Violet in Cambridge, England requesting their help running the family bookshop, they jump at the chance. Thomas Marlowe – Manuscripts and Folios, is one of the oldest bookshops in Cambridge, and – unfortunately – customers can tell. When Molly and Nina arrive, spring has come to Cambridge and the famed Cambridge Literary Festival is underway. Determined to

bring much-needed revenue to the bookstore, Molly invites Aunt Violet's college classmate and famed poet Persephone Brightwell to hold a poetry reading in the shop. But the event ends in disaster when a guest is found dead – with Molly's great-aunt's knitting needle used as the murder weapon. While trying to clear Violet and keep the struggling shop afloat, Molly sifts through secrets past and present, untangling a web of blackmail, deceit, and murder. The first in a new series.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Still Life

Inspector Gamache series
Penny, Louise
There is more to solving a crime than following the clues. Welcome to Chief Inspector Gamache's world of facts and feelings. The discovery of a dead body in the woods on Thanksgiving Weekend brings Chief Inspector Armand Gamache and his colleagues from the Sûreté du Québec to a small village in the Eastern Townships. Gamache cannot understand why anyone would want to deliberately kill well-loved artist Jane Neal, especially any of the residents of Three Pines – a place so free from crime it doesn't even have its own police force. But Gamache knows that evil is lurking somewhere behind the white picket fences and that, if he watches closely enough, Three Pines will start to give up its dark secrets... 'A cracking storyteller, who can create fascinating characters, a twisty plot and wonderful surprise endings' – *Ann Cleeves*. A reissue with new cover art. Recommended – especially if you haven't tried these before!

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

A Fatal Grace

Inspector Gamache series
Penny, Louise
Winter in Three Pines, and the sleepy village is carpeted in snow. It's a time of peace and goodwill – until a scream pierces the biting air. A spectator at the annual Boxing Day curling match has been fatally electrocuted. Despite the large crowd, there are no witnesses and – apparently – no clues. Chief Inspector Armand Gamache discovers a history of secrets and enemies in the dead woman's past. But he has enemies of his own, and as he is frozen out of decision-making in the Sûreté du Québec, he has to decide who he can trust... A reissue with new cover art. Recommended – especially if you haven't tried these before! Start with *Still Life* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Cruellest Month

Inspector Gamache series
Penny, Louise
It's Easter, and on a glorious Spring day in peaceful Three Pines, someone waits for night to fall. They plan to raise the dead... When Chief Inspector Gamache of the Sûreté du Québec arrives the next morning, he faces an unusual crime scene. A séance in an old abandoned house has gone horrifically wrong and someone has been seemingly frightened to death. In idyllic Three Pines, terrible secrets lie buried, and even Gamache has something to hide. One of his own team is about to betray him. But how far will they go

to ensure Gamache's downfall? A reissue with new cover art. Recommended – especially if you haven't tried these before! Start with *Still Life* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

A Rule Against Murder

Inspector Gamache series
Penny, Louise
It's the height of summer, and the wealthy Finney family have gathered at the Manoir Bellechasse to pay tribute to their late father. But as the temperature rises, old secrets and bitter rivalries begin to surface. When the heat wave boils over into a mighty storm, a dead body is left in its wake. Chief Inspector Gamache, a guest at the Bellechasse, finds himself with a building full of suspects. With the hotel locked down, the murderer is trapped. But a cornered predator is always the most dangerous of all... A reissue with new cover art. Recommended – especially if you haven't tried these before! Start with *Still Life* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Brutal Telling

Inspector Gamache series
Penny, Louise
When Chief Inspector Gamache arrives in picturesque Three Pines, he steps into a village in chaos. A man has been found bludgeoned to death, and there is no sign of a weapon, a motive or even the dead man's name. As Gamache and his colleagues start to dig under the skin of this peaceful haven for clues, they uncover a trail of stolen treasure, mysterious codes and a shameful history that begins to shed light on the victim's identity – and points to a terrifying killer... A reissue with new cover art. Recommended – especially if you haven't tried these before! Start with *Still Life* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Bury Your Dead

Inspector Gamache series
Penny, Louise
As Quebec City shivers in the grip of winter, its ancient stone walls cracking in the cold, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache plunges into the strangest case of his celebrated career. A man has been brutally murdered in one of the city's oldest buildings – a library where the English citizens of Quebec safeguard their history. And the death opens a door into the past, exposing a mystery that has lain dormant for centuries... a mystery Gamache must solve if he's to catch a present-day killer. A reissue with new cover art. Recommended – especially if you haven't tried these before! Start with *Still Life* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

A Trick of the Light

Inspector Gamache series
Penny, Louise
In the green depths of spring, morning breaks on a woman splayed in a bed of flowers – her eyes wide, her neck broken. Her death is a mystery; so is the woman herself. But as Chief Inspector Armand Gamache and his team peer into the dark corners of the victim's past, they expose a secret that rots at the very heart of their community – a secret that will implicate someone they've trusted for years.

And as Gamache knows too well, in the flickering shadows of death, the truth may be just a trick of the light. A reissue with new cover art. Recommended – especially if you haven't tried these before! Start with *Still Life* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Beautiful Mystery

Inspector Gamache series
Penny, Louise
Hidden deep in the wilderness are the cloisters of two dozen monks – men of prayer and music, famous the world over for their glorious voices. But a brutal death throws the monastery doors open to the world. And through them walks the only man who can shine light upon the dark deeds within: Chief Inspector Armand Gamache. Who among the brothers has become an angel of death? As the peace of the monastery crumbles around him, Gamache finds clues in the divine, the human... and the cracks in between. A reissue with new cover art. Recommended – especially if you haven't tried these before! Start with *Still Life* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

How the Light Gets In

Inspector Gamache series
Penny, Louise
As a fierce, unrelenting winter grips Quebec, shadows are closing in on Chief Inspector Armand Gamache. When he receives a message about a mysterious case in Three Pines, he is compelled to investigate – a woman who was once one of the most famous people in the world has vanished. The investigation gathers momentum and Gamache is drawn into a web of murder, lies and unimaginable corruption at the heart of the city. Facing his most challenging, and personal, case to date, can he save the reputation of the Sûreté, those he holds dear and himself? A reissue with new cover art. Recommended – especially if you haven't tried these before! Start with *Still Life* (PBK, \$22.99).

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The Long Way Home

Inspector Gamache series
Penny, Louise
Clara Morrow's husband is missing. When he fails to come home on the first anniversary of their separation, as promised, Clara asks the only person she trusts to try and find him: former Chief Inspector of Homicide, Armand Gamache. As Gamache journeys further into the case, he is drawn deeper into the tortured mind of Peter Morrow, a man so desperate to recapture his fame as an artist that he would sell his soul. As Gamache gets closer to the truth, he uncovers a deadly trail of jealousy and deceit. Can Gamache bring Peter, and himself, home safely? Or in searching for answers, has he placed himself, and those closest to him, in terrible danger? A reissue with new cover art. Recommended – especially if you haven't tried these before! Start with *Still Life* (PBK, \$22.99).

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The Nature of the Beast

Inspector Gamache series

Penny, Louise

Hardly a day goes by when nine-year-old Laurent Lepage doesn't cry wolf. His boundless sense of adventure and vivid imagination mean he has a tendency to concoct stories so extraordinary, and so far fetched, that no one can possibly believe him. But when Laurent disappears, former Chief Inspector Armand Gamache is faced with the possibility that one of his tall tales might have been true. So begins a frantic search for the boy and the truth. And what Gamache uncovers deep in the forest leads back to crimes of the past, betrayal and murder, with more sinister consequences than anyone could have possibly imagined... A reissue with new cover art. Recommended – especially if you haven't tried these before! Start with *Still Life* (PBK, \$22.99).

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A Great Reckoning

Inspector Gamache series

Penny, Louise

Former Chief Inspector Gamache has been hunting killers his entire career and, as the new commander of the Sûreté Academy, he is given the chance to combat the corruption and brutality that has been rife throughout the force. But when a former colleague and professor of the Sûreté Academy is found murdered, with a mysterious map of Three Pines in his possession, Gamache has an even tougher task ahead of him. When suspicion turns to Gamache himself, and his possible involvement in the crime, the frantic search for answers takes the investigation to the village of Three Pines, where a series of shattering secrets are poised to be revealed... A reissue with new cover art. Recommended – especially if you haven't tried these before! Start with *Still Life* (PBK, \$22.99).

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Glass Houses

Inspector Gamache series

Penny, Louise

One cold November day, a mysterious figure appears on the village green in Three Pines, causing unease, alarm and confusion among everyone who sees it. Chief Superintendent, Armand Gamache knows something is seriously wrong, but all he can do is watch and wait, hoping his worst fears are not realised. But when the figure disappears and a dead body is discovered, it falls to Gamache to investigate. In the early days of the murder inquiry, and months later, as the trial for the accused begins, Gamache must face the consequences of his decisions, and his actions, from which there is no going back... A reissue with new cover art. Recommended – especially if you haven't tried these before! Start with *Still Life* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Kingdom of the Blind

Inspector Gamache series

Penny, Louise

When Armand Gamache receives a letter inviting him to an abandoned farmhouse outside of Three Pines, the former head of the Sûreté du Québec discovers that a complete stranger has named him as an executor of her will. The bequests are so wildly unlikely that he suspects the woman must have been

delusional – until a body is found. But it isn't the only menace Gamache is facing. The investigation into the events that led to his suspension delves deeper, and he takes increasingly desperate measures to rectify previous actions. As he does, Gamache begins to see his own blind spots – and the terrible things hiding there... A reissue with new cover art. Recommended – especially if you haven't tried these before! Start with *Still Life* (PBK, \$22.99).

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A Better Man

Inspector Gamache series

Penny, Louise

The air is unbearably tense as Armand Gamache returns to the Sûreté du Québec for his first day of work since being demoted from its command to head of homicide. Amid blistering personal social media attacks, Gamache sets out on his first assignment. He has been tasked with finding a missing woman, but while he leads the search for Vivienne Godin, Three Pines itself is threatened when the river breaks its banks, and a province-wide emergency is declared. As the waters rise, a body is discovered – and the victim's distraught father contemplates a murder of his own. Gamache is a father himself, and is haunted by a question... what would he do, if his child's killer might walk free? A reissue with new cover art. Recommended – especially if you haven't tried these before! Start with *Still Life* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Big Book of Victorian Mysteries

anthology

Penzler, Otto (editor)

Edgar Award-winner Otto Penzler returns with a new anthology of exhilarating mysteries, assembling Victorian society's lords and ladies and most miserable miscreants... Behind the velvet curtains of horse-drawn carriages and amid the soft glow of the gaslights are the detectives and bobbies sniffing out the safecrackers and petty purloiners who plague everything from the soot-covered side streets of London to the opulent mansions of the countryside. With his latest title in the Big Book series, Otto Penzler is cracking cases and serving up the most thrilling, suspenseful Victorian mysteries. This collection brings together incredible stories from Arthur Conan Doyle, Thomas Hardy, Oscar Wilde, Charles Dickens, Wilkie Collins, and Guy de Maupassant; among other legendary writers of the grand era of the British Empire. So, brush off your dinner jackets and straighten out your ball gowns for these exciting, glitzy mysteries.

Classic historical mystery TP \$55.00

The Christmas Killer

DI James Walker mysteries

Pine, Alex

As the snow begins to fall, the body count begins to climb... DI James Walker is ready for a quiet family Christmas in the sleepy village of Kirkby Abbey. But when he opens an early Christmas present left on his doorstep, he soon realises it is no gift. Inside is a gruesome surprise, and a promise – twelve days, twelve murders. Not long after, the first body is found, half frozen in

the snow. As the blizzards descend, panic spreads through the remote Cumbrian village – there's a killer amongst them, and with eleven more victims to go, anyone could be next... Can James stop the killer, before they strike again?

Mystery PBK \$19.99

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Mystery/suspense TP \$19.99

Bloodless

Agent Pendergast series

Preston, Douglas & Child, Lincoln

Fifty years ago, Flight 305 was hijacked en route from Portland to Seattle. The hijacker, D B Cooper, collected a ransom of \$200,000 and disappeared into the night, never to be seen again. In the ghost-haunted southern city of Savannah, Georgia, a worrying spate of bodies has been found completely drained of blood. Locals fear the infamous Savannah Vampire has returned – or prompted a dangerous copycat. Faced with such a gruesome and unusual case, the local police have no choice but to call in the FBI. As the mystery rises along with the body count, Special Agent A X L Pendergast and his partner, Agent Coldmoon, will have to race to understand how these murders are connected to the only unsolved skyjacking in American history. Together, they uncover not just the answer... but an unearthly evil beyond all imagining.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Inspector Chen and the Private Kitchen Murder

Inspector Chen mysteries

Qiu, Xiaolong

No longer a chief inspector, Chen Cao finds himself as director of the Shanghai Judicial System Reform Office. To outsiders it's a promotion, but Chen knows he's being removed from the spotlight as he's immediately placed on involuntary 'convalescence leave' to stop him interfering with any cases. However, with various high-profile crimes making headlines and fears escalating over vigilante reprisals, Chen's superiors know he must at least appear active. One case revolves around Min Lihau, a *mingyuan*, who runs a 'private kitchen' for powerful figures in Shanghai. Min's accused of murdering her assistant, yet Chen is struck by its similarities to a historic case involving the famous Judge Dee. When an acquaintance of his is murdered in connection with Min, Chen knows he can't stand idly by... but he must act in secret, under the cover of writing a Judge Dee novel.

Mystery HC \$62.95

It's a Wonderful Woof

Chef & Bernie mysteries

Quinn, Spencer

Holiday time in the Valley, and in the holiday spirit – despite the dismal shape of the finances at the Little Detective Agency – Bernie refers a potential client to Victor Kloovsky, a fellow private eye. It's also true that the case – promising lots of online research but little action – doesn't appeal to Bernie, while it seems perfect for Victor, who is not cut out for rough stuff. But Victor disappears in a rough-stuff way, and when he doesn't show up at his mom's, to light the Hanukkah candles, she hires Chef and Bernie to find him. They soon discover that Victor's client has also vanished. The trail leads to the ruins of a mission called Nuestra Señora de los Saguaros, dating back to the earliest Spanish explorers. Some very dangerous people are interested in the old mission. Does some dusty archive hold the secret of a previously unknown art treasure, possibly buried for centuries? What does the Flight into Egypt – when Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus fled Herod – have to do with saguaros, the Sonoran desert cactus? No one is better than Chef at nosing out buried secrets, but before he can, he and Bernie are forced to take flight themselves, chased through a Christmas Eve blizzard by a murderous foe who loves art all too much.

Mystery HC \$55.00

Death at Greenway Rader-Day, Lori

Bridey Kelly has come to Greenway House – the beloved holiday home of Agatha Christie – in disgrace. A terrible mistake at St Prisca's Hospital in London has led to her dismissal as a nurse trainee, and her only chance for redemption is a position in the countryside caring for children evacuated to safety from the Blitz. Greenway is a beautiful home full of riddles: wondrous curios not to be touched, restrictions on rooms not to be entered, and a generous library, filled with books about murder. The biggest mystery might be the other nurse, Gigi, who is like no one Bridey has ever met. Chasing ten young children through the winding paths of the estate grounds might have soothed Bridey's anxieties and grief – if Greenway were not situated so near the English Channel and the rising aggressions of the war. When a body washes ashore near the estate, Bridey is horrified to realise this is not a victim of war, but of a brutal killing. As the local villagers look among themselves, Bridey and Gigi discover they each harbour dangerous secrets about what has led them to Greenway. With a mystery writer's home as their unsettling backdrop, the young women must unravel the truth before their safe haven becomes a place of death...

Mystery TP \$29.99

On an Outgoing Tide

Anderson & Costello mysteries

Ramsay, Caro

The body is found in the early hours of the morning, drifting lifelessly on the outgoing tide. Twenty-three-year-old medical student Aasha Ariti had been enjoying a night out to celebrate the end of lockdown. Anthony Poole, the last person to have seen her alive, is the prime suspect. Before detectives Anderson and Costello can make further

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headway, they are pulled off the case to investigate the murder of a pensioner in his own home. The body of 81-year-old Jimmy Pearcey reveals evidence of prolonged, excruciating torture in the hours before he died. Of one thing DCI Anderson is certain: this killing was very close and very personal. But the victim was a loner, without friends or relatives. As they dig deeper however, the two detectives uncover a number of secrets in the dead man's past. Secrets that link to another murder more than forty years before. What really happened on 21 June 1978? Someone is determined to ensure that Anderson and Costello never find out. Whatever it takes.

Mystery TP \$39.95

The One Impossible Labyrinth

Jack West Jr series

Reilly, Matthew

The end is here... Jack West Jr has made it to the Supreme Labyrinth. Now, he faces one last race – against multiple rivals, against time, against the collapse of the universe itself – a headlong race that will end at a throne inside the fabled labyrinth. *An impossible maze...* But the road will be hard. For this is a maze like no other: a maze of mazes. Uncompromising and complex. Demanding and deadly.

Thriller HC \$39.99

A Dreadful Destiny

Libertus mysteries of Roman Britain

Rowe, Rosemary

April, CE 194. The tensions in the civil-war-torn Empire have come to Glevum now. Libertus' patron, Marcus Septimus, has received a letter from Druscilla Livia, a widowed cousin of his wife, seeking his protection. She has received an offer of marriage from a powerful Roman Senator, Hortius Valens, a man of cruel and unusual tastes, and she is in no position to refuse. She has run away... with Hortius in hot pursuit. This puts Marcus in a dangerous dilemma. If he accepts Druscilla as his ward and prevents the wedding, he offends not only her prospective groom, but also the Provincial Governor to whom Hortius is related. But if he returns Druscilla to the Senator, he offends another of her kinswomen – the Empress herself. Once again, Marcus turns to Libertus for help. But Libertus has worries of his own. His wife Gwellia has an injured foot, which is now infected and could cost her life. But when one of his own slaves is brutally killed, he realises how perilous the situation has become. Resolving to help Druscilla, he concocts an ingenious plan. But in defying the Senator, Libertus is making a powerful enemy. And even the best-laid plans can go disastrously awry...

Historical mystery HC \$62.95

Home Before Dark

Sager, Riley

Twenty-five years ago, Maggie Holt and her parents moved into Baneberry Hall, a rambling Victorian estate in the Vermont woods. Three weeks later they fled in the dead of night, an ordeal her father recounted in a memoir called *House of Horrors*. His story of supernatural happenings and

malevolent spirits became a worldwide phenomenon, rivalling *The Amityville Horror* in popularity – and scepticism. Maggie was too young to remember any of the horrific events that supposedly took place, and as an adult she doesn't believe a word of her father's claims. Ghosts, after all, don't exist. When she inherits Baneberry Hall after his death and returns to renovate the place and sell it, her homecoming is anything but warm. The locals aren't thrilled that their small town has been made infamous, and human characters with starring roles in *House of Horrors* are waiting in the shadows. Even more unnerving is Baneberry Hall itself – a place where unsettling whispers of the past lurk around every corner. And as Maggie starts to experience strange occurrences ripped from the pages of her father's book, the truth she uncovers about the house's dark history will challenge everything she believes.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Sometimes at Night

Marshall Grade mysteries

Sanders, Ben

Ray Vialoux is in trouble. Big trouble. And he needs Marshall Grade's help. Reluctantly, Grade agrees to meet. Over dinner in a Brooklyn restaurant, he learns that his former NYPD colleague owes money – a lot of money – to the wrong people. But the conversation is cut short by gunfire, and suddenly Ray is lying dead on the restaurant floor. As Marshall investigates the circumstances leading up to the murder, tracking down the drug dealers, bag men, bent cops and mob players within Ray's orbit, it becomes clear there's far more to the killing than a gambling debt. Just who is responsible for Vialoux's death... and why? What secrets are his family hiding? And can Marshall find the answers before his own history marks him as the prime suspect?

Hardboiled HC \$62.95

The Survivors

Schulman, Alex

Benjamin sees the shape of his two brothers trying to kill each other. It's no worthy finale, but perhaps it's also no surprise. How else had they expected this to end? Three brothers return to the family cottage by the lake where, more than two decades earlier, a catastrophe changed the course of their lives. Now, they are here to scatter their mother's ashes. Benjamin, the middle son, drives the three of them down the old gravel road to the house, through a familiar landscape but also through time. Here they are as boys, tanned legs and hungry eyes, children left to themselves by remote parents; here they are as young men, estranged but bound together by the history that defines them, their lives spent competing for their father's favour and their mother's love in a household more like a minefield than a home. In the intervening years, Benjamin has grown increasingly untethered from reality, frozen in place as life carries on around him. And between the three brothers hums a dangerous current. What really happened that summer day when everything was blown to pieces?

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Fromage

Alex Grant mysteries

Scott, Sally

Journalist Alex Grant is enjoying the last days of her summer holiday in Croatia, when she is accosted by an old school friend, Marie Puharich, and her odious brother, Brian; both there to attend the funeral of their fearsome grandfather's two loyal retainers. The only upside of the whole sorry business is meeting Marco, the family's resident Adonis. An incorrigible foodie, Alex is unable to resist Brian's invitation to visit the family creamery in Australia's south-west to snoop around for stories and eat her body weight in brie. But trouble has a way of finding Alex, not least because her curiosity is the size of a giant gouda wheel. What begins as a country jaunt in search of a juicy story will end in death, disaster, and the destruction of multiple pairs of shoes. The first in a new Australian series.

Mystery TP \$32.99

The Witch Hunter

Detective Jessica Niemi series

Seeck, Max

Fear has come to Helsinki, as a serial killer begins to enact brutal ritualistic murders – using a bestselling series of novels as inspiration. Dedicated Detective Jessica Niemi begins a complex investigation but soon suspects the killer's motives are more personal than they first appear. But as she races to prove her theory and prevent another slaying, the lines between hunter and hunted blur and Jessica finds herself in mortal danger. A chilling Nordic thriller for fans of Jo Nesbo and Samuel Bjork, the first in a series.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

The Sandpit

Shakespeare, Nicholas

When John Dyer returns to Oxford from Brazil with his young son, he doesn't expect to find them both in danger. Every day is the same. He drops Leandro at his smart prep school and walks to the library to research his new book. His time living on the edge as a foreign correspondent in Rio is over. But the rainy streets of this English city turn out to be just as treacherous as those he used to walk in the favelas. Leandro's schoolmates are the children of influential people, among them an international banker, a Russian oligarch, an American CIA operative and a British spook. As they congregate round the sports field for the weekly football matches, the network of alliances and covert interests that spreads between these power brokers soon becomes clear to Dyer. But it is a chance conversation with an Iranian nuclear scientist, Rustom Marvar, father of a friend of Leandro, that sets him onto a truly precarious path. When Marvar and his son disappear, several sinister factions seem acutely interested in Marvar's groundbreaking research at the Physics Faculty, and what he might have told Dyer about it, given Dyer was the last person to see Marvar alive. A sophisticated literary thriller in the vein of *le Carré* and William Boyd involving the disappearance of a nuclear scientist in Oxford.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

When All Light Fails

Ryan DeMarco mysteries

Silvis, Randall

There's not much that would convince retired police sergeant Ryan DeMarco to take on another private investigation case, but he can't refuse a nine-year-old Michigan girl begging for help finding her biological father. The road trip to the Upper Peninsula promises DeMarco and his partner, Jayme, a chance to heal from their last case, which ended in a traumatic brush with death for DeMarco. But things aren't as they first appear in the woods of Michigan, and the seemingly simple paternity investigation soon morphs into something deadly. The deeper DeMarco, Jayme, and the rest of their team dig, the more ugly truths they reveal, all while doing their best to keep one member of their team, from falling prey to her own kind of darkness. This investigation just might be the most emotionally troubling one DeMarco and Jayme have yet encountered, for there are plenty of people who will do whatever it takes to shut them down before the truth comes to light.

Mystery/suspense TP \$24.99

Betty

Simenon, Georges

'There was no longer that ambivalent inconsistency between her words and thoughts, no more fever, no more artificial heat, no more vagueness. Instead was the truth in all its rawness, in black and white, in stark, cruel lines.' Adrift and alone, Betty finds herself propped up at the bar of a sleazy establishment on the *Champs-Élysées*. When an older woman takes her under her wing, Betty's tortured past returns to haunt her: excluded by her high-society peers and overwrought with jealousy, she struggles with a desperate compulsion to tear her picture-perfect life apart. Originally published in 1961, this gripping psychological thriller caused a sensation and inspired a film adaptation by Claude Chabrol.

Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Pavilion in the Clouds

Smith, Alexander McCall

It is 1938 and the final days of the British Empire. In a bungalow high up in the green hills above the plains of Ceylon, under a vast blue sky, live the Ferguson family: Bella, a precocious eight year old; her father Henry – owner of Pitlochry, a tea plantation – and her mother Virginia. The story centres around the Pavilion in the Clouds, set in the idyllic grounds carved out of the wilderness. But all is not as serene as it seems. Bella is suspicious of her governess, Miss White's intentions. Her suspicion sparks off her mother's imagination and after an unfortunate series of events, a confrontation is had with Miss White and a gunshot rings off around the hills. Years later, Bella, now living back in Scotland at university in St Andrews, is faced, once again with her past. Will she at last find out what happened between her Father and Miss White? And will the guilt she has lived with all these years be reconciled by a long overdue apology?

Historical mystery HC \$34.99

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Wolf Point

Ashe Cayne series

Smith, Ian K

A Cadillac, a pistol, and a corpse make for another morning in Chicago. The body belongs to Walter Griffin, a prominent Black Chicagoan insider hailing from the city's West Side. He ascended to the upper echelons of the mayor's office only to meet his end in a watery grave at Wolf Point. Forensics finds his prints on the gun; it's ruled a suicide. But grizzled private investigator Ashe Cayne knows better. Griffin's children plead with a reluctant Ashe to hunt their father's killer. They know their dad wouldn't have taken his own life without a goodbye. And Ashe knows this town's dark secrets often mean murder is not too far away. Ashe decides to take on the case and navigate a city rotting with corruption, racial tensions, and sketchy backroom deals. On the bleak streets of Chicago, it's every man for himself – and that makes everyone a suspect.

Mystery TP \$27.99

The Broken Spine

Beloved Bookroom mysteries 01

St James, Dorothy

Trudell Becket, known to her friends as Tru, finds herself in a bind when her library in lovely Cypress, South Carolina, is turned into a state-of-the-art, bookless 'technological centre'. A library with no books breaks Tru's book-loving heart so she decides to rescue hundreds of beloved tomes slated for the town dump. Under the cover of darkness, Tru, along with her best friends – coffee shop owner Tori Green and mysterious bestselling author Flossie Finnegan-Baker – set up a secret book room in the library's basement and prepare to open it to their most loyal, trustworthy patrons. But as Tru and her crew are putting the finishing touches on their new book room, the town manager, who was behind the big push for the library's transformation, is crushed by an overturned shelf of DVDs. Tru becomes the prime suspect as she hadn't hidden the fact that she hated having all of those wonderful books replaced by tablets and computers. But if she gives the police her alibi, she'll have to explain about the secret book room and risk losing the books. Tru knows she's in a heap of trouble, and it doesn't help that the officer in charge of the case is her old crush from high school, who broke her teenage heart. To keep herself out of jail and her beloved bookroom up and running, Tru – with the help of Tori, Flossie, and a brown tabby stray cat named Dewey Decimal – decides to investigate. And faster than you can say, 'Shhhh!' Tru quickly finds herself on the same page with a killer who would love to write her final chapter... The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Antarctica of Love

Stridsberg, Sara

The story of a young woman's brief life, her brutal murder, and the world that moves on without her... After a childhood of neglect, Inni is a rebellious teenager, a volatile young woman, a drug addict, a sex worker, an unreliable mother... She lives her life on the margins, but it is a life that is full, complex, full of different shades of dark and light – until it is brutally ended one summer's day on a lake shore at the heart of a distant, rain-washed forest. On the surface, this is the story of Inni's death – but really it is about her life before, and the lives that carry on afterwards. It's about her children, her parents, her childhood, adolescence and the chain of choices, tragedies and accidents that lead her to life on the streets and take her into the wrong crowd, the wrong places, and finally the wrong car with the wrong person.

Mystery TP \$32.99

The Art of the Assassin

Juan Camarón series

Sullivan, Kevin

1899, Glasgow. A man is stabbed to death in a tenement courtyard and Juan Camarón, photographer-cum-sleuth, is enlisted to assist the police investigation. Perhaps, his innovative photographic method can bring to light what the naked eye might overlook. Juan is also contending with his own problems. His late father's legacy, a monumental photographic record of Cuban architecture, faces a charge of plagiarism from a mysterious *señora*. And Jane, his fiancée, is witnessed fleeing the scene of a murder. Juan's hoped-for happiness is threatened, and he is torn between finding the killer and finding Jane. But could they be one and the same? The follow-up to *The Figure in the Photograph* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

Body Over Troubled Waters

Welcome Back to Scumble River mysteries 04

Swanson, Denise

Stupid Cupid is making School psychologist Skye Denison-Boyd regret returning to work after her maternity leave. It starts with an emergency school lockdown, continues with her godfather's arrest by the state police, and ends with a dead body! It's every teacher and administrator's worst nightmare – a school shooter lockdown. And even worse for Skye because she's trapped in a tiny room with the district's creepy superintendent, Dr Wraige while they wait, for the all clear. When Dr Wraige turns up dead in his home just a short time later, is it a coincidence, or something more? Skye joins her police chief husband, Wally, in an investigation that becomes more complicated by the minute. With a dead boss and a mysterious killer on the loose, Skye is caught between a rock and a heart place – but she won't give up until Scumble River is safe, once again.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Lincoln Highway

Towles, Amor

In June 1954, 18-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. With his mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett plans to pick up his eight-year-old brother Billy and head to California to start a new life. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have stowed away in the trunk of the warden's car. They have a very different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take the four of them on a fateful journey in the opposite direction – to New York City. Bursting with life, charm, richly imagined settings and unforgettable characters, *The Lincoln Highway* is an extraordinary journey through 1950's America from the pen of a master storyteller – the author of the bestselling *A Gentleman in Moscow* (PBK, \$19.99).

Literary fiction TP \$32.99

Deep Into the Dark

Tracy, P J

Sam Easton – a true survivor – is home from Afghanistan, trying to rebuild a life in his hometown of LA. Separated from his wife, bartending and therapy sessions are what occupy his days and nights. When friend and colleague Melody Traeger is beaten by her boyfriend, she turns to Sam for help. When the boyfriend turns up dead the next day, a hard case like Sam is the perfect suspect. But LAPD Detective Margaret Nolan, whose brother recently died serving overseas, is sympathetic to Sam's troubles, and can't quite see him as a killer. She's more interested in the secrets Melody might be keeping, and the developments in another murder case on the other side of town.

Thriller TP \$26.95

Psycho by the Sea

Constable Twitten mysteries

Truss, Lynne

It's September in Brighton and the city is playing host to weeks of endless rain and lashings of villainy. A trusted member of a local gang has disappeared part way through planning a huge heist; a violent criminal obsessed with hunting policemen has escaped Broadmoor and is rumoured to be headed towards the city; while, at Gosling's department store, an American researcher has been found dead in the music section. Inspector Steine has other things on his mind – since the triumphant conclusion to his last case, Steine has so many awards and invitations coming his way that he has had to take on a secretary – but Sergeant Brunswick and Constable 'Clever Clogs' Twitten are both on the case. If only they could work out just who is behind these dastardly acts... Constable Twitten first appearance is in *A Shot in the Dark* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery HC \$39.99

Bath Haus

Vernon, P J

Oliver Park, a recovering addict from Indiana, finally has everything he ever wanted: sobriety and a loving, wealthy partner in Nathan, a prominent DC trauma surgeon. Despite their difference in age and disparate backgrounds, they've made a perfect life together. With everything to lose, Oliver shouldn't be visiting Haus, a gay bathhouse. But through the entrance he goes, and it's a line crossed. Inside, he follows a man into a private room, and it's the final line. Whatever happens next, Nathan can never know. But then, everything goes wrong, terribly wrong, and Oliver barely escapes with his life. He races home in full-blown terror as the hand-shaped bruise grows dark on his neck. The truth will destroy Nathan and everything they have together, so Oliver does the thing he used to do so well: he lies. What follows is a classic runaway-train narrative, full of the exquisite escalations, edge-of-your-seat thrills, and oh-my-god twists.

Thriller TP \$27.99

In Youth is Pleasure

Penguin Classics

Welch, Denton

A gay classic coming-of-age novel and an unforgettable slice of British interwar upper-middle class life. Orvil Pym does not fit in. A waifish, eccentric, sensitive, 15 year old, he hates school and longs to be alone. Spending his Summer holidays in a genteel Surrey hotel with his mysterious father and two brothers who don't understand him, he explores ancient churches, spies on a man rowing in the river and collects antiques, escaping into his own singular aesthetic world. First published in 1945, this is an unforgettable portrayal of a young man's sensuous coming of age.

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Lemon

Yeo-sun, Kwon

In the summer of 2002, 19-year-old Kim Hae-on was murdered, in what became known as the High School Beauty Murder. There were two suspects: Shin Jeongjun, who had a rock-solid alibi, and Han Manu, to whom no evidence could be pinned. The case went cold. Seventeen years pass without justice, and the grief and uncertainty take a cruel toll on her younger sister, Da-on, in particular. Unable to move on with her life, Da-on tries in her own twisted way to recover some of what she's lost, ultimately setting out to find the truth of what happened.

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