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The Deepest of Secrets

Casey Duncan/Rockton series

Armstrong, Kelley

It's not always easy to live in the hidden town of Rockton, something Detective Casey Duncan knows firsthand. Tucked away in the Yukon wilderness, the community survives – and thrives – because the residents' many secrets stay just that – secret. But what happens when these secrets start to come out? Overnight, no one is safe. It's not a question of if your secret will come out – but when. Casey and her boyfriend, Sheriff Eric Dalton, need to find the culprit while protecting those who have been thrust into the spotlight. For a place built on privacy and new beginnings, Rockton isn't handling these revelations very well. People are turning on one another, and when one of the loudest complainers turns up, barely alive, it's clear that their trickster is actually a murderer. The threat of exposure is reaching its breaking point, and no one knows what's going to happen next.

Mystery/suspense HC \$57.95

In the Company of Fools

Christine de Pizan mysteries

Bayard, Tania

Paris, 1396. Scribe Christine de Pizan is shocked when the Duke of Orleans' fools find a baby, wrapped in rags and covered in sores, abandoned in the palace gardens. Was there really a wicked plan to substitute the child for the queen's own baby daughter and blame the Duchess of Orleans, Valentina Visconti? Who would commit such an evil act, and why? Accused of being a sorceress, Valentina is the victim of much slander and has powerful enemies at the palace, where rumours of witchcraft and superstition run riot. Convinced of the duchess' innocence, Christine is determined to uncover the truth, and soon makes a number of disturbing discoveries. Could the palace fools be the key to unlocking the mystery?

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

Doggone Deadly

Catskills Pet Rescue mysteries

Blake, Deborah

When the woman running the big regional dog show calls out sick, dog groomer Suz Holden is asked to take over. But it's too much for her to handle by herself – considering the president of the kennel club, Olivia Weiner, criticises her at every turn – so she calls in her best friend, Kari Stuart, for help. A long, stressful day goes from bad to worse when a local breeder is found dead, and the murder weapon seems to incriminate Suz. While Kari knows her friend isn't guilty, the police aren't so sure, especially after a second murder points to Suz again. But trying to run a dog show and investigate a murder at the same time is like herding cats, and Kari will have to

rely on the rest of the Serenity Sanctuary staff to keep things running smoothly while she – and her beloved and clever kitten, Queenie – sniff out the truth.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Pignon Scorbion and the Barbershop Detectives

Pignon Scorbion series

Bleiweiss, Rick

The year is 1910, and in the small and seemingly sleepy English municipality of Haxford, there's a new chief police inspector. At first, the dapper and unflappable Pignon Scorbion strikes something of an odd figure among the locals, who don't see a need for such an exacting investigator. But it isn't long before Haxford finds itself very much in need of a detective. Luckily, Scorbion and the local barber are old acquaintances, and the barbershop employs a cast of memorable characters who – together with an aspiring young ace reporter for the local Morning News – are nothing less than enthralled by the enigmatic new chief police inspector. Investigating a trio of crimes whose origins span three continents and half a century, Pignon Scorbion and his tonsorial sleuths interview a parade of interested parties, but with every apparent clue, new surprises come to light. And just as it seems nothing can derail Scorbion's cool head and almost unerring nose for deduction, in walks Thelma Smith – dazzling, whip smart, and newly single. Has Pignon Scorbion finally met his match?

Historical mystery HC \$62.95

Blotto, Twinks and the Maharajah's Jewel

Blotto & Twinks mysteries

Brett, Simon

An idle conversation on the merits of the glorious game with an old Etonian chum is just the excuse Blotto needs to put himself forward for a cricket tour to foreign climes... and so begins the next adventure for our intrepid duo, where the action takes them to India where, as everyone knows, the finest cricket players hail from – as well as the world's most skilled jewel thieves... The Dowager Duchess has no problems in letting her two children go to the subcontinent as having her beautiful daughter Twinks married off to a massively rich Maharaja offers the Dowager Duchess the prospect of a permanent solution to the cash-draining maintenance of the Tawcester Towers plumbing. So, Twinks joins Blotto on a steamer bound for India, one that is full of young woman desperate to marry well there – only once having encountered the dashing Blotto, a lot of them fancy the idea of getting married before they reach their destination. And, unbeknownst to the siblings, also on the ship is the international jewel thief Archie

Montmorency, passing himself off as one of Blotto's cricketering entourage. His real mission though is to steal the diamond which adorns the turban the Maharajah of Koorbleimee...

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

A Murder Inside

Brackerley Prison mysteries

Brody, Frances

1969. A job in the Prison Service is not for everyone. The training is hard, the cells are bleak, and a thick skin is needed. But for Nell Lewis, helping prisoners is something she cares about deeply, and when she's promoted into a new post as governor of HMP Brackerley in Yorkshire, she's tasked with transforming the renowned rundown facility into a modern, open prison for women. Just as Nell is settling into her new role, events take a dark turn when a man's body is discovered in the prison grounds. The mystery deepens still when one of their female inmates goes missing, ensuing a search across the country. Can Nell resolve the sinister happenings at HMP Brackerley, before anyone else is put in danger? The first mystery in a series from Frances Brody, the bestselling author of the Kate Shackleton mysteries.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Death on the Shelf

Haunted Library mysteries

Brook, Allison

Clover Ridge librarian Carrie Singleton is thrilled to attend her best friend Angela's wedding, but Angela's family can be a bit... much. Angela's wealthy cousin Donna hosts an extravagant bridal shower at her resplendent home, but the celebrations turn to gossip as the guests notice Donna's surgeon husband, Aiden, spending a bit too much time with Donna's cousin Roxy. At the wedding reception, the sweet occasion turns darkly bitter when Aiden topples into the chocolate fountain – dead. The suspect list is as long as the guest list, and as difficult to sort out as the seating chart. A few of the top contenders on Carrie's suspect list are the flirtatious Roxy, emotionally unstable since her recent divorce; Angela's grouchy brother, who feels Aiden betrayed him; and Roxy's scorned ex-husband. Even Donna may have had reason to want her husband dead. And Aiden's gossipy office manager has plenty to say about them all. Then another member of Angela's family is murdered, making Carrie more determined than ever to find the killer. Can library ghost Evelyn and library cat Smoky Joe help Carrie solve the murders before she becomes the next of Angela's wedding guests to head to the grave?

Mystery HC \$43.99

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Arctic Storm Rising

Nick Flynn series

Brown, Dale

After a CIA covert mission goes badly awry, US Air Force intelligence officer Nicholas Flynn is exiled to guard a remote radar post along Alaska's Arctic frontier. This dead-end assignment is designed to put his career permanently on ice, but Flynn's not the type to fade quietly into obscurity... As winter storms pound Alaska and northern Canada, Russian aircraft begin penetrating deep into friendly airspace. Are these rehearsals for a possible first strike, using Russia's new long-range stealth cruise missiles? Or is some other motive driving the Kremlin to take ever-increasing risks along the hostile Arctic frontier separating two of the world's great powers? When an American F-22 collides with one of the Russian interlopers, things go south fast – in seconds, missiles are fired. There are no survivors. Despite horrific weather, Flynn and his security team are ordered to parachute into the area in a desperate bid to reach the crash sites ahead of the Russians. It's now obvious that the Pentagon and CIA are withholding vital information, but Flynn and his men have no choice but to make the dangerous jump. Soon, they're caught in a deadly game of hide-and-seek with Spetsnaz commandos operating covertly on American soil. It seems that the F-22s and their Russian counterparts aren't the first aircraft to have gone missing in these desolate mountains. The Kremlin is hunting for the first prototype of its new stealth bomber – which vanished on what was supposed to be a test flight... while loaded with nuclear-armed stealth cruise missiles. As Russia and the US square off, on the brink of all-out war, it's up to Nick to find the missing bomber... and prevent a potential nuclear holocaust.

Thriller PBK \$26.95

A Killer by Design:

Murderers, Mindhunters, and My Quest to Decipher the Criminal Mind

Burgess, Ann Wolbert

A behind-the-scenes look at the creation and development of the FBI's Behavioural Science Unit, written by the pioneering forensic nurse who transformed the way the FBI studies, profiles, and catches serial killers. Directly beneath the progressive activism and sex positivity of the 1970s, a dark undercurrent of violence rippled across the American landscape, resulting in the alarming rise of sexual assault and homicide cases nationwide. Under a shroud of secrecy, the FBI created a specialised, top-secret team – the Behavioural Science Unit – to track down the country's most dangerous and violent criminals and bring them to justice. But narrowing down a seemingly infinite list of potential suspects seemed daunting at best and impossible at worst – until Dr Ann Burgess stepped on the scene. In *A Killer by Design*, Burgess reveals – for the first time – how her pioneering research into the assessment and treatment of trauma and sexual abuse victims caught the attention of the FBI, and launched her right into the middle of a pivotal murder investigation in Nebraska. As the brilliant mind behind the now common practice of criminal profiling, she teamed up with the BSU and helped them identify, trace, and interview hundreds of terrifying serial killers

and notoriously violent criminals, including Ed Kemper ('The Co-Ed Killer'), Dennis Rader ('BTK'), Henry Wallace ('The Taco Bell Strangler'), Jon Barry Simonis ('The Ski-Mask Rapist'), and many more. Featuring never-before-seen interview transcripts and crime scene drawings, *A Killer by Design* pulls us directly into the investigations as Burgess experienced with them, providing readers with unprecedented insight into the minds of these deranged killers, the victims they left behind, and the agents who were forced to reconsider everything they thought they knew about crime. As one of the first female consultants for the FBI, this memoir also sheds light on the evolving culture of not just the agency itself, but the criminal justice system nationwide. Thanks to her keen observations and invaluable intuition, Burgess became one of the most sought-after experts, male or female, in a male-dominated field, breaking through the bureaucratic glass ceiling and clearing the path for generations of talented women to follow in her wake. Combining a riveting personal narrative of fearless feminism and ambition, bone-chilling encounters with real-life monsters, and a revealing portrait of our ever-evolving criminal justice system, *A Killer by Design* will inspire, terrify, and enlighten you in equal measure – and begs the question, 'What drives someone to kill, and how can they be stopped?'

Forensic science TP \$29.99

The Chocolate

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Chocoholic mysteries

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 Chocolate. 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 PBK \$19.99

Sunset Swing

City Blues Quartet

Celestin, Ray

Los Angeles. Christmas, 1967. A city on fire, as a killer strikes... A young nurse, Kerry Gaudet, travels to the City of Angels desperate to find her missing brother, fearing that something terrible has happened to him: a serial killer is terrorising the city, picking victims at random, and Kerry has precious few leads. Ida Young, recently retired Private Investigator, is dragged into helping the police when a young woman is discovered murdered in her motel room. Ida has never met the victim but her name has been found

at the crime scene and the LAPD wants to know why... Meanwhile, mob fixer Dante Sanfelippo has put his life savings into purchasing a winery in Napa Valley but first he must do one final favour for the Mob before leaving town: find a bail jumper before the bond money falls due, and time is fast running out. Ida's friend, Louis Armstrong, flies into the city just as her investigations uncover mysterious clues to the killer's identity. And Dante must tread a dangerous path to pay his dues, a path which will throw him headlong into a terrifying conspiracy and a secret that the conspirators will do anything to protect... The final volume in the City Blues Quartet, which begins with *The Axeman's Jazz* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery TP \$32.99

Can Ladies Kill?

Cheyney, Peter

To The Director, Bureau of Investigation, US Department of Justice, Washington.

Dear Sir – After a great deal of thought I have finally decided to write to you. This letter probably sounds mysterious, but at the moment, mystery is necessary. During the last two or three months I have, by accident, obtained knowledge of certain matters which, I believe, should properly be dealt with by your department. These criminal matters are of a federal nature. I do not wish to say anything more at this moment, because I hope that further disclosure by me may be unnecessary. I have every hope that I may be able to write you more fully during the next ten days, or it may be that during the period first to ninth of this month events will justify my calling you on the long distance and clearing up this matter. But should you not hear from me by the ninth of this month I think it is imperative that you send a reliable operative from your department to contact me here on the afternoon of the 10th instant. If this becomes necessary, I will make a full statement to him. Faithfully yours... *Can Ladies Kill?* was originally published in 1938.

Mystery TP \$24.95

It Couldn't Matter Less

Cheyney, Peter

It's wartime London. Inspector Gringall of the Yard, long-time friendly rival of private detective Slim Callaghan, sends Slim on a mission to meet Doria Varette, a torch singer at Ferdie's Place. Callaghan knows Gringall has something up his sleeve. And when, backstage, Doria asks him to take on a job – to find her boyfriend Lionel Wilbery, a poet with the wrong friends and a drug problem – Callaghan finds Gringall has more than a missing person in his sights. *It Couldn't Matter Less* was originally published in 1941.

Mystery TP \$24.95

The Hunger of Crows

Chiappone, Richard

Thirty-something Carla Merino finds herself living in her camper shell in Homer, Alaska, waitressing to stay afloat and hiding from ruthless billionaire military contractor Gordon McKint, who has a secretive personal army and eyes on the presidency. McKint is determined to recover a memento Carla acquired on a one-night stand that went terribly wrong – an item that could bring his whole world down. When McKint's men track

her to Homer she leaves for another hideout by boat, unprepared and unaware of the dangerous Alaskan weather headed her way. Cosmo D'Angelo (a former CIA gunslinger) is a man grieving his daughter, living with the sins of his past, and in search of a certain woman (and a good meal) in small-town Alaska. In the era of political secrets and deep fake technology, he was foolish to let Carla take a memento of their tryst. Now, he needs to get it back before McKint's men find her. Scott Crockett is a stand-up guy, nursing a broken heart, out fishing alone. But when he finds an overturned boat and a nearly-drowned woman in the rough water, his life will get infinitely more complicated – and dangerous. Together he and Carla must outwit the professional killers sent to recover the deadly memento that threatens both McKint's political career and her life.

Mystery/suspense HC \$48.99

Hot and Sour Suspects

Noodle Shop mysteries

Ghien, Vivien

When Lana Lee's best friend, Megan Riley, asks her to help host a speed dating contest at Ho-Lee Noodle House, she doesn't see the harm in lending a hand. The night goes better than anticipated, and both Lana and Megan are beyond thrilled with the results. But before they can break out the champagne, Rina Su, fellow Asia Village shop owner and speed dating participant, calls to inform Lana that the date she's just matched with has been murdered. Under suspicion of foul play, Rina enlists Lana's help in finding out what really happened that night. Without hesitation, Lana begins to dig into the man in question. To her dismay, she quickly finds that Rina's date has a rather unsavoury past. There's a long line of slighted women, angry neighbours, and perturbed co-workers – all of whom seem to have a motive. As Lana continues to spiral down the treacherous path of scorned lovers and mistreated acquaintances, she can't help but dwell on how quickly an innocent evening filled with hope and positivity could turn so sour. When the media gets in on the case, Lana must rush to find the killer, before more dates turn deadly.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

The Tuesday Club Murders:

Miss Marple's Thirteen Problems special edition

Christie, Agatha

The original weekday murder club. 'Well,' said Joyce, 'it seems to me we are a pretty representative gathering. How would it be if we formed a Club? What is today? Tuesday? We will call it The Tuesday Night Club. It is to meet every week, and each member in turn has to propound a problem. Some mystery of which they have personal knowledge, and to which, of course, they know the answer.' Two years before *The Murder at the Vicarage*, Agatha Christie first introduced the world to Jane Marple and the stories of murder and intrigue told by each member of the Tuesday Night Club. Time and time again, crimes so wicked they have confounded even Scotland Yard's finest are solved by St Mary Mead's sharpest mind and everyone's favourite armchair detective.

Christie HC \$29.99

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Murder at Beaulieu Abbey

Abbess of Meaux mysteries

Clark, Cassandra

February, 1390. The Church seethes with rebellion. Newly elected Pope Boniface faces a challenger: the anti-pope Clement, who sows discord from his power base in France. The quarrel threatens the very survival of the Cistercian Order. So, when suspicions grow that distant Beaulieu Abbey may turn traitor, Hildegard's prioress summons her with a mission she can't refuse: travel to the isolated royal abbey and spy out their true allegiance. The public reason for Hildegard's trip is more prosaic. A young Cornish heiress, promised in marriage to the son of local aristocrat Sir William, needs escorting to her new home. It's not often Hildegard joins a betrothal party, and she's looking forward to meeting the girl. But little does Hildegard know, death and danger wait at Beaulieu – and even the protection of her travelling companions, the monks militant Brother Gregory and Brother Egbert, may not be enough to keep her safe from harm...
Historical mystery TP \$39.95

Evil Under the Tuscan Sun

Tuscan Cooking School mysteries

Gole, Stephanie

When a wealthy New York philanthropist pays top dollar for a private, four-day ziti workshop, Nell Valenti wants everyone at the Orlandini cooking school focused on the task at hand. But complications abound when Nell's boyfriend Pete Orlandini rushes to Rome for an unexpected business trip. Chef Orlandini is more preoccupied with a potential spot on an American cooking show than preparing for the workshop, and an uninvited woman sneaks into the villa to inspect Pete's olive grove. The last disturbance proves deadly, and when the woman's body is found in the grove, Nell must investigate before her hopes for the workshop, like the olives, are crushed. Nell, now, has another item on her checklist – keep the Orlandinis out of trouble and the wealthy ziti lovers happy, while she looks into the stranger's past. When Nell discovers that for one of the Orlandinis, at least, the murder victim was not such a stranger after all, she'll learn that when a detective goes digging in Italy, she'd better be ready for truffle.
Mystery PBK \$19.99

Body and Soul Food

Books & Biscuits mysteries

Collette, Abby

When Koby Hill and Keaton Rutledge were orphaned at age two, they were separated, but their unbreakable connection lingered. Years later, they reunite and decide to make up for lost time and capitalise on their shared interests by opening up a well-stocked bookstore and cosy soul-food café in the quaint Pacific Northwest town of Timber Lake. But this new chapter of their lives could end on a cliff-hanger after Koby's foster brother is found murdered. The murder, which occurred in public between light-rail stops, seems impossible for the police to solve. But as Keaton and Koby know, two heads are always better than one, especially when it comes to mysteries. With just a week to go before the grand opening of their new café,

the twins will use their revitalised connection with each other to make sure this is the killer's final page. The first in a new series.
Mystery PBK \$19.99

Nanny Dearest

Gollins, Flora

Sue Keller is lost. When her father dies suddenly, she's orphaned in her mid-20s, her mother already long gone. Then, Sue meets Annie. It's been twenty years, but Annie could never forget that face. She was Sue's live-in nanny at their big house upstate, and she loved Sue like she was her own. Craving connection and mothering, Sue is only too eager to welcome Annie back into her life; but as they become inseparable once again, Sue starts to uncover the truth about Annie's unsettling time in the Keller house all those years ago, particularly the manner of her departure – or dismissal. At the same time, she begins to grow increasingly alarmed for the safety of the two new charges currently in Annie's care.
Thriller TP \$32.99

Florida Man

Cooper, Tom

Florida, circa 1980. Reed Crowe, the eponymous Florida Man, is a middle-aged beach bum, beleaguered and disenfranchised, living on ill-gotten gains deep in the jungle heart of Florida. When sinkholes start opening on Emerald Island, not only are Reed Crowe's seedy businesses – a moribund motel and a shabby amusement park – endangered, but so are his secrets. Crowe, amateur spelunker, begins uncovering artefacts that change his understanding of the island's history, as well as his understanding of his family's birthright as pioneering homesteaders. Meanwhile, there are other Florida men with whom Crowe must contend. Hector 'Catface' Morales, a Cuban refugee, trained assassin, and crack-addicted Marielito, is seeking revenge on Reed for stealing his stash of drugs and leaving him for dead (unbeknownst to Reed) in the wreckage of a plane crash in the Everglades decades ago. Loner and misanthrope Henry Yahchilane, a Seminole native, has something to hide on the island. So, does irascible and pervy Wayne Wade, Reed Crowe's childhood friend turned bad penny. Then there are the Florida women, including Heidi Karavas, Reed Crowe's ex-wife, now a globe-trekking art curator, and Nina Arango, a Cuban refugee and fiercely protective woman with whom Reed Crowe falls in love. There are curses. There are sea monsters. There are biblical storms. There's something called the Jupiter Effect.
Humorous thriller TP \$39.95

Once Upon a Crime

Detective Roger LeCarre series

Craig, Fergus

Exeter: a city in decline, East Devon's capital of crime. Detective Roger LeCarre: a man on a quest to rid the world of crime (starting with Devon and Cornwall and then working outwards), so he can concentrate on his watercolours. LeCarre runs 10km a day, but probably burns more calories shaking his head at what has become of his city. Now, Exeter is set to become the UK Capital of

Culture and the ambitious Lord Mayor wants to turn things around. But when a young man's (dead) body is found in the centre of town, things get murky. Detective Roger LeCarre is a character never seen before in modern fiction – a tough but troubled detective with a drink problem and a marriage in trouble. Can he find out who killed the young man, save the city, and change his energy provider before the new more expensive tariff kicks in? Enter the hilarious world of Roger LeCarre, Exeter's maverick detective who does nothing by the book, any book... 'What's better than a good crime novel? I'll tell you – a spoof crime novel, by the absurdly funny and clever Fergus Craig' – *Miranda Hart*. The first in a series.
Parody thriller HC \$34.99

Ghost Image

Sophie Medina mysteries

Crosby, Ellen

Freelance photojournalist Sophie Medina has photographed world leaders, popes and international peace talks. Tonight, the focus of her lens are the 120 guests at a glittering society engagement party in Washington: billionaires, politicians, exiled European royalty... and Sophie's old friend Brother Kevin Boyle, controversial environmentalist and Franciscan friar. Rumours are flying about a project that Kevin is working on. A project that could be worth millions, if it falls into the wrong hands. So, when Kevin's body is discovered the next day in his monastery's magnificent gardens, Sophie's convinced his death is no accident – even though no else seems to agree. What secrets was Kevin keeping, that were enough to kill for? Sophie embarks on an international treasure hunt that takes her from the US Capitol to London. But with time running out, and a suspect list made up of the rich and powerful, can she find the truth before Kevin's killer finds her?
Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

Multiple Exposure

Sophie Medina mysteries

Crosby, Ellen

These are the things Sophie Medina will swear to be true about her husband, oil executive and covert CIA operative Nick: He is an honourable, trustworthy, and loyal friend; an American patriot who would die for his country; and a loving husband. He is also – according to his M16 handler – a murderer. They say the wife is always the last to know. Renowned photojournalist Sophie is used to Nick keeping secrets from her. But when Nick is kidnapped from their London home, only to be spotted in Russia months later, his bosses are convinced he's turned traitor. Russian-born Nick is not the only thing that's vanished – so have top-secret papers about an oil discovery that could destabilise the market and spark war. Sophie trusts Nick, but when she moves back to her hometown of Washington, DC, she's not so sure about his CIA colleagues. Struggling to tell friend from foe, Sophie's drawn deeper into Nick's shadowy world, where Russian mafia rub shoulders with American senators... and where death lurks, around every corner. The first in a series.
Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

The Cane

Guskelly, Maryrose

Quala, a North Queensland sugar town, the 1970s. Barbara McClymont walks the cane fields searching for Janet, her 16-year-old daughter, who has been missing for weeks. The police have no leads. The people of Quala are divided by dread and distrust. But the sugar crush is underway and the cane must be burned. Meanwhile, children dream of a malevolent presence, a schoolteacher yearns to escape, and history keeps returning to remind Quala that the past is always present. As the smoke rises and tensions come to a head, the dark heart of Quala will be revealed, affecting the lives of all those who dwell beyond the cane. *The Cane* is an evocative and atmospheric thriller, and announces an exciting new voice in Australian crime writing; perfect for fans of *The Dry*.
Thriller TP \$32.99

Bread

Bastards of Pizzofalcone

de Giovanni, Maurizio

The Bastards face their hardest challenge, yet... Sometimes it takes facing a formidable adversary to truly know one's worth. The Bastards of Pizzofalcone may have found just that: when the brutal murder of a baker rattles the city, they are ready to investigate. There's nothing they wouldn't do to prove themselves to their community. But this time the police are divided: for the special anti-mob branch, the local mafia is doubtlessly responsible for the crime, but the Bastards are not so sure and think there may be another reason for the murder of the renowned artisan, whose traditionally baked bread attracted customers from far and wide. A rivalry between the policeman and the magistrate is formed, one that, in the end, will extend to more than just their work lives.
Hardboiled PBK \$19.99

The Christie Affair

De Gramont, Nina

In 1926, Agatha Christie disappeared for 11 days. Only I know the truth of her disappearance. I'm no Hercule Poirot. I'm her husband's mistress. Agatha Christie's world is one of glamorous society parties, country house weekends, and growing literary fame. Nan O'Dea's world is something very different. Her attempts to escape a tough London upbringing during the Great War led to a life in Ireland marred by a hidden tragedy. After fighting her way back to England, she's set her sights on Agatha. Because Agatha Christie has something Nan wants. And it's not just her husband. Despite their differences, the two women will become the most unlikely of allies. And during the mysterious eleven days that Agatha goes missing, they will unravel a dark secret that only Nan holds the key to... *The Christie Affair* is a stunning novel that re-imagines the unexplained, 11-day disappearance of Agatha Christie in 1926, which captivated the world.
Christie TP \$32.99

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Death at the Orange Locks

Lotte Meerman mysteries

de Jager, Anja

After her painful divorce four years ago, Lotte Meerman has kept well away from Arjen, her ex-husband, and his new wife Nadia. So, when they both visit her at central Amsterdam's police station to report Nadia's father missing, Lotte is shocked – but hides it well. Then two days later a dog walker reports the discovery of a body near the Orange Locks, built to keep the sea out of Amsterdam, and the missing man is identified as Nadia's father. Lotte wants to stay away from the investigation but his widow, Margreet, keeps searching her out as she has no idea it was her daughter who was pivotal in the marriage break-up. She wrongly identifies Lotte as a friend and tells her that Patrick had been a great husband and father, and a successful businessman. But when Lotte digs into Patrick's past, she discovers instead a failing company and a man with a history of making unwanted sexual advances to his female employees. Margreet is unaware of any of this. And the more Lotte investigates the dead man's past, the more she finds to suggest that her ex-husband is somehow involved in his death...

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Bad Apples

Tuva Moodyson mysteries

Dean, Will

It only takes one... A resident of small-town Visberg is found decapitated. A grim celebration in a cultish hilltop community after the apple harvest. As Visberg closes ranks to keep its deadly secrets, there could not be a worse time for Tuva Moodyson to arrive, as deputy editor of the local newspaper. Powerful forces are at play, and no one dares speak out. But Tuva senses the story of her career, unaware that perhaps she is the story... Tuva Moodyson's first appearance is in *Dark Pines* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery/suspense HC \$29.99

Base Notes

Donnelly, Lara Elena

In New York City, everybody needs a side hustle, and perfumer Vic Fowler has developed a delicate art that has proved to be very lucrative: creating bespoke scents that evoke immersive memories – memories that, for Vic's clients, are worth killing for. But the city is expensive, and these days even artisanal murder doesn't pay the bills. When Joseph Eisner, a former client with deep pockets, offers Vic an opportunity to expand the enterprise, the money is too good to turn down. But the job is too intricate – and too dangerous – to attempt alone. Manipulating fellow struggling artists into acting as accomplices is easy. Like Vic, they too are on the verge of burnout and bankruptcy. But as relationships become more complicated, Vic's careful plans start to unravel. Hounded by guilt and a tenacious private investigator, Vic grows increasingly desperate to complete Eisner's commission. Is there anyone – friends, lovers, co-conspirators – that Vic won't sacrifice for art?

Thriller TP \$35.95

Wedding Station

John Russell WWII Spy series

Downing, David

Introducing John Russell, an Englishman with a political past – who must keep his head down, as the Nazis solidify their power. *February 27, 1933*. In this stunning prequel to the John Russell espionage novels, the Reichstag parliament building in Berlin is set ablaze. It's just a month after Hitler's inauguration as Chancellor of Germany, and the Nazis use the torching to justify a campaign of terror against their political opponents. John Russell's recent separation from his wife threatens his right to reside in Germany and any meaningful relationship with his six-year-old son, Paul. He has just secured work as a crime reporter for a Berlin newspaper, and the crimes which he has to report – the gruesome murder of a rent boy, the hit-and-run death of a professional genealogist, the suspicious disappearance of a Nazi-supporting celebrity fortune-teller – are increasingly entangled in the wider nightmare engulfing Germany. Each new investigation carries the risk of Russell's falling foul of the authorities, at a time when the rule of law has completely vanished, and the Nazis are running scores of pop-up detention centres, complete with torture chambers, in every corner of Berlin. A prequel to David Downing's bestselling series (and one which Ron *lurves*).

Historical suspense TP \$37.95

Darkness Beyond

Herbert Reardon mysteries

Eccles, Marjorie

February, 1933. When their eldest brother Paul walks into their hallway, fourteen years after he was presumed dead, successful property developers Thea and Teddy Millar are beset with questions. Where has he been? Why has he never written to let them know he was alive? And most of important of all: what happened to Paul, after the end of the Great War, to make him abandon everything and everyone he ever knew? When Paul's body is found floating in the canal two weeks later, Detective Inspector Herbert Reardon feels sure the murder is connected to his new life in London. For who would want to kill a man who's been thought dead for over a decade? But Reardon knows the past can cast long shadows, and as he investigates, he finds a knot of dark secrets and old grudges that someone is determined he'll never untangle...

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

Murder at Madame Tussauds

Museum mysteries

Eldridge, Jim

London, 1896. Madame Tussauds opens to find one of its nightwatchmen decapitated and his colleague nowhere to be found. To the police, the case seems simple: one killed the other and fled, but workers at the museum aren't convinced. Although forbidden contact by his superior officer, Scotland Yard detective John Feather secretly enlists 'The Museum Detectives', Daniel Wilson and Abigail Fenton, to aid the police investigation. When the body of the missing nightwatchman is discovered encased within a wax figure, the case suddenly becomes more complex. With questions over rival museums, the dead men's pasts and a series of bank raids

plaguing the city, Wilson and Fenton face their most intriguing and dangerous case, yet. Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

The Red Monarch

Brontë mysteries

Ellis, Bella

The Brontë sisters' first poetry collection has just been published, potentially marking an end to their careers as amateur detectors, when Anne receives a letter from her friend Lydia Robinson. Lydia has eloped with a young actor, Harry Roxby, and following her disinheritance, the couple been living in poverty in London. Harry has become embroiled with a criminal gang and is in terrible danger after allegedly losing something very valuable that he was meant to deliver to their leader. The desperate and heavily pregnant Lydia has a week to return what her husband supposedly stole, or he will be killed. She knows there are few people who she can turn to in this time of need, but the sisters agree to help Lydia, beginning a race against time to save Harry's life. In doing so, our intrepid sisters come face to face with a terrifying adversary whom even the toughest of the slum dwellers are afraid of... the Red Monarch. The first of these wonderful pastiches is *The Vanished Bride* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

A Perfect Death

DI Wesley Peterson series

Ellis, Kate

When a woman is burned to death in Grandal Field in Devon, it looks like it could be a case of mistaken identity. Until DI Wesley Peterson learns of a legend involving a woman who died in similar circumstances in the thirteenth century. It seems clear that there is a link between the mysterious legend and the recent murder when Wesley discovers that records of a previous site excavation have vanished, and two archaeologists involved in the dig died tragically. The case echoes a story of twisted love and obsession from many centuries ago, and Wesley realises that edging closer to the truth brings unexpected danger... A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Death-Watch Beetle

Ann Lindell mysteries

Eriksson, Kjell

Four years have passed since Cecilia Karlsson disappeared from the island of Gräsö in Roslagen. When Ann Lindell receives a tip that she has been seen alive she cannot help getting involved, even though she is no longer with the police. The black sheep of the island, Nils Lindberg, has never forgotten Cecilia Karlsson, with whom he was in love as a teenager. And he carries a secret. He may not be completely sober all the time, but he has no doubt of what he saw out on the bay just before Cecilia disappeared. Cecilia's parents are desperate, not knowing what happened to their daughter. Yet, their silent house contains many things that have been left unsaid. While Ann struggles to put the jigsaw puzzle together, she is trying to establish herself in her new life together with her lover Edvard who, like herself, is marked by life. At the same time, someone is hiding in a cottage in a remote part of the island. Someone who is looking for revenge...

Noir HC \$49.99

The Ghost Moths

Farthing, Harry

While searching a windswept mountainside for the fabled ghost moth fungus, a young Tibetan boy unearths a mysterious relic. Moments later, the People's Liberation Army of China marches into his isolated village in the valley below and begins to dismantle an ancient way of life. As the brutal oppression grows, the boy's precious find becomes first a symbol of hope for the villagers then a tool of survival for a people and a religion. It must be preserved at all costs. Sixty years later, mountain guide Neil Quinn is wrapping up his last climb of the season on the highest mountain in Tibet when a transport shortage leaves him stuck in an empty base camp. An earthquake sets off a chain of mysterious events that directly connect the English climber to the ongoing tragedies of a troubled land where the Chinese authorities strive still for complete control. Unsure of precisely what he witnessed yet determined to protect its truth, Quinn returns to Kathmandu and enlists the help of a famous historian of the Himalayas, an erstwhile American journalist, and a cast of locals as enigmatic as that ancient city – each with their own reasons for joining his quest. Manipulation and murder dog their every step as they strive to piece together a complex puzzle from Tibet's tortured past, while navigating the treacherous present.

Thriller TP \$43.95

The Ursulina

Freeman, Brian

The mythical beast goes by many names. Bigfoot. Sasquatch. Yeti. In Black Wolf County, he's called... the Ursulina. But, to Deputy Rebecca Colder, the beast is no myth. A serial killer has taken on the identity of the monster – and with each body left behind, there's a chilling message written in blood: *I am the Ursulina*.

Mystery TP \$41.95

The Night Will Be Long

Gambo, Santiago

A boy witnesses a violent confrontation in a remote part of town in the state of Cauca, Colombia. Minutes later, someone arrives at the scene to clear up all trace of the incident. No one in town claims to have heard or seen anything, and yet an anonymous accusation launches a dangerous investigation that unfolds within the corrupt world of the Christian churches of Latin America. A story that urgently reveals inequality and violence that govern an entire country. *The Night Will Be Long* is a devastatingly humorous thriller that will appeal to fans of Roberto Bolano.

Thriller TP \$29.99

Murder at Teal's Pond:

Hazel Drew and the Mystery

that Inspired Twin Peaks

Givens, Mark T

& Bushman, David

In 1908, Hazel Drew was found floating in a pond in Sand Lake, New York, beaten to death. The unsolved murder inspired rumours, speculation, ghost stories, and, almost a century later, the phenomenon of *Twin Peaks*. Who killed Hazel Drew? Like Laura Palmer, she was a paradox of personalities – a young, beautiful puzzle with secrets. Perhaps, the even trickier question is,

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Who was Hazel Drew? Seeking escape from her poor country roots, Hazel found work as a domestic servant in the notoriously corrupt metropolis of Troy, New York. Fate derailed her plans for reinvention. But the investigation that followed her brutal murder was fraught with red herrings, wild-goose chases, and unreliable witnesses. Did officials really follow the leads? Or did they bury them to protect the guilty? The likely answer is revealed in an absorbing true mystery that's ingeniously reconstructed and every bit as haunting as the cultural obsession it inspired.

True crime TP \$27.99

Treachery at Hursley Park House

Josephine Fox series
Gradidge, Claire
December 1942. As the war rages on, the accidental death of a young man is almost unremarkable. Except this young man was patrolling the grounds of Hursley Park House, where teams are designing crucial modifications to the Spitfire – and he was found clutching part of a blueprint.

January 1943. Josephine Fox is given a code name and a mission as she is seconded to Hursley: uncover the network responsible for information leaks to the enemy. And when the dead man's father visits Bram Nash convinced that his son was innocent of espionage and the victim of murder, her friend is also drawn into the investigation. But as Jo and Bram circle closer to the truth, danger is closing in around them... The sequel to Gradidge's terrific *The Unexpected Return of Josephine Fox* (PBK, \$19.99). Recommended.

Suspense PBK \$19.99

Before the Storm

DSI William Lorimer series
Gray, Alex
Inspector Daniel Kohi of the Zimbabwean police force returns home one night to find his worst nightmare has been realised. His family dead, his house destroyed, and in fear for his life, he is forced to flee the country he loves. Far away in Glasgow, DSI William Lorimer has his hands full. Christmas is approaching, the city is bustling, and while the homicide rate has been relatively low, something much darker is brewing. Counterterrorism have got wind of a plot, here in Lorimer's native city, to carry out an unspeakable atrocity on Christmas Eve. They need someone with local knowledge to help them root it out and who better than the head of the Scottish Major Incidents Team. But the investigation is complicated by a spate of local murders, and by the rumours that someone is passing information to criminal organisations from inside the police force. Soon Lorimer finds himself in desperate need of assistance. Then he meets an extraordinary man – a refugee from Zimbabwe whose investigative skills are a match for Lorimer's own...

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Sierra Six

Gray Man series
Greaney, Mark
Before he was the Gray Man, Court Gentry was Sierra Six, the junior member of a CIA action team. In their first mission they took out a terrorist leader, but at a terrible

price – the life of a woman Court cared for. Years have passed and now the Gray Man is on a simple mission when he sees a ghost: the long-dead terrorist, but he's remarkably energetic for a dead man. A decade may have gone by, but the Gray Man hasn't changed. He isn't one to leave a job unfinished or a blood debt unpaid.

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Locked Room

Dr Ruth Galloway mysteries
Griffiths, Elly
Ruth is in London clearing out her mother's belongings when she makes a surprising discovery: a photograph of her Norfolk cottage taken *before* Ruth lived there. Her mother always hated the cottage, so why does she have a picture of the place? The only clue is written on the back of the photo: *Dawn, 1963.* Ruth returns to Norfolk determined to solve the mystery, but then COVID rears its ugly head. Ruth and her daughter are locked down in their cottage, attempting to continue with work and home-schooling. Happily, the house next door is rented by a nice woman called Zoe, who they become friendly with while standing on their doorsteps clapping for carers. Nelson, meanwhile, is investigating a series of deaths of women that may or may not be suicide. When he links the deaths to an archaeological discovery, he breaks curfew to visit the cottage where he finds Ruth chatting to her neighbour whom he remembers as a carer who was once tried for murdering her employer. Only then her name wasn't Zoe. It was dawn. So many of our regulars love Elly Griffiths – if you haven't tried these, the Ruth Galloway mysteries begin with *The Crossing Places* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery TP \$32.99

Island Reich Grimwood, Jack

July, 1940. The Nazis launch their invasion of Britain – starting with the Channel Islands... And soldier turned safecracker Bill O'Hagan gets an offer: hang for his crimes, or serve his country. The mission: impersonate a local on occupied Alderney, steal the invasion plans, escape. He almost believes they're not lying. In Portugal, former King, Edward, Duke of Windsor, receives an altogether different proposal from Germany: ease the invasion and he'll get his throne back. But Edward will not readily betray his country... An embittered former king. An unreformed thief. *And a secret upon which the fates of nations lie...*

Suspense PBK \$19.99

The Overnight Guest Gudenkauf, Heather

True crime writer Wylie Lark doesn't mind being snowed in at the isolated farmhouse where she's retreated to write her new book. A cosy fire, complete silence. It would be perfect, if not for the fact that decades earlier, at this very house, two people were murdered in cold blood and a girl disappeared without a trace. As the storm worsens, Wylie finds herself trapped inside the house, haunted by the secrets contained within its walls – haunted by secrets of her own. Then she discovers a small child in the snow just

outside. After bringing the child inside for warmth and safety, she begins to search for answers. But soon it becomes clear that the farmhouse isn't as isolated as she thought, and someone is willing to do anything to find them.

Thriller TP \$29.99

The Great War

Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
Guerrier, Simon
December 1917. An important visitor arrives at a field hospital not far from the front, who makes sharp deductions about the way the ward is run based on small details that he sees. Sherlock Holmes is apparently only present for a tour, but asks searching questions about a young officer who apparently died in the hospital, but whose records have mysteriously vanished. As Holmes digs deeper, details emerge pertaining to a cover up that stretches from the trenches to the top of the War Office, and conspiracy on both the British and enemy fronts.

Sherlockiana PBK \$19.99

A Guardian Angel Recalls Hermans, Willem Frederik

On the eve of the Second World War a public attorney, devastated because his Jewish lover has fled without him, runs over a young girl. He is torn by grief at the loss of his girlfriend and guilt about the accident – which is shrouded in a mystery that he attempts to unravel while the world around him collapses. In the meantime, he is watched over by a guardian angel, who whispers him warnings, and by a devil, who does the same... *A Guardian Angel Recalls* is a thrilling and provocative war novel – first published in 1971 – from one of the greatest Dutch authors of the twentieth century. A reissue.

Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Fatality with Forster

Crime with the Classics
Hyde, Katherine Bolger
Retired professor Emily Cavanaugh and her husband, Luke, are taking a much-needed break from Windy Corner and spending their honeymoon five thousand miles away as paying guests at Fitzhugh Manor in Oxfordshire. Quaint nearby villages and the manor's impressive turrets and arches capture Emily's Anglophile heart, but when she meets its dashing young heir, James Fitzhugh and his American wife, Allison, James' cousin Penelope, his dithering uncle Roger and the manor's formidable dowager, Lady Margaret Fitzhugh, it's clear that class prejudice, resentment and secrets threaten to tear the family apart. Is there more to a fatal accident than meets the eye? Emily soon finds herself in the middle of a family drama redolent of Forster's classic novels, but can she pull off her own masterstroke to catch a killer?

Mystery TP \$39.95

The Goodbye Coast

a Philip Marlowe novel
Ide, Joe
Raymond Chandler's iconic detective, Philip Marlowe, gets a dramatic and colourful reinvention at the hands of award-winning novelist Joe Ide. The seductive and relentless

figure of Raymond Chandler's detective, Philip Marlowe, is vividly re-imagined in present-day Los Angeles. Los Angeles – a city of scheming Malibu actresses, ruthless gang members, virulent inequality and washed-out police. Roaming the city streets is Philip Marlowe: a quiet, lonely, remarkably capable private detective, living beneath the shadow of his father – a once-decorated LAPD homicide detective now drinking his life away. Marlowe's latest client is tyrannical starlet Kendra James. Kendra's husband was fatally shot near their Malibu home, but even though that murder remains unresolved, the actress is more interested in tracking down her 17-year-old stepdaughter, who hasn't been seen for weeks. But things get complicated, after Marlowe lands a second missing person search from British academic Ren Stewart, whose ex-husband has kidnapped their seven-year-old son. Steeped in the richly detailed ethnic neighbourhoods of modern LA, Ide's *The Goodbye Coast* is a bold recreation that is viciously funny, ingeniously plotted, and surprisingly tender. 'A blast from start to finish' – *Dennis Lehane.*

Mystery TP \$32.99

Hardcastle's Secret Agent

Hardcastle & Marriott historical mysteries
Ison, Graham
August, 1939. As war looms, Detective Inspector Walter Hardcastle is following in the footsteps of his father, Ernest, and progressing through the ranks of the Metropolitan Police. Summoned to the office of Charles Marriot, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of CID at New Scotland Yard, Walter learns that he has been promoted to a senior role at V Division, and is plunged into a top secret case when burglaries occur at the homes of those working on a new type of war submarine. Could a German spy be behind the break ins? When one of the burglaries ends with a double murder, the stakes get higher for Walter. Can he track down an enemy agent on the streets of London while also resolving another disturbing case?

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

The Last Snow Jackson, Stina

What secrets are hidden within the walls of a desolate farmhouse in a forgotten corner of Lapland? Early spring has its icy grip on Ödesmark, a small village in northernmost Sweden, abandoned by many of its inhabitants. But Liv Björnlund never left. She lives in a derelict house together with her teenage son, Simon, and her ageing father, Vidar. They make for a peculiar family, and Liv knows that they are cause for gossip among their few remaining neighbours. Just why has Liv stayed by her domineering father's side all these years? And is it true that Vidar is sitting on a small fortune? His questionable business decisions have made him many enemies over the years, and in Ödesmark everyone knows everyone, and no one ever forgets. Now, someone wants back what is rightfully theirs. And they will stop at nothing to get it, no matter who stands in their way...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

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The Pilot's Daughter **Jaeger, Meredith**

In the final months of World War II, San Francisco newspaper secretary Ellie Morgan should be planning her wedding and subsequent exit from the newsroom into domestic life. Instead, Ellie, who harbours dreams of having her own column, is using all the skills she's learned as a would-be reporter to try to uncover any scrap of evidence that her missing pilot father is still alive. But when she discovers a stack of love letters from a woman who is not her mother in his possessions, her already fragile world goes into a tailspin, and she vows to find out the truth about the father she loves – and the woman who loved him back. When Ellie arrives on her aunt Iris' doorstep, clutching a stack of letters and uttering a name Iris hasn't heard in decades, Iris is terrified. She's hidden her past as a Ziegfeld Follies showgirl from her family, and her experiences in New York City in the 1920s could reveal much more than the origin of her brother-in-law's alleged affair. Iris' heady days in the spotlight weren't enough to outshine the darker underbelly of Jazz Age New York, and she's spent the past twenty years believing that her actions in those days led to murder. Together the two women embark on a cross-country mission to find the truth in the City That Never Sleeps, a journey that just might shatter everything they thought they knew – not only about the past but about their own futures.

Historical mystery TP \$24.99

Winter Water **Jansson, Susanne**

Martin, who has always been drawn to the ocean, moves his wife Alexandra and their two young children move to his family's idyllic summer cottage in the picturesque island village of Orust, on the west coast of Sweden. Martin begins to cultivate a mussel farm, where he soon runs into trouble with the locals. One January weekend, when Martin is distracted by a ringing phone, he discovers that in those few moments, his young son has gone missing, and his little red bucket is bobbing in the waves. Though his body is never found, it's ruled an accidental drowning. Martin's grief is all-consuming as he falls into a deep depression, withdrawing from his family and community. When former police photographer Maya Linde arrives to Orust, she learns of the little boy's disappearance and decides to do some investigating of her own. Martin and Maya grow closer as they learn the hidden truths of this town and the locals who have always mythologised the ocean. Together, they make a macabre discovery: other children have tragically died in the these waves, all on the same day in January, all in the exact same spot, though decades apart. Can it really be a coincidence, or is the ocean luring the children into its depths? As Maya and Martin grapple with a threat far greater than they ever imagined, they soon realise that the truth is actually much stranger than fiction...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

When These Mountains Burn **Joy, David**

When his addict son gets in deep with his dealer, it takes everything Raymond Mathis has to bail him out of trouble one last time. Frustrated by the slow pace and limitations of

the law, Raymond decides to take matters into his own hands. After a workplace accident left him out of a job and in pain, Denny Rattler has spent years chasing his next high. He supports his habit through careful theft, following strict rules that keep him under the radar and out of jail. But when faced with opportunities too easy to resist, Denny makes two choices that change everything. For months, the DEA has been chasing the drug supply in the mountains to no avail, when a lead – just one word – sets one agent on a path to crack the case wide open... but he'll need help from the most unexpected quarter. As chance brings together these men from different sides of a relentless epidemic, each may come to find that his opportunity for redemption lies with the others. Winner of the 2020 Dashiell Hammett Award for Literary Excellence in Crime Writing.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Serpentine

Alex Delaware series

Kellerman, Jonathan

Ellie Barker never knew her mother. When she was barely three years old, her mother was found with a bullet in her head inside a torched Cadillac, overturned on Mulholland Drive. No physical evidence, no witness, and no apparent motive. Decades on, many detectives tried and failed to get to the bottom of the case. Desperate for answers, Ellie hires LAPD homicide lieutenant Milo Sturgis, who calls in the expertise of brilliant psychologist Alex Delaware, to investigate. But as the duo start digging, the mystery becomes even more twisted. And they soon discover a string of dangerous threats still lurking in the present...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

City of the Dead

Alex Delaware series

Kellerman, Jonathan

At 5am, in the upscale neighbourhood of Westwood Village, two removal men are making a routine pickup, when they make a fatal hit. It's a man – who appeared from nowhere – naked and with no means of identification. Not long after, a woman is found dead in a house nearby, which neighbours suspect to be a brothel. Could the man have come from there? When LAPD homicide lieutenant Milo Sturgis calls brilliant psychologist Alex Delaware is called to the scene, the case gets even more complicated. Delaware has met the woman before. She's a psychologist too. Are the two deaths linked? Or is there a darker force at work?

Thriller TP \$32.99

Batten Down the Belfry

House-Flipper mysteries

Kelly, Diane

Carpenter Whitney Whitaker and her cousin Buck have successfully flipped houses, but this is the first time they've attempted to renovate a house of worship. Still, the colourful stained glass in the country church has caught Whitney's eye, and she'd love to breathe new life into the abandoned building. What's more, the place has perfect acoustics. Could the worship hall be reborn as an entertainment venue with its parsonage repurposed as a pre-show bistro? The owner of the horse farm next door has asserted a

legal claim to the church property, rendering their title uncertain. If that's not bad enough, while rehabbing the church, Whitney's cat Sawdust discovers a bombshell in the bell tower – the body of the man who'd delivered their beautiful new replacement windows. What transpired in the spire? Who rang the man's bell and why? The steeple is keeping its secrets and, when a second body turns up, things become even less clear. Can Whitney help Detective Collin Flynn solve the crimes before someone else is sent to meet their maker?

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Unmissing **Kent, Minka**

Merritt Coletto and her husband, Luca, have the life they dreamed of: a coastal home, a promising future, and a growing family. That dream ends with a late-night knock on the door. Weak, broken, and emaciated, it's Luca's first wife, Lydia. Missing for ten years, presumed dead, and very much alive, she has quite a story. Her kidnapping. A torturous confinement that should've ended with her dead. And finally, escape. Racked with guilt over the beautiful life they've built, Merritt and Luca agree to help get Lydia back on her feet – it's the least they can do. But the more enmeshed Lydia becomes in Merritt's family, the more questions Merritt has. What is it about Lydia that's especially unnerving? Why hasn't she gone to the police with her harrowing tale? What does she really want of them? The answers, when they come, are terrifying. Because Lydia isn't the only one with secrets.

Thriller TP \$35.95

The Mirror Man

Detective Joona Linna series

Kepler, Lars

Seventeen-year-old Jenny is abducted in broad daylight and taken to a dilapidated, isolated house where she is chained and caged along with several other girls. Their captor is unpredictable, and as wily as he is cruel: he foils every one of their desperate attempts to escape... and once caught they rarely survive their punishment. Five years later, Jenny is found dead in a public park, and the police are scrambling to find a lead among the scant evidence. But Detective Joona Linna realises that this murder has an eerie connection to a death that was declared a suicide years before. And, now, when Mia, a 17-year-old orphan, goes missing, it becomes clear to Joona that they are dealing with a serial killer – and the murderous rampage has just begun. As the police close in on the killer, Mia and her fellow captives are plunged into ever greater danger, and Joona finds himself in a seemingly impossible race against time to save their young lives.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

Five Decembers

Hard Case Crime

Kestrel, James

Pico Iyer, 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.

Hardboiled HC \$37.99

Deep Sleep

Devin Gray series

Konkoly, Steven

Counter-surveillance expert Devin Gray is unwittingly thrown headfirst into dangerous new territory after the death of his mother. Helen Gray, a paranoid and disgraced former CIA officer, believed she was on the verge of preventing a national catastrophe – a mission worth dying for. Others, including Devin, believe she was chasing delusions. Until he finds what she left behind. With the help of long-time friend and former Marine helicopter pilot Marnie Young and a loyal team of covert operatives Helen summoned just before her death, Devin is propelled into a high-stakes chase across the country. What he uncovers, clue by clue, is a conspiracy more widespread and insidious than anyone could have imagined. Now, it's Devin's mission to destroy a covert network poised to deliver a fatal blow to the future of the United States. And also to vindicate his mother, by seeing the mission through to its treacherous end.

Thriller TP \$35.95

Notes on an Execution

Kukafka, Danya

Ansel Packer is scheduled to die in twelve hours. He knows what he's done, and now awaits the same fate he forced on those girls, years ago. Ansel doesn't want to die; he wants to be celebrated, understood. *But this is not his story.* As the clock ticks down, three women uncover the history of a tragedy and the long shadow it casts. Lavender, Ansel's mother, is a 17-year-old girl pushed to desperation. Hazel, twin sister to his wife, is forced to watch helplessly as the relationship threatens to devour them all. And Saffy, the detective hot on his trail, is devoted to bringing bad men to justice but struggling to see her own life clearly. *This is the story of the women left behind.*

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Her Secret War

Lecky, Pam

May 1941: German bombs drop on Dublin taking Sarah Gillespie's family and home. Days later, the man she loves leaves Ireland to enlist. With nothing to keep her in Ireland and a burning desire to help the war effort, Sarah seeks refuge with relatives in England. But before long, her father's dark past threatens to catch up with her. Sarah is asked to prove her loyalty to Britain through a special mission. Her courage could save lives. But it could also come at the cost of her own...

Mystery TP \$19.99

A Murder Like No Author

Main Street Book Club mysteries

Lillard, Amy

It's movie time in Sugar Springs and the whole town is pitching together to get the historical Coliseum Theatre ready for the

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event of the year – the premiere of *Missing Girl*, local author Wally Harrison's bestselling novel turned film. Thrilled to bring tourists to Sugar Springs, the town comes together to host the late author's event. But when a stranger arrives, boasting he has definitive proof that Wally didn't write *Missing Girl*... well, drama leaps from the page into real life. Mishaps start taking place around the theatre – and then the stranger is discovered dead in his hotel room right before his press conference. Can Arlo and her Friday night book club to sleuth out the killer and solve the mystery before the town's Hollywood dreams go up in smoke?

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Sherlock Holmes and the Beast of the Stapletons **Lovegrove, James**

James Lovegrove continues the story of *Sherlock Holmes and the Hound of the Baskervilles*, as five years later, another monstrous creature stalks across Dartmoor... 1894. The monstrous Hound of the Baskervilles has been dead for five years, along with its no less monstrous owner, the naturalist Jack Stapleton. Sir Henry Baskerville is living contentedly at Baskerville Hall with his new wife Audrey and their three-year-old son Harry. Until, that is, Audrey's lifeless body is found on the moors, drained of blood. It would appear some fiendish creature is once more at large on Dartmoor and has, like its predecessor, targeted the unfortunate Baskerville family. Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson are summoned to Sir Henry's aid, and our heroes must face a marauding beast that is the very stuff of nightmares. It seems that Stapleton may not have perished in the Great Grimpen Mire after all, as Holmes believed, and is hell bent on revenge...

Sherlockiana PBK \$19.99

The Chianti Flask

British Library Crime Classics

Lowndes, Marie Belloc

An enigmatic young woman named Laura Dousland stands on trial for murder, accused of poisoning her elderly husband, Fordish. It seems clear that the poison was delivered in a flask of Chianti with supper, but according to the couple's servant in the witness box, the flask disappeared the night Fordish died, and all attempts to trace it have come to nothing. The jury delivers its verdict, but this is just the end of the beginning of Marie Belloc Lowndes' gripping story. First published in 1934, this exquisitely crafted novel blends the tenets of a traditional mystery with an exploration of the psychological impact of death, accusation, guilt, and justice in the aftermath of murder.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

The Drowned City

Daniel Pursglove mysteries

Maitland, K J

1606. England stands divided in the wake of the failed Gunpowder Plot. As a devastating tidal wave sweeps the Bristol Channel, rumours of new treachery reach the King. In Newgate prison, Daniel Pursglove receives an unexpected – and dangerous – offer. Charles FitzAlan, close confidant of King

James, will grant his freedom – if Daniel can infiltrate the underground Catholic network in Bristol and unmask the one conspirator still at large. Where better to hide a traitor than in the chaos of a drowned city? Daniel goes to Bristol to investigate, but soon finds himself at the heart of a dark Jesuit conspiracy – and in pursuit of a killer. The first in a new series.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Banquet:

the Untold Story of Adelaide's Family Murders

Marshall, Debi

Only one suspect has been charged and convicted for the Family Murders of Adelaide, the City of Corpses.

Award-winning investigative journalist, Debi Marshall, interrogates these long cold cases. This chilling account begins with the liberalisation of South Australia under the premiership of Don Dunstan and demands answers to decades-old questions. Who were the Family killers? Why are suppression orders still protecting suspects four decades later? Why do some of these serial killings remain unsolved? Only one suspect, Bevan Spencer Von Einem, has been charged and convicted. With her combination of investigative skills and sensitivity, Marshall treads a harrowing path to find the truth, including confronting Von Einem in prison, pursuing sexual predators in Australia and overseas, taking a deep dive into the murky world of paedophiles, challenging police and judiciary, and talking to victims and their families. The outcome is shocking and tragic. Following broadcast of the Foxtel television and podcast series *Debi Marshall Investigates Frozen Lies*, numerous people came forward to courageously share new information with Marshall. Their stories are here. *Banquet* takes aim at the public service, wealthy professionals and the judiciary and for the first time reveals hitherto unpublished details of the Family. And it demands a Royal Commission to break the silence that keeps the truth hidden.

True crime TP \$34.99

1979

Allie Burns series

McDermid, Val

1979. It's the winter of discontent, and Allie Burns is chasing her first big scoop. One of few women in the newsroom, she needs something explosive for the boys' club to take her seriously. Soon, Allie and fellow reporter Danny Sullivan are making powerful enemies with their investigations – and Allie won't stop there. When she discovers a terrorist threat close to home, she devises a dangerous plan to make her name. But Allie is a woman in a man's world... and putting a foot wrong could be fatal. The first in a new series.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Heretic

McIlvanney, Liam

Glasgow 1975. An arson attack on a Glasgow warehouse causes the deaths of a young mother and child. Police suspect it's the latest act in a brutal gang warfare that's tearing the city apart – one that DI Duncan McCormack has been tasked with stopping. Five years ago, he was walking on water as the cop

who tracked down a notorious serial killer. But he made powerful enemies and when a mutilated body is found in a Tradeston slum, McCormack is assigned a case that no one wants. The dead man is wearing a Masonic ring, though, and Duncan realises the victim is not the down and out, his boss had first assumed. As McCormack looks into both crimes, the investigations are disrupted by a shocking event. A bomb rips through a pub packed with people – and a cop is killed in the blast. The cases are stacking up and with one of his own unit now dead, McCormack is in the firing line. The sequel to the Scottish Crime Book of the Year, *The Quaker* (PBK, \$18.99).

Noir TP \$29.99

The Torrent

McKenzie, Dinuka

In Northern New South Wales, heavily pregnant – and a week away from maternity leave – Detective Sergeant Kate Miles is exhausted and counting down the days. But a violent hold-up at a local fast-food restaurant with unsettling connections to her own past, means that her final days will be anything but straightforward. When a second case is dumped on her lap, the closed case of man drowned in recent summer floods, what begins as a simple informal review quickly grows into something more complicated. Kate can either write the report that's expected of her or investigate the case the way she wants to. As secrets and betrayals pile up, and the needs of her own family intervene, how far is Kate prepared to push to discover the truth? A loving husband lost to devastating summer floods. A teenage girl injured during a robbery. Two seemingly unconnected cases that will push a detective to the brink. An atmospheric, compelling new voice in Australian crime fiction.

Mystery TP \$32.99

Easter Bonnet Murder

Lucy Stone mysteries

Meier, Leslie

Known for its cheerful staff and elaborate annual Easter Bonnet Contest, the Heritage House senior centre regularly attracts new residents and positive press. But once the town's retired librarian, Miss Julia Tilley, checks in to recover from an illness, Lucy sees a side of the facility that isn't quite so perfect and pristine. And the place may soon be making headlines for different reasons, following an unexplained disappearance... Lucy can't fathom how Agnes Neal could go missing from assisted living over a silly Easter bonnet contest, or why few seem concerned as signs point to foul play. A retired journalist with an independent mind, Agnes had an eye for details and little interest in conforming to catty cliques or rules set by her caretakers – traits that threatened some and angered others. While police stall the investigation without answers, Lucy realises backstabbing has no age limit when alarming parallels bloom between her daughter's college frenemies and social circles at Heritage House. Gathering clues as flimsy as a half-eaten milk chocolate bunny, Lucy must hop to it and discover what happened to Agnes – before her own story becomes another springtime tragedy left unsolved.

Mystery HC \$55.00

Irish Parade Murder

Lucy Stone mysteries

Meier, Leslie

After returning from her father-in-law's funeral in Florida, Lucy can almost hear the death knell of her part-time reporter job. The Pennysaver's new hire, Rob Callahan, is young, ambitious, and positioning himself to become their next star. Adding insult to injury, Lucy only gets assigned the local St Patrick's Day parade after Rob passes on the story. But before beer flows and bagpipes sound, Rob is suspected of destroying more than other people's careers... It's a shock when Rob is charged with sending a corrections officer from town to a fiery death. Yet, despite the evidence, Lucy doubts he's guilty, and she's willing to follow that hunch into the darkest corners of the community. An unnerving mystery unfolds, and a strange woman reveals news that could change everything for Lucy and her family. As the personal and professional collide, Lucy realises she'll sooner discover a four-leaf clover than confront a killer with the gift of the gab and live to tell about it...

Mystery PBK \$24.95

The Eighth Girl

Mei-Fung Chung, Maxine

One woman, many personas. But which one is telling the truth? Alexa Wú is a brilliant yet darkly self-aware young woman whose chaotic life is manipulated and controlled by a series of alternate personalities. Only three people know about their existence: her therapist Daniel; her stepmother Anna; and her enigmatic best friend Ella. When Ella gets a job at a high-end gentleman's club, she is gradually drawn into London's cruel underbelly. With lives at stake, Alexa follows her friend on a daring rescue mission. Threatened and vulnerable, she will discover whether her multiple personalities are her greatest asset, or her biggest obstacle.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

The Dark Flood

Benny Griessel series

Meyer, Diwon

One last chance. Almost fired for insubordination, detectives Benny Griessel and Vaughn Cupido find themselves demoted, exiled from the elite Hawks unit and dispatched to the leafy streets of Stellenbosch. Working a missing persons report on student Callie de Bruin is not the level of work they are used to, but it's all they get. And soon, it takes a dangerous, deeply disturbing turn. One last chance. Stellenbosch is beautiful, but its economy has been ruined by one man. Jasper Boonstra and his gigantic corporate fraud have crashed the local property market, just when estate agent Sandra Steenberg desperately needs a big sale. Bringing up twins and supporting her academic husband, she is facing disaster. Then she gets a call. From Jasper Boonstra, fraudster, sexual predator and owner of a superb property worth millions, even now. For Sandra, the stakes are high and about to get way higher. For Benny Griessel, clinging to sobriety and the relationship that saved his life, the truth about Callie can only lead to more trouble.

Thriller TP \$32.99

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The Return of the Pharaoh

from the reminiscences
of John H Watson, MD

Meyer, Nicholas

In 1910, Dr John Watson travels to Egypt with his wife Juliet. Her tuberculosis has returned, and her doctor recommends a stay at a sanitarium in a dry climate. But while his wife undergoes treatment, Dr Watson bumps into an old friend – Sherlock Holmes, in disguise and on a case. An English Duke with a penchant for Egyptology has disappeared, leading to enquiries from his wife and the Home Office. Holmes has discovered that the missing duke has indeed vanished from his lavish rooms in Cairo and that he was on the trail of a previous undiscovered and unopened tomb. And that he's only the latest Egyptologist to die or disappear under odd circumstances. With the help of Howard Carter, Holmes and Watson are on the trail of something much bigger, more important, and more sinister than an errant lord. A previously-unknown case of Sherlock Holmes by the author of *The Seven Per Cent Solution*.

Sherlockiana HC \$44.99

The Strange Case of the Dutch Painter

Miller, Timothy

Paris, 1890. When Sherlock Holmes finds himself chasing an art dealer through the streets of Paris, he's certain he's smoked out one of the principals of a cunning forgery ring responsible for the theft of some of the Louvre's greatest masterpieces. But, for once, Holmes is dead wrong. He doesn't know that the dealer, Theo Van Gogh, is rushing to the side of his brother, who lies dying of a gunshot wound in Auvers. He doesn't know that the dealer's brother is a penniless misfit artist named Vincent, known to few, and mourned by even fewer. Officialdom pronounces the death a suicide, but a few minutes at the scene convinces Holmes it was murder. And he's bulldog-determined to discover why a penniless painter who harmed no one had to be killed – and who killed him. Who could profit from Vincent's death? How is the murder entwined with his own forgery investigation? Holmes must retrace the last months of Vincent's life, testing his mettle against men like the brutal Paul Gauguin and the secretive Toulouse-Lautrec, all the while searching for the girl Olympia, whom Vincent named with his dying breath. She can provide the truth, but can anyone provide the proof? From the madhouse of St Remy to the rooftops of Paris, Holmes hunts a killer – while the killer hunts him.

Sherlockiana TP \$39.95

Blood Grove

Easy Rawlins series

Mosley, Walter

It is 1969, and flames can be seen on the horizon, protest wafts like smoke through the thick air, and Easy Rawlins, the Black private detective whose small agency finally has its own office, gets a visit from a white Vietnam veteran. The young man comes to Easy with a story that makes little sense. He and his lover, a beautiful young woman, were attacked in a citrus grove at the city's outskirts. He may

have killed a man, and the woman and his dog are now missing. Inclined to turn down what sounds like nothing but trouble, Easy takes the case when he realises how damaged the young vet is from his war experiences – the bond between veterans superseding all other considerations. The veteran is not Easy's only unlooked-for trouble. Easy's adopted daughter Feather's white uncle shows up, uninvited; raising questions and unsettling the life Easy has long forged for the now young woman. Where Feather sees a family reunion, Easy suspects something else, something that will break his heart.

Hardboiled PBK \$22.99

Death and the Singing Birds

Nell Drury mysteries

Myers, Amy

1926, Kent. Chef Nell Drury is busy with preparations for Lady Ansley's luncheon to welcome Wychbourne Court's new neighbours, Sir Gilbert and Lady Saddler. The couple's arrival has led to much rumour and intrigue swirling around the village, particularly with regards to the mysterious Lady Saddler. Sir Gilbert belongs to a new artistic movement, the Artistes de Cler, and is organising a summer festival in the grounds of Spitalfrith Manor, where the Clerries will gather to reveal their Africa-inspired paintings. The whole village is invited and buzzing with excitement. But at the festival itself, Nell witnesses some strange and disturbing events, and when a terrible discovery is made the following day, she is horrified to learn that Lord Ansley's valet has been arrested. Can Nell clear his name while also confronting a face from the past?

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

A Secret Never Told

Lady Dunbridge mysteries

Noble, Shelley

Philomena Amesbury, expatriate Countess of Dunbridge, is bored. Coney Island, in the sweltering summer of 1908, offers no shortage of diversions for a young woman of means, but sea bathing, horse racing, and even amusement parks can't hold a candle to uncovering dastardly plots and chasing villains. Lady Dunbridge hadn't had a big challenge in months. Fate obliges, when Phil is called upon to host a dinner party in honour of a visiting Austrian psychologist whose revolutionary theories may be of interest to the War Department, not to mention various foreign powers, and who may have already survived one attempt on his life. The guest list includes a wealthy industrialist, various rival scientists and academics, a party hypnotist, a flamboyant party-crasher, and a damaged beauty whose cloudy psyche is lost in a world of its own. Before the night is out, one of the guests is dead with a bullet between the eyes and Phil finds herself with another mystery on her hands, even if it's unclear who exactly the intended victim was meant to be. Worse yet, the police's prime suspect is a mystery man who Phil happens to be rather intimately acquainted with. Now, it's up to Lady Dunbridge, with the invaluable assistance of her intrepid butler and lady's maid, to find the real culprit before the police nab the wrong one...

Historical mystery HC \$45.99

House with No Doors

Noon, Jeff

At first glance, Leonard Graves' death was unremarkable. Sleeping pills, a bottle of vodka, a note saying goodbye. But when Detective Henry Hobbes discovers a grave in the basement, he realises there is something far more sinister at work. Further investigation unearths more disturbing evidence. Scattered around the old house are women's dresses. All made of the same material. All made in the same colours. And all featuring a rip across the stomach, smeared in blood. As the investigation continues and the body count rises, Hobbes must also deal with the disappearance of his son, the break-up of his family and a growing sense that something horrific happened in the Graves' household. And he's running out of time to find out what.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Down a Dark River

Inspector Corra van mysteries

Odden, Karen

London, 1878. One April morning, a small boat bearing a young woman's corpse floats down the murky waters of the Thames. When the victim is identified as Rose Albert, daughter of a prominent judge, the Scotland Yard director gives the case to Michael Corra van, one of the only Senior Inspectors remaining after a corruption scandal the previous autumn left the division in ruins. Reluctantly, Corra van abandons his ongoing case, a search for the missing wife of a shipping magnate, handing it over to his young colleague, Mr Stiles. An Irish former bare-knuckles boxer and dockworker from London's seedy East End, Corra van has good street sense and an inspector's knack for digging up clues. But he's confounded when, a week later, a second woman is found dead in a rowboat, and then a third. The dead women seem to have no connection whatsoever. Meanwhile, Mr Stiles makes an alarming discovery: the shipping magnate's missing wife, Mrs Beckford, may not have fled her house because she was insane, as her husband claims, and Mr Beckford may not be the successful man of business that he appears to be. Slowly, it becomes clear that the river murders and the case of Mrs Beckford may be linked through some terrible act of injustice in the past – for which someone has vowed a brutal vengeance. Now, with the newspapers once again trumpeting the Yard's failures, Corra van must dredge up the truth – before London devolves into a state of panic and before the killer claims another innocent victim. The first in a series.

Historical mystery HC \$43.99

Recruited

Tom Clancy's the Division series

Parrott, Thomas

Maira Kanhai has had enough: since the Green Poison epidemic hit DC, her Cybersecurity degree is worthless, she can't re-join the US Navy, and her early efforts to secure Maryland led to a costly mistake: the death of her brother. Every day new factions emerge, trying to burn her city to the ground – until the Division emerges, inspiring hope. When a grenade kills one of their agents, Maira suddenly has a chance to make a real difference as a raw new Division recruit...

if she can pass the tests, and overcome the enemies plotting to permanently eliminate the Division, once and for all.

Thriller TP \$37.95

Steal

Dylan Reinhart series

Patterson, James

& Roughton, Howard

Imagine everyone's surprise when Carter von Oehson, a sophomore in Dr Dylan Reinhart's Abnormal Psychology class, posts on Instagram that he plans to kill himself. Twenty-four hours later and still no one has seen him. Release the hounds. A massive search ensues. But when Carter's sailboat rolls in with the tide without him or anyone else on it, the worst seems to be confirmed. He really did it... Or did he? The one person convinced he's still alive is his father, Mathias von Oehson, founder and CEO of the world's largest hedge fund. But what Mathias knows and how he knows it would ultimately reveal a secret so damaging that it would be as if he were committing suicide himself. There's no way he can go to the police. But there's still someone he can turn to. Dylan now finds himself wrapped up in multimillion-dollar secrets and danger and it's going to take every bit of his wit, and the brilliant and headstrong NYPD Detective, Elizabeth Needham, to stay ahead of both his enemy... and his employer.

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Verifiers

Pek, Jane

Follow Claudia, as she verifies people's online lives, and lies, for a dating detective agency in New York City. Until a client with an unusual request goes missing... Claudia is used to disregarding her fractious family's model-minority expectations: she has no interest in finding either a conventional career or a nice Chinese boy. She's also used to keeping secrets from them, such as that she prefers girls – and that she's just been stealth recruited by Veracity, a referrals-only online-dating detective agency. A lifelong mystery reader, who wrote her senior thesis on Jane Austen, Claudia believes she's landed her ideal job. But when a client vanishes, Claudia breaks protocol to investigate – and uncovers a maelstrom of personal and corporate deceit.

Mystery TP \$37.95

An Eggnog to Die For

Cape Cod Foodie mysteries

Pershing, Amy

Professional foodie Samantha Barnes has a simple Christmas list: a quiet holiday at home with her dog and a certain handsome harbour master; no embarrassing viral videos; and no finding dead bodies. Unfortunately, she's got family visiting, she's spending a lot of time in front of the camera, and she's just stumbled over the lifeless body of the town's Santa Claus. Plus, Sam's plans for Christmas Eve are getting complicated. There's the great eggnog debate among her very opinionated guests. There's the 'all edible' Christmas tree to decorate. And there's her Feast of the Five Fishes prepare. Nonetheless, Sam finds herself once again in the role of sleuth. She needs to find out who slayed this Santa – but can she pull off a perfect feast and nab a killer?

Mystery PBK \$19.99

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The Killer In the Snow

DI James Walker mysteries

Pine, Alex

A year has passed since DI James Walker cracked his biggest case yet, and he's hoping for peace and quiet this festive season. But across the fells, a local farmer returns home on Christmas Eve to find footsteps in the fresh snow that lead down to his unused basement – and no footsteps leading away. Days later, his body is found, alongside those of his wife and daughter. Without a neighbour for miles, there are no witnesses and little evidence. And the crime scene has strange echoes of another terrible murder committed at the farmhouse, twenty years earlier... James knows that to catch this killer, he needs to solve a case that has long since gone cold... The follow-up to *The Christmas Killer* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Moonlight and the Pearler's Daughter

Pook, Lizzie

Western Australia, 1886. As the pearling ships return to Bannin Bay after a long diving season, twenty-year-old Eliza Brightwell nervously awaits the arrival of her father's boat. But when his lugger finally limps in, it brings with it a tale of tragedy – Charles Brightwell, master pearler, has gone missing at sea. Immediately, whispers from the townsfolk point to mutiny or murder, but headstrong Eliza knows her father; she is sure he is still alive. As the Bay swelters under the heat of the approaching wet season, it falls to Eliza to seek out the truth behind her eccentric father's disappearance. But as she delves beneath the glamorous veneer of south sea pearling, she discovers that the sun-baked streets she thought she knew so well are teeming with corruption, prejudice and blackmail. How far is she willing to go to solve the mystery and save the ones she loves? And what family secrets will come to haunt her along the way? Because the truth may cost more than pearls – and she must decide if she's willing to pay the price...

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

Vital Lies

Sentro series

Pyne, Daniel

When a Canadian spy comes to ex-black ops specialist Aubrey Sentro for help tracking down notorious Cold War spymaster Günter Witt, she wants to say no. It's been thirty years, since Aubrey's captivity in East Berlin, and she has no desire to return. Her focus now is on mending the relationships that suffered during her years working in the shadows. But when a ruthless mercenary targets Aubrey and her daughter, the game changes. With Witt back on the scene, blackmailing his old contacts and contracting with rogue governments, the stakes are high. And Aubrey, who endured the brunt of Witt's cruelty in that old Stasi prison, may be the only one who can track him down. To unravel the threads of Witt's intricate web of lies, Aubrey will need to confront not only the dark secrets of her past but also the threat they pose to her future.

Thriller TP \$35.95

A Will to Kill

Harith Athreya mysteries

Raman, R V

Mist, mountains, murder. Ageing millionaire Bhaskar Fernandez has invited his relatives to the remote, and possibly haunted, Greybrooke Manor, high up in the misty Nilgiris. He knows his guests expect to gain from his death, so he writes two conflicting wills. Which one of them comes into force will depend on how he dies. Fernandez also invites Harith Athreya, a seasoned investigator, to watch what unfolds. When a landslide leaves the estate temporarily isolated, and a body is discovered, Athreya finds that death is not the only thing that the mist conceals... The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Butcher of Berner Street

Leo Stanhope Cases

Reeve, Alex

The headlines scream warnings about the 'Butcher of Berner Street!' and the journalist behind them – Leo Stanhope – is secretly thrilled to see the effect his words are having. Leo is used to covering more mundane issues, but when an anonymous letter summons him to a club in East London, only for the owner of the club to be found murdered shortly afterwards, Leo sees a story worth pursuing. Not to mention an opportunity to make a name for himself. Yet, the more Leo digs, the stranger the story becomes, taking him from the club to a nearby convent, and into the past of a very unusual woman. But he is not the only one hunting for a killer. And it seems Leo's newspaper reports may have put someone else in grave danger... The first of these brilliantly-atmospheric, Victorian mysteries is *The House on Half Moon Street* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

The Dangers of an Ordinary Night

Reeves, Lynne

On a chilly fall evening at the prestigious Performing Arts High School of Boston, best friends Tali Carrington and June Danforth go missing after auditioning for a play. They're last seen in grainy, out-of-focus surveillance footage that shows them walking away from the school. Two days later in a town south of Boston, Tali is found disoriented and traumatised by the ocean's edge, while June is pronounced dead at the scene. Tali's mother, Nell, is so bent on protecting her daughter from further emotional harm that she ignores rumours of her husband's involvement and enlists the help of Cynthia Rawlins, a reunification therapist with personal insight into the riptide that hides below the surface of every unsuspecting family. Meanwhile, Detective Fitz Jameson uncovers a criminal undertow involving the high school's overachieving students, and finally sees an opportunity for personal redemption from a secret that's haunted him for years. As Nell, Cynthia, and Fitz confront their own contributions to the scandals that beleaguer them, their lives turn out to be more deeply intertwined than they'd ever imagined. In the end, they must decide what lengths they're willing to go to protect the people they love while also saving themselves.

Thriller HC \$43.99

Mr Campion's Goven

Margery Allingham's

Albert Campion mysteries

Ripley, Mike

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

Mystery TP \$39.95

Abandoned in Death

Eve Dallas series

Robb, J D

Three young women have gone missing. They're all pretty, mid-twenties – someone clearly has a type. But no one links their disappearances until the first – Lauren Elder – is found lying peacefully on a bench in a children's playground. She is neatly dressed, with a wide black velvet ribbon covering where her neck has been precisely slit. Her hands are folded over a childish sign on which is written in black crayon – *Bad Mommy*. Lt Eve Dallas and her team are brought in to investigate Lauren's murder, and uncover the links to the other two women. Can they find out enough about the missing women and unmask their captor before they kill, again...?

Thriller TP \$32.99

Somebody's Home

Rouda, Kaira

Julie Jones has left her suffocating marriage. With her teenage daughter, Jess, she's starting over. Their new house in Oceanside is the first step toward a new life. Even if it does come with the unexpected. The previous owners, a pastor and his wife, have left something – or rather someone – behind... Tom Dean has a bitter hatred for the father who considers him a lost cause, and for the woman who's moved into their family's house. The only home he's ever known. He's never going to leave. She thinks he'll be gone in three days, but Tom has the perfect plan. For a newly-single mother and her daughter, a fresh start is the beginning of a nightmare. Before the weekend is over, somebody is going to get exactly what they deserve.

Thriller TP \$27.99

Totally Pawstruck

Second Chance Cat mysteries

Ryan, Sofie

Although Sarah Grayson is often tending to the contained chaos of her delightful second-hand store in North Harbour, Maine, plus dealing with the quirky personality of her rescue cat, Elvis, she still takes an occasional night off. But her evening out comes to an abrupt end, when Sarah discovers Stella Hall, a member of the library board, standing over a body in the street. Although Stella admits

that she and the victim had fought about several things including library funding, she is adamant that she is innocent and the real killer is on the loose. Sarah is eager to help, but even with the assistance of Charlotte's Angels, the senior citizen detectives who rent out part of her shop, there is still a vast amount of circumstantial evidence linking Stella to the crime. The odds may be stacked against them, but Sarah and Elvis, along with the Angels, will work hard to check out the suspects and catch a killer.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Silver Pebbles

Inspector Hunkeler series

Schneider, Hansjörg

An elegant young Lebanese man carrying diamonds in his bag is on the train from Frankfurt to Basel, a drug mule on the return journey. At the Basel train station, Hunkeler is waiting for him after a tip off from the German police. The courier manages to get to the station toilet and flushes the stones away. Erdogan, a young Turkish sewage worker, finds the diamonds in the pipes under the station. To him they mean wealth and the small hotel he always wanted to buy near his family village. To his older Swiss girlfriend Erika, employed at a supermarket checkout counter, the stones signify the end of their life together. She knows that Erdogan has a wife and children in Turkey. For the courier, finding the stones is a matter of life and death. His employers are on their way to 'tidy things up'. For Hunkeler, the stones are the only way to get to the people behind the drug trade. They turn out to include not only the bottom-feeding drug gangs but bankers and politicians very high up the Basel food chain.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Deadly Editions

Scottish Bookshop mysteries

Shelton, Paige

It's a quiet, snowy morning at the Cracked Spine bookshop, when bookseller Delaney Nichols receives a mysterious visitor, a messenger. He presents her with a perplexing note: an invitation to a meeting with eccentric socialite Shelagh O'Conner, who requests Delaney's participation in an exclusive treasure hunt. Delaney is intrigued, but also cautious: Shelagh, while charming in person, has a reputation for her hijinks as a wealthy young woman in the '70s. She was even once suspected – for the murder of a former boyfriend, though ultimately cleared of all charges. But Delaney is enticed by the grand prize at the end of the treasure hunt: a highly valuable first edition copy of *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, by Robert Louis Stevenson. The winner is also to receive the contents of Shelagh's vast library, and all participants will earn a large sum of cash. The night after the first meeting of the treasure hunters, however, several homes in Edinburgh are robbed in a manner reminiscent of Shelagh's old tricks. And when a man connected to Shelagh is killed, suspicion builds. Except Shelagh herself has disappeared from her home, seemingly kidnapped by the villain. Terror mounts throughout the city as Delaney attempts to solve the mystery, while trying to evade the killer's clutches. But it's hard to know who to trust when around every corner, a new monster could be lurking.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

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The Strangers in the House **Simenon, Georges**

Hector Loursat, a lawyer in the small town of Moulins, has lived as a drunken recluse since his wife left him eighteen years previously. Unmoored from society and estranged from his daughter, he shuts himself away, numbed by endless bottles of burgundy. But when a dead man is found in his house one night, the resulting police investigation unearths secrets that shake the town – and Loursat's isolation – to the core. No longer able to ignore the world, he emerges to take on the murder case himself and confront the lives of Moulins' byways and back streets. In the progressive breakdown of Loursat's self-imposed isolation, Simenon brilliantly depicts the psychology of loneliness and a man's tortured re-engagement with humanity and its darkest acts.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Violin Conspiracy **Slocumb, Brendan**

Growing up Black in rural North Carolina, Ray McMillian's life is already mapped out. If he's lucky, he'll get a job at the hospital cafeteria. If he's extra lucky, he'll earn more than minimum wage. But Ray has a gift and a dream – he's determined to become a world-class professional violinist, and nothing will stand in his way. Not his mother, who wants him to stop making such a racket; not the fact that he can't afford a violin suitable to his talents; not even the racism inherent in the world of classical music. When he discovers that his great-great-grandfather's beat-up old fiddle is actually a priceless Stradivarius, all his dreams suddenly seem within reach. Together, Ray and his violin take the world by storm. But on the eve of the renowned and cutthroat Tchaikovsky Competition – the Olympics of classical music – the violin is stolen, a ransom note for five million dollars left in its place. Ray will have to piece together the clues to recover his treasured Strad... before it's too late. With the descendants of the man who once enslaved Ray's great-great-grandfather asserting that the instrument is rightfully theirs, and with his family staking their own claim, Ray doesn't know who he can trust – or whether he will ever see his beloved violin again.

Mystery HC \$57.95

Your Inner Hedgehog

Professor Dr von Igelfeld Entertainments
Smith, Alexander McCall
Professor Dr Dr Moritz-Maria von Igelfeld and his colleagues at the University of Regensburg's Institute of Romance Philology pride themselves on their unwavering commitment to intellectual excellence. They know it is their job to protect a certain civilised approach to the scholarly arts. So, when a new deputy librarian, Dr Hilda Schreiber-Ziegler, threatens to drag them all down a path of progressive inclusivity, they are determined to stop her, in the name of scholarship – even if that requires von Igelfeld to make the noble sacrifice of running for director of the Institute. Alas, politics is never easy, and in order to put his best foot forward, von Igelfeld will be required to take up a visiting fellowship at Oxford and cultivate the attentions of a rather effusive young American scholar. Still, von Igelfeld has always heeded the clarion call of duty, especially when it comes with a larger office.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Fires of Edo **Spann, Susan**

Edo, February 1566: when a samurai's corpse is discovered in the ruins of a burned-out bookshop, master ninja Hiro Hattori and Jesuit Father Mateo must determine whether the shopkeeper and his young apprentice are innocent victims or assassins in disguise. The investigation quickly reveals dangerous ties to Hiro's past, which threaten not only Edo's fledgling booksellers' guild, but the very survival of Hiro's ninja clan. With an arsonist on the loose, and a murderer stalking the narrow streets, Hiro and Father Mateo must save the guild – and themselves – from a conflagration that could destroy them all.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

Murder on B Deck

American Mystery Classics

Starrett, Vincent

For the passengers aboard the *Latakia*, the transatlantic journey from New York to Cherbourg promises weeks of rest and relaxation, no matter what class of ticket they have. But after an Italian baroness is found strangled in her cabin, the situation on board becomes more tense. The main suspect soon goes overboard, creating more questions than answers: Did a guilty conscience spur a suicidal act, or was he a witness silenced by the true killer, still at large on the luxury liner. Enter former intelligence officer Walter Ghost, tapped by the ship's captain to play detective and solve the murder. He's joined by his friend Dunsten Mollock, a novelist whose experience with mystery stories gives him helpful insights into the case. With clues including an amateur film, a doll, and a card from Memphis, Tennessee, it seems the duo have plenty to work with. But will they be able to solve the crime before word of the murder makes it into the steamship's rumour mill, surely sending any guilty persons even deeper into hiding? Originally published in 1929, and out of print for nearly a century, *Murder on B Deck* is a puzzling, yet humorous, whodunnit set in the Golden Age of transatlantic travel.

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

The Lost Village

Sten, Camilla

Documentary filmmaker Alice Lindstedt has been obsessed with the vanishing residents of the old mining town, dubbed 'The Lost Village', since she was a little girl. In 1959, her grandmother's entire family disappeared in this mysterious tragedy, and ever since, the unanswered questions surrounding the only two people who were left – a woman stoned to death in the town centre and an abandoned newborn – have plagued her. She's gathered a small crew of friends in the remote village to make a film about what really happened. But there will be no turning back. Not long after they've set up camp, mysterious things begin to happen. Equipment is destroyed. People go missing. As doubt breeds fear and their very minds begin to crack, one thing becomes startlingly clear to Alice: They are not alone. They're looking for the truth... But what if it finds them first?

Thriller TP \$39.95

The Chestnut Man

TV tie-in edition

Sveistrup, Soren

As the leaves fall, he's coming for you...

One October morning in a quiet suburb, the police make a terrible discovery. A young woman is found brutally murdered with one of her hands missing. Above her, hangs a small doll made of chestnuts. Examining the doll, Forensics are shocked to find a fingerprint belonging to a young girl, kidnapped and murdered a year ago. Can a new killer be the key to an old crime? And will his spree be over when winter arrives – or is he only just getting started...? From the creator of the hit television show *The Killing*.

Noir (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Wild Dogs

Trant, Michael

In the drought-ridden rangelands of Western Australia, Gabe Ahern makes his living trapping wild dogs for local station owners. Still coming to terms with his wife's death – and the part he played in it – the old bushman leads a solitary life. Until one morning, when he rescues a young Afghan man, Amin, from certain execution. Now, with a gang of people smugglers on his tail and the lives of Amin's family on the line, Gabe is drawn into a ruthless game of cat and mouse. His main opponent is Chase Fowler, a kangaroo hunter with bush skills as wily and sharp as his own. As the old dogger and roo-shooter go head to head, Gabe will need all his cunning to come out of this alive... *Wild Dogs* is a page-turning action thriller set in the WA outback, introducing Australia's answer to Jack Reacher.

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Key In the Lock

Underdown, Beth

By day, Ivy Boscawen mourns the loss of her son Tim in the Great War. But by night she mourns another boy – one whose death decades ago haunts her still. For Ivy is sure that there is more to what happened, all those years ago: the fire at the Great House, and the terrible events that came after. A truth she must uncover, if she is ever to be free. But once you open a door to the past, can you ever truly close it again?

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

Midnight Hour:

a chilling anthology of crime fiction
from 20 authors of colour

VanDiver, Abby L

From a simple robbery gone horribly wrong to a grisly murder in a secret love dungeon, this stellar collection of crime fiction short stories showcases some of today's finest voices of colour. This thrilling anthology will keep you on the edge of your seat. Stories include: 'Midnight Escapade' by Jennifer Chow; 'Lucky Thirteen' by Tracy Clark; 'Murderers' Feast' by H C Chan; and 'In the Matter of Mabel and Bobby Jefferson' by Christopher Chambers. Plus, stories by Richie Narvaez, Frankie Bailey, E A Aymar, Faye Snowden, Tina Kashian, and many more.

Thriller TP \$27.99

Three-Fifths **Vercher, John**

Pittsburgh, 1995. Twenty-two-year-old Bobby Saraceno is a biracial black man, passing for white. Bobby has hidden his identity from everyone, even his best friend and fellow comicbook geek, Aaron, who has just returned from prison a newly-radicalised white supremacist. During the night of their reunion, Bobby witnesses Aaron mercilessly assault a young black man with a brick. In the wake of this horrifying act of violence, Bobby must conceal his unwitting involvement in the crime from the police, while battling his own personal demons. This is a harrowing story about racism and brutality that is more urgent now than ever.

Noir PBK \$19.99

Phone for the Fish Knives

Todes of Tode Hall mysteries

Waugh, Daisy

The Todes are back, and they're taking on Hollywood... When Hollywood wants to do a remake of the film that made Tode Hall famous, India and Egbert are delighted. They envisage a summer of free money and star-studded dinner parties ahead... But the Hall is soon overrun by wardrobe trucks and catering tents, and lusty, insecure actors squabbling about nudity clauses. When the movie's producers threaten to sue over the exact colour of Tode Hall's rolling lawns, India and Egbert realise that having a film crew on their doorstep isn't such a breeze after all. With so many egos in one place, things were bound to end badly, but no one would have predicted quite so literal a backstabbing... Follows *In the Crypt with a Candlestick* (PBK, \$22.99) in a deliciously-entertaining, new, comedic series full of sharp insight, sly wit – and a smidgeon of murder. Perfect for fans of P G Wodehouse, Julian Fellowes, and Agatha Christie.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

The Attic on Queen Street

Tradd Street series

White, Karen

After the devastating events of the past few months, the last thing Melanie Trenholm wants is to think about the future. Why, when her husband, Jack, has asked for a separation – a separation that might have been her fault? Nevertheless, with twin toddlers, a stepdaughter leaving for college soon, a real estate career to resume and a historic home that is still being restored, Melanie doesn't have much time to wonder where it all went wrong – but that doesn't stop her from trying to win her husband back. Their relationship issues are pushed aside, however, when long-time nemesis, Marc Longo, comes to them with a proposition: allow their Tradd Street house to be used as the filming location for the movie adaptation of Marc's bestselling book, and he will help Jack re-establish his stalled writing career. Despite Melanie's hesitation, Jack jumps at the chance. But Melanie's doubts soon prove to be well founded, when she uncovers ulterior reasons for Marc wanting to be back in their house – reasons that include a hidden gem so brilliant that legend links it

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to the most infamous jewel of all, the Hope Diamond. But Melanie has an unexpected ally in protecting the house and its inhabitants – the ghost of a Civil War era girl warns her of increasing threats to her family. But she's not the only spirit who is haunting Melanie. A malevolent ghost seems determined to stop Melanie from investigating the decades-old murder of a friend's sister, and this spirit will stop at nothing to protect its secrets – even from beyond the grave. Melanie and Jack must work together to find the answers before evil spirits of past and present destroy everything they love.

Mystery HC \$43.99

Marion Lane and the Deadly Rose

Inquirers mysteries

Willberg, T A

The envelope was tied with three delicate silk ribbons: 'One of the new recruits is not to be trusted...' It's 1959 and a new killer haunts the streets of London, having baffled Scotland Yard. The newspapers call him The Florist because of the rose he brands on his victims. The police have turned yet again to the Inquirers at Miss Brickett's for assistance, and second year Marion Lane is assigned the case. But she's already dealing with a mystery of her own, having received an unsigned

letter warning her that one of the three new recruits should not be trusted. She dismisses the letter at first, focusing on The Florist case, but her informer seems to be one step ahead, predicting what will happen before it does. But when a fellow second-year Inquirer is murdered, Marion takes matters into her own hands and must come face to face with her informer – who predicted the murder – to find out everything they know. Until then, no one at Miss Brickett's is safe, and everyone is a suspect. The sequel to *Marion Lane and the Midnight Murder* (PBK, \$22.99). *Midnight Murder* was great fun, recommended.

Fantastical mystery TP \$32.99

The Village of Eight Graves

Kosuke Kindaichi mysteries

Yokomizo, Seishi

Nestled deep in the mist-shrouded mountains, the Village of Eight Graves takes its name from a bloody legend: in the 16th century, eight samurai – who had taken refuge there, along with a secret treasure – were murdered by the inhabitants, bringing a terrible curse down upon their village. Centuries later, a mysterious young man named Tatsuya arrives in town, bringing a spate of deadly poisonings in his wake. The inimitably scruffy and brilliant Kosuke Kindaichi investigates.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

No Second Chances Youers, Rio

Luke Kingsley's glory days are behind him. A star on the rise, his life and career imploded after his soul singer wife, Lisa Hayes, disappeared without a trace, silencing a very public and tumultuous marriage. Most people, especially an avenging PI, think Luke got away with murder. The last thing he expects is to be pulled back from the brink by a star-struck stranger. Wannabe actress Kitty Rae has chased her dreams all the way from Kentucky to Hollywood. Saving a washed-up actor's life wasn't one of them, but she believes in Luke – as much as she believes her own career is just one lucky break away. For now, she works for Johan Fly, a charismatic, wealthy, and seriously unbalanced drug dealer to the rich and famous. When Johan discovers that Kitty has been skimming the product, he vows to make her pay. As Luke steps up to help Kitty, he uncovers a web of violence and corruption, as well as a single, enticing clue about his wife's disappearance. Barrelling across the Mojave Desert, Luke and Kitty set off to find the long-lost Lisa. But Johan, hungry for vengeance, is hot on their trail. There's no limit to what he will do to find them. And in a world where fortune favours the ruthless, there's also no limit to what Luke and Kitty will have to do to survive.

Thriller HC \$57.95

The Fields Young, Erin

A young woman found dead in an Iowa cornfield, on one of the few family farms still managing to compete with the giants of Big Agriculture. For Sergeant Riley Fisher, newly promoted to head of investigations at the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office, an already horrific crime takes on a personal edge when she discovers the victim is an old friend, from a dark past she thought she'd left behind. Rumour travels fast in small towns, while sweltering heat and statewide elections only add to the pressure-cooker atmosphere. When another body is found, Riley is in danger of being engulfed by the fear and the frenzy. Something deeply disturbing is out there – and it reaches far beyond Black Hawk County.

Thriller TP \$32.99