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Old Sins

Henry Johnstone mysteries
Adams, Jane A

1929. The discovery of the bodies of two retired policemen, Walter Cole and Hayden Paul, sounds warning bells to DCI Henry Johnstone. Both men were experiencing financial difficulties, and their deaths were staged to look like suicides. Hayden left a note containing two words: old sins. And when Henry attends his sister's Halloween party, he is approached by a flamenco dancer who leaves a note with the name of another man. Could this be a grim warning? Henry is forced on a painful journey back to an old case he worked on with Cole and Paul. Is someone playing a deadly game with Henry, and is he about to pay for his past mistakes? With Detective Sergeant Mickey Hitchens by his side and his family at risk, Henry must catch a dangerous killer bent on revenge – before the killer catches him...

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

Bake, Borrow, and Steal

Bakeshop mysteries

Alexander, Ellie

As the autumnal hues of November fall over the Shakespearean hamlet of Ashland, Oregon, Jules and her team at Torte are working on their biggest event ever. They've been invited to create chocolate showpieces for the gala opening of a new exhibit, Shakespeare's Lost Pages at SOMA. The museum, located on the campus of Southern Oregon University, is getting ready to unveil the Bard's lost manuscript, *Double Falsehood*, which is being touted as the greatest artistic discovery of modern times. In addition to moulding luscious, silky chocolate into magnificent structures, Torte will be serving an authentic Elizabethan feast straight from the pages of a 16th-century cookbook featuring Lardy cakes, Frangipane tarts, and jellies with chestnut cream. Jules has underestimated the amount of work required to pull off such a culinary feat. She finds herself in the strange position of feeling frazzled and stressed as the day of the gala approaches. However, her team rallies around her and once the massive works of chocolate art are safely installed at the museum, she can finally let out a sigh of relief and revel in the excitement of the grand celebration. But her relief is short lived. Right before the unveiling, news quickly begins to spread that Shakespeare's lost manuscript is missing. Not only that, but the security guard tasked with keeping the priceless artefact safe has been killed. Is this a case of a heist gone terribly wrong? Or could it be that a killer is lurking in the museum archives?

Mystery PBK \$24.95

The Dark Heart of Florence

Lady Emily mysteries

Alexander, Tasha

In 1903, tensions between Britain and Germany are starting to loom over Europe, something that has not gone unnoticed by Lady Emily and her husband, Colin Hargreaves. An agent of the Crown, Colin carries the weight of the Empire, but his focus is drawn to Italy by a series of burglaries at his daughter's palazzo in Florence – burglaries that might have international ramifications. He and Emily travel to Tuscany where, soon after their arrival, a stranger is thrown to his death from the roof onto the marble palazzo floor. Colin's trusted colleague and fellow agent, Darius Benton-Smith, arrives to assist Colin, who insists their mission must remain top secret. Finding herself excluded from the investigation, Emily secretly launches her own clandestine inquiry into the murder, aided by her spirited and witty friend, Cécile. They soon discover that the palazzo may contain a hidden treasure dating back to the days of the Medici and the violent reign of the fanatic monk, Savonarola – days that resonate in the troubled early twentieth century, an uneasy time full of intrigue, duplicity, and warring ideologies. Emily and Cécile race to untangle the cryptic clues leading them through the Renaissance city, but an unimagined danger follows closely behind. And when another violent death puts Emily directly in the path of a killer, there's much more than treasure at stake...

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

Antiques Carry On

Trash 'n' Treasures mysteries

Allan, Barbara

Vivian Borne – true-crime author, antiques dealer and ex-sheriff of Serenity, Iowa – is looking forward to meeting her new editor in London. Flying first class, rooms at the Savoy... Her long-suffering co-author, daughter Brandy, worries the trip will bankrupt them both, but the alternative – Mother travelling alone – is unthinkable. Brandy's almost tempted to make her fiancé, Tony – Serenity's Chief of Police – call Scotland Yard and warn them Vivian's coming. But even Brandy doesn't predict their vacation will end in murder... or that she and Mother will be unceremoniously ejected from the country, with an order to leave things well alone. Vivian and Brandy need a case to write about, and Mother doesn't care which one. But as the intrepid sleuths – ably supported by doggy detective Sushi – investigate a promising local prospect, they're plunged into a complex mystery that stretches right back to London... with no choice but to carry on.

Mystery TP \$39.95

Robert B Parker's

Bye Bye Baby

Spenser series

Atkins, Ace

Carolina Garcia-Ramirez is a rising star in national politics, taking on the establishment with her progressive agenda. Tough, outspoken, and driven, the young congresswoman has ignited a new conversation in Boston about race, poverty, health care, and the environment. Now, facing her second campaign, she finds herself not only fighting a tight primary with an old guard challenger but also contending with numerous death threats coming from hundreds of suspects. When her chief of staff reaches out to Spenser for security and help finding the culprits of what he believes to be the most credible threats, Garcia-Ramirez is less than thrilled. Since her first grassroots run, she's used to the antipathy and intimidation women of colour often face when seeking power. To her, it's all noise. But it turns out an FBI agent disagrees, warning Spenser that Garcia-Ramirez might be in real danger this time. It doesn't take long for Spenser to cross paths with an extremist group called The Minutemen, led by a wealthy Harvard grad named Bishop Graves. Although Graves is a social media sensation, pushing an agenda of white supremacy and toxic masculinity, he denies he's behind the attacks. As the primary nears and threats become a deadly plot, it's up to Spenser, Hawk, and a surprise trusted ally to ensure the congresswoman is safe. This is Spenser doing what he does best, living by a personal code and moral compass that can't ever be broken.

Hardboiled HC \$57.95

The Dartmoor Murders

Juno Browne mysteries

Austin, Stephanie

When Juno Browne purchases a wardrobe to stock in her fledgling antiques store, she doesn't expect to find a dead body inside. And when the man she bought it from, rascally farmer Fred Crick, is found battered to death in his blazing cottage, the hunt for a double murderer is on. Despite the police struggling to connect the two deaths, this time Juno is resolved to ignore her impulse to investigate. Until, that is, a stranger arrives who bears an uncanny resemblance to the dead man in the wardrobe. Determined to discover how his identical twin brother died and impressed by Juno's reputation in the local press as Ashburton's amateur sleuth, Henry Gillow tries to drag her into his quest to solve the mystery, with disastrous results.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

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Deadman's Track

Barrie, Sarah

A tragic accident, a terrible crime, an unknown threat... Scarred by a recent tragedy on Federation Peak, Tess Atherton is reluctant to guide a group of young hikers in the wild Tasmanian winter, but it seems safer than remaining amid the violence that threatens them in Hobart. Little does she know that she has brought the danger with her... Detective Senior Sergeant Jared Denham is closing in on a serial killer, but someone doesn't want him getting to the truth and the case is becoming personal. He already owes Tess his life, and wants to return the favour – but when it comes to enemies, Jared may be looking in the wrong direction. Time is running out, and death is stalking them both...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Windhall

Barry, Ava

1940s Hollywood was an era of decadence and director Theodore Langley was its king. Paired with Eleanor Hayes as his lead actress, Theo ruled the Golden Age of Hollywood. That ended, when Eleanor's mangled body was discovered in Theo's rose garden and he was charged with her murder. The case was thrown out before it went to trial and Theo fled LA, leaving his crawling estate, Windhall, to fall into ruin. He hasn't been seen since. Decades later, investigative journalist Max Hailey, raised by his gran on stories of old Hollywood, is sure that if he could meet Theo, he could prove, once and for all, that the famed director killed his leading lady. When a copycat murder takes place near Windhall, the long reclusive Theo returns to LA, and it seems Hailey finally has his chance. When Hailey gets his hands on Theo's long-missing journals, he reads about Eleanor's stalkers and her role in Theo's final film, *The Last Train to Avalon*, a film so controversial it was never released to the public. In the months leading up to her death, something had left her so terrified she stopped coming to work. The more Hailey learns, about *Avalon*, the more convinced he becomes that the film could tell him who killed Eleanor, and why she had to die. But the implications of *Avalon* reach far beyond Eleanor's murder, and Hailey must race to piece together the murders of the past and present before it's too late.

Mystery/suspense TP \$35.95

Inheritance of Secrets

Bates, Sonya

A brutal murder. A wartime promise. A quest for the truth. Juliet's elderly grandparents are killed in their Adelaide home. Who would commit such a heinous crime – and why? The only clue is her grandfather Karl's missing signet ring. When Juliet's estranged sister, Lily, returns in fear for her life, Juliet suspects something far more sinister than a simple break-in, gone wrong. Before Juliet can get any answers, Lily vanishes once more. Juliet only knew Karl Weiss as a loving grandfather, a German soldier who emigrated to Australia to build a new life. What was he hiding that could have led to his murder? While attempting to find out, Juliet uncovers some disturbing secrets from WWII that will put both her and her sister's lives in danger...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Down the Hatch

Agatha Raisin mysteries

Beaton, M G & Green, R W

Nothing could be more relaxing or sedate than a quiet game of bowls on a pristine bowling green bathed in the sunshine of an English summer's afternoon in the Cotswolds – unless there's a dead body lying on the grass. Agatha Raisin becomes embroiled in a turmoil of jealousy and lies when the tranquillity of her local bowls club explodes into a storm of accusation and intrigue – and murder. Her private life is no less turbulent when a past suitor reappears just as her ex-husband seems intent on rekindling their romance, and her close friend, Bill Wong, is in danger of losing the woman he loves. Events take an even darker turn when Agatha realises that, in pursuing the bowling green killer, she is putting her own life in danger...

Mystery HC \$39.99

Post Mortem

Elliot Rook, QC series

Bell, Gary

Can Rook keep his criminal past a secret when facing the most dangerous case of his life? Thirteen men have died in a London prison. Barrister Elliot Rook QC, who risks losing everything if his secret criminal past is revealed, must defend Charli Meadows, the vulnerable single mother accused of smuggling the deadly tainted drugs inside. But just as Rook becomes suspicious of those closest to Charli, a note arrives at his flat – threatening violence if the trial is not called off. While Rook battles to defend Charli and protect himself, his young protégé Zara Barnes is fighting for her livelihood. In a few short weeks, only one tenancy at the legal chambers will be available to the ever-multiplying mass of pupils. Determined to make it hers, Zara takes on her biggest solo case, yet. But will her gamble pay off? The rogue QC's first appearance was in *Beyond Reasonable Doubt* (PBK, \$19.99). This series has garnered some excellent customer feedback.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

My Darling Husband

Belle, Kimberly

Jade and Cam Lasky are, by all accounts, a happily-married couple with two adorable kids, a spacious home and a rapidly-growing restaurant business. But their world is tipped upside down, when Jade is confronted by a masked home invader. As Cam scrambles to gather the ransom money, Jade starts to wonder if they're as financially secure as their lifestyle suggests, and what other secrets her husband is keeping from her. Cam may be a good father, a celebrity chef and a darling husband, but there's another side he's kept hidden from Jade that has put their family in danger. Unbeknownst to Cam and Jade, the home invader has been watching them and is about to turn their family secrets into a public scandal.

Thriller TP \$29.99

A Three Dog Problem

Her Majesty the Queen Investigates

Bennett, S J

In the wake of a referendum which has divided the nation, the last thing the Queen needs is any more problems to worry about. But when an oil painting of the Royal Yacht

Britannia – first given to the Queen in the 1960s – shows up unexpectedly in a Royal Navy exhibition, she begins to realise that something is up. When a body is found in the Palace swimming pool, she finds herself, once again, in the middle of an investigation which has more twists and turns than she could ever have suspected. With her trusted secretary Rozie by her side, the Queen is determined to solve the case. But will she be able to do it before the murderer strikes again? This delightfully clever mystery series, following Queen Elizabeth II, as she secretly solves crimes alongside her royal duties, begins with *The Windsor Knot* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery TP \$29.99

The Wintringham Mystery

Collins Crime Club

Berkeley, Anthony

Stephen Munro, a demobbed army officer, reconciles himself to taking a job as a footman to make ends meet. Employed at Wintringham Hall, the delightful but decaying Sussex country residence of the elderly Lady Susan Carey, his first task entails welcoming her eccentric guests to a weekend house party, at which her bombastic nephew – who recognises Stephen from his former life – decides that an after-dinner séance would be more entertaining than bridge. Then, Cicely disappears! With Lady Susan reluctant to call the police about what is presumably a childish prank, Stephen and the plucky Pauline Mainwaring take it upon themselves to investigate. But then a suspicious death turns the game into an altogether more serious affair... This classic winter mystery incorporates all the trappings of the Golden Age – a rambling country house, a séance, a murder, a room locked on the inside, with servants, suspects and alibis, a romance – and an ingenious puzzle. Republished for the first time in nearly 95 years, a classic winter country house mystery by the founder of the Detection Club, with a twist that even Agatha Christie couldn't solve! First published as a 30-part newspaper serial in 1926 – the year *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* was published, *The Wintringham Mystery* was written by Anthony Berkeley, founder of the famous Detection Club. Also known as *Cicely Disappears*, the Daily Mirror ran the story as a competition with a prize of £500 (equivalent to £30,000, today) for anyone who guessed the solution correctly. Nobody did – even Agatha Christie entered, and couldn't solve it. Can you?

Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

Whitehavens

Bilal, Parker

It's not easy being the head of a feared crime dynasty. Donny Apostolis and his family are at war with the powerful Ziyades, determined to stop them muscling in on the Apostolis empire. Fortunately, Donny has Brodie. Brodie is loyal. He's also Donny's hit man. He does what he's told, which is why he's agreed to take Donny's young nephew with him on his next job. But when Brodie finds his target, he gets a call that changes everything – and his mission takes a startling turn. Brodie is suddenly one half of an unlikely couple on the run, dragged into a brutal game of survival alongside Karima, the woman he was sent to kill. But can Karima trust him... and can Brodie trust her?

Thriller TP \$39.95

No Memes of Escape

Brooklyn Murder mysteries

Blacke, Olivia

Odessa Dean has made a home of Brooklyn. She has a fun job waiting tables at Untapped Books & Café and a new friend, Izzy, to explore the city with. When she's invited on a girls' day out escape room adventure, she jumps at the chance. It's all fun and games until the lights come on and they discover one of the girls bludgeoned to death... The only possible suspects are Odessa and the four other players that were locked in the escape room with the victim. She refuses to believe that one of them is responsible for the murder, despite what the clues indicate. In between shifts at the café, Odessa splits her time interviewing the murder suspects, updating the bookstore's social media accounts, and searching for the impossible – an affordable apartment in Brooklyn. But crime – and criminally high rent – waits for no woman. Can Odessa clear her and Izzy's names before the police decide they're guilty?

Mystery TP \$22.99

The Passenger

Boschwitz, Ulrich Alexander

Berlin, November 1938. With storm troopers battering against his door, Otto Silbermann must flee out the back of his own home. He emerges onto streets thrumming with violence: it is *Kristallnacht*, and synagogues are being burnt, Jews rounded up and their businesses destroyed. Turned away from establishments he had long patronised, betrayed by friends and colleagues, Otto finds his life as a respected businessman has dissolved overnight. Desperately trying to conceal his Jewish identity, he takes train after train across Germany in a race to escape this homeland that is no longer home. Twenty-three-year-old Ulrich Alexander Boschwitz wrote *The Passenger* at breakneck speed in 1938, fresh in the wake of the *Kristallnacht* pogroms, and his prose flies at the same pace. Shot through with Hitchcockian tension, *The Passenger* is a blistering immediate story of flight and survival in Nazi Germany.

Suspense TP \$27.99

God Rest Ye, Royal Gentlemen

Royal Spyness mysteries

Bowen, Rhys

Georgie is excited for her first Christmas as a married woman in her lovely new home. She suggests to her dashing husband, Darcy, that they have a little house party, but when Darcy receives a letter from his aunt Ermintrude, there is an abrupt change in plans. She has moved to a house on the edge of the Sandringham estate, near the royal family, and wants to invite Darcy and his new bride for Christmas. Aunt Ermintrude hints that the queen would like Georgie nearby. Georgie had not known that Aunt Ermintrude was a former lady-in-waiting and close confidante of her royal highness. The letter is therefore almost a royal request, so Georgie, Darcy, and their Christmas guests: Mummy, Grandad, Fig, and Binky all head to Sandringham. Georgie soon learns that the notorious Mrs Simpson, mistress to the Prince of Wales, will also be in attendance. It is now crystal clear to Georgie that the Queen expects her to do a

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bit of spying. There is tension in the air from the get-go, and when Georgie pays a visit to the queen, she learns that there is more to her request than just some simple eavesdropping. There have been a couple of strange accidents at the estate recently. Two gentlemen of the royal household have died in mysterious circumstances and another has been shot by mistake during a hunt. Georgie begins to suspect that a member of the royal family is the real target but her investigation will put her new husband and love of her life, Darcy, in the crosshairs of a killer.

Historical mystery HC \$39.99

The Sorority Murder Brennan, Allison

Lucas Vega is obsessed with the death of Candace Swain, who left a sorority party one night and never came back. Her body was found after two weeks, but the case has grown cold. Three years later while interning at the medical examiner's, Lucas discovers new information, but the police are not interested. Lucas knows he has several credible pieces of the puzzle. He just isn't sure how they fit together. So, he creates a podcast to revisit Candace's last hours. Then he encourages listeners to crowd source what they remember and invites guest lecturer Regan Merritt, a former US marshal, to come on and share her expertise. New tips come in that convince Lucas and Regan they are onto something. Then shockingly one of the podcast callers turns up dead. Another hints at Candace's secret life, a much darker picture than Lucas imagined – and one that implicates other sorority sisters. Regan uses her own resources to bolster their theory and learns that Lucas is hiding his own secret. The pressure is on to solve the murder, but first Lucas must come clean about his real motives in pursuing this podcast – before the killer silences him forever.

Thriller PBK \$26.95

Could You Survive Midsomer? Brew, Simon

Can you avoid a bizarre death in England's most dangerous county? All is not well in the beautiful county of Midsomer. On the eve of its first Villages in Bloom competition, a man lies dead, smelling of damson jam. Who could have done it? Well, that's where you come in. Step into the shoes of Midsomer CID's newest recruit, choose your own path, and decide which way the story goes. Will you get to the bottom of the mystery? Will you bring the perpetrator to justice? And perhaps most importantly of all, could you avoid an untimely, and possibly bizarre, death... will you survive Midsomer? Your task is to make the right choices, solve the case and – most tricky of all – stay alive...! Good luck. An official *Midsomer Murders* Interactive novel, set in ITV's most celebrated and murderous county.

interactive mystery HC \$29.99

The Girl She Was Burke, Alafair

She calls herself Hope Miller, but she has no idea who she actually is. Fourteen years ago, she was found, thrown from an overturned vehicle, with no clue to her identity. Hope, eventually, started a new life, but never recovered her memory – and always

wondered what she may have left behind, or what she could have been running away from. Now she's missing. The only lead is a drop of blood connected to a notorious Kansas murderer. With nowhere else to turn, Hope's best friend, Lindsay Kelly, calls NYPD homicide detective Ellie Hatcher – a woman with her own complicated history and links to the Kansas case. In pursuit of answers, three women search for the truth beneath long-buried secrets. And when their searches converge, what they find will upend everything they've ever known.

Thriller TP \$29.99

A Fatal Family Feast

Farm-to-Fork mysteries

Gahoon, Lynn

When Angie's best friend and business partner, Felicia Williams, picks the County Seat to host her upcoming nuptials, Angie wants it to feel like a family affair – especially since Felicia is set to marry the farm-to-fork restaurant's talented *sous* chef, Estebe Blackstone. Unfortunately, the bride's actual family is far less enthusiastic about the union. They're pulling out all the stops to cancel the couple's wedding, even arranging for a surprise visit from Felicia's ex-fiancé (and her father's current lackey). But when her ex is killed days before the ceremony and Estebe is framed for the crime, Angie and the County Seat crew must scramble to solve the murder and save the wedding...

Mystery TP \$37.95

A Nest of Vipers

Inspector Montalbano mysteries

Camilleri, Andrea

On what should be a quiet Sunday morning, Inspector Montalbano is called to a murder scene on the Sicilian coast. A man has discovered his father dead in his Vigàtan beach house, his body slumped on the dining room floor, his morning coffee spilled across the table, and a single gunshot wound at the base of his skull. First appearances point to the son having the most to gain from his father's untimely death, a notion his sister can't help but reinforce. But when Montalbano delves deeper into the case, and learns of the dishonourable life the victim led, it soon becomes clear half of Vigàta has a motive for his murder and this won't be as simple as the inspector had once hoped... A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Pyramid of Mud

Inspector Montalbano mysteries

Camilleri, Andrea

It's been raining for days in Vigàta, and the persistent downpours have led to violent floods overwhelming the Inspector's beloved hometown, sweeping across the land and leaving only a sea of mud behind. It is on one of these endless grey days that a man – a Mr Giuglù Nicotra – is found dead, his body discovered in a large sewage tunnel, half naked and with a bullet in his back. The investigation is slow and slippery to start with, but when Montalbano realises that every clue he uncovers and every person he interviews is leading to the same place – the world of public spending and, with it, the Mafia – the case begins to pick up pace. But there's one question that keeps playing on Montalbano's mind: in his strange and

untimely death, was Giuglù Nicotra trying to tell him something? A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Overnight Kidnapper

Inspector Montalbano mysteries

Camilleri, Andrea

After a hectic morning involving two rather irritating cases of mistaken identity, Inspector Montalbano finally arrives in his office ready to find out what's troubling Vigàta this week. What he discovers is unnerving. A woman on her way home from work has been held up at gunpoint, chloroformed and kidnapped, but then released just hours later – unharmed and with all her possessions – into the open countryside. Later that day, Montalbano hears from Enzo, the owner of his favourite restaurant, that his niece has recently been the victim of the exact same crime. Before long, a third instance of this baffling overnight kidnapping has been reported. As far as Montalbano can tell, there is no link between the attacker and the victims. So, what exactly is this mystery assailant gaining from these fleeting kidnappings? And what can he do to stop them? Montalbano must use all his logic and intuition if he is to answer these pressing questions before the kidnapper finds his next victim... A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Where They Wait Garson, Scott

Recently laid off from his newspaper and desperate for work, Nick Bishop takes a humbling job: writing a profile of a new mindfulness app, Clarity. The app itself seems like a retreat of old ideas – relaxing white noise and guided meditations. But then there are the 'Sleep Songs': a woman's hauntingly beautiful voice sings a ballad, but it's disturbing rather than soothing – more of a warning than a relaxation. However, it works. Deep, refreshing sleep follows. As do nightmares. Vivid and chilling, they feature a dead woman who calls Nick by name and whispers guidance – or are they threats? Soon, her voice follows him long after the song is done. As the effects of the nightmares begin to permeate his waking life, Nick makes a terrifying discovery: no one involved with Clarity has any interest in his article. Their interest is in him. Because while he may not have any memory of it, he's one of twenty people who have heard this sinister song before, and the only one who is still alive...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

The Axeman's Jazz

City Blues Quartet

Celestin, Ray

New Orleans, 1919. As a dark serial killer – The Axeman – stalks the city, three individuals set out to unmask him... Though every citizen of the 'Big Easy' thinks they know who could be behind the terrifying murders, Detective Lieutenant Michael Talbot, heading up the official investigation, is struggling to find leads. But Michael has a grave secret – and if he doesn't get himself on the right track fast – it could be exposed... Former detective Luca d'Andrea has spent the last six years in Angola state penitentiary, after Michael, his protégée, blew the whistle on his corrupt behaviour. Now, a newly-freed man, Luca

is back working with the mafia, whose need to solve the mystery of the Axeman is every bit as urgent as the authorities'. Meanwhile, Ida is a secretary at the Pinkerton Detective Agency. Obsessed with Sherlock Holmes and dreaming of a better life, Ida stumbles across a clue which lures her and her musician friend, Louis Armstrong, to the case – and into terrible danger... As Michael, Luca and Ida each draw closer to discovering the killer's identity, the Axeman himself will issue a challenge to the people of New Orleans: play jazz or risk becoming the next victim. And as the case builds to its crescendo, the sky will darken and a great storm will loom over the city... This reissue is the first in the City Blues Quartet.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Dead Man's Blues

City Blues Quartet

Celestin, Ray

Chicago, 1928. Al Capone runs the city but cracks in his rule are starting to show... In the heavy summer heat, a series of shocking events takes place. A group poisoned in a swanky hotel. A rich white man found dead in a down-and-out neighbourhood he should never have been in. A socialite, known across the city, vanished without trace. Could these events be connected? Is someone trying to bring down Al Capone? Ida and Michael at Pinkerton Detective Agency; Jacob, a police photographer with a personal vendetta; and Dante, working on behalf of Capone himself, are all trying to find answers in the city of jazz, dancing and corruption. This reissue is the second in the City Blues Quartet.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Twisted Tea Christmas

Tea Shop mysteries

Childs, Laura

Tea maven Theodosia Browning and her tea sommelier, Drayton Conneley, are catering a Victorian Christmas party at a swanky mansion in downtown Charleston. Drucilla Heyward, the hostess, is one of the wealthiest women in town. As the champagne flows and the tea steeps, Drucilla is so pleased with the reception by her partygoers that she reveals her secret plan to Theodosia. The Grande Dame has brought the cream of Charleston society together to reveal that she is planning to give her wealth away to various charitable organisations. However, before she can make the announcement, Theodosia finds her crumpled unconscious in the hallway. It looks like the excitement has gotten to the elderly woman – except that there is a syringe sticking out of her neck.

Mystery HC \$39.99

The Waiter

Kamil Rahman mysteries

Chowdhury, Ajay

Kamil Rahman, disgraced detective, turned waiter, is about to find himself embroiled in a case that might just change his life... for better or for worse. Ex-detective Kamil Rahman moves from Kolkata to London to start afresh as a waiter in an Indian restaurant. But the day he caters an extravagant party for his boss' rich and powerful friend, the peace of his simple new life is shattered. The event is a success, the food is delicious, but later that evening the host, Rakesh, is found dead in his swimming pool. Suspicion falls on Rakesh's

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young and glamorous new wife, Neha, and Kamil is called to investigate for the family, with the help of his boss' daughter Anjali. Kamil and Anjali prove a winning team – but as the investigation progresses, and their relationship grows, Kamil struggles to keep memories of the case that destroyed his career in Kolkata at bay. Little does he know that his past will soon catch up with him in some very unexpected ways. The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$32.99

Midsummer Mysteries:

Secrets and Suspense from the Queen of Crime, special edition **Christie, Agatha**

An all-new collection of summer-themed mysteries from the master of the genre, just in time for the holiday season. Summertime – as the temperature rises, so does the potential for evil. From Cornwall to the French Riviera, whether against a background of Delphic temples, or English country houses, Agatha Christie's most famous characters solve even the most devilish of conundrums as the summer sun beats down. Pull up a deckchair and enjoy plot twists and red herrings galore from the bestselling fiction writer of all time.

Christie HC \$32.99

A Prince and a Spy

Tom Wilde series

Clements, Rory

Sweden, 1942 – Two old friends meet. They are cousins. One is Prince George, Duke of Kent, brother of the King of England. The other is Prince Philipp von Hessen, a committed Nazi and close friend of Adolf Hitler. Days later, the Prince George is killed in a plane crash in the north of Scotland. The official story is that it was an accident – but not everyone is convinced. There is even a suggestion that the Duke's plane was sabotaged, but with no evidence, Cambridge spy Tom Wilde is sent north to discover the truth... Dramatic, intelligent, and brilliantly compelling, this fantastic WWII-set series begins with *Corpus* (PBK, \$19.99).

Suspense PBK \$19.99

The Missing Hours

Dahl, Julia

From a distance, Claudia Castro has it all: the famous family, the trust fund, thousands of Instagram followers, and a spot in NYU's freshman class. But then one drunken night everything changes. Her memory hazy, Claudia cuts herself off from her family, seeking solace in a new friendship, but when the rest of school comes back from spring break, Claudia is missing. A heart-wrenching thriller following a young woman who refuses to be a victim in a world where everything we do is documented online.

Thriller TP \$29.99

End of Summer de la Motte, Anders

You can always go home. But you can never go back... *Summer 1983*: Four-year-old Billy chases a rabbit in the fields behind his house. But when his mother goes to call him in, Billy has disappeared. Never to be seen again. Today: Veronica is a bereavement counsellor. She's never fully come to terms with her mother's suicide after her brother Billy's disappearance. When a young man walks into her group, he looks familiar

and talks about the trauma of his friend's disappearance in 1983. Could Billy still be alive after all this time? Needing to know the truth, Veronica goes home – to the place where her life started to fall apart. But is she really prepared for the answers that wait for her, there? The follow-up to *Rites of Spring* (PBK, \$19.99) – a Swedish bestseller.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

A Tip for the Hangman Epstein, Allison

England, 1585. In Kit Marlowe's last year at Cambridge, he is approached by Queen Elizabeth's spymaster offering an unorthodox career opportunity: going undercover to intercept a Catholic plot to put Mary, Queen of Scots on Elizabeth's throne. Spying on Queen Mary turns out to be more than Kit bargained for, but his salary allows him to mount his first play, and over the following years he becomes the toast of London's raucous theatre scene. But when Kit finds himself reluctantly drawn back into the world of espionage and treason, he realises everything he's worked so hard to attain – including the trust of the man he loves – could vanish in an instant.

Historical suspense TP \$37.95

Death by Hot Apple Cider

Bookstore Café mysteries

Erickson, Alex

With autumn in full swing and Thanksgiving on the way, Krissy's supplying cider and her staff is manning the apple-bobbing booth at a town event. But then a patron dunks his head in – and doesn't come back up. It soon becomes clear that Krissy's brew wasn't to blame. But with her policeman boyfriend looking to make detective, she can't help being drawn into the investigation. The victim was notorious for harassing not only her own bookstore but the library and the school for promoting supposedly scandalous literature – before someone censored him permanently. Now, Krissy will have to check out a stack of suspects to find a killer who's rotten to the core...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Gutthroat Dogs

Amos Walker mysteries

Estleman, Loren D

'Someone is dead who shouldn't be, and the wrong man is in prison.' Nearly twenty years ago, college freshman April Goss was found dead in her bathtub, an apparent suicide, but suspicion soon fell on her boyfriend. Dan Corbeil was convicted of her murder and sent to prison. Case closed. Or is it?

Hardboiled HC \$55.00

Troppo

TV tie-in edition

Fox, Candice

Six minutes – that's all it took to ruin Detective Ted Conkaffey's life. Accused but not convicted of abducting a teenage girl, he escapes north, to the steamy, croc-infested wetlands of Crimson Lake. Amanda Pharrell knows what it's like to be public enemy number one. Maybe, it's her murderous past that makes her so good as a private investigator, tracking lost souls in the wilderness. Her latest target, missing author Jake Scully, has a life more shrouded in secrets than her own – so she enlists help from

the one person in town more hated than she is: Ted Conkaffey. But the residents of Crimson Lake are watching the pair's every move. And, for Ted, a man already at breaking point, this town is offering no place to hide... The ABC TV series *Troppo* – adapted from Fox's *Crimson Lake* – will hit screens early in 2022, starring Thomas Jane.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

One Step Too Far Gardner, Lisa

A young man disappears during a stag weekend in the woods. Years later, he's still missing. But his friends who were with him that day are still searching for him. Still hunting. They hike deep into the wilderness. With them is missing person specialist Frankie Elkin. What they don't know is that they are putting their own lives in terrifying danger, and may not come back alive...

Thriller TP \$32.99

Something to Hide

Inspector Lynley mysteries

George, Elizabeth

A Nigerian born detective sergeant working for the Metropolitan Police is found unconscious in her own flat and ends up in hospital where she dies of her injury. The post mortem reveals that the subdural hematoma is the result of a blow to her head. DI Thomas Lynley, DS Barbara Havers and DS Winston Nkata are called in to investigate a case that touches upon not only the work and the life of the murdered detective but also upon a controversial cultural tradition that damages and often destroys the future of everyone it involves.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

And Now She's Gone

Hall, Rachel Howzell

Isabel Lincoln is gone. But is she *missing*?

It's up to Grayson Sykes to find her.

Although she is reluctant to track down a woman who may not want to be found, Gray's search for Isabel Lincoln becomes more complicated and dangerous with every new revelation about the woman's secrets and the truth she's hidden from her friends and family.

Thriller PBK \$24.95

The Appeal

Hallett, Janice

One murder. Fifteen suspects. Can you uncover the truth? There is a mystery to solve in the sleepy town of Lower Lockwood.

It starts with the arrival of two secretive newcomers, and ends with a tragic death. Law students Charlotte and Femi have been assigned to the case. Someone has already been sent to prison for murder, but they suspect that they are innocent. And that far darker secrets have yet to be revealed... Throughout the amateur dramatics society's disastrous staging of *All My Sons* and the shady charity appeal for a little girl's cancer treatment, the murderer hid in plain sight. Will Charlotte and Femi solve the case? Will you? 'Agatha Christie for the 21st century. A dazzlingly clever murder mystery, told via emails, about sinister goings on in an amateur dramatics group.' – *The Times*. The first in a series.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Hideout

Timothy Blake series

Heath, Jack

Timothy Blake has nothing to lose. He's headed to an isolated house in rural Texas with a hammer in his pocket and murder on his mind. His target is Fred, the ringleader of a criminal empire on the dark web. Once Fred is gone, Blake can disappear for good. But it turns out that Fred isn't alone. Five other psychopaths live in the house. They work together and call themselves the Guards. Torture, extortion and death are their business. Blake manages to convince them that he's one of their online associates. Soon they think he's a monster, like them. They're not wrong. Blake decides to pick them off one by one. But when a Guard is found with a bullet in his skull, Blake realises that someone else in the house may have the same idea – and he might be their next target. Meanwhile, who are the desperate people chained up in the building behind the house? One of them will change everything...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

A Solitude of Wolverines

Alex Carter series

Henderson, Alice

While studying wolverines on a wildlife sanctuary in Montana, biologist Alex Carter is run off the road and threatened by locals determined to force her off the land. Undeterred in her mission to help save this threatened species, Alex tracks wolverines on foot and by cameras positioned in remote regions of the preserve. But when she reviews the photos, she discovers disturbing images of an animal of a different kind: a severely injured man seemingly lost and wandering in the wilds. After searches for the unknown man come up empty, local law enforcement is strangely set on dismissing the case altogether, raising Alex's suspicions. Then another invasive predator trespasses onto the preserve. The hunter turns out to be another human – and the prey is the wildlife biologist herself. Alex realises too late that she has seen too much – she's stumbled onto a far-reaching illegal operation and now has become the biggest threat. In this wild and dangerous landscape, Alex's life depends on staying one step ahead – using all she knows about the animal world and what it takes to win the brutal battle for survival.

Thriller TP \$29.99

Josephine Tey: A Life

second edition

Henderson, Jennifer

Josephine Tey was the penname of Elizabeth MacKintosh (1896–1952). Born in Inverness, MacKintosh lived several lives: Best known as Golden Age Crime Fiction writer Tey, she was also successful novelist and playwright Gordon Daviot. During her exceptional career, she had plays on simultaneously in the West End in London and on Broadway, and even wrote for Hollywood, all from her home in the north of Scotland. Celebrating the 125th anniversary of MacKintosh's birth, this updated edition of the definitive biography includes a new preface.

Biography TP \$43.95

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A Fatal Crossing **Hindle, Tom**

Gripping crime fiction set on board a cruise liner sailing from Southampton to New York in the 1920s. *November 1924*. The *Endeavour* sets sail from Southampton carrying 2,000 passengers and crew on a week-long voyage to New York. When an elderly gentleman is found dead at the foot of a staircase, ship's officer Timothy Birch is ready to declare it a tragic accident. But James Temple, a strong-minded Scotland Yard inspector, is certain there is more to this misfortune than meets the eye. Birch agrees to investigate, and the trail quickly leads to the theft of a priceless painting. Its very existence is known only to its owner... and the dead man. With just days remaining until they reach New York, and even Temple's purpose on board the *Endeavour* proving increasingly suspicious, Birch's search for the culprit is fraught with danger. And all the while, the passengers continue to roam the ship with a killer in their midst... This fresh take on the classic locked-room mystery will appeal to fans of Richard Osman, Sophie Hannah, and Anthony Horowitz.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

Left You Dead

Roy Grace

James, Peter

Niall and Eden Paternoster start their Sunday the same way they always do – with a long drive, a visit to a country house and a quick stop at the local supermarket on the way home. But this Sunday ends differently – because while Niall waits and waits in the car park for Eden to pick up supplies, Eden never returns. She's not waiting for him at home, and none of their family or friends have heard from her. Gone without a trace, Niall is arrested on suspicion of her murder. When DS Roy Grace is called in to investigate, it doesn't take long to realise that nothing in this case is quite as it seems...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Missing and Endangered

Joanna Brady mysteries

Jance, J A

When Jennifer Brady returns to Northern Arizona University for her sophomore year, she quickly becomes a big sister to her new roommate, Beth Rankin, a brilliant yet sheltered 16-year-old freshman. For a home-schooled Beth, college is her first taste of both freedom and unfettered access to the internet, and Jenny is concerned that she's too naïve and rebellious for her own good. Her worries are well founded because one day Beth vanishes, prompting Jenny to alert campus authorities, local police, and her mom, Sheriff Joanna Brady – who calls in a favour. Beth is found, but Jenny's concern has unwittingly put her in the crosshairs of a criminal bent on revenge. With Christmas vacation approaching, and Beth at war with her parents, Jenny invites Beth to the shelter of the Brady home. While Joanna is sympathetic, she's caught up in a sensitive case – an officer-involved shooting that has placed the lives of two young children in jeopardy – leaving her stretched thin to help a fragile young woman recently gone missing and endangered.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

The Sleeping Car Murders **Japrisot, Sébastien**

When the night train pulled into Paris, she was dead. And the riddle began... A beautiful young woman lies sprawled on her berth in the sleeping car of the night train from Marseille to Paris. She is not in the embrace of sleep, or even in the arms of one of her many lovers. She is dead. And the unpleasant task of finding her killer is handed to overworked, crime-weary police detective Pierre 'Grazzi' Grazziano, who would rather play hide-and-seek with his little son than cat and mouse with a diabolically cunning, savage murderer. An express ride of riveting suspense that races through a Parisian landscape of lust, deception and death. With corpses turning up everywhere, the question becomes not only who is the killer, but who will be the next victim... A reissue of a 1962 mystery...

Mystery/suspense (reissue) TP \$27.99

Shelter

Jinks, Catherine

Meg lives alone: a little place in the bush outside town. A perfect place to hide. That's one of the reasons she offers to shelter Nerine, who's escaping a violent ex. The other is that Meg knows what it's like to live with an abusive partner. Nerine is jumpy and her two little girls are frightened. It tells Meg all she needs to know where they've come from, and she's not all that surprised when Nerine asks her to get hold of a gun. But she knows it's unnecessary. They're safe now. Then she starts to wonder about some little things. A disturbed flyscreen. A tune playing on her wind chimes. Has Nerine's ex tracked them down? Has Meg's husband turned up to torment her some more? By the time she finds out, it'll be too late to do anything but run for her life.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Mirrorland

Johnstone, Carole

Cat lives in Los Angeles, far from 36 Westeryk Road, the imposing gothic house in Edinburgh where she and her estranged twin sister, El, grew up. As girls, they invented Mirrorland, a dark, imaginary place under the pantry stairs, full of pirates, witches, and clowns. These days, Cat rarely thinks about their childhood home, or the fact that El now lives there with her husband, Ross. But when El mysteriously disappears after going out on her sailboat, Cat is forced to return to 36 Westeryk Road, which hasn't changed in twenty years. The grand old house is still full of shadowy corners, and at every turn Cat finds herself stumbling on long-held secrets and terrifying ghosts from the past. Because someone – El? – has left Cat clues: a treasure hunt that leads back to Mirrorland, where the truth lies waiting...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

The Replacement Wife

Kane, Darby

Elisa Wright is a mom and wife, living a nice, quiet life in a nice, quiet town. She's also convinced her brother-in-law is a murderer. Josh has one dead wife and one missing fiancée, and though he grieved for them he starts dating someone new. Elisa fears for that woman's safety, and she desperately wants to know what happened to her friend, Josh's

missing fiancée. Searching for clues means investigating her own family. And she doesn't like what she finds. A laptop filled with incriminating information. Other women. But when Elisa becomes friends with Josh's new girlfriend and starts to question things she thinks are true, Elisa wonders if the memories of a horrible incident a year ago have finally pushed her over the edge and Josh is really innocent. With so much at stake, Elisa fights off panic attacks and a strange illness. Is it a breakdown or something more? The race is on to get to the truth before another disappearance because there's a killer in the family... or is there?

Thriller TP \$29.99

She and I

King, Hannah

Best friends share everything. But murder is different. Isn't it? Keeley and Jude are closer than blood. They share everything: clothes, secrets, drinks – and blame. So, when they wake up after a New Year's party to find Keeley's boyfriend stabbed to death beside them, they agree to share one more thing: the story they'll tell the police. But who is their story really meant to protect? As the murder investigation begins to send uncomfortable ripples through their community, the history of the girls' claustrophobic relationship comes under scrutiny, will the girls find there's such a thing as sharing too much?

Thriller TP \$29.99

Bluebird

Knox, Malcolm

Gordon Grimes has become the accidental keeper of this last relic of an endangered world. He lives in The Lodge with his wife Kelly who is trying to leave him, their son Ben who will do anything to save him, his goddaughter Lou who is hiding from her own troubles, and Leonie, the family matriarch who has trapped them here for their own good. But Gordon has no money and is running out of time to conserve his homeland. His love for this way of life will drive him, and everyone around him, to increasingly desperate risks. In the end, what will it cost them to hang onto their past? The secrets they've been keeping and the lies they've been telling can't save them now. Savage, funny, revelatory and brilliant, *Bluebird* exposes the hollowness of the stories told to glorify a dying culture and shows how those who seek to preserve these myths end up being crushed by them. 'If Winton is an aria, Knox is early Rolling Stones.' – *The Guardian*.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Mulled to Death

Colorado Wine mysteries

Lansing, Kate

When Parker Valentine decides to take a weekend getaway with her boyfriend Reid, a ski trip seems like the perfect choice. Between hitting the slopes and persuading the resort's wine director to sell her mulled wine, Parker is eager to mix business with pleasure. But her plans are muddled when she finds the resort owner's body on a treacherous portion of ski trail near the resort. As a result, not only is Parker's romantic weekend thrown into chaos, but now that the owner has died, her business deal is due for a frosty reception, and her life might be in danger as well.

After a series of unfortunate mishaps befall

Parker, she realises that whoever killed the resort owner might want to tie up loose ends. Parker's going to need all of the investigative skills at her disposal to catch a killer before they put her on ice.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Adventures of Arsène Lupin, Gentleman-Thief

Macmillan Collector's Library

Leblanc, Maurice

Arsène Lupin is charming, clever and bold. A master of disguise, he steals from the rich, he outsmarts the police and he's generous to those in need. And above all, he never takes himself too seriously. This French Robin Hood has charmed readers for generations and the stories about his dazzling escapades have been adapted countless times for television, stage, and film. This edition of *The Adventures of Arsène Lupin, Gentleman-Thief* is translated from the French by Alexander Teixeira de Mattos and features an introduction by Emma Bielecki. In the opening stories, Lupin is arrested, only to engineer his own incredible escape. What follows are wonderfully entertaining and action-packed stories that finish with a brief encounter with none other than Sherlock Holmes. These stories were first published together in 1907, and this edition of the gentleman thief's very first adventures is the perfect place to start exploring his world of daring escapes, cunning disguises, and ambitious heists. The inspiration for the hit Netflix show, *Lupin*.

Classic mystery HC \$19.99

Seasonal Work: Stories

collection

Lippman, Laura

The award-winning master of psychological suspense is in top form in this collection of diverse and diabolically clever stories. In the never-before-published 'Just One More', a married couple – longing for that old romantic spark – creates a playful diversion that comes with unexpected consequences. Lippman's beloved Baltimore PI Tess Monaghan keeps a watchful eye on a criminally resourceful single father in 'Seasonal Work', while her mother, Judith, realises that the life of 'The Everyday Housewife' is an excellent cover for all kinds of secrets. In 'Slow Burner', a husband's secret cell phone proves to be a dicey temptation for a suspicious wife. A father's hidden past piques the curiosity of a young snoop in 'The Last of Sheila-Locke Holmes'. Plus, seven other brilliantly crafted stories of deception, murder, dangerous games, and love gone wrong – irrefutable evidence that Laura Lippman's riveting fiction will more than satisfy any crime reader.

Mystery/suspense HC \$55.00

The Year of the Gun

An Irregular Spy series

Lyle, H B

1912. Released from the Secret Service, Wiggins sets out for New York and his lost lover Bela. But after an altercation on board, he finds himself among the low lives of Britain's poorest city, Dublin. Wiggins falls in with gangster Patrick O'Connell and is soon driving the boss' girlfriend around town. Molly wants O'Connell to support her Irish nationalist cause – a cause needing

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guns to defeat the British – and then they go to find them in America. Finally, Wiggins can solve the mystery of Bela – and meet his old mentor, Sherlock Holmes – in a story of escalating intrigue, danger and violence. The first in this series is *The Irregular* (PBK, \$19.99).

Suspense PBK \$22.99

Suspicious Minds

Mark, David

Liz Zahavi is desperate. Desperate for her controlling partner, Jay, to stay with her, to actually love her. Desperate to be well again, after a recent diagnosis of Borderline Personality Disorder. Desperate to be understood. Private therapy seems like the answer to her prayers, but Liz doesn't even make it to her first appointment. Lost in a maze of country roads, she crashes her car, only to be rescued by a brooding local farmer... who just keeps on rescuing her. Attractive and intense, Jude is a dream, and Liz doesn't want to wake up. But four years ago, Jude's perfect, pretty wife died alone in the woods near their house. And as Jude's past boils into the present, threatening to destroy their new happiness, Liz begins to wonder what exactly her new man is capable of... and how far he's willing to go.

Thriller TP \$39.95

The Colours of Death

Inspector Reis series

Marques, Patricia

In the Gare do Oriente, a body sits, slumped, in a stationary train. A high-profile man appears to have died by throwing himself repeatedly against the glass. But according to witnesses, he may not have done this of his own accord. *Lisbon 2021*. A small percentage of the population are diagnosed as Gifted. Along with the power comes stigma and suspicion. In a prejudiced city, Gifted Inspector Isabel Reis is hiding her own secrets while putting her life on the line to stop an ingenious killer. A violent and mysterious crime. Suspected Gifted involvement. A city baying for blood. And a killer who has only just begun... 'Breathtakingly original, and a captivating sense of place' – *Val McDermid*. The first in a speculative detective series set in Lisbon.

Mystery/suspense TP \$22.99

The Vacation

Marrs, John

How far would you run to escape your past? Venice Beach, Los Angeles. A paradise on earth. Tourists flock to the golden coast and the promise of Hollywood. But for eight strangers at a beach front hostel, there is far more on their mind than an extended vacation. All of them are running from something. And they all have secrets they'd kill to keep... Originally published as *Welcome to Wherever You Are*, this is a re-edited release.

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Last Goodnight

Blood Ties: Logans series

Martin, Kat

When Kade Logan said goodbye to his estranged wife eight years ago, he never thought it would be the last time he saw her alive. Now, her car has been hauled out of a nearby lake and Kade is determined

to track down the man who murdered her. Enter Eleanor Bowman, a talented private investigator who's about to stir up a hornet's nest on his Colorado ranch. With old scandals still buzzing about his late wife's many affairs and new violence erupting, Kade is faced with the discovery of another beautiful woman's body. Are the two killings linked? Who is the man who seduced, then murdered both victims? Ellie believes they are dangerously close to the truth. From corporate Denver high rises to posh Vail mansions, Kade and Ellie sense the killer is closing in again, and this time Ellie is the target. Kade must risk everything to save the woman he's coming to love – before she becomes the next one to die...

Thriller HC \$43.99

The Jigsaw Man

Matheson, Nadine

When bodies start washing up along the banks of the River Thames, DI Henley fears it is the work of Peter Olivier, the notorious Jigsaw Killer. But it can't be him: Olivier is already behind bars, and Henley was the one who put him there. She'd hoped she'd never have to see his face again, but Henley knows Olivier might be the best chance they have at stopping the copycat killer. But when Olivier learns of the new murders, helping Henley is the last thing on his mind... Now, all bets are off, and the race is on to catch the killer before the body count rises. But who will get there first – Henley, or the Jigsaw Killer?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Wahala

May, Nikki

Ronke, Simi and Boo are inseparable mixed-race friends living in London. They have the gift of two cultures, Nigerian and English, though not all of them choose to see it that way. Everyday racism has never held them back, but now in their thirties, they question their future. Ronke wants a husband (he must be Nigerian); Boo enjoys (correction: endures) stay-at-home motherhood; while Simi, full of fashion career dreams, rolls her eyes as her boss refers to her *urban vibe*, yet again. When Isobel, a lethally glamorous friend from their past arrives in town, she is determined to fix their futures for them. Cracks in their friendship begin to appear, and it is soon obvious Isobel is not sorting but wrecking. When she is driven to a terrible act, the women are forced to reckon with a crime in their past that may just have repeated itself. A darkly comic and bitingly subversive take on love, race, and family, *Wahala* will have you laughing, crying and gasping in horror. Boldly political about class, colourism and clothes, here is a truly inclusive tale that will speak to anyone who has ever cherished friendship, in all its forms.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Murder Most Fancy

Heiress on Fire mysteries

McCourt, Kellie

She really didn't mean to become a detective... Home for just 48 hours, billion-heiress Indigo-Daisy-Violet-Amber Hasluck-Royce-Jones-Bombberg has already committed two (completely understandable) felonies, reignited a childhood feud, been (possibly) humiliated (again) by her first love, and fallen over a nameless homeless dead

man. All while strolling in her grandmother's garden... Grandmother's kindly neighbour, Dame Elizabeth Holly, wants to spring the anonymous corpse from the coroner's freezer. She's convinced Indigo and her parolee personal assistant Esmerelda can unearth the man's identity, thus allowing his burial. Meanwhile Grandmother wants the unlikely duo to locate Dame Holly's possibly missing gentleman friend. Dame Holly's miserly granddaughter and not-so-bright son don't want her involved with any man – dead or alive. Are the cases related? Why are they receiving clues from an unknown helper? Should they cooperate with Detectives Searing and Burns, who tried to arrest Indigo for blowing up her plastic surgeon husband last summer? What is Esmerelda's secret? It's not so bad to undress a detective. Twice. Is it? How illegal can it be, really, to break into a top-secret government facility? They're not annoying a ruthless organised criminal on purpose, they're just trying to help... The follow-up to *Heiress on Fire* (TP, \$29.99).

Mystery TP \$29.99

The Drowning Kind

McMahon, Jennifer

When Jax receives nine missed calls from her older sister, Lexie, she assumes that it's just another one of her sister's episodes. Manic and increasingly out of touch with reality, Lexie has pushed Jax away for over a year. But the next day, Lexie is dead: drowned in the pool at their grandmother's estate. When Jax arrives at the house to go through her sister's things, she learns that Lexie was researching the history of their family and the property. And as she dives deeper into the research herself, she discovers that the land holds a far darker past than she could have ever imagined. In 1929, 37-year-old newlywed Ethel Monroe hopes desperately for a baby. In an effort to distract her, her husband whisks her away on a trip to Vermont, where a natural spring is showcased by the newest and most modern hotel in the Northeast. Once there, Ethel learns that the water is rumoured to grant wishes, never suspecting that the spring takes in equal measure to what it gives.

Noir TP \$37.95

The Curse of the Cherry Pie

Tish Tarragon mysteries

Meade, Amy Patricia

When literary caterer Letitia 'Tish' Tarragon's friend and star baker at Cookin' the Books café, Celestine Rufus, pulls out of the prestigious Virginia Commonwealth Bake-Off, an anxious Tish reluctantly takes her place. Will her signature bake, a frangipane cherry pie, be up to the grade? As the bake-off gets underway, Tish's worries increase when she learns that two contestants from the previous two competitions also had cherry pies on their menus... and both women died suddenly before making their bakes. Amid bitter rivalries, simmering jealousy and the bakers' insatiable appetite for winning, is the curse of the cherry pie about to strike again?

Mystery TP \$39.95

The Village

Mitchell, Caroline

Ten years ago, the Harper family disappeared. Their deserted cottage was left with the water running, the television playing cartoons, the

oven ready for baking. The doors were locked from the inside. Overnight, the sleepy village of Nighbrook became notorious as the scene of the unsolved mystery of the decade, an epicentre for ghoulish media speculation. For crime journalist Naomi, solving the case has turned into an obsession. So, now, with Ivy Cottage finally listed for sale, it's her chance to mount an investigation like no other. And her husband and stepdaughter don't really need to know what happened in their new home... do they? But Nighbrook isn't quite the village she expected. No one wants to talk to her. No one will answer her questions. And as she becomes increasingly uneasy, it's clear that the villagers are hiding something – that there is something very dark at the heart of this rural idyll. And the deeper she digs, the more it seems her investigation could be more dangerous than she ever imagined... In raking up the secrets of the past, has she made her own family the next target?

Thriller TP \$27.99

The Stills

Kinship series

Montgomery, Jess

Ohio, 1927: Moonshining is a way of life in rural Bronwyn County, and even the otherwise upstanding Sheriff Lily Ross has been known to turn a blind eye when it comes to stills in the area. But when 13-year-old Zebediah Harkins almost dies after drinking tainted moonshine, Lily knows that someone has gone too far, and – with the help of organiser and moonshiner Marvena Whitcomb – is determined to find out who. But then, Lily's nemesis, the businessman George Vogel, reappears in town with his new wife, Fiona. Along with them is also her former brother-in-law Luther Ross, now an agent for the newly formed Bureau of Prohibition. To Lily, it seems too much of a coincidence that they should arrive now. As fall turns to winter, a blizzard closes in. Lily starts to peel back the layers of deception shrouding the town of Kinship, but soon she discovers that many around her seem to be betraying those they hold dear – and that Fiona too may have an agenda of her own.

Historical mystery TP \$41.95

1794: the City

Between the Bridges

Bellman Noir series

Natt och Dag, Niklas

A year has passed. A lot has happened, but worse is to come... *The year is 1794*. A young nobleman, Eric Three Roses, languishes in hospital. Some think he would be just at home in the madhouse across the road. Ridden with guilt, he spends his nights writing down memories of his lost love who died on their wedding night. Her mother also mourns her and when no one listens to her suspicions, she begs the aid of the only person who will listen: Jean Mickel Cardell, the one-armed watchman. Cecil Winge is six months in the ground but when his younger brother Emil seeks out the watchman to retrieve his brother's missing pocket watch, Cardell enlists his help to discover what really happened at Three Roses' estate that night. But, unlike his dead brother, the younger Winge is an enigma, and Cardell soon realises that he may be more hindrance than help. And when they discover that a mysterious

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slave trader has been running Three Roses' affairs, it is a race against time to discover the truth before it's too late. 'Niklas Natt och Dag takes the contemporary Scandinavian crime story and gives it a startlingly gruesome historical twist' – *Guardian*. The sequel to *The Wolf and the Watchman* (PBK, \$22.99).
Historical noir TP \$32.99

See You in September

Norman, Charity

After breaking up with her boyfriend in the middle of a holiday, Cassidy spontaneously accepts an invitation to stay in an idyllic farming collective. Overcome by the peace and beauty of the valley, and swept up in the charisma of Justin, the community's leader, Cassidy is convinced that she has to stay. As Cassidy becomes more and more entrenched in the group's rituals and beliefs, her frantic parents fight to bring her home before Justin's prophesied Last Day can come to pass. Can her family rescue her before it's too late? Shortlisted for Best Crime Novel in the 2018 Ngaio Marsh Awards for Crime Fiction.
Mystery/suspense PBK \$9.99

The Secrets of Strangers

Norman, Charity

A gunshot rings out in a London café and the lives of five strangers will never be the same again. The only thing that's certain is that nothing is as it seems. A regular weekday morning veers drastically off course, for a group of strangers whose paths cross in a London café – their lives never to be the same again when an apparently crazed gunman holds them hostage. But there is more to the situation than first meets the eye and, as the captives grapple with their own inner demons, the line between right and wrong starts to blur. Will the secrets they keep stop them from escaping with their lives? Shortlisted for Best Crime Novel in the 2021 Ngaio Marsh Awards for Crime Fiction.
Mystery/suspense PBK \$9.99

Murder at an Irish Christmas

Irish Village mysteries

O'Connor, Carlene

This December in Kilbane, if you're planning to warm up with a cuppa tea at Naomi's Bistro, you may have a bit of a wait – the entire O'Sullivan brood has gone off to West Cork to spend the holidays with brother James' fiancée Elise's family, including her grandfather, the famous orchestral conductor Enda Elliot. Siobhán is so happy for James and Elise but also quietly disappointed that she must put her own wedding to fellow *garda* Maccara Flannery on hold. Mac will have to join them later, so he can spend part of the holidays with his mam. When the O'Sullivans learn everyone will choose a name from a hat to buy a music-related Christmas gift for someone else at the gathering, it seems like their greatest concern – until the cantankerous conductor is discovered crushed under a 90-pound harp in a local concert hall. With the extended family – including Enda's much-younger new wife Leah, a virtuoso violinist – suspected in his murder, it's up to Siobhán to ensure the guilty party faces the music before the killer orchestrates another untimely demise...
Mystery PBK \$19.99

We Are Watching

Eliza Bright Osworth, A E

Eliza Bright is living the dream as an elite video game coder at Fancy Dog Games, the first woman to ascend that high in the ranks – and some people want to make sure she's the last. To her friends, Eliza Bright is a brilliant, self-taught coder bravely calling out the misogyny that pervades her workplace and industry. To the men who see her very presence as a threat, Eliza Bright is a woman who needs to be destroyed to protect the game they love. When Eliza's report of workplace harassment is quickly dismissed, she's forced to take her frustrations to a journalist who blasts her story across the internet. She's fired and doxxed, and becomes a rallying figure for women everywhere. But she's also enraged the beast comprised of online male gamers – their unreliable chorus narrates our story. Soon, Eliza is in the crosshairs of the gaming community, threatened and stalked as they monitor her every move online and across New York City. As the violent power of the angry male collective descends upon everyone in Eliza's life, it becomes increasingly difficult to know who to trust, even when she's eventually taken in and protected by an under-the-radar Collective known as the Sixsterhood. The violence moves from cyberspace to the real world, thanks to a vicious male super-fan, known only as The Inspectre, determined to exact his revenge on behalf of men everywhere. We watch alongside the Sixsterhood and subreddit keyboard warriors as this dramatic cat-and-mouse game plays out to its violent and inevitable conclusion in this thrilling story of resilience and survival.
Thriller TP \$39.95

Threat Point

Net Force series

Preisler, Jerome

An American ship has vanished. The president has tasked the new cyber-intelligence agency, Net Force, with finding out what happened to the vessel. But their investigation reveals a plan that could trigger a world war. Their only option is to strike first. Through the streets of New York, a secret city in Crimea and the depths of the South China Sea, Net Force must race to discover who is behind the attack... before it's too late.
Thriller TP \$29.99

The Shape of Darkness

Purcell, Laura

Silhouette artist Agnes is struggling to keep her business afloat. Still recovering from a serious illness herself, making enough money to support her elderly mother and her orphaned nephew Cedric has never been easy, but then one of her clients is murdered shortly after sitting for Agnes, and then another, and another... Desperately seeking an answer, Agnes approaches Pearl, a child spirit medium lodging in Bath with her older half-sister and her ailing father, hoping that if Pearl can make contact with those who died, they might reveal who killed them. But Agnes and Pearl quickly discover that instead they may have opened the door to something that they can never put back... What secrets lie hidden in the darkness?
Gothic thriller PBK \$19.99

Tattooed to Death

Journaling mysteries

Redmond, Heather

Journaling blogger Mandy Meadows is determined to clear her friend's name – when she discovers a body by a dumpster. Single mom, barista and journaling video blogger extraordinaire Mandy Meadows is distracted from her shift in the University of Seattle Hospital coffee bar when her friend – nurse and fellow journaling video blogger Reese O'Leary-Sett – receives a massage from hell at the hands of Coral Le Charme, the hospital's new massage therapist. But concern over Coral's dubious skills is the least of Mandy's worries when she discovers Coral's lifeless body by a dumpster later that evening. What dark secrets was Coral hiding? Mandy's tenant, homicide detective Justin Ahola, is on the case – and he has Reese firmly in his sights. Determined to help her friend, Mandy digs deeper into Coral's life and makes some alarming discoveries. Can she clear Reese's name and bring a killer to justice?
Mystery TP \$39.95

Earthater

Reyes, Dolores

Set in an unnamed slum in contemporary Argentina, *Earthater* is the story of a young woman who finds herself drawn to eating the earth – a compulsion that gives her visions of broken and lost lives. With her first taste of dirt, she learns the horrifying truth of her mother's death. Disturbed by what she witnesses, the woman keeps her visions to herself. But when Earthater begins an unlikely relationship with a withdrawn police officer, word of her ability begins to spread, and soon desperate members of her community beg for her help, anxious to uncover the truth about their own loved ones.
Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

The Beirut Protocol

Marcus Ryker series

Rosenberg, Joel C

A game-changing peace treaty between Israel and the Saudis is nearly done. The secretary of state is headed to the region to seal the deal. And Special Agent Marcus Ryker is leading an advance trip along the Israel-Lebanon border, ahead of the secretary's arrival. But when Ryker and his team are ambushed by Hezbollah forces, a nightmare scenario begins to unfold. The last thing the White House can afford is a new war in the Middle East that could derail the treaty and set the region ablaze. US and Israeli forces are mobilising to find the hostages and get them home, but Ryker knows the clock is ticking. When Hezbollah realises who they've captured, no amount of ransom will save them – they'll be transferred to Beirut and then to Tehran to be executed on live television. Marcus Ryker finds himself in the most dangerous situation he has ever faced – captured, brutalised, and dragged deep behind enemy lines. Should he wait to be rescued? Or try to escape? How? And what if his colleagues are too wounded to run?
Thriller TP \$37.95

Gry Wolf

Rosenfeldt, Hans

Hannah Wester, a detective in the remote northern Swedish town of Haparanda, finds herself on the precipice of chaos. When human remains are found in the stomach of a dead wolf, Hannah knows that this summer won't be like any other. The remains are soon linked to a bloody drug deal that went down just across the border in Finland. But how did the victim end up in the woods outside Haparanda? And where have the drugs and money gone? Hannah and her colleagues are soon caught up in an increasingly complex investigation. But time is scarce, and they aren't the only ones looking. When the secretive and deadly Katja shows up, unexpected and brutal events start to pile up. In just a few days, life in the border town is turned upside down. Not least for Hannah, who is finally forced to confront her own past. From the multi-award-winning author of *The Bridge* (BBC) and *Marcella* (Netflix, ITV) comes a blockbuster new thriller...
Thriller TP \$29.99

The Hanged Man of Conakry

Rufin, Jean-Christophe

Aurel Timescu's French is tinged with a Romanian accent, he has the dishevelled air of a character from between the wars, and a past as a performer in piano bars. Nobody can quite understand how he got to be Consul. Now, he's taken a position in French Guinea – what a place for a man who says he can't stand the heat! He passes his time perspiring, drinking gallons of Tokay, and composing librettos. Until, that is, a vacationer is found hanging from the mast of a sailboat. How did he end up dead, on a mast, on Aurel Timescu's watch? Had his personal life been hanging by a thread? Was he hanging around waiting for love to be reciprocated? Had he been hanging out with the wrong crowd? Had he hung his hat on the peg of some quixotic dream?
Mystery/suspense TP \$37.95

Real Easy

Rutkoski, Marie

It's 1999, and Samantha has danced for years at the Lovely Lady strip club. She's not used to taking anyone under her wing – after all, between her disapproving boyfriend and his daughter, who may as well be her own child, she has enough to worry about. But when Samantha overrides her better judgment to drive a new dancer home, they are run off the road. The police arrive at the scene of the accident – but find only one body. Georgia, another dancer, is drawn into the investigation as she tries to assist Holly, a detective with a complicated story of her own. As the point of view shifts from police officers and detectives to club patrons, the women circle around a list of suspects, all the while grappling with their own understanding of loss and love. As they get closer to the truth, they must each confront a fundamental question: How do women live their lives knowing that men can hurt them? 'Bold, compelling, brutal and brilliant' – *Chris Whitaker*.
Thriller TP \$32.99

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Exit .45

Marshall Grade series

Sanders, Ben

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

Thriller TP \$29.99

Ocean Prey

Lucas Davenport series

Sandford, John

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

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Twelve Motives for Murder

Sherlock, Fiona

Sit back and become a real armchair detective. A murder mystery, told entirely through interviews. Private Investigator Elizabeth Chalice needs you to help her solve this case. It's a beautiful Christmas day in Como, and the Caswell-Jones family are celebrating with their nearest and dearest in their Villa Janus. Merriment and limoncello abound... That is, until Jonty Caswell-Jones is found dead in his study. With no staff today, the only suspects are the guests and the family. Under the surface, tensions have been brewing, guests seething, and rivalries have reared their ugly head... Jonty's wife, Catherine, knows there's a killer among them – so, she calls her acquaintance, Elizabeth Chalice, to investigate. She wants to keep this firmly within the family if she can. No one else must know. As each suspect is interviewed in turn, Elizabeth must work out who killed Jonty and why. And is anyone else in danger? But with twelve suspects each with their own very clear motive, anything is possible...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Love in the Time of Bertie

44 Scotland Street series

Smith, Alexander McCall

Life for Bertie seems to be moving at a pace that is rather out of his control. In Drummond Place gardens it seems that Olive has their future together all planned out. Meanwhile, upstairs at 44 Scotland Street, Bertie's father Stuart is powerless to stop overbearing Irene and her motion for Bertie to travel to Aberdeen on a three-month secondment. And, further up in the New Town, while Bruce Anderson plots with old-school chums, love blossoms in Big Lou's Cafe. Warm hearted, humorous and wonderfully wise, *Love in the Time of Bertie* offers philosophical insight as well as sartorial elegance.

Mystery HC \$34.99

The Company

Spencer, Sally

Bristol, 1991. Crammed into a hire car, on their way to a vital appointment, five representatives of Conroy Enterprises are running very late. Rob Conroy, the black sheep of the family, is torn between spiteful amusement at his Uncle Tony's irritation and anxiety for the future. If Conroy Enterprises fails, it will bring Rob's own small publishing company down with it. But in the space of just two hours, everything changes. The car crashes, leaving Rob the only survivor. And almost simultaneously, Charles Conroy, the elderly family patriarch – who holds control of the company in his iron fist – dies of old age. As Rob and his few remaining relatives struggle to make sense of it all, one thing becomes painfully clear: the crash was not an accident. Which means, Rob soon realises, the intended victim might not be dead...

Thriller TP \$39.95

Spoils of the Dead

Liam Campbell mysteries

Stabenow, Dana

It's Labor Day in Blewestown, Alaska, and it seems most of the town's 3500 residents have turned out to celebrate. Not Liam Campbell, though. He's been in town for about a week, when an archaeologist invites Liam out to his dig site. He's on the verge of a momentous discovery, one he says will be well worth the State Trooper's time. Two days later, the archaeologist is dead, and Liam Campbell is about to learn that he's traded one troubled bush town for another.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Other Family

Staub, Wendy Corsi

It's the perfect home for the perfect family: pretty Nora Howell, her handsome husband, their two teenage daughters, and lovable dog. As California transplants making a fresh start in Brooklyn, they expected to live in a shoebox, but the brownstone has a huge kitchen, lots of light, and a backyard. The catch: its previous residents were victims of a grisly triple homicide that remains unsolved. Soon, peculiar things begin happening. The pug is nosing around like a bloodhound. Nora unearths a long-hidden rusty box in the flowerbed. Oldest daughter Stacey, obsessed with the family murdered in their house, pokes into the bloody past and becomes convinced that a stranger is watching the house. Watching them.

She's right. But one of the Howells will recognise his face. Because one of them has a secret that will blindsides the others with a truth that lies shockingly close to home – and to this one's terrifying history.

Thriller TP \$37.95

Pandora

Stokes-Chapman, Susan

London, 1799. Dora Blake is an aspiring jewellery artist who lives with her uncle in what used to be her parents' famed shop of antiquities. When a mysterious Greek vase is delivered, Dora is intrigued by her uncle's suspicious behaviour and enlists the help of Edward Lawrence, a young man seeking acceptance into the Society of Antiquaries. Edward sees the ancient vase as key to unlocking his academic future. Dora sees it as a chance to restore her parents' shop to its former glory, and to escape her uncle. But what Edward discovers about the vase has Dora questioning everything she has ever known about her life, her family and the world as she knows it. As Dora uncovers the truth, she starts to realise that some mysteries are buried, and some doors are locked, for a reason.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

Dial A For Aunties

Aunties mysteries

Sutanto, Jesse

Your family would kill to see you happy... When Meddy Chan accidentally kills her blind date, she turns to her aunties for help. Their meddling set her up on the date so they kind of owe her. Although hiding this goddamn dead body is going to be harder than they thought especially when her family's wedding business has the biggest wedding of the year happening right now. It turns out the wedding venue just happens to be managed by Meddy's ex, aka the one who got away. It's the worst time to see him again, or... is it? Can Meddy finally find love and make her overbearing family happy? Winner of the Comedy Women in Print Prize 2021.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Nightshade

Jem Flockhart mysteries

Thomson, E S

London, 1851. Restless and bored after a long hot summer, apothecary and poison expert Jem Flockhart decides to redesign her physic garden. But plans are thrown into confusion when a man's skeleton is unearthed from beneath the deadly nightshade, a smaller, childlike skeleton curled at its feet. The body bears evidence of knife wounds to its ribs and arms, and is accompanied by a collection of macabre objects: a brass bowl, a curious coin-like token, a set of tiny ivory skulls. The police claim the victim is too long buried, for answers to be found; but for Jem, a corpse in her own garden is something that cannot be ignored. The plans to the garden, laid out some forty years earlier, reveal a list of five names. When Jem and Will start asking questions, the murders begin. Each victim has a past connection with the physic garden; each corpse is found with its jaw broken wide and its mouth stuffed with deadly nightshade. As they move closer to uncovering the truth, Jem Flockhart and Will Quartermain encounter a dark world of addiction, madness, power and death that strikes at the very heart of Jem's own history.

This time, the poison is personal.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

The Distant Dead

Detective's Daughter mysteries

Thomson, Lesley

London, 1940. Several neighbours heard the scream of the woman in the bombed-out house. One told the detective she thought the lady had seen a mouse. Another said it wasn't his business what went on behind closed doors. None of them imagined that a trusting young woman was being strangled by her lover. *Tewkesbury, 2020*. Beneath the vast stone arches of Tewkesbury Abbey, a man lies bleeding, close to death. He is the creator of a true-crime podcast which now will never air. He was investigating the murder of a 1940s' police pathologist – had he come closer to the truth than he realised? Stella Darnell has moved to Tewkesbury to escape from death, not to court it. But when this man dies in her arms, Stella, impelled to root out evil when she finds it, becomes determined to hunt down his killer and to bring the secrets he was searching for into the light...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

No Way Back

Jack McNeal series

Turner, J B

NYPD detective Jack McNeal is used to asking the tough questions. But a late-night visit from the Secret Service lands Jack on the other side of the table – as a suspect in the disappearance of his estranged wife, Caroline, a prominent reporter on the White House beat. When her body is found floating in the Potomac, Jack is overcome by disbelief and despair. Her death seems eerily similar to the suspicious fatality of a young socialite years before. Is the similarity of the two tragic incidents simply a coincidence, or could it be a sign of a murderous orchestrated plot to protect those in the highest echelons of the American government? To avenge Caroline's death, Jack embarks on a journey into the darkest recesses of power. Suspects abound – from haunted Special Forces soldiers to ex-CIA to the president's own body man. Along the way, Jack will be forced to decide: Is there a line he won't cross to expose the killer?

Thriller TP \$27.99

An Elderly Lady Must Not Be Crossed

collection

Tursten, Helene

Don't let her age fool you. Maud may be nearly ninety, but if you cross her, this elderly lady is more sinister than sweet. Just when things have finally cooled down for 88-year-old Maud after the disturbing discovery of a dead body in her apartment in Gothenburg, a couple of detectives return to her doorstep. Though, Maud dodges their questions with the skill of an Olympic gymnast a fifth of her age, she wonders if suspicion has fallen on her, little old lady that she is. The truth is, ever since Maud was a girl, death has seemed to follow her. In these six interlocking stories, memories of unfortunate incidents from Maud's past keep bubbling to the surface. Meanwhile, certain Problems in the present require immediate attention. Luckily, Maud is no stranger to taking matters into her own hands... even if it means she has to get a little blood on them in the process.

Mystery HC \$22.99

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Farewell My Herring

Elsie & Ethelred mysteries

Tyler, L C

Ethelred Tressider and his agent Elsie Thirkettle have been invited to lecture on a creative writing course at Fell Hall, a remote location in the heart of ragged countryside that even sheep are keen to shun. While Ethelred's success as a writer is distinctly average, Elsie sees this as an opportunity to scout for new, hopefully more lucrative, talent. But heavy snow falls overnight, trapping those early arrivals inside, and tensions are quick to emerge between the assembled group. When one of their number goes missing, Ethelred leads a search party and makes a gruesome discovery. With no phone signal and no hope of summoning the police, can Ethelred and Elsie identify the killer among them before one of them is next? This charming series, beloved by our regulars, begins with *The Herring Seller's Apprentice* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery PBK \$19.99

To the Lake

Vagner, Yana

A deadly flu epidemic sweeps through Moscow, killing hundreds of thousands. Anya and her husband Sergey decide they have no choice but to flee to a lake in the far north of Russia. Joining them on their journey are her son and father-in-law; Sergey's ex-wife and son; and their garish neighbours. But then some friends of Sergey show up to complete Anya's list of people she'd least like to be left with at the end of the civilised world. As the wave of infection expands from the capital,

their food and fuel start to run low. Menaced both by the harsh Russian winter and by the desperate people they encounter, they must put their hatreds behind them, if they're to have a chance of reaching safety... Inspired by a real-life flu epidemic in Moscow, *To the Lake* was a number one bestseller in Russia, and has now appeared in a dozen languages, and been adapted into a Netflix TV series.

Pandemic HC \$29.99

The Plague Letters

Valentine, V L

Who would murder the dying...? London, 1665. Hidden within the growing pile of corpses in his churchyard, Rector Symon Patrick discovers a victim of the pestilence unlike any he has seen before: a young woman with a shorn head, covered in burns, and with pieces of twine delicately tied around each wrist and ankle. Desperate to discover the culprit, Symon joins a society of eccentric medical men who have gathered to find a cure for the plague. Someone is performing terrible experiments upon the dying, hiding their bodies amongst the hundreds that fill the death carts. Only Penelope – a new and mysterious addition to Symon's household – may have the skill to find the killer. Far more than what she appears, she is already on the hunt. But the dark presence that enters the houses of the sick will not stop, and has no mercy... This hugely atmospheric and entertaining historical thriller will transport readers to the palaces and alleyways of 17th-century London. It had some great feedback from our customers.

Historical thriller PBK \$19.99

In the Company of Witches

Evenfall Witches B&B mysteries

Wallace, Auralee

For four hundred years, the Warren witches have used their magic to quietly help the citizens of the sleepy New England town of Evenfall thrive. There's never been a problem they couldn't handle. But then Constance Graves – a local known for being argumentative and demanding – dies while staying at the bed and breakfast Brynn Warren maintains with her aunts. At first, it seems like an accident... but it soon becomes clear that there's something more sinister at work, and Aunt Nora is shaping up to be the prime suspect. There's nothing Brynn wants more than to prove Nora's innocence, and it hurts her to know that even two years ago that might have been easier. Brynn, after all, is a witch of the dead – a witch who can commune with ghosts. Ghosts never remember much about their deaths, but Constance might remember something about her life that would help crack the case. But Brynn hasn't used her powers since her husband died, and isn't even sure she still can. Brynn will just have to hope that her aunts' magic and her own investigative skills will lead her to answers – and maybe back to the gift she once thought herself ready to give up forever. The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Beautiful Bad

Ward, Annie

Maddie and Ian's love story began with a chance encounter at a party overseas; he was serving in the British army and she was

a travel writer visiting her best friend, Jo. Now, almost two decades later, married with a beautiful son, Charlie, they are living the perfect suburban life in Middle America. But when a camping accident leaves Maddie badly scarred, she begins attending writing therapy, where she gradually reveals her fears about Ian's PTSD; her concerns for the safety of their young son; and the couple's tangled and tumultuous past with Jo. From the Balkans to England, Iraq to Manhattan, and finally to an ordinary family home in Kansas, sixteen years of love and fear, adventure and suspicion culminate in the Day of the Killing, when a frantic 911 call summons the police to the scene of a shocking crime. A reissue.

Thriller (reissue) PBK \$26.95

A Flicker in the Dark

Willingham, Stacy

She thought the murders had stopped. She was wrong. Chloe Davis' father is a serial killer. He was convicted and jailed when she was twelve, but the bodies of the girls were never found, seemingly lost in the surrounding Louisiana swamps. The case became notorious and Chloe's family was destroyed. His crimes stalk her like a shadow. Now, Chloe has rebuilt her life. She's a respected psychologist in Baton Rouge and has a loving fiancé. But she just can't shake a *tick-tick-tick* of paranoia that, at any moment, it might all come crashing down. As does something darker. It is the anniversary of her father's crimes, and Chloe is about to see her worst fears come true – a girl she knows goes missing. The nightmare has started again...

Thriller TP \$29.99