

# Pulp Fiction

## Crime & Mystery Catalogue November 2021

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### Hairpin Bridge Adams, Taylor

Three months ago, Lena Nguyen's estranged twin sister, Cambry, drove to a remote bridge seventy miles outside of Missoula, Montana, and jumped two hundred feet to her death. At least, that is the official police version. But Lena isn't buying it. Now, she's come to that very bridge, driving her dead twin's car and armed with a cassette recorder, determined to find out what really happened by interviewing the highway patrolman who allegedly discovered her sister's body. Corporal Raymond Raycevic has agreed to meet Lena at the scene. He is sympathetic, forthright, and professional. But his story still seems a bit off. For one thing, he stopped Cambry for speeding just an hour before she supposedly leaped to her death. Then there are the sixteen attempted 911 calls from her cell phone, made in what was unfortunately a dead zone. But, perhaps, most troubling of all, the state trooper is referred to by name in Cambry's final enigmatic text to her sister: *Please Forgive Me*. Lena will do anything to uncover the truth. But as her twin's final hours come into focus, Lena's search turns into a harrowing tooth-and-nail fight for her own survival – one that will test everything she thought she knew about her sister and herself...

Thriller TP \$29.99

### The Ice Hotel Allen, Hania

A seasonal hotel where murder can be made to disappear with the sun... Maggie Stewart travels with friends Liz and Harry to the Ice Hotel, a surreal building in Swedish Lapland constructed from ice cut from the nearby river. During the day, it is a museum housing ice sculptures, but at night it becomes a novelty hotel. Shortly after their arrival, the holiday turns into a nightmare. A near-miss snowmobile accident is followed by the discovery of the frozen body of one of the hotel's American guests. Maggie is shocked to learn that this was no accident: the American was drugged and pushed out of his sleeping bag to freeze to death in the room. As the body count rises and Maggie finds herself in mortal danger, she realises that the only person she can trust is Thomas Hallengren, the detective leading the case. But can he uncover the killer's identity before the Ice Hotel and other buildings – the Ice Chapel and Ice Theatre – melt back into the river, taking the clues with them?

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Woman Who Stole Vermeer:

the True Story of Rose Dugdale and the Russborough House Art Heist  
**Amore, Anthony M**  
 The extraordinary life and crimes of heiress-turned-revolutionary Rose Dugdale – who, in 1974, became the only woman to pull off a major art heist. In the world of crime, there

exists an unusual commonality between those who steal art and those who repeatedly kill: they are almost exclusively male. But, as with all things, there is always an outlier – someone who bucks the trend, defying the reliable profiles and leaving investigators and researchers scratching their heads. In the history of major art heists, that outlier is Rose Dugdale. Dugdale's life is singularly notorious. Born into extreme wealth, she abandoned her life as an Oxford-trained PhD and heiress to join the cause of Irish Republicanism. While on the surface she appears to be the British version of Patricia Hearst, she is anything but. Dugdale ran, head first, towards the action, spearheading the first aerial terrorist attack in British history and pulling off the biggest art theft of her time. In 1974, she led a gang into the opulent Russborough House in Ireland and made off with millions in prized paintings, including works by Goya, Gainsborough, and Rubens, as well as *Lady Writing a Letter with her Maid* by the mysterious master Johannes Vermeer. Dugdale thus became – to this day – the only woman to pull off a major art heist. And as Anthony Amore explores in *The Woman Who Stole Vermeer*, it's likely that this was not her only such heist. *The Woman Who Stole Vermeer* is Rose Dugdale's story, from her idyllic upbringing in Devonshire and her presentation to Elizabeth II as a debutante to her university years and her eventual radical lifestyle. Her life of crime and activism is at turns unbelievable and awe inspiring, and sure to engross readers.

True crime TP \$29.99

### Her Name Is Knight Angoe, Yasmin

Stolen from her Ghanaian village as a child, Nena Knight has plenty of motives to kill. Now, an elite assassin for a powerful business syndicate called the Tribe, she gets plenty of chances. But while on assignment in Miami, Nena ends up saving a life, not taking one. She emerges from the experience a changed woman, finally hopeful for a life beyond rage and revenge. Tasked with killing a man she's come to respect, Nena struggles to reconcile her loyalty to the Tribe with her new purpose. Meanwhile, she learns a new Tribe council member is the same man who razed her village, murdered her family, and sold her into captivity. Nena can't resist the temptation of vengeance – and she doesn't want to. Before she can reclaim her life, she must leverage everything she was and everything she is to take him down and end the cycle of bloodshed for good.

Thriller TP \$24.99

### Partners in Lime Seaside Café mysteries

**Baker, Bree**  
 Everly Swan is busier than ever with her iced tea shop and café, and the town of Charm is bustling with excitement as they prepare

for a big event: the annual outdoor play! Everyone's getting involved – even Matt the EMT plays a character in the show. But when a surfer rolls into town and tries to upstage Matt, and then turns up dead, things get dicey. Everly is convinced of his innocence, but Detective Grady – who's a little jealous of Matt and Everly's past dating history – isn't so sure. Now, Everly will have to run her business, crack the case, and save her friend – all by opening night!

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### A Gambling Man

Aloysius Archer series  
**Baldacci, David**  
*California, 1949*. Aloysius Archer is on his way to start a new job with a renowned Private Investigator in Bay Town. Feeling lucky, he stops off at a casino in Reno, where he meets an aspiring actress, Liberty Callahan. Together, they head west on a journey filled with danger and surprises – because Archer isn't the only one with a secretive past. Arriving in a town rife with corruption, Archer is tasked with finding out who is doing everything they can to disrupt the appointment of a top official. Then two seemingly unconnected people are murdered at a burlesque club. In a tight-lipped community, Archer must dig deep to reveal the connection between the victims. As the final perilous showdown unfurls, Archer will need all of his skills to decipher the truth from the lies and finally, to prove she's a star in the making, will Liberty have her moment in the spotlight?

Thriller PBK \$18.99

### Mercy

Atlee Pine series  
**Baldacci, David**  
 FBI agent Atlee Pine is at the end of her long journey to discover what happened to her twin sister, Mercy, who was abducted when the girls were just six years old – an incident which destroyed her family and left Atlee physically and mentally scarred. She knew her sister and parents were out there, somewhere. And she had to find them. Dead or alive. Atlee and her assistant, Carol Blum, discover the truth. But the truth hurts. And hurt makes you tough. So how tough do you have to be to forgive? As they uncover a shocking trail of lies, greed, fear and revenge, they must face one final challenge. A challenge more deadly and dangerous than they could ever have imagined.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Find You First Barclay, Linwood

Tech millionaire Miles Cookson has more money than he can ever spend, and everything he could dream of – except time. He has recently been diagnosed with a terminal illness, and there is a fifty percent chance that it can be passed on to the next generation. For Miles, this means taking a

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long hard look at his past... Two decades ago, a young, struggling Miles was a sperm donor. Somewhere out there, he has kids – nine of them. And they might be about to inherit both the good and the bad from him – maybe his fortune, or maybe something much worse. As Miles begins to search for the children he's never known, aspiring film documentarian Chloe Swanson embarks on a quest to find her biological father, armed with the knowledge that 22 years ago, her mother used a New York sperm bank to become pregnant. When Miles and Chloe eventually connect, their excitement at finding each other is overshadowed by a series of mysterious and terrifying events. One by one, Miles' other potential heirs are vanishing – every trace of them wiped, like they never existed at all. Who is the vicious killer – another heir methodically erasing rivals? Or is something even more sinister going on?

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### Requiem in La Rossa

Daniel Leicester series

#### Benjamin, Tom

Only in *Bologna* reads the headline in the *Carlino*, after a professor of music is apparently murdered leaving the opera. But what looks like an open-and-shut case begins to fall apart when English detective Daniel Leicester is tasked with getting the accused man off, and a trail that begins among Bologna's close-knit classical music community leads him to suspect there may be a serial killer at large in the oldest university in the world. And as Bologna trembles with aftershocks following a recent earthquake, the city begins to give up her secrets...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Howloween Murder

Melanie Travis mysteries

#### Berenson, Laurien

With just a few days left before Halloween, everyone at Howard Academy is anticipating the guaranteed sugar high they'll experience from gorging on Harriet Bloom's famous marshmallow puffs. The private school's annual costume party revolves around the headmaster's assistant and her seemingly supernatural batches of gooey goodies. So, it's a shock when Harriet's elderly neighbour is suddenly found dead with the beloved dessert in his hand. In a snap, police start questioning whether Harriet modified her top-secret recipe to include a hefty dose of lethal poison... Melanie knows her tenured colleague would never intentionally serve cyanide-laced puffs to a defenceless old man. But as explosive neighbourhood gossip reveals a potential culprit, it also brings her closer to sealing her own doom. Because on an evening ruled by masked revellers, bizarre getups, and hidden identities, Halloween might just be the perfect opportunity for a cold-hearted killer to get away with murder once again – this time sending a nosy, unsuspecting sleuth to an early grave!

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Hypnosis Is for Hacks

Eleanor Wilde mysteries

#### Berry, Tamara

Though Eleanor is delighted that her brother, Liam, is visiting her in England, she must reluctantly agree that her quiet village lacks something when it comes to sightseeing –

namely: sights. True, there's nearby Castle Hartford, belonging to the family of Ellie's boyfriend, Nicholas. But even Nicholas' mother is eager to ditch sleepy, sweltering Sussex for a vacation in Brighton, taking Ellie and a relieved Liam with her. Yet, hopes of a breezy seaside holiday quickly turn stormy, in every sense... The ominous change in weather is accompanied by the reappearance of Ellie's former partner in crime, Armand Lamont. Back when Ellie earned a living as a phony medium, Armand's hypnosis skills helped the pair persuade many gullible marks to hand over their savings. Ellie assumes that Armand has resurfaced with blackmail in mind, but before she can figure out his angle, she and Liam witness a man being pushed from a boat by two shadowy figures who then vanish into midair. Phantoms? Demons? Though, Ellie doesn't believe in either, the recovered body is real enough, as is a string of thefts plaguing their luxury hotel. Ellie has a theory, and it requires inviting Nicholas to join them under a fake identity. Their evolving relationship is as complex as this case, and Ellie's authentic supernatural abilities too are developing in surprising ways. But as for whether the outcome will be good or bad, not even her witchy powers can say...

Mystery HC \$43.99

### Death and Sensibility

Jane Austen Society mysteries

#### Blake, Elizabeth

When the quaint English town of York hosts a Jane Austen Society conference, bookseller Erin Coleridge is glad to get out of Kirkbymoorside for a while – until featured speaker Barry Wolf suddenly perishes from what appears to be a heart attack. Erin is suspicious, since Barry had no history of heart disease. But who did him in? Was it the decedent's assistant, Stephen, who was observed chatting to Barry's young wife Luca earlier that night? Might it have been Barry's ex-wife Judith, who was seen arguing with her erstwhile betrothed at the bar? Meanwhile, conference co-chairs Hetty and Prudence have been at one another's throat since the conference. Is one of them the culprit? Matters of the heart are putting Erin off her guard. Both Detective Inspector Peter Hemming and schoolteacher Jonathan Alder have made gestures of romantic interest, but Erin isn't sure who is her Willoughby and who is her Colonel Brandon. DI Hemming tries to persuade Erin that her entanglement in the murder investigation is far from sensible, but his entreaties come to naught. Dauntlessly, Erin joins forces with Kirkbymoorside's cat lady, Farnsworth, to ferret out the guilty party.

Mystery HC \$39.99

### Deck the Donuts

Deputy Donut mysteries

#### Bolton, Ginger

It's Christmastime again in Fallingbrook, Wisconsin. Emily has truly decked the halls of her donut shop and decorated her donuts with festive designs from green and red frosting to snowflake sprinkles. For the annual Ice and Lights Festival, she's commissioned a sculpture with three ice-carved donut shapes to form a holey snowman, Frosty the Donut. She has one Christmas wish this year – to spend some time under the mistletoe with a certain detective. But the holidays just aren't the same

without an unexpected disaster or two. A tour bus on its way to the festival has crashed and a snowstorm has left all the shaken passengers stranded and shivering. Emily and her friends open their homes to shelter the travelling families, while the bus driver is admitted to the hospital for his injuries. But the following morning, Emily discovers his body – buried beneath Frosty the Donut. The bus passengers show little sympathy for the man who dashed through the snow so badly, some claiming he was under the influence while behind the wheel. Emily also discovers that the driver had a history with folks in Fallingbrook. With multiple motives for murder piling up, it will take a Christmas miracle for Emily to solve this crime...

Mystery TP \$27.99

### Shoot the Moonlight Out

Boyle, William

*Southern Brooklyn, July 1996.* Fire hydrants are open and spraying water on the sizzling blacktop. Punk kids have to make their own fun. Bobby Santovasco and his pal Zeke like to throw rocks at cars getting off the Belt Parkway. They think it's dumb and harmless until it's too late to think otherwise. Then there's Jack Cornacchia, a widower who lives with his high school age daughter Amelia and reads meters for Con Ed but also has a secret life as a vigilante, righting neighbourhood wrongs through acts of violence. A simple mission to strong-arm a Bay Ridge con man, Max Berry, leads him to cross paths with a tragedy that hits close to home. Fast forward five years: June 2001. The summer before New York City and the world changed for good. Charlie French is a low-level gangster wannabe trying to make a name for himself. When he stumbles onto a bowling alley locker stuffed with a bag full of cash, he brings it to his only pal, Max Berry, for safekeeping while he cleans up the mess surrounding it. Bobby Santovasco – with no real future mapped out and the big sin of his past shining brightly in his rear-view mirror – has taken a job working as an errand boy for Max Berry. On a recruiting run for Max's Ponzi scheme, Bobby meets Francesca Clarke, born in the neighbourhood but an outsider nonetheless. They hit it off. Bobby gets the idea to knock off Max's safe so he and Francesca can escape Brooklyn forever. Little does he know what Charlie French has stashed there. Meanwhile, Bobby's former stepsister, Lily Murphy, is back home in the neighbourhood after college, teaching a writing class in the basement of St Mary's church. She's also being stalked by her college boyfriend. One of her students is Jack Cornacchia. When she opens up to him about her stalker, Jack decides to take matters into his own hands.

Noir HC \$55.00

### If I Disappear

Brazier, Eliza Jane

Sera loves true crime podcasts. They give her a sense of control in a world where women just like her disappear daily. She's sure they are preparing her for something. So, when Rachel, her favourite podcast host, goes missing, Sera knows it's time to act. Rachel has always taught her to trust her instincts. Sera follows the clues hidden in the episodes to an isolated ranch outside Rachel's small hometown to begin her search. She's convinced her investigation will make Rachel

so proud. But the more Sera digs into this unfamiliar world, the more off things start to feel. Because Rachel is not the first woman to vanish from the ranch, and she won't be the last... Rachel did try to warn her.

Thriller TP \$37.95

### Mrs Jeffries and the Midwinter Murders

Victorian mysteries

#### Brightwell, Emily

Harriet Andover had no intention of dying young like her silly siblings had. She intended to outlive them and outdo them as she always had. But Harriet discovers that the best intentions can lead to murder when she is strangled inside her mansion with a house full of holiday guests. As much as Inspector Witherspoon enjoys his job delivering justice, the last thing he wanted was a complicated murder case just a week before Christmas. He soon discovers that Harriet's own husband and grown stepchildren are not overcome with grief and neither are most of her friends. And to put the icing on the Christmas cookies, the room where Harriet's body was found was locked from the inside and she had the only key in her pocket. Mrs Jeffries and the household have no intention of letting their inspector down and learn that Harriet's sister may have died from foul play as well. As the clues mount, this dedicated band of merry sleuths will not rest until they've delivered a stocking full of coal to a crafty killer.

Historical mystery HC \$55.00

### The Mark

Detective Louise Blackwell series

#### Brolly, Matt

In the quiet seaside town of Weston-super-Mare, a man is found unconscious on the beach with a strange symbol carved into his skin. The victim – a local drug addict – has no recollection of who attacked him or how he got there. The sleepy coastal community is sent into shock. And when another victim branded with the same vicious mark dies from his wounds, DI Louise Blackwell realises she is dealing with a sadistic serial killer. But why is the twisted attacker targeting Weston's most vulnerable people? And what is the meaning behind the mysterious symbol? Still struggling to overcome her own demons in the wake of her brother's death, Blackwell must stay one step ahead of both the killer and corrupt DCI Finch, whose meddling in the investigation makes her more determined than ever to bring him down for good. As the body count rises, and her feud with Finch puts her own life in danger, Blackwell faces a race against time to discover the dark crime that unites the victims and put an end to the carnage – before someone puts an end to her.

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

### The Enemy You Gnocchi

Italian Chef mysteries

#### Bruns, Catherine

With snow dusting the ground and sauce sizzling on the stove, local chef Tessa Esposito is ready to serve up some holiday cheer. And with the annual Festival of Lights underway, it seems nothing can dim her spirits. Not even Mario Russo, the newest scrooge in town whose espresso bar has been quickly disrupting businesses and stealing customers from Harvest Park's favourite coffeehouse. But when Mario is discovered

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at the festival's opening, face down in a Santa suit, Tessa realises the bah humbug runs deeper than she could have imagined. And when one of her dearest friends is implicated in the crime, she must make a list of Mario's enemies, check them twice, and discover the cold-blooded killer. Especially before they can sleigh again.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

### A Score of Contention

Key West Food Critic mysteries

#### Burdette, Lucy

Key Zest food critic Hayley Snow and her groom, police detective Nathan Bransford, chose Scotland for their long-delayed honeymoon, hoping to sightsee and enjoy some prize-winning scones. But their romantic duo swells to a crowd when they're joined by Nathan's family as well as octogenarian Miss Gloria. Nathan's sister Vera takes the women on a whirlwind tour of some of Scotland's iconic mystic places as research for a looming book project. But the trip takes a deadly tartan turn when a dinner party guest falls ill and claims she was poisoned. And then the group watches in horror as a mysterious tourist tumbles to his death from the famous Falkirk Wheel, high above the Forth & Clyde canal. Vera and her friends deny knowing the dead man, but after observing their reactions to the fall, Hayley is not convinced. With one person dead, a second possibly poisoned, and the tension among Vera's friends as thick as farmhouse cheese, Hayley fears her long-awaited honeymoon might end with another murder. Far away from home, surrounded by unfamiliar faces, eccentric characters, and a forbiddingly gorgeous setting, Hayley must call on all her savvy to keep a killer from striking again and then escaping Scot free.

Mystery HC \$39.95

### And Then They Were Doomed

Little Library mysteries

#### Buzzelli, Elizabeth Kane

Little Person author Zoe Zola believes that one of the unluckiest things in life is to receive an invitation – in the form of a letter edged in black – to an Agatha Christie symposium at an old Upper Peninsula hunting lodge. Her reluctance dissipates when she learns that the organiser is named Emily Brent – the name of a character poisoned by cyanide in Christie's *And Then There Were None*. As a dreary rain soaks the UP, Zoe and nine other Christie scholars – each of whom bears a vague resemblance to one of the classic mystery novel's characters – arrive at the lodge. At the opening night dinner, arguments flare over the experts' discordant theories about Christie. Next morning, the guests find one particularly odious man has gone – whereabouts and reasons unknown. Such a coincidental resemblance to a work of fiction is surely impossible; therefore, it appears to be possible. As the guests disappear, one by one, Zoe resolves to beat a hasty retreat – but her car won't start. She calls her friend, amateur sleuth/little librarian Jenny Weston, but Jenny will have to wait out a storm off Lake Superior before she can come to the rescue. If Zoe's to stay alive to greet Jenny when she eventually arrives, she'll have to draw on everything she knows about Agatha Christie's devilish plots.

Mystery TP \$37.95

### Cajun Kiss of Death

Cajun Country mysteries

#### Byron, Ellen

In Pelican, Louisiana, Valentine's Day has a way of warming the heart, despite the February chill. But the air at Crozat Plantation B&B turns decidedly frigid when celebrity chef Phillippe Chanson checks in. And when the arrogant Phillippe – in town to open his newest Cajun-themed restaurant – perishes in a fiery boat crash, Maggie Crozat's dear friend JJ lands in very cold water. Did JJ, proprietor of Junie's Oyster Bar and Dance Hall, murder Phillippe because he feared the competition? Might Maggie's mother, Ninette, have bumped off the chef for stealing one of her cherished recipes? Or was the culprit a local seafood vendor, miffed because Phillippe was somehow able to sell oysters for a remarkably reasonable price, despite an oyster shortage? Maggie had planned to devote her February to art lessons in New Orleans, a present from her sweetheart, Bo. But, now, she has to focus on helping her friend and her mother cross a murder charge off the menu. Meanwhile, Maggie receives a series of anonymous gifts that begin as charming but grow increasingly disturbing. Does Maggie have an admirer – or a stalker? And are these mysterious gifts somehow related to Phillippe's murder? Blood may be thicker than water, but this case is thicker than gumbo. And solving it will determine whether Maggie gets hearts and roses – or hearse and lilies – this Valentine's Day.

Mystery HC \$39.99

### Mardi Gras Murder

Cajun Country mysteries

#### Byron, Ellen

It's Mardi Gras season on the bayou, which means parades, pageantry, and gumbo galore. But when a flood upends life in the tiny town of Pelican, Louisiana – and deposits a body of a stranger behind the Crozat Plantation B&B – the celebration takes a decidedly dark turn. The citizens of Pelican are ready to, '*Laissez les bon temps rouler*' – but there's *beaucoup* bad blood on hand, this Mardi Gras. Maggie Crozat is determined to give the stranger a name and find out why he was murdered. The post-flood recovery has delayed the opening of a controversial exhibit about the little-known Louisiana Orphan Train. And when a judge for the Miss Pelican Mardi Gras Gumbo Queen pageant is shot, Maggie's convinced the murder is connected to the body on the bayou. Does someone covet the pageant queen crown enough to kill for it? Could the deaths be related to the Orphan Train, which delivered its last charges to Louisiana in 1929? The leads are thin on this Fat Tuesday – and until the killer is unmasked, no one in Pelican is safe.

Mystery TP \$24.99

### Murder at Mallowan Hall

Phyllida Bright mysteries

#### Cambridge, Colleen

Tucked away among Devon's rolling green hills, Mallowan Hall combines the best of English tradition with the modern conveniences of 1930. Housekeeper Phyllida Bright, as efficient as she is personable, manages the large household with an iron fist in her very elegant glove. In one respect, however, Mallowan Hall stands far apart

from other picturesque country houses...

The manor is home to archaeologist Max Mallowan and his famous wife, Agatha Christie. Phyllida is both loyal to and protective of the crime writer, who is as much friend as employer. An aficionado of detective fiction, Phyllida has yet to find a gentleman in real life half as fascinating as Mrs Agatha's Belgian hero, Hercule Poirot. But though accustomed to murder and its methods as frequent topics of conversation, Phyllida is unprepared for the sight of a very real, very dead body on the library floor... A former Army nurse, Phyllida reacts with practical common sense – and a great deal of curiosity. It soon becomes clear that the victim arrived at Mallowan Hall under false pretences during a weekend party. Now, Phyllida not only has a houseful of demanding guests on her hands – along with a distracted, anxious staff – but hordes of reporters camping outside. When another dead body is discovered – this time, one of her housemaids – Phyllida decides to follow in M Poirot's footsteps to determine which of the Mallowans' guests is the killer. With help from the village's handsome physician, Dr Bhatt, Mr Dobble, the butler, along with other household staff, Phyllida assembles the clues. Yet, she is all too aware that the killer must still be close at hand and poised to strike again. And only Phyllida's wits will prevent her own story from coming to an abrupt end...

Historical mystery HC \$43.99

### Tom Clancy Shadow of the Dragon

Jack Ryan series

#### Gameron, Marc

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

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### Angelica's Smile

Inspector Montalbano mysteries

#### Camilleri, Andrea

After sitting in the car on the hill for about ten minutes, Montalbano realised this was a big mistake. Because he didn't think at all about the investigation, the burglars, or Mr Z. He thought about Angelica... What had he done? When members of Vigàta's elite are targeted in a series of perfectly executed burglaries, Inspector Montalbano reluctantly takes the case. It soon becomes clear however that more links these privileged few than

simply their lost possessions... It isn't long too before Montalbano finds himself taken with one of the victims, the captivatingly beautiful young Angelica. But as the detective's attraction grows – until he can think of little else – a series of strange, anonymous letters claiming responsibility for the thefts begin to arrive... With the allure of Angelica beginning to consume him and his relationship with Livia under threat, Montalbano must focus his mind to solve this perplexing investigation before events spiral out of all control. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Game of Mirrors

Inspector Montalbano mysteries

#### Gamilleri, Andrea

When Montalbano comes to the aid of his new neighbour, Lilitiana Lombardo, after the engine of her car is interfered with, the inspector can little imagine where this innocuous event will lead. It soon transpires that the young woman – beautiful, intelligent and rather vague about the whereabouts of her husband – is being targeted by someone with a grudge against her. But is Lilitiana's growing interest in Montalbano simply a product of the detective's innate charm? Or is she trying to lead him astray – and into trouble? Meanwhile the inspector finds himself drawn into another mystery when a bomb explodes outside an empty warehouse in Vigàta. But who was the bomb intended for? And why was it left in such a peculiar place? As Montalbano and his colleagues investigate the street's residents – some of whom have suspicious mafia links – they begin to receive a barrage of false clues from an anonymous source. As Lilitiana's behaviour becomes increasingly erratic and leaks around the case threaten Montalbano's reputation; the sense of danger grows. The inspector soon realises that, with this investigation, he is being led into a hall of mirrors, where there is danger at every turn and nothing is quite clear... A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Blade of Light

Inspector Montalbano mysteries

#### Camilleri, Andrea

When a gentleman arrives at Montalbano's station to report an armed robbery on his wife that ended with a kiss, the inspector's suspicions are aroused. As he delves deeper into the case, Montalbano finds that none of the witnesses' stories are adding up, and he can't help but feel that they're not meant to. When a body turns up showing all the signs of a mafia hit, the inspector knows he must excavate the truth from what he is being led to believe. Meanwhile there's a case that keeps winding its way back to Montalbano's office. A locked door has suddenly appeared on a farmer's disused shed, and then, just as quickly, the door disappears. The anti-terrorist police soon intervene, but why are they so keen to keep this away from the inspector? And why does he sense that this case is connected to him somehow? With deceit at every turn and a distraction of the heart taking over his head, Inspector Montalbano must focus if he is ever going to solve this mystery. A reissue.

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### **A Voice in the Night**

Inspector Montalbano mysteries

**Camilleri, Andrea**

It occurred to him that he might not have had anything to do with Strangio's death. It was a voice in the night, an anonymous voice, that had told him this. A voice in the night that could easily have been the voice of his conscience. Feeling his age, as his birthday rolls round once again, Inspector Montalbano decides to cheer himself up by dealing with a young driver's road rage in his own unique way. But his joy is short lived, as at police headquarters he receives an angry phone call from a supermarket boss; there's been a robbery at his store and Montalbano's colleague is treating him as a suspect. On arrival at the scene, Montalbano quickly agrees with Inspector Augello that this was no ordinary break-in, but with the supermarket's infamous links to the Mafia creating problems at every turn, this isn't going to be an easy case for the inspector to solve. And to add to Montalbano's burden, the young driver he made an enemy of earlier in the week has returned to police headquarters to report a shocking crime... A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### **Strangers on a Skein**

Black Sheep & Co mysteries

**Canadeo, Anne**

Phoebe Myers, Black Sheep Knitting Shop's assistant manager, finally comes out from behind the counter to sell her own creations – Socks by Phoebe – at the Plum Harbour Farmers' and Crafts Market, a lively, colourful venue that draws shoppers from miles around. But her excitement cools when she learns the previous tenant of her booth, farmer Jimmy Hooper, committed suicide. She's barely raised her Grand Opening banner, when Hooper's death is upgraded to murder. Phoebe worries that her stall is jinxed when things go from bad to worse. The last person she wants to see, her ex-boyfriend Harry 'The Potter' McSweeney, appears in the stall across the aisle to sell his wares. The Black Sheep advise Phoebe to be strong and resist the handsome artist's spell. But romantic sparks and tempers explode in a very public scene – and a pile of broken pottery. Before Phoebe can get back to business, her stall is trashed, her Facebook page hacked, and another vendor is found dead. The Black Sheep worry for Phoebe's safety, especially when Harry becomes the prime suspect in both crimes. Phoebe refuses to believe he's a killer and is determined to prove him innocent. Her friends are not convinced, but for Phoebe's sake – and her safety – the Black Sheep puts their wits together to catch the crafty marketplace killer who's hiding in plain sight...

Mystery HC \$43.99

### **The Corpse in the Waxworks: a Paris Mystery**

British Library Crime Classics

**Garr, John Dickson**

Last night, Mademoiselle Duchêne was seen heading into the Gallery of Horrors at the Musée Augustin waxworks, alive. Today she was found in the Seine, murdered. The museum's proprietor, long perturbed by the unnatural vitality of his figures, claims that he saw one of them following

the victim into the dark – a lead that Henri Bencolin, head of the Paris police and expert of 'impossible' crimes, cannot possibly resist. Surrounded by the eerie noises of the night, Bencolin prepares to enter the ill-fated waxworks, his associate Jeff Marle and the victim's fiancé in tow. Waiting within, beneath the glass-eyed gaze of a leering waxen satyr, is a gruesome discovery and the first clues of a twisted and ingenious mystery. First published in 1932 at the height of crime fiction's Golden Age, this macabre and atmospheric dive into the murky underground of Parisian society presents an intelligent puzzle delivered at a stunning pace. This new edition also includes the rare Inspector Bencolin short story 'The Murder in Number Four' by John Dickson Car.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

### **Crocodile Tears**

Cato Kwong series

**Garter, Alan**

Detective Philip 'Cato' Kwong is investigating the death of a retiree found hacked to pieces in his suburban Perth home. The trail leads to Timor-Leste, with its recent blood-soaked history. There, he reunites with an old frenemy, the spook Rory Driscoll who, in Cato's experience, has always occupied a hazy moral terrain. Resourceful, multilingual, and hard as nails, Rory has been Canberra's go-to guy, when things get sticky in the Asia-Pacific. Now, Rory wants out. But, first, he's needed to chaperone a motley group of whistleblowers with a price on their heads. And there's one on his, too. The first in this fantastic series is *Prime Cut* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### **Egg Shooters**

Cackleberry Club mysteries

**Childs, Laura**

Suzanne Dietz, co-owner of the Cackleberry Club Café, is visiting her fiancé, Dr Sam Hazelet, when a masked gunman bursts into the emergency room. He shoots two people and would probably have done more damage had Suzanne not brained him with a thermos full of chili. Still, the gunman manages to escape. Now, the ladies of the Cackleberry Club are determined to find the killer before he finds them.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### **Midwinter Murder: Fireside Mysteries from the Queen of Crime**

collection, special edition

**Christie, Agatha**

An all-new collection of winter-themed mysteries from the master of the genre, just in time for the festive period. There's a chill in the air and the days are growing shorter... It's the perfect time to curl up in front of a crackling fireplace with this winter-themed collection from legendary mystery writer Agatha Christie. But beware of deadly snowdrifts and dangerous gifts, poisoned meals, and mysterious guests. This compendium of short stories – some featuring beloved detectives Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple – is an essential omnibus for Christie fans and the perfect gift for mystery lovers.

Christie TP \$19.99

### **Indigo Ghosts**

Gabriel Taverner mysteries

**Clare, Alys**

*October, 1604*. Former ship's surgeon turned country physician Gabriel Taverner is surprised to receive an urgent summons from his old naval captain. Now, docked in Plymouth harbour, having recently returned from the Caribbean, Captain Colt believes his ship is haunted by an evil spirit, and has asked Gabriel to investigate. Dismissive of the crew's wild talk of mysterious blue-skinned ghosts, Gabriel is convinced there must be a rational explanation behind the mass hallucinations. But matters take a disturbing turn when he and the captain discover a body hidden behind one of the bulkheads. Calling on the help of his old friend, Coroner Theophilus Davey; piece by piece, Gabriel uncovers a terrifying tale of treachery, dark magic, unimaginable cruelty – and cold-blooded murder.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

### **Eliot Ness and the Mad Butcher:**

Hunting a Serial Killer at the Dawn of Modern Criminology

**Collins, Max Allan & Schwartz, A Brad**

In 1934, the nation's most legendary crime-fighter – fresh from taking on the greatest gangster in American history – arrived in Cleveland, a corrupt and dangerous town about to host a world's fair. It was to be his coronation, as well as the city's. Instead, terror descended, as headless bodies started turning up. The young detective, already battling the mob and crooked cops, found his drive to transform American policing subverted by a menace largely unknown to law enforcement: a serial murderer. Eliot Ness' greatest case had begun. Now, Max Allan Collins and A Brad Schwartz – the acclaimed writing team behind *Scarface* and the *Untouchable* – uncover this lost crime epic, delivering a gripping and unforgettable nonfiction account based on decades of ground-breaking research. Ness had risen to fame in 1931 for leading the 'Untouchables', which helped put Chicago's Al Capone behind bars. As Cleveland's public safety director, in charge of the police and fire departments, Ness offered a radical new vision for better law enforcement. Crime-ridden and devastated by the Depression, Cleveland was preparing for a star turn, itself: in 1936, it would host the Great Lakes Exposition, which would be visited by seven million people. Late in the summer of 1934, however, pieces of a woman's body began washing up on the Lake Erie shore – first her ribs, then part of her backbone, then the lower half of her torso. The body count soon grew to five, then ten, then more, all dismembered in gruesome ways. As Ness zeroed in on a suspect – a doctor tied to a prominent political family – powerful forces thwarted his quest for justice. In this battle between a flawed hero and a twisted monster – by turns horror story, political drama, and detective thriller – Collins and Schwartz find an American tragedy, classic in structure, epic in scope.

True crime TP \$32.99

### **Back Bay Blues**

Andy Roark mysteries

**Colt, Peter**

1985, Boston. In Vietnam, Andy Roark witnessed death and horrifying destruction. But for the soldiers who made it back alive, there are other casualties of war – the loss of tenderness, trust, and connection. Still feeling adrift, Andy has struck up a welcome friendship with Nguyen, a Vietnamese restaurant owner. Sipping beer and trading memories after the restaurant shutters, Andy gradually learns of the extraordinary lengths Nguyen took to flee Saigon shortly after its fall. Andy's latest case, too, has ties to Vietnam. His new client, a young Vietnamese woman, hires him to investigate her uncle's murder. Andy discovers a connection to a group of refugees determined to overthrow the communist government – and extorting local business owners to raise funds. The search for more answers takes Andy to DC and San Francisco, and into a web of political and personal betrayal. For near the heart of this mystery is a link to Nguyen's daring escape. Decades have passed, but sometimes the price of freedom twists allies into enemies, loyalties into betrayals, and truth into lies...

Hardboiled PBK \$19.99

### **The Dark Hours**

Ballard & Bosch series

**Connelly, Michael**

There's chaos in Hollywood on New Year's Eve. At the end of the countdown, LAPD Detective Renee Ballard seeks shelter from the traditional rain of lead as hundreds of revellers shoot their guns into the air. Minutes later, Ballard is called to a scene where a hardworking auto shop owner has been fatally hit by a bullet in the middle of a crowded street party. Ballard swiftly concludes that the deadly bullet could not have fallen from the sky and connects it with another unsolved murder – a case at one time worked by Detective Harry Bosch. Meanwhile, Ballard still hunts a fiendish pair of serial rapists, the Midnight Men, who have been terrorising women and leaving no trace. Finding herself up against deadly inertia and foundering morale in a police department ravaged by the pandemic and recent riots, Ballard must look outside to the one detective she can count on: Harry Bosch. But as the two determined detectives join forces, they cannot relax their guard. The brutal predators they track won't hesitate to kill to keep their secrets hidden.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### **The Cartographer's Secret**

**Gooper, Tea**

*The Hunter Valley, 1880*. Evie Ludgrove loves to chart the landscape around her home – hardly surprising, since she grew up in the shadow of her father's obsession with the great Australian explorer Dr Ludwig Leichhardt. So, when an advertisement appears in *The Bulletin* magazine offering a thousand-pound reward for proof of where Leichhardt met his fate, Evie is determined to use her father's papers to unravel the secret. But when Evie sets out to prove her

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theory, she vanishes without a trace, leaving behind a mystery that haunts her family for thirty years. Letitia Rawlings arrives at the family estate in her Ford Model T to inform her great-aunt Olivia of a loss in their family. But Letitia is also escaping her own problems – her brother's sudden death, her mother's scheming, and her dissatisfaction with the life planned out for her. So, when Letitia discovers a beautifully illustrated map that might hold a clue to the fate of her missing aunt, Evie Ludgrove, she sets out to discover the truth. But all is not as it seems, and Letitia begins to realise that solving the mystery of her family's past could offer as much peril as redemption.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

### No Grater Crime

Country Store mysteries

#### Day, Maddie

Ever since meeting the wary owners of an antique shop opening across the street, Robbie has been scrambling to manage weird incidences plaguing her café and country store. Pricey items vanish from shelves without explanation, a fully equipped breakfast food truck starts lingering around the area each morning, and loyal diners mysteriously fall ill. When an elderly man dies after devouring an omelette packed with poisonous mushrooms, Robbie must temporarily close down Pans 'n' Pancakes and search for the killer with a real zest for running her out of business – or else.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Spy Hook

Hook, Line and Sinker trilogy

#### Deighton, Len

Millions of pounds have gone missing, and the Department have sent agent Bernard Samson to Washington to track them down. But this mission is just the start of something far deeper and darker. It will take him from the English suburbs to Berlin, the South of France to Los Angeles and the heart of a maelstrom. In the first part of the Hook, Line and Sinker trilogy, friends become enemies, pursuer becomes victim and no one – not even Bernard, himself – is above suspicion. A reissue as a Penguin Modern Classic.

Suspense (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### Spy Line

Hook, Line and Sinker trilogy

#### Deighton, Len

Bernard Samson is a spy on the run. But in the murky streets of Berlin, he knows where to hide. Wanted for an act of treachery he has not committed, he must not only escape the grasp of London Central, but get to the bottom of a tangled conspiracy that is about to change everything. In the thrilling penultimate instalment of the Hook, Line and Sinker trilogy, Bernard's personal and professional life collide with devastating consequences. A reissue as a Penguin Modern Classic.

Suspense (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### Spy Sinker

Hook, Line and Sinker trilogy

#### Deighton, Len

A new narrator provides some long-awaited answers to the Bernard Samson mystery in

the final novel of the Hook, Line and Sinker trilogy. Of all the mysteries Bernard Samson has encountered, the greatest is his wife, Fiona. Dedicated agent of the Service and a woman of secrets, she will risk everything to play the long game. As the truth about the decision that shattered their marriage is gradually revealed, the web of deception that has snared Bernard for ten years begins to unravel. In the gripping, tragic finale of the Hook, Line and Sinker trilogy, everything we thought we knew is brought into question. A reissue as a Penguin Modern Classic.

Suspense (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### Double Chocolate Cookie Murder

Cook-Off mysteries

#### Delaney, Devon

It's the long Thanksgiving weekend, and between cooking for her family and working her dad's store for Black Friday, Sherry has a full plate. Next, she has to judge the big cookie contest – and among the many entrants is her old high school home ec teacher, Mr Currier. For old time's sake, Sherry invites him over for dinner, although sadly, the reunion will be short lived. The next day, the prizes at the bake-off go missing – and later turn up at the marina, along with her ex-teacher's body. Now, Sherry has to find out who would do such a thing...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Murder

Catering Hall mysteries

#### Dirico, Maria

Mia's busy with a full schedule of events at the family business – among them an over-the-top Nativity-themed first birthday party and a Sweet Sixteen for a teen drama queen. But her personal life is even more challenging. Her estranged mother has returned – and her lifelong friend Jamie has discovered a shocking secret about his past. He's so angry that he starts hanging out with Lorenzo, who claims to be his long-lost brother – even after it becomes clear that Lorenzo's story is as fake as a plastic Christmas tree. Then a body turns up among the elves in a Santa's-workshop lawn display, and amateur sleuth Mia has a buffet of suspects to choose from. Amid the holiday celebrations, she intends to find out who's the guilty party...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### The Way It Is Now Disher, Garry

Twenty years ago, Charlie Deravin's mother went missing near the family beach shack – believed murdered; body never found. His father has lived under a cloud of suspicion ever since. Now, Charlie's back living in the shack in Menlo Beach, on disciplinary leave from his job with the police sex-crimes unit, and permanent leave from his marriage. After two decades worrying away at the mystery of his mother's disappearance, he's run out of leads. Then the skeletal remains of two people are found in the excavation of a new building site – and the past comes crashing in on Charlie. Garry Disher is always recommended!

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### A Dark Room in Glitter Ball City:

Murder, Secrets, and Scandal in Old Louisville

#### Dominé, David

This true crime saga – with an eccentric Southern backdrop – introduces the reader to the story of a murder in a crumbling Louisville mansion and the decades of secrets and corruption that live within the old house's walls. On June 18, 2010, police discover a body buried in the wine cellar of a Victorian mansion in Old Louisville. James Carroll, shot and stabbed the year before, has lain for seven months in a plastic storage bin – his temporary coffin. Homeowner Jeffrey Mundt and his boyfriend, Joseph Banis, point the finger at each other in what locals dub the Pink Triangle Murder. On the surface, this killing appears to be a crime of passion, a sordid love tryst gone wrong in a creepy old house. But as author David Dominé sits in on the trials, a deeper story emerges: the struggle between hope for a better future on the one hand and the privilege and power of the status quo on the other. As the court testimony devolves into he-said/he-said contradictions, David draws on the confidences of neighbours, drag queens, and other acquaintances within the city's vibrant LGBTQ community to piece together the details of the case. While uncovering the many past lives of the mansion itself, he enters a murky underworld of gossip, neighbourhood scandal, and intrigue. True crime HC \$45.00

### The Final Child Dorricott, Fran

Erin and her brother Alex were the last children abducted by 'the Father', a serial killer who only ever took pairs of siblings. She escaped, but her brother was never seen again. Traumatized, Erin couldn't remember anything about her ordeal, and the Father was never caught. Eighteen years later, Erin has done her best to put the past behind her. But then she meets Harriet. Harriet's young cousins were the Father's first victims and, haunted by their deaths, she is writing a book about the disappearances and is desperate for an interview. At first, Erin wants nothing to do with her. But then she starts receiving sinister gifts, her house is broken into, and she can't shake the feeling that she's being watched. After all these years, Erin believed that the Father was gone, but now she begins to wonder if he was only waiting... Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### Queen of Bones

Havana mysteries

#### Dovalpage, Teresa

Juan, a Cuban construction worker who has settled in Albuquerque, returns to Havana for the first time since fleeing Cuba by raft twenty years ago. He is travelling with his American wife, Sharon, and hopes to reconnect with Victor, his best friend from college – and, unbeknownst to Sharon, he also hopes to discover what has become of two ex-girlfriends, Elsa and Rosita. Juan is surprised to learn that Victor has become Victoria and runs a popular drag show at the local hot spot Café Arabia. Elsa has married a wealthy foreigner, and Rosita, still single, works at the Havana cemetery. When one of these women

turns up dead, it will cost Padrino, a Santería priest and former detective on the Havana police force, more than he expects to untangle the group's lies and hunt down the killer.

Mystery TP \$32.99

### Her Perfect Family

Driscoll, Teresa

It's their daughter's graduation and Rachel and Ed Hartley are expecting it to be one of their family's happiest days. But when she stumbles and falls on stage during the ceremony, a beautiful moment turns to chaos: Gemma has been shot, and just like that, she's fighting for her life. PI Matthew Hill is one of the first on the scene. A cryptic message Gemma received earlier in the day suggests someone close to her was about to be exposed. But who? As Matthew starts to investigate, he finds more and more layers obscuring the truth. He even begins to suspect the Hartleys are hiding something big – from him and from each other. While Gemma lies in hospital in a coma, her would-be killer is still out there. Can Matthew unravel the family's secrets before the attacker strikes again?

Thriller TP \$27.99

### No Witness

Cal Claxton mysteries

#### Basley, Warren C

Running a one-man law practice in the heart of Oregon's wine country, Cal Claxton hires a young, undocumented man as an assistant, hoping to give him an opportunity to create more stability for himself and his family. Timoteo Fuentes is a bright, hardworking student by day and Cal's legal clerk by night, juggling both roles with determination and grit. When one of Timoteo's family members is brutally murdered, the migrant community is reluctant to cooperate with the police investigation for fear of deportation. Devastated by the loss and nervous about engaging with the legal system, the family turns to Cal for help. With Timoteo protected as a Dreamer from deportation, the two begin a dangerous investigation of ruthless people who leverage the fear of a vulnerable population for profit and an assassin who is as cunning as he is deadly. Can Cal and Timoteo untangle the web of deceit or will they become victims themselves?

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

### Railroaded 4 Murder

Sophie Kimball mysteries

#### Eaton, J C

Phee's marriage to Marshall Gregory promises to be the wedding of the year in Arizona's Sun City West – that is, if you ask her mother Harriet. But before she can walk down the aisle, it looks like she has to solve one more murder. At a model train exhibit, Phee, Harriet, and their beloved Chiweenie, Streetman, discover the body of Sun City West's railroad club president, with an incriminating tap shoe near his lifeless corpse. Wilbur Maines may have loved model trains but apparently he was not a model husband. There are rumours of affairs with hot-to-trot hobbyists the Choo-Choo Chicks. The police suspect his wife – and Harriet's friend – Roxanne, who dances with the Rhythm Tappers, but Phee's mom is convinced they're on the wrong track. Before the poor woman is railroaded into spending

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the rest of her life behind bars, Phee, Harriet, and the book club ladies will need to do some fancy footwork, infiltrate the dance group, and find the real culprit before the killer leaves the station...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### The Ninja Betrayed

Lily Wong series

#### Eldridge, Tori

Things get personal for Chinese-Norwegian modern-day ninja Lily Wong in Hong Kong when she dives into the dangerous world of triads, romance, and corporate disaster during the height of the pro-democracy protests. Lily's mother has been summoned by her grandfather, Gung-Gung to attend an emergency board meeting. Lily is happy to take her father's place for exotic travel, family reunions, and romantic dates with her new boyfriend, Daniel Kwok, who's there for business. Lily and her mother stay at her grandparents' hillside home on Hong Kong Island, but tension between Gung-Gung and Ma makes it hard to enjoy the beautiful surroundings, especially with the city in turmoil. Gung-Gung won't say anything about the meeting and Ma is worried that her career is in jeopardy. Meanwhile, the teenage daughter of Gung-Gung's driver is pulled into the dangerous riots. As Lily and Ma discover shaky finances, questionable loans, and plans for the future involving them both, Lily's escalating romance with Daniel puts her heart at risk. Will her ninja skills allow her to protect her mother, the family business, and the renegade teen while navigating love, corporate intrigue, and murderous triads?

Mystery TP \$29.99

### Murder in an English Glade

Beryl & Edwina mysteries

#### Ellicott, Jessica

When a member of the Walmsley Parva upper crust, Constance Maitland, seeks to hire Beryl and Edwina for a sham investigation into an alleged dalliance by her sister-in-law Ursula to quell potentially scandalous accusations by an unstable cousin, it is with mixed feelings that they agree to pose as guests at her home, Maitland Park. Edwina is uncomfortable with the ruse, but Beryl is eager to escape tension with their feisty housekeeper and hobnob with bohemians as the Maitland family hosts an artists' colony. But when the painter suspected of having an affair with Ursula is found strangled beside his easel in a glade, the pretence turns into a genuine murder enquiry. With Maitland Park overrun by artists, every guest – not to mention family member – is, now, a suspect. Beryl and Edwina must determine if they are dealing with a crime of passion or if there are more complex motives in play, which may include the family cigarette business, cutthroat artistic competition, or secrets from the war years. In any case, the intrepid sleuths will not leave until they have smoked out the real killer...

Historical mystery HC \$43.99

### To the Tome of Murder

Beyond the Page Bookstore mysteries

#### Elliott, Lauren

Addie's determined to turn a seemingly ordinary November in coastal Greyborne Harbour into one for the books. The windows of her shop display carefully-curated works by American writers, including a rare

selection of traditional holiday recipes from the influential 19th-century publication *Godey's Ladies Magazine*. And then there's the town's Civil War-era themed cooking and baking competition, with a hefty cash prize and free publicity going to the winning dish... But when she finds her cousin's boyfriend murdered, a stunned Addie reluctantly realises she may be the only person who can blow the cover off a grisly crime. With so many unanswered questions surrounding the victim's death, Addie must figure out the strange connection between a mysterious vintage briefcase, the disappearance of a first edition copy of Sarah Josepha Hale's famous nursery rhyme, 'Mary Had a Little Lamb', and a dangerously well-read culprit...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Dial 'M' for Maine Coon

Furever Pets mysteries

#### Erickson, Alex

Liz is thrilled to find a forever home for her latest rescue, Sheamus, a Maine Coon cat. But on adoption day, she discovers Sheamus' would-be owner, Joe Hitchcock, murdered in his study. Joe's shocking death reveals an even more startling secret: his real name was Joe Danvers... a man accused of killing his wife, thirty years ago. Liz knows she should focus on finding Sheamus a new home, but this mystery already has its claws in her. So, Liz begins vetting the clues from both investigations. But with a stalker sniffing at her heels and a rival swatting at her business, Liz's curiosity may come at a hefty price... especially since Joe's case has more lives than a cat.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Game On:

#### Tempting Twenty-Eight

Stephanie Plum mysteries

#### Evanovich, Janet

When Stephanie Plum is woken up in the middle of the night by the sound of footsteps in her apartment, she wishes she didn't keep her gun in the cookie jar in her kitchen. And when she finds out the intruder is fellow apprehension agent Diesel, six feet of hard muscle and bad attitude whom she hasn't seen in more than two years, she still thinks the gun might come in handy. Turns out, Diesel and Stephanie are on the trail of the same fugitive: Oswald Wednesday, an international computer hacker as brilliant as he is ruthless. Stephanie may not be the most technologically savvy sleuth, but she more than makes up for that with her dogged determination, her understanding of human nature, and her willingness to do just about anything to bring a fugitive to justice. Unsure if Diesel is her partner or her competition in this case, she'll need to watch her back every step of the way as she sets the stage to draw Wednesday out from behind his computer and into the real world.

Mystery TP \$32.99

### Death on the

#### Trans-Siberian Express

Farrington, G J

Welcome to Roslazny – a sleepy Russian town where intrigue and murder combine to disturb the icy silence... Olga Pushkin, Railway Engineer (Third Class) and would-be bestselling author, spends her days in a little rail-side hut with only Dmitri the hedgehog

for company. While tourists and travellers clatter by on the Trans-Siberian Express, Olga dreams of studying literature at Tomsk State University – the Oxford of West Siberia – and escaping the sleepy, snow-clad village of Roslazny. But Roslazny doesn't stay sleepy for long. Poison-pen letters, a small-town crime wave, and persistent rumours of a Baba Yaga – a murderous witch hiding in the frozen depths of the Russian taiga – combine to disturb the icy silence. And one day Olga arrives at her hut only to be knocked unconscious by a man falling from the Trans-Siberian, an American tourist with his throat cut from ear to ear and his mouth stuffed with 10-ruble coins. Another death soon follows, and Sergeant Vassily Marushkin, the brooding, enigmatic policeman who takes on the case, finds himself falsely imprisoned by his Machiavellian superior, Chief Inspector Babikov. Olga resolves to help Vassily by proving his innocence. But with no leads to follow and time running out, has Olga bitten off more than she can chew?

Mystery TP \$32.99

### Summit

#### Farthing, Harry

A summit is a summit, and the truth is the truth. But the view from 8,848 metres isn't always so clear. Two men, seventy years apart, push for the top of Mount Everest, driven by forces beyond their control and something inside that says climb. After eight successful summits, Mount Everest guide Neil Quinn is confident he can handle anything the mountain throws his way. But then disaster strikes steps from the top, leaving him with a lot of questions and a very old swastika-embellished ice axe that should never have been so high on the mountain – not if Everest's meticulously documented history is accurate. But before Quinn can even catch his breath, the combined wrath of his vengeful employer and an angry client drives him out of the Himalayas and back to Europe, where the newly blackballed English guide struggles to make ends meet and discover the truth of what happened that fateful day. He soon uncovers the story of Josef Becker, a Nazi climber who sought the top of the world seventy years before, when Europe teetered on the brink of the Second World War. Quinn's innocent queries into Becker's expedition soon have neo-Nazis, assassins, and history buffs vying to take possession of the axe – proof of Nazi alpine superiority, and strong evidence that a German climber was the first to summit Mount Everest.

Thriller TP \$43.95

### The Mitford Vanishing

Mitford Murders series

#### Fellowes, Jessica

1937. War with Germany is dawning, and a civil war already raging in Spain. Split across political lines, the six Mitford sisters are more divided than ever. Meanwhile their former maid Louisa Cannon is now a private detective, working with her ex-policeman husband Guy Sullivan. Louisa and Guy are surprised when a call comes in from novelist Nancy Mitford requesting that they look into the disappearance of her Communist sister Jessica, nicknamed Decca. It quickly becomes clear that Decca may have made for the war in Spain – and not alone. As a second, separate missing person case is opened,

Louisa and Guy discover that every marriage has its secrets – but some are more deadly than others...

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

### Amok

#### Fitzek, Sebastian

This morning a dangerous psychopath is playing an old game with new rules. He's taken six people hostage, at Berlin's leading radio station. Every hour, a telephone will ring somewhere in Berlin. Maybe it will be in your house. Or your office. And if you can't play the game, a hostage will die. Renowned police psychologist Ira Samin is rushed to the scene, where she is forced to negotiate live on air. With the nation listening, the kidnapper makes his sole demand: find his fiancée and bring her to the station. But she is dead. Burnt to a crisp in a devastating car accident eight months ago. Facing an impossible demand and a police commander who seems hell bent on keeping secrets, Ira must race against the clock to resolve one of the hardest negotiations of her career. All the while, somewhere in Berlin... a telephone is ringing.

Thriller TP \$29.99

### Seat 7A

#### Fitzek, Sebastian

You know your fear is irrational, you've checked the statistics. Flying is safer than driving – nineteen times safer. Irrational, perhaps. But you're not wrong. Mats Kruger is terrified of flying. But his daughter, Nele, is about to give birth to his first grandchild, so, for once, he's taking the risk and making the thirteen-hour flight from Buenos Aires to Berlin. Of course, he's taken precautions. He's bought the five statistically safest seats on the plane, as well as seat 7A – the spot where you are most likely to die in a plane accident – so, no one can sit there. Just in case. But Mats has to give up seat 7A to another passenger. Moments later, he receives a phone call. Nele has been kidnapped. The caller has a single demand. Convince the pilot to crash the plane. Or Nele dies.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### Last Dance

Sam Carver

#### Fleishman, Jeffrey

A famous Russian ballerina lies dead in a downtown loft. No marks, no bruises. The suspects are many: spies, hit men, a gunman, and one of Hollywood's most powerful and mysterious film producers. Detective Sam Carver becomes entangled in a perilous reignited Cold War between Moscow and Washington. He chases leads from Europe to Africa. But Carver faces other demons, too. He is haunted by Dylan Cross, a killer who got away a year earlier. She knows his secrets, whispers to him in his dreams. His obsession with Dylan threatens his new case and his relationship with Lily Hernandez, a uniform cop who wants to work as his partner.

Mystery TP \$35.95

### The Truth of It All

Florio, Gwen

Public defender Julia Geary moves through life in simmering resentment – at her husband, a soldier killed in Iraq, leaving her a single mother; at her low-paying job; and at her overbearing mother-in-law, whose home

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she shares. She longs for a breakout case, and it arrives when members of the high school soccer team report seeing a team-mate – Iraqi refugee Sami Mohammed – assaulting a girl in the locker room. In a town where animosity against refugees has already reached a fever pitch, Julia throws all her energy into Sami's defence. She finds an ally in high school principal Dom Parrish, who believes Sami is innocent, and the case suddenly turns red hot. Then she begins receiving vicious threats against her family, and a senseless act of violence leaves Sami in a coma. And finally, a crop of new evidence emerges that points to the town's most prominent citizens and pits Julia against powerful forces set on burying the truth, once and for all. If Sami survives and Julia can prove him innocent, it will be the case of a lifetime. But now it's her life that's on the line.

Mystery/suspense HC \$39.99

### Murders and Metaphors

Magical Bookshop mysteries

#### Flower, Amanda

January means ice wine season in the Niagara Falls region, but the festivities leave Charming Books owner Violet Waverly cold, still reeling from a past heartbreak. A past heartbreak who will be present at the annual midnight grape-harvest festival, and no magic in the world or incantation powerful enough could get Violet to attend. But Grandma Daisy, an omniscient force all on her own, informs Violet that she's already arranged for the mystical Charming Books to host celebrity sommelier Belinda Perkins' book signing at the party. Little do either Waverly women know, the ice wine festival will turn colder still when Violet finds Belinda in the middle of the frozen vineyard – with a grape harvest knife protruding from her chest. Belinda grew up in Cascade Springs, but she left town years ago after a huge falling out with her three sisters. One of those sisters, Violet's high school friend Lacey Dupont, attends the book signing in the hope of making amends with her sister, but Belinda and Lacey end up disrupting the signing with a very public shouting match and Lacey quickly becomes the prime suspect in the sommelier's murder. Violet is sure Lacey is innocent, and to keep her friend out of prison, Violet asks for guidance from her magical bookshop. The shop's ethereal essence points her to Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*, but what have the four March sisters to do with the four Perkins sisters? If she can't figure it out, Violet, herself, may turn as cold as ice. Violet, Grandma Daisy, Emerson the tuxedo cat, and resident crow Faulkner are back on the case.

Mystery TP \$24.99

### Christmas Dessert Murder

Hannah Swensen mysteries omnibus

#### Fluke, Joanne

It's Christmas in Lake Eden, Minnesota, and there's no better way to enjoy the holidays than by cosying up to two Hannah Swensen yuletide mysteries with a plateful of goodies from the Cookie Jar bakery... *Christmas Caramel Murder*: Hannah and her good pal Lisa have agreed to provide all the goodies for the town's annual production

of *A Christmas Carol*. But before anyone can say, 'Bah, humbug!' the actress playing Mrs Claus exits stage left for good. As murder suspects pile up faster than snowdrifts in a blizzard, it might take a visit from ghosts of Christmas past to wrap up this mystery in time for the holidays... *Christmas Cake Murder*: Hannah's life matches the hectic December hustle and bustle of Lake Eden when she agrees to help recreate a spectacular Christmas Ball in honour of Essie Granger, an elderly local in hospice care. But instead of poring over decadent dessert recipes, Hannah's surprised by Essie's secret talent for penning crime fiction. She's even more surprised when the story turns real. It'll be a true miracle, if she can prevent another Yuletide disaster by solving a mystery as dense as a Christmas fruitcake...

Mystery TP \$22.99

### The Hidden Hours

#### Foster, Sara

Arabella Lane is found dead in the Thames on a frosty winter's morning after the office Christmas party. No one is sure whether she jumped or was pushed. The one person who may know the truth is the office temp, Eleanor. Having travelled to London to escape the repercussions of her traumatic childhood in Australia, tragedy seems to follow Eleanor wherever she goes. To her horror, she has no memory of the crucial hours leading up to Arabella's death – memory that will either incriminate or absolve her. Caught in a crossfire of accusations, Eleanor fears she can't even trust herself, let alone the people around her. And soon, she'll find herself in a race against time to uncover what happened that night – and discover just how deadly some secrets can be.

Thriller TP \$37.95

### London Bridge

#### is Falling Down

Bryant & May mysteries

#### Fowler, Christopher

When 91-year-old Amelia Hoffman dies in her top-floor flat on a busy London road, it's considered an example of what has gone wrong with modern society: she slipped through the cracks in a failing system. But detectives Arthur Bryant and John May of the Peculiar Crimes Unit have their doubts. Mrs Hoffman was once a government security expert, though no one can quite remember her. When a link emerges between the old lady and a diplomat trying to flee the country, it seems that an impossible murder has been committed. Mrs Hoffman wasn't the only one at risk. Bryant is convinced that other forgotten women with hidden talents are also in danger. And, curiously, they all own models of London Bridge. With the help of some of their more certifiable informants, the detectives follow the strangest of clues in an investigation that will lead them through forgotten alleyways to the city's fabled bridge in search of a desperate killer. But just when the case appears to be solved, they discover that Mrs Hoffman was smarter than anyone imagined. There's a bigger game afoot that could have terrible consequences.

Mystery/suspense HC \$43.99

### Murder in Midwinter: Ten Classic Crime Stories for Christmas

anthology

#### Gayford, Cecily (editor)

Murder served ice cold... Midwinter. As snow falls softly outside and frost sparkles on tree branches, it's time to curl up before a roaring fire, wrap your hands around a steaming mug of mulled wine, and forget your worries, for now. But as the temperature drops outside, malice is sharpening its claws... and murder walks abroad. In these classic stories of mystery and mayhem, let ten of the great crime writers in history surprise and delight you with twists and turns as shocking as an icicle in the heart. Featuring stories by Dorothy L Sayers, Cyril Hare, Anthony Berkeley, Ruth Rendell, Margery Allingham, Ellis Peters... and more.

Classic mystery PBK \$19.99

### The Last Protector

Clayton White series

#### Gervais, Simon

Former air force combat rescue officer Special Agent Clayton White, now, works for the Secret Service performing routine escort missions for politicians. These missions may not be quite as exciting as his time in the military, but Clayton's okay with that. It gives him more time to see his girlfriend, Veronica Hammond – an archaeologist who also happens to be the vice president elect's daughter. But Clayton's seemingly manageable new routine takes a startling turn when South African mercenaries target Veronica at an awards gala celebrating her work. After this attempt on Veronica's life, Clayton enters a complicated web of lies, betrayal, and dangerous government secrets. As Clayton gets closer to the truth, he encounters unexpected foes pitted against questionable allies. With enemies at every turn, the only constant Clayton can rely on is Veronica. But when the threat against her turns on him, too, he faces an impossible choice: love or country.

Thriller TP \$27.99

### Booked for Death

Book Lover's B&B mysteries

#### Gilbert, Victoria

Nestled in the historic waterfront town of Beaufort, North Carolina, Chapters Bed-and-Breakfast is a reader's paradise. Built in 1770, the newly renovated inn hosts a roster of special events celebrating books, genres, and authors. It's the perfect literary retreat – until a rare book dealer turns up dead in the carriage house during a celebration of Golden Age mystery author, Josephine Tey. The victim's daughter points the finger at 42-year-old widow and former schoolteacher Charlotte Reed, who inherited the B&B from her great-aunt Isabella. Charlotte is shocked to discover that the book dealer suspected Isabella of being a thief who founded Chapters on her ill-gotten gains. Charlotte has successfully learned the B&B business in a year, but nothing has prepared her to handle a death on the premises. Armed with intelligence and courage and assisted by her vibrant older neighbour, a visiting author, and members of a local book club, Charlotte is determined to prove her innocence and to clear her great-aunt's name. But the murderer is still at large, and equally determined to silence anyone

who might discover the truth behind the book dealer's death. Now, Charlotte must outwit an unknown killer – or end up writing her own final chapter. The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$24.99

### A Haunting at Holkham Glenconner, Anne

*January 1950*. Lady Anne Coke, daughter of the 5th Earl of Leicester, is in Scunthorpe on a business trip when she is called home after a sudden death in the family. She returns to Holkham Hall to discover a mystery: her beloved grandfather has been found dead at the bottom of a flight of stairs with a valuable piece of jewellery in his pocket. No one can find a cause of death, and some even suspect foul play from the ghost who supposedly haunts the house. But Anne's suspicions are aroused; she grew close to her grandfather when they lived together during the war and she is determined to discover the truth. During World War II, Holkham Hall was an army base with large sections out of bounds, and 11-year-old Anne was in the care of a new governess, whom she hated and believed to be deceitful. Although she had been told to stay away from certain parts of the house, Anne used the secret passageways and the cellars to move around unnoticed. And something she saw then could unlock the mystery of her grandfather's death, now...

Mystery TP \$32.99

### Gated Prey

Eve Ronin series

#### Goldberg, Lee

Los Angeles County Sheriff's detective Eve Ronin and her soon-to-retire partner, Duncan Pavone, are running a 24/7 sting in a guarded enclave of palatial homes in Calabasas. Their luxury McMansion is a honey trap, set to lure in the violent home invaders terrorising the community. The trap works, leaving three intruders dead, a body count that nearly includes Eve and Duncan. Eve's bosses are eager to declare the case closed, but there are too many unanswered questions for her to let go. Was the trap actually for her, bloody payback for Eve's very public takedown of a clique of corrupt deputies? Or is there an even deadlier secret lurking behind those opulent gates? Eve's refusal to back down and her relentless quest for the truth make her both the hunter... and the prey.

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

### A Crime of a Different Stripe

Seaside Knitters Society mysteries

#### Goldenbaum, Sally

While no-nonsense mother-to-be Cass Halloran tries downplaying her pregnancy and her frequent doctor's visits as an older mother-to-be, a softer side of the lobsterwoman emerges as she joins the Seaside Knitters in knitting an abundance of delicate hats and booties. But in contrast to the happy news, terrifying events unfold at the town's art series that puts a real chill in their New England fall... Izzy Perry's husband Sam had reservations about inviting his one-time mentor Harrison Grant to speak at the opening reception, although he never imagined the famed and charismatic photographer would rudely embarrass his hosts that evening. But when a dead body turns up along the wooded shoreline the next day, startling secrets come into focus

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that could undo the tight-knit community of local artists... With a mysterious murder pitting neighbours against each other, Izzy, Birdie, Nell, and a vulnerable Cass find themselves entangled in a dangerous hunt for answers. Can four best friends somehow tie together scattered clues and pacify a list of potential culprits before a cascade of fallen foliage buries the *pièce de résistance* of a ruthless killer?

Mystery TP \$35.95

### The Hidden Golding, Melanie

One dark December night, in a small seaside town, a little girl is found abandoned. When her mother finally arrives, authorities release the pair, believing it to be an innocent case of a toddler running off. Gregor, a seemingly single man, is found bludgeoned and left for dead in his apartment, but the discovery of children's toys raises more questions than answers. Every night, Ruby gazes into Gregor's apartment, leading to the discovery of his secret family: his unusually silent daughter and his mentally unstable wife, Constance, who insists that she is descended from the mythological Selkies. She begs Ruby to aid in finding the sealskin that Gregor has hidden from her, making it impossible to return to her people. DS Joanna Harper's investigation into Gregor's assault leads her to CCTV footage of the mother-daughter pair from town. Harper realises she knows the woman almost as well as she knows herself: it's her estranged daughter, Ruby. No matter the depth of Ruby's involvement, she knows she will choose her daughter over her career.

Mystery/suspense HC \$55.00

### Alms for Oblivion

Shakespearean Murder mysteries

#### Gooden, Philip

On a foggy morning in 1602, a boyhood friend of Nick Revill arrives in London. When Peter Agate announces that he wants to try his hand at acting, what can Nick do but offer him a part with his own company, the Chamberlain's Men, who are putting on a private production of Shakespeare's *Troilus and Cressida* for the lawyers of Middle Temple. Yet within days Peter Agate is dead, stabbed to death at Nick's lodgings – the beginning of a sequence of violent deaths, each somehow implicating Nick himself. To avoid the hangman's noose Nick must discover the real murderer among a cast of suspects, including an aristocratic brother and sister, a troublemaker from a rival company and an ex-actor who once saw the Devil himself on stage... A reissue.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### Mask of Night

Shakespearean Murder mysteries

#### Gooden, Philip

Elizabeth I approaches the end of her illustrious reign, the plague is raging in London, and the Privy Council has ordered the theatres closed. Still, author Philip Gooden's fifth novel in the popular Shakespearean series brings us a great mystery as actor-sleuth Nick Revill and the Chamberlain's Men travel to Oxford, where a local physician, Dr Hugh Fern, has commissioned a private performance of *Romeo and Juliet*. While Fern's motive is obscure – an attempt to reconcile two feuding families to the prospect of a marriage,

perhaps; or maybe simply a ploy to get himself a role in the production – his fate is not. Indeed, he is decidedly dead, when his body is discovered during a performance at the Golden Cross Inn. No matter that the deceased lies inside a locked room or that the pestilence has followed the Chamberlain troupe from London, Revill is convinced Fern has not succumbed to natural causes. Nor is Fern's death the only one that rouses Revill's suspicions. The mysteries multiply as a strange band of men in cowls patrols the town at night, a simple carter meets a baffling end, and a corpse changes its shoes. A reissue.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### An Honourable Murderer

Shakespearean Murder mysteries

#### Gooden, Philip

It's the summer of 1604 and the Spanish are in London. Many years after the ill-fated Armada, they are negotiating a peace treaty with the English. Nick Revill's acting company is given a ceremonial role at the celebrations, but not everybody welcomes this outbreak of peace. In the shifting world of the court there are factions. In the Tower of London sits that implacable enemy of the Spanish, Sir Walter Raleigh, and he has friends on the outside who may try to sabotage the negotiations. Nick, meanwhile, is trying to get on with his playing. Invited by Shakespeare's rival, Ben Jonson, to take part in a masque at Somerset House where the Spanish are lodged, Nick is caught up in a conspiracy. During a rehearsal the courtier Sir Philip Blake dies an apparently accidental death when he tumbles from a '*Deus ex machina*' chair which is lowering him to the stage. A reissue.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### The Stranger Behind You

#### Goodman, Carol

Journalist Joan Lurie has written a seething article exposing a notorious newspaper tycoon as a sexual predator. But the night it goes live, she is brutally attacked. Traumatized and suffering the effects of a concussion, she moves into a highly secure apartment in Manhattan called the Refuge, which was at one time a Magdalen Laundry. Joan should be safe here, so how can she explain the cryptic incidents that are happening? Lillian Day is Joan's new 96-year-old neighbour at the Refuge. In 1941, Lillian witnessed a mysterious murder that sent her into hiding at the Magdalen Laundry, and she hasn't come out since. As she relates to Joan her harrowing story, Joan sees striking similarities to her own past. Melissa Osgood, newly widowed and revengeful, has burning questions about her husband's recent death. When she discovers a suspicious paper trail that he left behind, she realises how little she knew about her marriage. But it seems Joan Lurie might be the one who has the answers. As these three lives intersect, each woman must stay one step ahead of those who are desperate to make sure the truth is never uncovered.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Half Dead

#### Graham, Brandon

The car accident took his wife and nearly killed him too, but Calvert Green's problems are just beginning. He was a respected Russian literature scholar in Chicago, but due to severe head trauma, he's now suffering

from Cotard's Disease – a rare physiological condition that makes him believe he's dead. He has also lost much of his memory, including the academic knowledge that defined his life. Calvert knows few details about the accident but believes there's more going on than he's been told, so he leaves the care facility determined to find the truth behind his death. His search lands him in the middle of a city being terrorised by a murder spree, and young homicide detective Whistler Diaz has a prime suspect. But Whistler's cousin Moe, a crusading journalist, zeroes in on Calvert, determined to prove he's not all he seems. Intuition and improvisation were never Calvert's strong suits, but now he has to draw on his hidden inner resources to clear his name. On a harrowing journey into the city's underbelly – and deep into his psyche – Calvert begins to uncover the shocking truth of who he once was. Calvert might be on the verge of finding a new definition of sanity – but a malevolent force lurks in the shadows bent on total madness.

Mystery/suspense HC \$42.99

### Lonely Hearts

Jessica Shaw series

#### Gray, Lisa

A missing persons case should be pretty straightforward for private investigator Jessica Shaw. After all, it's what she does best. But this latest case proves to be anything but straightforward. Christine Ryan is desperate to find her childhood friend Veronica Lowe. Veronica disappeared more than fifteen years ago, not long after having a child with a Death Row inmate, notorious serial killer Travis Dean Ford. When Ford's widow, Jordana, is murdered in the same way as his victims, Christine fears Veronica and her daughter will be next. If they're even still alive... Discovering that both Veronica and Jordana were members of the Lonely Hearts Club, a pen pal service for women who want to write to men in prison, Jessica realises she needs to find Veronica before the killer does. But as Jessica follows the leads it begins to feel like someone is following her. Travis has been dead for years, so who is hunting the Lonely Hearts?

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

### The Hideout

#### Grebe, Camilla

When 18-year-old Samuel finds himself at the centre of a drug deal gone wrong, he is forced to go underground to escape the police and an infamous drug lord. Seeking refuge in a sleepy town in the Stockholm archipelago, he takes a job as a personal assistant to a disabled boy. But when Samuel moves in with the beautiful Rakel and her son Jonas in the remote house by the sea, he soon realises that nothing is quite what it seems... Meanwhile, the bodies of young men have been washing ashore in the archipelago and investigator Manfred Olsson fears that they have a killer on the loose.

Thriller TP \$29.99

### The Chancellor's Secret

Chronicles of Matthew Bartholomew

#### Gregory, Susanna

In 1360, the Great Bridge over the River Cam is close to collapse. To repair it will cost the town and the University dear, especially if its rotten wood is replaced by more durable stone. As arguments rage over raising the

money other, equally heated, differences are coming to the boil over the election of a new Chancellor. While the majority support Brother Michael for the post, at least one of his opponents aims to seize it by fair means or foul. Then the discovery of a body under the bridge and the disappearance of two scholars throws a more sinister shadow over both disputes. Matthew Bartholomew, the University's Corpse Examiner, already has his hands full: due to marry in under a fortnight, he is determined to conclude his teaching duties and deal with an outbreak of the summer flux before relinquishing his official duties. With more deaths, an 'accident' at the bridge and an increasing stench of corruption over the financing of the bridge's repairs, he realises he owes more to his soon-to-be former colleagues than to his future life as a secular doctor. But will there be enough time for him to unveil the identities of those who seek to undermine both the town and the University, or will he prove powerless to protect those he loves from death or disgrace, or worse?

Historical mystery HC \$49.99

### The Clerkenwell Affair

Thomas Chaloner Adventures

#### Gregory, Susanna

In the spring of 1666 everyone's first reaction to a sudden death at the palace of White Hall is that the plague has struck, but the killing of Thomas Chiffinch was by design, not disease. Chiffinch was holder of two influential posts – Keeper of the Closet and Keeper of the Jewels – and rival courtiers have made no secret of their wish to succeed to those offices. To Thomas Chaloner, ordered to undertake the investigation, such avarice gives a whole host of suspects an ample motive for murder. The same courtiers are at the heart of the royal entourage endorsing the King's licentious and ribald way of life, and Chaloner has some sympathy with the atmosphere of outrage and disgust at such behaviour. London's citizens, already irked by the wealthy fleeing to the country at the outbreak of the plague, have scant patience with the Court on its return. The city is abuzz with rumours of dissent and rebellion, fuelled by predictions from a soothsayer in Clerkenwell of a rain of fire destroying the capital on Good Friday. Chaloner initially dismisses such talk as nonsense, but as he uncovers ever more connections to Clerkenwell among his suspects, he begins to fear that there is also design behind the rumours – and that, come Easter Day, the King and his Court might find themselves the focus of yet another rebellion.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### Murder at the Mistletoe Ball

Ferrara Family mysteries

#### Griffo, J D

Alberta is delighted that her estranged daughter has arrived in Tranquillity, even if Lisa Marie has an ulterior motive. Her son, Alberta's 21-year-old grandson, Sergio, hasn't been heard from in six months, shortly after taking up with a woman named Natalie. Maybe Alberta and her crime-reporting partner-in-sleuthing granddaughter, Jinx, can track him down before Christmas? After some fruitless searching, the Ferraras take a break to attend the Mistletoe Ball, a fundraiser for the local hospital. But the night takes a chilling turn when a snowman decoration splits open, revealing a body. Lisa

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Marie screams that it's Natalie – and screams again when she sees a man emerge from behind some Christmas trees. The good news is they've found Sergio. The bad news: he's a prime suspect for murder. It seems Sergio's former squeeze had some shady secrets. And with more than one family member's future at stake, Alberta and Lisa Marie will have to put their past behind them and work together, or it'll be a blue, blue Christmas...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### As the Wicked Watch

Jordan Manning series

#### Hall, Tamron

When crime reporter Jordan Manning leaves her hometown in Texas to take a job at a television station in Chicago, she's one step closer to her dream: a coveted anchor chair on a national network. Jordan is smart and aggressive, with unabashed star-power, and often the only woman of colour in the newsroom. Her signature? Arriving first on the scene – in impractical designer stilettos. Armed with a master's degree in forensic science and impeccable instincts, Jordan has been able to balance her duelling motivations: breaking every big story – and giving a voice to the voiceless. From her time in Texas, she's covered the vilest of human behaviours but nothing has prepared her for Chicago. Jordan is that rare breed of a journalist who can navigate a crime scene as well as she can a newsroom – often noticing what others tend to miss. Again and again, she is called to cover the murders of Black women, many of them sexually assaulted, most brutalised, and all of them quickly forgotten. All until Masey James – the story that Jordan just can't shake, despite all efforts. A 15-year-old girl whose body was found in an abandoned lot, Masey has come to represent for Jordan all of the frustration and anger that her job often forces her to repress. Putting the rest of her work and her fraying personal life aside, Jordan does everything she can to give the story the coverage it desperately requires, and that a missing Black child would so rarely get. There's a serial killer on the loose, Jordan believes, and he's hiding in plain sight. The first in a series.

Mystery/suspense HC \$57.95

### The Pages

#### Hamilton, Hugo

Joseph Roth's masterpiece *Rebellion* – narrates its own astonishing life story, from 1930s' Germany to the present day, at the heart of a gripping mystery. One old copy of the novel *Rebellion* sits in Lena Knecht's tote bag, about to accompany her on a journey from New York to Berlin in search of a clue to the hand-drawn map on its last page. It is the brilliantly captivating voice of this novel – a first edition nearly burned by Nazis in May 1933 – that is our narrator. At the centre of the journey are Roth, an Austrian Jewish author on the run, and his wife, Friederike, who falls victim to mental illness as Europe descends into war. The book illuminates the connections between past and present, as it looks at censorship, oppression, and violence. A propulsive, inspiring tale of literature over a hundred years: a novel for book lovers everywhere.

Historical mystery TP \$27.99

### The Man Who Wasn't All There

Stewart Hoag mysteries

#### Handler, David

After six glorious weeks of hard work on his long-overdue second novel, celebrity-ghost-writer Stewart Hoagy Hoag has hit a crossroads in his plot. He thinks a change of scenery will do him good – and he knows just the place. His ex-wife, the actress Merilee Nash, has offered him the use of her idyllic Connecticut farmhouse, while she's away shooting a movie in Budapest. Hoagy and his beloved basset hound Lulu settle in for a few days' rest and relaxation. Hoagy expects fall splendour, long walks and crisp night air. He doesn't expect Merilee's eccentric, unwelcoming neighbour. Austin Talmadge warns Hoagy not to get on his bad side, but what harm can a country oddball like Austin do? Quite a lot, it turns out. All Hoagy wants to do is relax and clear his head, but soon he's caught up in a strange, complex mystery – and he'll need all his wits about him, and Lulu's unerring nose, if he's to come out of this one alive...

Mystery TP \$39.95

### Murder Always Barks Twice

Chatty Corgi mysteries

#### Hawkins, Jennifer

For ex-accountant Emma Reed and her beloved corgi, Oliver, opening Reed's Classic Tea & Cakes in the idyllic village of Trevena in Cornwall has been the fulfilment of a lifelong dream. Her cakes are popular, she has a host of wonderful new friends, and even a potential new romance. There's even time left over for plenty of long country walks with Oliver, who is not only the cutest corgi on record (at least to Emma), he happens to talk (at least to Emma). What could be better? How about being asked to help cater the local Daphne du Maurier literary festival? But when the festival organiser is found dead and foul play is suspected, Emma, Oliver and their friends are plunged deep into a poisonous mix of village jealousy, family tension, money troubles, and secret love affairs. Emma quickly realises it's up to her and her intrepid corgi to discover a canny killer, whose bite is worse than their bark.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### The Wife Upstairs

#### Hawkins, Rachel

Meet Jane. Newly arrived to Birmingham, Alabama, Jane is a broke dog-walker in Thornfield Estates – a gated community full of McMansions, shiny SUVs, and bored housewives. The kind of place where no one will notice if Jane lifts the discarded tchotchkes and jewellery off the side tables of her well-heeled clients. Where no one will think to ask if Jane is her real name. But her luck changes when she meets Eddie Rochester. Recently widowed, Eddie is Thornfield Estates' most mysterious resident. His wife, Bea, drowned in a boating accident with her best friend, their bodies lost to the deep. Jane can't help but see an opportunity in Eddie – not only is he rich, brooding, and handsome, he could also offer her the kind of protection she's always yearned for. Yet, as Jane and Eddie fall for each other, Jane is increasingly haunted by the legend of Bea, an ambitious beauty with a rags-to-

riches origin story, who launched a wildly successful southern lifestyle brand. How can she, plain Jane, ever measure up? And can she win Eddie's heart before her past – or his – catches up to her?

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### One for the Hooks

Crochet mysteries

#### Hechtman, Betty

These are the dog days of August, but you won't catch the Tarzana Hookers crochet club napping. While Molly Pink knits together an idea for a new project, Miami Wilson busily converts a house she inherited into a rental property. But Miami is left shorthanded when Sloan Renner, the woman helping her clean out the house ends up dead under a pile of smelly seafood. A large drone had flown over the backyard. Was it an accident? An ill-fated prank by neighbours up in arms about a rental house in their cul-de-sac? Witnesses clam up when Molly's ex, homicide detective Barry Greenberg, tries to get information, but he thinks Molly may be able to get them to open up to her. When Molly learns about Sloan's seafood allergy, she suspects that the woman's death was no accident. Can she bait the hook to catch the culprit, or will the killer keep raising shell?

Mystery HC \$39.99

### The Younger Wife

#### Hepworth, Sally

Tully and Rachel are murderous when they discover their father has a new girlfriend. The fact that Heather is half his age isn't even the most shocking part. Stephen is still married to their mother, who is in a care facility with end-stage Alzheimer's disease. Heather knows she has an uphill battle to win Tully and Rachel over, while carrying the burden of the secrets of her past. But, as it turns out, they are all hiding something. The announcement of Stephen and Heather's engagement threatens to set off a family implosion, with old wounds and dark secrets finally being forced to the surface. A garage full of stolen goods. An old hot-water bottle, stuffed with cash. A blood-soaked wedding. And that's only the beginning...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Dolphin Junction

collection

#### Herron, Mick

*Dolphin Junction* captures Mick Herron's trademark tension, humour, and suspense in the form of short fiction; collected here for the first time. When a wife leaves her husband under suspicious circumstances, he sets off in search for her, unprepared for the guilty secrets he's about to drag back into the light. A man is tempted by a luxury apartment with a top-of-the-range kitchen. But there is a heavy price to pay for this glamorous new life. A couple go on a hike through the Derbyshire countryside, to ignore the fact their marriage is on the rocks. And there is a peek into the past of Jackson Lamb, the boss of Slough House; as well as stories featuring the shrewd detective Zoe Boehm and her hapless partner Joe Silvermann. *Dolphin Junction* displays Herron's craft for deftly-plotted storytelling, dark wit, and memorable twists.

Suspense TP \$29.99

### The Dockland Murder

Blitz Detective mysteries

#### Hollow, Mike

November 1940. Darkness descends and another anxious night begins for those tasked with guarding the industrial heartland of London from enemy attack. As a policeman patrols the Royal Albert Dock, something catches his eye – a man is sprawled awkwardly across a nearby barge, a dagger lodged in his back. Detective Inspector John Jago of West Ham CID discovers the victim was a dock worker by day and a Home Guard volunteer by night – and there are things even his wife doesn't know about his past. As the investigation unfolds, Jago uncovers a widening circle of secrets ranging across family tensions, the last war and a far-flung corner of the British Empire. These great wartime mysteries begin with *The Blitz Detective* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### A Necessary Death

Selma Falck series

#### Holt, Anne

Selma Falck is living a nightmare. Trapped in a burning cabin on a freezing snow-covered mountain, she has no idea where she is, or how she got there. Bruised, bleeding and naked, she barely makes it out in time as the flames engulf the cabin. With no signs of human habitation nearby, the temperature rapidly dropping, and a blizzard approaching, how will she survive? As Selma fights the cold, the hunger and her own wounds, she eventually forms a frightening picture of the past six months. Not only does she have to find a way to stay alive, she needs to make it back to civilisation, quickly. Murder has been committed, and a great injustice must be stopped. The very future of the nation, itself, is at stake...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### Verity

#### Hoover, Colleen

Lowen Ashleigh is a struggling writer on the brink of financial ruin when she accepts the job offer of a lifetime. Jeremy Crawford, husband of bestselling author Verity Crawford, has hired Lowen to complete the remaining books in a successful series his injured wife is unable to finish. Lowen arrives at the Crawford home, ready to sort through years of Verity's notes and outlines, hoping to find enough material to get her started. What Lowen doesn't expect to uncover in the chaotic office is an unfinished autobiography Verity never intended for anyone to read. Page after page of bone-chilling admissions, including Verity's recollection of the night her family was forever altered. Lowen decides to keep the manuscript hidden from Jeremy, knowing its contents could devastate the already grieving father. But as Lowen's feelings for Jeremy begin to intensify, she recognises all the ways she could benefit if he were to read his wife's words. After all, no matter how devoted Jeremy is to his injured wife, a truth this horrifying would make it impossible for him to continue loving her.

Thriller TP \$37.95

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### Limelight

Enora Andressen series

#### Hurley, Graham

Actress Enora Andressen is catching up with her ex-neighbour, Evelyn Warlock, who's recently retired to the comely East Devon seaside town of Budleigh Salterton. The peace, the friendship of strangers and the town's prestigious literary festival... Evelyn loves them all. Until the September evening when her French neighbour, Christianne Beaucarne, disappears. Enora has met this woman. The two of them have bonded. But what Enora discovers over the anguished months to come will put sleepy Budleigh Salterton on the front page of every newspaper in the land...

Thriller TP \$39.95

### Rider on the Rain

#### Japrisot, Sébastien

The bus never stops in Le Cap-des-Pins. Not in autumn, when the small Riviera resort is deserted. Except today, when a man with a red bag and a disconcerting stare steps out into the rain. His arrival will throw the life of young housewife Mellie Mau into disarray. After surviving a horrific attack, she has a dark secret to hide. But a stranger at a wedding, the enigmatic American Harry Dobbs, is determined to get the truth out of her, leading her into a game of cat and mouse with dangerous consequences...

Noir TP \$27.99

### Deadlock

Bob Skinner series

#### Jardine, Quintin

Sir Robert Skinner's stock is rising – after retiring from the police service he's been promoted to head an international media organisation. Yet a series of unexplained deaths on his home turf in Scotland threaten to bring him crashing back down to earth. As Skinner helps the elderly in his local community, several residents seem to die of natural causes. But when a gruesome discovery is made in a Glasgow flat and one of Skinner's long-time friends – an aspiring politician – emerges as the prime suspect, things become very murky indeed. After unpicking clues that go nowhere, Skinner and his team are left grappling the most baffling conundrum they have ever encountered – is there a mystery at all?

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### The Scorching

#### Johnstone, William W & J A

It begins in the Pacific Northwest. A deadly wave of massive wildfires are raging out of control, killing hundreds in their path, and showing no sign of stopping. This time, the fires are manmade. In Portland, Oregon, a sleeper cell of terrorists have recruited a disgruntled Forest Service smokejumper to train their army. To spread the fear coast to coast. To make America burn. Those who flee the hot flames are gunned down in cold blood. But one man – Forestry Service smokejumper Cory Cantwell – is fighting back. Leading a team of elite firefighters, he is determined to stop the destruction. Not with water. With Glock 19s. With real firepower. And with no mercy.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### The Cottage

#### Judson, Daniel

When Kate Burke is awakened one night by a sound outside her window, her PTSD is triggered. Was it simply a deer crossing her secluded backyard? Or was it intruders? Because Kate still lives with the dreadful memories of her husband's murder during a seemingly random home invasion two years before, she knows the answer can mean the difference between life and death. But when she discovers the unsettling ways her property has been vandalised the next day, Kate is forced to conclude the worst: someone is watching her. Kate decides to rent out her estranged sister's onetime cottage, which sits on her property, for the summer. Another set of eyes around the place won't hurt. And with additional support from friends and family, Kate should be feeling safe. Instead, the vandalism is escalating. So, are the anonymous late-night calls and texts, each one more disturbing and violating than the last. Whoever is targeting Kate, whatever their motive or terrifying endgame, the footsteps in the dark are getting closer.

Thriller TP \$27.99

### The Icepick Surgeon:

Murder, Fraud, Sabotage, Piracy, and Other Dastardly Deeds Perpetuated in the Name of Science

#### Kean, Sam

Science is a force for good in the world – at least, usually. But sometimes, when obsession gets the better of scientists, they twist a noble pursuit into something sinister. Under this spell, knowledge isn't everything, it's the only thing – no matter the cost. Bestselling author Sam Kean tells the true story of what happens when unfettered ambition pushes otherwise rational men and women to cross the line in the name of science, trampling ethical boundaries and often committing crimes in the process. *The Icepick Surgeon* masterfully guides the reader across two thousand years of history, beginning with Cleopatra's dark deeds in ancient Egypt. The book reveals the origins of much of modern science in the transatlantic slave trade of the 1700s, as well as Thomas Edison's mercenary support of the electric chair and the warped logic of the spies who infiltrated the Manhattan Project. But the sins of science aren't all safely buried in the past. Many of them, Kean reminds us, still affect us today. We can draw direct lines from the medical abuses of Tuskegee and Nazi Germany to current vaccine hesitancy, and connect ice-pick lobotomies from the 1950s to the contemporary failings of mental-health care. Kean even takes us into the future, when advanced computers and genetic engineering could unleash whole new ways to do one another wrong. Unflinching, and exhilarating to the last page, *The Icepick Surgeon* fuses the drama of scientific discovery with the illicit thrill of a true-crime tale. With his trademark wit and precision, Kean shows that, while science has done more good than harm in the world, rogue scientists do exist, and when we sacrifice morals for progress, we often end up with neither.

True crime HC \$45.00

### Getaway with Murder

Mountain Lodge mysteries

#### Kelly, Diane

As if hitting the half-century mark wasn't enough, Misty Murphy celebrated her landmark birthday by amicably ending her marriage and investing her settlement in a dilapidated mountain lodge at the top of the Blue Ridge Mountains. With the old inn teetering on both a bluff and bankruptcy, she must have lost her ever-loving mind. Luckily, handyman Rocky Crowder has a knack for rehabbing virtual ruins and for doing it on a dime, and to Misty's delight, the lodge is fully booked on opening night, every room filled with flexible folks who'd slipped into spandex and ascended the peak for a yoga retreat with plans to namastay for a full week. Misty and her guests are feeling zen – at least until the yoga instructor is found dead. With a killer on the loose and the lodge's reputation hanging in the balance, Misty must put her detective skills to the test. Only one thing is as clear as a sunny mountain morning – she must solve the crime, before the lodge ends up, once again, on the brink.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

### Dust to Dust

Ivy Nichols mysteries

#### Keown, Audrey

The opulent furnishings and period theming of Hotel 1911 invite guests to experience the charm of the early 20th century. But for hotel clerk Ivy Nichols, the mansion also harbours secrets about her past and the family she never knew. When the Pittsburgh chapter of the Association for Gravestone Studies checks in for their national conference, Ivy is intrigued to learn that one of them has connections to her family. The group plans to kick off their event by touring the historic graves thought to be on the hotel grounds. But they didn't plan to find one of their fellow members strangled to death afterwards. The police point the finger at the hotel's loyal manager, Mr Fig, since no one else could have reached the victim's room. Ivy has other ideas. She believes Mr Fig is innocent, and desperately wants to prove it. The inexplicable appearance of strange drawings, an old book, and a wig lead Ivy to a bizarre connection between the grave-obsessed guests and the murder. And when Mr Fig confesses a long-held secret, Ivy fears she has put herself in the sights of not only the murderer but another dangerous criminal too. Who else had the opportunity to commit the crime? And is Mr Fig all he seems to be? Amidst a growing list of suspects with secrets of their own, and an unravelling riddle from her past, Ivy is in a race to catch a killer – and decipher a truth more earth-shattering than she could have imagined.

Mystery HC \$39.99

### Good Cop Bad Cop

#### Kernick, Simon

Undercover cop Chris Sketty became a hero, when he almost died trying to stop the most brutal terror attack in UK history. With the suspects either dead or missing, the real motive remains a mystery. But someone is convinced Sketty is a liar. A criminal mastermind. A murderer. Blackmailed into revealing the truth, Sketty will share a twisting tale of betrayal, deception and

murder... with a revelation so shocking that nothing will be the same again.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Stephen King Triple Collection Slipcase

Hard Case Crime

#### King, Stephen

Collecting Stephen King's three homages to the classic crime pulp paperbacks, published by Hard Case Crime. This includes *The Colorado Kid* (2005), *Joyland* (2013), and *Later* (2021). It will also feature three exclusive art cards with alternate cover artwork for the three novels. Set in a small-town North Carolina amusement park in 1973, *Joyland* tells the story of the summer in which college student Devin Jones comes to work in a fairground and confronts the legacy of a vicious murder, the fate of a dying child, and the ways both will change his life forever. A rookie newspaperwoman learns the true meaning of mystery when she investigates a 25-year-old unsolved and very strange case involving a dead man found on an island off the coast of Maine. The son of a struggling single mother, Jamie Conklin just wants an ordinary childhood. But Jamie is no ordinary child. Born with an unnatural ability, Jamie can see things no one else can. But the cost of using this ability is higher than Jamie can imagine – as he discovers when an NYPD detective draws him into the pursuit of a killer who has threatened to strike from beyond the grave.

Hardboiled PBK \$49.99

### When Christmas Comes

#### Klavan, Andrew

Colourful Christmas lights dapple the family homes in the idyllic lakeside town of Sweet Haven when Jennifer Dean, a young librarian at the local elementary school, is brutally murdered. There are witnesses and her boyfriend Travis Blake confesses to the crime... but something doesn't quite add up. Blake is a third generation Army Ranger, awarded the Silver Star for his heroism in Afghanistan – how could a beloved son of this tight-knit burgh commit such a grisly deed? As a community of military families a few miles down the road from an Army base, no one in Sweet Haven wants to investigate a war hero like Blake, not even the top brass at the police department. In steps Cameron Winter, a rugged and lonesome English professor haunted by the ghosts of his own Christmas past, whose former lover asks him to prove Blake innocent. The Sweet Haven murder reverberates in his mind, echoing a horrific yuletide memory from his youth, and Winter knows there are darker powers at play here than a simple domestic dispute. If he can solve this small-town mystery, just maybe he can find peace from his inner demons as well.

Mystery HC \$48.95

### True Crime Story

#### Knox, Joseph

What happens to all the girls who go missing? In 2011, Zoe Nolan walked out of her dormitory in Manchester and was never seen or heard from again. Her case went cold. Her story was sad, certainly, but hardly sensational, crime writer Joseph Knox thought. He wouldn't have given her any more thought were it not for his friend,

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Evelyn Mitchell. Another writer struggling to come up with a new idea, Evelyn was wondering just what happened to all the girls who go missing. What happened to the Zoe Nolan's of the world? Evelyn began investigating herself, interviewing Zoe's family and friends, and emailing Joseph with chapters of the book she was writing with her findings. Uneasy with the corkscrew twists and turns, Joseph Knox embedded himself in the case, ultimately discovering a truth more tragic and shocking than he could have possibly imagined... Just remember: *Everything* you read is fiction.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Dohany Street

Danube Blues series

#### LeBor, Adam

*Budapest, January 2016.* The Danube is grey and half frozen, covered with ice, and the city seems to have gone into hibernation. But not for Detective Balthazar Kovacs. Elad Harari, a young Israeli historian, has disappeared. There's no sign of violence but something feels very wrong. Harari was working in the archives of the city's Jewish Museum, investigating the fate of the assets of the Hungarian Jews murdered in the Holocaust. It's clear that his research is setting off alarm bells at one of the country's most powerful companies. The more Balthazar digs into the case, the more he is certain that shadowy forces are in play. Someone wants Harari out of the picture. And the pressure is building: Budapest is preparing for a major diplomatic visit – if Harari is not found it will be cancelled. The threats against Balthazar soon turn to violence. It's clear that if he is to find the historian he will have to go face to face with some very dangerous people – and confront the darkest era in Hungary's past. Budapest's dark history finally catches up with Detective Balthazar Kovacs in the final instalment in Adam LeBor's Hungarian crime trilogy.

TP \$32.99

### The Search Party

#### Lelic, Simon

The killer isn't out there. It's one of you. Everyone thinks that Sadie Saunders is dead. Missing now for a week – there are whispers of murder. As the police flounder, five of Sadie's friends set off into the woods to find her: The boyfriend. The rebel. The good guy. The best friend. The outsider. One will not return. Because they've taken the killer with them.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### Killer Cruise

Jaine Austen mysteries

#### Levine, Laura

Things are already off to a rocky start when Jaine discovers a stowaway amidst her luggage – her persnickety cat Prozac. Jaine's sinking sensation grows stronger at dinner, where she meets chatty Emily Pritchard, a wealthy 70-year-old who's travelling with her two nephews. Jaine can't help noticing the tension among them, especially when the cruise's charming – and sleazy – British dancer, Graham, whisks Emily out onto the dance floor. Soon, Emily is accepting Graham's invitations to every social event on the ship. Two nights later the bubbly couple announces their engagement, but the news is quickly overshadowed the next morning by

the discovery of Graham's body with an ice pick protruding from his chest... Between hiding a furry fugitive, flirting with Emily's nephew Robbie, and baiting the hook for a clever murderer, Jaine is about to dive into her most dangerous case, yet... A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Harsh Times

#### Llosa, Mario Vargas

The new novel from the Nobel Prize-winning master of fiction – the true story of Guatemala's political turmoil of the 1950s. *Guatemala, 1954.* A CIA-supported military coup topples the government. Behind this violent act is a lie passed off as truth, which forever changed the development of Latin America: that those in power encouraged the spread of Soviet communism in the Americas. Mario Vargas Llosa has written a drama on a world stage, in which some persecutors end up as victims of the very plot they helped construct. Ironic and sensual, provocative and redemptive, *Harsh Times* is a story of international conspiracies and conflicting interests in the time of the Cold War, the echoes of which are still felt today.

Suspense TP \$29.99

### The Coffinmaker's Garden

#### MacBride, Stuart

As a massive storm batters the Scottish coast, Gordon Smith's home is falling into the sea. The trouble is: that's where he's been hiding the bodies. It's too dangerous to go near the place, so there's no way of knowing how many people he's murdered. Or how many more he'll kill before he's caught. As more horrors are discovered, ex-detective Ash Henderson is done playing nice. He's got a killer to catch, and God help anyone who gets in his way.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### To Tell You the Truth

#### MacMillan, Gilly

Lucy Harper's talent for writing bestselling novels has given her fame, fortune and millions of fans. It's also given her Dan, her needy, jealous husband whose own writing career has gone precisely nowhere. Now, Dan has vanished. But this isn't the first time that someone has disappeared from Lucy's life. Three decades ago, her little brother Teddy also went missing and was never found. Lucy, the only witness, helplessly spun fantasy after fantasy about Teddy's disappearance, to the detectives' fury and her parents' despair. That was the start of her ability to tell a story – a talent she has profited from greatly. But, now, Lucy's a grown woman who can't hide behind fiction any longer. The world is watching, and her whole life is under intense scrutiny. A life full of stories, some more believable than others. Could she have hurt Teddy? Did she kill Dan? Finally, now, Lucy Harper's going to tell the truth. Cross her heart. And hope to die.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### A Hostile State

Marc Portman series

#### Magson, Adrian

Deep cover specialist Marc Portman is in Lebanon on a last-minute assignment. A straightforward collect-and-go job. At least, it should have been. Ambushed by a surprise attack, it's clear that someone must have had advance warning of Portman's arrival.

But who is his unseen enemy – clearly one with considerable resources – and why do they want him dead? More importantly, how could his attacker have known of his movements with less than 24 hours' notice? Concluding there must be an active leak at the heart of the CIA, Portman finds himself virtually alone and on the run, hung out to dry by the powers that be. If he is to survive, he must use his unique skill set to turn the tables on his pursuers... and beat them at their own game.

Thriller TP \$39.95

### A Matter of Life and Death

Robin Lockwood series

#### Margolin, Phillip

Joe Lattimore, homeless and trying desperately to provide for his young family, agrees to fight in a no-holds-barred illegal bout, only to have his opponent die. Lattimore now finds himself at the mercy of the fight's organisers who blackmail him into burglarising a house. However, when he breaks in, he finds a murdered woman on the floor and the police have received an anonymous tip naming him the murderer. Robin Lockwood, an increasingly prominent young attorney and former MMA fighter, agrees to take on his defence. But the case is seemingly airtight – the murdered woman's husband, Judge Anthony Carasco, has an alibi and Lattimore's fingerprints are discovered at the scene. But everything about the case is too easy, too pat, and Lockwood is convinced that her client has been framed. The only problem is that she has no way of proving it and since this is a death case, if she fails then another innocent will die.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$26.95

### The Owls of Gloucester

Domesday mysteries

#### Marston, Edward

The ordered calm of Gloucester Abbey is shattered by the murder of one of its monks. The Abbot, ill equipped to deal with such a heinous crime, is stunned by the Sheriff's belief that one of the monks is guilty. This is the confusion that that greets the two Domesday Commissioners, Ralph Delchard and Gervase Bret, as they are welcomed into the town. Eager to resolve the mystery, they begin their own investigations but find the killing is merely a sign of a sinister presence which threatens the whole community, and which must be stopped. A reissue with lovely new cover art.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### The Elephants of Norwich

Domesday mysteries

#### Marston, Edward

It is the juiciest piece of gossip the citizens of Norwich have heard for a long time. The two golden elephants that robber baron Richard de Fontenel was using to lure the beautiful Adelaide into marriage have been stolen. Also missing is de Fontenel's steward Hermer. Desperate to try and ignore this growing crisis are Domesday Commissioners Ralph Delchard and Gervase Bret, who are keen to resolve a land dispute involving de Fontenel and Mauer – a man also trying to woo Adelaide. De Fontenel, however, refuses to co-operate until the thief is found. But is Hermer the steward really missing or has something more sinister happened?

In Ralph and Gervase's most baffling case yet, nothing is what it seems and no one is free from suspicion... A reissue with lovely new cover art.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### A Fatal Night

Ryder & Loveday mysteries

#### Martin, Faith

*New Year's Eve, 1962.* As a snowstorm rages outside, Oxford high society gathers to ring in the new year at the city's most exclusive party. This is a soiree no one will forget... not least because a guest is found dead in his car the next morning. It seems the young man tragically froze to death overnight after crashing into a snowdrift – but when WPC Trudy Loveday and coroner Clement Ryder are called in to investigate, they discover a tangled web of secrets that plainly points to murder. With everyone telling different stories about that fateful night, only one thing is clear: several people had reason to want the victim dead. And if Trudy and Clement don't find the cracks in each lie, the killer will get away with the perfect crime...

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### Plain Dead

Detective Ford series

#### Maslen, Andy

A young female soldier is found on Salisbury Plain, her throat cut and a bloody knife in her dead hand. Everyone assumes that she killed herself. But something doesn't feel right to DI Ford; the whole scene seems staged. Convinced of foul play, and despite fierce opposition from the army brass and his own superiors, Ford launches a murder investigation. Years on from his wife's death, Ford is still struggling with guilt and whether or not to tell his son the truth about what really happened. When his CSI partner confronts him about the tragedy, he knows he has to confess sooner or later. But the living can wait; the dead are calling. With the victim's regiment due to deploy to Somalia, taking any suspects and evidence with them, Ford has just days to apprehend the killer. His career on the line and his relationship with his son in the balance, Ford has to work fast if he is going to bring justice to the dead – and closure to the living.

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

### Fan Club

#### Mayer, Erin

Day after day our narrator searches for meaning beyond her vacuous job at a women's lifestyle website – entering text into a computer system while she watches their beauty editor unwrap box after box of perfectly packaged bits of happiness. Then, one night at a dive bar, she hears a message in the newest single by international pop star Adriana Argento, and she is struck. Soon, she loses herself to the online fandom, a community whose members feverishly track Adriana's every move. When a colleague notices her obsession, she's invited to join an enigmatic group of adult Adriana super-fans who call themselves the Ivies and worship her music in witchy candlelit listening parties. As the narrator becomes more entrenched in the group, she gets closer to uncovering the sinister secrets that bind them together – while simultaneously losing her grip on reality.

Thriller TP \$37.95

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### **The Bangtail Ghost**

Sean Stranahan mysteries

**McCafferty, Keith**

In Montana's Gravelly Range, paw prints and a single whisker discovered at a scene of horrific violence suggest a woman had been attacked and carried away by a mountain lion. Sheriff Martha Ettinger employs her fiancé, sometimes-detective Sean Stranahan, to put a name to the gnawed bones comprising all that is left of the body. The woman's is the first of several deaths that Sean suspects are not as easily explained as they appear... As a reign of terror grips the Madison Valley, blood in the tracks will lead him from the river below to the snow-covered ridge tops, as Sean finds himself on his most adventurous and dangerous quest yet. For as he comes closer to unearthing the secret shared by the dead and missing, the tracks he is following will turn, and the hunter becomes the hunted.

Mystery TP \$24.99

### **I Know You**

**McGowan, Claire**

When Rachel stumbles upon a body in the woods, she knows what she has to do: run. Get away. Do not be found at the scene. Last time, she didn't know, and she ended up accused of murder. But when this victim is identified as her boyfriend's estranged wife, Rachel realises she's already the prime suspect. With mounting evidence against her, Rachel's only hope is to keep the truth about herself well hidden. Because 20 years ago, she was someone else – Casey, a young nanny trying to make it as an actress in Los Angeles. When the family she worked for were brutally murdered, all the evidence pointed to her and she went to prison. Back then, she narrowly escaped the death penalty and managed to free herself on appeal. Now, she's fighting to save the life she's spent years piecing back together. But with her behaviour raising suspicion and the police closing in, Rachel can't help wondering: Was her discovery in the woods really just an awful coincidence, or is someone framing her for murder? Someone who knows who she is, and wants revenge...

Thriller TP \$24.99

### **The Spy's Wife**

**McIntosh, Fiona**

Evie, a widow and stationmaster's daughter, can't help but look out for the weekly visit of the handsome man she and her sister call the Southerner on their train platform in the wilds of northern England. When polite salutations shift to friendly conversations, they become captivated by each other. After so much sorrow, the childless Evie can't believe love and the chance for her own family have come into her life again. With rumours coming out of Germany that Hitler may be stirring up war, local English authorities have warned against spies. Even Evie becomes suspicious of her new suitor, Roger. But all is not what it seems. When Roger is arrested, Evie comes up with an audacious plan to prove his innocence that means moving to Germany and working as a British counter-spy. Wearing the disguise of dutiful, naive wife, Evie must charm the Nazi Party's dangerous officials to bring home hard evidence of war mongering on the Führer's part. But in this game of cat and mouse, it seems everyone has an ulterior motive, and Evie finds it impossible to know who to trust. With lives on the line, ultimate

sacrifices will be made as she wrestles between her patriotism and saving the man she loves. From the windswept moors of the Yorkshire dales to the noisy beer halls of Munich and grand country estates in the picture-book Bavarian mountains, this is a lively and high-stakes thriller that will keep you second guessing, until the very end.

Historical suspense TP \$32.99

### **Killer Research**

Library Lover's mysteries

**McKinlay, Jenn**

Spring is livening up Briar Creek after a long, cold winter, and newlyweds Lindsey and Sully could not be happier. Even though the upcoming mayoral election is getting heated, everything else in town is coming up daffodils... until a body is found. Ms Cole, a librarian and current candidate for town mayor, is shocked when she opens her trunk to discover a murder victim who just so happens to be a guy she dated 40 years ago and the founder of the baking empire Nana's Cookies. As the town gossip mill turns, a batch of rumours begins to circulate about Ms Cole's rebellious youth, which – along with being a murder suspect – threatens to ruin her life and her budding political career. But Ms Cole is one tough cookie who will not go down without a fight. Has the campaign for mayor turned deadly? It is up to Lindsey, Sully, and the rest of the crafternoon pals to see how the cookie crumbles and figure out who is trying to frame Ms Cole for murder and why.

Mystery HC \$55.00

### **Christmas Card Murder**

seasonal cosy anthology

**Meier, Leslie; Hollis, Lee; Ehrhart, Peggy**

Everyone dreams of a picture-perfect small-town Christmas, but when murder is in the cards, some holiday greetings are addressed to kill... *Christmas Card Murder* by Leslie Meier: In the midst of holiday home renovations, Lucy Stone unwraps a murder mystery decades in the making when she discovers an old Christmas card with a nasty message inside. The case may be colder than a New England Christmas, but Lucy's determined to sort it out before Santa comes to town. *Death of a Christmas Carol* by Lee Hollis: The Island Times Christmas soiree gets off to a scroogey start when Hayley Powell, Mona Barnes, and Rosana Moretti receive a Christmas card from the town flirt, Carol Waterman, who threatens to run off with one of their husbands! The ladies chalk it up to an imprudent prank... until they find Carol mistletoe-up under her tree... *Death of a Christmas Card Crafter* by Peggy Ehrhart: Slay bells ring, when the body of Arborville High School's beloved art teacher (and annual Christmas card designer), Karma Karling, is discovered on the first day of the Holiday Craft Fair. Now, Pamela Paterson and the Knit and Nibble crew must swap swatching for sleuthing in order to put a Christmas killer on ice.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### **The Second Woman**

**Mey, Louise**

Sandrine is unhappy in her body, her house and her life. But none of that matters when she meets her man. He makes room for her,

a place in his home, with his son. He cares about where she is, who she is speaking to. He loves her, intensely. Everything would be perfect, if only the first woman, the one from before, would just stay away...

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

### **Gone by Morning**

**Miller, Michele Weinstat**

As the heat rises on a New York summer, a suicide bomb set off in a Times Square subway station nearly claims the life of 68-year-old ex-madam Kathleen. Then a woman is brutally murdered, her body dumped on a marshy beach in Queens. The woman, Sharon, was last seen by 26-year-old Emily – a Deputy Press Officer working at City Hall – getting into a car in front of the building where she and Kathleen both live in far upper Manhattan. Emily requests an autopsy report from the Chief of the NYPD, but she doesn't realise the gravity of using her position to gain information. Things turn deadly when a bomb is planted in her building, gutting it with a raging fireball. Kathleen, Emily, and Emily's two-year-old daughter, Skye, barely escape with their lives. Could Kathleen's criminal history be at the heart of the violence? If Emily can't help her, Kathleen could spend the rest of her life in prison. And when Emily discovers a shocking connection between herself and Kathleen, the stakes become impossibly high. By the time Emily realises she's in grave danger, it may be too late. She's beyond the reach of the cops, of City Hall, of her family... and a killer is closing in fast.

Thriller HC \$42.99

### **Hanging Falls**

Timber Creek K-9 mysteries

**Mizushima, Margaret**

A deluge has flooded the high ground near Hanging Falls – but heavy rains aren't the only menace descending on Timber Creek. While on a scouting mission to pinpoint trail damage, officer Mattie Cobb and her K-9 partner Robo stumble upon a body floating at the edge of a lake. Robo catches human scent, which leads to an enigmatic forest-dweller who quickly becomes suspect number one. With help from veterinarian Cole Walker, Mattie identifies the victim, and discovers an odd religious cult whose dress and manners harken back to the 19th century. As the list of suspects grows, an unexpected visit from members of Mattie's long-lost family sheds new light on her childhood as they help Mattie piece together details of the fateful night when she was abducted at age two. The tangled threads of the investigation and family dynamics begin to intertwine – but darkness threatens to claim a new victim before Mattie and Robo can track down the killers.

Mystery/suspense TP \$24.99

### **All Her Little Secrets**

**Morris, Wanda M**

Ellice Littlejohn seemingly has it all: an Ivy League law degree, a well-paying job as a corporate attorney in midtown Atlanta, great friends, and a 'for fun' relationship with a rich, charming executive, who just happens to be her white boss. But everything changes one cold January morning when Ellice arrives in the executive suite and finds him dead with a gunshot to his head. And then

she walks away like nothing has happened. Why? Ellice has been keeping a cache of dark secrets, including a small-town past and a kid brother who's spent time on the other side of the law. She can't be thrust into the spotlight – again. But instead of grieving this tragedy, people are gossiping, the police are getting suspicious, and Ellice, the company's lone black attorney, is promoted to replace her boss. While the opportunity is a dream come true, Ellice just can't shake the feeling that something is off. When she uncovers shady dealings inside the company, Ellice is trapped in an impossible ethical and moral dilemma. Suddenly, Ellice's past and present lives collide as she launches into a pulse-pounding race to protect the brother she tried to save years ago and stop a conspiracy far more sinister than she could have ever imagined...

Mystery/suspense TP \$37.95

### **The Shadows of Men**

Wyndham & Banerjee mysteries

**Mukherjee, Abir**

*Calcutta, 1923*. When a Hindu theologian is found murdered in his home, the city is on the brink of all-out religious war. Can officers of the Imperial Police Force, Captain Sam Wyndham and Sergeant Surendranath Banerjee track down those responsible, in time to stop a bloodbath?

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

### **Arya Winters and the Tiramisu of Death**

Arya Winters series

**Murray, Amita**

Arya Winters is your typical cosy heroine. She lives in a cottage in a small English village, and bakes for a living – well, she specialises in macabre desserts. She has nosy neighbours, who she avoids ruthlessly due to her social anxiety. And she has a keen interest in all things sexy, especially Branwell Beam, the writer next door. When her neighbour Tobias Yards turns up dead after eating poisoned tiramisu (definitely not poisoned when she baked it), no one seems to connect it to Arya's Auntie Meera's recent death. Instead, they blame her excruciatingly average ex-boyfriend – and Tobias' nephew – and so she takes matters into her own hands. Now, all she has to do to uncover the truth is to get over her aversion to Other People. Besides that, it's just a matter of getting beyond some yellow tape, dodging her former BFF Tallulah from secondary school, and getting into Branwell's pants – he seems strangely reluctant. What Arya doesn't realise is that the murderer is dangerous, preying on lonely people who've experienced trauma, and that she might have to do all she can not to become the next victim.

Mystery TP \$37.95

### **Mean and Shellfish**

Pennsylvania-Dutch mysteries

**Myers, Tamar**

The annual Billy Goat Gruff Festival is the undisputed highlight of Hernia's social calendar. But when Magdalena Yoder, village mayor and owner of the PennDutch Inn, had the brainwave four years ago, little did she realise that it would soon attract visitors from far and wide – even Australia, as the unexpected arrival of Gabe's long-lost cousin, Miriam, at the inn confirms. Unfortunately, the shock of Miriam's

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one-legged appearance is soon usurped by a gruesome discovery, followed by a series of bizarre pranks as the festivities take place.

As chaos ensues, Magdalena is spurred into finding a killer. But is the festival really the target, or is it Magdalena herself?

Mystery TP \$39.95

### Nowhere to Run

Constance Fairchild series

#### Oswald, James

On compassionate leave following the death of her mother, Detective Constable Constance Fairchild thought renting a cottage near Aberystwyth, Wales would get her far enough from London to finally relax. But trouble always seems to find Con, and it's not long before she is cooling off in a police station cell after defending herself from two would-be rapists. In custody she meets a young Ukrainian woman, Lila, who confides in Con that she's been forced by her manipulative boyfriend into prostitution and running drugs. Fearing for her life, she has run away from him, only to end up in the cells. Con offers to help, but when her cottage is ransacked, and Lila subsequently disappears, she realises she's stumbled into very dangerous company. International drug smugglers and ruthless people traffickers – those who will stop at nothing to protect their secrets. Out here at the end of the line, will Con find that there's nowhere left to run?

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### A Christmas Legacy

Christmas novellas

#### Perry, Anne

Gracie Tellman is preparing for Christmas with her husband and three young children when Millie Foster calls upon her. As a maid at Harcourt House, Millie is terrified that sinister goings-on, including the disappearance of food from the kitchens, will lead to her unfair dismissal, and she begs Gracie to investigate the situation. With the promise that she will be back in time for Christmas, Gracie takes Millie's place in the Harcourt household, never imagining the discovery she then makes. For the servants have been keeping a secret and their efforts are about to be rewarded in the most extraordinary way...

Historical mystery HC \$49.99

### The Whistleblower

Peston, Robert

One man's secret is another man's weapon... A political aide is struck by a rush hour train at a busy London station. But what initially looks like a tragic accident is, in fact, the first in a chain of events that will shock the world to its core. On the morning of his death, Jeff Tindle was on his way to meet journalist Peter Sacks, promising a major scoop involving the Leader of the Opposition. It is only when Tindle fails to show – and Sacks sees the news – that the true gravity of the situation becomes apparent. When Sacks receives a mysterious voice note – becoming the only man alive who knows the whistleblower's secret – it is both the first piece of the puzzle in a shocking international conspiracy, and the beginning of a deadly investigation into the dark, deceptive heart of power. *The Whistleblower* is the story of a journalist who is thrust into a political conspiracy, and the people in power who will stop at nothing

to keep him quiet. A ground-breaking debut thriller from the UK's foremost political journalist, ITV News' Political Editor Robert Peston.

Thriller TP \$29.99

### True Story

Petty, Kate Reed

2015. A gifted and reclusive ghost-writer, Alice Lovett makes a living helping other people tell their stories. But she is haunted by the one story she can't tell: the story of, as she puts it, *the things that happened while I was asleep*. 1999. Nick Brothers and his lacrosse team-mates return for their senior year at their wealthy Maryland high school as the reigning state champions. They're on top of the world – until two of his friends drive a passed-out girl home from the team's legendary parties, and a rumour about what happened in the backseat spreads through the town like wildfire. The boys deny the allegations, and, eventually, the town moves on. But not everyone can. Nick descends into alcoholism, and Alice builds a life in fits and starts, underestimating herself and placing her trust in the wrong people. When she finally gets the opportunity to confront the past she can't remember – but which has nevertheless shaped her life – will she take it?

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### The Archivist

Pickett, Rex

When archivist Nadia Fontaine is found dead of an apparent drowning, Emily Snow is hired by Regents University to finish the job she started – to organise and process the papers of Raymond West, a famous Pulitzer Prize-winning author who has been shortlisted for the Nobel. Emily's job comes with its inherent pressures. West's wife, Elizabeth, is an heiress who's about to donate \$25 million to the Memorial Library – an eight-story architectural marvel that is the crown jewel of the university. The inaugural event in just a few months will be a gala for the who's who of San Diego to celebrate the unveiling of the Raymond West Collection and the financial gift that made it all possible. As Emily sets to work on the West papers, it begins to dawn on her that several items have gone missing from the collection. To trace their whereabouts, she gains unsupervised access to the highly restricted dark archives, in which she opens a Pandora's box of erotically and intellectually charged correspondence between Raymond West and the late Nadia Fontaine. Through their archived emails, Emily goes back a year in time and relives the tragic trajectory of their passionate love affair. Did Nadia really drown accidentally, as the police report concluded, or could it have been suicide, or even worse, murder? Compelled to complete the collection and find the truth, Emily unwittingly morphs into an adult Nancy Drew and a one-woman archivist crusader on a mission to right the historical record.

Mystery/suspense HC \$62.95

### The Scorpion's Tail

Nora Kelly series

#### Preston, Douglas

#### & Child, Lincoln

A mummified corpse, over half a century old, is found in the cellar of an abandoned building in a remote New Mexico ghost town. Corrie is assigned what seems to

her a throwaway case: to ID the body and determine cause of death. She brings archaeologist Nora Kelly to excavate the body and lend her expertise to the investigation, and together they uncover something unexpected and shocking: the deceased apparently died in agony, in a foetal position, skin coming off in sheets, with a rictus of horror frozen on his face. Hidden on the corpse lies a 16th century Spanish gold cross of immense value. When they at last identify the body – and the bizarre cause of death – Corrie and Nora open a door into a terrifying, secret world of ancient treasure and modern obsession: a world centred on arguably the most defining, frightening, and transformative moment in American history.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### The American Gun Mystery

American Mystery Classics

#### Queen, Ellery

When a washed up Hollywood cowboy, turned circus rodeo actor, is shot dead in the midst of his performance at a New York sports palace, in front of thousands of onlookers, it seems obvious that someone would have seen the perpetrator of the crime – or at the very least, recovered the gun. But when the ensuing investigation fails to turn up any evidence, even after the newsreels made in the moment are reviewed, the net of suspicion widens across the troupe of performers and the circus staff. Who among them is cunning enough to have constructed such a baffling murder scene? Unluckily for the murderer, genius sleuth Ellery Queen is among the thousands that witnessed the crime, and he won't be satisfied until he cuts through the confusion to discover the truth of the execution. By the time he uncovers all the necessary clues and delivers his patented 'Challenge to the Reader', Queen (and his most careful readers) will be able to expose both the killer and the hiding place of the weapon – the titular American Gun that fired the fatal bullet. Reissued for the first time in over thirty years, *The American Gun Mystery* is among the most beloved of the early Ellery Queen novels, renowned to this day as exemplary works of the American Golden Age mystery. The central puzzle is a 'fair play' story in which the reader has all the necessary clues needed to solve the crime.

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

### The Pickwick Murders

Dickens of a Crime mysteries

#### Redmond, Heather

London, January 1836: Just weeks before the release of his first book, Charles is intrigued by an invitation to join the exclusive Lightning Club. But his initiation in a basement maze takes a wicked turn when he stumbles upon the corpse of Samuel Pickwick, the club's president. With the victim's blood literally on his hands, Charles is locked away in notorious Newgate Prison. Now, it's up to Kate to keep her framed fiancé from the hangman's noose. To solve this labyrinthine mystery, she is forced to puzzle her way through a fiendish series of baffling riddles sent to her in anonymous poison pen letters. With the help of family and friends, she must keep her wits about her to corner the real killer – before time runs out and Charles Dickens meets a dead end...

Historical mystery HC \$43.99

### The Two Lost Mountains

Jack West Jr series

#### Reilly, Matthew

Against all the odds, Jack West Jr found the Three Secret Cities but at a heartbreaking cost. His beloved daughter Lily, it appeared, was slaughtered by Sphinx in a cruel ancient ritual. With his rivals far ahead of him, Jack must now get to one of the five iron mountains – two of which have never been found – and perform a mysterious feat known only as 'the Fall'. Although what is this object on the moon that is connected to it? Amid all this, Jack will discover that a new player has entered the race, a general so feared by the four legendary kingdoms they had him locked away in their deepest dungeon. Only, now, this general has escaped and he has a horrifying plan of his own...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### Brooklyn Supreme

Reuland, Robert

No one knows better than Will Way that it's not so easy to get out of Brooklyn. Seeking escape, Will finds possible upward mobility in a relationship with Regine Pomeroy, the daughter of Brooklyn Supreme Court Judge Henry K Pomeroy. But Regine is a troubled young woman, and one day Will is called upon by her father to fix a situation that proves beyond fixing. Two decades later, Will has returned to the borough and, like many of his peers, joined the NYPD. Now, it's his job to get beat cops out of trouble – cops like Georgina Lee, an inexperienced officer who shot and killed an African American teenager after he robbed a bodega. But when it turns out the perpetrator might not have been armed, Lee's case becomes a publicity firestorm. Several men vying for higher office in Brooklyn use it to further their ambitions, and Will finds himself caught not only in the bureaucracy of the NYPD and Brooklyn politics, but also in his deeply confused conscience. As he tries to unravel so many different versions of the truth, Will's past catches up with him; his distant father and Regine Pomeroy re-enter his life, and her father tries to capitalise on the case for political gain. As lines are drawn across the city, Will must make decisions he never expected he would have to make, whose outcomes will cost him dearly.

Mystery/suspense HC \$55.00

### The Diplomat's Wife

Ridpath, Michael

1936: Devastated by the death of her beloved brother Hugh, Emma seeks to keep his memory alive, by wholeheartedly embracing his dreams of a communist revolution. But when she marries an ambitious diplomat, she must leave her ideals behind and live within the confines of embassy life in Paris and Nazi Berlin. Then one of Hugh's old comrades reappears, asking her to report on her philandering husband, and her loyalties are torn. 1979: Emma's grandson, Phil, dreams of a gap-year tour of Cold War Europe, but is nowhere near being able to fund it. So, when his beloved grandmother determines to make one last trip to the places she lived as a young diplomatic wife, and to try to solve a mystery that has haunted her since the war, he jumps at the chance to accompany her. But their journey takes them to darker, more dangerous places than either of them could ever have imagined...

Suspense PBK \$19.99

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### Farewell Blues

Lady Adelaide mysteries

#### Robinson, Maggie

Lady Adelaide Compton had prepared herself to say goodbye forever to Detective Inspector Devenand Hunter. It would be a welcome relief not to get mixed up in any more murders, even if it meant never working alongside the handsome detective again... wouldn't it? But then Addie's prim and proper mother, Constance, the Dowager Marchioness of Broughton, is accused of murdering her secret lover, and there can't be enough gentlemen detectives on hand to find the truth. The dead Duke of Rufford appeared to lead a blameless life, but appearances can be deceiving. And unless Addie and Dev work together, Constance will hang – which is no one's idea of a happy ending. This charming historical series begins with *Nobody's Sweetheart Now* (TP, \$32.99).

Historical mystery TP \$24.99

### Hyde

#### Russell, Craig

Edward Hyde has a strange gift – or a curse – he keeps secret from all but his physician. He experiences two realities, one real, the other a dream-world state brought on by a neurological condition. When murders in Victorian Edinburgh echo the ancient Celtic *threefold death* ritual, Captain Edward Hyde hunts for those responsible. In the process he becomes entangled in a web of Celticist occultism and dark scheming by powerful figures. The answers are there to be found, not just in the real world but in the sinister symbolism of Edward Hyde's otherworld. He must find the killer, or lose his mind. A dark tale. One that inspires Hyde's friend... Robert Louis Stevenson. Winner of the 2021 McIlvanney Prize for Best Crime Book of the Year.

Historical mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### The Woman Outside My Door

#### Ryan, Rachel

All children have imaginary friends, Georgina tells herself. It's perfectly normal, and they all grow out of it in the end. But when her seven-year-old son, Cody, tells her about New Granny, the friend he's met in the park, Georgina is instantly suspicious. Something – call it maternal instinct – tells her he isn't making it up. But, maybe, Georgina is losing her mind. It wouldn't be the first time, after all. And with her own mother's recent death leaving her bereft and trying to cope with life as a busy working mom, it's no wonder she's feeling paranoid that Cody has invented a 'New Granny' to replace his beloved grandmother. Her husband, Bren, becomes the voice of reason, assuring Georgina that it's just a game, the product of their son's overactive imagination. But what if Cody's imaginary friend is not so imaginary, after all?

Thriller TP \$35.95

### Seven-Year Witch

Witch Way Librarian mysteries

#### Sanders, Angela M

While Josie develops her witchcraft with the help of letters left by her grandmother, there are other changes happening in her new hometown. A retreat centre is being built

at the old mill site, and rumour has it that the location is cursed. That piques Josie's interest almost as much as Sam Wilfred, handsome FBI agent and descendant of the town's founder... When Sam's soon-to-be ex-wife, Fiona, goes missing at the same time that a bloodied weapon is found, Josie enlists her witchy insight, and her cat familiar, to clear Sam's name. But then the mill project's architect is found dead, and it's clear that someone has been drawing up a vicious plan. Now, Josie will have to divine her way out of fatal mischief, before this deadly trouble turns double...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### The Ice Coven

Detective Jessica Niemi series

#### Seeck, Max

Six months have passed since Jessica's encounter with the mysterious serial-killing coven of witches and the death of her mentor. Her nightmares about her mother and the witchcraft that undid her have only gotten worse, but she's doing what she can to stay focused. Her homicide squad, now under new leadership, has been given a murder case and a new series of disappearances to investigate. A young woman's corpse has washed up on an icy beach, and two famous Instagram influencers have gone missing at the same time. The missing influencers and the murdered woman all have ties to a sinister cult. Jessica finds an eerie painting – of a lighthouse on a remote island – as she investigates, and under the picture is a gruesome poem detailing a murder. The nightmares about her mother suddenly seem all too real, making Jessica wonder if the dead woman might be trying to tell her something about the killings. And as Jessica works frantically to solve her latest case, her horrific past comes roaring back and threatens to destroy her. The follow-up to *The Witch Hunter* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### Gold Wind

Alaska Wild series

#### Shelton, Paige

Beth Rivers is still in Alaska. The unidentified man who kidnapped her in her home of St Louis hasn't been found yet, so she's not ready to go back. But as October comes to a close, Benedict is feeling more and more like her new home. Beth has been working on herself. She's managed to get back to writing, and she's enjoying these beautiful months between summer and winter in Alaska. Then, everything in Benedict changes after a mudslide exposes a world that had been hidden for years. Two mud-covered, silent girls appear, and a secret trapper's house is found in the woods. The biggest surprise, though, is a dead and frozen woman's body in the trapper's shed. No one knows who she is, but the man who runs the mercantile, Randy, seems to be in the middle of all the mysteries. Unable to escape her journalistic roots, Beth is determined to answer the questions that keep arising: Are the mysterious girls and the frozen body connected? Can Randy possibly be involved? And – most importantly – can she solve this mystery before the cold wind sweeping over the town and the townspeople descends for good?

Mystery PBK \$24.95

### Celtic Cross

Mirabelle Bevan mysteries

#### Sheridan, Sara

About to get married, Mirabelle and her fiancé, retired Superintendent Alan McGregor, are torn about where they will settle but when a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity comes up to buy a secluded house on the banks of the Firth of Forth, they submit to getting permission from the local landlord. But that permission comes at a price and when a nun dies in mysterious circumstances, at the Little Sisters of Gethsemane Convent nearby, they are drafted to uncover what happened.

Historical mystery HC \$55.00

### Death Threats and Other Stories

collection

#### Simenon, Georges

A new selection of stories featuring the celebrated literary detective, Inspector Maigret. An ageing boxer caught in a love triangle. A wealthy Parisian family on the brink of collapse. A mysterious murder in a hotel in Cannes. These tales of human frailty and deceit – three of which are being published in English for the first time – distil the atmosphere, themes and psychological intensity that make Simenon's famous detective series so compelling. Written during the Second World War, just a few years after Simenon had published what was intended to be his last novel featuring Inspector Maigret, these stories encapsulate Simenon's storytelling genius and economy of style.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Quiet in Her Bones

#### Singh, Nalini

When socialite Nina Rai disappeared without a trace, everyone wrote it off as another trophy wife tired of her wealthy husband. But now her bones have turned up in the shadowed green of the forest that surrounds her elite neighbourhood, a haven of privilege and secrets that's housed the same influential families for decades. The rich live here, along with those whose job it is to make their lives easier. And somebody knows what happened to Nina one rainy night ten years ago. Her son Aarav heard a chilling scream that night, and he's determined to uncover the ugly truth that lives beneath the moneyed elegance... but no one is ready for the murderous secrets about to crawl out of the dark. Even the dead aren't allowed to break the rules in this cul-de-sac.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### A Rattle of Bones

Rebecca Connolly series

#### Skelton, Douglas

In 1752, Seamus a Ghlynn, James of the Glen, was executed for the murder of government man Colin Campbell. He was almost certainly innocent. When banners are placed at his gravesite claiming that his namesake, James Stewart, is innocent of murder, reporter Rebecca Connolly smells a story. The young Stewart has been in prison for ten years for the brutal murder of his lover, lawyer and politician Murdo Maxwell, in his Appin home. Rebecca soon discovers that Maxwell believed he was being followed prior to his murder and his phones were tapped. Why is a Glasgow crime boss

so interested in the case? As Rebecca keeps digging, she finds herself in the sights of Inverness crime matriarch Mo Burke, who wants payback for the damage caused to her family in a previous case.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### Murder with Orange Pekoe Tea

Daisy's Tea Garden mysteries

#### Smith, Karen Rose

Daisy's orange pekoe is flowing at a fundraiser – and she's also made a new friend, Piper, a young woman whose hopes for motherhood were dashed by a foul up at a fertility clinic. But before they can settle into a long conversation, the event is disrupted by masked protestors who object to building a shelter in Willow Creek. Among the angry crowd is Eli – who left his Amish community some time ago, with help from a lawyer named Hiram. It just so happens that Hiram is also representing the fertility clinic in a class-action suit – and soon afterward, he turns up dead, felled by an insulin injection. Daisy can't help but get drawn in, especially since Piper's husband had been pretty steamed at the victim and didn't hide it. She'd love to spend some time with the dog she and her boyfriend have just adopted – but, first, she'll be straining to find a killer...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### A Funny Thing Happened on the Way Spain, Nancy

The superb classic memoir from a dazzlingly eccentric and endlessly fascinating author and feminist icon – a woman very much ahead of her time – including her time spent on the glorious island of Skiathos. Nancy Spain was one of the most celebrated – and notorious – writers and broadcasters of the 1950s and '60s. Witty, controversial and brilliant, she lived openly as a lesbian (sharing a household with her two lovers and their various children) and was frequently litigated against for her newspaper columns – Evelyn Waugh successfully sued her for libel... twice. Nancy Spain had a deep love of the Mediterranean. So, it was no surprise when, in the 1960s, she decided to build a place of her own on the Greek island of Skiathos. With an impractical nature surpassed only by her passion for the project, and despite many obstacles, she gloriously succeeded. This classic memoir is infused with all Spain's chaotic brilliance, zest for life and single-minded pursuit of a life worth living.

Memoir PBK \$22.99

### Fortune Favours the Dead

Pentecost & Parker mysteries

#### Spotswood, Stephen

New York, 1945. Lillian Pentecost is the most successful private detective in the city, but her health is failing. She hires an assistant to help with the investigative legwork. Willowjean Parker is a circus runaway. Quick witted and street smart, she's a jack of all trades with a unique skill set. She can pick locks blindfolded, wrestle men twice her size, and throw knives with deadly precision – all of which come in handy working for Ms P. When wealthy young widow Abigail Collins is murdered, and the police are making no progress, Pentecost and Parker are hired

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by the family to track down the culprit. On Halloween night, there was a costume party at the Collins' mansion, where a fortune teller performed a séance which greatly disturbed Abigail. Several hours later her body was discovered bludgeoned to death in her late husband's office. Problem is, the door to the office was locked from the inside. There was no one else in the room, and the murder weapon was beside the victim; the fortune teller's crystal ball. It looks like an impossible crime, but Pentecost and Parker know there is no such thing... 'Razor sharp, tons of flair. A really good noir novel.' – *Tana French*.  
Mystery PBK \$22.99

### **Skelton's Guide to Suitcase Murders**

Skelton's Guides  
**Stafford, David**  
A woman's dismembered corpse is discovered in a suitcase, and police quickly identify her husband, Doctor Ibrahim Aziz, as their chief suspect. Incriminating evidence is discovered at his home and his wife was rumoured to be having an affair, giving him clear motive. With his reputation for winning hopeless cases, barrister Arthur Skelton is asked to represent the accused. Though Aziz's guilt does not seem to be in doubt, a question of diplomacy and misplaced larvae soon lead Skelton to suspect there may be more to the victim's death. Aided by his loyal clerk Edgar, Skelton soon finds himself seeking justice for both victim and defendant. But can he uncover the truth before an innocent man is put on trial and condemned to the gallows? The sequel to *Skelton's Guide to Domestic Poisons* (PBK, \$19.99).  
Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

### **The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde**

Stevenson, Robert Louis  
Discover the mesmerising tale of two personalities in a war over the soul of one man. *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* is a tale of Victorian horror. The personalities of the pleasant Dr Jekyll and the violent Mr Hyde vie for control over a single body. This gothic horror novel is presented alongside five short stories by author Robert Louis Stevenson: 'A Lodging for the Night'; 'The Suicide Club'; 'The Body-Snatcher'; 'The Bottle Imp'; and 'The Isle of Voices'. This elegantly designed jacketed hardcover edition features a new introduction by English scholar and professor Allen Grove and a timeline of the life and times of Robert Louis Stevenson.  
Gothic mystery HC \$19.99

### **Never Turn Back**

Swann, Christopher  
Ethan Faulkner is a precocious child with a brilliant but troublesome sister, a war vet for a father, and a weary mother trying to manage their family. One night a young woman rings their doorbell, desperate to hide from two men who are pursuing her, when one of the two barges in after her. The struggle leaves both of Ethan's parents dead. Years later, Ethan has a successful teaching career and a budding relationship with a co-worker. But he hasn't quite followed through on his promise to his dying father –

to take care of his sister. Susannah is not an easy person to keep tabs on, is a handful even when the tabs are kept, and quite frankly, Ethan wants her to suffer for preventing him from getting to his dad before he died all those years ago. It was a long time ago and Ethan tries to put all of it behind him. But that's easier said than done. When news of a brutal murder breaks with evidence pointing to Ethan as the prime suspect, all the painful memories of his past come rushing to meet him. Lyrically conveyed with emotion and nuance, *Never Turn Back* is a powerful story about family, vengeance, and how some actions echo through the years with irreparable consequences.  
Mystery/suspense TP \$24.99

### **The Good Death**

Somershill Manor mysteries  
**Sykes, S D**  
*England, November 1370*. Oswald de Lacy, Lord of Somershill Manor, makes a devastating confession to his dying mother. But will he gain the forgiveness he seeks – or destroy his family? In 1349, Oswald, the third son of the de Lacy family, was an 18-year-old novice monk at Kintham Abbey. Sent to collect herbs from the forest, Oswald comes across a terrified village girl. Frenzied with fear, she runs headlong into a swollen river. Oswald pulls her broken and bruised body from the water and returns her to the local village, only to discover that several other women have disappeared. A heinous killer is at work, but because all of the missing women come from impoverished families without influence, nobody seems to care. Oswald vows to find this killer himself – but as plague approaches, his beloved tutor Brother Peter insists they must stay inside the monastery. He turns instead to the women of the village for help, and particularly the enigmatic and beautiful Maud Woodstock – a woman who provokes strong emotions in Oswald. As he closes in on the killer, Oswald makes a discovery that is so utterly shocking that it threatens to destroy him and his family. Even as plague rages across England and death is at every door, Oswald must kill or be killed. And the discovery will be a secret that haunts him for the rest of his life.  
Historical mystery HC \$49.99

### **The Secret Next Door**

Taylor, Rebecca  
Alyson Tinsdale is giving her son the childhood she never had: a stable family, loving home, and a great school in a safe neighbourhood. When they move into the home of her dreams in one of Denver's most sought-after developments, Alyson works hard to fit in and impress the other mothers. Bonnie Sloan is the neighbourhood matriarch. With her oldest son headed to Yale, and her youngest starting kindergarten, Bonnie is now pursuing her own long-held political aspirations. But it's her middle child, Elijah, and their private family struggles, that cast a shadow over her plans. When the open space behind some of the most expensive homes gets slated for development into an amusement facility, the neighbourhood becomes deeply divided. The personal pressures and community conflicts ratchet with every passing day, but it's when a 13-year-old boy is found dead beside the

lake, that simmering tensions boil over into panic. Gossip flows, lies are exposed, and accusations are made as cracks run through the community's once solid foundations. The neighbourhood's faith in exterior appearances is eclipsed by the secrets every house keeps.  
Mystery/suspense TP \$37.95

### **Miss Moriarty, I Presume?**

Lady Sherlock mysteries  
**Thomas, Sherry**  
A most unexpected client shows up at Charlotte Holmes' doorstep: Moriarty, himself. Moriarty fears that tragedy has befallen his daughter and wants Charlotte to find out the truth. Charlotte and Mrs Watson travel to a remote community of occult practitioners where Moriarty's daughter was last seen, a place full of lies and liars. Meanwhile, Charlotte's sister Livia tries to make sense of a mysterious message from her beau Mr Marbleton. And Charlotte's long-time friend and ally Lord Ingram at last turns his seductive prowess on Charlotte – or is it the other way around? But the more secrets Charlotte unravels about Miss Moriarty's disappearance, the more she wonders why Moriarty has entrusted this delicate matter to her of all people. Is it merely to test Charlotte's skills as an investigator, or has the man of shadows trapped her in a nest of vipers?  
Sherlockiana TP \$35.95

### **City of Schemes**

Counterfeit Lady mysteries  
**Thompson, Victoria**  
The Great War is over, and Elizabeth and Gideon are busily planning their wedding and welcoming home old friends now discharged from the army. One of them, Captain Logan Carstens, the son and heir of a wealthy family, seems less than happy to be home and with good reason. While Logan was in France, he fell in love with a beautiful French woman named Noelle. He desperately wanted to propose, but he was already engaged and felt bound to honour his commitment. When Logan receives a letter supposedly from Noelle begging for money to help her flee the terrible conditions in France and come to America, Elizabeth is suspicious. There is no way to verify the letter is actually from Noelle, and she fears that a con man or woman might be trying to take advantage of Logan in his vulnerable state. But that is not all Elizabeth has to worry about. Vicious thug Oscar Thornton has gotten wind of her wedding announcement and realises the woman who conned him is still alive and well. Gideon and Elizabeth have to figure out a way to help their friend while making sure their worst enemy does not destroy their future...  
Historical mystery PBK \$24.95

### **Graveyard Fields**

Tingle, Steven  
Davis Reed is plagued by the three As: anger, alcohol, and anxiety. A former Charleston police officer, turned private detective, Davis hopes to gain some respect, self and otherwise, by writing a book. His subject: the true story of a B-25 bomber that crashed on Cold Mountain in western North Carolina just after the end of World War II. From

the comfort of a mountain cabin in Cruso, NC Davis spends his days popping anti-anxiety pills, drinking copious amounts of home brewed beer, and not writing a book. But when he discovers a set of keys on a mountain trail, he becomes curious, then obsessed, about finding the rightful owner. With the help of his friend Dale Johnson, a 275-pound local deputy who is full time ornery and part time clever, and Dale's cousin Floppy, a motor mouthed mechanic with a penchant for conspiracy theories and kleptomania, Davis works to uncover the mystery of the keys while navigating a world of small town secrets, shady characters, 1980s' heavy metal, and murder. But Davis has his own secrets and even though he's escaped to the mountains some bad business in Charleston is beginning to catch up with him. For an anxiety riddled man looking for peace and quiet Davis somehow stumbles into more chaos and crossfire than any amount of beer and pills can alleviate.  
Mystery/suspense HC \$42.99

### **An Irish Hostage**

Bess Crawford mysteries  
**Todd, Charles**  
The Great War is over – but in Ireland, in the wake of the bloody 1916 Easter Rising, anyone who served in France is now considered a traitor, including nurse Eileen Flynn and former soldier Michael Sullivan, who only want to be married in the small, isolated village where she grew up. Even her grandmother is against it, and Eileen's only protection is her cousin Terrence who was a hero of the Rising and is still being hunted by the British. Bess Crawford had promised to be there for the wedding. And in spite of the danger to her, she keeps that promise – only to be met with the shocking news that the groom has vanished. Eileen begs for her help, but how can Bess hope to find him when she doesn't know the country, the people, or where to put her trust? Time is running out, for Michael and for Bess herself, and soon her own life is on the line. With only an Irish outlaw and a man being hunted for murder on her side, how can she possibly save herself, much less stop a killer?  
Historical mystery HC \$49.99

### **Lily: a Tale of Revenge**

Tremain, Rose  
Nobody knows yet that she is a murderer... Abandoned at the gates of a London park, one winter's night in 1850, baby Lily Mortimer is saved by a young police constable and taken to the London Foundling Hospital. Lily is fostered by an affectionate farming family in rural Suffolk, enjoying a brief childhood idyll before she is returned to the Hospital, where she is punished for her rebellious spirit. Released into the harsh world of Victorian London, Lily becomes a favoured employee at Belle Prettywood's Wig Emporium, but all the while she is hiding a dreadful secret... Across the years, policeman Sam Trench keeps watch over the young woman he once saved. When Sam meets Lily again, there is an instant attraction between them. Lily is convinced that Sam holds the key to her happiness – but might he also be the one to uncover her crime and so condemn her to death?  
Historical mystery TP \$32.99

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### Reckoning

Kit Marlowe mysteries

#### Trow, M J

*December, 1592.* England is entering dangerous waters as thoughts turn to the question of the ageing Queen Elizabeth's successor. Christopher Marlowe, meanwhile, is leading a troupe of the Lord Chamberlain's Men on tour with a controversial new play. Marlowe expects his latest play, *Edward II*, to ruffle feathers. What he doesn't expect is it to lead to is sudden, violent death. The morning the tour is due to begin, the newest member of the cast is found stabbed to death in the local brothel. And when a second murder, and then a third, disrupt rehearsals for the inaugural performance in the Great Hall at Scudbury Manor, it becomes clear that someone is determined to prevent this play from being performed – at any cost. But who... and why?

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

### Murder by Milk Bottle

Constable Twitten mysteries

#### Truss, Lynne

The August bank holiday is approaching and after two extremely high-profile murder cases, Constable Twitten is eagerly anticipating a quiet spell at work. But then they find the bodies – and the milk bottles. Three seemingly unconnected victims – a hard-working AA patrolman, a would-be Beauty Queen, a catty BBC radio personality – have all been killed with the same, highly unusual murder weapon. Constable Twitten, Sergeant Brunswick and Inspector Steine are initially baffled, the town is alarmed, and the local newspaper is delighted: after all, what sells papers better than a killer on the loose? Can our redoubtable trio solve the case and catch this most curious of killers before they strike again?

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Murder Isn't Easy: the Forensics of Agatha Christie

#### Valentine, Carla

A study of the forensics of Agatha Christie, from author and pathologist, Carla Valentine. While other children were devouring the works of Enid Blyton and Beatrix Potter, Carla Valentine was poring through the pages of Agatha Christie novels – and that early fascination led to her job as a pathology technician working in mortuaries and trained in forensics. Nearly every Agatha Christie story involves one – or more commonly several – dead bodies, and for a young Carla, a curious child already fascinated with biology, these stories and these bodies were perfect puzzles. Of course, Agatha herself didn't talk of 'forensics' which, in the way we use it now, but each tale she tells twists and turns with her expert weave of human observation, ingenuity and genuine science of the era. Through the medium of the 'whodunnit', Agatha Christie was a pioneer of forensic science, and in *Murder Isn't Easy* Carla illuminates all of the knowledge of one of our most beloved authors.

Crime reference TP \$32.99

### The Usual Santas:

#### a Collection of Soho Crime Christmas Capers

anthology

#### various authors

This captivating collection, which features bestselling and award-winning authors, contains laughs aplenty, the most hardboiled of holiday noir, and heart-warming reminders of the spirit of the season. Nine mall Santas must find the impostor among them. An elderly lady seeks peace from her murderously loud neighbours at Christmastime. A young woman receives a mysterious invitation to Christmas dinner with a stranger. Niccolò Machiavelli sets out to save an Italian city. Sherlock Holmes' one-time nemesis Irene Adler finds herself in an unexpected tangle in Paris while on a routine espionage assignment. Jane Austen searches for the Dowager Duchess of Wilborough's stolen diamonds. These and other adventures in this delectable volume will whisk readers away to Christmases around the globe, from a Korean War POW camp to a Copenhagen refugee squat, from a palatial hotel in 1920s Bombay to a crumbling mansion in Havana.

Includes stories by: Helene Tursten, Mick Herron, Martín Limón, Timothy Hallinan, Teresa Dovalpage, Mette Ivie Harrison, Colin Cotterill, Ed Lin, Stuart Neville, Tod Goldberg, Henry Chang, James R Benn, Lene Kaaberbøl & Agnete Friis, Sujata Massey, Gary Corby, Cara Black, Stephanie Barron, and a foreword and story by Peter Lovesey.

Festive mystery TP \$27.99

### American Serial Killers:

the Deadliest Years 1950–2000

#### Vronsky, Peter

With books like *Serial Killers*, *Female Serial Killers*, and *Sons of Cain*, Peter Vronsky has established himself as the foremost expert on the history of serial killers. In this first definitive history of the Golden Age of American serial murder, when the number and body count of serial killers exploded, Vronsky tells the stories of the most unusual and prominent serial killings from the 1950s to the early 21st century. From Ted Bundy to the Golden State Killer, our fascination with these classic serial killers seems to grow by the day. *American Serial Killers* gives true crime junkies what they crave, with both perennial favourites (Ed Kemper, Jeffrey Dahmer) and lesser-known cases (Melvin Rees, Harvey Glatman).

Psychology/True crime TP \$39.95

### Bruno's Challenge and Other Dordogne Tales

Bruno, Chief of Police collection

#### Walker, Martin

A bumper collection of delightful stories featuring Bruno, Chief of Police, and France's favourite cop, all set in the beautiful Dordogne valley and the ravishing Perigord region of the south west. Here is a landscape of meandering rivers with medieval castles overlooking their banks, of lush hillsides and spreading vineyards, of delicious local wines and world-renowned cuisine. With titles like 'The Chocolate War'; 'The Birthday Lunch'; 'Oystercatcher'; 'A Market Tale' and 'Fifty Million Bubbles', you may be sure that champagne and gastronomy will feature as well as cosy crime in 'Dangerous Vacation'. Bruno strides through these tales, staying

calm, settling local disputes and keeping safe his beloved town of St Denis. Only on one occasion, does he panic: in 'Bruno's Challenge', his friend Ivan, proprietor and chef of the town's popular eatery, suddenly collapses on the eve of a large anniversary dinner, and he asks Bruno to take over the restaurant. After a few protests followed by some deep breaths, the inimitable Bruno meets his challenge and saves the day.

Mystery TP \$32.99

### The Swift and the Harrier

#### Walters, Minette

Dorset, 1642. When bloody civil war breaks out between the King and Parliament, families and communities across England are riven by different allegiances. A rare few choose neutrality. One such is Jayne Swift, a Dorset physician from a Royalist family, who offers her services to both sides in the conflict. Through her dedication to treating the sick and wounded, regardless of belief, Jayne becomes a witness to the brutality of war and the devastation it wreaks. Yet, her recurring companion at every event is a man she should despise because he embraces civil war as the means to an end. She knows him as William Harrier, but is ignorant about every other aspect of his life. His past is a mystery and his future uncertain.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

### You Can Never Tell

#### Warburton, Sarah

Framed for embezzlement by her best friend Aimee, museum curator Kacy Tremain and her husband Michael move from New Jersey to a charming Texas suburb to escape their past. Kacy quickly makes new friends – preppy, inscrutable Elizabeth, chatty yet evasive Rahmia, and redheaded, unapologetic Lena. But good friends aren't always what they seem. As she navigates the unexpectedly cutthroat social scene of her new town, Kacy begins to receive taunting postcards – and worse, discovers cameras hidden in the wall of her home. Lena and her husband, Brady, reassure her that the cameras are just relics of the paranoid previous homeowner. Once the cameras are removed and Kacy's fears are quelled, Kacy and Michael make the happy discovery that they are going to be new parents. Months after the birth of their daughter, Michael accidentally makes a shocking discovery about Brady's past. And when Lena suddenly goes missing, Kacy and Michael begin to uncover the truth about their neighbours – and it's more terrible than anyone could have imagined.

Thriller HC \$42.99

### Winter Counts

#### Weiden, David Heska Wanbli

Virgil Wounded Horse is the local enforcer on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. When justice is denied by the American legal system or the tribal council, Virgil is hired to deliver his own punishment, the kind that's hard to forget. But when heroin makes its way into the reservation and finds Virgil's nephew, his vigilantism suddenly becomes personal. He enlists the help of his ex-girlfriend and sets out to learn where the drugs are coming from, and how to make them stop. They follow a lead to Denver and find that drug cartels are rapidly expanding and forming new and terrifying

alliances. And back on the reservation, a new tribal council initiative raises uncomfortable questions about money and power. As Virgil starts to link the pieces together, he must face his own demons and reclaim his Native identity. He realises that being a Native American, in the 21st century, comes at an incredible cost.

Thriller HC \$32.99

### Spiteful Bones

Crispin Guest mysteries

#### Westerson, Jeri

Restoring his recently-inherited family home is a daunting enough task for young lawyer Nigellus Cobmartin without the addition of any unwelcome discoveries. But when workmen turning the crumbling manor house into a grand home for Nigellus and his companion, John Rykener, uncover a skeleton bound, tied and hidden in the wall – and holding the precious relic that went missing from his father's estate nearly twenty years ago – Nigellus immediately calls on London tracker Crispin Guest for help. Whose bones are they, and why was the valuable relic buried with the thief? Crispin and Jack are drawn into a mystery of dark secrets, family scandal and old grudges as they attempt to find the truth behind a load of old bones.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

### Wild Place

#### White, Christian

In the summer of 1989, a local teen goes missing from the idyllic suburb of Camp Hill in Australia. As rumours of Satanic rituals swirl, schoolteacher Tom Witter becomes convinced he holds the key to the disappearance. When the police won't listen, he takes matters into his own hands with the help of the missing girl's father and a local neighbourhood watch group. But as dark secrets are revealed and consequences to past actions are faced, Tom learns that the only way out of the darkness is to walk deeper into it. *Wild Place* peels back the layers of suburbia, exposing what's hidden underneath – guilt, desperation, violence – and attempts to answer the question: Why do good people do bad things? From the international bestseller, Christian White, *Wild Place* is a white-knuckle descent into a street near you.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### The Perfect Ruin

#### Williams, Shanora

A brutal tragedy ended Ivy Hill's happy family and childhood. Now, in her twenties and severely troubled, she barely has a life – or much to live for. Until the day she discovers the name of the woman who destroyed her world: Lola Maxwell – the mega-wealthy socialite with a heart, Miami's beloved 'first lady' of charity. Accomplished, gorgeous, and oh-so-caring, Lola has the best of everything – and doesn't deserve any of it. So, it's only right that Ivy take it all away... Little by little, Ivy infiltrates Lola's elite circle, becomes her new best friend – and plays Lola's envious acquaintances and hangers on, against her. But seducing Lola's handsome, devoted surgeon husband turns into a passionate dream Ivy suddenly can't control. And soon, an insidious someone will twist Ivy's revenge into a nightmare of deception, secrets, and betrayal that Ivy may not wake up from...

Thriller TP \$25.99

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### **Mrs Morris and the Vampire**

Salem B&B mysteries

#### **Wilton, Traci**

Charlene's bed and breakfast is fully booked, with guests wanting to experience Salem's wildest holiday – especially the annual Witch Ball, held at the historic Hawthorne Hotel. At the dance, actual witch and winery owner Brandy Flint has her back up over her daughter Serenity's new beau – it's bad enough he's a decade older, he also claims to be a vampire from Romania. As for Charlene, with handsome ghost Dr Jack Strathmore haunting her B&B, she has developed an open mind regarding the supernatural. But her mind is blown when the clock strikes midnight, the lights flare and dim, and the vampire vanishes – leaving behind only his cape and a wooden stake with a thick red substance on the sharp tip. The next morning, a naked man washes up on the shore with a hole punched through his chest, and Detective Sam Holden has a homicide on his hands. Now, Charlene and Jack must put their heads together to find out who staged the trick to stake a vampire...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### **Murder Is a Must**

First Edition Library mysteries

#### **Wingate, Marty**

Hayley Burke, curator of Lady Fowling's collection of first edition mysteries, is settling into her position at the First Edition Library in Middlebank House. She's even made progress with Lady Fowling's former secretary, the ornery Miss Woolgar. The women are busily

preparing for an exhibition that will showcase Lady Fowling's life and letters. Hayley knows the exhibition is a huge undertaking and decides, against her better judgement, to hire Oona Atherton, her former boss from the Jane Austen Centre to help with the planning. Oona is known for being difficult, but all seems to be going swimmingly, until she and Hayley uncover a one-page letter that alludes to a priceless edition of *Murder Must Advertise*, signed by several Golden Age of Mystery authors. Oona feels this book could be the focal point of the exhibition and becomes obsessed with finding it. When they find clues that appear to point to the book being somewhere in the First Edition Library, Oona is certain she's unravelled the mystery and texts Hayley the good news, but upon arriving back at Middlebank, Hayley finds her old boss dead at the bottom of the stairs. Did her discovery of the rare book get her killed or was it some angry shadow from her past? Hayley must read between the lines to catch a malicious murderer.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### **The Consequences of Fear**

Maisie Dobbs series

#### **Winspear, Jacqueline**

*London, September 1941*. Freddie Hackett, a message runner for a government office, witnesses an argument that ends in murder. Hiding in the doorway of a bombed-out house, Freddie waits until the coast is clear. But when he arrives at his next delivery address, he's shocked to come face to face with the killer. Dismissed by the police when reporting the crime, Freddie turns to private

investigator Maisie Dobbs. While Maisie believes the boy and wants to help, she must exercise caution given her work with the French resistance. When she spots the killer in a place she least expects, she soon realises she's been pulled into the orbit of a man who has his own reasons to kill – reasons that go back to the last war.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### **She Kills Me:**

the True Stories of History's Deadliest Women

#### **Wright, Jennifer**

A powerful collection of stories about women who murdered – for revenge, for love, and even for pleasure – rife with historical details that will have any true crime junkie on the edge of their seat. In every tragic story, men are expected to be the killers. There are countless studies and works of art made about male violence. However, when women are featured in stories about murder, they are rarely portrayed as predators. They're the prey. This common dynamic is one of the reasons that women are so enthralled by female murderers. They do the things that women aren't supposed to do and live the lives that women aren't supposed to want: lives that are impulsive and angry and messy and inconvenient. Maybe we feel bad about loving them, but we eat it up just the same. Residing squarely in the middle of a Venn diagram of feminism and true crime, *She Kills Me* tells the story of 40 women who murdered out of necessity, fear, revenge, and even for pleasure.

True crime HC \$29.99

### **The City of Mist: Stories** collection

#### **Zafón, Carlos Ruiz**

Bestselling author Carlos Ruiz Zafón conceived of this collection of stories as an appreciation to the countless readers who joined him on the extraordinary journey that began with *The Shadow of the Wind*. Comprising eleven stories, most of them never before published in English, *The City of Mist* offers the reader compelling characters, unique situations, and a gothic atmosphere reminiscent of his beloved Cemetery of Forgotten Books quartet. The stories are mysterious, imbued with a sense of menace, and told with the warmth, wit, and humour of Zafón's inimitable voice. A boy decides to become a writer when he discovers that his creative gifts capture the attentions of an aloof young beauty who has stolen his heart. A labyrinth maker flees Constantinople to a plague-ridden Barcelona, with plans for building a library impervious to the destruction of time. A strange gentleman tempts Cervantes to write a book like no other, each page of which could prolong the life of the woman he loves. And a brilliant Catalan architect named Antoni Gaudí reluctantly agrees to cross the ocean to New York, a voyage that will determine the fate of an unfinished masterpiece. Imaginative and beguiling, these and other stories in *The City of Mist* summon up the mesmerising magic of their brilliant creator and invite us to come dream along with him.

Thriller TP \$32.99