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

### **Ink and Shadows**

Secret, Book & Scone Society

#### **Adams, Ellery**

Known for her window displays, Nora Pennington decides to showcase fictional heroines like Roald Dahl's Matilda and Madeline Miller's Circe for Halloween. But a family-values group disapproves of the magical themes and wastes no time launching a modern-day witch hunt. Suddenly, former friends and customers are targeting not only Nora and Miracle Books, but a new shopkeeper, Celeste, who's been selling CBD oil products. Nora and her friends in the Secret, Book, and Scone Society are doing their best to put an end to the strife – but then someone puts an end to a life. Declared an accident, the ruling can't explain the old book page covered with strange symbols and disturbing drawings left under Nora's doormat. It's up to Nora and the Secret, Book, and Scone Society to sort out the clues before more bodies turn up and the secrets from Celeste's past come back to haunt them all... A cosy recommendation.

Mystery TP \$29.99

### **The Return of Faraz Ali Ahmad, Aamina**

Not since childhood has Faraz returned to the Mohalla, in Lahore's walled inner city, where women continue to pass down the art of courtesan from mother to daughter. But he still remembers the day he was abducted from the home he shared with his mother and sister there, at the direction of his powerful father, who wanted to give him a chance at a respectable life. Now, Wajid – once more dictating his fate from afar – has sent Faraz back to Lahore, installing him as head of the Mohalla police station and charging him with a mission: to cover up the violent death of a young girl. It should be a simple assignment to carry out in a marginalised community, but for the first time in his career, Faraz finds himself unable to follow orders. As the city assails him with a jumble of memories, he cannot stop asking questions or winding through the walled city's labyrinthine alleyways chasing the secrets – his family's and his own – that risk shattering his precariously constructed existence.

Mystery TP \$32.99

### **The Opium Prince Aimaq, Jasmine**

*Afghanistan, 1970s.* Born to an American mother and a late Afghan war hero, Daniel Sajadi has spent his life navigating a complex identity. After years in Los Angeles, he is returning home to Kabul at the helm of a US foreign aid agency dedicated to eradicating the poppy fields that feed the world's opiate addiction. But on the drive out of Kabul for an anniversary trip with his wife, Daniel accidentally hits and kills a young Kochi girl named Telaya. He is let off with a nominal fine, in part because nomad

tribes are ignored in the eyes of the law, but also because a mysterious witness named Taj Maleki intercedes on his behalf. Wracked with guilt and visions of Telaya, Daniel begins to unravel, running from his crumbling marriage and escalating threats from Taj, who turns out to be a powerful opium khan willing to go to extremes to save his poppies.

Thriller TP \$27.99

### **Pay Dirt Road**

#### **Allen, Samantha Jayne**

Annie McIntyre has a love/hate relationship with Garnett, Texas. Recently graduated from college and home waitressing, lacking not in ambition but certainly in direction, Annie is lured into the family business – a private investigation firm – by her supposed-to-be-retired grandfather, Leroy, despite the rest of the clan's misgivings. When a waitress at the café goes missing, Annie and Leroy begin an investigation that leads them down rural routes and haunted byways, to noxious-smelling oil fields and to the glowing neon of local honky-tonks. As Annie works to uncover the truth, she finds herself identifying with the victim in increasing, unsettling ways, and realises she must confront her own past – failed romances, a disturbing experience she'd rather forget, and the trick mirror of nostalgia itself – if she wants to survive this homecoming.

Mystery HC \$57.95

### **We Know You Remember**

High Coast mysteries

#### **Alsterdal, Tove**

It's been more than twenty years since Olof Hagström left home. Returning to his family's house, he knows instantly that something is amiss. The front door key, hidden under a panicked dog, a terrible stench, water pooling on the floor: the father Olaf has not seen or spoken to in decades is dead in the bathroom shower. For police detective Eira Sjödin, the investigation of this suspicious death resurrects long-forgotten nightmares. She was only nine when Olof Hagström, then fourteen, was found guilty of raping and murdering a local girl. The case left a mark on the town's collective memory – a wound that never quite healed – and tinged Eira's childhood with fear. Too young to be sentenced, Olof was sent to a youth home and exiled from his family. He was never seen in the town again. Until now. This rich, character-driven mystery, awarded Best Swedish Crime Novel of the Year, is the first in a series.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### **Mining for Murder**

Happy Camper mysteries

#### **Angela, Mary**

Zo Jones is enjoying the sunny season at her Happy Camper gift shop in Spirit Canyon, South Dakota – when a murder reminds her all that glitters isn't gold... The South Dakota

Gold Rush might be long over, but Zo Jones feels like she's hit the mother lode when she and her friends browse an estate sale, where a rare old book about the history of Spirit Canyon is causing quite a commotion. In addition to local stories and secrets, the book may even contain the location of a famous stash of gold – a treasure worth killing for. Zo's friend Maynard Cline wins the bid on the book, to the chagrin of many interested parties, including the historical society and college history department. But when Zo and Hattie head to Maynard's mansion to borrow the book for a library event, the only thing they find is Maynard – at the bottom of the mountain. The valuable book is gone. Zo knows this must be murder because there's no way a germophobe like Maynard would have voluntarily dived into a pile of dirt. Now she'll have to dig into a new case, and go prospecting for a perpetrator...

Mystery TP \$37.95

### **Watch Out for Her Bailey, Samantha M**

Sarah Goldman, mother to six-year-old Jacob, is relieved to move across the country. She has a lot she wants to leave behind, especially Holly Monroe, the pretty 22-year-old babysitter she and her husband, Daniel, hired to take care of their young son last summer. It started out as a perfect arrangement – Sarah had a childminder her son adored, and Holly found the mother figure she'd always wanted. But Sarah's never been one to trust very easily, so she kept a close eye on Holly, maybe too close at times. What she saw raised some questions, not only about who Holly really was but what she was hiding. The more Sarah watched, the more she learned – until one day, she saw something she couldn't unsee, something so shocking that all she could do was flee. Sarah has put it all behind her and is starting over in a different city with her husband and son. They've settled into a friendly suburb where the neighbours, a tight clique of good citizens, are always on the lookout for danger. But when Sarah finds hidden cameras in her new home, she has to wonder: Has her past caught up to her; and, worse yet, who's watching her now?

Thriller TP \$37.95

### **Dream Town**

Aloysius Archer series

#### **Baldacci, David**

*1952, Los Angeles.* It is New Year's Eve and PI Aloysius Archer is dining with his friend and rising Hollywood actress Liberty Callahan when they're approached by Eleanor Lamb, a screenwriter who would like to hire him – as she suspects someone is trying to kill her. A visit to Lamb's Malibu residence leaves Archer knocked unconscious after he stumbles over a dead body in the hallway, and Lamb seems to have vanished. With the police now involved in the case, a close friend and colleague of Lamb's employs Archer to find out what's happened to the

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screenwriter. Archer's investigation takes him from the rich, glamorous, and glitzy LA to the seedy, dark side of the city, and onward to the gambling mecca of Las Vegas, just now hitting its stride as a hot spot for celebrities and a moneymaking machine for the mob. In a place where cops and crooks work hand in hand, Archer will cross paths with Hollywood stars, politicians and notorious criminals. He'll almost die several times, and he'll discover bodies and secrets from the canyons and beaches of Malibu and the luxurious mansions of Bel Air and Beverly Hills to the narcotics clubs of Chinatown. With the help of Liberty and his PI partner Willie Dash, Archer will risk everything and leave no stone unturned in finding the missing Eleanor Lamb, and in bringing to justice killers who would love nothing better than to plant Archer six feet under.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Show Me the Bunny

Melanie Travis mysteries

#### Berenson, Laurien

Aunt Rose already has a strike against her for not being too fond of dogs – or Aunt Peg. But Melanie still agrees to organise Easter festivities at Gallagher House, the new women's shelter opened by the stern former nun, even if it takes all the jellybeans in Greenwich to sweeten the arrangement. No sooner does Melanie arrive to dye multicoloured eggs and stuff baskets, than she learns devastating news about Beatrice Gallagher, the respected benefactor of the estate. Beatrice has fallen to her death, and the circumstances are shocking. No one can say why or how charitable Beatrice got pushed into an early grave. Yet for a supposedly warm and generous philanthropist, rumours have her pinned as an overbearing manipulator who used money to control the unfortunate few trapped in her inner circle. Facing an uncertain future as danger lurks around Gallagher House, Melanie and Aunt Rose must tolerate each other's company long enough to discover the truth about Beatrice's true nature and identify a vengeful killer – before another person's idyllic spring break becomes a serious nightmare...

Mystery HC \$39.99

### The Caretakers

#### Bestor-Siegal, Amanda

Paris, 2015. A crowd gathers outside the Chauvet home in the affluent suburban community of Maisons-Larue, watching as the family's American au pair is led away in handcuffs after the sudden death of her young charge. The grieving mother believes the caretaker is to blame, and the neighbourhood is thrown into chaos, unsure who is at fault – the enigmatic, young foreigner or the mother herself, who has never seemed an active participant in the lives of her children. The truth lies with six women: Géraldine, a heartbroken French teacher struggling to support her vulnerable young students; Lou, an incompetent au pair who was recently fired by the family next door; Charlotte, a chilly socialite and reluctant mother; Nathalie, an isolated French teenager desperate for her mother's attention; Holly, a socially-anxious au pair yearning to belong in her adopted country; and finally, Alena, the one accused of the crime, who has gone to great lengths

to avoid emotional connection, and now finds herself caught in the turbulent power dynamics of her host family's household.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### City of Vengeance

Cesare Aldo mysteries

#### Bishop, D V

Florence. Winter, 1536. A prominent Jewish moneylender is murdered in his home, a death with wide implications in a city powered by immense wealth. Cesare Aldo, a former soldier and now an officer of the Renaissance city's most feared criminal court, is given four days to solve the murder: catch the killer before the feast of Epiphany – or suffer the consequences. During his investigations Aldo uncovers a plot to overthrow the volatile ruler of Florence, Alessandro de' Medici. If the Duke falls, it will endanger the whole city. But a rival officer of the court is determined to expose details about Aldo's private life that could lead to his ruin. Can Aldo stop the conspiracy before anyone else dies, or will his own secrets destroy him first? *The Darkest Sin* (TP, \$32.99) is the sequel.

Historical mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### Shadows Reel

Joe Pickett series

#### Box, G J

A day before the three Pickett girls come home for Thanksgiving, Joe is called out for a moose-poaching incident that turns out to be something much more sinister: a local fishing guide has been brutally tortured and murdered. At the same time, Marybeth opens an unmarked package at the library where she works and finds a photo album that belonged to an infamous Nazi official. Who left it there? And why? She learns that during World War II, several Wyoming soldiers were in the group that fought to Hitler's Eagles Nest retreat in the Alps – and one of them took the Fuhrer's personal photo album. Did another take this one and keep it all these years? When a close neighbour is murdered, Joe and Marybeth face new questions: Who is after the book? And how will they solve its mystery before someone hurts them... or their girls? Meanwhile, Nate Romanowski is on the hunt for the man who stole his falcons and attacked his wife. Using a network of fellow falconers, Nate tracks the man from one city to another. Even as he grasps the true threat his quarry presents, Nate swoops in for the kill – and a stunning final showdown.

Thriller TP \$29.99

### Vanda

#### Brunet, Marion

A beautiful and often poetic tale that is unflinching about social and personal violence. Set in Marseilles, this is the story of Vanda, a beautiful woman in her thirties, arms covered in tats, skin so dark that some take her for a North African. Devoted to her six-year-old son Noé, they live in a derelict shed by the beach. She had wanted to be an artist; she is now a cleaner in a psychiatric hospital. But Vanda is happy living alone, like a mama bear with her cub. 'The two of them against the world', as she says. Everything changes when Simon, the father of her son, surfaces in Marseilles. He had left Vanda seven years earlier, not knowing that she was pregnant. When Simon demands custody of his son, Vanda's suppressed rage

threatens to explode. The tension becomes unbearable, both parents fully capable of extreme violence.

Thriller TP \$35.95

### The Case of the Careless Thief

Ludovic Travers mysteries

#### Bush, Christopher

When Ludovic Travers went to Sandbeach – 'the Blackpool of the South Coast' – his purpose was to investigate on behalf of an insurance company a jewel robbery at one of that lively resort's leading hotels. The victim of the robbery was Mona Dovell, the flighty wife of an elderly and highly respected magistrate. Ludovic was not long on the job before he discovered that Mona was heavily involved with a bookmaker of dubious reputation, and that her relations with certain members of the local CID were unconventional to say the least of it. After that, even the robbery itself began to smell fishy, and Ludovic started to wonder if there was not also a strong whiff of corruption in the air. A reissue, first published in 1956.

Classic mystery (reissue) TP \$26.95

### The Case of the Dead Man Gone

Ludovic Travers mysteries

#### Bush, Christopher

When the well-dressed Mrs Wilson came into his office, her business seemed simple enough – although a little odd and mysterious for a woman of her bearing. She wanted Travers to find a missing man, who used to do a second-rate Houdini act, in music halls. If Travers found her man, he was not to contact Mrs Wilson but to advertise his find in the European edition of the *New York Times*. As first one person disappears and then another, what should have been a routine assignment becomes intriguingly complex. And the case becomes dangerous when a murdered man is discovered with Travers' calling card in his pocket. A reissue, first published in 1961.

Classic mystery (reissue) TP \$26.95

### The Case of the Good Employer

Ludovic Travers mysteries

#### Bush, Christopher

The good employer: yes, on the face of it, a fair description of Leonard Woode. Elderly, of independent means, cultured, considerate, his servants in his home would certainly endorse this view. Ludovic Travers struck up a chance acquaintanceship with Woode at an auction of valuable paintings, and when the old gentleman was taken ill, accompanied him home. This led to a small assignment for Travers, as Woode was anxious to trace the whereabouts of a certain French family. The whole reason for the commission was shrouded in mystery and on its conclusion Woode sent a retainer to Travers to cover possible future errands. Having this in view Travers continued with his investigations after the old man's death. Many questions remained unanswered which intrigued not only the detective, but also his old friend, Inspector Jewle. Who was the mysterious nurse? Was Freeman really the old man's nephew and if so how had he been located so fortuitously? How did Dr Hitchman fit into the scheme? Travers gradually untangled

the web and answered these questions and many unsuspected others. A reissue, first published in 1966.

Classic mystery (reissue) TP \$26.95

### The Case of the Grand Alliance

Ludovic Travers mysteries

#### Bush, Christopher

Well, thought Ludovic Travers as he set the newspaper aside, that finally put a period to a highly unsuccessful case. The woman, a Mrs Strand, had seemed a bit deranged when she came to him for help in locating some missing friends, but he quest led to a dead end. So, Travers turns to the infinitely more challenging new mystery of the missing diamonds – £50,000 of them, stolen from an impregnable safe in a distinguished London jeweller's, and perfect, if worthless, replicas substituted. He meets some charming people who may or may not be thieves. And he finds himself up against not only an unholy threesome – the grand alliance – but also a merciless blackmailer and a murderer. Oddly enough, the unfinished business of Mrs Strand provides the key to this almost unfathomable mystery. A reissue, first published in 1964.

Classic mystery (reissue) TP \$26.95

### The Case of the Heavenly Twin

Ludovic Travers mysteries

#### Bush, Christopher

Ludovic Travers had never come across a more ingenious fraud – three of them, in fact. All were perpetrated in only 24 hours. One was in Liverpool, the second and third in Southampton and London. The same two people posing as an American married couple, had purchased a diamond ring at each of three jewellery stores, paying for all three with beautifully forged traveller's cheques – to the tune of about two thousand pounds. The thieves had then done a highly successful vanishing act. Shortly after Ludovic Travers is called in on the case, he is diverted from it by the search for a missing heir, one of the twin grandsons of an old friend. The twin on the scene – the Heavenly Twin, Travers calls him – is apparently doing very well. The other has definitely gone wrong, and has also disappeared. On the missing twin's trail, Travers encounters yet another diversion: a jewel robbery in a country house in Hampshire. And then two more forged cheques turn up. Are they red herrings – or pieces of the same puzzle? A reissue, first published in 1963.

Classic mystery (reissue) TP \$26.95

### The Case of the Jumbo Sandwich

Ludovic Travers mysteries

#### Bush, Christopher

Ludovic Travers, private investigator, is approached by a slight acquaintance from his past, one Isabel Herne. She has seemingly fallen into the hands of a charming con-man, who has promised her the earth, including a very expensive racehorse. When the racehorse fails to materialise, and the man vanishes, she tasks Ludovic with finding the latter and, if possible, recovering her money. But what appears to be one kind of case soon plunges headlong into another – one of blackmail, black magic, a black sheep, and murder.

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Ludo will have to pit his wits against a desperate killer – and his wife Bernice will play an unexpectedly active part. A reissue, first published in 1965.

Classic mystery (reissue) TP \$26.95

### The Case of the Sapphire Brooch

Ludovic Travers mysteries

**Bush, Christopher**

Who were the intruders who left bloodstains and a sapphire brooch in Paul Farrell's flat? And, since nothing was taken, why should that flat be burgled at all? That problem was only the beginning. What, for instance, had become of Farrell's wife? And of the girl adopted by the vicar's sister? And why should that sister plant bulbs on a stranger's grave? And why should a Soho head waiter, doing pretty well for himself, suddenly commit suicide? These were only some of the problems confronting Ludovic Travers and his old friends, Matthews and Jewle of Scotland Yard. A tangle, indeed, of intrigue, blackmail and murder that seemed unsolvable: and yet, when finally resolved, makes the reader wonder why he had not found the answers long before. A reissue, first published in 1960.

Classic mystery (reissue) TP \$26.95

### The Case of the Three-Ring Puzzle

Ludovic Travers mysteries

**Bush, Christopher**

Ludovic Travers remembered Brian Jedmont as a photographer whose ambition outran his sense of ethics. The Broad Street Detective Agency had stopped using his services in unfortunate circumstances, and Travers was accordingly surprised when one day Jedmont turned up at the office anxious to become a client on his own account. Specifically, he wanted Travers to investigate an American who was busily beguiling Jedmont's aunt into the purchase of some questionable oil shares. Was it the old story of the con-man and the gullible wealthy widow? Travers agreed to try to find the answer, but in doing so he became involved in matters of blackmail and murder as well. A three-ring puzzle, in fact. A reissue, first published in 1962.

Classic mystery (reissue) TP \$26.95

### The Trail of the Three Lean Men

**Bush, Christopher**

The young narrator of this mystery thriller is stony broke. In dire straits he appeals to his former boss, now a top man at a London newspaper, for a writing job. Mr Burnside suggests he go out and find himself a really piquant subject for a series of articles, one in which he can involve himself personally, if possible. It is not long before the would-be scribe spots three lean men and, smelling a good story, follows the curious trio into an adventure far beyond the world of journalism. The narrator's incredible journey takes him to a sinister middle-European nation, up to his ears in diabolical international intrigue, and embroiled in a plot of implacable revenge and premeditated murder. A reissue, first published in 1932.

Classic mystery (reissue) TP \$26.95

### Stitched in Crime

Craft Fair Knitters mysteries

**Caldwell, Emmie**

The Craft Fair may have hit a few snags lately, but knitting enthusiast Lia Geiger is hopeful her quiet life will return to its usual patterns in no time. Her daughter has officially moved back home, and sure, the house is a little crowded with Hayley's take-home work from the alpaca farm, but that's a price Lia will happily pay. All seems well until Cori Littlefield, a new vendor with a gift for crochet, is found dead, sending shock waves through all of Crandalsburg. What begins as a tragic accident turns into a snarled pool of lies that only the combined efforts of the Ninth Street Knitters can untangle. When Lia makes a connection between Cori's death and a decades-old murder, it's up to her to weave together the clues and find the truth.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Just One Look

**Cameron, Lindsay**

Cassie Woodson is adrift. After suffering an epic tumble down the corporate ladder, Cassie finds the only way she can pay her bills is to take a thankless temp job reviewing correspondence for a large-scale fraud suit. The daily drudgery amplifies all that her life is lacking – love, friends, stability – and leaves her with too much time on her hands, which she spends fixating on the mistakes that brought her to this point. While sorting through a relentless deluge of emails, something catches her eye: the tender (and totally private) exchanges between a partner at the firm, Forest Watts, and his enchanting wife, Annabelle. Cassie knows she shouldn't read them. But it's just one look. And once that door opens, she finds she can't look away. Every day, twenty floors below Forest's corner office, Cassie dissects their emails from her dingy workstation. A few clicks of her mouse and she can see every adoring word they write to each other. By peering into their apparently perfect life, Cassie finds renewed purpose and happiness, revelling in their penchant for vintage wines, morning juice presses, and lavish dinner parties thrown in their stately Westchester home. There are no secrets from her. Or so she thinks. Her admiration quickly escalates into all-out mimicry, because she wants this life more than anything. Maybe if she plays make-believe long enough, it will become real for her. But when Cassie orchestrates a 'chance' meeting with Forest in the real world and sees something that throws the state of his marriage into question, the fantasy she's been carefully cultivating shatters. Suddenly, she doesn't simply admire Annabelle – she wants to take her place. And she's armed with the tools to make that happen.

Thriller TP \$37.95

### Bone Rattle

Arliss Cutter series

**Cameron, Marc**

In Juneau, a young Native archaeologist is sent to protect the ancient burial sites uncovered by an Alaskan gold mining company. He never returns. In Anchorage, a female torso – minus head, hands, and

feet – is washed ashore near a jogging trail by the airport. It is not the first. At Alaska's Fugitive Task Force, Arliss Cutter and deputy Lola Teariki are pulled from their duties and sent to a federal court in Juneau. Instead of tracking dangerous fugitives, Cutter and Lola will be keeping track of sequestered jurors in a high-profile trial. The case involves a massive drug conspiracy with ties to a mining company, a lobbyist, and two state senators. When a prosecuting attorney is murdered – and a reporter viciously attacked – Cutter realises they're dealing with something much bigger, and darker, than a simple drug trial. The truth lies deep within the ancient sites and precious mines of this isolated land – and inside the cold hearts of those would kill to hide its secrets... What's buried in Alaska stays in Alaska.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### Daughters of Eve

**Campbell, Nina D**

When a high-profile murder lands literally at her feet, Detective Emilia Hart sees a chance to expand her caseload beyond the endless succession of domestic violence matters she is forced to investigate. But this is no simple investigation. Another body turns up, then another. Then more – a lot more. All men, all shot, with a similar MO. It's not until a manifesto taking credit for the crimes is published by a group calling themselves Daughters of Eve that Hart confirms a link between the victims: all of them had been perpetrators themselves. All had offended against women or children. Few had been charged with those crimes – and none convicted. As panic sets in and chaos rules the streets, the police draw ever closer to the Daughters of Eve, but the serial killer continues to elude them. Again, Hart sees something that everyone else has missed. And what that is, she cannot believe.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### The Heights

**Gandliss, Louise**

The Heights is a tall, slender apartment building, among warehouses in London. Its roof terrace is so discreet, you wouldn't know it existed if you weren't standing at the window of the flat directly opposite. But you are. And that's when you see a man up there – a man you'd recognise anywhere. He may be older now, but it's definitely him. But that can't be because he's been dead for over two years. You know this for a fact. Because you're the one who killed him.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### The Couple on Maple Drive

**Garrington, Sam**

You never really know what goes on behind closed doors... When Isla McKenzie is brutally mugged, it's her boyfriend Zach who's there for her, who moves in to look after her when she can barely bring herself to leave the house. But then something else happens, right on their doorstep. And it's almost like someone's out to get her... Can Isla and Zach find out the truth before it's too late? – Or, at least, before the secrets they're hiding from each other surface?

Mystery/suspense TP \$19.99

### Spirits and Sourdough

Magical Bakery mysteries

**Gates, Bailey**

Hedgewitch Katie Lightfoot works at the Honeybee Bakery in Savannah, and she's always up for investigating her adopted home's rich supernatural history. That's why she's taking a ghost tour for the very first time. But when the psychic tour guide tells Katie that she's being followed by the ghost of a recently murdered woman, Katie realises she met the victim earlier that day, just before she died. She knows she must bring the killer to justice. And this murder isn't the only mystery Katie needs to solve. Her new husband, Declan McCarthy, is missing the guardian spirit who always watched over him, and she's concerned that Deck's life could be at risk if they can't find him. Under pressure from the living and the dead, Katie will have to use all of her magical skills to start an investigation from scratch and avoid half-baked alibis, because this baker kneads to find a killer.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Death on the Nile

Poirot mysteries, film tie-in edition

**Christie, Agatha**

Beloved detective Hercule Poirot embarks on a journey to Egypt in one of Agatha Christie's most famous mysteries. The tranquillity of a luxury cruise along the Nile was shattered by the discovery that Linnet Ridgeway had been shot through the head. She was young, stylish, and beautiful. A girl who had everything... until she lost her life. Hercule Poirot recalled an earlier outburst by a fellow passenger: 'I'd like to put my dear little pistol against her head and just press the trigger.' Yet under the searing heat of the Egyptian sun, nothing is ever quite what it seems. A sweeping mystery of love, jealousy, and betrayal, *Death on the Nile* is one of Christie's most legendary and timeless works. Now a major motion picture with a screenplay by Michael Green, directed by and starring Kenneth Branagh's moustache, alongside Gal Gadot.

Christie (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### A Killer Sundae

Ice Cream Parlour mysteries

**Collette, Abby**

Chagrin Falls, Ohio, is gorgeous in the fall, and Bronwyn Crewse, owner of Crewse Creamery, knows just how to welcome the new season. At the annual Harvest Time Festival, residents will get a chance to enjoy hot-air balloons and hayrides, crown a new Harvest Time Festival Queen, and eat delicious frozen treats sold at Win's freshly purchased ice cream truck. But she gets into a sprinkle of trouble when a festivalgoer is poisoned and Win is implicated. Although the victim was a former Harvest Time Festival Queen, her once-sunny disposition had dimmed into bitterness, leaving no shortage of suspects at the festival. To clear her name before the chill of winter sets in, Win will have to investigate and hope that her detective skills won't 'dessert' her.

Mystery TP \$27.99

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### Witch Trial

Full Moon mysteries

#### Conte, Gate

The Full Moon crystal shop in North Harbor, Connecticut, offers healing stones for all sorts of ailments. Unfortunately, there's nothing among the gems that can help owner Violet Mooney learn how to wield the magick she inherited from both sides of her family – the legendary Ravenstar and Moonstone clans. As if being an apprentice witch weren't difficult enough, Violet's tutors are her estranged mother Fiona, a sister she never knew she had named Zoe, and a familiar in the form of a black cat, Xander. Between learning spells, Violet is being investigated by the Magickal Council. A reporter out to debunk spiritualists was 'genied' – her soul imprisoned inside a bottle – in Violet's shop, and she can't prove she didn't do it. Meanwhile, her non-magickal life has become complicated when one of her crystal shop customers, Nicole St James, goes missing and turns up dead, a victim of murder. Determined to solve both crimes, Violet taps into powers she doesn't understand, much less control – and finds herself conjuring up both supernatural and mortal enemies...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Honey Roasted

Coffeehouse mysteries

#### Goyle, Gleo

While struggling to find a romantic (and affordable) destination for her upcoming honeymoon, coffeehouse manager Clare Cosi whips up a sweet new drink made from honey-processed coffee. Clare plans to serve her outstanding new Honey-Cinnamon Latte at her spring wedding to her long-time honey, NYPD detective Mike Quinn. The culinary world is also abuzz about the amazing honey that Clare was lucky enough to source for her shop's new latte. Produced by Madame's old friend Queen Bea Hastings, the rare, prize-winning nectar from Bea's rooftop hives commands a premium price, and top chefs compete for a chance to use it in their signature seasonal dishes. One night, a swarm of escaped bees blanket the Village Blend's chimney, and Clare discovers Bea's unconscious body after she seemingly fell from her high-rise rooftop-hive setup. The police want to rule it as a tragic accident or possible attempted suicide, but Clare does not believe either theory. Like Madame, she knows this Queen would never abandon her hive. To sort out this mystery, Clare investigates a world of cutthroat chefs, culinary start-ups, and competitive urban beekeepers. But can she uncover the truth without getting stung?

Mystery HC \$48.99

### Desperate Undertaking

Flavia Albia mysteries

#### Davis, Lindsey

Rome, the very end of December. The Field of Mars is packed with monuments, none more beautiful than Domitian's new Odeon and Stadium. But the area has been overtaken by ugly events: elaborately staged murders. Someone bears a spectacular grudge against the theatrical community, and intends to get revenge in the most spectacular way possible. The killer's method is to re-enact bloody scenes from the gruesome side of popular theatre, where characters in plays really die

on stage. A figure from the past wants Flavia Albia's father to investigate, but Falco is out of Rome for the holidays. Albia seizes the commission. And begins to regret doing so almost immediately. 'The undertaker did it!' the first victim croaks before expiring. This seems to make no sense, because surely people are already dead, when they go to their funeral? Though there is a serial killer at large, the authorities would prefer a coverup, but Albia is driven to discover what is going on. How much blood must be shed before the mania ends? And could her own family be on the list for a frightful stage death?

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

### First Born

#### Dean, Will

Molly Raven lives a quiet, structured life in London, finding comfort in security and routine. Her identical twin Katie, living in New York, is the exact opposite: outgoing, spontaneous, and adventurous. But when Molly hears that Katie has died, possibly murdered, she is thrown into unfamiliar territory. As terrifying as it is, she knows she must travel across the ocean and find out what happened. But as she tracks her twin's final movements, cracks begin to emerge, and she slowly realises her sister was not who she thought she was and there's a dangerous web of deceit surrounding the two of them.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### The Midnight Lock

Lincoln Rhyme series

#### Deaver, Jeffrey

A woman awakes in the morning to find that someone has picked her apartment's supposedly impregnable door lock and rearranged personal items, even sitting beside her while she slept. The intrusion, the police learn, is a message to the entire city of carnage to come. Lincoln Rhyme and Amelia Sachs are brought in to investigate and soon learn that the sociopathic intruder, who calls himself the Locksmith, can break through any lock or security system ever devised. With more victims on the horizon, Rhyme, Sachs and their stable of associates must follow the evidence to the man's lair... and discover his true mission. Their hunt is interrupted when an internal investigation in the police force uncovers what seems to be a crucial mistake in one of Rhyme's previous cases. He's fired as a consultant for the NYPD, and must risk jail if he investigates the Locksmith case in secret.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### A Three Book Problem

Sherlock Holmes Bookshop mysteries

#### Delany, Vicki

It's a crisp, early October weekend, and business is slowing down as fall descends at the Sherlock Holmes Bookshop and Emporium and adjacent Mrs Hudson's Tea Room. Wealthy philanthropist and prominent Sherlockian, David Masterson, has rented Suffolk Gardens House – where he plans to entertain his friends in a traditional English country house weekend. As the chosen caterers, Jayne Watson and Gemma Doyle get to work preparing lavish meals and setting up Sherlockian books and props for entertainment. Meanwhile, police detective Ryan Ashburton has taken time away from his duties to assist in the kitchen. It quickly

becomes apparent that David's guests don't like each other – or their host. Plus, some of them aren't even acquainted with the adventures of the Great Detective. Before Gemma can ponder their relationships a poisoned dart sails through the window of the library, presenting Gemma Doyle with a three-book problem.

Mystery HC \$47.99

### For Your Own Good

#### Downing, Samantha

Teddy Crutcher has won Teacher of the Year at the prestigious Belmont Academy, home to the best and brightest. He says his wife couldn't be prouder – though no one has seen her in a while. Teddy really can't be bothered with a few mysterious deaths on campus or with the student digging a little too deep into Teddy's personal life. His main focus is pushing these kids to their full academic potential. All he wants is for his colleagues – and the endlessly meddling parents – to stay out of his way. If not, well, they'll get what they deserve. It's really too bad that sometimes excellence can come at such a high cost.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### Something's Guava Give

Trouble in Paradise! mysteries

#### Doyle, Carrie

Plum Lockhart went out on a limb when she ditched her corporate job in New York City and moved to the Caribbean island of Paraiso. Now the head of her own villa broker agency, Plum spends her days chasing down clients and lounging on white sand beaches. But the sweet life turns sour when a publishing heiress is found dead at the mansion of an eccentric tycoon, Dieter Friedrich. Even worse, Plum's old colleague cashes in a favour and asks her to investigate. It looks like she'll need to fit a murder case into her already jam-packed schedule! Friedrich is known for his shady dealings, but he's not the only bad apple on the island – Plum will have to contend with a scheming millionaire, a sleazy rockstar, and devious B-list celebrities. And joining Plum once again is Juan Kevin Munoz, the distractingly gorgeous Director of Security. Despite the sparks between them, they'll need to stay focused on the case – there's a murderer hot on their heels!

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Crooked Shore

Lake District Cold Case mysteries

#### Edwards, Martin

DCI Hannah Scarlett is an acknowledged expert in solving cold cases, but is struggling under the weight of bureaucracy when Ramona Smith's disappearance from Bowness more than twenty years ago crosses her desk. The prime suspect was charged but found not guilty. Now the case has come back into the public eye as the result of a shocking tragedy on the Crooked Shore, the fount of dark legends in the south of the Lake District. Tensions mount in the summer heat as a ruthless killer, who has already got away with one murder, plans further appalling crimes. Hannah finds herself racing against the clock as she strives to solve the mysteries and save innocent lives.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Murder at the Savoy

Hotel mysteries

#### Eldridge, Jim

September 1940: the height of the Blitz.

The Savoy Hotel boasts London's strongest air raid shelter with all the luxury expected from one of the capital's most prestigious hotels. It prompts the arrival of a disgruntled crowd from the East End, demanding they be allowed entry and respite from the endless bombing raids. They are given permission to enter and are stunned by the opulence that greets them. The all-clear sounds the next morning and London comes slowly back to life, but not everyone can dust themselves down and carry on. One of the hotel's guests has been discovered dead, stabbed in the back. Detective Chief Inspector Coburg and Sergeant Lampson are called in and the finger of suspicion falls firmly upon the East Londoners, but not everything is as it seems in these sumptuous surroundings.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### The Recovery Agent

Gabriela Rose series

#### Evanovich, Janet

Lost something? Gabriela Rose knows how to get it back. As a recovery agent, she's hired by individuals and companies seeking lost treasures, stolen heirlooms, or missing assets of any kind. She's reliable, cool under pressure, and well trained in weapons of all types. But Gabriela's latest job isn't for some bamboozled billionaire, it's for her own family, whose home is going to be wiped off the map if they can't come up with a lot of money fast. Inspired by an old family legend, Gabriela sets off for the jungles of Peru, in pursuit of the Ring of Solomon and the lost treasure of Lima. But this particular job comes with a huge problem attached to it – Gabriela's ex-husband, Rafer. It's Rafer who has the map that possibly points the way to the treasure, and he's not about to let Gabriela find it without him. Rafer is as relaxed as Gabriela is driven, and he has a lifetime's experience getting under his ex-wife's skin. But when they aren't bickering about old times the two make a formidable team, and it's going to take a team to defeat the vicious drug lord who has also been searching for the fabled ring. A drug lord who doesn't mind leaving a large body count behind him to get it. The first in an irresistible new series.

Mystery TP \$32.99

### The Cover Wife

Fesperman, Dan

When CIA agent Claire Saylor is told that she'll be going undercover in Hamburg to pose as the wife of an academic who has published a controversial interpretation of the Quran's promise to martyrs, she assumes the job is a punishment for past unorthodox behaviour. But when she discovers her team leader is Paul Bridger, another Agency maverick, she realises there may be more to this mission than meets the eye – and not just for professional reasons. Meanwhile, across town in Hamburg, Mahmoud, a recent Moroccan émigré, begins to fall under the sway of a group of radicals at his local mosque. The deeper he's drawn into the group, the greater the danger he faces, and he is soon torn between his obligations to them and his feelings toward a beautiful westernised Muslim woman. As Claire learns

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the truth about her mission, and Mahmoud grows closer to the radicals, the danger between them builds and spells disaster, far beyond the CIA.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### An Extravagant Death

Charles Lenox mysteries  
**Finch, Charles**  
*London, 1878.* With faith in Scotland Yard shattered after a damning corruption investigation, Charles Lenox's detective agency is rapidly expanding. The gentleman sleuth has all the work he can handle, two children, and an intriguing new murder case. But when Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli offers him the opportunity to undertake a diplomatic mission for the Queen, Lenox welcomes the chance to satisfy an unfulfilled yearning: to travel to America. Arriving in New York, he begins to receive introductions into both its old Knickerbocker society and its new robber baron splendour. Then, a shock: the death of the season's most beautiful debutante, who appears to have thrown herself from a cliff. Or was it murder? Lenox's reputation has preceded him to the States, and he is summoned to a magnificent Newport mansion to investigate the mysterious death. What ensues is a fiendish game of cat and mouse. Our historical mystery fans love Charles Lenox's adventures. The series begins with *A Beautiful Blue Death* (TP, \$26.95). Recommended.

Historical mystery TP \$36.99

### Good Night, Forever

Sam Carver series  
**Fleishman, Jeffrey**  
She got away once, but will LA detective Sam Carver let killer Dylan Cross escape again? Los Angeles is not itself. Rain falls hard every day. Homeless men are set on fire in their tents. Detective Sam Carver chases leads into a maze of militias and neo-Nazis. But before he gets too deep into the case, a past that has haunted him for years returns in the name of Dylan Cross. The killer who got away. Carver knows she has murdered again, but no one believes him. She leaves him clues, writes him notes, tempts him. She wants him to betray everything he is. He is drawn to her by the damage and demons they both carry. But he is certain that when they meet again, only one will survive. This is a love story of delusion and obsession, and how the dark things we desire reveal the truths that made us.

Noir HC \$57.95

### Crimes and Covers

Magical Bookshop mysteries  
**Flower, Amanda**  
Christmas is coming to the Western New York village of Cascade Springs, and so is the long-awaited wedding of Charming Books proprietor Violet Waverly and police chief David Rainwater. Grandma Daisy and Violet's best friend, Sadie, go all out to make the nuptials the event of the season – whether Violet likes it or not. But the reception becomes memorable for all the wrong reasons when a woman's dead body floats by on the frigid Niagara River. Violet is shocked to recognise the deceased as a mysterious woman who visited Charming Books two days before the wedding, toting a rare first

edition of Henry David Thoreau's *Walden*. Well aware that a mint condition copy could be worth more than \$14,000, Violet told the woman she would have to have the book appraised before she could consider buying it. Most displeased, the woman tucked the precious tome under her arm and stormed out of the shop. Now she's dead, and an enigmatic message scrawled in pen upon her palm reads, *They stole my book*. It's a confounding case, indeed. But fortunately, Violet can draw on the resources of her bookshop's magical consciousness, which communicates clues to Violet via quotes from *Walden*. With Emerson the tuxedo cat and Faulkner the crow at her side, Violet sets out to recover the priceless book by solving a murder most transcendental

Mystery HC \$47.99

### Triple Chocolate Cheesecake Murder

Hannah Swensen mysteries  
**Fluke, Joanne**  
Hannah's up to her ears with Easter orders rushing in at The Cookie Jar, plus a festive meal to prepare for a dinner party at her mother's penthouse. But everything comes crashing to a halt when Hannah receives a panicked call from her sister Andrea – Mayor Richard Bascomb has been murdered... and Andrea is the prime suspect. Even with his reputation for being a bully, Mayor Bascomb had been unusually testy in the days leading up to his death, leaving Hannah to wonder if he knew he was in danger. There are plenty of suspects to sift through for sure. And as orders pile up at The Cookie Jar – and children line up for Easter egg hunts – Hannah must spring into investigation mode and identify the real killer... before another murder happens!

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### The Case of the Duplicate Daughter

Perry Mason mysteries  
**Gardner, Erle Stanley**  
Muriel Gilman left her father at the breakfast table while she cooked seconds of sausage and eggs. When she returned, he had disappeared. She searched the house from cellar to attic. Then she went out to the workshop... there, scattered on the floor, were hundred-dollar bills, an overturned chair, and a spreading, crimson stain. That's when she telephoned Perry Mason. Perry Mason has so many questions: why did she call him? Why didn't she want her stepsister to talk to him? And why was Gillman's wife being blackmailed – by a female private investigator...? For fans of classic hard-boiled whodunits, this is a time machine back to an exuberant era of snappy patter, stakeouts, and double-crosses – *LA Times*.

Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Case of the Shoplifter's Shoe

American Mystery Classics  
**Gardner, Erle Stanley**  
Sleuthing attorney Perry Mason can't resist a good mystery, so when he sees an older woman being accused of shoplifting during a department store outing with his assistant, Della Street, he doesn't hesitate to intervene. Armed with an assumption of innocence

and the legal acumen to silence her accuser, Mason leaps to the woman's defence – until her niece appears, acknowledging her aunt's guilt, and pays for the stolen items. Soon thereafter, Aunt Sarah is accused of stealing a valuable set of diamonds, and her niece, Virginia, enlists Mason's aid. The man who left the jewels in Sarah's care insists that she didn't take them, but when he turns up dead, she's left with nobody to vouch for her. Nobody, that is, but Perry Mason – expert in the art of defending the innocent. The thirteenth novel in the bestselling Perry Mason series, *The Case of the Shoplifter's Shoe* is an exemplary episode for the character, featuring the complex plots, snappy dialogue, and breakneck pacing that make the novels perennial favourites of mystery fans, everywhere.

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

### By Way of Sorrow

Erin McCabe Legal series  
**Gigl, Robyn**  
Four months ago, William E Townsend Jr, son of a New Jersey State Senator, was found fatally stabbed in a rundown motel near Atlantic City. Sharise Barnes, a 19-year-old transgender prostitute, is in custody, and given the evidence against her, there seems little doubt of a guilty verdict. Erin knows that defending Sharise will blow her own private life wide open, and doubtless deepen her estrangement from her family. Yet as a trans woman, she feels uniquely qualified to help Sharise, and duty bound to protect her from the possibility of a death sentence. Sharise claims she killed the senator's son in self-defence. As Erin assembles the case with her partner, former FBI agent Duane Swisher, the circumstances hint at a more complex and chilling story with ties to other brutal murders. Senator Townsend is using the full force of his prestige and connections to publicly discredit everyone involved in defending Sharise. Behind the scenes, his tactics are even more dangerous. His son had secrets that could destroy the senator's political aspirations – secrets worth killing for. And as leads begin mysteriously disappearing, it's not just the life of Erin's client at stake, but her own... The first in a series.

Thriller TP \$27.99

### A Loyal Traitor

Richard Knox Spy series  
**Gilster, Tim**  
It's 1966. London is swinging, and the Cold War is spiralling. Clear cut lines have faded to grey areas. Whispers of conspiracies are everywhere. Spies on both sides of the iron curtain are running in circles, chasing constant plots and counterplots. And MI5 agent Richard Knox is tired of all of it. But when Abey Bennett, his CIA comrade in arms, appears in London with a ghost from Knox's past and a terrifying warning that could change the balance of power in the Cold War for good, he has to fight to save the future. He must also face an agonising choice: who will he believe, and who will he betray – his duty to his country or his loyalty to his friends?

Suspense HC \$29.99

### This is the Night They Come for You

Goddard, Robert  
On a stifling afternoon at Police HQ in Algiers, Superintendent Taleb, coasting towards retirement, with not even an air-conditioned office to show for his long years of service, is handed a ticking time bomb of a case which will take him deep into Algeria's troubled past and its fraught relationship with France. To his dismay, he is assigned to work with Agent Hidouchi, an intimidating representative of the country's feared secret service, who makes it clear she intends to call the shots. They are instructed to pursue a former agent, now on the run after twenty years in prison for his part in a high-level corruption scandal. But their search will lead them inexorably towards a greater mystery, surrounding a murder that took place in Paris more than fifty years ago. Uncovering the truth may be his responsibility, but Taleb is well aware that no one in Algeria wants to be reminded of the dark deeds carried out in the struggle for independence – or in the violence that has racked the nation since. Before long, he will face a choice he has long sought to avoid, between self-preservation and doing the right thing. And, ultimately, the choice may not even be his to make. The acclaimed crime writer's follow-up to *The Fine Art of Invisible Detection* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### The Truth-Seeker's Wife

Insp Ben Ross mysteries  
**Granger, Ann**  
It is Spring 1871, when Lizzie Ross accompanies her formidable Aunt Parry on a restorative trip to the south coast. Lizzie's husband, Ben, is kept busy at Scotland Yard and urges his wife to stay out of harm's way. But when Lizzie and her aunt are invited to dine with other guests at the home of wealthy landowner Sir Henry Meager, and he is found shot dead in his bed the next morning, no one feels safe. On Lizzie's last visit to the New Forest, another gruesome murder took place, and the superstitious locals now see her as a bad omen. But Lizzie suspects that Sir Henry had a number of bitter enemies, many of whom might have wanted him dead. And, once Ben arrives to help with the investigation, he and Lizzie must work together to expose Sir Henry's darkest secrets and a ruthless killer intent on revenge...

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### A Valiant Deceit

Olive Bright mysteries  
**Graves, Stephanie**  
Returning to Pibley following her FANY (First Aid Nursing Yeomanry) training, Olive is eager to step up her involvement in the war effort. Her pigeons are being conscripted to aid the Belgian resistance, and it's up to Olive to choose the best birds for the mission. To protect the secrecy of their work, she must also continue the ruse of being romantically involved with her superior, Captain Jameson Aldridge, a task made more challenging by the fact that she really does have feelings for the gruff Irish intelligence officer. But perhaps the greatest challenge of all comes when an instructor at Station XVII, the top-secret training school

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housed at Brickendonbury Manor, is found dead in Balls Wood by a troop of Girl Guides. The police quickly rule Lieutenant Jeremy Beckett's death an accident, but based on clues she finds at the scene, Olive begins to suspect he might have been a spy. Involving the reluctant Jamie, she is determined to solve the murder and possibly stop a threat to their intelligence efforts which could put the Belgians – not to mention her pigeons – in grave danger. The sequel to *Olive Bright, Pigeoneer* (TP, \$27.99).

Mystery/suspense HC \$44.99

### **Olive Bright, Pigeoneer**

Olive Bright mysteries

#### **Graves, Stephanie**

Though war rages across mainland Europe and London is strafed by German aircraft, the little village of Piple in Hertfordshire bustles along much as it always has. Adrift since her best friend, George, joined the Royal Air Force, 22-year-old Olive Bright fills her days by helping at her father's veterinary practice and tending to her beloved racing pigeons. Desperate to do her bit, Olive hopes that the National Pigeon Service will enlist Bright Lofts' expertise, and use their highly-trained birds to deliver critical, coded messages for His Majesty's Forces. The strangers who arrive in Piple are not from the NPS. Instead, Jameson Aldridge and his associate are tied to a covert British intelligence organisation known as Baker Street. If Olive wants her pigeons to help the war effort, she must do so in complete secrecy. Tired of living vicariously through the characters of her beloved Agatha Christie novels, Olive readily agrees. But, in the midst of her subterfuge, the village of Piple is dealing with another mystery. Local busybody Miss Husselbee is found dead outside Olive's pigeon loft. Is the murder tied to Olive's new assignment? Or did Miss Husselbee finally succeed in ferreting out a secret shameful enough to kill for? With the gruff, handsome Jameson as an unlikely ally, Olive intends to find out – but homing in on a murderer can be a deadly business... The first in a series.

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

### **The Midnight Hour**

Brighton (Stephens & Mephisto) mysteries

#### **Griffiths, Elly**

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

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### **Murder at a Scottish Social**

Scottish Shire mysteries

#### **Hall, Traci**

Opening her shop Cashmere Crush and making a new home for herself, her son Brody, Gramps, and their black Scottish terrier Wallace in the beautiful Scottish village of Nairn is a dream come true. So, Paislee is happy to give back by donating a luxurious cashmere sweater for an auction to raise money for the Nairn Food Bank. She's less happy to make the acquaintance of a clique of competitive moms at the charity event, who treat a baking contest, like it's life or death. It turns out to be the letter for Queen Bee Kristen Buchanan when a peanut-laced shortbread cookie triggers her fatal nut allergy. Who would poison Kristen? How about half the town? But when Paislee's pal Blaise is suspected, the sweater-selling sleuth leaps into action to unravel the mystery. Along with gruff but handsome DI Mack Zeffer, she has to sort through a batch of suspects without becoming this cookie-cutter killer's next target...

Mystery TP \$27.99

### **The Dark**

#### **Haughton, Emma**

In the most inhospitable environment – cut off from the rest of the world – there's a killer on the loose. A&E doctor Kate North has been knocked out of her orbit by a personal tragedy. So, when she's offered the opportunity to be an emergency replacement at the UN research station in Antarctica, she jumps at the chance. The previous doctor, Jean-Luc, died in a tragic accident while out on the ice. The move seems an ideal solution for Kate: no one knows about her past; no one is checking up on her. But as total darkness descends for the winter, she begins to suspect that Jean-Luc's death wasn't accidental, at all. And the more questions she asks, the more dangerous it becomes...

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### **Sleepless**

#### **Hausmann, Romy**

It's been years since Nadja Kulka was convicted of a cruel crime. After being released from prison, she's wanted nothing more than to live a normal life: nice flat, steady job, even a few friends. But when one of those friends, Laura von Hoven – free-spirited beauty and wife of Nadja's boss – kills her lover and begs Nadja for her help, Nadja can't seem to refuse. The two women make for a remote house in the woods, the perfect place to bury a body. But their plan quickly falls apart and Nadja finds herself outplayed, a pawn in a bizarre game in which she is both the perfect victim and the perfect murderer...

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### **Pesticide**

#### **Hays, Kim**

Bern, Switzerland – known for its narrow cobblestone streets, decorative fountains, and striking towers. Yet, dark currents run through this charming medieval city and beyond, to the idyllic farmlands that surround it. When a rave on a hot summer night erupts into violent riots, a young man is found the next morning bludgeoned to death with a policeman's club. Seasoned detective Giuliana Linder is assigned to the case. That same day,

an elderly organic farmer turns up dead and drenched with pesticide. Enter Giuliana's younger – and distractingly attractive – colleague Renzo Donatelli to investigate the second murder. Giuliana's disappointment that they're on two different cases is tinged with relief – her home life is complicated enough without the risk of a fling. But when an unexpected discovery ties the two victims into a single case, Giuliana and Renzo are thrown closer together than ever before. Dangerously close. Will Giuliana be able to handle the threats to her marriage and to her assumptions about the police? If she wants to prevent another murder, she'll have to put her life on the line – and her principles.

Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

### **Her Diaries and Notebooks**

#### **Highsmith, Patricia**

*'My secrets – the secrets that everyone has – are here, in black and white.'* Published for the very first time, for the centenary of her birth, Patricia Highsmith's diaries and notebooks offer an unparalleled, unforgettable insight into the life and mind of one of the 20th century's most talented, complex and fascinating writers. Posthumously discovered in Highsmith's linen cupboard and edited down from 56 thick spiral notebooks by her devoted editor, Anna Von Planta, this one-volume assemblage of her diaries and notebooks traces Highsmith's mesmerising double life. The diaries show Highsmith's unwavering literary ambitions – coming often at huge personal sacrifice. We see her writing the books that would make her name, including the Ripley novels which mark the apotheosis of the psychological thriller, and *The Price of Salt* (later adapted into the 2015 film *Carol*), one of the first mainstream novels to depict two women in love. In these pages, we see Highsmith reflecting on good and evil, loneliness and intimacy, sexuality and sacrifice, love and murder. We see her tumultuous romantic relationships play out alongside her acquaintances with other writers including Jane Bowles, Aaron Copland, John Gielgud, Truman Capote, Carson McCullers, Arthur Koestler, and W H Auden. And in her skewering of McCarthy-era America, her prickly disparagement of contemporary art, her fixation on love and writing, and ever-percolating prejudices, we see the famously secretive Highsmith revealing the roots of her psychological angst and acuity. Written in her inimitable and dazzling prose and offering all the pleasures of Highsmith's novels, these are one of the most compulsively readable literary diaries to publish in generations – and yield, at last an unparalleled, unfiltered, unforgettable picture of this enigmatic, iconic, trailblazing author's true self.

Writings TP \$34.99

### **Shadow Over Southwold**

Southwold mysteries

#### **Hill, Suzette A**

*1961*. London florist Felix Smythe and close friend Professor Cedric Dillworthy are Suffolk-bound, once more. But their hopes of a trouble-free visit are dashed by the gruesome murder of a highly respected resident – an event which seems to be linked with the bizarre killing in Cambridge of a cleric with murky proclivities. Along with nosy Cambridge don, Professor Aldous

Phipps, and Southwold's Inspector Jennings, the task of sifting truth from falsehood is complicated by a collection of local eccentrics: Horace Dagwood, a hectoring property tycoon; the earnest Reverend Furblo and the cranky Goodhart twins, whose brand of moral crusading may not be as harmless as first thought. The shadow over Southwold looms far, menacing visitor and resident alike and leads to an alarming result.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### **Stargazer**

Leaphorn, Chee & Manuelito mysteries

#### **Hillerman, Anne**

What begins as a typical day for Officer Bernadette Manuelito – serving a bench warrant, dealing with a herd of cattle obstructing traffic, and stumbling across a crime scene – takes an unexpected twist when she's called to help find an old friend. Years ago, Bernie and Maya were roommates, but time and Maya's struggles with addiction drove them apart. Now Maya's brother asks Bernie to find out what happened to his sister. Tracing Maya's whereabouts, Bernie learns that her old friend had confessed to the murder of her estranged husband, a prominent astronomer. But the details don't align. Suspicious, Bernie takes a closer look at the case only to find that nothing is as it seems. Uncovering new information about the astronomer's work leads Bernie to a remote spot on the Navajo Nation and a calculating killer. The investigation causes an unexpected rift with her husband and new acting boss, Jim Chee, who's sure Bernie's headed for trouble. While she's caught between present and past, Chee is at a crossroads of his own. Burdened with new responsibilities he didn't ask for and doesn't want, he must decide what the future holds for him and act accordingly. Can their mentor Joe Leaphorn – a man also looking at the past for answers to the future – provide the guidance both Bernie and Chee need? And will the Navajo heroes that stud the starry sky help them find justice – and the truth they seek?

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### **A Line to Kill**

Detective Daniel Hawthorne series

#### **Horowitz, Anthony**

When Ex-Detective Inspector Daniel Hawthorne and his sidekick, author Anthony Horowitz, are invited to an exclusive literary festival on Alderney, an idyllic island off the south coast of England, they don't expect to find themselves in the middle of murder investigation – or to be trapped with a cold-blooded killer in a remote place with a murky, haunted past. Arriving on Alderney, Hawthorne and Horowitz soon meet the festival's other guests – an eccentric gathering that includes a bestselling children's author, a French poet, a TV chef turned cookbook author, a blind psychic, and a war historian – along with a group of ornery locals embroiled in an escalating feud over a disruptive power line. When a local grandee is found dead under mysterious circumstances, Hawthorne and Horowitz become embroiled in the case. The island is locked down, no one is allowed on or off, and it soon becomes horribly clear that a murderer lurks in their midst. But who? The continuation of the series which begins with *The Word Is Murder* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

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### Wolf Hollow

Lew Ferris mysteries

#### Houston, Victoria

It's mid-May in the tiny north-woods' Wisconsin town of Loon Lake, and the fish are biting. Walleye's not the only thing on the hook. There are rumours that a precious vein of nickel and copper is buried on the property of wealthy Grace McDonough, and the drilling is about to begin. But not if environmentalist Pete Ferris can help it. When Grace's 24-year-old son, Noah, is caught in a sordid sex crime, police chief Lew Ferris makes the arrest. But a day later, Lew is stricken when her brother Pete turns up dead, a bloody pry bar found in the woods nearby. Then, Grace's body is discovered in a car at the bottom of a river – and Noah has vanished. Lew puts out a state-wide APB, but before long, Noah is also found murdered on the McDonough property. It's beginning to look like mother and son were killed by the same person. And when Lew learns that her brother had planned to file a lawsuit to prevent drilling for the sulphur mine, a key piece of the puzzle suddenly falls into place. Lew is beginning to close in on the truth. But has the killer set his bait again, angling for his biggest catch yet?

Mystery/suspense HC \$47.99

### The Mystery of Albert E Finch

Victorian Book Club mysteries

#### Hutton, Callie

*Bath, England, 1892.* Celebrated mystery author Lady Amy Lovell is set to tie the knot with Lord William Wethington, a fellow member of the Mystery Book Club of Bath. Amy's great-aunt, Lady Priscilla Granville, has offered to host their wedding at her stately Derby Manor House. But on the eve of the ceremony, the festive air in the drawing room is marred by Mrs Alice Finch's argument with her husband, Albert, in another room. The next morning at the wedding breakfast, Alice falls, face first, into her breakfast – dead. When Amy and William's favourite detectives are summoned to the house, they see two champagne glasses in front of Mrs Finch and none in front of her husband. Did Albert give his wife a poisoned drink? Always looking for the easiest solution, the detectives charge Albert with the murder. But Lady Amy is not convinced that Albert is guilty. There are too many things that don't add up. In the hopes of being able to leave Bath and begin their honeymoon, Amy and William once again take things into their own hands. Suspects begin to pop up, but nothing takes them more by surprise than the discovery of a second body. Stuck in Bath until the whole poisonous predicament is solved, Amy and William are anxious to collar the perfidious poisoner and be on their way to their honeymoon. If they can't catch the killer, not only is their newlywed bliss under threat, but they may not live to see Happily Ever After, at all.

Historical mystery HC \$47.99

### Three Assassins

#### Isaka, Kotaro

Suzuki is an ordinary man until his wife is murdered. To get answers and his revenge, Suzuki abandons his law-abiding lifestyle and takes a low-level job with a front company operated by the crime gang Maiden,

who are responsible for his wife's death. Before long, Suzuki finds himself caught up in a network of quirky and highly effective assassins: The Cicada is a knife expert. The Pusher nudges people into oncoming traffic. The Whale whispers bleak aphorisms to his victims until they take their own lives. A wild ride through the criminal underworld of Tokyo, populated by contract killers who are almost superhumanly good at their jobs.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Not Dead Enough

Roy Grace mysteries

#### James, Peter

On the night Brian Bishop murdered his wife, he was sixty miles away, asleep in bed at the time. At least, that's the way it looks to Detective Superintendent Roy Grace who is called in to investigate the kinky slaying of beautiful young Brighton socialite, Katie Bishop. Soon, Grace starts coming to the conclusion that Bishop has performed the apparently impossible feat of being in two places at once. Has someone stolen his identity, or is he simply a very clever liar? As Grace digs deeper behind the facade of the Bishops' outwardly respectable lives, it starts to become clear that all is not at all as it first seemed. And then he digs just a little too far, and suddenly the fragile stability of his own troubled, private world is facing destruction... A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Breach of Duty

J P Beaumont series

#### Jance, J A

The end of the old woman's long life came suddenly. She died in her home, torched to death by a fiend with an unknown motive. While Seattle is undergoing unwelcome upscale change, it is strictly on the surface, as the Grim Reaper still lives in the shadows of the city. And it falls to Homicide Detective J P Beaumont and his new partner, Sue Danielson, to get to the bottom of his latest handiwork. But the trail will lead to places and events that will leave two police officers and their cases shattered – and nothing will ever be the same again. A reissue.

Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### The Night She Disappeared

#### Jewell, Lisa

On a beautiful summer night in a charming English suburb, a young woman and her boyfriend disappear after partying at the massive country estate of a new college friend. One year later, a writer moves into a cottage on the edge of the woods that border the same estate. Known locally as the Dark Place, the dense forest is the writer's favourite place for long walks and it's on one such walk that she stumbles upon a mysterious note that simply reads, *Dig Here*. Could this be a clue towards what has happened to the missing young couple? And what exactly is buried in this haunted ground?

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections

#### Jurczyk, Eva

Liesel Weiss long ago learned to be content working behind the scenes in the distinguished rare books department of

a large university, managing details and working behind the scenes to make the head of the department look good. But when her boss has a stroke and she's left to run things, she discovers that the library's most prized manuscript is missing. Liesl tries to sound the alarm and inform the police about the missing priceless book, but is told repeatedly to keep quiet, to keep the doors open and the donors happy. But then a librarian unexpectedly stops showing up to work. Liesl must investigate both disappearances, unspooling her colleagues' pasts like the threads of a rare book binding as it becomes clear that someone in the department must be responsible for the theft. What Liesl discovers about the dusty manuscripts she has worked among for so long – and about the people who care for and revere them – shakes the very foundation on which she has built her life.

Mystery TP \$27.99

### The Berlin Exchange

#### Kanon, Joseph

*Berlin, 1963.* The height of the Cold War and an early morning spy swap. On one side of the trade: Martin Keller, an American physicist who once made headlines, but who then disappeared into the English prison system. Keller's most critical possession: his American passport. Keller's most ardent desire: to see his ex-wife Sabine and their young son. But Martin has questions: who asked for him? Who negotiated the deal? Just the KGB bringing home one of its agents? Or, as he hopes, a more personal intervention? He has worked for the service long enough to know that nothing happens by chance. They want him for something. Not physics – his expertise is years out of date. Something else, which he cannot learn until he arrives in East Berlin, when suddenly the game is afoot.

Suspense TP \$32.99

### The Plot

#### Korelitz, Jean Hanff

Jacob Finch Bonner was once a promising young novelist with a respectably published first book. Today, he's teaching in a third-rate MFA program and struggling to maintain what's left of his self-respect; he hasn't written – let alone published – anything decent in years. When Evan Parker, his most arrogant student, announces he doesn't need Jake's help because the plot of his book in progress is a sure thing, Jake is prepared to dismiss the boast as typical amateur narcissism. But then... he hears the plot. Jake returns to the downward trajectory of his own career and braces himself for the supernova publication of Evan Parker's first novel: but it never comes. When he discovers that his former student has died, presumably without ever completing his book, Jake does what any self-respecting writer would do with a story like that – a story that absolutely needs to be told. In a few short years, all of Evan Parker's predictions have come true, but Jake is the author enjoying the wave. He is wealthy, famous, praised and read all over the world. But at the height of his glorious new life, an email arrives, the first salvo in a terrifying, anonymous campaign: You are a thief, it says. As Jake struggles to understand his antagonist and hide the truth from his readers and his publishers, he begins to learn more about his late student, and what he discovers both

amazes and terrifies him. Who was Evan Parker, and how did he get the idea for his 'sure thing' of a novel? What is the real story behind the plot, and who stole it from whom?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### Vanished

Detective Jack Warr series

#### la Plante, Lynda

When an eccentric elderly widow claims she is being stalked, Detective Jack Warr is the only person willing to dig into the truth behind her wild claims. Jack soon finds himself embroiled in an international drugs operation, art theft – and a murder investigation. On the back foot throughout, he is forced to play second fiddle to the Drug Squad, confront an old adversary, and even fight off accusations of assault. But Jack believes that every aspect of this multifaceted case is simply a distraction from the one person who lies at the heart of it all – the widow's elusive stalker. Find him, and the truth will come out...

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Dead Man's Grave

DS Max Craigie series

#### Lancaster, Neil

The head of Scotland's most powerful crime family is brutally murdered, his body dumped inside an ancient grave in a remote cemetery. Detectives Max Craigie and Janie Calder arrive at the scene, a small town where everyone has secrets to hide. They soon realise this murder is part of a blood feud between two Scottish families that stretches back to the 1800s. One thing's for certain: it might be the latest killing, but it won't be the last... As the body count rises, the investigation uncovers large-scale corruption at the heart of the Scottish Police Service. Now, Max and Janie must turn against their closest colleagues – to solve a case that could cost them far more than just their lives... The first in a series. 'Grabbed me from the first page' – Ian Rankin.

Thriller TP \$29.99

### The Vatican Secret

Joe Mason series

#### Leadbeater, David

The deepest secrets are kept in the darkest places. When ex-MI5 operative Joe Mason is sent to Rome to guard an elderly professor and his daughter, he thinks he's in for an easy ride. But on their first day in the Vatican secret archives, a masked assassin gains entry, shoots Joe's client in cold blood and steals an ancient manuscript. Giving chase, Joe can't imagine what could lie within those pages that would make someone willing to kill. The search for answers leads Joe and his comrades in a race against time, across continents and into treacherous mountains. Only they have a hope of rescuing the Vatican Book of Secrets, before a centuries-old enemy can succeed in bringing Rome – and the world as we know it – crashing down...

Thriller TP \$29.99

### The Gallerist

#### Levitt, Michael

Mark Lewis, a former surgeon, has found solace in running a small art gallery. When Jan, a local woman, brings him a painting for valuing, it looks uncannily like a painting by

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the enigmatic artist James Devlin. Yet, Jan claims it was done by a 17-year-old boy called Charlie. As Mark searches for the painting's true provenance, he is joined by the attractive and clever Linda de Vries. But the pair will learn that James Devlin is a man whose past is as blank as an empty canvas, and he is determined to keep it that way.

Mystery TP \$29.99

### Portrait of a Thief

**Li, Grace D**

History is told by the conquerors. Across the Western world, museums display the spoils of war, of conquest, of colonialism: priceless pieces of art looted from other countries, kept even now. Will Chen plans to steal them back. A senior at Harvard, Will fits comfortably in his carefully curated roles: a perfect student, an art history major and sometimes artist, the eldest son who has always been his parents' American Dream. But when a mysterious Chinese benefactor reaches out with an impossible – and illegal – job offer, Will finds himself something else as well: the leader of a heist to steal back five priceless Chinese sculptures, looted from Beijing, centuries ago. His crew is every heist archetype, one can imagine – or, at least, the closest he can get. A con artist: Irene Chen, a public policy major at Duke who can talk her way out of anything. A thief: Daniel Liang, a pre-med student with steady hands just as capable of lockpicking as suturing. A getaway driver: Lily Wu, an engineering major who races cars in her free time. A hacker: Alex Huang, an MIT dropout turned Silicon Valley software engineer. Each member of his crew has their own complicated relationship with China and the identity they've cultivated as Chinese Americans, but when Will asks, none of them can turn him down. Because... if they succeed? They earn fifty million dollars – and a chance to make history. But if they fail, it will mean not just the loss of everything they've dreamed for themselves, but yet another thwarted attempt to take back what colonialism has stolen. A lush, lyrical heist novel inspired by the true story of Chinese art vanishing from Western museums; about diaspora, the colonisation of art, and the complexity of the Chinese American identity.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Two-Way Murder

British Library Crime Classics

**Lorac, E C R**

It is a dark and misty night – isn't it always? – and bachelors Nicholas and Ian are driving to the ball at Fordings, a beautiful concert hall in the countryside. There waits the charming Dilys Maine, and a party buzzing with rumours of one Rosemary Reeve who disappeared on the eve of this event the previous year, not found to this day. With thoughts of mysterious case ringing in their ears, Dilys and Nicholas strike a stranger on the drive back home, launching a new investigation and unwittingly reviving the search for what really became of Rosemary Reeve. Written in the last years of the author's life, this previously unpublished novel is a tribute to Lorac's enduring skill for constructing an ingenious puzzle, replete with memorable characters and gripping detective work.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

### An Unthinkable Thing

**Lundrigan, Nicole**

Tommie Ware's life is turned upside down the summer of 1958, just after his eleventh birthday. When his beloved aunt – the woman who raised him – doesn't return after her shift as a night nurse and is later found murdered, there is only one place left for Tommie to go: 'home' to the mother who handed him over the day he was born. All is not as it seems behind the hedgerow surrounding the lavish Henneberry estate where Tommie's mother, Esther, works as live-in housekeeper. Her employers have agreed he can stay until she 'sorts things out', but as she's at the family's beck and call around the clock, Tommie is mostly left on his own to navigate the grounds, the massive house, and the twisted family inside. Soon he is enmeshed in the oppressive attentions of matriarch Muriel, who is often heavily medicated, and of 15-year-old Martin, who treats Tommie sometimes like a kid brother, sometimes like a pawn in a confusing game. While Dr Henneberry mostly ignores Tommie, he also seems eager for him to be gone. Then there's the elderly neighbour, who may know more about the family's past than anyone else will say. By summer's end, the secrets and games tighten around Tommie and his mother, until a horrific crime is discovered, and we are faced with an unthinkable question: could an 11-year-old boy really have committed cold-blooded murder?

Thriller TP \$39.95

### Hideaway

**Lundrigan, Nicole**

Gloria Janes appears to be a doting suburban mother and loving wife. But beyond her canary-yellow door, Gloria controls her husband, Telly, as well as seven-year-old Maisy and her older brother Rowan, through a disorienting cycle of adoration and banishment. When Telly leaves, Gloria turns on Rowan. He runs away, finding unlikely refuge with a homeless man named Carl, with whom he forms the kind of bond he has never found with his parents. After they are menaced by strangers, Rowan follows Carl to an isolated cottage, where he accidentally sets off a burst of heightened paranoia in Carl, and their adventure takes a dark turn. Gloria is publicly desperate for the safe return of her son while privately plotting ever wilder ways to lure Telly home for good. Her behaviour grows more erratic and her manipulation of Maisy begins to seem dedicated toward an outcome that only she can see.

Thriller PBK \$24.95

### Traitor in the Ice

Daniel Pursglove mysteries

**Maitland, K J**

*Winter, 1607.* A man is struck down in the grounds of Battle Abbey, Sussex. Before dawn breaks, he is dead. Home to the Montagues, Battle has caught the paranoid eye of King James. The Catholic household is rumoured to shelter those loyal to the Pope, disguising them as servants within the abbey walls. And the last man sent to expose them was silenced before his report could reach London. Daniel Pursglove is summoned to infiltrate Battle and find proof of treachery. He soon discovers that nearly everyone at

the abbey has something to hide – for deeds far more dangerous than religious dissent. But one lone figure he senses only in the shadows, carefully concealed from the world. Could the notorious traitor Spero Pettingar finally be close at hand? As more bodies are unearthed, Daniel determines to catch the culprit. But how do you unmask a killer when nobody is who they seem? The sequel to *The Drowned City* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical mystery PBK \$32.99

### Murder on the Lusitania

Ocean Liner mysteries

**Marston, Edward**

*September 1907.* George Dillman sets sail from Liverpool on the *Lusitania*'s maiden voyage. While posing as a passenger George is in fact an undercover detective hired by the Cunard Line. In the first days of his voyage, George must only deal with a few petty crimes. But then an expensive piece of jewellery is reported stolen, and a body is found. Working quickly to solve both crimes, George makes an unusual friend, Genevieve Masefield, and the two uncover secrets aboard the ship that prove explosive. The *Lusitania* was a British ocean liner that was sunk in 1915 by a German U-boat off the coast of Ireland, killing 1,198 passengers and crew. *Lusitania* held the Blue Riband prize for the fastest Atlantic crossing and was briefly the world's largest passenger ship, until the completion of the *Mauretania*. The reissue of the first in a series previously published under the pseudonym Conrad Allen.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Murder on the Mauretania

Ocean Liner mysteries

**Marston, Edward**

*November 1907.* George Dillman and Genevieve Masefield sail from Liverpool on the maiden voyage of the *Mauretania*. While posing as a passenger, George is in fact an undercover detective hired by the Cunard Line. Dillman and Genevieve endure a nightmare voyage during which severe weather batters the vessel relentlessly and keeps the passengers away from the decks. Dillman is instrumental in rescuing a crew member from being washed overboard but he is too late to save one of the First-Class passengers from the same fate. At first, it looks like a case of death by misadventure. But Dillman and Genevieve come to realise that it was an act of calculated murder, connected with the presence on board of a record shipment of gold bullion – twelve tons in all – sent from the Bank of England. At the time of her launch, the *Mauretania* was the largest moving structure ever built. She would later serve as a WWI hospital and troop ship. After returning to civilian service, *Mauretania* was retired and scrapped in the mid-1930s. The reissue of the second in a series previously published under the pseudonym Conrad Allen.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### A Deadly Endowment

Lady & Lady's Maid mysteries

**Maxwell, Alyssa**

The lean times following the Great War continue to require creative solutions for England's noble class. But Lady Phoebe's proposal to open up the Renshaw estate to

guided tours for additional income strikes many in the family as a 'vulgar enterprise'. Phoebe's grandfather, the Earl of Wroxly, however, reluctantly concedes the necessity. Their first tour group consists of members of the Historical Society, a magazine writer, and a flock of students. It's a large group for Phoebe, her sister Amelia, and Eva to manage, and when the widow Arvina Bell goes missing, Eva goes in search of her – only to find her in the library, strangled with a silken drapery cord. The schoolchildren are promptly sent home, but the members of the Historical Society – many of whom also wandered off at times – remain for interrogation. There is also, curiously, a framed photo missing from the library. As the police hastily zero in on a suspect, Phoebe and Eva weigh the clues. Does the crime have to do with rumours of hidden treasure at Foxwood Hall? But they must make haste to solve the widow's murder – before someone else becomes history...

Historical mystery HC \$44.99

### Death by the Finish Line

Abby McCree mysteries

**Morgan, Alexis**

Overcommitted Abby has once again been drafted to use her organising superpowers – this time for a five-kilometre charity run that's part of the Founder's Day Celebration in Snowberry Creek, Washington. At least, she has help, albeit from an unlikely source: Gil Pratt, a member of her handsome tenant Tripp Blackston's veterans' group and co-owner of a motorcycle repair shop with his brother. Abby and Gil may seem like an odd couple, but they work great together. The event seems to be running smoothly – until city council member James DiSalvo is found murdered in a ravine along the race route. Unfortunately, Gil's brother Gary had a very public argument with DiSalvo minutes before the race, making him the prime suspect. Now, the two race organisers must again team up to prove Gary's innocence – before the real killer makes a run for it. But one wrong step and Abby may be the next one to come in dead last...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Edge of the Grave

**Morrison, Robbie**

*Glasgow, 1932.* When the son-in-law of one of the city's wealthiest shipbuilders is found floating in the River Clyde with his throat cut, it falls to Inspector Jimmy Dreghorn to lead the murder case – despite sharing a troubled history with the victim's widow, Isla Lockhart. From the flying fists and flashing blades of Glasgow's gangland underworld, to the backstabbing upper echelons of government and big business, Dreghorn and his partner 'Bonnie' Archie McDaid will have to dig deep into Glasgow society to find out who wanted the man dead and why. All the while, a sadistic murderer stalks the post-war city leaving a trail of dead bodies in their wake. As the case deepens, will Dreghorn find the killer – or lose his own life in the process? A dark historical crime novel set in 1930s Glasgow: a city still recovering from the Great War; split by religious division and swarming with razor gangs. For fans of William McIlvanney's Laidlaw, Denise Mina, and Philip Kerr.

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Winner of the Bloody Scotland Crime Debut of the Year 2021. 'A mesmerising debut. Early gangland Glasgow with the gloss razored off' – *Peter James*.

Historical noir. PBK \$19.99

### **My Annihilation** **Nakamura, Fuminori**

What transforms a person into a killer? Can it be something as small as a suggestion? Turn this page, and you may forfeit your entire life. With *My Annihilation*, Fuminori Nakamura, master of literary noir, has constructed a puzzle box of a narrative in the form of a confessional diary that implicates its reader in a heinous crime. Delving relentlessly into the darkest corners of human consciousness, *My Annihilation* interrogates the unspeakable thoughts all humans share that can be monstrous when brought to life, revealing with disturbing honesty the psychological motives of a killer.

Noir TP \$24.99

### **Death and the Maiden**

Mistress of the Art of Death series

#### **Norman, Samantha & Franklin, Ariana**

England, 1191. After the death of her friend and patron, King Henry II, Adelia Aguilar, England's vaunted Mistress of the Art of Death, is living comfortably in retirement and training her daughter, Allie, to carry on her craft – sharing the practical knowledge of anatomy, forensics, and sleuthing that catches murderers. Allie is already a skilled healer, with a particular gift for treating animals. But the young woman is nearly twenty, and her father, Rowley, Bishop of Saint Albans, and his patron, the formidable Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine, have plans to marry Allie to an influential husband... if they can find a man who will appreciate a woman with such unusual gifts. When a friend in Cambridgeshire falls ill, Allie is sent to Ely, where her path will cross with Lord Peverill, a young aristocrat who would be a most suitable match for the young healer. But when Allie arrives, all is chaos. A village girl has disappeared – and she's not the first. Over the past few months, several girls from the villages surrounding Ely have vanished. When the body of one of the missing is discovered, Allie manages to examine the remains before burial. The results lead her to suspect that a monstrous predator is on the loose. Will her training and her stubborn pursuit of the truth help her find the killer... or make her the next victim? The much-anticipated final instalment in Ariana Franklin's popular Mistress of the Art of Death historical mystery series; finished after the author's death, by her daughter.

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

### **Murder in an Irish Bookshop**

Irish Village mysteries

#### **O'Connor, Carlene**

Between training the new town *garda*, and trying to set a wedding date with her fiancé, Maccara Flannery, Siobhán is feeling a bit overwhelmed. But an author event at the new bookstore featuring Irish writers taking up residency in Kilbane offers a welcome distraction. One author, Deirdre Walsh, spends more time complaining about the

unfairness of the publishing industry and megastar bestselling authors like Nessa Lamb instead of her own body of work. After the evening ends in a battle of words, Deirdre's body is found the next day in the back of the store – with pages torn from Nessa's books stuffed in her mouth. Now, Siobhán must uncover which of Kilbane's literary guests took Deirdre's criticisms so personally they engaged in foul play...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### **Family Doctor** **Oswald, Debra**

Paula is a dedicated suburban GP, who is devastated by the murder of a friend and her children by their estranged husband and father. Stacey and the children had been staying with her after fleeing his control, and Paula is haunted by the thought that she couldn't protect them when they most needed it. How had she missed the warning signs? How had she failed to keep them safe? Not long after, a patient with suspicious injuries brings her anxious young son into Paula's surgery. The woman admits that her husband hurts her, but she's terrified to leave for fear of escalating the violence, and defeated by the consistent failures of the law to help her. Can Paula go against everything she believes to make sure one woman is saved, one child spared? She isn't motivated by revenge. She's desperately trying to prevent a tragedy... Should you cling to faith in a flawed system, or take control the only way you can? Can a good person justify taking a life to save a life?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### **Love and Theft** **Parish, Stan**

When Alex Cassidy and Diane Alison meet at a party in Princeton, New Jersey, the chemistry between them is instant and undeniable. She's a single mother, local fixture, and owner of a successful catering company. He's a single father and weekend homeowner – and leader of an armed-robbery crew that just pulled off a record-breaking, precision jewel heist in Las Vegas. Neither one realises that their lives have overlapped before, and that the shared history they uncover will threaten everyone they love. Swept up in their burgeoning relationship, Diane joins Alex at his beach house in Tulum, where Alex decides to leave his life of crime behind. It begins as a postcard-perfect weekend until an entanglement with a powerful cartel forces Alex to mastermind one final and unthinkable dangerous job. What ensues is an explosive, adrenaline-soaked journey through the moneyed landscapes of Mexico and Europe, where ghosts from the past collide with unexpected perils in the present. As Alex and Diane fight for their lives, they discover that they're not the only ones with secrets – and that those closest to us pose the greatest danger of all.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### **Death of the Black Widow** **Patterson, James & Barker, J D**

On his first night with Detroit PD, Officer Walter O'Brien is called to a murder scene. A terrified 20-year-old has bludgeoned her kidnapper with skill that shocks even O'Brien's veteran partner. The young

woman is also a brilliant escape artist. Her bold flight from police custody makes the case impossible to solve – and, for Walter, even more impossible to forget. By the time Walter's promoted to detective, his fascination with the missing, grey-eyed woman is approaching obsession. And when Walter discovers that he's not alone in his search, one truth is certain. This deadly string of secrets didn't begin in his home city – but he's going to make sure it ends there.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### **Shock Wave**

Task Force Epsilon Thriller

#### **Pessin, Al**

Vital seaports in Jordan and Israel erupt in fire and destruction. It's the first strike from a terrorist organisation determined to increase hostilities throughout the Middle East. There's only one way to combat the threat. It's time for Operation Shock Wave... Sadiq Mohammed al-Assali is America's most wanted terrorist. His cells in Israeli and the Palestinian territories are ready and eager to usher in a maelstrom of violence between the two nations. Each will blame the other. Iran will be implicated. And the United States will be drawn into yet another Middle Eastern war. To stop al-Assali, the Defence Intelligence Agency's Bridget Davenport assigns Lieutenant Faraz Abdallah to infiltrate the terrorist's cabal. But as Faraz uncovers and sabotages al-Assali's plans one by one, Bridget herself becomes the target – and Faraz must take decisive action in a deadly game of international deceit...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### **Edith and Kim** **Philby, Charlotte**

*To betray, you must first belong...* In June 1934, Kim Philby met his Soviet handler, the spy Arnold Deutsch. The woman who introduced them was called Edith Tudor-Hart. She changed the course of 20th century history. Then she was written out of it. Drawing on the Secret Intelligence Files on Edith Tudor-Hart, along with the private archive letters of Kim Philby, this finely worked, evocative and beautifully tense novel – by the granddaughter of Kim Philby – tells the story of the woman behind the Third Man.

Historical suspense TP \$29.99

### **Insomnia**

#### **Pinborough, Sarah**

Emma can't sleep. It's been like this since her big 4-0 started getting closer. Her mother stopped sleeping just before her own 40th birthday. She went mad and did the unthinkable because of it. Is that what's happening to Emma?

Thriller TP \$29.99

### **The Echo Maker** **Powers, Richard**

On a winter night on a remote Nebraska road, 27-year-old Mark Schluter has a near-fatal car accident. His older sister, Karin, returns reluctantly to their hometown to nurse Mark back from a traumatic head injury. But when Mark emerges from a coma, he believes that this woman – who looks, acts, and sounds just like his sister – is really an imposter. When Karin contacts the famous cognitive neurologist Gerald Weber for help, he

diagnoses Mark as having Capgras syndrome. The mysterious nature of the disease, combined with the strange circumstances surrounding Mark's accident, threatens to change all of their lives beyond recognition.

Thriller TP \$41.95

### **An Unexpected Peril**

Veronica Speedwell mysteries

#### **Raybourn, Deanna**

*January 1889*. As the newest member of the Curiosity Club – an elite society of brilliant, intrepid women – Veronica Speedwell is excited to put her many skills to good use. As she assembles a memorial exhibition for pioneering mountain climber Alice Baker-Greene, Veronica discovers evidence that the recent death was not a tragic climbing accident but murder. Veronica and her natural historian beau, Stoker, tell the patron of the exhibit, Princess Gisela of Alpenwald, of their findings. With Europe on the verge of war, Gisela's chancellor, Count von Rechstein, does not want to make waves – and before Veronica and Stoker can figure out their next move, the princess disappears. Having noted Veronica's resemblance to the princess, von Rechstein begs her to pose as Gisela for the sake of the peace treaty that brought the princess to England. Veronica reluctantly agrees to the scheme. She and Stoker must work together to keep the treaty intact while navigating unwelcome advances, assassination attempts, and Veronica's own family – the royalty who has never claimed her.

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

### **Up to No Gouda**

Grilled Cheese mysteries

#### **Reilly, Linda**

Back in Balsam Dell to heal after the death of her husband, Carly Hale is finally pursuing her lifelong dream – opening Carly's Grilled Cheese Eatery. After only five months, business is booming as Vermont vacationers and townspeople alike flock to lunch on her Party Havartis and other grilled cheese concoctions. All but Lyle Bagley, Carly's one-time high school boyfriend and now town bully who just bought the building that houses her eatery and wants Carly out. After a muenster of a fight, Carly's forced to put her nose to the grind and find a solution to keep her business afloat. That is... until Lyle is discovered dead behind the dumpster of Carly's shop, and one of her employees becomes the prime suspect. In order to save her eatery and prove her friend's innocence, Carly must sleuth out the killer before she's the one who gets grilled. The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### **The Devil's Bargain** **Rimington, Stella**

Harry Bristow: policeman, father, chauffeur, fraud. In 1988, Harry made one mistake: he took a bribe, letting a man he knew as Igor into Britain – and he's regretted it ever since. So, when he recognises 'Igor' fifteen years later as his newly-elected MP, he knows he has to come clean. But the MP recognises him too – and Harry fears what he might do next. Peter Robinson, MP: salesman, politician, bachelor, spy. It was easy to get into Britain in 1988 as an illegal, working deep undercover, but the break-up of the Soviet Union cut

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Robinson off from his homeland. He's inching closer to Britain's levers of power – but now the one man who knows his secret has reappeared. With no way to contact Moscow, he must act fast to preserve his position and reap its rewards – at any cost. Manon Bradley, CIA analyst, has just stepped on a plane to London – with a paper on Russian illegals to read. The first standalone spy thriller from Stella Rimington, former head of MI5 and author of the bestselling Liz Carlyle series – perfect for fans of le Carré and Mick Herron.

Suspense TP \$29.99

### Forgotten In Death

Eve Dallas series

Robb, J D

Lt Eve Dallas hasn't even arrived at work when her first call of the day comes in. Alva Quirk – 46 years old, sidewalk sleeper – was beaten to death with a crowbar. Known to the local cops for handing out origami flowers to anyone who gives her change, Alva was well liked but with no fixed address, no job and no family, there's no one to remember her. Eve has barely had time to examine the crime scene when her second victim of the morning is discovered just a block away. Make that second and third. Jane Doe – a well-dressed young mother and her baby shot and buried over 40 years ago. Two very different victims in the same location with no one to claim them. Coincidence or does the history of the site hold the answer? To uncover the truth, Eve must delve into a world of family businesses, Russian mobsters and shady dealings. These two women may have been forgotten in their lifetimes, but Eve Dallas won't let them be forgotten in death...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### Not Dark Yet

DCI Banks series

Robinson, Peter

The gruesome double murder at an Eastvale property developer's luxury home should be an open and shut case for Superintendent Banks and his team of detectives. There's a clear link to the notoriously vicious Albanian mafia, men who left the country suspiciously soon after the death. Then they find a cache of spy-cam videos hidden in the house – and Annie and Gerry's investigation pivots to the rape of a young girl that could cast the murders in an entirely different light. Banks' friend Zelda, increasingly uncertain of her future in Britain's hostile environment, thinks she will be safer in Moldova hunting the men who abducted, raped, and enslaved her than she is Yorkshire or London. Her search takes her back to the orphanage where it all began – but by stirring up the murky waters of the past, Zelda is putting herself in greater danger than any she's seen before. And as the threat escalates, so does the danger for Banks and those who love Zelda...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### When You Are Mine

Robotham, Michael

Philomena McCarthy has defied the odds and become a promising young officer with the Metropolitan Police despite being the daughter of a notorious London gangster. Called to the scene of a domestic assault one day, she rescues a bloodied young woman,

Tempe Brown, the mistress of a decorated detective. The incident is hushed up, but Phil has unwittingly made a dangerous enemy with powerful friends. Determined to protect each other, the two women strike up a tentative friendship. Tempe is thoughtful and sweet and makes herself indispensable to Phil, but sinister things keep happening and something isn't quite right about the stories Tempe tells. When a journalist with links to Phil's father and to the detective is found floating in the Thames, Phil doesn't know where to turn, who to blame or who she can trust.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### Knock Knock

Ewert Grens series

Roslund, Anders

Seventeen years ago, Criminal Inspector Ewert Grens was called to the scene of a brutal crime. A family had been murdered, and the only survivor – and witness – was the five-year-old daughter. The girl was placed in the witness protection program, and the case went cold, but years later, Grens is still haunted by the seemingly random slaying, and the little girl who was spared. So, when he learns that the apartment where the crime occurred is now the scene of a mysterious break-in, Grens immediately fears that someone is intent on silencing the only witness. He races to find her... before they do. Meanwhile, someone in the city's criminal underworld is executing weapons smugglers, and has placed former police informant Piet Hoffman's family in grave danger. He must unravel the secret threat to his family, all while keeping secrets of his own. Soon his hunt for answers intertwines with Ewert's, and the two men find themselves in the middle of a criminal conspiracy that is more complicated – and dangerous – than they could have imagined.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### Miss Julia Happily

Ever After

Miss Julia 23

Ross, Ann B

Wedding fever hits Abbotsville and several of Miss Julia's friends have plans to tie the knot. But, as usual, nothing is so simple. Christy Hargrove suddenly gives up a lifelong dream and drops out of medical school to marry, Helen Stroud and Thurlow Jones decide to change their commercial arrangement into a marital one, and, to Miss Julia's consternation, Lillian, her housekeeper and closest companion, is considering a less-than-romantic offer to wed a local businessman who turns courting into a job interview. And then there's LuAnne who just wants to be married, and Janelle who doesn't. Miss Julia wants to properly celebrate each ceremony, insofar as anyone will let her. But Helen wants a private, even secretive, wedding; Christy's fiancé wants a destination wedding, and Lillian can't decide if she wants a wedding at all. In the middle of it all, a strange figure keeps showing up in town, streaking across lawns and vandalising the gardens of Miss Julia's neighbours. Abbotsville's liveliest resident finds herself trying to solve it all – matters of the heart and petty crime alike – and once again save the day. The delightful final instalment of the Miss Julia series.

Mystery TP \$37.95

### Jane Darrowfield and the Madwoman Next Door

Jane Darrowfield mysteries

Ross, Barbara

Megan, who's purchased the house next to Jane's, needs some help from her snooping neighbour. Megan's been having blackouts, hearing voices – and feeling like someone's following her. Are these symptoms of an illness – or signs that she's in danger? Considering the extensive security system in Megan's house, it seems like she should be safe – yet she soon vanishes into thin air. Some think she's run away, but would this ambitious young lawyer on the partner track really miss a meeting with an important client? And where's Megan's cat? The mystery is about to deepen when the cat is finally located in a hidden panic room – and as Jane and the police look into Megan's friends, family, and past, it may be time to sound the alarm...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Garden of Sins

Victorian mysteries

Rowland, Laura Joh

London, November 1890. Crime scene photographer Sarah Bain Barrett faces a perfect storm of events. She and her husband Detective Sergeant Barrett are riding on a train that crashes. While rescuing other passengers, they find a woman who's been strangled to death. Their search for her identity, and her killer, lead them to Cremorne Gardens, a seedy riverside pleasure park that's a combination carnival, theatre, freak show, and museum of oddities. It's among the most challenging cases that Sarah, Barrett, and her friends Lord Hugh Staunton and Mick O'Reilly have ever undertaken. The suspects include a dwarf, a female acrobat, and a member of the Royal Family. Due to the royal connection, the police commissioner declares the case top secret. Sarah and company must investigate on the quiet, keeping the suspects, the press, and the public in the dark. That's easier said than done. The investigation is complicated by the injury Hugh sustained during their last case, Mick's romance with a woman who has psychic powers, and Barrett's old flame. Meanwhile, Sarah's father Benjamin Bain goes on trial for a rape and murder that happened more than two decades ago. The victim was a teenage girl named Ellen Casey. Is Benjamin Bain as innocent as he claims? Sarah has serious doubts. The trial is the scandal of the year, a media blitz. The outcome – and the truth about the murder on the train – are beyond Sarah's wildest imaginings. What dangerous secrets are hidden behind the tawdry glamor of Cremorne Gardens? Is Benjamin Bain wrongly accused, or a guilty sinner who deserves to be hanged?

Historical mystery HC \$47.99

### Ocean Prey

Lucas Davenport series

Sandford, John

An off-duty Coast Guardsman is fishing with his family when he calls in some suspicious behaviour from a nearby boat. The slick craft has stopped to pick up a surfaced diver, who was apparently alone, without his own boat, in the middle of the ocean. None of it makes

sense, and his hunch is proved right when all three Guardsmen who come out to investigate are shot and killed. They're federal officers killed on the job, which means the case is the FBI's turf. And when the FBI's investigation stalls out, they call in Lucas Davenport. But when the case turns lethal, Davenport will need to bring in every asset he can claim, including a detective with a fundamentally criminal mind: Virgil Flowers.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### Last Seen Alive

Ellery Hathaway series

Schaffhausen, Joanna

Boston detective Ellery Hathaway met FBI agent Reed Markham when he pried open a serial killer's closet to rescue her. Years on, their relationship remains defined by that moment and by Francis Coben's horrific crimes. To free herself from Coben's legacy, Ellery had to walk away from Reed, too. But Coben is not letting go so easily. He has an impossible proposition: Coben will finally give up the location of the remaining bodies, on one condition – Reed must bring him Ellery. Now, the families of the missing victims are crying out for justice that only Ellery can deliver. The media hungers for a sequel and Coben is their camera-ready star. He claims he is sorry and wants to make amends. But Ellery is the one living person who has seen the monster behind the mask and she doesn't believe he can be redeemed. Not after everything he's done. Not after what she's been through. And certainly not after a fresh body turns up with Coben's signature all over it.

Mystery/suspense HC \$54.99

### Tailing Trouble

Furry Friends mysteries

Scott, Laura

Thirty-something veterinarian Ally Winter has found a new leash on life – since she moved back to her hometown of Willow Bluff, Wisconsin. But when she takes Domino, the black standard poodle she's boarding for the weekend, for a sunny September stroll along the shore of Lake Michigan, the diminutive dog dashes off, only to return with a single, polka-dotted, high-heeled shoe. Retracing Domino's paw prints back to a weeping willow tree, they find the other shoe. It's still on the foot of 20-year-old Pricilla Green – lying dead beneath the willow, with a silk scarf knotted tightly around her neck. Willow Bluff's finest – and handsomest – detective, Noah Jorgenson, is soon on the tail of the killer. But he has another worry on his mind when Ally's grandfather, a lifelong true-crime buff, starts to suspect that the recent burglary of a local big-box store may have some connection to Pricilla's murder. Noah cautions Ally to keep Gramps well away from the homicide investigation, but the old dog is drawn to danger like a puppy is to a squeaky ball. The fur flies as Ally, Noah, Gramps, and Domino race the clock to fetch the felon. It will take all of their canine canniness, to comb out the twists and curls in this wild and woolly case. And, if they fail, they won't live to go walkies again.

Mystery HC \$47.99

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### **Dirt Town** **Scrivenor, Hayley**

*My best friend wore her name, Esther, like a queen wearing her crown at a jaunty angle. We were twelve years old, when she went missing.* On a sweltering Friday afternoon in Durton, best friends Ronnie and Esther leave school together. Esther never makes it home. Ronnie's going to find her, she has a plan. Lewis will help. Their friend can't be gone, Ronnie won't believe it. Detective Sergeant Sarah Michaels can believe it, she has seen what people are capable of. She knows more than anyone how, in a moment of weakness, a person can be driven to do something they never thought possible. Lewis can believe it too. But he can't reveal what he saw that afternoon at the creek without exposing his own secret. Five days later, Esther's buried body is discovered. *What do we owe the girl who isn't there?* Character rich and propulsive, with a breathtakingly original use of voice and revolving points of view, *Dirt Town* delves under the surface, where no one can hide. With emotional depth and sensitivity, this stunning debut shows us how much each person matters in a community that is, at once, falling apart and coming together. *Esther will always be a Dirt Town child, as we are its children, still.*

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### **My Brother** **Smirnoff, Karin**

Which part of the story is not for telling? Jana Kippo has returned to Smålångar to see her twin brother, Bror, still living in the small family farmhouse in the remote north of Sweden. Within the isolated community, secrets and lies have grown silently, undisturbed for years. Following the discovery of a young woman's body in the long grass behind the sawmill, the siblings, hooked by a childhood steeped in darkness, need to break free. But the truth cannot be found in other people's stories. The question is: can it be found anywhere? A Swedish publishing phenomenon: literary noir of extraordinary power.

Noir PBK \$19.99

### **Supper with the Crippens:**

The True Story of One of the Most Notorious Murderers of All Time

#### **Smith, David James**

At a time when Edwardian Britain seemed a golden place, basking in its imperial glory, Dr Hawley Harvey Crippen and his wife Belle lived among the suburban villas of North London, renting a house at 39 Hilldrop Crescent. After supper on 31 January 1910, their friends went home and Crippen killed Belle with poison, dismembered her body and buried some of her remains beneath the brick floor of the coal cellar. Crippen never admitted killing his wife and took the secrets of the crime with him when he was hanged, following his conviction for murder. It is assumed that Crippen killed for the love of his mistress, Ethel le Neve. They began living together as man and wife, but under intense suspicion they fled disguised as father and son. The chase – indeed everything about the murder – was reported in fine detail, in Britain, in America and the rest of the western world. Crippen was finally arrested and with Ethel was brought back to England for trial. David James Smith has investigated afresh this celebrated murder case, and his

researches have uncovered unexpected and startling information about 'Chamber of Horrors' stalwart Dr Crippen, Belle, and Ethel. A reissue.

True crime (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### **The World of Pondsides**

#### **Stefaniak, Mary Helen**

In a game of life or death, the seniors at Pondsides Manor risk it all. With help from Pondsides Manor's quirky, twentysomething kitchen worker Foster Kresowik, resident Robert Kallman creates *The World of Pondsides*, a video game that delights the nursing home's residents by allowing them to virtually relive blissful moments from days long past – or even create new ones. One-legged Duane Lotspeich is overjoyed when he can dance the tango again. Octogenarian Laverne Slatchek cheers on her favourite baseball team from the stands at Candlestick Park with her beloved husband – who died, years ago. Even the overwhelmed Pondsides administrator escapes her job by logging into a much more luxurious virtual world. Robert's game enlivens the halls of Pondsides Manor, but chaos ensues when he is found dead, submerged in the pond, still strapped into his wheelchair. If any resident witnessed his death, they're not telling – either covering up or, quite possibly, forgetting. And it's far from clear to anyone – including the police – if the death of this brilliant man, who suffered from ALS, was suicide or murder. When Robert's video game goes dark, its players grow desperate. The task of getting it back online falls to young Foster, who enlists help from a raucous group of residents and staff. Their pursuit – virtual and real – has unintended consequences, uncovering both criminal activities and the secret plans of Foster's friend Robert. From Pondsides Manor, this unlikely bunch of gamers embarks upon an astonishing journey – blissful, treacherous, and unforgettable.

Mystery HC \$62.95

### **Everyone in My Family** **has Killed Someone**

#### **Stevenson, Benjamin**

I was dreading the Cunningham family reunion, even before the first murder. Before the storm stranded us at the mountain resort, snow and bodies piling up. The thing is... we Cunninghams don't really get along. We've only got one thing in common: we've all killed someone. *My brother. My stepsister. My wife. My father. My mother. My sister-in-law. My uncle. My stepfather. My aunt. Me...* 'I absolutely loved it. Utterly original, hugely entertaining, and a must-read for every fan of the mystery genre.' – *Jane Harper*.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### **Every Vow You Break**

#### **Swanson, Peter**

Abigail Baskin never thought she would fall in love with a millionaire. Then she met Bruce Lamb. He's a good guy, stable, level headed, kind – a refreshing change from her previous relationships. But right before the wedding, Abigail has a drunken one-night stand on her bachelorette weekend. She puts the incident – and the sexy guy who wouldn't give her his real name – out of her mind, and now believes she wants to be with Bruce for the rest of her life. Their honeymoon on a luxurious, secluded island will be the beginning of their blissful lives

together. Then the mysterious stranger suddenly appears – and Abigail's future life and happiness are turned upside down. He insists that their passionate night was the beginning of something much, much more. Something special. Something real – and he's tracked her down to prove it. Does she tell Bruce and ruin their idyllic honeymoon – and possibly their marriage? Or should she handle this psychopathic stalker on her own? To make the situation worse, strange things begin to happen. She sees a terrified woman in the shadows one night, and no one at the resort seems to believe anything is amiss... including her perfect new husband.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### **Nine Lives**

#### **Swanson, Peter**

Nine strangers receive a list with their names on it in the mail. Nothing else, just a list of names on a single sheet of paper. None of the nine people know or have ever met the others on the list. They dismiss it as junk mail, a fluke – until very, very bad things begin happening to people on the list. First, a well-liked old man is drowned on a beach in the small town of Kennebec, Maine. Then, a father is shot in the back while running through his quiet neighbourhood in suburban Massachusetts. A frightening pattern is emerging, but what do these nine people have in common? Their professions range from oncology nurse to aspiring actor, and they're located all over the country. So, why are they all on the list, and who sent it? FBI agent Jessica Winslow, who is on the list herself, is determined to find out. Could there be some dark secret that binds them all together? Or is this the work of a murderous madman? As the mysterious sender stalks these nine strangers, they find themselves constantly looking over their shoulders, wondering who will be crossed off next...

Thriller TP \$32.99

### **Dance with Death**

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#### **Thomas, Will**

In June of 1893, the future Nicholas II travels to London for a royal wedding, bringing with him his private security force and his ballerina mistress, Mathilde Kchessinska. Rumoured to be the target of a professional assassin known only as La Sylphide, and the subject of conspiracies against his life by his own family who covet his future throne, Nicholas is protected by not only private security, but the professional forces of both England and Russia. All of these measures prove inadequate, when Prince George of England is attacked by an armed anarchist who mistakes him for Nicholas. As a result, Barker and Llewelyn are brought in to help track down the assassin and others who might conspire against the life of the tsarevich. The investigations lead them down several paths, including Llewelyn's old nemesis, the assassin Sofia Ilyanova. With Barker and Llewelyn both surviving separate attempts on their lives, the race is on to find both the culprit and the assassin they hired. Taking them through high society (including a masked ball at Kensington Palace) and low, chasing down motives both personal and political, Barker and Llewelyn must solve the case of their life before the crime of the century is committed.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

### **Fierce Poison**

Barker & Llewelyn mysteries

#### **Thomas, Will**

Private Enquiry agent Cyrus Barker has just about seen it all – he's been attacked by assassins, his office has been bombed, and evil-doers have even nearly killed his dog. But never before has a potential client dropped dead in his office. When Roland Fitzhugh, Member of Parliament arrives to consult Barker and his partner Thomas Llewelyn, he falls to the floor, dead, upon entering. As they soon learn, he's been poisoned with a cyanide laced raspberry tart, and the adulterated tarts also take out an entire family in the East End. Labelled the Mad Pie Man by the press, Barker and Llewelyn are hired by former Prime Minister William Gladstone to find out who has targeted the House of Commons' newest member. But before they can even begin, they find themselves the latest target of this mad poisoner – with Barker's butler poisoned with digitalis and dozens of diabolic traps discovered at their home. On the run from their unseen adversary, Barker and Llewelyn must uncover the threads that connect these seemingly random acts and stop the killer before they and their closest friends and family become the latest casualties.

Historical mystery HC \$57.95

### **One Night, New York**

#### **Thompson, Lara**

*For the hundredth time, since they'd made their promise, she wondered if she and Agnes were really going to go through with it, if she was brave and terrible enough...* At the top of the Empire State Building on a freezing December night, two women hold their breath. Frances and Agnes are waiting for the man who has wronged them. They plan to seek the ultimate revenge. Set over the course of a single night, *One Night, New York* is a detective story, a romance and a coming-of-age tale. It is also a story of old New York, of bohemian Greenwich Village between the wars, of floozies and artists and addicts – lighting up the world, while all around them America burned with the Great Depression. A thrilling debut novel of corruption and murder set in the nightclubs, tenements, and skyscrapers of 1930s' New York.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### **The Unseen**

Commissario Soneri series

#### **Varesi, Valerio**

Commissario Soneri, a Parma police officer and gourmet, is investigating an unsolved case of a dead body, found in the Po River, three years before. His colleagues at the time could not decide if it was a suicide or a murder, nor could they establish the victim's identity. To close the case, Soneri needs to look a little further. Yet, it's just a formality, a matter of going through the motions. Soneri, however, is not one for formalities. He can't endure burying a person without a name, so he decides to reopen the case. The gourmet detective, an intelligent and apparently grouchy man, uses unconventional policing methods. His partner, Angela Cornelio, a lawyer, helps him with his enquiries. The investigation leads them to river life, where he tries to break the wall of silence, typical of small communities harbouring poachers, petty criminals and big-time profiteers – even a monster in the

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waters of the River Po. Soneri realises that the fog surrounding the Po makes things invisible and people unseen; it changes their identities; it deceives. And sometimes it kills.

Mystery TP \$26.95

### **The Day He Left**

Violent Crime Investigations Team mysteries 02

### **Weisel, Frederick**

Annie has fallen out of the habit of listening to her husband. She and Paul have been married for a long time; it's easy to nod as he drones on, responding to his voice while completely ignoring every word he says. That becomes a problem, of course, when Paul disappears and the police have questions. Was Paul having issues at work? Is there any reason to think he might harm himself? Annie doesn't know. But someone does. An unsettling photo found amongst Paul's things turns the investigation toward his job as a middle school teacher and a troubled girl who is hiding secrets of her own. But what exactly happened to Paul on the day he left for work and never made it to the classroom? Is his disappearance related to a local heroin trafficking operation? As Eddie Mahler and the members of the Santa Rosa Violent Crime Investigations Team rush to find the teacher, they discover the members of his family have hidden lives of their own, and that Paul may not have been running away but toward something that could ruin his career and marriage – and even cost his life.

Hardboiled TP \$27.99

### **Marion Lane and the Midnight Murder**

Inquirers mysteries 01

### **Willberg, T A**

They were a band of mysterious private detectives who lived beneath the streets of London in a labyrinth of twisted tunnels and ancient hallways, the entrance to which no one had ever found... *London, 1958*: Elaborately disguised and hidden deep beneath the city's streets lies the world of Miss Brickett's, a secret detective agency. From traversing deceptive escape rooms full of baited traps and hidden dangers, to engineering almost magical mechanical gadgets, apprentice detectives at Miss Brickett's undergo rigorous training to equip them with the skills and knowledge they will need to solve the mysteries that confound London's police force. But nothing can prepare 23-year-old apprentice Marion Lane for what happens, after the arrest of her friend and mentor, Frank, on suspicion of murder: he tasks Marion with clearing his name and saving his life. Her investigation will place Marion and her friends in great peril as they venture into the forbidden maze of uncharted tunnels that surround Miss Brickett's. Being discovered out of bounds means immediate dismissal, but that is the least of Marion's problems – when she discovered that the tunnels contain more than just secrets... A wonderful debut, recommended. The sequel is *Marion Lane and the Deadly Rose* (TP, \$32.99).

Fantastical mystery PBK \$22.99

### **The Librarian Always Rings Twice**

First Edition Library mysteries

### **Wingate, Marty**

It has been nearly a year, since I took up my position as curator of Lady Georgiana Fowling's collection of Golden Age of Mystery writers' first editions at her library in Middlebank House. I have learned that I need to take the good with the bad. The good: I have finally convinced Mrs Woolgar to open up the collection to the public one day a week so that they too can share in Lady Fowling's passion. The bad: although, he would not be my first, or even tenth, choice, at the insistence of the board Charles Henry Dill, Lady Fowling's unscrupulous nephew, is now my personal assistant. On one of our first days open to the public, Mr John Aubrey shows up at Middlebank House and insists that Lady Georgiana Fowling is his grandmother. Mrs Woolgar is scandalised by his claims, and Charles Henry, who feels he has been cheated out of his rightful inheritance as Lady Fowling's heir, is furious. I do not know that I believe Mr Aubrey, yet he has knowledge of Lady Fowling's life and writings that few possess. To further complicate matters, an associate of Mr Aubrey's intends to help us uncover the truth of John's story. But before he can do that, he is murdered, and the police have reason to suspect Charles Henry. As much as I would like to lock up Charles Henry and

throw away the key, I cannot believe he is a killer. And I also know there is something dead wrong about Mr Aubrey's tales regarding his 'grandmother' Lady Fowling. I will need to make sense of her past in order to suss out the true villain of this story.

Mystery HC \$49.99

### **The Darkest Web**

Allison Barton 02

### **Wright, Kristin**

Jane Knudsen is an exceptionally private and intimidatingly beautiful workaholic attorney. Unflappable and cool, she's the last person likely to suddenly snap and murder one of her firm's senior partners. Yet, she's become the most likely suspect in the crime. She's retained Allison Barton, her former law school roommate, to represent her. It's Allison's job to believe Jane, even if Allison never really knew her. No one did. Jane always made sure of that. For Allison, getting close to her client now grows more complicated with each new development in the case. There may be other suspects in the victim's orbit – his harried assistant, his wrathful wife, his overly attached daughter – but everything points to Jane's guilt. She had opportunity, access, the weapon, and a motive – and she's hiding something else. And Jane would rather go to prison for life than reveal the secrets that could save her. But what secrets are worse than murder? And what will Allison risk to discover them?

Thriller TP \$35.95