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

The Turnout Abbott, Megan

Dara and Marie were trained as ballet dancers by their glamorous mother, founder of the Durant School of Dance. After their parents died in a tragic accident nearly a dozen years ago, the sisters took over running the school together with Charlie, Dara's husband and once their mother's prized student. But when a suspicious accident occurs, just at the onset of the school's annual performance of *The Nutcracker* – a season of competition, anxiety, and exhilaration – an interloper arrives and threatens their delicate balance. 'Dark and juicy and tinged with horror' – *New York Times*.

Noir PBK \$22.99

The Vanishing Type

Secret, Book & Scone Society mysteries

Adams, Ellery

While January snow falls outside in Miracle Springs, North Carolina, Nora Pennington is encouraging customers to cosy up indoors with a good book. Even though the shop and her bibliotherapy sessions keep Nora busy during the day, her nights are a little too quiet – until Deputy Andrews pulls Nora into the sci-fi section and asks her to help him plan a wedding proposal. His bride-to-be, Hester, loves *Little Women*, and Nora sets to work arranging a special screening at the town's new movie theatre. But right before the deputy pops the question, Nora makes an unsettling discovery – someone has mutilated all her store's copies of *The Scarlet Letter*, slicing angrily into the pages wherever Hester Prynne's name is mentioned. The coincidence disturbs Nora, who's one of the few in Miracle Springs who knows that Hester gave up a baby for adoption many years ago. Her family heaped shame on her, and Hester still feels so guilty that she hasn't even told her future husband. But when a dead man is found on a hiking trail just outside town, carrying a rare book, the members of the Secret, Book, and Scone Society unearth a connection to Hester's past. Someone is intent on bringing the past to light, and it's not just Hester's relationship at stake, but her life...

Mystery HC \$44.99

Wild Shores

DI Karen Eiken Hornby series

Adolfsson, Maria

A disused quarry. A suspicious death.

A dark past bubbling to the surface...

Though Detective Karen Eiken Hornby returned to her homeland, the island nation Doggerland, from London some years ago, she has largely avoided visiting the northernmost island, where her father's wayward family reside. But when a man's body is discovered in a flooded quarry on Noorö and with illness preventing any of her colleagues attending, Karen has no choice but to head north to investigate. However, with limited resources at her disposal Karen is

largely on her own – and she cannot shake the feeling that her relatives, with their somewhat lax approach to the rule of law, could be involved... The follow-up to *Fatal Isles* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Agatha Christie's Poirot:

the Greatest Detective in the World

Aldridge, Mark

From the very first book publication in 1920 to the film release of *Death on the Nile*, this investigation into Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot celebrates a century of probably the world's favourite fictional detective. This book tells his story decade-by-decade, exploring his appearances not only in the original novels, short stories and plays but also across stage, screen and radio productions. The hardback edition includes more than 400 illustrations. Poirot has had near-permanent presence in the public eye ever since the 1920 publication of *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*. From character development, publication history and private discussion concerning the original stories themselves, to early forays on to the stage and screen, the story of Poirot is as fascinating as it is enduring. Based on the author's original research, review excerpts and original Agatha Christie correspondence, *Poirot: The Greatest Detective in the World* is a lively and accessible history of the character, offering new information and helpful pieces of context, that will delight all Agatha Christie fans, from a new generation of readers to those already highly familiar with the canon. Now in a softcover edition.

Christie TP \$29.99

Aunt Dimity and the Enchanted Cottage

Aunt Dimity mysteries

Atherton, Nancy

It's early May in the small English village of Finch and the air is crackling with excitement: a newcomer is about to move into Pussywillows, a riverside cottage with a romantic reputation. Will the cottage's newest resident prove yet again its enchanting ability to matchmake? But when Crispin Windle arrives, no one knows what to make of him: seemingly a loner, he repels every welcoming gesture and appears altogether uninterested in being a part of the community. Soon, the townspeople have all but dismissed him. Only Lori and Tommy Prescott, a young army veteran who recently moved to Finch, refuse to give up. They orchestrate a chance meeting that leads to a startling discovery: a set of overgrown ruins. They are, Aunt Dimity shares, the remains of a Victorian woollen mill that once brought prosperity to Finch. As the three explore, they stumble upon the unmarked graves of children who died working at the mill. Heartbroken, Lori, Tommy, and Mr Windle get to work on the seemingly impossible task of identifying the

children to give them a proper burial. And as Mr Windle works tirelessly to name the forgotten children, he slowly begins to open up – giving the romantic cottage a chance to heal his heart as well.

Mystery HC \$55.00

China Roses

Hazel Best & Gabriel Ash mysteries

Bannister, Jo

No one ever said: 'See Norbold and die'.

So, why would a man from DC Hazel Best's past cross England in order to get himself beaten senseless in this uninspiring Midlands town? Everyone assumes he was looking for Hazel. She can't think why he would; and when David Sperrin wakes up, he can't think why he would either. Amnesia – or something to hide? Flashbacks as Sperrin's battered brain recovers only make the case more troubling. His sharpest memory is of a girl dying in his arms. But who, and how? And why is there no body, no witnesses, no missing person's report? Struggling to make sense of the situation, Hazel turns to her close friend Gabriel Ash for help. But Ash has problems of his own: one of his own ghosts has returned to haunt him. And the stakes are so high there's no one, not even Hazel, he can confide in...

Mystery TP \$39.95

Follow Me

Barber, Kathleen

Audrey Miller has an enviable new job at the Smithsonian, a body by Pilates, an apartment door with a broken lock, and hundreds of thousands of Instagram followers to bear witness to it all. Having just moved to Washington, DC, Audrey busies herself with impressing her new boss, interacting with her online fan base, and staying off a creepy upstairs neighbour – with the help of the only two people she knows in town: an ex-boyfriend she can't stay away from, and a sorority sister with a high-powered job and a mysterious past. But Audrey's faulty door may be the least of her security concerns. Unbeknownst to her, her move has brought her within striking distance of someone who has obsessively followed her social media presence for years – from her first WordPress blog to her most recent Instagram Story. No longer content to simply follow her carefully curated life from a distance, he consults the dark web for advice on how to make Audrey his and his alone. In his quest to win her heart, nothing is off limits – and nothing is private.

Thriller PBK \$26.95

A Deadly Deletion

Booktown mysteries

Barrett, Lorna

Tricia Miles has just received a second marriage proposal within 15 minutes. The first was from her friend with benefits, Marshall Chambers, and the second from her

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ex-lover, police chief Grant Baker. Tricia's got some serious thinking to do. She's still weighing her options, when she hears the sound of an engine roaring down Main Street. It's a big white pickup truck that aims for and hits Marshall as he's walking back to his apartment. Tragically, he's killed, leaving Tricia feeling bereft and guilty. She retreats to her sister, Angelica's, apartment to wait for Baker to update her on what happened. While there, Tricia takes Angelica's dog out for a comfort call behind the building, and the same white pickup roars up the alley and just misses hitting Tricia. Still shaken by that news, Tricia returns to Haven't Got a Clue and is met by federal marshal Kirby, who tells her that Marshall had been in the Federal Witness Protection Program. Everything Marshall told Tricia was a lie – in particular, that he was a widower. Was his death an act of revenge? Tricia's on the hunt for a killer, and it seems like she might be next on the list.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Rabbit Hole

Billingham, Mark

My name is Alice. I'm a police officer. I'm trying to solve a murder on a psychiatric ward. But I'm also a patient... They were meant to be safe on Fleet Ward: psychiatric patients monitored, treated, cared for. But now one of their number is found murdered, and the accusations begin to fly. Was it one of his fellow patients? A member of staff? Or did someone come in from the outside? DC Alice Armitage is methodical, tireless, and she's quickly on the trail of the killer. The only problem is, Alice is a patient too.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

The Night She Went Missing

Bird, Kristen

An intriguing and twisty domestic suspense about loyalty and deceit in a tightknit Texas community where parents are known to behave badly, and people are not always who they appear to be. Emily, a popular but bookish prep school senior, goes missing after a night out with friends. She was last seen leaving a party with Alex, a football player with a dubious reputation. But no one is talking. Now, three mothers, Catherine, Leslie, and Morgan, friends turned frenemies, have their lives turned upside down as they are forced to look to their own children – and each other's – for answers to questions they don't want to ask.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Claws for Suspicion

Catskills Pet Rescue mysteries

Blake, Deborah

Kari Stuart is finally starting to relax into her role as the new owner of the Serenity Sanctuary and is looking forward to the various fun autumn activities in the beautiful Catskills town of Lakeview, like the annual Oktoberfest celebration. It's time for friends and quality bonding with handsome vet Angus McCoy. Until the unexpected arrival of her unpleasant ex-husband, Charlie Smith. He comes bearing a shocking revelation – the paperwork on their divorce never went through, and they are still married. Worse yet, he thinks this entitles him to half of her lottery winnings – although he'll happily take partial ownership of the sanctuary instead. Kari isn't sure if he's telling the truth, or if it's

just another one of Charlie's lies. But things go from bad to worse, when an unexpected death makes Kari the main suspect in a murder investigation. Will she and Queenie be able to find the real killer and keep the home they've built at the sanctuary safe, or is their string of luck finally tapped out?

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Bone Field

Dark Paradise mysteries

Bokur, Debra

Kali Mahoe has been called to a bizarre crime scene. In the recesses of a deep trench on Lana'i Island's pineapple fields, the skeletal remains of someone buried, decades ago, has been found inside an old refrigerator. The body is headless, the skull replaced with a chilling adornment: a large, ornately carved wooden pineapple. Kali's investigation leads her to an unlikely suspect, an illegal cockfighting organisation, and a strange symbol connected to a long-disbanded religious cult. Kali solves cases using logic and reason, not the unknown or unexplainable, which might help her unravel an increasingly mind-boggling series of deadly events. Because the dormant pineapple fields of Lana'i have yet to give up their darkest and most terrifying secrets.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Wrong Victim

Quinn & Costa series

Brennan, Allison

A bomb explodes on a sunset charter cruise out of Friday Harbour at the height of tourist season and kills everyone on board. Now, this fishing and boating community is in shock and asking who would commit such a heinous crime – the largest act of mass murder in the history of the San Juan Islands. Was the explosion an act of domestic terrorism, or was one of the dead the primary target? That is the first question Special Agent Matt Costa, Detective Kara Quinn and the rest of the FBI team need to answer, but they have few clues and no witnesses. Accused of putting profits before people after leaking fuel endangered an environmentally sensitive preserve, the West End Charter company may itself have been the target. As Matt and his team get closer to answers, they find one of their own caught in the crosshairs of a determined killer.

Thriller HC \$55.00

An Untidy Death

Decluttering mysteries

Brett, Simon

When the body of a prospective client is discovered in her burned-out home, declutterer Ellen Curtis is drawn into a baffling investigation where nothing is as it first appears. *My mother's going to kill herself... That is, if I don't kill her, first.* When Alexandra Richards approaches professional declutterer Ellen Curtis to ask her to help sort out her mother's chaotic flat, Ellen gets the impression Alexandra doesn't like her mother very much. But when Ingrid Richards' body is discovered in her burned-out home, Alexandra's exasperated words don't seem such a joke. Due to the hazardous state of the victim's over-cluttered residence, the police are inclined to dismiss her death as an unfortunate accident. Ellen's not so sure. Could Alexandra's resentment towards her

mother have escalated into outright violence? The more she discovers about the dead woman's remarkable past, the more convinced Ellen becomes that there's something decidedly suspicious about her death. At least she can console herself that clearing out widower Edward Finch's bungalow will be a straightforward job in comparison. But in this assumption, Ellen couldn't be more wrong...

Mystery TP \$39.95

Wake

Burr, Shelley

Evelyn simply vanished. The small town of Nannine lies in the harsh red interior of New South Wales. Once a thriving outback centre, years of punishing drought have whittled it down to no more than a couple of pubs and a police station. And its one sinister claim to fame: the still-unsolved disappearance of Evelyn McCreery, 19 years ago, from the bedroom she shared with her twin sister. Mina McCreery's life has been defined by the intense and ongoing public interest in her sister's case. Now, an anxious and reclusive adult, Mina lives alone on her family's sun-baked, destocked sheep farm. The million-dollar reward her mother established to solve the disappearance has never been paid out. Enter Lane Holland, a private investigator who dropped out of the police academy to earn a living cracking cold cases. Lane has his eye on the unclaimed money, but he also has darker motivations for wanting to solve the case. 'An effortlessly accomplished, astonishing debut set against the heat and isolation of the Australian outback.' – *Dinuka McKenzie.*

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Three Tainted Teas

Kitchen Witch mysteries

Cahoon, Lynn

Business is bubbling at Mia's catering service and cooking school, Mia's Morsels, but toil and trouble are not far behind. Mia just accepted her toughest gig yet: last-minute wedding planner for Magic Springs' own Romeo and Juliet. Though the small town is fairly accepting of magic, two families have been locked in a vicious feud spanning generations. Unfortunately for both families, they're about to become in-laws! Amethyst and Tok are excited to wed in a few weeks and somehow Mia must ensure the event is flawless. But when she goes to pick up paperwork from the couple's previous wedding planner, Mia discovers the woman murdered in an apparent attempt to stop the contentious union. Now, not only is Mia a prime suspect, as the new planner she may also be the killer's next target. Backed by her squad, her charms – literal and figurative – and a protective amulet from her Grans, it's up to Mia to save the star-crossed couple's wedding, her professional reputation... and maybe even her life!

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Nonna Maria and the Case of the Missing Bride

Garcattera, Lorenzo

Nonna Maria has lived on Ischia, an island in the Gulf of Naples, her entire life. Recognisable by the widow's black she's worn every day for decades, she always has pasta on the stove and espresso in the pot for the neighbours who stop by to ask her advice on

life and love. Everyone knows her, and she knows everyone's business. So, if something goes wrong, islanders look to her, not the local carabinieri, to find the solution. When a recently-engaged woman confesses that she's afraid her fiancé, a stranger to Ischia with a murky past, might not be who he seems, Nonna Maria helps her disappear so she can investigate the true nature of her betrothed. The stranger has also raised the suspicions of Captain Murino of the carabinieri, but he's occupied investigating the death of a tour boat captain who drowned in the wee hours of the morning. Captain Murino believes it was an accident, but Nonna Maria knows the man was a born sailor and too good a swimmer to drown, no matter how much wine he might have drunk. While Captain Murino has his hands full, she pours herself a glass of white wine and gets to work, even though getting involved will expose her to the dangers lurking just beneath the surface of her idyllic home.

Mystery HC \$49.99

Widowland

Garey, C J (aka Thynne, Jane)

To control the past, they edited history. To control the future, they edited literature. *London, 1953, Coronation year – but not the Coronation of Elizabeth II.* Thirteen years have passed since a Grand Alliance between Great Britain and Germany was formalised. George VI and his family have been murdered and Edward VIII rules as King. Yet, in practice, all power is vested in Alfred Rosenberg, Britain's Protector. The role and status of women is Rosenberg's particular interest. Rose Ransom belongs to the elite caste of women and works at the Ministry of Culture, rewriting literature to correct the views of the past. But, now, she has been given a special task. Outbreaks of insurgency have been seen across the country; graffiti daubed on public buildings. Disturbingly, the graffiti is made up of lines from forbidden works, subversive words from the voices of women. Suspicion has fallen on Widowland, the rundown slums where childless women over 50 have been banished. These women are known to be mutinous, for they have nothing to lose. Before the Leader arrives for the Coronation ceremony of King Edward and Queen Wallis, Rose must infiltrate Widowland, to find the source of this rebellion and ensure that it is quashed. An alternative history with a strong feminist twist, perfect for fans of Robert Harris' *Fatherland* and the dystopian novels of Margaret Atwood.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Outcast Girls

World's End Bureau Victorian mysteries

Clare, Alys

London, 1881. Lily Raynor, owner of the World's End Investigation Bureau, is growing increasingly worried. Work is drying up, finances are tight, and she cannot find enough for her sole employee, Felix Wilbraham, to do. So, when schoolteacher Georgiana Long arrives, with a worrying tale of runaway pupils, it seems like the answer to her prayers. The case is an interesting one, and what could be less perilous than a trip to a girls' boarding school, out in the Fens? Disguised as the new Assistant Matron, Lily joins the Shardlowes School staff, while Felix

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– suppressing his worries about his cool, calm employer – remains behind. But there are undercurrents at Shardlowes, and the shadowy, powerful man who fund the school's less fortunate pupils loom larger as Felix's own investigations unfold. Felix can't shake off his fear that Lily is in danger – and soon, his premonitions come frighteningly true...
Historical mystery TP \$39.95

The Sweet Goodbye

Danny Barrett series

Corbett, Ron

Something is not right in the North Maine Woods. A small family-run lumber company should not have more than 200 million unaccountable dollars on their books. Money like that comes from moving something other than wood across the border. The first agent the FBI sent undercover was their best man – sure to get the answers that were needed. He was dead within a month. Now, Danny Barrett is taking his place. Before he was a cop, Danny grew up in the woods of Northern Michigan. He is the only chance the feds have of getting answers, but how many more will have to die first?

Mystery/suspense HC \$49.99

Razorblade Tears

Gosby, S A

Ike Randolph left jail 15 years ago, with not so much as a speeding ticket since. But a Black man with cops at the door knows to be afraid. Ike is devastated to learn his son Isiah has been murdered, along with Isiah's white husband, Derek. Though he never fully accepted his son, Ike is broken by his death. Derek's father Buddy Lee was as ashamed of Derek being gay, as Derek was of his father's criminal past. But Buddy Lee – with seedy contacts, deep in the underworld – needs to know who killed his only child. Desperate to do better by them in death, than they did in life, two hardened ex-cons must confront their own prejudices about their sons – and each other – as they rain down vengeance upon those who hurt their boys. A provocative revenge thriller and an achingly tender story of redemption, this novel is a ferocious portrait of grief; for those loved and lost, and for mistakes that can never truly be undone. 'The very definition of a white-knuckle ride' – Ian Rankin.

Noir PBK \$22.99

Last One Alive

Cowie, Amber

Bestselling debut novelist Penelope Berkowitz is desperate for inspiration for a second book. With the help of her new boyfriend, she embarks on a research trip with a *Cluedo*-like team of professionals, ex-lovers, and estranged family members to investigate the myth of a witch on Stone Point, a remote coastal outcropping in the Pacific Northwest. For over a century, the cabin on the point stood vacant after the violent death of the original owner and the disappearance of his wife – until a young couple decided to turn it into an eco-lodge. Shortly after starting renovations, however, they suddenly ceased all contact with others and were never heard from again. Given the area's mysterious history, Penelope is certain there's a story to be found in the isolated region. But soon after arriving on the point's wind-whipped shores, things begin to go awry for the team. Storms

blow in. Tempers flare. The satellite phones stop working and no boats are due for days. Then people begin to disappear. When bodies turn up, it's up to Penelope and the remaining members of the team to solve the mystery of the Stone Witch before the killer is the only one left alive.

Thriller TP \$37.95

A Traitor's Heart

Revol Rossel series

Greed, Ben

Winter, 1952: Leningrad's icy streets are haunted by a murderer. The name is whispered everywhere – *Koshchei has returned*, the people say. *Koshchei the Immortal*. Koshchei, named after a sinister figure from Slavic folklore, is an invisible killer who cuts out the tongue of his victims and replaces it with a scroll of paper containing a few lines of what seems to be Italian verse. Three thousand kilometres away in a labour colony above the Arctic Circle, threatened by the Thieves who rule the camp, former militia lieutenant Revol Rossel is close to death. As helicopter blades whip the snow into hallucinatory flurries, Rossel watches the arrival of a saviour he hates: Major Nikitin, the man who once cut off the former virtuoso violinist's fingers. Along with skilled aviator Tanya 'Vassya' Vasilievna, the two men must hunt Koshchei down. On the trail, they uncover more riddles, including one centred on the ruins of Hitler's bunker, the Fuhrer's own copy of a Renaissance manual for tyrants, and secret code hidden within that leads to a weapon of unimaginable power. A weapon coveted by the scheming plotters of Stalin's Kremlin. What Rossel and Nikitin do not know is that the mystery and the murderer are inextricably linked. And to save themselves they must not only catch Koshchei but also uncover the identity of another ghost – a ghost hiding among the remnants of Hitler's once all-powerful Third Reich. The follow-up to the excellent *City of Ghosts* (PBK, \$19.99).

Suspense TP \$32.99

Inspector French's Greatest Case

Inspector French mysteries

Grofts, Freeman Wills

At the offices of the Hatton Garden diamond merchant Duke and Peabody, the body of old Mr Gething is discovered beside a now-empty safe. With multiple suspects, the robbery and murder is clearly the work of a master criminal, and requires a master detective to solve it. Meticulous as ever, Inspector Joseph French of Scotland Yard embarks on an investigation that takes him from the streets of London to Holland, France and Spain, and finally to a ship bound for South America... The first Inspector French mystery by Freeman Wills Crofts, once dubbed 'The King of Detective Story Writers', from the Collins' Crime Club archive.

Classic mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Sea Mystery

Inspector French mysteries

Grofts, Freeman Wills

The body that came from nowhere... Off the coast of Burry Port in south Wales, two fishermen discover a shipping crate and manage to haul it ashore. Inside is the decomposing body of a brutally murdered

man. With nothing to indicate who he is or where it came from, the local police decide to call in Scotland Yard. Fortunately, Inspector Joseph French does not believe in insoluble cases – there are always clues to be found if you know what to look for. Testing his theories with his accustomed thoroughness, French's ingenuity sets him off on another investigation... A reissue from the Collins' Crime Club archive.

Classic mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Box Office Murders

Inspector French mysteries

Grofts, Freeman Wills

The puzzle of the purple sickle... The suicide of a sales clerk, at the box office of a London cinema, leaves another girl in fear for her life. Persuaded to seek help from Scotland Yard, Miss Darke confides in Inspector Joseph French about a gambling scam by a mysterious trio of crooks and that she believes her friend was murdered. When the girl fails to turn up the next day, and the police later find her body, French's inquiries reveal that similar girls have also been murdered, all linked by their jobs and by a sinister stranger with a purple scar... A reissue from the Collins' Crime Club archive.

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The Starvel Hollow Mystery

Inspector French mysteries

Grofts, Freeman Wills

Three corpses for Inspector French... A chance invitation from friends saves Ruth Averill's life on the night her uncle's old house in Starvel Hollow is consumed by fire, killing him and incinerating the fortune he kept in cash. Dismissed at the inquest as a tragic accident, the case is closed – until Scotland Yard is alerted to the circulation of banknotes supposedly destroyed in the inferno. Inspector Joseph French suspects that dark deeds were done in the Hollow that night and begins to uncover a brutal crime involving arson, murder, and body snatching... A reissue from the Collins' Crime Club archive.

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Sir John Magill's Last Journey

Inspector French mysteries

Grofts, Freeman Wills

When Sir John Magill, the wealthy Irish industrialist, fails to show up at his hometown on a well-publicised visit, neither his family nor the Belfast police can explain his disappearance. Foul play is suspected when his bloodstained hat is discovered, and Scotland Yard is called in. With his characteristic genius for reconstruction, Inspector French evolves a gruesome theory about what happened to the elderly man, but his reputation – and that of Scotland Yard – will depend on finding out who was responsible... A reissue from the Collins' Crime Club archive.

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The Cheyne Mystery

Inspector French mysteries

Grofts, Freeman Wills

When young Maxwell Cheyne discovers that a series of mishaps are the result of unwelcome attention from a dangerous gang of criminals, he teams up with a young woman who is determined to help him

outwit them. But when she disappears, he finally decides to go to Scotland Yard for help. Concerned by the developing situation, Inspector Joseph French takes charge of the investigation and applies his trademark methods to track down the kidnappers and thwart their intentions... A reissue from the Collins' Crime Club archive.

Classic mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Revenge from the Grave

Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Davies, David Stuart

A brand-new Holmes mystery from acclaimed Sherlockian author David Stuart Davies, featuring the return of the sinister Moriarty gang... When Professor James Moriarty plunged over the Reichenbach Falls, the world believed that Sherlock Holmes was also dead. Three years later, Holmes has returned – but so, too, has a deadly threat. With Moriarty's criminal empire still very much alive, Holmes and Watson are forced to ask themselves if their greatest foe really did perish...

Sherlockiana PBK \$19.99

The Diva Serves Forbidden Fruit

Domestic Diva mysteries

Davis, Krista

With Old Town's DIY Home Decorating Festival in full swing, Sophie's swamped, juggling a bumper crop of artisans, antique dealers, and decorators for the busy street fair. Still, when her best friend Nina suddenly needs a ride from the airport, Sophie is happy to help... until she sees Nina disembarking in a state of disarray. It's obvious the trip to Portugal soured somewhere along the way. But after one of Nina's traveling companions turns up murdered the following day, Sophie knows something is truly rotten... Though the crime scene is staged to look like an accident, Sophie isn't fooled and peels off to conduct her own investigation. Her only clue is a strange image the victim scratched into the soil before dying. Could it point to a cryptic killer in Old Town? A bitter travel adversary? Or a cursed artifact smuggled back from the trip? As the mystery grows, so does the body count, and if Sophie doesn't pluck the murderer soon, her best friend may be the next to fall...

Mystery TP \$27.99

A Silent Way to Die

Kember & Hayes mysteries

Daws, N R

December 1940. With the Blitz devastating Britain's cities, Lizzie Hayes and the women pilots of the Air Transport Authority are more crucial to the war effort than ever before. But when the relative peace of the village of Scotney is shattered by the disappearance of the Chief Inspector's niece, it's Lizzie's training as a psychologist that draws her into another disturbing police case alongside DI Jonathan Kember. Events threaten to overtake the pair when a local shepherdess is found murdered – and there's something strange missing at the scene of the crime. As more bodies turn up, each bearing the same hallmark, Kember realises the campaign of terror will only escalate unless they can use Lizzie's training to get into the killer's mind. With Kember's superiors set against Lizzie's involvement, he risks his

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reputation and his career – but it's Lizzie who risks everything by putting her own life on the line in a desperate effort to unmask the murderer. With war raging around them, can they halt the killer before it's too late?

Mystery TP \$35.95

The Last Thing to Burn Dean, Will

On an isolated farm in the United Kingdom, a woman is trapped by the monster who kidnapped her, seven years ago. When she discovers she is pregnant, she resolves to protect her child, no matter the cost, and starts to meticulously plot her escape. But when another woman is brought into the fold on the farm, her plans go awry. Can she save herself, her child, and this innocent woman at the same time? Or is she doomed to spend the remainder of her life as a captive?

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Double Shot Death

Ground Rules mysteries

Duncan, Emmeline

At Campathon, an annual eco-friendly festival held on a farm outside of Portland, fans celebrate the Pacific Northwest's music scene in quintessential PDX style – with gourmet food carts, reusable utensils... and lots of coffee. How else to get through three days of nonstop entertainment? Sage has scored a coveted place for her Ground Rules coffee cart thanks to her new-ish boyfriend, Bax, who's friendly with Maya, one of the musicians performing. The festivities begin with a stream of customers, friends, and acquaintances stopping by for Ground Rules' world-class blends, expertly brewed by Sage and her newest barista. But there are tensions between Maya and her former bandmates, who are on the cusp of making it big, and with Ian, the band's manager. When Sage stumbles upon Ian's dead body in the nearby woods – his hand still clutching one of her coffee mugs – it's clear that someone's grudge boiled over into murder. Can Sage work out who's responsible before another innocent life fades out, and the curtain falls on Campathon, and maybe her own future, for good?

Mystery TP \$27.99

A Margin for Murder

Beyond the Page Bookstore mysteries

Elliott, Lauren

Addie leaves her Greyborne Harbour bookstore, Beyond the Page Books and Curios, in the capable hands of her assistant while she travels to the neighbouring town of Pen Hollow to attend a book sale at a library that is closing due to lack of funding. But the real find is a bookmobile bus, which she's excited to refit as a traveling bookstore to hit all the summer festivals. The bookmobile also holds a surprising treasure: several classic first editions and an early edition of Robert Louis Stevenson's *A Child's Garden of Verses*. But before the bookmobile can be delivered to Addie, a fatal car crash occurs. When an autopsy reveals poison in the victim's system and the first editions go missing, it's up to Addie to determine what would drive someone to murder. If she's not careful, however, she may be the next one to be dead on arrival...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Devil Himself

Farris, Peter

Deep in the forest of South Georgia, barely 18-year-old Maya narrowly escapes a savage end. The victim of a vast human trafficking operation managed out of Mexico, Maya had the misfortune to discover the dark plans of a high-ranking client. Her fate seemed sealed, until Leonard Moye, a lonely eccentric who tolerates no one on his land, takes the young woman under his protection. Both having lived lives that have left deep scars, each consumed by anger, they soon develop a bond that makes them, as a pair, a formidable foe, even for hardened criminals and professional scumbags. Maya knows too much and the old man lives on land in the crosshairs of narco machinations. As the heavies seek to finish the job, they find they may be no match for the resourcefulness of a disturbed old man and a cunning young woman.

Noir HC \$55.00

One for Sorrow

DI Callanach series

Fields, Helen

Edinburgh is gripped by the greatest terror it has ever known: a lone bomber is targeting victims across the city, and no one is safe. In their jobs, DCI Ava Turner and DI Luc Callanach deal with death every day. But when it becomes clear that every bomb is a trap designed to kill them too, the possibility of facing it themselves starts to feel all too real. With the body count rising daily and the bomber's methods becoming ever more horrifying, Ava and Luc must race to find out who is behind the attacks – or pay the ultimate price...

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

An Honest Lie

Fisher, Tarryn

Lorraine – 'Rainy' – lives at the top of Tiger Mountain. Remote, moody, cloistered in pine trees and fog, it's a sanctuary, a new life. She can hide from the disturbing past she wants to forget. If she's allowed to. When Rainy reluctantly agrees to a girls' weekend in Vegas, she's prepared for an exhausting parade of shots and slot machines. But after a wild night, her friend Braithe doesn't come back to the hotel room. And then Rainy gets the text message, sent from Braithe's phone: someone has her. But Rainy is who they really want, and Rainy knows why. What follows is a twisted, shocking journey on the knife-edge of life and death. If she wants to save Braithe – and herself – the only way is to step back into the past.

Thriller TP \$29.99

Best Kept Secrets

Nora Best mysteries

Florio, Gwen

Nora Best is done running. She's heading to her hometown of Chateau, to the grand Quail House, to stay with her mother and claim the great American privilege of starting over. But she might find it is hard to start over when the past is catching up... The night Nora arrives in Chateau, a white police officer shoots and kills Robert Evans, a young black man. The officer in question is Nora's school sweetheart, Alden Tydings. What really happened that night? Did Alden act in self-

defence as he claims? Robert is the nephew of Bobby Evans, a man whose murder during the race protests of 1967 was never solved. Bobby and his sister, Grace, used to work at Quail House before Nora was born and, as tensions in Chateau rise, Nora begins to uncover secrets within her family home that could upend the lives of everyone in town...

Mystery TP \$39.95

The Nail Knot

Fly Fishing mysteries

Galligan, John

When the going gets tough, Ned 'Dog' Oglivie goes fly fishing. Driven by tragedy to turn his back on human society, the Dog is on a quest to trout-fish himself into oblivion – all across America. Plying the back highways of the country in an old RV, provisioned with a supply of peanut butter sandwiches, bad cigars, and a loaded pistol (for when the money runs out), the Dog rolls into little Black Earth, Wisconsin, intending to fish the yellow sally stonefly hatch... and stumbles upon a body instead. Who killed Jake Jacobs, a fellow fly fisher who was trying to save Black Earth Creek? Why was he disfigured in such a peculiar way? Why does the Dog even give a damn? By caring about the death of a stranger, can the Dog recover his own life? And can he untie the nail knot? The first in a new series.

Mystery TP \$32.99

Murder on a Winter's Night: Ten Classic Crime Stories

anthology

Gayford, Cecily (editor)

In the bleak midwinter... murder awaits.

The halls might be decked, and the mistletoe hung, but in these ten classic crime stories you're more likely to come across a corpse under the Christmas tree than a present. From a Santa Claus with a secret to a violent theft that snowballs into something quite unexpected, pull up a chair, throw another log on the fire... and let history's greatest crime writers surprise, delight, and chill you to the bone. Featuring stories by Dorothy L Sayers, Arthur Conan Doyle, Cyril Hare, Margery Allingham, Mark Billingham, and more...

Classic mystery PBK \$19.99

The Girls Weekend

Gehrman, Jody

June Moody, a 30-something English professor, just wants to get away from her recent breakup, and reunite with girlfriends over summer break. Her old friend and long-time nemesis, Sadie MacTavish, a mega-successful author, invites June and her college friends to a baby shower at her sprawling estate in the San Juan Islands. June is less than thrilled to spend time with Sadie – and her husband, June's former crush – but agrees to go. The party gets off to a shaky start when old grudges resurface, but when they wake the next morning, they find something worse: Sadie is missing, the house is in shambles, and bloodstains mar the staircase. None of them has any memory of the night before; they wonder if they were drugged. Everyone's a suspect. Since June had a secret rendezvous with Sadie's husband, she has plenty of reason to suspect herself. Apparently, so do the cops.

Mystery TP \$27.99

The Old Woman with the Knife Gi, Byeong-mo

At 65, Hornclaw is beginning to slow down. She lives modestly in a small apartment, with only her aging dog, a rescue named Deadweight, to keep her company. There are expectations for people her age – that she'll retire and live out the rest of her days quietly. But Hornclaw is not like other people. She is an assassin. Double-crossers, corporate enemies, cheating spouses – for the past four decades, Hornclaw has killed them all with ruthless efficiency, and the less she's known about her targets, the better. But now, nearing the end of her career, she has just slipped up. An injury leads her to an unexpected connection with a doctor and his family. But emotions, for an assassin, are a dangerous proposition. As Hornclaw's world closes in, this final chapter in her career may also mark her own bloody end. A sensation in South Korea, and now translated into English for the first time.

Thriller TP \$29.99

The Wild Life

Joe the Bouncer series

Gordon, David

Expelled Harvard student and ex-Special Forces operative suffering PTSD, so severe that it turned him to drug and alcohol abuse, Joe Brody is getting his life back together, living with his grandmother in Queens and taking what should be a simple job as a bouncer at a strip club where he can spend most of his night reading the classics. The only catch is that his childhood friend Gio Caprisi, now head of New York's Italian Mafia, relies on Joe's extra-legal expertise when things get particularly nasty on the streets – where, in an agreement between Gio and the rest of the city's biggest crime syndicates, it's understood that Joe is the sheriff for an industry that doesn't call the cops. Most recently, New York's criminal underworld has been shaken by the disappearance of its most successful and desirable call girls, vanishing one by one from the brothels where they're employed. As a pattern emerges, what might otherwise appear to be a choice to pursue a new life comes to resemble something more troublesome – the work of a serial kidnapper – and when a woman turns up dead, the hunt for the predator behind it all becomes even more urgent. To find the killer, Joe will have to plunge into the seediest fringes of Manhattan and its surrounding boroughs.

Noir HC \$55.00

Death in Daylesford

Phryne Fisher mysteries

Greenwood, Kerry

When a mysterious invitation arrives for Miss Phryne Fisher from an unknown Captain Herbert Spencer, Phryne's curiosity is excited. Spencer runs a retreat in Victoria's spa country for shell-shocked soldiers of the First World War. It's a cause after Phryne's own heart, but what could Spencer want from her? Phryne and the faithful Dot view their spa sojourn as a short holiday but are quickly thrown in the midst of disturbing Highland gatherings, disappearing women, murder and the mystery of the Temperance

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Hotel. Meanwhile, Cec, Bert and Tinker find a young woman floating face down in the harbour, dead. Tinker, with Jane and Ruth, Phryne's resilient adopted daughters, together decide to solve what appears to be a heinous crime. Disappearances, murder, bombs, booby-traps, and strange goings-on land Miss Phryne Fisher right in the middle of her most exciting adventure.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Scandal in Babylon

Silver Screen Historical mysteries

Hambly, Barbara

1924. After six months in Hollywood, young British widow Emma Blackstone has come to love her new employer, glamorous movie-star Kitty Flint – even if her late husband's sister is one of the worst actresses she's ever seen. Looking after Kitty and her three adorable Pekinese dogs isn't work Emma dreamed of, but Kitty rescued her when she was all alone in the world. Now, the worst thing academically-minded Emma has to worry about is the shocking historical inaccuracies of the films Kitty stars in. Until, that is, Rex Festrav – Kitty's first husband, to whom she may or may not still be married – turns up dead in her dressing room, a threatening letter seemingly from Kitty in his pocket. Emma's certain her flighty but kind-hearted sister-in-law has been framed. But who by? And why? From spiteful rivals to jealous boyfriends, the suspects are numerous. But as Emma investigates, she begins to untangle a deadly plot – and there's something Kitty's not telling her... The first in a new series.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

The Corpse Flower

Kaldan & Schäfer mysteries

Hancock, Anne Mette

Danish journalist Heloise Kaldan is in the middle of a nightmare. One of her sources has been caught lying, and she could lose her job over it. Then she receives the first in a series of cryptic and unsettling letters from a woman named Anna Kiel. Wanted in connection with the fatal stabbing of a young lawyer, three years earlier, Anna hasn't been seen by anyone since she left the crime scene covered in blood. The police think she's fled the country until homicide detective Erik Schäfer comes up with a lead after the reporter who originally wrote about the case is found murdered in his apartment. Has Anna Kiel struck again, or is there more than one killer at large? And why does every clue point directly to Heloise Kaldan? Meanwhile, the letters keep coming, and they hint at a connection between Anna and Heloise. As Heloise starts digging deeper, she realises that to tell Anna's story she will have to revisit the darkest parts of her own past – confronting someone she swore she'd never see again.

Thriller TP \$29.99

Miss Aldridge Regrets

Hare, Louise

London, 1936. Lena Aldridge wonders if life has passed her by. The dazzling theatre career she hoped for hasn't worked out. Instead, she's stuck singing in a sticky-floored basement club in Soho, and her married lover has just left her. But Lena has always had a complicated life, one shrouded in mystery

as a mixed-race girl passing for white in a city unforgiving of her true racial heritage. She's feeling utterly hopeless until a stranger offers her the chance of a lifetime: a starring role on Broadway and a first-class ticket on the *Queen Mary* bound for New York. After a murder at the club, the timing couldn't be better, and Lena jumps at the chance to escape England. But death follows her onboard when an obscenely wealthy family draws her into their fold just as one among them is killed in a chillingly familiar way. As Lena navigates the Abernathy's increasingly bizarre family dynamic, she realises that her greatest performance won't be for an audience, but for her life.

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

A Study in Grimson

Sherlock Holmes: 1942

Harris, Robert J

London, 1942. A killer going by the name of 'Crimson Jack' is stalking the wartime streets of London, murdering women on the exact dates of the infamous Jack the Ripper killings of 1888. Has the Ripper somehow returned from the grave? Is the self-styled Crimson Jack a descendant of the original Jack, or merely a madman obsessed with those notorious killings? In desperation, Scotland Yard turn to Sherlock Holmes, the world's greatest detective. Surely, he is the one man who can sift fact from legend and track down Crimson Jack before he completes his tally of death. As Holmes and the faithful Watson tread the blacked-out streets of London, death waits just around the corner. Inspired by the classic film series – starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce – which updated Sherlock Holmes to the 1940s, this is a brand-new adventure from an acclaimed author. Now in paperback.

Sherlockiana PBK \$19.99

The Prodigal Daughter

Linda Wallheim mysteries

Harrison, Mette Ivie

Linda Wallheim, increasingly disillusioned with her Mormon religion, has begun marriage counselling with her husband, Kurt, a bishop in the Latter-Day Saints Church. On other days, Linda occupies herself with happier things, like visiting her five grown sons and their families. When Linda's eldest son, Joseph, tells her his infant daughter's babysitter, a local teenager named Sabrina Jensen, has vanished, Linda can't help but ask questions. Her casual inquiries form the portrait of a girl under extreme pressure from her parents to be the perfect Mormon daughter, and it eventually emerges that Sabrina is the victim of a terrible crime at the hands of her own classmates – including the high school's golden boys and future church leaders. Linda's search for Sabrina will lead her to the darker streets of Utah and cause her to question whether the Mormon community's most privileged and powerful will be called to task for past sins.

Mystery TP \$29.99

Writing a Wrong

Writer for Hire mysteries

Hechtman, Betty

As a writer for hire, Veronica Blackstone puts her keyboard to use to help others. That includes writing advertising copy for local businesses, and love letters for those

needing romantic help. Tony Richards needs the latter. Debonair, charismatic, handsome, Tony seems like the last person who'd need help with love letters, but help him Veronica does... only Tony owes her money and won't tell her anything about the woman she's writing the love letters for. That's not how Veronica normally works. When Tony is found dead, his real name is revealed as Ted Roberts. The police think his death was part of a burglary gone wrong, but Veronica isn't convinced. Why did he lie about his name? Who were the love letters for? And could they hold the key to his death?

Mystery TP \$39.95

Bad Actors

Slough House series

Herron, Mick

Intelligence has a new home...

A governmental think-tank, whose remit is to curb the independence of the intelligence service, has lost one of its key members, and Claude Whelan – one-time head of MI5's Regent's Park – is tasked with tracking her down. But the trail leads straight back to the Park, itself, with Diana Taverner as chief suspect. Has Diana overplayed her hand, at last? What's her counterpart, Moscow's First Desk, doing in London? And does Jackson Lamb know more than he's telling? Over at Slough House, with Shirley Dander in rehab, Roddy Ho in dress rehearsal, and new recruit Ashley Khan turning up the heat, the slow horses are doing what they do best, and adding a little bit of chaos to an already unstable situation... There are bad actors everywhere, and they usually get their comeuppance before the credits roll. But politics is a dirty business, and in a world where lying, cheating and backstabbing are the norm, sometimes the good guys can find themselves outgunned. We love the slow horses of Slough House. Highly recommended. (Start with *Slow Horses* (PBK, \$22.99), if you haven't tried them before.)

Suspense TP \$32.99

Skeleton Man

Leaphorn & Chee mysteries

Hillerman, Tony

Though he may be retired, Navajo Tribal Police Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn hasn't lost his curiosity, or his edge. He's eager to help Sergeant Jim Chee and his fiancée Bernie Manuelito with their latest case – clearing an innocent kid accused of robbing a trading post. Billy Tuve claims he received the precious diamond from a strange old man in the canyon. Could it be one of the gems that went missing in an epic plane crash decades' earlier? Now that it may have resurfaced, it's attracted dangerous strangers to the Navajo lands. Proving Billy's innocence won't be easy. Leaphorn, Chee, and Manuelito must find the remains of a passenger who died in the crash – one of 172 lost souls whose remains were scattered across the magnificent, tiered cliffs of the Grand Canyon. But nature may prove their deadliest adversary. To find the proof they need, the detectives must battle a thunderous monsoon and a killer as they plunge deeper into the dark realm of the Hopi Lord of Death – the guardian of the underworld known as Skeleton Man. A rerelease.

Mystery (reissue) TP \$29.99

The Shape Shifter

Leaphorn & Chee mysteries

Hillerman, Tony

Though he's officially retired from the Navajo Tribal Police, Joe Leaphorn occasionally helps his former colleagues Jim Chee and Bernie Manuelito crack particularly puzzling crimes. But there is that rare unsolved investigation that haunts every lawman, including the legendary Leaphorn. Joe still hasn't let go of his 'last case' – a mystery involving a priceless Navajo rug that was supposedly destroyed in a fire. Nine years later, what looks like the same one-of-a-kind rug turns up in a magazine spread, and the man who showed Joe the photo has gone missing. With Chee and Bernie on their honeymoon, Leaphorn plunges into the case solo, picking up the threads of this crime he'd long thought impossible to solve. Not only has the passage of time obscured the details, but a murderer long thought dead continues to roam free – and is ready to strike again to keep the past buried. A rerelease.

Mystery (reissue) TP \$29.99

Poppy Harmon and the Backstabbing Bachelor

Desert Flowers mysteries

Hollis, Lee

While sidekick Matt Flowers shoots a film abroad, Poppy dusts off her own acting chops to break up a Gen Z crime ring targeting seniors in Palm Springs. Tanya Cook and her gal pals have been swindling susceptible residents for all they're worth – until the gang meets Poppy undercover. Yet, with the case cracked, the desert heat is on full blast as new terrors take the lead... Poppy's already sweating over a menacing mystery stalker when a shocking death proves she's in serious danger. As suspicions fall once again on Tanya, finding answers may mean pulling off the most challenging performance of her career... Now, with Poppy's unknown stalker rumoured to be posing as one of several bachelors on a glitzy reality series, a disguised Poppy must reveal his true identity on set before he realises hers. Does Poppy have what it takes to catch the cold-blooded killer in time for the season finale... or should she start planning for her funeral?

Mystery HC \$44.99

A Perilous Perspective

Lady Darby mysteries

Huber, Anna Lee

Argyll, Scotland, July 1832. After a trying few months in Edinburgh, Kiera and her husband and investigative partner, Sebastian Gage, are eager to escape to the Highlands with their three-month-old child. Kiera is overjoyed for her cousin Rye and her detractor-turned-friend Charlotte who are being wed in a private ceremony at the estate of Rye's great-uncle, the Marquess of Barbreck, in what seems to be the perfect wedding party. But when Kiera is invited to peruse Barbreck's extensive art collection, she is disturbed to discover that one of his most priceless paintings seems to be a forgery. The marquess's furious reaction when she dares to mention it leaves her shaken and the entire house shocked. For it turns out that this is not the first time the word forgery has been uttered in connection with the Barbreck household. Matters turn more ominous when a maid from a neighbouring estate is found

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murdered where the forged painting hangs. Is her death connected to the forgeries, perhaps a grisly warning of what awaits those who dare to probe deeper? With unknown entities aligned against them, Kiera and Gage are forced to confront the fact that they may have underestimated their opponent. For they are swiftly made to realise that Charlotte's and Rye's future happiness is not the only issue at stake, and this stealthy game of cat and mouse could prove to have deadly consequences.

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

Intermission

Enora Andressen series

Hurley, Graham

The world is struggling in the face of a relentless virus. When Hayden Prentice develops symptoms during a stay in his native Portsmouth, Enora Andressen and her son Malo must do their best to save his life. Because H, already in deep financial jeopardy, trusts no one. Except his kith and kin. But survival comes at a savage price. Not just the fortune that Enora must somehow raise to pay for his home nursing, but the murderous attentions of a stalker from H's past, determined to pay him one last visit and exact vengeance for a long-ago debt of blood...

Thriller TP \$39.95

The Bone Track

Alexa Glock Forensics mysteries

Johnson, Sara E

New Zealand's remote Milford Track seems the perfect place for forensic investigator Alexa Glock to reconnect with her brother Charlie, with whom she hasn't spent much time since they were kids. Their backpacking trip seems ill fated from the start, though, when she must step on the way to examine nine skeletons – most likely Maori tribespeople – whose graves have been unearthed by highway construction. Before she opens the first casket, a Maori elder gives her a dire warning: The viewing of bones can unleash misfortune to the living. Or worse. Though Alexa dismisses his words as superstitious, they soon come back to haunt her as the idyllic hike takes a sinister turn. First, Charlie is aloof and resentful of the time Alexa has spent at work. Then a rock avalanche nearly carries her away as it reveals the skeletal remains of someone who has clearly been stabbed to death. When a fellow hiker goes missing and is later found dead, Alexa has all she can do to focus on the science as she investigates two murders, while trying not to become the third victim.

Mystery TP \$27.99

Down the Dark Streets

Johnstone, William W & J A

From coast to coast, American families are losing their homes. Evicted with little notice and tossed into the streets by predatory bankers, landlords, and real estate developers, these once-proud homeowners have invested their lives in the American Dream – only to see it turn into a nightmare. But one tightknit community is fighting back. They've decided to stand their ground, defend their homes, and fight the power – with firepower... Enter Joseph Knox, a military veteran whose parents have been targeted in an illegal scheme to turn their quiet but slightly rundown neighbourhood into luxury condos.

The man behind the project has the backing of greedy investors, sleazy lawyers, and a corrupt police force. But the Knox family has backing, too – a makeshift army of real Americans who refuse to surrender. With some last-minute training from Joe Knox and his brother John – and a small arsenal of weapons – this ragtag team of senior citizens will do whatever it takes to save their homes. Even kill, if they have to.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Outside

Jónasson, Ragnar

Four friends. One night. Not everyone will come out alive... When a deadly snowstorm strikes the Icelandic highlands, four friends seek shelter in a small, abandoned hunting lodge, in the middle of nowhere, with no way of communicating with the outside world. They are isolated – but they are not alone... As the night darkens, and fears intensify, an old secret gradually surfaces – one that forever changed the course of their friendship. Those dark memories could hold the key to the mystery the friends now find themselves in. And whether they will survive until morning... The ice-cold new standalone mystery from 'world-class crime writer', Ragnar Jónasson.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Darkness in the Light

Kalla, Daniel

After Brianna O'Brien takes her own life, Dr David Spears blames himself. Though he understands suicides can be a tragic occurrence in psychiatric practice, this loss hits him particularly hard. With Brianna, he's convinced he missed crucial warning signs. When David suspects Brianna's friend, Amka Obed – whom he's also been treating virtually – is in crisis, he flies to the remote Arctic community of Utqiagvik, Alaska, only to discover that she has disappeared. While the regional police are confident that Amka will turn up safe, David and the town's social worker, Taylor Holmes, have serious doubts. Each battling their own demons, David and Taylor launch an investigation, determined to help uncover the truth about what happened to Amka. David wonders if a new antidepressant he recently prescribed both Amka and Brianna played a role in what took place. Taylor, who's familiar with the locals, suspects a drug lord with connections to Amka's boyfriend. Who is right? Where is Amka? Is she still alive? What begins as a missing persons inquiry and suspicion over a pharmaceutical coverup quickly evolves into a terrifying journey of treachery and death – one that will horrify this isolated town and endanger many more lives.

Thriller TP \$39.95

Due to a Death

British Library Crime Classics

Kelly, Mary

A car speeds down a road between miles of marshes and estuary flats, its passenger a young woman named Agnes – hands bloodied, number with fear, her world turned upside down. Meanwhile, the news of a girl found dead on the marsh is spreading round the local area, panic following in its wake. A masterpiece of suspense, Mary Kelly's 1962 novel follows Agnes, as she casts her mind back through the past few days to find

the links between her husband, his friends, a mysterious stranger new to the village, and a case of unexplained death. Gripping, intelligent and affecting, *Due to a Death* was nominated for the Gold Dagger Award, and showcases the author's versatility and willingness to push the boundaries of the mystery genre.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

The Perfect Escape

Konen, Leah

New friends Sam, Margaret and Diana are thrilled to be getting out of the city for a girls' weekend – they've bonded over their messy divorces, and every mile on the odometer feels like another step towards putting their exes in the past. But when car trouble halfway into their trip strands them in the most unlikely of mountain towns, they come face to face with the hurts and betrayals they were so desperate to leave behind. When Diana doesn't return home after a night out, Sam and Margaret's search for her reveals just how little they know about their friend. As eerie coincidences and secrets begin to pile up, and an ex-boyfriend arrives in the tiny town, the women realise that their detour may not have been a mistake... and that someone wants to guarantee that they never make it out.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Silver Tears

Lackberg, Camilla

Faye Adelheim is living a delicious lie. She is wealthy beyond imagination, she is the Chairman of her self-made global cosmetics brand, and her ex-husband, the monster who killed her beloved daughter Julianne, is living out the remainder of his days behind bars. But unbeknownst to journalists, police officers, and investors, and even the lovers she occasionally invites to her bed, Faye has a secret: her daughter is, in fact, alive and well and so is her mother, the woman Faye's father was sentenced for allegedly killing years ago. Together, three generations of women have survived in hiding from the men who sought to destroy them. But unfortunately for Faye, cages are meant to be opened, pillow talk can lead to betrayal, and secrets always end in tears.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Reader, I Buried Them

and Other Stories

collection

Lovesey, Peter

More than 50 years ago, Peter Lovesey published a short story in an anthology. That short story caught the eye of the great Ruth Rendell, whose praise ignited Lovesey's lifelong passion for short-form crime fiction. On the occasion of his 100th short story, Peter Lovesey has assembled this devilishly-clever collection, 18 yarns of mystery, melancholy, and mischief, inhabiting such deadly settings as a theatre, a monastery, and the book publishing industry. The collection includes that first story that launched his story-writing career as well as three exclusive new stories. In addition, Lovesey fans will delight in a personal essay by the author about the historical inspirations – and in an appearance by the irascible Bath detective Peter Diamond, who has, in the author's words, 'bulldozed his way' into this volume.

Mystery HC \$55.00

The Last Party

Lucas, Cassidy

For Los Angeleno Dani Sanders, turning 50 seems like one more disappointment. Her career has stalled, her 19-year-old daughter with developmental issues is regressing, and Dani's ex-husband Craig, a fertility doctor worshipped by Hollywood's elite, is forever upending her life. Though she doesn't feel much like celebrating, she can't say no when her best friend Mia Markle, a flamboyant and strong-willed actress, insists on planning a 'creative' birthday weekend in the wild, wealthy bohemian enclave of Topanga Canyon. On the weekend of the Summer Solstice, Dani and her six closest friends gather in the hills above the canyon at 'Celestial Ranch', 18 acres of rugged, wooded mountainside where they'll spend three glorious days hiking, practicing meditation and reiki, and enjoying lavish catered cuisine. They will also indulge in a little DMT, a short-acting psychedelic drug meant to open their senses and transport them to a higher plain. But as the weekend unfolds, long-buried tensions, unresolved grievances, and old secrets emerge, leaving Dani desperate for clarity about her life. Dani and her friends take the drug late at night on an open hillside beneath the glittering stars. When Dani returns from her intense and revelatory trip, she learns that one of her friends has gone missing. Then another disappears. And soon, Dani finds herself alone on the dark mountainside, seemingly abandoned by the people who are supposed to love her most. Or have they somehow been taken from her? What could Dani have possibly done to deserve a devastating birthday night like this – and how will she make it to the morning alone?

Thriller TP \$37.95

Robert B Parker's

Revenge Tour

Sunny Randall series

Lupica, Mike

PI Sunny Randall owes a favour. Her landlord and former client, famous novelist Melanie Joan Hall, is being threatened and blackmailed, and it is up to Sunny and her best friend Spike to ensure her protection. But as Sunny looks into the identity of Melanie Joan's stalker, she learns that much of the author's past is a product of her amazing imagination, and her loyalty to her old friend is challenged as she searches for the truth. At the same time, Sunny springs into action when her aging ex-cop father, Phil, is threatened by a shady lawyer with a desire to settle an old score. Fighting crimes on two fronts, Sunny must use all of her savvy, and the help of her friends, in order to protect those she loves. And one thing is for sure with both of these cases: this time, it's personal.

Hardboiled HC \$49.99

No Less the Devil

MacBride, Stuart

'We are each our own devil, and we make this world our hell.' It's been 17 months since the Bloodsmith butchered his first victim and Operation Maypole is still no nearer catching him. The media is whipping up a storm, the top brass are demanding results, but the investigation is sinking fast. Now isn't the time to get distracted with other cases, but Detective Sergeant Lucy McVeigh doesn't

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have much choice. When Benedict Strachan was just 11, he hunted down and killed a homeless man. No one's ever figured out why Benedict did it, but now, after 16 years, he's back on the streets again – battered, frightened, convinced a shadowy 'They' are out to get him, and begging Lucy for help. It sounds like paranoia, but what if he's right? What if he really is caught up in something bigger and darker than Lucy's ever dealt with before? What if the Bloodsmith isn't the only monster out there? And what's going to happen when Lucy goes after them? Introducing a truly unforgettable, surprising, and original new detective, DS Lucy McVeigh.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

What's Done in Darkness McHugh, Laura

Seventeen-year-old Sarabeth has become increasingly rebellious since her parents found God and moved their family to a remote Arkansas farmstead where she's forced to wear long dresses, follow strict rules, and grow her hair down to her waist. She's all but given up on escaping the farm when a masked man appears one stifling summer morning and snatches her out of the cornfield. A week after her abduction, she's found alongside a highway in a bloodstained dress – alive – but her family treats her like she's tainted, and there's little hope of finding her captor, who kept Sarabeth blindfolded in the dark the entire time, never uttering a word. One good thing arises from the horrific ordeal: a chance to leave the Ozarks and start a new life. Five years later, Sarabeth is struggling to keep her past buried when investigator Nick Farrow calls. Convinced that her case is connected to the strikingly similar disappearance of another young girl, Farrow wants Sarabeth's help, and he'll do whatever it takes to get it, even if that means dragging her back to the last place she wants to go – the hills and hollers of home, to face her estranged family and all her deepest fears.

Thriller TP \$37.95

I Shot the Devil McIver, Ruth

Erin Sloane was 16, when high school senior Andre Villiers was murdered by his friends. They were her friends, too, led by the intense, charismatic Ricky Hell. Five people went into West Cypress Woods the night Andre was murdered. Only three came out. Ativan, alcohol, and distance had dimmed Erin's memories of that time. But nearly 20 years later, an ageing father will bring her home. Now, a journalist, she is asked to write a story about the Southport Three and the thrill-kill murder that electrified the country. Erin's investigation propels her closer and closer to a terrifying truth. And closer and closer to danger. An unforgettable story of murder, trauma, and childhoods lost. 'One of the freshest debuts to come along in a long time. A tense, irresistible thriller shot through with moments of unnerving darkness. A clever, compelling read.' – *Dervla McTiernan*.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Strawberried Alive Cupcake Bakery mysteries

McKinlay, Jenn
Life is smooth as buttercream at the Fairy Tale Cupcakes bakery, and newlyweds Mel and Joe are stopping to smell the flowers.

But things start to crumble one night when an unknown gunman takes a shot at Mel. Though the bullets miss their mark, the cupcake crew goes on high alert to figure out who would want to kill a small-town baker, and why. When more business owners are attacked, things turn fatal, and locals begin to wonder if the killer could be one of their own. Every shop owner in town starts to fear it's only a matter of time before they too become victims of the mystery murderer. Despite the cupcake crew's superb baking skills, it will be anything but a piece of cake to catch the killer, as they try to prevent anyone else from being berried.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Red McLean, Felicity

It's the early 1990s and Ruby 'Red' McCoy dreams about one day leaving her weatherboard house on the Central Coast of New South Wales, where her best friend, Stevie, is loose with the truth, and her dad, Sid, is always on the wrong side of the law. But wild, whip-smart Red can't stay out of trouble to save her life, and Sid's latest hustle is more harebrained than usual. Meanwhile, Sergeant Trevor Healy seems to have a vendetta against every generation of the McCoys. A spirited and striking contemporary retelling of the Ned Kelly story, from award-winning writer and journalist Felicity McLean – told in Ruby's vivid, inimitable voice. *Red* is part *True Grit*, part *Blue Murder*. It's a story of police persecution. Of dodgy deals and even dodgier cars. And of a family history that refuses to stay in the past. A sharp, provocative, and savagely-funny novel.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Murder Rule McTiernan, Dervla

First Rule: Make them like you. Second Rule: Make them need you. Third Rule: Make them pay. They think I'm a young, idealistic law student, that I'm passionate about reforming a corrupt and brutal system. They think I'm working hard to impress them. They think I'm here to save an innocent man on death row. They're wrong. I'm going to bury him. The newest book from the bestselling, award-winning author of *The Ruin* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Strangers We Know Marr, Elle

Adopted when she was only days old, Ivy Hon knows little about her lineage. But when she's stricken with a mystery illness, the results of a genetic test to identify the cause attract the FBI. According to Ivy's DNA, she's related to the Full Moon Killer, who has terrorised the Pacific Northwest for decades. Ivy is the FBI's hope to stop the enigmatic predator from killing again. When an online search connects Ivy with her younger cousin, she heads to rural Rock Island, Washington, to meet the woman. Motivated by a secret desire to unmask a murderous relative, Ivy reaches out to what's left of a family of strangers. Discovering her mother's tragic fate and her father's disappearance is just the beginning. As Ivy ventures into a serial killer's home territory, she realises that she may be the next victim of poisonous blood ties.

Thriller TP \$35.95

Velvet Was the Night Moreno-Garcia, Silvia

Mexico in the 1970s is a dangerous country, even for Maite, a secretary who spends her life seeking the romance found in cheap comic books and ignoring the activists protesting around the city. When her next-door neighbour, the beautiful art student Leonora, disappears under suspicious circumstances, Maite finds herself searching for the missing woman – and journeying deeper into Leonora's secret life of student radicals and dissidents. Mexico in the 1970s is a politically fraught land, even for Elvis, a goon with a passion for rock 'n' roll who knows more about kidney smashing than intrigue. When Elvis is assigned to find Leonora, he begins a blood-soaked search for the woman – and his soul. Swirling in parallel trajectories, Maite and Elvis attempt to discover the truth behind Leonora's disappearance, encountering hitmen, government agents, and Russian spies. Because Mexico in the 1970s is a noir, where life is cheap, and the price of truth is high.

Noir PBK \$22.99

Overboard

V I Warshawski mysteries

Paretsky, Sara

On her way home from an all-night surveillance job, V I Warshawski's dogs lead her on a mad chase that ends when they find a badly injured teen hiding in the rocks along Lake Michigan. The girl only regains consciousness long enough to utter one enigmatic word. V I helps bring her to a hospital, but not long after, she vanishes before anyone can discover her identity. As V I attempts to find her, the detective uncovers an ugly consortium of Chicago power brokers and mobsters who are prepared to kill the girl, before V I can save her. And, soon, it becomes clear that V I's own life is in jeopardy, as well.

Mystery TP \$32.99

'Til Death

Witch City mysteries

Perry, Carol J

The staff at Salem, Massachusetts's local station, WICH-TV, is looking forward to the wedding of their program director, Lee Barrett. But when Lee heads off on her Maine honeymoon, she'll be haunted by the ghosts of her own past... Lee and Detective Sergeant Pete Mondello are finally tying the knot – and Lee is tying up loose ends before the big day. It'll be an adjustment moving out of Aunt Abby's house, but the couple will stay nearby – after all, they have to share custody of O'Ryan, their clairvoyant cat. And Aunt Abby will be renting out Lee's old apartment... though she's getting some bad vibes from her current, prospective tenant. After the celebration, complete with a cake made by the station magician, there should be time to relax – but the Maine island happens to be near the site of the crash that long ago killed Lee's parents, a mystery she's never been able to solve. Soon she'll be putting wedding gifts aside and turning to her psychic gifts instead, to wrap up crimes both past and present...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Deception Bay

Joe Washington mysteries

Powell, J P

Deceit is usually wrong, sometimes necessary, and often the best course of action. American MP Joe Washington and Australian Rose McAlister are swept back together when she returns to join Central Bureau, General MacArthur's code-breaking group of eccentrics. Brisbane's Bletchley Park. Again and again, Joe is drawn to the Brisbane River. A man may have jumped into the river, a code breaker allegedly drowned by suicide, and an arm with an unrecognisable tattoo is pulled from the river at the submarine base. With Rose's help, Joe follows the clues but he is quickly drawn into another confrontation with Frank Bischof and the Queensland Police. The sequel to the hugely-popular *The Brisbane Line* (TP, \$29.99). Recommended.

Mystery TP \$29.99

Bloodless

Agent Pendergast series

Preston, Douglas & Child, Lincoln

On the evening of November 24, 1971, D B Cooper hijacked Flight 305 – Portland to Seattle – with a fake bomb, collected a ransom of \$200,000, and then parachuted from the rear of the plane, disappearing into the night... and into history. A brutal crime steeped in legend and malevolence: Fifty years later, Agent Pendergast takes on a bizarre and gruesome case: in the ghost-haunted city of Savannah, Georgia, bodies are found with no blood left in their veins – sowing panic and reviving whispered tales of the infamous Savannah Vampire. A case like no other: As the mystery rises along with the body count, Pendergast and his partner, Agent Coldmoon, race to understand how – or if – these murders are connected to the only unsolved skyjacking in American history. Together, they uncover not just the answer... but an unearthly evil beyond all imagining.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Shadow Target

Jake Keller

Ricciardi, David

Jake doesn't know who is trying to kill him and he doesn't know why. Still, it's a threat he can't ignore. When his small plane crashes in the Alps, Jake is the only survivor. A rescue helicopter soon arrives, but the men inside are not there to save anyone. They are determined to complete the murderous job they started. Jake escapes from the mountainside death trap, but it won't be the only attempt on his life. If he's to have any chance at surviving, he'll have to find out who's behind the killings. But the circle of people Jake can trust is distressingly small as he suspects that someone inside the Agency is feeding his every move to the very people who are trying to end his life. Jake's quest takes him to the candlelit cathedrals of Paris and the rain-slicked streets of London. He makes contact with old friends and new enemies, along the way – but his true nemesis may be closer than he imagines.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

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Aftermath

DCI Banks series, 20th anniversary edition

Robinson, Peter

One phone call from a concerned neighbour has inadvertently led police to Terence Payne, the elusive serial killer known only as 'Chameleon'. Now, Payne is in custody, perhaps dying, and a long nightmare appears to be over at last. But is it? For Alan Banks – currently head of the local police force – too many questions remain unanswered at the chamber of horrors the press will dub the 'House of Payne'. Because the darkness has not yet lifted, the casualties are still mounting... and there are still monsters loose in the world. A reissue celebrating the 20th anniversary of *Aftermath's* publication. **Mystery/suspense** PBK \$19.99

The Mad Girls of New York

Nellie Bly mysteries

Rodale, Maya

In 1887 New York City, Nellie Bly has ambitions beyond writing for the ladies pages, but all the editors on Newspaper Row think women are too emotional, respectable and delicate to do the job. But then the *New York World* challenges her to an assignment she'd be mad to accept, and mad to refuse: go undercover, as a patient at Blackwell's Island Insane Asylum for Women. For months, rumours have been swirling about deplorable conditions at Blackwell's, but no reporter can get in – that is, until Nellie feigns insanity, gets committed and attempts to survive ten days in the madhouse. Inside, she discovers horrors beyond comprehension. It's an investigation that could make her career – if she can get out to tell it before two rival reporters scoop her story. The first in a rollicking historical adventure series, about the outrageous intrigues and bold flirtations of the most famous female reporter – and a ground-breaking rebel – of New York City's Gilded Age. **Historical mystery** TP \$29.99

Blood Sugar

Rothchild, Sascha

She's accused of four murders. She's only guilty of three... When Ruby was a child growing up in Miami, she saw a boy from her school struggling against the ocean waves while his parents were preoccupied. Instead of helping him, Ruby dove under the water and held his ankle down until he drowned. She waited to feel guilty for it, but she never did. And, as Ruby will argue in her senior thesis while studying psychology at Yale, guilt is sort of like eating ice cream while on a diet – if you're already feeling bad, why not eat the whole carton? And so, the bodies start to stack up. Twenty-five years later, Ruby's in an interrogation room under suspicion of murder, being shown four photographs. Each is a person she once knew, now deceased. The line-up includes her husband, Jason. She is responsible for three of the four deaths... but it might be the crime that she didn't commit that will finally ensnare her. From the Emmy-nominated executive producer of *The Bold Type*, this darkly-funny novel is perfect for fans of Oyinkan Braithwaite's *My Sister, the Serial Killer* (PBK, \$19.99). **Noir** TP \$32.99

The Night They Vanished

Savage, Vanessa

Hanna has barely spoken to her family since the tragedy that rocked their lives, 14 years ago. The tragedy for which they held Hanna responsible. Then she sees her family home listed as the scene of a horrific crime. Number of victims: three. Date of crime: today. Frantic, Hanna tries to contact her family, only to find they have disappeared. To find them, Hanna will have to confront what happened, all those years ago. And the person determined to make her pay for it... **Thriller** TP \$32.99

Anatomy: a Love Story

Schwartz, Dana

Edinburgh, 1817. Hazel Sinnett is a lady who wants to be a surgeon more than she wants to marry. Jack Currier is a resurrection man who's just trying to survive in a city where it's too easy to die. When the two of them have a chance encounter outside the Edinburgh Anatomist's Society, Hazel thinks nothing of it at first. But after she gets kicked out of renowned surgeon Dr Beecham's lectures for being the wrong gender, she realises that her new acquaintance might be more helpful than she first thought. Because Hazel has made a deal with Dr Beecham: if she can pass the medical examination on her own, Beecham will allow her to continue her medical career. Without official lessons, though, Hazel will need more than just her books – she'll need corpses to study. Lucky that she's made the acquaintance of someone who digs them up for a living. But Jack has his own problems: strange men have been seen skulking around cemeteries, his friends are disappearing off the streets, and the dreaded Roman Fever, which wiped out thousands, a few years ago, is back with a vengeance. Nobody important cares – until Hazel. Now, Hazel and Jack must work together to uncover the secrets buried not just in unmarked graves, but in the very heart of Edinburgh society. **Gothic mystery** TP \$22.99

The Fallout

Freyja & Huldar series

Sigurdardottir, Yrsa

On a cold day in Reykjavik, a baby goes missing from her pram. When the child's blanket washes up on the beach, and the mother is found dead, everyone's worst fears seem to have been realised. Eleven years later, and detective Huldar and child psychologist Freyja are now working in the same police building, on the same team. Freyja believes that personal and professional relationships must remain separate, however hard that may be. But when a woman's dismembered body is found in a deserted car, her head missing, and Freyja and Huldar find themselves working on the same case, the secrecy around their affair threatens to crack. And when Freyja is accused of a serious breach of police protocol, will Huldar be able to help her? Meanwhile, their search to identify the body takes the case back into secrets of the past, and the unspoken crimes that bind three separate families. **Noir** TP \$32.99

The Man with the Silver Saab

Inspector Varg mysteries

Smith, Alexander McCall

Perplexing, unfathomable and perhaps unimportant, the cases that Malmo's Department of Sensitive Crimes take on will test them to their limits. Life – and crime – is not always as it seems for Ulf Varg and the other fearless detectives in Malmo's Department of Sensitive Crimes. There are always surprising new cases to take on, and the latest batch is no exception. And that's not to mention Ulf's struggle to contain his feelings for his colleague, Anna Bengsdotter. All in all, things are distinctly difficult in Malmo, and it seems up to Ulf and the Department to set them right. **Mystery** PBK \$19.99

The Last to Disappear

Spain, Jo

A small town. A frozen lake. Three missing women. One body. When young London professional Alex Evans is informed that his sister's body has been pulled from an icy lake in Northern Lapland, he assumes his irresponsible sister accidentally drowned. He travels to the wealthy winter resort where Vicky worked as a tour guide, and meets Agatha Koskinen, the detective in charge. Agatha is a no-nonsense single mother of three who already thinks there's more to Vicky's case than meets the eye. As the two form an unlikely alliance, Alex also begins to suspect the small town where his sister lived and died is harbouring secrets. It's not long before he learns that three other women have gone missing from the area in the past and that his sister may have left him a message. On the surface, Koppe, Lapland is a winter wonderland. But in this remote, frozen place, death seems only ever a heartbeat away. **Mystery/suspense** TP \$32.99

The Perfect Lie

Spain, Jo

He jumped to his death, in front of witnesses. Now, his wife is charged with murder. Five years ago, Erin Kennedy moved to New York following a family tragedy. She now lives happily with her detective husband in the scenic seaside town of Newport, Long Island. When Erin answers the door to Danny's police colleagues, one morning, it's the start of an ordinary day. But behind her, Danny walks to the window of their fourth-floor apartment and jumps to his death. Eighteen months later, Erin is in court, charged with her husband's murder. Over that year and a half, Erin has learned things about Danny she could never have imagined. She thought he was perfect. She thought their life was perfect. But it was all built on the perfect lie. **Thriller** PBK \$22.99

The Cape Cod Mystery

American Mystery Classics

Taylor, Phoebe Atwood

Meet Asey Mayo, Cape Cod's answer to Sherlock Holmes. Settled down from his former life as a seafaring adventurer, Asey is a Jack of All Trades, who uses his worldly knowledge, folksy wisdom, and plain common sense to solve the most puzzling crimes to strike the peninsula. And in this, his first case, Asey finds himself embroiled in a scandal that will push his deductive

powers to their limits. A massive heatwave is scorching the Northeast, and vacationers from New York and Boston flock to Cape Cod for breezy, cool respite. Then a muckraking journalist is found murdered in the cabin he's rented for the season, and the summer holiday becomes a nightmare for the local authorities. There are abundant suspects among the out-of-towners flooding the area, but they ultimately fix their sights on beloved local businessman Bill Porter as the murderer – unless Asey Mayo can prove him innocent and find the true killer. A light whodunnit with an unforgettable amateur sleuth at its centre, *The Cape Cod Mystery* is the first novel from one of the most beloved authors of the American Golden Age mystery. The plot is adorned with insightful historical detail and a healthy dose of Cape Cod local colour, making this an enjoyable and enlightening read perfect for a beachside afternoon. **Classic mystery** HC/TP \$55.00/\$35.95

Murder on Madison Square

Gaslight mysteries

Thompson, Victoria

Former policeman Frank Malloy is frustrated when a woman requests his private detective services to implicate her wealthy husband in adultery, the only legal grounds for divorce in New York state. Although Mrs Bing seems genuinely distressed about her marriage and desperate to end it, she refuses to tell Frank the reason she absolutely must divorce her husband and admits she has no legal grounds. Frank explains he won't manufacture evidence for her and sends her on her way. The following week, Frank and Sarah happen to be attending the first ever auto show in Madison Square Garden when they meet the woman's husband, Alfred Bing, who has invested in a company that produces one of the electric motorcars on display. A few days later, the newspapers report that millionaire Alvin Bing has been found dead, pinned beneath one of the wheels of his very own motorcar. But who was driving it? The obvious suspect is Mrs Bing, but Frank and Sarah find that nothing is as it seems in their puzzling, dangerous search for truth. **Historical mystery** HC \$47.99

A Fatal Lie

Inspector Ian Rutledge mysteries

Todd, Charles

A peaceful Welsh village is thrown into turmoil when a terrified boy stumbles on a body in a nearby river. The man appears to have fallen from the canal aqueduct spanning the valley. But there is no identification on the body, he isn't a local, and no one will admit to having seen him before. With little to go on, the village police turn to Scotland Yard for help. When Inspector Ian Rutledge is sent from London to find answers, he is given few clues – a faded military tattoo on the victim's arm and an unusual label in the collar of his shirt. They eventually lead him to the victim's identity: Sam Milford. By all accounts, he was a good man and well respected. Then, why is his death so mysterious? Looking for the truth, Rutledge uncovers a web of lies swirling around a suicidal woman, a child's tragic fate, and another woman bent on protecting her past. But where among all the lies is the motive for murder? To track a killer, Rutledge must retrace Milford's last journey. Yet, death seems to stalk his every move, and

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the truth seems to shift at every turn. Man or woman, this murderer stays in the shadows, and it will take desperate measures to lure him – or her – into the light.
Historical mystery TP \$29.99

A Game of Fear

Inspector Ian Rutledge mysteries

Todd, Charles

Spring, 1921. Scotland Yard sends Inspector Ian Rutledge to the sea-battered village of Walmer on the coast of Essex, where amongst the salt flats and a military airfield lies Benton Abbey, a grand manor with a storied past. The lady of the house may prove his most bewildering witness yet. She claims she saw a violent murder – but there is no body, no blood. She also insists she recognised the killer: Captain Nelson. Only it could not have been Nelson, because he died during the war. Everyone in the village believes that Lady Benton's losses have turned her mind – she is, after all, a grieving widow and mother – but the woman, Rutledge interviews, is rational and self-possessed. And then there is Captain Nelson: what really happened to him in the war? The more Rutledge delves into this baffling case, the more suspicious tragedies he uncovers. The Abbey and the airfield hold their secrets tightly. Until Rutledge arrives, and a new trail of death follows...

Historical mystery HC \$52.99

The Metropolitan Opera Murders

Library of Congress Crime Classics

Traubel, Helen

When the prompter falls dead during the second act of Richard Wagner's *Die Walküre* during a matinee performance at the Metropolitan Opera, as one can imagine, it causes quite a stir, especially when it is discovered that the deceased, a one-time world-famous Heldentenor has been poisoned. The detective assigned to the case, Lt Quentin, finds himself immersed in the backstage drama of professional opera. His task is made more difficult when he decides that it had really been the star soprano who had been the intended victim, and not the prompter. Will he be able to solve the case before there is another Metropolitan Opera Murder? Originally published in 1951.

Classic mystery TP \$24.99

Last Nocturne

Grand & Batchelor Victorian mysteries

Trow, M J

London, May, 1878. Private enquiry agents Matthew Grand and James Batchelor have been hired by the artist James Whistler to dig into the past of outspoken critic John Ruskin, with whom he has an ongoing feud.

Not particularly optimistic of success, the two detectives are side tracked from the investigation by the murder of a prostitute in nearby Cremorne Gardens. Her body posed on a park bench, a book on birth control sitting on her lap, Clara Jenkins is not the first young woman to have met a similarly grisly fate – and she won't be the last. Could there be a connection between the Cremorne killer and their art world case? With the investigation heading nowhere fast, Grand comes up with a decidedly unorthodox plan to ensnare the killer. But even the best-laid plans have a nasty habit of going catastrophically awry...

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

The Matchmaker: a Spy in Berlin

Vidich, Paul

Berlin, 1989. Anne Simpson, an American who works as a translator at the Joint Operations Refugee Committee, thinks she is in a normal marriage with a charming East German. But then her husband disappears, and the CIA and Western German intelligence arrive at her door. Nothing about her marriage is as it seems. Anne had been targeted by the Matchmaker – a high-level East German counterintelligence officer – who runs a network of Stasi agents. These agents are his 'Romeos', who marry vulnerable women in West Berlin to provide them with cover as they report back to the Matchmaker. Anne has been married to a spy, and now he has disappeared, and is presumably dead. The CIA are desperate to find the Matchmaker because of his close ties to the KGB. They believe he can establish the truth about a high-ranking Soviet defector. They need Anne because she's the only person who has seen his face – from a photograph that her husband mistakenly left out in his office – and she is the CIA's best chance to identify him before the Matchmaker escapes to Moscow. Time is running out as the Berlin Wall falls and chaos engulfs East Germany. But what if Anne's husband is not dead? And what if Anne has her own motives for finding the Matchmaker to deliver a different type of justice? 'In short, this is one of the year's premier spy novels, a close study of individual lives set against global turmoil, a heady blend of spy games and their very human consequences' – *CrimeReads*.

Suspense PBK \$22.99

Emma in the Night

Walker, Wendy

One night, three years ago, the Tanner sisters disappeared: 15-year-old Cass and 17-year-old Emma. Three years later, Cass returns, without her sister Emma. Her story is one of kidnapping and betrayal, of a mysterious island where the two were held.

But to forensic psychiatrist Dr Abby Winter, something doesn't add up. Looking deep within this dysfunctional family, Dr Winter uncovers a life where boundaries were violated and a narcissistic parent held sway. And where one sister's return might just be the beginning of the crime.

Thriller TP \$28.95

Call Me a Cab

Hard Case Crime

Westlake, Donald E

The final, unpublished novel by MWA Grandmaster – a wild, romantic road trip across America by taxicab – demonstrates why this beloved author is so fondly remembered and so dearly missed. You won't find any crime in these pages – but what you will find is a wonderful suspense story, about a New York City taxi driver hired to drive a beautiful woman all the way across America, from Manhattan to Los Angeles, where the biggest decision of her life is waiting to be made. From Pennsylvania to Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and Nevada on the way to California, the characters' odyssey takes them through uncharted territory – on the map and in their lives. It's Westlake, at his witty, thought-provoking best.

Hardboiled PBK \$19.99

Framed in Fire

Lane Winslow mysteries

Whishaw, Iona

It's early spring 1948 and Lane arrives in New Denver to find that her friend, Peter Barisoff, is not at home. Instead, in a nearby meadow, she encounters Tom, an Indigenous man in search of his ancestral lands. Lane is intrigued. Unfortunately, once Peter returns home, the day takes a gloomy turn when the trio uncovers human remains next to Peter's garden, and Lane must tell her husband, Inspector Darling, that she's inadvertently stumbled into his professional domain – again. Back in Nelson, the Vitalis, Lane and Darling's favourite restaurateurs, are victims of arson. Constable Terrell's investigation suggests prejudice as a motive, and the case quickly escalates, as the Vitalis receive increasingly threatening notes of warning. Meanwhile, Sergeant Ames works a robbery while alienating Tina Van Eyck in his personal time, and a swirling rumour sets the entire station on edge and prompts an RCMP investigation into Darling's integrity.

Mystery/suspense TP \$33.95

Prisoner

White, S R

When a man is found savagely 'crucified' amidst a murky swamp in northern Australia, detective Dana Russo and her team are called

to a shocking scene. The victim is a convicted rapist, just released from prison, who years earlier committed an atrocious crime, yards from where he was killed. Who murdered him – and why? With several potential leads, the investigation quickly becomes more complex, and sinister, than anyone imagined. And Dana realises she'll have to confront her own troubled past to understand the true motives of the killer... A twisting, compelling and utterly haunting new novel from the international bestseller, perfect for fans of Jane Harper's *The Dry* (PBK, \$19.99) and Chris Hammer's *Scrublands* (PBK, \$16.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$24.99

City on Fire

Winslow, Don

Two criminal empires together control all of New England. Until a beautiful modern-day Helen of Troy comes between the Irish and the Italians, launching a war that will see them kill each other, destroy an alliance, and set a city on fire. Danny Ryan yearns for a more 'legit' life and a place in the sun. But as the bloody conflict stacks body on body and brother turns against brother, Danny has to rise above himself. To save the friends he loves like family and the family he has sworn to protect, he becomes a leader, a ruthless strategist, and a master of a treacherous game in which the winners live and the losers die. From the gritty streets of Providence to the glittering screens of Hollywood to the golden casinos of Las Vegas, Danny Ryan will forge a dynasty.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Sunlit Weapon

Maisie Dobbs series

Winspear, Jacqueline

September, 1942. Jo Hardy, a 22-year-old ferry pilot, is delivering a Spitfire when she has the unnerving experience of someone shooting at her aircraft. A few days later she hears that another ferry pilot has been killed when her aircraft crashed in the same area of Kent. Although the death has been attributed to 'pilot error', Jo is convinced there is a link between the two incidents. Jo takes her suspicions to Maisie Dobbs and while Maisie wants to find out why someone appears to want to take down much-needed pilots, she finds it is part of a much larger operation involving Eleanor Roosevelt, the American president's First Lady. To protect Eleanor's life – and possibly the safety of all of London – Maisie must quickly uncover the connection. The latest in the ever-popular Maisie Dobbs series.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99