

# Pulp Fiction

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Ron and Leanne

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

### **Dangerous Women** **Adams, Hope**

*London, 1841.* The *Rajah* sails for Australia. On board are 180 women convicted of petty crimes. Daughters, sisters, mothers – they'll never see home or family again. Despised and damned, they have only one another. Until the murder. As the fearful hunt for a killer begins, everyone on board is a suspect... Provocative, gripping historical fiction, inspired by an incredible true story of female convicts.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### **Bright Young Things**

Henry Johnstone mysteries

#### **Adams, Jane A**

*January 5, 1930.* On a cold, grey winter morning, a mysterious man walks along Bournemouth beach carrying a bundle in his arms. He lays it carefully on the shoreline and calmly walks away. The man has dumped a body. The dead young woman is Faun Moran, a wild child in her twenties wearing a sparkling cocktail gown. But Faun was supposedly killed in a car crash after leaving a party attended by other wealthy bright young things the previous autumn. So, who was the young woman in the car, and where has Faun Moran been, all this time? Still recovering from the trauma of his last case, DCI Henry Johnstone returns to work to solve this baffling mystery. But as he and DS Mickey Hitchens investigate, the path to the truth is darker and twistier than they could ever have imagined.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

### **Donut Disturb**

Bakeshop mysteries

#### **Alexander, Ellie**

Love is in bloom in Ashland, Oregon. The Shakespearean hamlet is bursting with fresh spring energy. Fragrant lilacs and the sweet aroma of vanilla cake fill the air as everyone in town gathers at Lithia Park for the celebration of the year – Thomas and Kerry's wedding. It's a picture-perfect day. Guests gather on picnic blankets in front of the bandshell to watch Kerry walk down the aisle and wed Ashland's favourite detective in training, Thomas. Jules and her team at Torte have been tasked with catering the outdoor reception and everything is going according to plan, until a wedding crasher shows up. The uninvited guest isn't just someone looking to score a free glass of champagne. It's Kerry's estranged father who is supposed to be behind bars. Kerry is distraught. Jules vows to do everything she can to make sure that there are no other surprises on her friend's big day. But when the bassist for Heart Strings, the wedding band, is found stabbed with the blunt end of his instrument Jules' promise takes on new meaning. Now, she'll have to slice through the five-tiered cake and a bevy of potential suspects in order to track down a killer before they turn the knife on her.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

### **Murder Most Fowl**

Meg Langslow mysteries

#### **Andrews, Donna**

Meg Langslow's in for a busy summer. Her husband is directing a production of *Macbeth*, and most of the cast and crew are occupying spare bedrooms in their house. She also has to keep an eye on Camp Birnam, where a group of medieval reenactors are commemorating the real-life *Macbeth* by setting up what they fondly believe is an authentic medieval Scottish military camp. And then there's Damien Goodwin, a filmmaker who has been hanging around, trying to document the production. When Goodwin hosts a showing of some of the footage he's taken, he manages to embarrass or offend just about everyone. The next morning Meg isn't exactly surprised to find that someone has murdered him. But who? Some people's motives were obvious from the footage: the couple whose affair was revealed... the bombastic leader of the reenactors, who could be facing years in prison if the evidence from the video helps convict him of sheep stealing... the actress who's desperately trying to downplay a health issue that could cost her the role of her life. Other motives are only hinted at – did the filmmaker have other footage that would reveal why one of the actors is behaving so furtively? Unfortunately, whoever murdered Goodwin also destroyed all the electronic devices on which his video was stored. So, Caerphilly's chief of police – and Meg – must rediscover the same secrets the filmmaker did if they want to catch a killer.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

### **Hunting Gold**

Cantor Gold Crime series

#### **Aptaker, Ann**

A golden city of prosperity, energy, the exciting engine of the American Dream. Just underneath, though, is a dark city, with darker ambitions. This is the world of Cantor Gold, dapper art thief and smuggler, who has her own way of securing the rewards of the American Dream. In the conformist 1950s, when same-sex romance was illegal, Cantor decides that any law that condemns her as a criminal, just for her love of women, is not a law she owes any allegiance to. As an outlaw, she thrives earning fistfuls of cash and living life on her own terms. But someone wants to take it all away. Someone wants to rob Cantor of everything: her success in the underworld, her freedom, her life. Predators are out to destroy Cantor: the cops who violently raid the Green Door Club, Cantor's favourite watering hole, where the lights are low and the women are willing; and worse, an unknown predator who threatens to destroy Cantor's life, even destroy the lives of people close to her. Murder is one of the weapons in the hunter's arsenal, involving Cantor in the

dangerous fate of each corpse. Another is the taunting, threatening notes that turn up on the corpses or at Cantor's door or at the door of people she visits. And then there are the phone calls and a disguised voice. Someone is invading every minute of Cantor Gold's life.  
Noir TP \$39.95

### **The Housemate**

Bailey, Sarah

Three housemates. One dead, one missing and one accused of murder. Dubbed the Housemate Homicide, it's a mystery that has baffled Australians for almost a decade. Melbourne-based journalist Olive Groves worked on the story as a junior reporter and became obsessed by the case. Now, nine years later, the missing housemate turns up dead on a remote property. Olive is once again assigned to the story, this time reluctantly paired with precocious millennial podcaster Cooper Ng. As Oli and Cooper unearth new facts about the three housemates, a dark web of secrets is uncovered. The revelations catapult Oli back to the death of the first housemate, forcing her to confront past traumas and insecurities that have risen to the surface again. What really happened between the three housemates that night? Will Oli's relentless search for the murderer put her new family in danger? And could her suspicion that the truth lies closer to home threaten her happiness and even her sanity? From the award-winning writer of the bestselling Gemma Woodstock trilogy.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### **The 6:20 Man**

Baldacci, David

*A journey that took him to hell...* Having survived combat tours in Afghanistan and Iraq and been decorated with medals, Travis Devine mysteriously leaves the Army under a cloud of suspicion. And at 32 years old, he's swapping fighting the Taliban and Al Qaeda for a different kind of danger in the cutthroat world of high finance. His daily commute on the 6:20 am train into New York's financial district, to his new job as an analyst at the minted powerhouse investment bank Cowl and Comely, takes him into a world where greed, power, jealousy and ambition result in the financial abuse of the masses and the enrichment of an elite few. But it is on this daily journey that he passes a house where he sees something that sounds alarm signals he cannot ignore. A close friend of Devine's, Sarah Ewes, is the first victim and the mysterious circumstances surrounding her death at Cowl and Comely compel him to investigate further. As he digs deeper, he discovers strange coincidences and unnerving truths. As the deaths pile up, and the major players show their hands, he must question who he can trust and who he must fight.

Thriller TP \$34.99

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### **Mercy**

Atlee Pine series

#### **Baldacci, David**

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

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### **The Poisonous Solicitor:**

the True Story of a 1920s Murder Mystery

#### **Bates, Stephen**

A brilliant narrative investigation into the 1920s' case that inspired Agatha Christie, Dorothy Sayers, and Margery Allingham. In 1922, Major Herbert Armstrong, a Hay-on-Wye solicitor, was found guilty of, and executed for, poisoning his wife, Katharine, with arsenic. Armstrong's case has all the ingredients of a classic murder mystery, from a plot by Agatha Christie or Dorothy Sayers (indeed, some aspects of his story appear in Sayers' *Unnatural Death*). It is a near-perfect whodunnit. One hundred years later, Agatha Award-shortlisted Stephen Bates examines and retells the story of the case, evoking the period and atmosphere of the early 1920s, a time of newspaper sensationalism, hypocrisy, and sanctimonious morality.

True crime HC \$39.99

### **Death of a**

#### **Green-Eyed Monster**

Hamish Macbeth mysteries

#### **Beaton, M C & Green, R W**

No one, in Lochdubh, expects Dorothy to stay for long... She is, after all, entirely unsuitable. She's an uptown girl, used to a fancy lifestyle in the big city of Glasgow. She'll never fit in. And how is that work-shy rogue Hamish Macbeth supposed to get anything done when his new assistant is such a distraction? The village needs a police sergeant who can get on with his job, not one who's constantly swooning over his pretty young constable. Yet, PC Dorothy McIver quickly shows how determined she is to win over the locals, and she certainly seems to bring out the best in Macbeth. Then comes a brutal murder and the pair find themselves plunged into a tangled web of conspiracy that acquires a sinister strand when the chilling shadow of Glasgow's underworld creeps to the Highlands and the peaceful village of Lochdubh. Through it all, the bond between Hamish and Dorothy grows ever stronger. Has Hamish Macbeth finally found the love of his life – and can he track down the murderer before any hope he has for a blissful future is destroyed? The first Hamish Macbeth mystery in four years!

Mystery HC \$45.00

### **The Widow of Bath**

British Library Crime Classics

#### **Bennett, Margot**

*The Widow of Bath* is the second from the rediscovered and Gold Dagger Award-winning Scottish writer Margot Bennett. A 1950s classic, showcasing a Britain and Europe in recovery from the Second World War, written with Bennett's skill for pacing and suspense – she also wrote the screenplay for a BBC TV adaptation in 1959 (sadly, lost to the ages). Hugh Everton was intent on nothing more than quietly drinking in the second-rate hotel he found himself in on England's south coast – and then in walked his old flame Lucy and her new husband and ex-Judge, Gregory Bath. Entreated by Lucy to join her party for an evening back at the Bath residence, Hugh is powerless to resist, but when the night ends with the judge's inexplicable murder he is pitched back into a world of chaos and crime – a world he had tried to escape for good. First published in 1952, *The Widow of Bath* offers intricate puzzles, international intrigue, and a richly-evoked portrait of post-war Britain, all delivered with Bennett's signature brand of witty and elegant prose.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

### **Pignon Scorbion and the Barbershop Detectives**

Pignon Scorbion mysteries

#### **Bleiweiss, Rick**

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

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

### **Claws for Alarm**

Mrs Murphy mysteries

#### **Brown, Rita Mae**

Pharamond 'Fair' Haristeen is known throughout Crozet, Virginia, as a good horse vet and a better man. So, when Benjamin Wagner, a new vet in town, is found dead in his unopened clinic, local police turn to Fair for help getting to the bottom of things. Fair quickly realises Ben's clinic has been robbed of ketamine, used by doctors as a horse tranquiliser but also a popular recreational drug. Then Fair's own ketamine goes missing from the back of his truck. Was Ben killed for his supply? Or was he

mixed up in something bigger? Meanwhile, Candida Perez, one of Crozet's oldest and most beloved citizens, is found dead at her desk. Perhaps not so alarming, given her 90 years of life. But the bickering of Candida's children, Ballard and Constance, over her will and the family's valuable collection of historical letters, threatens to drive the rest of the town to madness. Fair's wife, Harry, tries to play peacemaker, but the bad blood between the two siblings runs deep. Just how far will they take their family squabble? With a little aid from hungry helpers Tee Tucker the corgi and sweet puppy Pirate, as well as feline sleuths Mrs Murphy and Pewter, Harry and Fair team up to restore justice – and, maybe, a little peace and quiet...

Mystery TP \$37.95

### **Hotel California: an anthology of new mystery short stories**

anthology

#### **Bruns, Don (editor)**

A dangerous drifter, a hired gun, a grisly corpse – you never know who you'll run into at the Hotel California. Eight deliciously-talented mystery authors have lent their skills of crafting murder and suspense to this collection of gripping short stories. Each of these eight provocative tales is designed to entertain and mystify – and maybe even chill you to your core. Get lost in the wild imaginations of such bestselling writers as Andrew Child, Heather Graham, Reed Farrel Coleman, and John Gilstrap, plus authors Rick Bleiweiss, Jennifer Graeser Dornbush, Amanda Flower, and Don Bruns. From the titular tale 'Hotel California' to a new, original Jack Reacher adventure, these stories have a little something for every mystery lover. Go ahead. Check in, enjoy some room service, and stay until the very last tantalising page. Just don't forget to search the closet, or behind the curtains.

Mystery/suspense HC \$55.00

### **Peppermint Barked**

Spice Shop mysteries

#### **Budewitz, Leslie**

As the holiday season lights up Seattle's famed Pike Place Market, Pepper Reece's beloved Spice Shop is brimming with cinnamon, nutmeg, and shoppers eager to stuff their stockings. Add to the mix a tasty staff competition – a peppermint bark-off – along with Victorian costumes for this year's Dickensian Christmas theme, and Pepper almost forgets to be nervous about meeting her fisherman boyfriend's brother for the first time. But when a young woman working in her friend Vinny's wine shop is brutally assaulted, costumed revellers and holiday cheer are the last things on Pepper's mind. Who would want to hurt Beth? Or were they looking for Vinny instead? The vicious attack upsets everyone at Pike Place, but none more than Pepper's own employee, Matt Kemp. At first, Pepper is baffled by his reaction, but his clandestine connection to Beth could hold the key to the assailant's motive. Or, perhaps, it's Vinny's ex-wife who knows more than she's letting on... and what about the mysterious top-hatted man with whom Pepper saw Beth arguing that morning? As the secrets of the market come to light, long-held

grudges, family ties, and hidden plans only further obscure the truth. Is it a ghost of the past rattling its chains, or a contemporary Scrooge with more earthly motives? As Pepper chases down a killer, someone is chasing her, and in the end, the storied market itself may hold the final, deadly clue.

Mystery TP \$39.95

### **The Lost**

Mace Reid K-9 mysteries

#### **Burton, Jeffrey B**

*Glencoe, Illinois:* A home invasion turned kidnapping at the mansion of billionaire financier Kenneth J Druckman brings Mason 'Mace' Reid and his cadaver dog, Vira, to this wealthy northern suburb of Chicago. Druckman was assaulted, left behind while his wife and young daughter were taken for ransom. Brought to the scene by the FBI, Reid specialises in human remains detection, and Vira is the star of his pack of cadaver dogs he's dubbed The Finders. After Vira finds the dead body of the mother, former supermodel Calley Kurtz, everyone is on high alert to find Druckman's missing daughter before the five-year-old disappears forever. But the trail Vira finds on the property's dense woodlands leads right back to Druckman, himself. With the help of Detective Kippy Gimm, Reid and Vira must race against the clock. Nothing is as it appears to be... and the red herrings could be lethal.

Mystery HC \$55.00

### **The Playing Fields**

Alex Duggins mysteries

#### **Cameron, Stella**

Six weeks after a battered body is found in the grounds of the village cricket club, DCI Dan O'Reilly and his team are no further forward in the investigation. No witnesses, no leads, no clues whatsoever. Then, a second body is discovered in the nearby tithe barn used by the local amateur dramatics society, artfully posed just like the first. Could there be a serial killer on the loose? When evidence leads O'Reilly to visit the Black Dog pub, owner Alex Duggins and her partner Tony are once again drawn into a police investigation. But Tony is dealing with some disturbing news of his own. Someone from his past has reached out and threatens all he holds dear. Are they who they claim to be, and what do they really want...?

Mystery TP \$39.95

### **The Secret of Elizabeth**

**Gaspary, Vera**

A beautiful woman – with no memory – and the people who claim to know her may not have her best interests at heart... Kate and Allan Royce are driving home from a party in Westport, Connecticut, one night – when they see a girl in a beautiful but muddled dress wandering in the road and stop to pick her up. She is suffering from amnesia, so they name her Elizabeth X and take her into their home while the police try to establish her identity. They are left in peace, until first a couple claim her as their daughter and then a psychiatrist arrives to say that she has escaped from his clinic. What does seem certain is that she is the child of wealthy parents. But who really is Elizabeth X, and what has happened to her?

Thriller PBK \$22.99

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### Conviction

#### Chalmers, Frank

Queensland in 1976 churns with corruption. When Detective Ray Windsor defies it, he is exiled deep into the state's west. It's easy out there to feel alien in your own country. Royalton is a town on its knees, stricken by drought, riven by prejudice, and plagued by crimes left largely uninvestigated by the local police chief, Kennedy, and his elusive boss. Mutual dislike between Kennedy and Ray gradually turns ugly as Ray and his new partner, Arshag, uncover a pattern of crimes that no one seems concerned about solving. But when two girls from local immigrant families are found dead and another disappears, Ray and Arshag are forced to take the law into their own hands. Not knowing who to trust, nor how deep the corruption runs, how long will it be before their lives are also threatened? The debut novel of a Brisbane writer!

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Date with Betrayal

#### Dales Detective mysteries

#### Chapman, Julia

Death is coming to Bruncliffe: its target is Samson O'Brien. Oblivious to his impending date with fate, Samson is busy, juggling a number of cases at the Dales Detective Agency. Too busy, in fact, to notice his partner behaving oddly. Because Delilah Metcalfe knows what is coming. A hitman. Sent from London with one objective: to finally silence the troublesome O'Brien before his corruption case can make it to court. With Samson's life in peril, and betrayal around every corner, Delilah has no choice but to call in favours from all of her Bruncliffe connections in order to counteract the menace threatening to engulf the Dales town. The only trouble is the townsfolk have long memories and deep grievances when it comes to Samson O'Brien. Trust must be earned, and they will take some convincing before they put themselves in danger – in order to save him. And even then, it might not prove enough... Full of charm, wit and characters that will capture your heart, the series begins with *Date With Death* (PBK, \$19.99). Have you read them all?

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Dancing Girls

#### Detective Jo Fournier series

#### Chouinard, M M

The light in her wide brown eyes dimmed as she drew her last breath. She might have been beautiful lying there on the floor, if it wasn't for the purple marks on her neck and the angry red line on her finger where her wedding band used to be... When Jeanine Hammond is found dead in a hotel in the picture-perfect town of Oakhust, newly-promoted Detective Jo Fournier is thrown into a disturbing case. Who would murder this shy, loving wife and leave her body posed like a ballerina? Jo wants to know why Jeanine's husband is so controlling about money, and where Jeanine's wedding ring is, but before she and her team can get close to the truth, another woman is found strangled in a hotel, arms placed gracefully above her head like a dancer. While digging through old case files, Jo makes a terrifying link to a series of cold cases: each victim bears the same strangulation marks. But the FBI won't take

Jo seriously, and if she disobeys direct orders by investigating the killings outside of her jurisdiction, it will mean the end of the career she's already sacrificed so much for, even her relationship. Just as Jo is beginning to lose hope, she finds messages on the victims' computers that make her question whether these small-town women were hiding big lies. Jo thinks this is the missing link, but she knows the murderer is moments away from selecting his next victim. Will it lead her to the most twisted killer of her career in time, or will another innocent life be lost? The first in a series.

Thriller PBK \$24.95

### You Can Run Cleveland, Karen

It's Jill's job to vet new CIA sources. Like Falcon, who's been on the recruitment fast track. But before she can get to work, Jill gets the call. Her son has been taken. And to get him back, Jill does something she thought she'd never do. Alex Charles, a hard-hitting journalist, begins to investigate an anonymous tip: an explosive claim about the CIA's hottest new source. This is the story that Alex has been waiting for. The tip – and a fierce determination to find the truth – leads Alex to Jill, who would rather remain hidden. As the two begin to work together, they uncover a vast conspiracy that will force them to confront their loyalties to family and country.

Thriller TP \$37.95

### The Hunting Wives

#### Gobb, May

Sophie O'Neill left behind an envy-inspiring career and the stressful, competitive life of big-city Chicago to settle down with her husband and young son in a small Texas town. It seems like the perfect life with a beautiful home in an idyllic rural community. But Sophie soon realises that life is now too quiet, and she's feeling bored and restless. Then she meets Margot Banks, an alluring socialite who is part of an elite clique secretly known as the Hunting Wives. Sophie finds herself completely drawn to Margot and swept into her mysterious world of late-night target practice and dangerous partying. As Sophie's curiosity gives way to full-blown obsession, she slips farther away from the safety of her family and deeper into this nest of vipers. When the body of a teenage girl is discovered in the woods where the Hunting Wives meet, Sophie finds herself in the middle of a murder investigation and her life spiralling out of control.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### Murder Before Evensong

#### Canon Clement mysteries

#### Goles, Richard

Canon Daniel Clement is Rector of Champton. He has been there for eight years, living at the Rectory alongside his widowed mother – opinionated, fearless, ever-so-slightly annoying Audrey – and his two dachshunds, Cosmo and Hilda. When Daniel announces a plan to install a lavatory in church, the parish is suddenly (and unexpectedly) divided: as lines are drawn in the community, long-buried secrets come dangerously close to destroying the apparent calm of Champton. And then Anthony

Bowness – cousin to Bernard de Floures, patron of Champton – is found dead at the back of the church, stabbed in the neck with a pair of secateurs. As the police moves in and the bodies start piling up, Daniel Clement is the only one who can try and keep his fractured community together... and catch a killer. The first novel in the Reverend Richard Coles' Canon Clement Mystery series. 'I've been waiting for a novel with vicars, rude old ladies, murder, and sausage dogs... *et voila!*' – Dawn French.

Mystery TP \$32.99

### Angels Flight

#### Bosch series

#### Gonnely, Michael

An activist attorney is killed in a cute little LA trolley called Angels Flight, far from Harry Bosch's Hollywood turf. But the case is so explosive – and the dead man's enemies inside the LAPD are so numerous – that it falls to Harry to solve it. Now, the streets are superheating. Harry's year-old Vegas marriage is unravelling. And the hunt for a killer is leading Harry to another high-profile LA murder case, one where every cop had a motive. The question is, did any have the guts? A reissue.

Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### The Overlook

#### Bosch series

#### Gonnely, Michael

When a physicist is murdered in Los Angeles on the overlook above the Mulholland Dam, a site with a stunning view over the city, it seems the killer has no fear of publicity. And when it's discovered that the victim turned over a quantity of a lethal chemical to his killer before he died, Harry knows he has more than just a single death to worry about. Plunged into a vortex of conflict between the LAPD, FBI, and Homeland Security, Harry realises the clock is ticking and he must solve the murder or face unimaginable consequences. A reissue.

Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### The Brass Verdict

#### Lincoln Lawyer series, TV tie-in

#### Gonnely, Michael

Things are finally looking up for the Lincoln Lawyer, Mickey Haller. After two years of wrong turns, he is back in the courtroom. When Hollywood lawyer Jerry Vincent dies, Haller unexpectedly inherits all Vincent's clients, putting his stalled career back on track at a stroke. Now, he's defending a high-profile and potentially lucrative murder case with a trial that promises big fees and an even bigger place in the media spotlight – but there's a problem: Detective Harry Bosch is determined to find Vincent's killer, and he is not opposed to using Haller as bait. He's also convinced that the killer is one of Vincent's clients... and that Haller may be his next target. As danger mounts and the stakes rise, these two loners realise their only choice is to work together. Reissued to tie in with the new Netflix series.

Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### The Stranger in the Mirror

#### Constantine, Liv

Addison's about to get married, but she's not looking forward to the big day. It's not her

fiancé; he's a wonderful man. It's because Addison doesn't know who she really is. A few years ago, a kind driver found her bleeding next to a New Jersey highway and rescued her. While her physical wounds healed, Addison's memory never returned. She doesn't know her real name. Or how she ended up injured on the side of a road. Or why she can't shake the notion that she may have done something very, very bad... In a posh home in the Boston suburbs, Julian tries to figure out what happened to his loving, caring wife, Cassandra, who disappeared without a trace two years ago. She would never have left him and their seven-year-old daughter Valentina of her own free will – or would she? Thriller PBK \$19.99

### Gone But Not Fergotten

#### Cat Cafe mysteries

#### Conte, Gae

Maddie James has big plans for the summer season at JJ's House of Purrs. But when her friend, master meditator and Tai Chi teacher Cass Hendricks, brings a potential animal hoarding situation to her attention, Maddie has to refocus her attention on the furry felines who may need a helping paw. Cass has brought his Zen teachings to Fisherman's Cove – a tiny, working class town on Daybreak Island – and one of his students, Laurel, has been on the receiving end more than one hissy fit from her neighbours, mostly because of her cats. When Maddie and Cass go to Laurel's to check out the situation, not only do they find a plethora of cats in need, but also a dead body. Laurel appears to have had an unfortunate accident falling down her stairs, but Maddie gets a sneaking suspicion that something more sinister might be behind her death. When she voices her concerns, she's horrified that it's Cass who falls under suspicion. With Grandpa Leo's help, Maddie has to dig into the secrets this small community is keeping close to find out why Laurel really died before Cass is put behind bars... or the killer strikes again.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

### Viral

#### Gook, Robin

Brian Murphy and his family are enjoying a relaxing summer vacation when his wife, Emma, comes down with mild flu-like symptoms. Their leisurely return home to New York City quickly turns into a race to the ER when her condition dramatically deteriorates. At the hospital, she is diagnosed with Eastern Equine Encephalitis, a rare and highly lethal mosquito-borne viral disease caught during one of their evening cookouts. Worse still, Brian and Emma's young daughter exhibits alarming signs of the same illness. An already harrowing hospital stay turns even more fraught when Brian receives a staggering hospital bill that his insurer refuses to pay out on, citing dubious clauses in his policy. Forced to choose between the health of his family and bills he can't afford, and furious at both an indifferent healthcare system and the lack of public awareness about a virus that poses a growing threat, Brian vows to seek justice. As he uncovers the dark side of a historically ruthless industry that preys on the sick and defenceless, it becomes clear he must take his revenge against those responsible by whatever means necessary... Thriller PBK \$22.99

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### **Wrong Good Deed** **Cooney, Caroline B**

1964: Christophine is 20 years old, newly married, and determined to make a home and a life for her and her husband, Tommy. But when Christophine discovers Tommy and his friends on the verge of committing a horrible crime, she does what she has to do to stop them. Afterwards, she knows she can't ever go home again – so she disappears. *Fifty years later*: When Clemmie's neighbour, Muffin, drags her from Sunday morning service at Trinity Hill Church, convinced that the man she's just spotted across the aisle is a dangerous figure from her past, at first Clemmie thinks she's being dramatic. But as Muffin reveals to Clemmie what happened in the middle of a field in South Carolina five decades ago, Clemmie realises her friend has been keeping dark secrets – just as Clemmie herself has. And the secrets that belong to both women are not the kind that can be revealed without dire consequences...

Mystery/suspense TP \$37.95

### **A Gated Doggie Wedding**

Mystery with Recipes series

#### **Crawford, Isis**

At A Little Taste of Heaven, Bernie and Libby Simmons cater all sorts of affairs, from book clubs to bridal showers and everything in between. So, when their counterman, Googie, asks them to cater a doggie wedding for his girlfriend Jenni's eight-month-old golden retrievers, they jump on the opportunity. The reception, which will also serve as a grand opening for Jenni's new doggie daycare centre, is no small affair. Bertha and Ernie – the bride and groom – will be celebrating with more than a hundred guests, including the puppers' pals and their people. But all weddings, even shaggy shindigs, come with some drama. Not everyone in town is excited about the upcoming pup-tuials – or Jenni's business. Someone is sending threatening messages to Bernie, Libby, and others in town, warning them to cancel the festivities. But when folks start dying under curious circumstances, Bernie and Libby know it's up to them to untangle the leads and find the murderer before anyone else bites it.

Mystery HC \$44.99

### **Death's Long Shadow**

Harriet & Matthew Rowsley mysteries

#### **Cutler, Judith**

On a freezing winter's night, with the household in mourning following the death of the dowager Lady Croft, the residents of Thorncroft House are roused from their beds by the arrival of an unexpected visitor. Although, Lady Stanton seems reluctant to explain the reasons for her visit, housekeeper Harriet Rowsley would never turn a stranger from the door; she offers Lady Stanton and her servants all the hospitality at her disposal, however secretive and arrogant the new guest might be. But tensions arise over the following days, with both visitors and servants trapped indoors by the snow, and Lady Stanton proving a difficult and demanding guest. The situation worsens on the discovery of the body of a young housemaid lying crumpled at the foot of the stairs. A tragic accident... or something more sinister? Who exactly is Lady Stanton, and why has she come to Thorncroft? Has her arrival anything to do with the housemaid's death? As the household remains

trapped and tensions escalate, Harriet and her husband Matthew are forced to face the fact that they may be harbouring a murderer in their midst...

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

### **The Driver**

John Milton series

#### **Dawson, Mark**

John Milton has started to hope that he might have a future. He has a job driving a taxi around the streets of San Francisco. He has his anonymity and his solitude. Being invisible has become a comfortable habit. He doesn't want to be found. But when a girl he drives to a party goes missing, Milton is worried. Especially when two dead bodies are discovered, and the police start treating him as their prime suspect. Milton is a fugitive from the British Secret Service and a man in his position needs extra attention like he needs a hole in the head. As unpleasant secrets leak out and the body count rises, one thing is for sure. Milton might just be the right guy in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Thriller TP \$29.99

### **The Missing Word**

#### **de Gregorio, Concita**

Irina's life with her husband and her twin daughters is orderly. An Italian living in Switzerland, she works as a lawyer. One day, something breaks. The marriage ends without apparent trauma, but on a weekend seemingly like any other, the girls' father takes Alessia and Livia away with him. They disappear. A few days later, the man takes his own life. Of the girls, there is no trace.

Thriller PBK \$24.99

### **Murder in a Teacup**

Tea by the Sea mysteries

#### **Delany, Vicki**

Lily has her work cut out for her when a visit from her grandmother Rose's dear friend, Sandra McHenry, turns into an unexpected – and unpleasant – McHenry family reunion. The squabbling boils over and soon Tea by the Sea's serene afternoon service resembles the proverbial tempest in a teapot. Somehow, Lily and her tearoom survive the storm, and Sandra's bickering brethren finally retreat to Rose's B&B. But later that evening, a member of their party – harmless Ed French – dies from an apparent poisoning and suddenly Tea by the Sea is both scene and suspect in a murder investigation! Mercifully, none of the other guests fall ill. They all ate the same food, but Ed insisted on bringing his own special blend of herbal teas. So, it seems, amid the whining and dining, someone snuck up to one of Lily's cherished teapots and fatally spiked Ed's bespoke brew, but who? Was it Ed's long-estranged sister-in-law? Did teenage troublemaker Tyler take a prank too far? Or perhaps the family's feuds have been steeping for longer than anyone realises? It's up to Lily, Rose, and their friends to get to the bottom of the poisoned pot and bag the real culprit behind the kettle murder plot.

Mystery TP \$29.99

### **The Stone Chamber**

DI Wesley Peterson mysteries

#### **Ellis, Kate**

On a summer evening, Robert and Greta Gerdner are shot dead at their home in the Devon countryside. DI Wesley Peterson

suspects the execution-style murders might be linked to Robert's past police career – until Robert's name is found on a list of people who've been sent tickets anonymously for a tour of Darkhole Grange, a former asylum on Dartmoor. Wesley discovers that other names on the list have also died in mysterious circumstances and, as he is drawn into the chilling history of the asylum, he becomes convinced that it holds the key to the case. When his friend, archaeologist Neil Watson, finds the skeleton of a woman buried in a sealed chamber dating back to the 15th century at his nearby dig, Wesley wonders whether there might be a connection between the ancient cell and the tragic events at Darkhole Grange. With the clock ticking, Wesley must solve the puzzle, before the next person on the list meets a terrible end... Whether you've read the whole series, or are discovering Kate Ellis' DI Wesley Peterson novels for the first time, this is the perfect page-turner, if you love reading Ann Cleeves and Elly Griffiths.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### **Blackout**

#### **Flanagan, Erin**

Seven hard-won months into her sobriety, sociology professor Maris Heilman has her first blackout. She chalks it up to exhaustion, though she fears that her husband and daughter will suspect she's drinking again. Whatever their cause, the glitches start becoming more frequent. Sometimes minutes, sometimes longer, but always leaving Maris with the same disorienting question: *Where have I been?* Then another blackout lands Maris in the ER, where she makes an alarming discovery. A network of women is battling the same inexplicable malady. Is it a bizarre coincidence or something more sinister? What do all the women have in common besides missing time? Or is it who they have in common? In a desperate search for answers, Maris has no idea what's coming next – just the escalating paranoia that her memories may be beyond her control, and that everything she knows could disappear in the blink of an eye.

Thriller TP \$35.95

### **London Bridge is Falling Down**

Bryant & May mysteries

#### **Fowler, Christopher**

It was the kind of story that barely made the news. When 91-year-old Amelia Hoffman died in her top-floor flat on a busy London road, it's considered an example of what has gone wrong with modern society: she slipped through the cracks in a failing system. But detectives Arthur Bryant and John May of the Peculiar Crimes Unit have their doubts. Mrs Hoffman was once a government security expert, even though no one can quite remember her. When a link emerges between the old lady and a diplomat trying to flee the country, it seems that an impossible murder has been committed. Mrs Hoffman wasn't the only one at risk. Bryant is convinced that other forgotten women with hidden talents are also in danger. And, curiously, they all own models of London Bridge. With the help of some of their more certifiable informants, the detectives follow the strangest of clues in an investigation that will lead them through forgotten alleyways to the city's oldest bridge

in search of a desperate killer. But just when the case appears to be solved, they discover that Mrs Hoffman was smarter than anyone imagined. There's a bigger game afoot that could have terrible consequences. Celebrate Bryant and May's 20th anniversary, as their most lunatic case, yet, brings death and rebirth to London's most peculiar crimes unit. Highly recommended.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### **Robert Ludlum's** **the Bourne Treachery** **Freeman, Brian**

Three years ago, Jason Bourne embarked on a mission in Estonia with his partner and lover, a fiery Treadstone agent, code-named Nova. Their job was to rescue a Russian double agent who'd been smuggled out of St Petersburg in the midst of an FSB manhunt. They failed. The Russian died at the hands of a shadowy assassin known only by the nickname Lennon. Now, everything has changed for Bourne. Nova is gone, killed in a mass shooting in Las Vegas. Bourne is a lone operative, working in the shadows for Treadstone, when he's called in for a new mission in London – to prevent another assassination masterminded by Lennon. But nothing about this mission is what it seems. As Bourne engages in a cat-and-mouse game with Lennon across the British countryside, he discovers that everything he thought he knew about the past was a lie. And with the body count rising, he comes to an inevitable conclusion: Some secrets should stay buried.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### **A Bride's Guide** **to Marriage and Murder**

Countess of Harleigh mysteries

#### **Freeman, Dianne**

On the eve of her marriage to George Hazelton, Frances has a great deal more on her mind than flowers and seating arrangements. The Connors and the Bainbridges, two families of American robber barons, have taken up residence in London, and their bitter rivalry is spilling over into the highest social circles. At the request of her brother, Alonzo, who is quite taken with Miss Madeline Connor, Frances has invited the Connor family to her wedding. Meanwhile, Frances' mother has invited Mr Bainbridge, and Frances fears the wedding may end up being newspaper-worthy for all the wrong reasons. On the day itself, Frances is relieved to note that Madeline's father is not among the guests assembled at the church. The reason for his absence, however, turns out to be most unfortunate: Mr Connor is found murdered in his home. More shocking still, Alonzo is caught at the scene, holding the murder weapon. Powerful and ruthless, Connor appears to have amassed a wealth of enemies alongside his fortune. Frances and George agree to put their wedding trip on hold to try and clear Alonzo's name. But there are secrets to sift through, not just in the Bainbridge and Connor families, but also in their own. And with a killer determined to evade discovery at any cost – even if it means taking another life – Frances' first days as a newlywed will be perilous, indeed...

Historical mystery HC \$44.99

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### A Hint of Mischief

Fairy Garden mysteries

#### Gerber, Daryl Wood

Courtney has thrown a few fairy garden parties – for kids. But if a local socialite is willing to dip into her trust fund for an old sorority sister's fortieth birthday bash, Courtney will be there with bells on. To make the job even more appealing, a famous actress, Farrah Lawson, is flying in for the occasion, and there's nothing like a celebrity cameo to raise a business' profile. Now, Courtney has less than two weeks to paint a mural, hang up tinkling windchimes, plan party games, and conjure up all the details. While she works her magic, the hostess and her girlfriends head off for an indulgent spa day – which leads to a fateful facial for Farrah, followed by her mysterious death. Could the kind-hearted eyebrow waxer who Farrah berated in public really be the killer, as the police suspect? Courtney thinks otherwise, and with the help of her imaginative sleuth fairy, sets out to dig up the truth behind this puzzling murder...

Mystery TP \$29.99

### Listen to Me

Rizzoli & Isles series

#### Gerritsen, Tess

The murder of Sofia Suarez is both gruesome and seemingly senseless. Why would anyone target a respected nurse who was well liked, by her friends and her neighbours? As Detective Jane Rizzoli and Forensic Pathologist Maura Isles investigate the baffling case, they discover that Sofia was guarding a dangerous secret – a secret that may have led the killer straight to her door. Meanwhile, Jane's watchful mother Angela Rizzoli is conducting an investigation of her own. She may be a grandmother, not a police detective, but she's savvy enough to know there's something very strange, perhaps even dangerous, about the new neighbours across the street. The problem is, no one believes her, not even her own daughter. Immersed in the hunt for Sofia's killer, Jane and Maura are too busy to pay attention to Angela's fears. With no one listening to her, and danger mounting in her neighbourhood, Angela just may be forced to take action on her own...

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Five Belles Too Many

Sarah Blair mysteries

#### Goldstein, Debra H

Sometimes Sarah's mother, Maybelle, can be higher maintenance than her Siamese cat RahRah. Maybelle and her friend, Mr George Rogers, have been chosen to be one of five couples competing for a small-town 'perfect' wedding and dream honeymoon on a Southern Belles reality show – and guess who has to be chaperone. Even more vexing, the producers have decided to put up the crew and participants at the restaurant/bed and breakfast owned by Sarah's nemesis Jane Clark. But when someone turns up dead with Jane kneeling by the body with blood on her hands, she goes from being Sarah's chief rival to the police's chief suspect. Neither Sarah nor her twin, Chef Emily Johnson, can stand Jane – still, they don't think she's a murderer. The producers vow the show must go on, but to protect their mother and the other contestants, Sarah vows to find the true killer before someone else gets eliminated...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### What Jonah Knew

#### Graham, Barbara

Helen Bird will stop at nothing to find Henry, her musician son who has mysteriously disappeared in upstate New York. Though, the cops believe Henry's absence is voluntary, Helen knows better. While she searches for him – joined finally by police – Jonah is born to Lucie and Matt Pressman of Manhattan. Lucie does all she can to be the kind of loving, attentive mother she never had, but can't stop Jonah's night terrors or his obsession with the imaginary 'other mom and dog' he insists are real. Whether Jonah's anxiety is caused by nature or nurture – or something else entirely – is the propulsive mystery at the heart of the novel. All hell breaks loose when the Pressmans rent a summer cottage in Aurora Falls, where Helen lives. How does Jonah, at seven, know so much about Henry, Helen's still-missing son? Is it just a bizarre coincidence? An expression of Jung's collective unconscious? Or could Jonah be the reincarnation of Henry? Faced with more questions than answers, Helen and Lucie set out to make sense of the insensible, a heart-stopping quest that forces them to redefine not just what it is to be a mother or a human being, but the very nature of life – and death – because of what Jonah knows.

Thriller TP \$39.95

### The Gray Man

Gray Man series, Netflix movie tie-in

#### Greaney, Mark

To those who lurk in the shadows, he's known as the Gray Man. He is a legend in the covert realm, moving silently from job to job, accomplishing the impossible and then fading away. And he always hits his target. But there are forces more lethal than Gentry in the world. Forces like money. And power. And there are men who hold these as the only currency worth fighting for. In their eyes, Gentry has just outlived his usefulness. But Court Gentry is going to prove that, for him, there's no grey area between killing for a living, and killing to stay alive... Reissued to tie in with the newly-released Netflix film, starring Ryan Gosling and Chris Evans.

Thriller (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### The Midnight Hour

Stephens & Mephisto/Brighton mysteries

#### Griffiths, Elly

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

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Sanctuary

#### Haughton, Emma

Very few people get the opportunity to stay here. And some don't get to leave... Zoey doesn't remember anything about last night. But she knows something went badly wrong. For she is no longer in New York. She's woken up in the desert, in a white building she doesn't recognise, and she's alone. When she discovers she's been admitted to The Sanctuary, a discreet, mysterious, isolated refuge from normal life, to avoid jail, she is stunned. She knows she has secrets, troubles, but she thought she had everything under control. But as she spends more time with other residents, she begins to open up about what she's running from. Until she realises that not everyone in The Sanctuary has her best interests at heart, and someone might even be a killer...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Nobody Walks

J K Coe series

#### Herron, Mick

Tom Bettany is working at a meat processing plant in France, when he gets a voicemail telling him that his estranged 26-year-old son is dead – Liam Bettany fell from his London balcony, where he was smoking pot. Now, for the first time since he cut all ties, years ago, Bettany returns home to London to find out the truth about his son's death. But more than a few people are interested to hear Bettany is back in town, from incarcerated mob bosses to those in the highest echelons of MI5. And some of them – like J K Coe – will have cause to regret his reappearance. Bettany might have thought he'd left it all behind when he first skipped town, but nobody ever really walks away. Set in the same fictional London as the award-winning Slough House series, *Nobody Walks* introduces J K Coe, a fledgling spy who's about to get a harsh lesson in the realities of life on Spook Street.

Suspense PB 22.99

### Cutters End

Mark Ariti series

#### Hickey, Margaret

*New Year's Eve, 1989*. Eighteen-year-old Ingrid Mathers is hitchhiking her way to Alice Springs. Bored, hungover and separated from her friend Joanne, she accepts a lift to the remote town of Cutters End. *July 2021*. Detective Sergeant Mark Ariti is seconded to a recently reopened case, one in which he has a personal connection. Three decades ago, a burnt and broken body was discovered in scrub off the Stuart Highway, 300km south of Cutters End. Though ultimately ruled an accidental death, many people – including a high-profile celebrity – are convinced it was murder. When Mark's interviews with the witnesses in the old case files go nowhere, he has no choice but to make the long journey up the highway to Cutters End. And with the help of local Senior Constable Jagdeep Kaur, he soon learns that this death isn't the only unsolved case that hangs over the town... Shortlisted for the Ned Kelly Award for First Fiction 2022. The sequel is *Stone Town* (TP, \$32.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### Stone Town

Mark Ariti series

#### Hickey, Margaret

With its gold-rush history long in the past, Stone Town has seen better days. And it's now in the headlines for all the wrong reasons... When three teenagers stumble upon a body in dense bushland one rainy Friday night, Senior Sergeant Mark Ariti's hopes for a quiet posting in his old hometown are shattered. The victim is Aidan Sleeth, a property developer, whose controversial plan to buy up local land means few are surprised he ended up dead. However, his gruesome murder is overshadowed by a mystery consuming the entire nation: the disappearance of Detective Sergeant Natalie Whitsed. Natalie had been investigating the celebrity wife of crime boss Tony 'the Hook' Scopelliti when she vanished. What did she uncover? Has it cost her, her life? And why are the two Homicide detectives, sent from the city to run the Sleeth case, so obsessed with Natalie's fate? Following a late-night call from his former boss, Mark is sure of one thing: he's now in the middle of a deadly game... new rural crime drama from the author of the bestselling *Cutters End* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### The Man Who Vanished and the Dog Who Waited High, Kate

Summer in the Lincolnshire Wolds and Clarice is rung by her friend Louise, asking whether she can look after Susie, her son's lively Boxer, as 41-year-old Guy has gone missing from the family home. His mother thinks he has been suffering from depression but more worryingly, in his professional life, he had been working on a high-profile case, defending a known criminal. His home life was beset with problems too, which is why his mother has asked Clarice to look after the dog; Charlotte, Guy's wife, just can't cope with her as well as their three daughters. Getting drawn into the puzzle of Guy's disappearance, Clarice wonders how Susie received a nasty cut to her back leg, and who is the mysterious Charles? Guy apparently did not trust him enough to let him into his home, and he had not been seen since he was driven away in Charles car. Guy's friends all say that he was a good, honest man, but as Clarice looks further into the murky criminal world he inhabits, she questions if Guy has been pulled in out of his depth. And – why does Susie keep returning to the private woods, where she had spent so much time with her beloved master... The second mystery set in the Lincolnshire Wolds – following *The Cat and the Corpse in the Old Barn* (PBK, \$24.99) – featuring an amateur detective who mixes sleuthing with her other great love: animal rescue. Perfect for fans of Ann Granger or M C Beaton.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### Clark and Division

#### Hirahara, Naomi

Chicago, 1944: Twenty-year-old Aki Ito and her parents have just been released from Manzanar, where they have been detained by the US government since the aftermath of

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Pearl Harbor, together with thousands of other Japanese Americans. The life in California, the Ito's were forced to leave behind is gone; instead, they are being resettled two thousand miles away in Chicago, where Aki's older sister, Rose, was sent months earlier and moved to the new Japanese American neighbourhood near Clark and Division streets. But on the eve of the Ito family's reunion, Rose is killed by a subway train. Aki, who worshipped her sister, is stunned. Officials are ruling Rose's death a suicide. Aki cannot believe her perfect, polished, and optimistic sister would end her life. Her instinct tells her there is much more to the story, and she knows she is the only person who could ever learn the truth. Inspired by historical events, *Clark and Division* infuses an atmospheric and heartbreakingly real crime with rich period details and delicately wrought personal stories Naomi Hirahara has gleaned from 30 years of research and archival work in Japanese American history.

Mystery TP \$29.99

### The Night Man

Wisting mysteries

#### Horst, Jørn Lier

A severed head, impaled on a stake, placed in the middle of the town square. No clues. No leads. And just hours later, another body. Inspector William Wisting is investigating the most grotesque case of his career. As media pressure mounts to find the sadistic killer, he soon finds what could be the key to solving the murder. But with another death looming, Wisting faces a criminal network well beyond anything he's dealt with before. To find justice, he must put himself in danger beyond his darkest nightmares, and from which there can be no escape. Jørn Lier Horst returns to Wisting's original, present-day series with his most dangerous case, yet.

Mystery TP \$32.99

### Ragged

#### Irvin, Christopher

Cal is a mutt with a dark past. After the death of his wife, he must face his once protector, Maurice and his ferocious gang, who prey on the woodland community from the dump. Meanwhile, talk of infection spreads like wildfire. Anyone could be rabid, and the local trader bringing much needed supplies to the community has vanished. Can the town overcome their fears to survive the long winter ahead? Step inside this unforgettable anthropomorphic tale of love and revenge, as *Wind in the Willows* meets *Fargo*.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### A Net for Small Fishes

#### Jago, Lucy

When Frances Howard, beautiful but unhappy wife of the Earl of Essex, meets the talented Anne Turner, the two strike up an unlikely, yet powerful, friendship. Frances makes Anne her confidante, sweeping her into a glamorous and extravagant world, riven with bitter rivalry. As the women grow closer, each hopes to change her circumstances. Frances is trapped in a miserable marriage while loving another; and newly-widowed Anne struggles to keep herself and her six children alive, as she waits for a promised proposal. A desperate plan to change their fortunes is

hatched. But navigating the Jacobean court is a dangerous game and one misstep could cost them everything.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

### Dead Tomorrow

Roy Grace mysteries

#### James, Peter

The body of a missing boy is dredged from the seabed off the Sussex coast, missing vital organs. Soon after, two more bodies are found... A teenager in Brighton will die if she does not receive an urgent transplant. When the health system threatens to let her down her mother takes drastic action and goes to an online broker in black-market organs. The broker can provide what she wants, but it will come at a price. As Roy Grace investigates the recovered bodies, he unearths a gang of child traffickers operating from Eastern Europe. Soon, Grace and his team will find themselves in a race against time to save the life of a young street kid, while a desperate mother will stop at nothing to save her daughter's life... Reissued to tie in with the new ITV series, *Grace*, adapted for television by screenwriter Russell Lewis and starring John Simm.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### Unfinished Business

Ali Reynolds series

#### Jance, J A

Mateo Vega, a one-time employee of Ali Reynolds' husband, B Simpson, has spent the last 16 years of his life behind bars. According to the courts, he murdered his girlfriend. But Mateo knows that her real killer is still on the loose, and the first thing he's going to do when he gets a taste of freedom is track him down. After being granted parole, a wary Mateo approaches Stu Ramey of High Noon Enterprises for a reference letter for a job application, but to his surprise, Stu gives him one better: He asks him to come on board and work for B, once again. Just as Mateo starts his new job, though, chaos breaks out at High Noon – a deadbeat tenant who is in arrears has just fled, and tech expert Cami Lee has gone missing. As Ali races to both find a connection between the two disappearances and help Mateo clear his name with the help of PI J P Beaumont, tragedy strikes in her personal life, and with lives hanging in the balance, she must thread the needle between good and evil before it's too late.

Thriller PBK \$26.95

### The Moorland Murderers

Bloody Mary mysteries

#### Jecks, Michael

*July, 1556*. En route to France and escape from Queen Mary's men, Jack Blackjack decides to spend the night at a Devon tavern, agrees to a game of dice – and ends up accused of murder. To make matters worse, the dead man turns out to have been the leader of the all-powerful miners who rule the surrounding moors – and they have no intention of waiting for the official court verdict to determine Jack's guilt. But who would frame Jack for murder... and why? Alone and friendless in a lawless land of cutthroats, outlaws, and thieves, Jack realises that the only way to clear his name – and

save his skin – is to unmask the real killer. But knowing nothing of the local ways and customs, how is he to even begin? As Jack's attempts to find answers stirs up a hornet's nest of warring factions within the town, events soon start to spiral out of control...

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

### The Angels of Venice

Venice mysteries

#### Jones, Philip Gwynne

It's the night of 12 November 2019. The worst flooding in 50 years hits the city of Venice. Eighty-five per cent of *La Serenissima* is underwater. Gale force winds roar across the lagoon and along the narrow streets. And the body of Dr Jennifer Whiteread – a young British art historian, specialising in the depiction of angels in Venetian painting – is found floating in a flooded antique bookshop on the Street of the Assassins. As the local police struggle to restore order to a city on its knees, Nathan Sutherland – under pressure from the British Ambassador and a grieving father – sets out into the dark and rainswept streets, in an attempt to discover the truth behind Whiteread's death. The trail leads to the 'Markham Foundation', a recent and welcome addition to the list of charities working to preserve the ancient city. Charming, clever and very, very rich, Giles Markham is a well-known and popular figure in the highest Venetian social circles, and has the ear of both the Mayor and the Patriarch. But a man with powerful friends may also have powerful enemies. And Nathan is about to learn that – in Venice, at least – angels come in many forms – merciful, fallen and vengeful...

Mystery TP \$32.99

### The Pledge

Detective Betty mysteries

#### Kent, Kathleen

Things are looking up for Detective Betty Rhyzyk. She's settled into a happy marriage and been promoted to Sergeant in the Dallas Police Department. But when a hostage standoff puts her on the phone with legendary cartel leader The Knife, things take a turn. A rival is making a play for the Knife's territory: none other than Evangeline Roy. The matriarch of a ruthless cult, Evangeline also holds a personal vendetta against Betty. So, who better to draw Evangeline out of hiding? Betty's got two weeks to catch her. Or else. With the drug dealers of Dallas donning strange red wigs and delivering cryptic messages, Betty's in a race for answers. As the clock ticks down, it will take everything she's got to finally put an end to Evangeline's reign of terror, and to keep her beloved Dallas – and her own family – safe, at last.

Hardboiled HC \$39.99

### The Dying Day

Inspector Wadia mysteries

#### Khan, Vaseem

*Bombay, 1950...* For over a century, one of the world's great treasures, a 600-year-old copy of Dante's *The Divine Comedy*, has been safely housed at Bombay's Asiatic Society. But when it vanishes, together with the man charged with its care, British scholar and war hero, John Healy, the case lands on Inspector

Persis Wadia's desk. Uncovering a series of complex riddles written in verse, Persis – together with English forensic scientist Archie Blackfinch – is soon on the trail. But then they discover the first body. As the death toll mounts it becomes evident that someone else is also pursuing this priceless artefact and will stop at nothing to possess it... Harking back to an era of darkness, this second thriller in the Malabar House series pits Persis, once again, against her peers, a changing India, and an evil of limitless intent. The second brilliant novel in the highly-acclaimed Malabar House series – featuring Persis Wadia, India's first female police detective. Gripping, immersive, and full of Vaseem Khan's trademark wit, this is historical fiction at its finest. The first is *Midnight at Malabar House* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### Quicksilver

Koontz, Dean

Quinn Quicksilver was born a mystery – abandoned at three days old on a desert highway in Arizona. Raised in an orphanage, never knowing his parents, Quinn had a happy if unexceptional life. Until the day of 'strange magnetism'. It compelled him to drive out to the middle of nowhere. It helped him find a coin worth a lot of money. And it practically saved his life when two government agents showed up in the diner in pursuit of him. Now, Quinn is on the run from those agents and who knows what else, fleeing for his life. During a shoot-out at a forlorn dude ranch, he finally meets his destined companions: Bridget Raining, a beauty as gifted in foresight as she is with firearms, and her grandpa Sparky, a romance novelist with an unusual past. Bridget knows what it's like to be Quinn. She's hunted, too. The only way to stay alive is to keep moving. Barrelling through the Sonoran Desert, the formidable trio is impelled by that same inexplicable magnetism toward the inevitable. With every deeply disturbing mile, something sinister is in the rear view – an enemy that is more than a match for Quinn. Even as he discovers within himself resources that are every bit as scary.

Thriller TP \$29.99

### Butcher Pen Road

Maytubby & Bond mysteries

#### Lackey, Kris

On Oklahoma's Big Rock Prairie, a deaf boy finds a body in Pennington Creek. Johnston County Deputy Hannah Bond and Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Sergeant Bill Maytubby find a crime scene where nothing seems to fit – from the dead angler's oversize waders to the kind of fish in his creel. They scour the creek-side brush, then hit the road for Texas in a widening search for the killer. On the Big Rock, a towering, bearded man is building a limestone replica of Roman Jerusalem for a Christian passion play. His cronies, who are in league with an interstate fraud ring, want the boy to disappear now. Flying an ancient, rented Cessna, Maytubby takes fire from a suspect he is tailing, while Bond combs river trails for traces of the killer. While Maytubby and Bond try to protect the deaf boy and his mother from the crime ring, an improbable ally materialises from the prairie oak thickets, wielding a monstrous shotgun.

Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

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### **The Whispering Lando, Veronica**

*The whispering wild will take your child if you dare to look away...* Callum Haffenden swore he'd never return to Granite Creek. But, 30 years after a life-shattering accident, he's thrust back into the clutches of Far North Queensland and a local legend he worked hard to forget. When a man goes missing in the rainforest, the past begins to resurface, breathing new life into memories of previous tragedies – two girls lost, 17 years apart. In a town where it's easiest to turn a blind eye, the guilt runs deep and everyone in Granite Creek has something to hide. In his search for answers, Callum fights to keep his feet firmly on the trail as he battles the deafening call of the rainforest burrowing into his ears. After all, everyone knows that the worst things in the rainforest are those unseen. The stunning Aussie crime debut from the winner of the 2021 Banjo Prize for Fiction.

Noir TP \$32.99

### **Oblivion**

#### **Lebedev, Sergei**

A young man travels to the vast wastelands of the Far North to uncover the truth about a shadowy neighbour who saved his life, and whom he knows only as Grandfather II. What he finds, among the forgotten mines and decrepit barracks of former gulags, is a world relegated to oblivion, where it is easier to ignore both the victims and the executioners than to come to terms with a terrible past. This disturbing tale evokes the great and ruined beauty of a land where man and machine worked in tandem with nature to destroy millions of lives during the Soviet century. Emerging from today's Russia, where the ills of the past are being forcefully erased from public memory, this masterful novel represents an epic literary attempt to rescue history from the brink of oblivion. One of the first 21st century Russian novels to probe the legacy of the Soviet prison camp system by one of Russia's finest young writers.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### **Dairy, Dairy, Quite Contrary**

Sunflower Café mysteries

#### **Lillard, Amy**

After Sissy's rodeo cowboy boyfriend turns out to be more of a rodeo clown, she packs a bag; picks up her Yorkshire terrier Duke; and leaves Tulsa, Oklahoma, bound for her parents' former hometown. There are still plenty of Yoders in Yoder, Kansas, including Sissy's aunt Bethel, who owns the Sunflower Café but recently broke her leg. It's a homecoming of sorts as Sissy arrives to help in the café and reunite with her pregnant cousin Lizzie. Plus, she can continue to secretly write her newspaper advice column as 70-year-old 'Aunt Bess'. But it's Sissy, who could use some advice when she finds the milk deliveryman out behind the café with a knife in his back. As the sheriff's prime suspect, it's up to Sissy to catch the backstabber herself – before someone else gets creamed... The first in a new series.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### **The Falcon**

Nina Guerrero series

#### **Maldonado, Isabella**

Six female undergrads at an elite university vanish. The media descends. The families

demand action. And, as Special Agent Nina Guerrero follows clue by chilling clue, she realises she's tracking the most cunning predator of her career. The case takes a turn for the worse, and the bizarre, when several victims are found perfectly preserved. No signs of violence, no hint of how they died. Just more evidence that the killer is cruel, calculating, and a master of mind control. With her mission compromised, Nina must face her greatest failure – and greatest fear – to stop a deadly hunter before he claims another prize.

Mystery/suspense TP \$35.95

### **Murder in Old Bombay**

Captain Jim & Lady Diana mysteries

#### **March, Nev**

In 1892, Bombay is the centre of British India. Nearby, Captain Jim Agnihotri lies in Poona military hospital recovering from a skirmish on the wild northern frontier, with little to read but newspapers. The case that catches Jim's attention is being called the crime of the century: Two women fell from the busy university's clock tower in broad daylight. Moved by the widower of one of the victims – his certainty that his wife and sister did not commit suicide – Jim approaches the Framjis and is hired by the Parsee family to investigate what happened, that terrible afternoon. But in a land of divided loyalties, asking questions is dangerous. Jim's investigation disturbs the shadows that seem to follow the Framji family and triggers an ominous chain of events. Based on real events, and set against the vibrant backdrop of colonial India, Nev March's lyrical debut brings this tumultuous historical age to life.

Historical mystery TP \$34.99

### **Anatomy of a Heretic**

#### **Mark, David**

*London, 1628.* Nicolaes de Pelgrom, assassin and devoted servant of George Villiers, will do whatever his master asks of him – even if that means enduring the perilous voyage to the Indies to exact a grieving widow's revenge. Making that same journey is Jeronimus Cornelisz, a conniving apothecary determined to escape the backstreets of Amsterdam and become rich beyond imagination. Hired by a criminal mastermind to escort precious cargo to the Indies, he will kill anyone who stands in his way. When these assassins clash, so too do their missions. One cannot succeed without killing the other. In this deadly game, who will triumph and who will die? And are they even the only players? 'A fantastic achievement – dark and compelling with characters you will never forget' – *Elly Griffiths*.

Historical thriller PBK \$19.99

### **Cages**

#### **Mark, David**

Washed-up author Rufus Orton needs money. It's the main reason he takes the gig teaching creative writing to inmates at HMP Holderness. That, and the flattery of prison officer Annabeth Harris, who contacted him out of the blue and begged him to take the job. Annabeth loves Rufus' work. Genuinely. She loves being a prison officer too. But Annabeth is keeping a secret. Fifteen years ago, she did something bad, and if it ever comes out, her new, perfect life will be destroyed. HMP resident Griffin

Cox has no black marks against his name. He claims he's been wrongly convicted of the sex offence that put him in prison. He's lying. He has a plan – and everything hinges on him securing a place in the classroom with Rufus and Annabeth. It's only then that the game can begin...

Thriller TP \$39.95

### **The Last Goodnight**

Blood Ties, the Logans series

#### **Martin, Kat**

When Kade Logan said goodbye to his estranged wife eight years ago, he never thought it would be the last time he saw her alive. Now, her car has been hauled out of a nearby lake and Kade is determined to track down the man who murdered her. Enter Eleanor Bowman, a talented private investigator who's about to stir up a hornet's nest on his Colorado ranch. With old scandals still buzzing about his late wife's many affairs and new violence erupting, Kade is faced with the discovery of another beautiful woman's body. Are the two killings linked? Who is the man who seduced, then murdered both victims? Ellie believes they are dangerously close to the truth. From corporate Denver high-rises to posh Vail mansions, Kade and Ellie sense the killer is closing in again, and this time Ellie is the target. Kade must risk everything to save the woman he's coming to love – before she becomes the next one to die... The first in a new series.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### **Murder at Wakehurst**

Gilded Newport mysteries

#### **Maxwell, Alyssa**

Following the death of her uncle, Cornelius Vanderbilt, in September 1899, a sombre Emma is in no mood for one of Newport's extravagant parties. But to keep Vanderbilt's reckless son Neily out of trouble, she agrees to accompany him to an Elizabethan fête on the lavish grounds of Wakehurst, the Ochre Point 'cottage' modelled after an English palace, owned by Anglophile James Van Alen. The festivities include a swordplay demonstration, an archery competition, scenes from Shakespeare's plays, and even a joust. As Emma wanders the grounds, she overhears a fierce argument between a man and a woman behind a tall hedge. As the joust begins, she's drawn by the barking of Van Alen's dogs and finds a man on the ground, an arrow through his chest. The victim is one of the 400's most influential members, Judge Clayton Schuyler. With the help of her beau Derrick Andrews and Detective Jesse Whyte, Emma begins to learn the judge was not the straight arrow he appeared to be. As their investigation leads them in ever-widening circles, Emma will have to stop the killer from taking another life...

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

### **The Drowning Kind**

#### **McMahon, Jennifer**

When social worker Jax receives nine missed calls from her older sister Lexie, she assumes that it's just another one of her sister's episodes. Manic and increasingly out of touch with reality, Lexie's mental state has pushed Jax away for over a year. But the next day, Lexie is dead: drowned in the pool at their grandmother's estate. When Jax returns to the house to go through her sister's things,

she learns that Lexie was researching their family's and the house's history. And as Jax dives deeper into that research, she discovers that the land holds a far darker history than she could have ever imagined. In 1929, 37-year-old newlywed Ethel Monroe hopes desperately for a baby. In an effort to distract her, her husband whisks her away on a trip to Vermont, where a natural spring is showcased by the newest and most modern hotel in the northeast. Once there, Ethel learns that the spring is rumoured to grant wishes, never suspecting that the spring takes in equal measure to what it gives.

Thriller PBK \$26.95

### **In Place of Fear**

#### **McPherson, Catriona**

*Edinburgh, 1948.* Helen leaned close enough to fog the mirror with her breath and whispered, 'You, my girl, are a qualified medical almoner and at eight o'clock tomorrow morning you will be on the front line of the National Health Service of Scotland.' Her eyes looked huge and scared. 'So, take a shake to yourself!' Helen Crowther leaves a crowded tenement home for her very own office in a doctor's surgery. Upstart, ungrateful, out of your depth – the words of disapproval come at her from everywhere but she's determined to take her chance and play her part. She's barely begun when she stumbles over a murder and learns that, in this most respectable of cities, no one will fight for justice at the risk of scandal. As Helen resolves to find a killer, she's propelled into a darker world than she knew existed, hardscrabble as her own can be. Disapproval is the least of her worries, now. A brilliant new standalone crime novel from acclaimed novelist Catriona McPherson, author of the Dandy Gilver series.

Mystery HC \$49.99

### **The Secret Witness**

Shepard & Gray series

#### **Methos, Victor**

*This is Reaper speaking.* So begins an anonymous letter published in a Utah newspaper after a young couple is viciously murdered. Tooele County sheriff Elizabeth Gray leads the investigation into the double homicide, which is eerily reminiscent of a string of brutal killings, years ago. When the letter leads detectives to yet another body, Gray calls on an old friend for help. Former prosecutor Solomon Shepard is still struggling to recover from the deadly courtroom attack that ended his career. He's been keeping a safe distance from the action, teaching criminology seminars about serial murders and psychopathology – until Gray asks for his help on the Reaper case. As the body count mounts, Shepard and Gray race to unravel the deranged design of a copycat killer – and find themselves in a face-off with an enemy they never saw coming. The first in a series.

Thriller TP \$35.95

### **The Wedding Plot**

Mercy Carr mysteries

#### **Munier, Paula**

When Mercy's grandmother Patience marries her long-time beau Claude Renault at the five-star Lady's Slipper Inn, it promises to be the destination wedding of the year. Just as the four-day extravaganza is due to begin, the inn's spa director Bodhi St George

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disappears – and Mercy’s mother Grace sends Mercy and Elvis to find him. But what they discover instead is a stranger skewered by a pitchfork in the barn on the goat farm where St George lived. As Mercy tries to figure out who the victim is and where St George is hiding, the bride and groom’s estranged relations gather for the first of the pre-wedding festivities. Long-buried rivalries and resentments surface – and Mercy realises that they’re all keeping secrets that could tear both families apart. When Elvis interrupts the escalating melodrama to alert Mercy to an intruder on the estate, she finds a wounded St George in the cottage where she and Troy are staying. St George is not who he says he is – but when he escapes from the hospital and disappears again, Mercy thinks he’s gone for good. With the wedding imminent and the families at each other’s throats, she decides finding St George will have to wait. The big day arrives – but the danger is far from over. With the families and the festivities still under threat, it’s up to Mercy and Elvis together with Troy and Susie Bear to stop the killer and save the bride and groom – before death they do part.

Mystery HC \$57.95

### **Black Drop** **Natrass, Leonora**

*This is the confession of Laurence Jago. Clerk. Gentleman. Reluctant spy.* July 1794, and the streets of London are filled with rumours of revolution. Political radical Thomas Hardy is to go on trial for treason, the war against the French is not going in Britain’s favour, and negotiations with the independent American colonies are on a knife edge. Laurence Jago – clerk to the Foreign Office – is ever more reliant on the Black Drop to ease his nightmares. A highly sensitive letter has been leaked to the press, which may lead to the destruction of the British Army, and Laurence is a suspect. Then he discovers the body of a fellow clerk, supposedly a suicide. Blame for the leak is shifted to the dead man, but even as the body is taken to the anatomists, Laurence is certain both of his friend’s innocence, and that he was murdered. But after years of hiding his own secrets from his powerful employers, and at a time when even the slightest hint of treason can lead to the gallows, how can Laurence find the true culprit, without incriminating himself? A thrilling historical mystery, set in London during the uproar of the French Revolution – perfect for readers of C J Sansom, Antonia Hodgson, and Laura Shepherd-Robinson.

Historical thriller PBK \$19.99

### **Soulless: Inspector Mislan and the Faceless Girl**

Inspector Mislan mysteries  
**Noor, Rozlan Mohd**  
In a sleazy back alley of Kuala Lumpur, the body of a young woman is found. She was killed in a sadistic manner and her features erased beyond recognition. Inspector Mislan Latif and Detective Sergeant Johan Kamaruddin of Special Investigations (D9) take the case. What puzzles them is that no one had lodged a missing persons report, so the young woman is not only faceless but completely unknown. An autopsy, by Dr Safia, reveals a mysterious object lodged

in the victim’s stomach. Had she been killed, as a result of a theft gone wrong? If so, why the need to erase any trace she ever existed? Becoming increasingly troubled by the case, Mislan and Johan make a trip across the border and uncover a sinister network that serves some very well-connected individuals – people who will now stop at nothing to keep their inhuman activities a secret.

Mystery/suspense HC \$55.00

### **Criminals** **O’Loghlin, James**

*One robbery. Three people. No heroes.* What makes a criminal? One May 2019 morning, two masked gunmen rob Blacktown Leagues Club. What happens next will change the lives of three people. Twenty-three-year-old Dean Acton is a heroin addict trying to get off the break and enter treadmill, by pulling one big job. Sarah Hamilton, also 23, is a police officer on stress leave, working behind the bar, trying to forget the mistake she made that caused the death of her fiancée. Mary Wallace, a 45-year-old ex-schoolteacher who lives and drinks alone, feels that her life is already over, and has made plans to formalise that arrangement. When Sarah realises there is something familiar about one of the gunmen, she is drawn back to the thrill of investigating, and can identify Dean. Dean is overjoyed at his \$12,000 haul, but before he can decide whether to spend it on a new start in Queensland or a few months’ worth of heroin, he’s arrested; and, in Long Bay jail, everyone wants to find out where he’s stashed the cash. Mary is inspired by the robbery. Pottery and French classes haven’t jolted her out of her depression... but, perhaps, embarking on a life of crime will. She starts small, and then ups the ante. When she, too, is arrested and her lawyer tries to discover why a respectable middle-class woman would steal constipation medication, will she be able to reveal what caused her to give up on teaching and everything else? Dean learns that the only person who identified him, at the robbery, was Sarah and is tempted by a plan that will ensure she won’t ever be able to give evidence against him. But is he prepared to go that far? And, if he does, will he ever come back? As Dean’s trial approaches, Mary, Dean and Sarah must work out why they have become who they are, and whether they have the courage to change. Much-loved ABC presenter James O’Loghlin’s novel explores why and how ordinary people turn to crime.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### **Fish Swimming in Dappled Sunlight** **Onda, Riku**

Set in Tokyo over the course of one night, Aki and Hiro have decided to be together one last time in their shared flat before parting. Their relationship has broken down after a mountain trek during which their guide died inexplicably. Now, each believes the other to be a murderer and is determined to extract a confession before the night is over. Who is the murderer, and what really happened on the mountain? In the battle of wills between them, the chain of events leading up to this night are gradually revealed...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

**The President’s Daughter**  
**Patterson, James; Clinton, Bill**  
Matthew Keating, a one-time Navy SEAL and former US president, has always defended his family as fiercely as he has his country. Now, these defences are under attack. And it’s personal. Keating’s teenage daughter, Melanie, has been abducted, turning every parent’s deepest fear into a matter of national security. As the world watches, Keating embarks on a one-man special-ops mission that tests his strengths: as a leader, a warrior, and a father. Because Keating knows that to save Melanie’s life, he may lose his own... Every detail is accurate because one of the authors is President Bill Clinton. The drama and action never stop because the other author is James Patterson.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### **Two Nights in Lisbon** **Pavone, Chris**

*You think you know a person...* Ariel Pryce wakes up in Lisbon, alone. Her husband is gone – no warning, no note, not answering his phone. Something is wrong. She starts with hotel security, then the police, then the US embassy, at each confronting questions she can’t fully answer: What exactly is John doing in Lisbon? Why would he drag her along on his business trip? Who would want to harm him? And why does Ariel know so little about her new husband? The clock is ticking. Ariel is running out of time. But the one person in the world who can help her is the one person she doesn’t want to ask...

Thriller TP \$29.99

### **Tokyo Redux** **Peace, David**

Tokyo trilogy  
**Peace, David**  
*Tokyo, July 1949*, President Shimoyama, Head of the National Railways of Japan, goes missing just a day after serving notice of 30,000 job losses. In the midst of the US Occupation, against the backdrop of widespread social, political and economic reforms – as tensions and confusion reign – American Detective Harry Sweeney leads the missing person’s investigation for General MacArthur’s GHQ. Fifteen years later, Tokyo is booming. As the city prepares for the 1964 Olympics and the global spotlight, Hideki Murota, a former policeman during the Occupation period, and now a private investigator, is given a case which forces him to go back to confront a time, a place and a crime he’s been hiding from for the past 15 years. Over 20 years later, in the autumn and winter of 1988, as the Emperor Showa is dying, Donald Reichenbach, an aging American, eking out a living teaching and translating, sits drinking by the Shinobazu Pond in Ueno, knowing the final reckoning of the greatest mystery of the Showa Era is down to him. A novel about one of history’s great unsolved mysteries, by Britain’s most original writer.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### **Golden Age Locked Room Mysteries**

American Mystery Classics  
**Penzler, Otto (editor)**  
For devotees of the Golden Age mystery, the impossible crime story represents the period’s purest form: it presents the reader

with a baffling scenario (a corpse discovered in a windowless room locked from the inside, perhaps), lays out a set of increasingly confounding clues, and swiftly delivers an ingenious and satisfying solution. During the years between the two world wars, the best writers in the genre strove to outdo one another with unfathomable crime scenes and brilliant explanations, and the puzzling and clever tales they produced in those brief decades remain unmatched to this day. Among the Americans, some of these authors are still household names, inextricably linked to the locked room mysteries they devised: John Dickson Carr, Ellery Queen, Clayton Rawson, Stuart Palmer. Others, associated with different styles of crime fiction, also produced great works – authors including Fredric Brown, MacKinlay Kantor, Craig Rice, and Cornell Woolrich. All of these and more can be found in *Golden Age Locked Room Mysteries*, selected by Edgar Award-winning mystery expert and anthologist Otto Penzler. Featuring a delightful mix of well-known writers and unjustly-forgotten masters, the 14 tales included herein highlight the best of the American impossible crime story, promising hours of entertainment for armchair sleuths young and old.

Classic mystery HC/TP \$57.95/\$39.95

### **Three Debts Paid**

Daniel Pitt mysteries  
**Perry, Anne**  
It is February 1912, when barrister Daniel Pitt is reunited with his old college friend, Inspector Ian Frobisher. Following allegations of plagiarism, one of their Cambridge University professors has committed an assault, and Ian has recommended that Daniel defends him. Meanwhile, Daniel’s dear friend Miriam Ford Croft has returned to London as a newly qualified forensic pathologist and is working with eccentric Dr Evelyn Hall. On Daniel’s first visit to the morgue, he is shocked to find Miriam examining the mutilated body of a young woman and, what’s worse, it is being compared to another corpse bearing identical wounds. As rumours spread of a serial killer, nicknamed ‘the rainy-day slasher’, stalking the streets of London, Daniel hears that Ian Frobisher is in charge of the case. So begins the harrowing pursuit of a brutal murderer, whose killing spree is far from over...

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### **Murder Is No Picnic**

Cape Cod Foodie mysteries  
**Pershing, Amy**  
The Fourth of July is coming, and for professional food lover Samantha Barnes, it’s all about the picnic. Okay, and the fireworks. And the parade. But mostly the picnic. What could be better than a DIY clambake followed by the best blueberry buckle in the world? Sam has finally found the perfect recipe in the kitchen of Clara Foster, famed cookbook author and retired restaurateur, and she’s thrilled when Clara agrees to a buckle baking lesson. But when Clara dies, in a house fire blamed on carelessness in the kitchen, Sam doesn’t believe it. Unfortunately, her doubts set in motion an investigation pointing to the new owner of Clara’s legendary restaurant – and a cousin of Sam’s harbourmaster boyfriend.

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So, in between researching the Cape's best lobster rolls and planning her clambake, Sam needs to find Clara's killer before the fireworks really start...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### We Thought We Knew You:

a Terrifying True Story of Secrets, Betrayal, Deception, and Murder

#### Phelps, M William

In July 2015, Mary Yoder returned home from the chiropractic centre that she operated with her husband, Bill, complaining that she felt unwell. Mary, health conscious and vibrant, was suddenly vomiting, sweating, and weak. Doctors in the ER and ICU were baffled as to the cause of her rapidly progressing illness. Her loved ones – including Bill and their children, Adam, Tamryn, and Liana – gathered in shock to say goodbye. In the weeks that followed Mary's death, the grief-stricken family received startling news from the medical examiner: Mary had been deliberately poisoned. The lethal substance was colchicine, a chemical used to treat gout but extremely toxic if not taken as prescribed. Mary did not have gout. Another bombshell followed when the local sheriff's office received a claim that Adam Yoder had poisoned his mother. But Adam was not the only person of interest in the case. Pretty and popular Kaitlyn Conley, Adam's ex-girlfriend, worked at the Yoders' clinic. She'd even been at Mary's bedside during those last terrible hours. Still, some spoke of her talent for manipulation and a history of bizarre, rage-fuelled behaviour against anyone who dared to reject her. Had Kaitlyn and Adam conspired to kill Mary Yoder, or was the killer someone else entirely? In another twist, accusations were hurled at Bill Yoder himself, ricocheting blame in still another direction... Renowned investigative journalist M William Phelps details this incredible story piece by piece, revealing a heartless plan of revenge – a scheme that would tear a family apart, divide a community, and result in two gripping, high-profile trials.

True crime PBK \$19.99

### The Half Life of Valery K Pulley, Natasha

The truth must come out. In 1963, in a Siberian gulag, former nuclear specialist Valery Kolkhanov has mastered what it takes to survive: the right connections to the guards for access to food and cigarettes, the right pair of warm boots to avoid frostbite, and the right attitude toward the small pleasures of life. But on one ordinary day, all that changes: Valery's university mentor steps in and sweeps Valery from the frozen prison camp to a mysterious unnamed town hidden within a forest so damaged it looks like the trees have rusted from within. Here, Valery is Dr Kolkhanov once more, and he's expected to serve out his prison term studying the effect of radiation on local animals. But as Valery begins his work, he is struck by the questions his research raises: what, exactly, is being hidden from the thousands who live in the town? And if he keeps looking for answers, will he live to serve out his sentence? Based on real events in a surreal Soviet city, and told with bestselling author Natasha Pulley's inimitable style, *The Half Life of Valery K* is a sweeping historical adventure.

Suspense TP \$29.99

### Gold, Gold Bones

Temperance Brennan series

#### Reichs, Kathy

Winter has come to North Carolina and, with it, a drop in crime. Freed from a heavy work schedule, Tempe Brennan is content to dote on her daughter Katy, finally returned to civilian life from the army. But when mother and daughter meet at Tempe's place one night, they find a box on the back porch. Inside: a very fresh human eyeball. GPS coordinates etched into the eyeball lead to a Benedictine monastery where an equally macabre discovery awaits. Soon after, Tempe examines a mummified corpse in a state park, and her anxiety deepens. There seems to be no pattern to the subsequent killings uncovered, except that each mimics, in some way, a homicide that a younger Tempe had been called in to analyse. Who or what is targeting her, and why? Helping Tempe search for answers is detective Erskine 'Skinny' Slidell, retired but still volunteering with the CMPD cold case unit – and still displaying his gallows humour. Also pulled into the mystery: Andrew Ryan, Tempe's Montreal-based beau, now working as a private detective. Could this elaborately staged skein of mayhem be the prelude to a twist that is even more shocking? Tempe is at a loss to establish the motive for what is going on... and then her daughter disappears.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Hidden Pictures

#### Rekulak, Jason

Mallory is delighted to have a new job – looking after gorgeous, four-year-old Teddy. She's been sober, for a year and a half, and she's sure her new nannying role in the affluent suburbs will help keep her on the straight and narrow. That is, until Teddy starts to draw disturbing pictures of his imaginary friend, Anya. It is quite clear to Mallory and to Teddy's parents, even in his crude childlike style, that the woman Teddy is drawing in his pictures is dead. Teddy's crayons are confiscated, and his paper locked away. But the drawings somehow keep coming, telling a frightening story of a woman murdered... and they're getting more sophisticated. But if Teddy isn't drawing the pictures anymore, who is? And what are they trying to tell Mallory about her new home?

Thriller TP \$32.99

### The Wonder Test

#### Richmond, Michelle

Escaping New York City and the espionage case that made her question everything, recently widowed FBI Agent Lina Connerly returns home to sell the house she has inherited in tony Greenfield, California. With her teenage son Rory, Lina hopes to reassemble her life, re-evaluate her career, and find a clear way forward. Adrift and battling insomnia, she discovers that her father's sleepy hometown has been transformed into a Silicon Valley suburb on steroids, obsessed with an annual exam called The Wonder Test. When students at her son's high school go missing, reappearing under mysterious circumstances on abandoned beaches, Lina must summon her strength and her investigative instincts, pushing her own ethical boundaries to the limits in order to solve the crimes. Meanwhile, an old espionage case called Red Vine keeps calling her back into the fold. While Lina struggles

to balance her new role as a single mother and the complex counterintelligence puzzles she is so adept at solving, Greenfield's shadowy dangers creep closer to her own home.

Thriller TP \$37.95

### The Riverwoman's Dragon

Owen Archer mysteries

#### Robb, Gandace

May 1375. Owen Archer returns from London to find York in chaos. While the citizens are living in terror of the pestilence which is spreading throughout the land, a new physician has arrived, whipping up fear and suspicion against traditional healers and midwives. With the backing of the new archbishop, he is especially hostile towards Magda Digby, the wise woman who has helped and healed the people of York for many years. At the same time, Magda is uneasy about the arrival of two long-lost kinsfolk. Though they say they are seeking her help, she senses a hidden agenda. Magda's troubles deepen when she discovers a body in the river near her home – and finds herself under suspicion of murder. Days later, fire rips through a warehouse in the city. Amongst the charred debris lies the body of a man – not burned, but stabbed in the back. Could there be a connection to the corpse in the river? Determined to prove Magda's innocence, Owen sets out to find answers – but the more he uncovers, the deeper the mystery becomes...

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

### Muddled Through

Maine Clambake mysteries

#### Ross, Barbara

Mud season takes on a whole new meaning in the coastal town of Busman's Harbor, Maine, when local business owners sling dirt at one another in a heated feud over a proposed pedestrian mall. Vandalism is one thing, but murder means Julia Snowden of the Snowden Family Clambake steps in to clean up the case... When Julia spots police cars in front of Lupine Design, she races over. Her sister Livvie works there as a potter. Livvie is unharmed but surrounded by smashed up pottery. The police find the owner Zoey Butterfield digging clay by a nearby bay, but she has no idea who would target her store. Zoey is a vocal advocate for turning four blocks of Main Street into a pedestrian mall on summer weekends. Other shop owners, including her next-door neighbour, are vehemently opposed. Could a small-town fight provoke such destruction? When a murder follows the break-in, it's up to Julia to dig through the secrets and lies to uncover the truth...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Privacy

#### Sadowsky, Nina

Dr Laina Landers is good at her job. She's an accomplished therapist, dedicated and compassionate. When she is summoned by a panicked patient who is being held hostage by her husband, she intervenes and dissuades him. Laina becomes a media sensation. But as her star rises, a target is placed on her back. Not everyone is impressed by Laina's achievements. Someone has it in for her and is targeting what matters to her most: her patients. One by one, Laina's patients spiral after they receive unsettling gifts

that mock their deepest fears and hidden traumas. Liana's own home is targeted, in a mysterious break-in where nothing is taken, but left behind is the same message sent to her patients: Watching you. Enlisting Cal Murray, an ambitious and charismatic investigative journalist to whom she has an explosive attraction, Laina must examine her patients' lives and her own to identify the culprit. All she knows for sure? It's someone with access to her records. Someone who wants to destroy her stellar reputation, shatter her newfound success, and even, perhaps, end her life.

Thriller TP \$29.99

### Kalman: an Icelandic Mystery Schmidt, Joachim B

Set in the village of Raufarhöfn in the far north of Iceland. Kalman Odinson is the self-appointed Sheriff of his town. He is 34, neurodiverse, and hunts Arctic foxes and catches gigantic Greenland sharks for a living. He was brought up by his grandfather who taught him how to hunt and fish and 'nearly everything else a man needs to know about life'. One of his many dreams is to find a wife. But he must first extricate himself from the mess he gets into when he discovers a frozen pool of human blood in the winter snow. When it becomes apparent that local bigwig Robert McKenzie is missing, the hunt is on to find McKenzie's body and his murderer. *Forrest Gump* meets *Fargo* in this touching and very funny Nordic crime thriller with a difference.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### The Soviet Sisters

#### Scott, Anika

Sisters Vera and Marya were brought up as good Soviets: obedient despite hardships of poverty and tragedy, committed to communist ideals, and loyal to Stalin. Several years after fighting on the Eastern front, both women find themselves deep in the mire of conflicts shaping a new world order in 1947 Berlin. When Marya, an interpreter, gets entangled in Vera's cryptic web of deceit and betrayal, she must make desperate choices to survive – and protect those she loves. Nine years later, Marya is a prisoner in a Siberian work camp when Vera, a doyenne of the KGB, has cause to reopen her case file and investigate the facts behind her sister's conviction all those years ago, in Berlin. As Vera retraces the steps that brought them both to that pivotal moment in 1947, she unravels unexpected truths and discoveries that call into question the very history the Soviets were working hard to cover up.

Suspense TP \$37.95

### Truly, Darkly, Deeply Selman, Victoria

Twelve-year-old Sophie and her mother, Amelia-Rose, move to London from Massachusetts where they meet the charismatic Matty Melgren, who quickly becomes an intrinsic part of their lives. But as the relationship between the two adults fractures, a serial killer begins targeting young women with a striking resemblance to Amelia-Rose. When Matty is eventually sent down for multiple murder, questions remain as to his guilt – questions which ultimately destroy both women. Nearly 20 years later, Sophie receives a letter from Battlemouth

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Prison informing her Matty is dying and wants to meet. It looks like Sophie might finally get the answers she craves. But will the truth set her free – or bury her deeper?

Thriller TP \$32.99

### The Cellist

Gabriel Allon series

#### Silva, Daniel

Viktor Orlov had a longstanding appointment with death. Once Russia's richest man, he now resides in exile in London, where he is waging a crusade against the kleptocrats who have seized control of the Kremlin. His mansion is protected by armed bodyguards. Yet, somehow, on a rainy summer evening, in the midst of a global pandemic, Russia's vengeful president finally manages to cross Orlov's name off his kill list. The documents are contaminated with a deadly nerve agent. The Metropolitan Police determine that they were delivered by one of Orlov's employees, a prominent investigative reporter. And when the reporter vanishes hours after the killing, MI6 concludes she is a Moscow Centre assassin who penetrated the billionaire's formidable defences. But Gabriel Allon believes his friends in British intelligence are dangerously mistaken. His search for the truth will take him to Geneva, where a private intelligence service is plotting an act of violence that will plunge an already divided America into chaos. Only Allon, with the help of a brilliant young woman employed by the world's dirtiest bank, can stop it...

Suspense PBK \$19.99

### Girl, Forgotten Slaughter, Karin

*Longbill Beach, 1982.* Emily Vaughn gets ready for prom night, the highlight of any high school experience. But Emily has a secret. And by the end of the evening, she will be dead. Forty years later, Emily's murder remains unsolved. Her friends closed ranks, her family retreated inwards, the community moved on. But all that's about to change. Andrea Oliver arrives in town with a simple assignment: to protect a judge receiving death threats. But her assignment is a cover. Because, in reality, Andrea is here to find justice for Emily – and to uncover the truth before the killer decides to silence her too...

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Out of Breath Snookstra, Anna

Jo Ainsley has been running for a long time. From her childhood in small town England to art school in London to the messy end of a relationship in Sydney, Jo has chosen to run, again and again; each time, moving further from where her troubles began. This time, her escape will bring her to the remote northwest region of Western Australia, where she must work for 88 days on a farm in order to extend her visa. There, she meets an American, Gabe, with whom she has an immediate connection. He tells her of an idyllic off-grid community which seems like a refuge to her. Miserable, desperate, and traumatised by a brutal event at the farm, Jo decides to run. But the paradisaic free-diving haven that embraces her without judgement is not all it seems. It harbours some sinister secrets – and, so, does Gabe. Jo searches for answers, but is she prepared for what she

uncovers? She must decide where her loyalties lie and if she is really ready to confront the darkness of her past...

Thriller TP \$32.99

### The Marsh House Somerville, Zoe

*December 1962.* Desperate to create a happy Christmas for her young daughter, Franny, after a disastrous year, Malorie rents a remote house on the Norfolk coast. But once there, the strained silence between them feels louder than ever. As Malorie digs for decorations in the attic, she comes across the notebooks of the teenaged Rosemary, who lived in the house, 30 years before. Trapped inside by a blizzard, and with long days and nights ahead of her, Malorie begins to read. Though she knows she needs to focus on the present, she finds herself inexorably drawn into the past... *July 1931.* Rosemary lives in the Marsh House with her austere father, surrounded by unspoken truths and rumours. So, when the glamorous Lafferty family moves to the village, she succumbs easily to their charm. Dazzled by the beautiful Hilda and her dashing brother, Franklin, Rosemary fails to see the danger that lurks beneath their bright façades... As Malorie reads Rosemary's diary, past and present begin to merge in this moving story of mothers and daughters, family obligation and deeply buried secrets.

Thriller TP \$29.99

### Poison

Monika Paniatowski mysteries

#### Spencer, Sally

Jordan Gough is an important man. He's the town's biggest benefactor. He is the proprietor of the Whitebridge Evening Telegraph. He owns the local football team. He is also, DCI Monika Paniatowski thinks, as bent as a corkscrew – and if she had any evidence, she'd put him away like a shot. A single encounter with him as a young detective sergeant left an impression she's never forgotten. And neither, she is certain, has he. So, when Jordan calls and demands to speak to Monika – and only Monika – she is on immediate high alert. He claims someone's trying to kill him, but why has he destroyed the evidence? Why turn for help to an officer he hates? Certain she's the target of a twisted practical joke, Monika makes a terrible mistake – one that could destroy everything she holds dear.

Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

### The Map of Night Starr, Kimberley

'Dark Matter pulls light waves into curves, and conceals the true location of everything. It distorts reality.' Astronomer Lucy Rutherford is celebrating the refurbishment of the 100-year-old telescope in the Yarra Valley town of Bowness, Victoria. Her husband, Justin, is running for parliament, on a platform of responsibility and progress. But Lucy isn't interested in being a politician's wife. And after 20 years, admittedly some good ones, she plans to leave Justin. Once he's won the election, Lucy's biggest concern is how her 11-year-old daughter, Gabby, will take the news. Or does Gabby already know? She has a habit of listening in on conversations she shouldn't. A week before polling day, Lucy takes the family dog for a walk and doesn't return. Justin is convinced

Lucy has left him; and is angry that she would abandon him, so close to the election. Yet, Gabby is certain her mother is missing and in trouble. Why isn't her father looking? As the days go by, tensions rise between Gabby and her father. Desperate to contact her mother, Gabby takes matters into her own hands. On the day of the election, Bowness is faced with a decision – and, so, is each member of the Rutherford family.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### Dark Roads Stevens, Chevy

The Cold Creek Highway stretches for 500 miles through rugged wilderness. For decades, young women travelling the road have gone missing, falling prey to a killer who has never been brought to justice. Hailey McBride calls Cold Creek home... A teenage orphan, Hailey lives with her aunt and uncle, the most feared police officer in town, who uses his badge to control her. Desperate to escape she vanishes into the mountains, never anticipating that everyone will think she's been taken by the murderer. One year later, Beth Chevalier arrives in Cold Creek. Estranged from her parents and seeking closure, Beth takes a waitressing job at the local diner, just as her sister Amber did before she became the most recent victim of the highway killer. Beth's search for answers about Amber's death puts a target on her back – and threatens to reveal the truth behind Hailey's disappearance...

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### The Lamplighters Stonex, Emma

*Cornwall, 1972.* Three keepers vanish from a remote lighthouse, miles from the shore. The entrance door is locked from the inside. The clocks have stopped. The Principal Keeper's weather log describes a mighty storm, but the skies have been clear all week. What happened to those three men, out on the tower? The heavy sea whispers their names. The tide shifts beneath the swell, drowning ghosts. Can their secrets ever be recovered from the waves? Twenty years later, the women they left behind are still struggling to move on. Helen, Jenny, and Michelle should have been united by the tragedy, but instead it drove them apart. And then a writer approaches them. He wants to give them a chance to tell their side of the story. But only in confronting their darkest fears can the truth begin to surface... Inspired by real events, *The Lamplighters* is an intoxicating and suspenseful mystery, an unforgettable story of love and grief that explores the way our fears blur the line between the real and the imagined.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### The Patient Sullivan, Tim

*No fingerprints. No weapon. No witnesses.* Can DS Cross prove it was murder? DS George Cross can be rude, difficult, and awkward with people. But his unflinching logic and dogged pursuit of the truth means his conviction rate is the best on the force. Now, this unusual detective is met with an even more unusual case. When a young woman is found dead, the Bristol Crime Unit is quick to rule it a suicide: the woman had

a long history of drug abuse. But her mother is convinced it was murder: her daughter had been clean for years and making strides in a new therapy program. As an outsider, himself, DS Cross is drawn to cases involving the voiceless and the dispossessed. He is determined to defy his bosses and re-open the investigation, even if it costs him his career. Soon, he is mired in a labyrinth of potential suspects, but can he solve the case before his superiors shut it down for good?

Thriller TP \$29.99

### A Woman of Intelligence Tanabe, Karin

*New York, 1954.* A Fifth Avenue address, parties at the Plaza, two healthy sons and the ideal husband: what looks like a perfect life for Katharina Edgeworth is anything but. As a single girl in 1940s' Manhattan, Katharina was a translator at the newly formed United Nations, devoting her days to her work and the promise of world peace – and her nights to cocktails and the promise of a good time. Now, the wife of a beloved paediatric surgeon and heir to a shipping fortune, Katharina is trapped in a gilded cage, desperate to escape the constraints of domesticity. So, when she is approached by the FBI and asked to join their ranks as an informant, Katharina seizes the opportunity. A man from her past has become a high-level Soviet spy, but no one has been able to infiltrate his circle. Enter Katharina, the perfect woman for the job. Navigating the demands of the FBI and the secrets of the KGB, she becomes enthralled by her secret mission. But as those closest to her lose their covers, and their lives, Katharina's secret soon threatens to ruin her.

Suspense PBK \$19.99

### Chocolate Lizards Thompson, Cole

When a Harvard-educated aspiring actor loses all of his cash during a bus-ride poker game, he finds himself stranded in Abilene, Texas, broke and desperate. Enter Merle Luskey, a hard-drinkin', tough-talkin', oil-drillin', woman-lovin' wild-catter, who just happens to have a job opening. About to lose his oil rigs and his ranch to the bank, Merle has a proposition for his new friend: he needs a 'rat killer', someone smart enough to help him outwit the bank, the sheriff, and a rival drilling company in a frantic race to hit pay dirt before the foreclosure goes through. In the end, good old Texan gumption wins out, but regardless, it's a helluva ride.

Hardboiled TP \$29.99

### Death of a Heretic Sister Fidelma mysteries

*Tremayne, Peter*  
*Ireland, AD 672.* The abbey of Muman at Imleach Iubhair is being renovated when its guests' hostel burns to the ground. There is one fatality: Bishop Brodulf of Luxovium, a distinguished visitor and cousin to the King of Franks. Sister Fidelma is asked by Abbot Cuan to investigate the unfortunate incident and soon finds that the bishop had been stabbed to death before the fire had even started. Thrown into a world of treachery and jealousy, where religious beliefs are vehemently disputed, Fidelma and her companions, Eadulf and Enda, face a barrier of deceit. The abbey, a leading ecclesiastical

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teaching institution as well as a *conhospitae*, housing both men and women, is divided into factions. Can Abbot Cuan trust Prioress Suanach, who is in charge of the sisterhood? Can the professors trust each other as well as their students? Moreover, can suspicion be levelled at the builders working on the abbey under their dominant Master Builder, Sitae? As more deaths follow, Fidelma must use her wit and ingenuity to unravel the complexities of this intricate mystery.

Historical mystery HC \$59.99

### Begars Abbey Valentine, V L

*Winter 1954*, and in a dilapidated apartment in Brooklyn, Sam Cooper realises that she has nothing left. Her mother is dead, she has no prospects, and she cannot afford the rent. But as she goes through her mother's things, Sam finds a stack of hidden letters that reveal a family and an inheritance that she never knew she had, 3000 miles away. Begars Abbey is a crumbling pile, inhabited only by Sam's crippled grandmother, Lady Cooper, a housekeeper, and a handful of servants. Sam cannot understand why her mother kept its very existence a secret, but her diaries offer a glimpse of a young girl growing increasingly terrified. As is Sam, herself. Built on the foundations of an old convent, Begars moves and sings with the biting wind. Her grandmother cannot speak, and a shadowy woman moves along the corridors at night. For there are dark places in the hidden tunnels beneath Begars. And they will not give up their secrets easily... Perfect for readers of Laura Purcell and Natasha Pulley, *Begars Abbey* will keep you up at night. From the author of *The Plague Letters* (PBK, \$19.99).

Gothic mystery TP \$32.99

### The Hitchhiker van der Werf, Gerwin

*Believe it or not, I was convinced this holiday would save my marriage.* Tiddo and his wife, Isa, have drifted apart. They don't make love anymore. Tiddo even finds their 13-year-old son, Jonathan, a stranger – quiet, distant and forever drawing monstrous creatures in his sketchbook. Desperate to keep his family together, Tiddo plans a holiday to Iceland, travelling the tourist circuit in a rented campervan. On their trip, they pick up a hitchhiker named Svein, who is tall and handsome, and covered in tattoos of ancient runes. When Svein offers to guide them off

the beaten track, Tiddo is conflicted. Does Svein pose a threat or offer salvation?

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Life Without Parole

Angela Richman,  
Death Investigator mysteries

### Viets, Elaine

Chouteau Forest's wealthy are being targeted by the Ghost Burglars, who've carried out twelve burglaries over two weeks. So far, there's been no bloodshed... until Tom Lockridge is brutally slain inside his marble mansion during the latest raid. Angela Richman, death investigator for Chouteau County, is called to assess the scene and the body by Detective Jace Budewitz. As they investigate, Jace becomes obsessed with proving the Ghost Burglars weren't involved in the murder. Can the burglars be ruled out so easily? Is there more to Cynthia Lockridge, Tom's wife, seeking solace in the arms of the ambitious local lawyer Wesley Desloge? What about Tom's long-suffering daughter, or his loose-lipped housekeeper or office manager? Everyone is keeping secrets, but whose erupted into violence that fateful night?

Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

### The Second Husband White, Kate

After losing her husband, Derrick, in what appears to have been a random street crime, thirtysomething Emma has built a new life with widower Tom, who is kind, handsome, driven, and successful. Emma is finally able to feel safe again, both in her relationship with Tom, and in the home they've made together on the Connecticut shore. Then, one day, a homicide detective shows up at Emma and Tom's door asking questions. Though Emma had been cleared of her husband's murder, it appears that law enforcement is taking another look at her and the case. What do they know? Are they on the right track, this time? And, most importantly, will the renewed investigation ruin Emma's chances of a happy life?

Thriller TP \$37.95

### The New Neighbour Wilson, Carter

Aidan holds the winning Powerball numbers. Is today the best day of his life... or the worst? Aidan Marlowe is the superstitious type – he's been playing the same lottery numbers for 15 years, never hitting the jackpot. Until now. On the day of his wife's

funeral. Aidan struggles to cope with these two sudden extremes: instant wealth beyond his imagination, and the loss of the only woman he's ever loved, the mother of his twin children. But the money gives him and his kids options they didn't have before. They can leave everything behind. They can start a new life in a new town. So, they do. But a huge new house and all the money in the world can't replace what they've lost, and it's not long before Aidan realises he's merely trading old demons for new ones. Because someone is watching him and his family very closely. Someone who knows exactly who they are, where they've come from, and what they're trying to hide. Someone who will stop at nothing to get what they want...

Thriller TP \$27.99

### In My Dreams I Hold a Knife Winstead, Ashley

Six friends. One college reunion. One unsolved murder. Ten years after graduation, Jessica Miller has planned her triumphant return to her southern, elite Duquette University, down to the envious whispers that are sure to follow in her wake. Everyone is going to see the girl she wants them to see – confident, beautiful, indifferent. Not the girl she was when she left campus, back when Heather Shelby's murder fractured everything, including the tight bond linking the six friends she'd been closest to, since freshman year. But not everyone is ready to move on. Not everyone left Duquette. Ten years ago, and not everyone can let Heather's murder go unsolved. Someone is determined to trap the real killer, to make the guilty pay. When the six friends are reunited, they will be forced to confront what happened that night – and the years' worth of secrets each of them would do anything to keep hidden.

Thriller TP \$29.99

### Deadline at Dawn

American Mystery Classics

### Woolrich, Cornell

When Quinn first meets Brick, she's working as a partner-for-hire at a dancehall and he's struggling to shake the anxiety of his guilty conscience. Earlier that day, the young man took advantage of a found key and used it to rob a stranger's home. Now, with the purloined money in his pocket, Quinn is unable to escape the memory of his wrongdoing – and not even a night spent dancing is enough to silence his nagging

thoughts. When the dancehall closes, he and Brick – linked, after many intimate hours, by a budding romance – return to the scene of the crime, intending to restore the stolen fortune and begin a new life together, only to discover, upon arrival, that the owner of the property has been murdered. There's evidence present that easily links Quinn to the crime, and he expects that, as soon as day breaks and the authorities learn of the gruesome scene, he will be arrested straight away. Which means that he and Brick have only a few short hours, to find the true killer and clear Quinn's name for good. What begins as a romance, soon turns into a nightmare, as this young couple trek through the dark underbelly of old New York in a desperate race for salvation. Twisty, turny, and breathlessly told, *Deadline at Dawn* is an exemplary tale from the 'supreme master of suspense' (*New York Times*).

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

### The Ruins Wynne, Phoebe

The most dazzling summer casts the darkest shadows. Welcome to the Chateau des Sètes, a jewel of the Cote d'Azur, where long summer days bring ease, glamour, and decadence to the holidaymakers who can afford it. Ruby Ashby adores her parents' house in France, but this August, everything feels different. Unexpected guests have descended upon the chateau – friends of her parents, and their daughters – and they are keen to enjoy the hot, extravagant summer holiday to its fullest potential. Far from England, safe in their wealth and privilege, the adults revel in bad behaviour without consequence, while the girls are treated as playthings or abandoned to their own devices. But despite languid days spent poolside and long nights spent drinking, a simmering tension is growing between the families, and the sanctuary that Ruby cherishes soon starts to feel like a gilded cage. Over two decades later the chateau is for sale, its days of splendour and luxury long gone, leaving behind a terrible history and an ugly legacy. A young widow has returned to France, wanting to purchase the chateau, despite her shocking memories of what transpired that fateful summer. But there is another person who is equally haunted by the chateau, and who also seeks to reclaim it. Who will set the chateau free – and who will become yet another of its victims?

Gothic mystery TP \$32.99