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

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Ink and Shadows

Secret, Book & Scone Society mysteries 04
Adams, Ellery

Nora Pennington is known for her window displays; and, as Halloween approaches, she decides to showcase fictional heroines like Roald Dahl's *Matilda* and Madeline Miller's *Circe*. A family-values group disapproves of the magical themes, though, and wastes no time launching a modern-day witch hunt. Suddenly, former friends and customers are targeting not only Nora and Miracle Books; but a new shopkeeper, Celeste, who's been selling CBD oil products. Nora and her friends in the Secret, Book, and Scone Society are doing their best to put an end to the strife – but then someone puts an end to a life. Though the death is declared an accident, the ruling can't explain the old book page, covered with strange symbols and disturbing drawings, left under Nora's doormat, a postcard from an anonymous stalker, or multiple cases of vandalism. The only hope is that Nora can be a heroine herself and lead the Secret, Book, and Scone Society in a successful investigation – before more bodies turn up and the secrets from Celeste's past come back to haunt them all...

Mystery HC \$42.99

Gold Kill

Airth, Rennie

Actress Adelaide Banks is swapping her native New York for London to spend Christmas with her widowed Aunt Rose. Rose wrote in her note that she was off to Paris, for a few days, and would be back in time for Addy's arrival. But when Addy reaches Rose's Knightsbridge address, no one's home, and she has two unexpected callers... Where is Rose, and what has she got herself entangled in? Dragged into a deadly game of cat and mouse on the snowy streets of London, Addy finds herself navigating a dark underworld of ruthless assassins, rogue agents, and international crime. Can she survive long enough to uncover the truth? A suspenseful standalone novel from the author of the beloved John Madden mysteries.

Mystery TP \$39.95

A Gambling Man

Aloysius Archer series

Baldacci, David

The 1950s are on the horizon, and Archer is in dire need of a fresh start, after a nearly-fatal detour in Poca City. So, Archer hops on a bus and begins the long journey out west to California, where rumour has it there is money to be made... if you're hard working, lucky, criminal – or all three. Along the way, Archer stops in Reno, where a stroke of fortune delivers him a wad of cash and an eye-popping blood-red, 1939 Delahaye convertible – plus, a companion for the final leg of the journey, an aspiring actress named Liberty Callahan who is planning to try her luck in Hollywood. But when the two arrive in Bay

Town, California, Archer quickly discovers that the hordes of people who flocked there seeking fame and fortune landed in a false paradise that instead caters to their worst addictions and fears. Archer's first stop is a PI office where he is hoping to apprentice with a legendary private eye and former FBI agent named Willie Dash. He lands the job, and immediately finds himself in the thick of a potential scandal: a blackmail case involving a wealthy well-connected politician running for mayor that soon spins into something even more sinister. As bodies begin falling, Archer and Dash must infiltrate the world of brothels, gambling dens, drug operations, and long-hidden secrets, descending into the rotten bones of a corrupt town that is selling itself, as the promised land – but might actually be the road to perdition, and Archer's final resting place. The follow-up to *One Good Deed* (PBK, \$18.99).

Mystery TP \$32.99

Windhall

Barry, Ava

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

Mystery HC \$42.99

Murder in the Cloister

Christine de Pizan mysteries

Bayard, Tania

Paris, 1399. Scribe Christine de Pizan is sent to the Priory of Poissy by the palace, to copy a manuscript for the prioress. But the prioress already has many copyists at the priory, and Christine senses that something is amiss. Her suspicions are confirmed when the prioress reveals that one of the sisters has been found

murdered in the cloister. Fearing for the welfare of the king's young daughter who resides at the abbey, she is eager for Christine to find out who killed the young nun – and why. As Christine investigates, she uncovers dark mischief and closely guarded secrets, but can she unmask a killer?

Historical mystery HC \$62.95

Hot to Trot

Agatha Raisin series

Beaton, M C & Green, R W

When Private Detective Agatha Raisin learns that her friend and one-time lover Charles Fraith is to be married to a mysterious socialite, Miss Mary Brown-Field, she sees it as her duty to find out what she can about the woman. Coming up empty, Agatha – out of selfless concern for Charles, of course – does the only sensible thing she can think of: she crashes their wedding, which ends in a public altercation. Nursing a hangover, the next morning, she gets a phone call from Charles, with even more disturbing news: Mary has been murdered. Agatha takes on the case, and quickly becomes entrenched in the competitive equestrian world, in which Mary had been enmeshed – as well as the victim's surprisingly violent past. Agatha finds no shortage of motives among a wide range of characters from Mary's old riding competitors; to enemies from her schoolgirl days; to her surly father, who threatens Agatha to mind her own business. Meanwhile, the police department has its money on another suspect: Agatha. Will she track down the criminal in time, or end up behind bars herself? Presumably, the last of the Agatha Raisin (or Hamish Macbeth, for that matter) novels; as Beaton passed away in December 2019.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Killer Content

Brooklyn Murder mysteries 01

Blacke, Olivia

Bayou transplant Odessa Dean has a lot to learn about life in Brooklyn. So far, she's scored a rent-free apartment in one of the nicest neighbourhoods around, by cat sitting; and has a new job working at Untapped Books & Café. Hand-selling books and craft beers is easy for Odessa, but making new friends and learning how to ride the subway? Well, that might take her a little extra time. But things turn sourer than an IPA, when the death of a fellow waitress goes viral, caught on camera in the background of a couple's flash-mob proposal video. Nothing about Bethany's death feels right to Odessa – neither her sudden departure mid-shift, nor the clues that only Odessa seems to catch. As an up-and-coming YouTube star, Bethany had more than one viewer waiting for her to fall from grace. Determined to prove there's a killer on the loose, Odessa takes matters into her own hands. But can she pin down Bethany's killer before they take Odessa offline for good? The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$25.99

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The Manningtree Witches Blakemore, A K

England, 1643. Puritanical fervour has gripped the nation. And in Manningtree, a town depleted of men since the wars began, the hot terror of damnation burns in the hearts of women left to their own devices. Rebecca West, fatherless and husbandless, chafes against the drudgery of her days, livened only occasionally by her infatuation with the handsome young clerk, John Edes. But then a newcomer, who identifies himself as the Witchfinder General, arrives. A mysterious, pious figure dressed from head to toe in black, Matthew Hopkins takes over the Thorn Inn and begins to ask questions about what the women on the margins of this diminished community are up to. Dangerous rumours of covens, pacts, and bodily wants have begun to hang over women like Rebecca – and the future is as frightening as it is thrilling. Brimming with contemporary energy and resonance, *The Manningtree Witches* plunges its readers into the fever and menace of the English witch trials, where suspicion, mistrust, and betrayal run amok as a nation's arrogant male institutions start to realise that the very people, they've suppressed for so long, may be about to rise up and claim their freedom.

Historical thriller HC \$34.99

The Lost Manuscript Bonidan, Cathy

Sometimes, a book has the power to change your life... When Anne-Lise Briard books a room at the Beau Rivage Hotel for her vacation on the Brittany coast, she has no idea this trip will start her on the path to unearthing a mystery. In search of something to read, she opens up her bedside table drawer in her hotel room, and inside she finds an abandoned manuscript. Halfway through the pages, an address is written. She sends pages to the address, in hopes of potentially hearing a response from the unknown author. But not before she reads the story and falls in love with it. The response, which she receives a few days later, astonishes her... Not only does the author write back, but he confesses that he lost the manuscript, 30 years earlier, on a flight to Montreal. And then he reveals something even more shocking – that he was not the author of the second half of the book. Anne-Lise can't rest until she discovers who this second mystery author is, and in doing so tracks down every person who has held this manuscript in their hands. Through the letters exchanged by the people whose lives the manuscript has touched, she discovers long-lost love stories and intimate secrets. Romances blossom and new friends are made. Everyone's lives are made better by this book – and isn't that the point of reading? And finally, with a plot twist you don't see coming, she uncovers the astonishing identity of the author who finished the story.

Mystery HC \$49.99

The Venice Sketchbook Bowen, Rhys

Caroline Grant is struggling to accept the end of her marriage when she receives an unexpected bequest. Her beloved great-aunt Lettie leaves her a sketchbook, three keys, and a final whisper... Venice. Caroline's quest: to scatter Juliet 'Lettie' Browning's ashes in the city she loved and to unlock the mysteries stored away for more than 60 years.

It's 1938, when art teacher Juliet Browning arrives in romantic Venice. For her students, it's a wealth of history, art, and beauty. For Juliet, it's poignant memories and a chance to reconnect with Leonardo da Rossi, the man she loves whose future is already determined by his noble family. However star crossed, nothing can come between them. Until the threat of war closes in on Venice and they're forced to fight, survive, and protect a secret that will bind them forever. Key by key, Lettie's life of impossible love, loss, and courage unfolds. It's one that Caroline can now make right again, as her own journey of self-discovery begins.

Historical mystery TP \$33.95

Buried by the Sea By the Sea mysteries 05 Bridge, Kathleen

A team of archaeologists is staying at Indialantic by the Sea to study the days of the Spanish explorers. They've stumbled upon a stunning and valuable find at the dig site, but before they can unearth it one of the archaeologists finds himself buried in the sand and pierced with diving spear tipped with poison. The local sheriff's department accuses the owner of the neighbouring property, Liz's elderly reclusive friend and naturalist, Birdman, of the crime. Liz is sure – well, fairly sure – he is innocent and sets her sights on the remaining four archaeologists. With the help of her PI boyfriend and an octogenarian hotel resident, and two mischievous pet parrots, Liz must dig into the mystery of who buried the scientist and absconded with the artefacts he'd promised would put him in Florida history books – before she becomes history, herself...

Mystery TP \$37.95

Pretty Things Brown, Janelle

Nina once bought into the idea that her fancy liberal arts' degree would lead to a fulfilling career. When that dream crashed, she turned to stealing from rich kids in LA, alongside her wily Irish boyfriend, Lachlan. Nina learned from the best: Her mother was the original con artist, hustling to give her daughter a decent childhood despite their wayward life. But when her mom gets sick, Nina puts everything on the line to help her, even if it means running her most audacious, dangerous scam yet. Vanessa is a privileged young heiress who wanted to make her mark in the world. Instead, she becomes an Instagram influencer – travelling the globe, receiving free clothes and products, and posing for pictures in exotic locales. But behind the covetable façade is a life marked by tragedy. After a broken engagement, Vanessa retreats to her family's sprawling mountain estate, Stonehaven: a mansion of dark secrets not just from Vanessa's past, but from that of a lost and troubled girl named Nina. Nina's, Vanessa's, and Lachlan's paths collide here, on the cold shores of Lake Tahoe, where their intertwined lives give way to a winter of aspiration and desire, duplicity, and revenge.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Furmidable Foes Mrs Murphy mysteries 29

Brown, Rita Mae
Spring arrives in northern Virginia, and as the ground thaws and the peonies begin to bloom a bright magenta, the women of St Luke's

Lutheran Church prepare for a Homecoming celebration like no other. Harry, Susan Tucker, and their friends are busy planting flowers and trimming hedges to get the church grounds in shape for the big day. But a note of a menace mars the beautiful spring: The brewery owned by Janice Childs and Mags Nielsen, two members of the gardening committee, gets robbed, with hundreds of dollars in merchandise taken off their delivery trucks in the dead of night. Is this the work of a random thief? Or is something more sinister afoot? When Jeannie Cordle drops dead at a charity auction, poisoned by a fatal weed, Harry's worst suspicions are confirmed: a killer lurks in their midst, one with a keen understanding of poisonous plants. Although she can't yet prove it, Harry knows the murder is related to the thefts at Bottom's Up Brewery. With help from her feline sidekicks, Mrs Murphy and Pewter, as well as Tee Tucker the corgi and sweet puppy Pirate, Harry sets out to find the weed in St Luke's garden – and stop a killer before they can strike again.

Mystery TP \$37.95

Triflers Need Not Apply Bruce, Camilla

In 1900, who would believe a woman capable of killing two husbands, and 40 other men? In 1900, a Chicago husband dies under the most suspicious of circumstances. Anton Sorenson had a \$2,000 life-insurance policy set to expire and took out a new policy for \$3,000. For just one day – 30 July 1900 – both policies were in effect. Sorenson dies of a cerebral haemorrhage on that very day. According to his wife, Belle Guinness, he had come home from work with a terrible headache. She said she gave him quinine powder, a common remedy, and went to prepare dinner. When she returned to check on him, she said, he was dead. Belle remarries, this time to a much-younger man. Eight months later, Peter Guinness is also dead, the back of his skull smashed in. In 1906, a series of personal ads begin to appear in a local Midwest newspaper. Belle is looking for investors for her farm. None of the men who answer her ad are ever seen again... A dazzlingly original and chilling reimagining of the life of Belle Guinness, the original black widow; opening the door to the mind of a female serial killer, where murderous scheming and the darkest of thoughts reside.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

A Galway Epiphany Jack Taylor series

Bruen, Ken
Jack Taylor has finally escaped the despair of his violent life in Galway in favour of a quiet retirement in the country with his friend Keefer, a former Rolling Stones roadie, and a falcon named Maeve. But on a day trip back into the city to sort out his affairs, Jack is hit by a truck in front of Galway's Famine Memorial, left in a coma but mysteriously without a scratch on him. When he awakens weeks later, he finds Ireland in a frenzy over the so-called 'Miracle of Galway'. People have become convinced that the two children spotted tending to him are saintly, and the site of the accident sacred. The Catholic Church isn't so sure, and Jack is commissioned to help find the children to verify the miracle or expose the stunt. But Jack isn't the only one looking for these children. A fraudulent order of nuns needs them to legitimatise its sanctity

and becomes involved with a dangerous arsonist. Soon, the building in which the children are living burns down. Jack returns to his old tricks, and his old demons, as his quest becomes personal.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

A Tourist's Guide to Murder Mystery Bookshop mysteries 06

Burns, V M
Sam joins Nana Jo and her Shady Acres Retirement Village friends Irma, Dorothy, and Ruby Mae on a weeklong trip to London, England, to experience the Peabody Mystery Lovers' Tour. The chance to see the sights and walk the streets that inspired Agatha Christie and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is a dream come true for Sam – and a perfect way to celebrate her new publishing contract as a mystery author. But between visits to Jack the Ripper's Whitechapel district and 221B Baker Street, Major Horace Peabody is found dead, supposedly of natural causes. Despite his employer's unfortunate demise, the tour guide insists on keeping calm and carrying on – until another tourist on their trip also dies under mysterious circumstances. Now, it's up to Sam and the Shady Acres ladies to mix and mingle among their fellow mystery lovers, find a motive, and turn up a murderer...

Mystery TP \$25.99

One Poison Pie Kitchen Witch Mysteries 01

Gahoon, Lynn
What's a kitchen witch to do when her almost-fiancé leaves her suddenly single and unemployed? For Mia Malone, the answer's simple: move to her grandmother's quirky Idaho hometown, where magic is an open secret, and witches and warlocks are (mostly) welcome. With a new gourmet dinner delivery business – and a touch of magic in her recipes – Mia's hopes are high. Even when her ex's little sister, Christina, arrives looking for a place to stay, Mia takes it in stride. But her first catering job takes a distasteful turn when her client's body is found, stabbed and stuffed under the head table. Mia's shocked to learn that she's a suspect – and even more so, when she realises she's next on a killer's list. With Christina, along with Mia's meddling grandma, in the mix, she'll have to find out which of the town's eccentric residents has an appetite for murder... before this fresh start comes to a sticky end... The first in a new series.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

The Cook of the Halcyon Inspector Montalbano series

Gamilleri, Andrea
Giovanni Trincanato has brought ruin to the shipyard he inherited from his father. When a worker he fires hangs himself, on the construction site, Inspector Montalbano is called to the scene. In short order, the inspector loses his temper with the crass Giovanni, delivers a slap to his face; and, unfortunately, it won't be the last he sees of Trincanato. Meanwhile, a mysterious schooner called *Halcyon* shows up in the harbour, seemingly deserted except for just one man. With its presence comes even more mysteries, another death, and the arrival of the FBI. Alongside Sicilian-American Agent Pennisi, Montalbano and his team must attempt a suspenseful infiltration operation.

Mystery TP \$32.99

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The Lost Gallows: A London Mystery

British Library Crime Classics

Garr, John Dickson

John Dickson Carr lays on the macabre atmosphere again in this follow-up to *It Walks by Night*, in which Inspector Bencolin attempts to piece together a puzzle involving a disappearing street, a set of gallows which mysteriously reveals itself to a number of figures traipsing through the London fog, and the bizarre suggestion that a kind of fictional bogeyman, Jack Ketch, may be afoot and in the business of wanton execution. An early gem from one of the great writers of the genre. Also includes the rare Bencolin short story, 'The Ends of Justice'.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

Lavender Blue Murder

Tea Shop mysteries 21

Childs, Laura

Tea maven Theodosia Browning and her tea sommelier Drayton Connelley are guests at a bird hunt styled in the precise manner of an English shooting party. Which means elevenses (sloe gin fizzes), gun loaders, the drawing of pegs, fine-looking bird dogs, and shooting costumes of tweed, herringbone, and suede. But as gunshots explode like a riff of Black Cat firecrackers, another shot sounds too close for comfort to Theodosia and Drayton. Intrigued but worried, Theodosia wanders into the neighbour's lavender field where she discovers their host, Reginald Doyle, bleeding to death. His wife, Meredith, is beside herself with grief and begs Theodosia and Drayton to stay the night. But Theodosia awakens at two am, to find smoke in her room and the house on fire. As the fire department screams in and the investigating sheriff returns, Meredith again pleads with Theodosia for help. As Theodosia investigates, fingers are pointed; secrets are uncovered; Reginald's daughter-in-law goes missing, presumed drowned; and Meredith is determined to find answers, via a séance. All the while, Theodosia worries if she's made a mistake in inviting a prime suspect to her upscale Lavender Lady Tea.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

The Glass Room

Vera Stanhope mysteries

Cleeves, Ann

DI Vera Stanhope is not one to make friends easily, but her hippy neighbours keep her well supplied in homebrew and conversation; and, somehow, bonds have formed. When one of them goes missing, Vera tracks the young woman down to the Writer's House, a country retreat where aspiring authors work on their stories. Things get complicated when a body is discovered, and Vera's neighbour is found with a knife in her hand. Calling in the team, Vera knows that she should hand the case over. She's too close to the main suspect. But the investigation is too tempting, and she's never been one to follow the rules. Somewhere there is a killer who has taken murder off the page and is making it real... A reissue, with new cover art.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

Harbour Street

Vera Stanhope mysteries

Cleeves, Ann

As the snow falls thickly on Newcastle, the shouts and laughter of Christmas revellers break the muffled silence. Detective Joe Ashworth and his daughter Jessie are swept along in the jostling crowd onto the Metro. But when the train is stopped due to the bad weather, and the other passengers fade into the swirling snow, Jessie notices that one lady hasn't left the train: Margaret Krukowski has been fatally stabbed. Arriving at the scene, DI Vera Stanhope is relieved to have an excuse to escape the holiday festivities. As she stands on the silent, snow-covered station platform, Vera feels a familiar buzz of anticipation, sensing that this will be a complex and unusual case. Then, just days later, a second woman is murdered. Vera knows that, to find the key to this new killing, she needs to understand what had been troubling Margaret, so deeply, before she died... before another life is lost. She can feel in her bones that there's a link. Retracing Margaret's final steps, Vera finds herself searching deep into the hidden past of this seemingly innocent neighbourhood, led by clues that keep revolving around one street... Harbour Street. A reissue, with new cover art.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

The Moth Catcher

Vera Stanhope mysteries

Cleeves, Ann

Life seems perfect in the quiet community of Valley Farm. Then a shocking discovery shatters the silence. The owners of a big country house have employed a house-sitter, a young ecologist, to look after the place while they're away. But his dead body is found by the side of the lane – a lonely place to die. When DI Vera Stanhope arrives on the scene, she finds the body of a second man. What the two victims seem to have in common is a fascination with studying moths – and with catching these beautiful, intriguing creatures. The others who live in Valley Farm have secrets too: Lorraine's calm demeanour belies a more complex personality; Annie and Sam's daughter, Lizzie, is due to be released from prison; and Nigel watches, silently, every day, from his window. As Vera is drawn into the claustrophobic world of this increasingly strange community, she realises that there may be many deadly secrets trapped there... A reissue, with new cover art.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

The Seagull

Vera Stanhope mysteries

Cleeves, Ann

A visit to her local prison brings DI Vera Stanhope face to face with an old enemy: former detective superintendent, and now inmate, John Brace. Brace was convicted of corruption and involvement in the death of a gamekeeper – and Vera played a key part in his downfall. Now, Brace promises Vera information about the disappearance of Robbie Marshall, a notorious wheeler-dealer who disappeared in the mid-'90s, if she will look out for his daughter and grandchildren. He tells her that Marshall is dead, and that his body is buried close to St Mary's Island in Whitley Bay. However, when a search team

investigates, officers find not one skeleton, but two. This cold case takes Vera back in time, and awfully close to home, as Brace and Marshall, along with a mysterious stranger known only as 'the Prof', were close friends of Hector, her father. Together, they were the 'Gang of Four', regulars at a glamorous nightclub called The Seagull. Hector had been one of the last people to see Marshall alive. As the past begins to collide dangerously with the present, Vera confronts her prejudices and unwanted memories to dig out the truth... A reissue, with new cover art.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

Death Bee Comes Her

Oregon Honeycomb mysteries 01

GoGo, Nancy

With her Let It Bee honey boutique buzzing along nicely, life is as sweet as nectar for Wren Johnson – until she takes a morning walk along the Pacific beach with her Havana Brown cat, Everett, and stumbles upon the body of Agnes Snow, the cranky queen of the local craft fairs, stiff as driftwood. More unfortunate? Clutched in the victim's fist is a label from Wren's homemade beeswax-and-honey lip balm. Which makes Officer Jim Hampton focus his dreamy-blue Paul Newman eyes on Wren as suspect number one. With fabulous feline support from Everett, Wren must comb the town for clues and clear her name, before someone else gets stung. The first in a new series.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Crime of the Ancient Marinara

Tuscan Cooking School mysteries 02

Cole, Stephanie

Nell Valenti is settling into her role of transforming the Villa Orlandini into a superb farm-to-table cooking school, and the time has finally come for a full taste test run. But when Chef Orlandini prepares to reveal his top-secret marinara recipe, for the first time, to a group of American gastro-tourists, Nell realises she might have bitten off more than she can chew. Nell begins to suspect that one of the tourists is actually a private detective – sent to spy on her by her overprotective father; and the fussy foodies are noisy and disrespectful from the very start of the *Marinara Misteriosa* workshop. Even worse, when one visitor appears to be poisoned by the famous marinara recipe, Nell will have to work fast to uncover a killer and keep a lid on bad press, before her fresh start is spoiled for good.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Kiss Her Goodbye

Mike Hammer series

Collins, Max Allan & Spillane, Mickey

Recuperating in Florida, after the mob shoot-out that nearly claimed his life, Mike Hammer learns that an old mentor on the New York police force has committed suicide. Hammer returns for the funeral – and because he knows that Inspector Doolan would never have killed himself. When a woman is murdered practically on the funeral's doorstep, Hammer is drawn into the hunt for a cache of Nazi diamonds and for the mysterious woman who had been close to

Doolan in his final days. Everything leads to a Mafia social club, where Hammer and his .45 come calling, initiating the wildest showdown since Spillane's classic *One Lonely Night*.

Hardboiled TP \$28.95

The Brass Verdict

Lincoln Lawyer series

Gonnely, Michael

Things are finally looking up for defence attorney Mickey Haller. After two years of wrong turns, Haller is back in the courtroom. When Hollywood lawyer Jerry Vincent is murdered, Haller inherits his biggest case yet: the defence of Walter Elliott, a prominent studio executive accused of murdering his wife and her lover. But as Haller prepares for the case that could launch him into the big time, he learns that Vincent's killer may be coming for him next. Enter Harry Bosch. Determined to find Vincent's killer, he is not opposed to using Haller as bait. But as danger mounts and the stakes rise, these two loners realise their only choice is to work together.

Thriller (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The French Paradox

Wine Country mysteries 11

Grosby, Ellen

In 1949, during her junior year abroad in Paris, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis bought several inexpensive paintings of Marie-Antoinette by a little-known 18th-century female artist. She also had a romantic relationship with Virginia vineyard owner Lucie Montgomery's French grandfather – until recently, a well-kept secret. Seventy years later, Cricket Delacroix, Lucie's neighbour and Jackie's schoolfriend, is donating the now priceless paintings to a Washington DC museum. And Lucie's grandfather is flying to Virginia for Cricket's 90th birthday party, hosted by her daughter Harriet. A washed-up journalist, Harriet is rewriting a manuscript Jackie left behind about Marie-Antoinette and her portraitist. She's also adding tell-all details about Jackie, sure to make the book a bestseller. Then on the eve of the party a world-famous landscape designer who also knew Jackie is found dead in Lucie's vineyard. Did someone make good on the death threats he'd received because of his controversial book on climate change? Or was his murder tied to Jackie, the paintings, and Lucie's beloved grandfather?

Mystery HC \$62.95

Dark Truths

Will Traynor series

Gross, A J

When a young woman's body is discovered on a popular jogging trail in Birmingham, Detective Inspector Bernard Watts and his team are plunged into a disturbing murder investigation. Not only has the woman been violently stabbed – her head is missing. When a close examination of the crime scene results in a shocking discovery linking the present murder to a past crime, criminologist Will Traynor is brought in to assist the police. Aware of Traynor's troubled past, Watts is sceptical that he will bring anything useful to the investigation. He's about to be proved very wrong...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

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A Comedy of Terrors

Flavia Albia series

Davis, Lindsey

Rome, 89 AD. Flavia Albia, daughter and successor of private informer Marcus Didius Falco is twiddling her thumbs with no clients during the December festival of Saturnalia. But that doesn't mean all is quiet. Her husband Tiberius and the Fourth Cohort are battling organised crime interests that are going to war over the festival nuts. A series of accidental poisonings, then bloody murders of rival nut-sellers, and finally a gruesome warning to Tiberius from the hidden criminal powers to back off. Albia has had just about enough and combines forces with Tiberius to uncover the hidden criminal gangs trying to worm their way into the establishment at a banquet of the emperor Domitian. This fantastic next-gen series begins with *The Ides of April* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

The Goodbye Man

Colter Shaw series

Deaver, Jeffrey

In the wilderness of Washington State, expert tracker Colter Shaw has located two young men accused of a terrible hate crime. But when his pursuit takes a shocking and tragic turn, Shaw becomes desperate to discover what went so horribly wrong and if he is to blame. Shaw's search for answers leads him to a shadowy organisation that bills itself as a grief support group. But is it truly it a community that consoles the bereaved? Or a dangerous cult with a growing body count? Undercover, Shaw joins the mysterious group... risking everything, despite the fact that no reward is on offer. He soon finds that some people will stop at nothing to keep their secrets hidden... and to make sure that he or those close to him say goodbye forever.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

A Curious Incident

Sherlock Holmes Bookshop mysteries 06

Delany, Vicki

I am not a Consulting Detective, Gemma Doyle reluctantly tells the ten-year-old Lauren Tierney, when the little girl comes to the Sherlock Holmes Bookshop and Emporium to beg Gemma to find her missing cat, Snowball. Gemma might not be able to follow the clues to find the cat, but her dog Violet follows her nose to locate the missing kitten in a neighbour's garden shed. Gemma and Violet proudly return Snowball to her grateful owner, and Gemma basks in praise for a job well done. But a few days later, Lauren is back with ten dollars in hand; wanting to, once again, hire a consulting detective, and, this time, for a far bigger job: Her mother has been accused of murdering her garden club rival, Sheila Tierney's garden, which everyone said was the one to beat for the West London Garden Club trophy, had been vandalised the night before the club's early summer tour. Sheila confronted her former friend and gardening partner Anna Wentworth in a towering rage, and the women nearly came to blows. Later that night, after having won the trophy for best garden, Anna is found murdered, and Sheila Tierney is the police's prime suspect. Despite herself, and despite the disapproval of her police detective boyfriend Ryan Ashburton, the game is once again

afoot, and Gemma finds herself and Jayne Wilson using their powers of deduction to ponder yet another curious incident.

Mystery HC \$42.99

In Her Tracks

Tracy Crosswhite series

Dugoni, Robert

Returning from an extended leave in her hometown of Cedar Grove, Detective Tracy Crosswhite finds herself reassigned to the Seattle PD's cold case unit. As the protective mother of an infant daughter, Tracy is immediately drawn to her first file: the abduction of a five-year-old girl whose parents, embattled in a poisonous divorce, were once prime suspects. While reconstructing the days leading up to the girl's disappearance, Tracy is brought into an active investigation with former partner Kinsington Rowe. A young woman has vanished on an isolated jogging trail in North Seattle. Divided between two critical cases, Tracy has little to go on except the treacherous deceptions behind a broken marriage – and now, the secrets hiding behind the closed doors of a deceptively quiet middle-class neighbourhood. To find two missing persons, Tracy will have to follow more than clues, which are both long cold and unsettlingly fresh. Given her own traumatic past, Tracy must also follow her instincts – to whatever dark and dangerous places they may lead.

Mystery TP \$35.95

Her Dark Lies

Ellison, J T

Jutting from sparkling turquoise waters off the Italian coast, Isle Isola is an idyllic setting for a wedding. In the majestic clifftop villa, owned by the wealthy Compton family, up-and-coming artist Claire Hunter will marry handsome, charming Jack Compton, surrounded by close family, intimate friends... and a host of dark secrets. From the moment Claire sets foot on the island, something seems amiss. Skeletal remains have just been found. There are other, newer disturbances, too: menacing texts; a ruined wedding dress; and... one troubling shadow hanging over Claire's otherwise blissful relationship – the strange mystery surrounding Jack's first wife. Then a raging storm descends, the power goes out – and the real terror begins...

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

The Bounty

Fox & O'Hare series

Evanovich, Janet

Straight as an arrow special agent Kate O'Hare and international con man Nick Fox have brought down some of the biggest criminals out there. But now they face their most dangerous foe yet – a vast, shadowy international organisation known only as the Brotherhood. Directly descended from the Vatican Bank priests who served Hitler during World War II, the Brotherhood is on a frantic search for a lost train loaded with \$30 billion in Nazi gold, untouched for over 75 years... somewhere in the mountains of Eastern Europe. Kate and Nick know that there is only one man who can find the fortune and bring down the Brotherhood – the same man who taught Nick everything he knows – his father, Quentin. As the stakes get higher, they

must also rely on Kate's own father, Jake, who shares his daughter's grit and stubbornness. Too bad they can never agree on anything. From a remote monastery in the Swiss Alps to the lawless desert of the Western Sahara, Kate, Nick, and the two men who made them who they are today must crisscross the world in a desperate scramble to stop their deadliest foe in the biggest adventure of their lives.

Mystery TP \$32.99

They Never Learn

Fargo, Layne

Scarlett Clark is an exceptional English professor. But she's even better at getting away with murder. Every year, Dr Clark searches for the worst man at Gorman University – professor, student, or otherwise – and plots his well-deserved demise. Thanks to her meticulous planning, she's avoided drawing attention to herself... but as she's preparing for her biggest kill, yet; the school starts probing into the growing body count on campus. Determined to keep her enemies close, Dr Clark insinuates herself into the investigation and charms the woman in charge. Everything's going according to her master plan... until she loses control with her latest victim, putting her secret life at risk of exposure. Meanwhile, Gorman student Carly Schiller is just trying to survive her freshman year. Finally free of her emotionally abusive father, all Carly wants is to focus on her studies and fade into the background. Her new roommate has other ideas. Allison Hadley is cool and confident – everything, Carly wishes she could be – and the two girls quickly form an intense friendship. So, when Allison is sexually assaulted at a party, Carly becomes obsessed with making the attacker pay... and turning her fantasies about revenge into a reality.

Noir TP \$37.95

Greenwich Park

Faulkner, Katherine

Helen's idyllic life – handsome architect husband, gorgeous Victorian house, and cherished baby on the way (after years of trying) – begins to change the day she attends her first prenatal class and meets Rachel, an unpredictable single mother-to-be. Rachel doesn't seem very maternal: she smokes, drinks, and professes little interest in parenthood. Still, Helen is drawn to her. Maybe, Rachel just needs a friend. And to be honest, Helen's a bit lonely, herself. At least, Rachel is fun to be with. She makes Helen laugh, invites her confidences, and distracts her from her fears. But her increasingly erratic behaviour is unsettling. And Helen's not the only one, who's noticed. Her friends and family begin to suspect that her strange new friend may be linked to their shared history in unexpected ways. When Rachel threatens to expose a past crime that could destroy all of their lives, it becomes clear that there are more than a few secrets laying beneath the broad-leaved trees and warm lamplight of Greenwich Park.

Thriller TP \$29.99

The Drummers

Josie Gray mysteries

Fields, Tricia

The residents of the small town of Artemis are suspicious when a community called The

Drummers moves into a local abandoned church. Their leader, Gideon, claims their aim is simple: to live peacefully off the grid without government interference. But when local power substations are sabotaged and the whole of West Texas loses electricity, all fingers point to them. Forced to intervene, Police Chief Josie Gray and her team try to enter the church only for gunshots to be exchanged. Inside the church one young girl is killed, with Gideon claiming Josie's stray bullet hit her. Was Josie responsible? Did one of the Drummers murder the girl and use Josie as a patsy? Were the Drummers responsible for the power outage? As Josie identifies an ever-widening pool of suspects, she learns of a shocking connection reaching far beyond West Texas.

Mystery HC \$62.95

Farm to Trouble

Farm to Table mysteries 01

Flower, Amanda

Shiloh Bellamy cashed in her big city job, and 401K, to return home to Michigan to save the family farm, but turning Bellamy Farms into a sustainable, organic operation – complete with a farm-to-table café – is no small feat. Especially when her new investor is found dead among the flowers just hours after the contract is signed. Everyone knows her father had a grudge against the investor, and word travels fast in a small town... Now, Shiloh must clear her family's name and track down the real killer before her organic farm dreams wilt before her very eyes. But with her father trying to stop any progress on his land, her cousin belittling her every effort, the farmhouse falling down around her, and the whole town believing her family at fault, Shiloh's small-town troubles are growing much faster than her crops. She'll have to trust her own investigation or risk all her dreams drying up before they begin. The first in a new series.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Coconut Layer Cake Murder

Hannah Swensen mysteries 25

Fluke, Joanne

When Hannah learns that her sister Michelle's boyfriend, Detective Lonnie Murphy, is the prime suspect in a murder case, she goes straight from a movie studio sound stage to the Los Angeles' airport. Back in frigid Minnesota, she discovers that proving Lonnie's innocence will be harder than figuring out what went wrong with a recipe. Lonnie remembers only parts of the night he went out to a local bar and ended up driving a very impaired woman home. He knows he helped her to her bedroom, but he doesn't recall anything else until he woke up on her couch the following morning. When he went to the bedroom to check on her, he was shocked to discover she was dead. Hannah doesn't know what to believe – only that exonerating a suspect who can't remember is almost impossible, especially since Lonnie's brother, Detective Rick Murphy, and Lonnie's partner, Chief Detective Mike Kingston, have been taken off the case. Before everything comes crashing down on Lonnie like a heaping slice of coconut layer cake, it'll be up to Hannah to rack up enough clues to toast a flaky killer...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Pulp Fiction

Crime & Mystery April 2021 (continued)

Gathering Dark

Fox, Candice

Blair Harbour, once a wealthy, respected surgeon in Los Angeles, is now an ex-con, down on her luck. She's determined to keep her nose clean to win back custody of her son. But when her former cellmate, Sneak Lawlor, begs for help to find her missing daughter, Blair is compelled to put her newfound freedom on the line. Joined by LA's most feared underworld figure, Ada Maverick, the crew of criminals bring outlaw tactics to the search for Dayly. Detective Jessica Sanchez has always had a difficult relationship with the LAPD. And her inheritance of a \$7 million mansion as a reward for catching a killer has just made her police enemy number one. It's been ten years, since Jessica arrested Blair for the coldblooded murder of her neighbour. So, when Jessica opens the door to the disgraced doctor and her friends, early one morning, she expects abuse, maybe even violence. What comes, instead, is a plea for help.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Death of a Showman

Jane Prescott mysteries

Fredericks, Mariah

It is the summer of 1914 and lady's maid Jane Prescott is back in New York, with the Tylers, after a glittering society wedding in Europe. On their return, Jane learns another wedding has taken place. Her old dancing partner, Leo Hirschfeld, has married a chorus girl in his new Broadway musical. Jane and Louise Tyler are pulled into the sparkling and scandalous world of Broadway, as a star struck Louise invests in Leo's show, and Jane chaperones her at rehearsals. But behind the glittering facade of the theatre, there are rivalries, secret romances, and some very dodgy business practices. When the show's abusive producer, Sidney Warburton, is murdered, the list of suspects is long. Was it the comedic star or her gambler boyfriend? The disgruntled costume designer? The beautiful, blond dancer, her jealous husband? Or was it Leo himself, who had more reason than anyone to hate Sidney Warburton? As the Great War looms in the distance, Jane and tabloid reporter Michael Behan must strip back the masks of these consummate performers, before one of them kills again.

Historical mystery HC \$55.00

Red Corona

Glister, Tim

It's 1961 and the white heat of the Space Race is making the Cold War even colder. Richard Knox is a secret agent in big trouble. He's been hung out to dry by a traitor in M15, and the only way to clear his name could destroy him. Meanwhile, in a secret Russian city, brilliant scientist Irina Valera makes a discovery that will change the world, and hand the KGB unimaginable power. Desperate for a way back into M15, Knox finds an unlikely ally in Abey Bennett, a CIA recruit who's determined to prove herself whatever the cost – As the age of global surveillance dawns, three powers will battle for dominance, and three people will fight to survive.

Suspense TP \$29.99

Forgotten Murder

Jack Haldean Murder mysteries

Gordon-Smith, Dolores

Jack Haldean's newly-wedded bliss is disrupted by a series of shocking revelations in this gripping historical mystery. When an old schoolfriend of Jack's wife Betty witnesses a disturbing vision in the garden of a smart suburban house, Jack is intrigued. Just what did Jenny Langton see beneath the cedar tree at Saunder's Green that frightened her so much she fainted on the spot? Jack's subsequent enquiries stir up a hornet's nest of repressed emotions and long-buried secrets. What exactly happened at Saunder's Green, almost 20 years before – and why will no one talk about it? As he unearths evidence of a possible murder, how is even a seasoned investigator like Jack supposed to solve a crime that took place two decades before with no tangible clues, no reliable witnesses – and, at least, one person; who is determined to stop him discovering the truth... whatever it takes.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

The Lady with the Gun

Asks the Questions

Phryne Fisher collection

Greenwood, Kerry

The Honourable Phryne Fisher – she of the Lulu bob, Cupid's bow lips, diamante garters and pearl-handled pistol – is the 1920s' most elegant and irrepressible sleuth. Miss Phryne Fisher is up to her stunning green eyes in intriguing crime in each of these entertaining, fun, and compulsively readable stories. With the ever-loyal Dot, the ingenious Mr Butler, and all of Phryne's friends and household, the action is as fast as Phryne's wit and logic. 'With Phryne Fisher, the indefatigable Greenwood has invented the character-you-fall-in-love-with genre.' – *The Australian*. These are new Phryne stories!

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

Flight

Texas Murder Files series

Griffin, Laura

When former forensic photographer Miranda Rhoads moves to the seaside town of Lost Beach, she's decided to make her living as a wildlife photographer and put crime scenes behind her. But her plans are quickly upended when one morning, she comes across a couple sleeping in a canoe, entwined in an embrace. Looking closer, she realises the man and woman aren't asleep – they've been murdered. Detective Joel Breda sets out to find answers – not only about the unidentified victims in the marshy death scene, but also about the aloof and beautiful photographer who seems to know more about his investigation than he does. As they begin to unravel the motivation of a merciless serial killer, Miranda and Joel must race against the clock to make an arrest before the killer can find them first.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$24.95

The Postscript Murders

DS Harbinder Kaur series

Griffiths, Eily

The death of a 90-year-old woman with a heart condition should not be suspicious. Detective Sergeant Harbinder Kaur certainly sees nothing out of the ordinary when Peggy's caretaker, Natalka, begins to recount Peggy

Smith's passing. But Natalka had a reason to be at the police station: while clearing out Peggy's flat, she noticed an unusual number of crime novels, all dedicated to Peggy. And each psychological thriller included a mysterious postscript: *PS: for PS*. When a gunman breaks into the flat to steal a book and its author is found dead, shortly thereafter – Detective Kaur begins to think that perhaps there is no such thing as an unsuspecting death after all. And, then, things escalate: from an Aberdeen literary festival to the streets of Edinburgh, writers are being targeted. DS Kaur embarks on a road trip across Europe and reckons with how, exactly, authors can think up such realistic crimes... A follow-up to *The Stranger Diaries* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Playing with Fire

Kate O'Donnell mysteries

Hall, Patricia

London, 1964. At three am on a chilly autumn morning, Detective Sergeant Harry Barnard is called to a club in Greek Street – where a young girl has fallen to her death from a top-floor window. A new breed of fans is flocking to Soho's rock and roll haunts. But was it a tragic accident, or something more sinister? Meanwhile, Kate O'Donnell, Harry's photographer girlfriend, receives a call from her Liverpoolian ex, Dave Donovan, pleading for her help. His new squeeze, Bernie Collins, set off for London in the hope of getting a recording contract, but she's not answering her phone. Where is she? With simmering tensions, intimidation, and terror rife on Soho's streets, Harry and Kate are drawn into its dark underbelly in their attempts to find answers.

Mystery TP \$39.95

A Dangerous Breed

Hamilton, Glen Erik

An invitation addressed to his long-dead mother sparks Van Shaw's curiosity about the woman he barely knew. As he digs into young Moira Shaw's past, he uncovers startling details about her life, including her relationship to a boy named Sean Burke – a boy Moira may have been seeing when she became pregnant. Could this Burke be the biological father who abandoned Van before he was born? Although Van knows, all too well, that some doors shouldn't be opened, he decides to investigate the man – only to discover that Burke has an even darker family history than Van's own. But Van's got more immediate problems. His friend Hollis is in a jam, and helping him out accidentally steers Van into the path of a master extortionist named Bilal Nath. Nath demands that the talented thief mastermind a daring heist targeting a Seattle biotechnology firm, or the blackmailer will destroy the lives of people Van loves. Will Van be forced to steal a viral weapon with the potential to kill thousands? With Bilal Nath coercing him into a possible act of domestic terrorism, Van turns to his formidable crew of lawbreaking friends – including Hollis, Big Will Willard, and Willard's sly and seductive niece Elana – for help. Yet even this team may not be enough. To outwit a brilliant sociopath, Van might just need a coldblooded killer... a criminal, whose blood may run through his own veins.

Thriller PBK \$24.95

An Artful Corpse

Art of Murder series

Harrison, Helen A

One artist. One student. One deadly mystery. When Regionalist painter Thomas Hart Benton's corpse is discovered behind the easels of Manhattan's famed art school, whispers in the art community say he had it coming. As Benton's list of enemies lengthens to include the school's instructors, Vietnam War protesters, and members of Andy Warhol's entourage, one art student is ultimately painted as the murderer. The only problem: the suspect has vanished. Why would an art student murder Benton? And if he were innocent, why would he run? When T J Fitzgerald, son of Detective Juanita Diaz and Captain Brian Fitzgerald of the NYPD, discovers his classmate is the prime suspect, he uses his own investigative skills to try and clear his name. But as TJ and his girlfriend work to unravel the clues to the art mystery, he begins to wonder if the police got it wrong and one secret may be the key to it all...

Mystery TP \$32.99

Her Three Lives

Holahan, Gate

Jade Thompson has it all. She's an up-and-coming social media influencer, and she has a beautiful new home and a successful architect for a fiancé. But there's trouble behind the scenes. To Greg's children, his divorce from their mother, and his new life, can only mean a big midlife crisis. To Jade, his suburban Connecticut upbringing isn't an easy match with her Caribbean roots. A savage home invasion leaves Greg housebound, with a traumatic brain injury, and glued to the live feeds from his ubiquitous security cameras. As the police investigate the crime and Greg's frustration and rage grows, Jade begins to wonder what he may know about their attackers. And whether they are coming back. As Greg watches Jade's comings and goings, he becomes convinced that her behaviour is suspicious and that she's hiding a big secret. The more he sees, the more he wonders whether the break-in was really a random burglary. And whether he's worth more to Jade, if he were dead, than alive.

Thriller TP \$35.95

The Missing Diamond

Murder

Black & Dod mysteries

Janes, Diane

1930, Frances Black is worried – divorce proceedings are under way and her solicitor has learnt of a spiteful letter sent to the court, claiming that there is more to her friendship with her sleuthing partner, Tom Dod, than meets the eye. Fran takes Tom's advice to get away, travelling down to Devon to help the Edgertons with their family mystery. After meeting the charismatic Eddie Edgerton and arriving at their residence, Sunnyside House, Fran soon learns that Eddie's grandfather, Frederick Edgerton, died in mysterious circumstances when his wheelchair went off a cliff. Was it really an accident? And what happened to Frederick's precious diamond which went missing at the time of his death? As Fran investigates, she uncovers family scandal, skulduggery, and revenge, but can she solve the mystery of the missing diamond?

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

Pulp Fiction

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Sweet, Sweet Revenge Ltd **Jonasson, Jonas**

Meet Ole Mbatian Junior, a Maasai warrior; Kevin, his sort-of-son; Agneta, a wronged and penniless ex-wife; and Johan, an unscrupulous Stockholm ad-man whose company specialises in revenge services. As Agneta and Kevin seek revenge against the gallery owner who has wronged them, this madcap, funny and philosophical novel takes off on a madcap journey that spans five continents and whirls around a colourful cast of characters, including a goat called Molly, and the Pope.

Caprer TP \$24.99

Laid Out in Lavender

Garlic Farm mysteries 03

Jones, Gin

Dreaming she'll someday return to her less-pungent life of computer coding; Mabel continues to honour her deceased aunt's legacy – by running Skinner Farm. To make ends meet between harvests, she's renting out the property's mercifully downwind lavender field for summer weddings. Mabel's first clients are a retirement age couple celebrating their second chance at love in their later years. Hosting a rehearsal dinner with fresh foods seemed like a good idea to promote the farm – until the dead body of one of the wedding guests is discovered. The suddenly departed was the soon-to-be ex-business partner of the groom, supposedly poisoned by goat cheese hors d'oeuvres, provided by Mabel's neighbour. Despite the tragedy and the scandal, the groom insists on keeping his wedding date. But with the adult children from the couple's previous marriages scheming to stop the new union, Mabel's farm is reeking with suspects. And if she doesn't uncover the murderer, her goat farming neighbour will get sent to the pen for life...

Mystery TP \$37.95

Watch Her Fall **Kelly, Erin**

Swan Lake is divided into the black acts and the white acts. The Prince is on stage for most of the ballet; but it's the swans, audiences flock to see. In early productions, Odette and Odile were performed by two different dancers. These days, it is usual for the same dancer to play both roles. Because of the faultless ballet technique required to master the steps, and the emotional range needed to perform both the virginal Odette and the dark, seductive Odile, this challenging dual role is one of the most coveted in all ballet. Dancers would kill for the part. Ava Kirilova has reached the very top of her profession. After years and years of hard graft, pain and sacrifice as part of the London Russian Ballet Company, allowing nothing else to distract her, she is finally the poster girl for *Swan Lake*. Even Mr K – her father, and the intense, terrifying director of the company – can find no fault. Ava has pushed herself ahead of countless other talented, hardworking girls, and they are all watching her now. But there is someone who really wants to see Ava fall...

Thriller TP \$32.99

Random Road

Geneva Chase Crime Reporter mysteries

Kies, Thomas

Some vices are deadlier than others...

Veteran reporter Geneva Chase is at the end of her professional rope. Battling alcoholism

and bad choices, she's lost every major news job she's had; working at her hometown newspaper is her last chance to redeem herself – and now the paper's future is in doubt. And then she lands the story of a lifetime: Six nude bodies are found hacked to pieces in a Queen Anne mansion, on the coast of Long Island Sound. The sensational headline is picked up by the metro papers, and Geneva is back in the game, using her reporter's nose to sniff out the secrets of Sheffield's rich and entitled citizens. As her investigation leads her deeper into dangerous waters, her toxic affair with a married man and her inability to get sober threaten to undo everything she has worked so hard to achieve – and not everyone is thrilled to have a reporter digging up secrets that might be better left buried...

Hardboiled TP \$28.95

Who is Vera Kelly?

Knecht, Rosalie

New York City, 1962. Vera Kelly is struggling to make rent and blend into the underground gay scene in Greenwich Village. She's working night shifts at a radio station when her quick wits, sharp tongue, and technical skills get her noticed by a recruiter for the CIA. Next thing she knows she's in Argentina, tasked with wiretapping a congressman and infiltrating a group of student activists in Buenos Aires. As Vera becomes more and more enmeshed with the young radicals, the fragile local government begins to split at the seams. When a betrayal leaves her stranded in the wake of a coup, Vera learns the Cold War makes for strange and unexpected bedfellows, and she's forced to take extreme measures, to save herself.

Suspense PBK \$22.99

The Gilded Cage

Lackberg, Camilla

A woman who has everything... People would kill to have Faye Adelheim's life. She lives in a beautiful apartment, she has a gorgeous husband who gives her everything she's ever wanted, and she has an adorable daughter who lights up her world. Or does she? So, how is it, then... that Faye, now, finds herself in a police station? The truth is about to come out... The truth is that Faye's life is far from what it seems. And, now, she's been caught out. There's no way she's going down without a fight. The only question is – who will escape with their life?

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Good Neighbors

Langan, Sarah

Welcome to Maple Street, a picture-perfect slice of suburban Long Island, its residents bound by their children, their work, and their illusion of safety in a rapidly changing world. But menace skulks among this exclusive enclave. When the Wilde family arrive, they trigger their neighbours' worst fears. Dad Arlo's a gruff has-been rock star with track marks. Mom Gertie's got a thick Brooklyn accent, with high heels and tube tops to match. Their weird kids cuss like sailors. They don't fit with the way Maple Street sees itself. Maple Street's Queen Bee, Rhea Schroeder – a lonely professor repressing a dark past – initially welcomed Gertie, but relations plummeted, during one summer evening; when the new best friends shared too much, too soon. By the time the story opens, the Wildes are outcasts. As tensions

mount, a sinkhole opens in a nearby park, and Rhea's daughter Shelly falls inside. The search for Shelly brings a shocking accusation against the Wildes. Suddenly, it is one mom's word against the other's, in a court of public opinion that can end only in blood.

Mystery HC \$42.99

One Got Away

Nikki Griffin series

Lelechuk, S A

Nikki Griffin, a private investigator – when she isn't running her small bookstore – is on a case. The matriarch of one of the wealthiest San Francisco families has been defrauded by a conman, and her furious son enlists Nikki to find the money. And find the conman. Nikki isn't a fan of men who hurt women. Her secret mission, born of revenge and trauma, is to do everything she can to remove women from dangerous situations – and to punish the men responsible. As Nikki follows the trail toward the conman, she realises that no one involved is telling her the whole truth. When the case overlaps with her attempt to protect a woman in trouble, and Nikki's own life is put in danger, Nikki has to make terrible choices about who to save – and how to keep herself alive. The follow-up to *Save Me from Dangerous Men* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

Death Comes to the Rectory

Kurland St Mary mysteries

Lloyd, Catherine

Lucy and Robert's joy in christening their new daughter, surrounded by extended family and loved ones who have gathered in the village of Kurland St Mary, is only enhanced when Robert's aunt Rose – now the second wife of Lucy's father Ambrose – announces that she is with child. However, not everyone is happy about the news, in particular Rose's adult daughter Henrietta and her husband, who fear for their inheritance. Following the christening, Rose's disagreeable son-in-law Basil Northam threatens to turn afternoon tea in the rectory into an unsightly brawl. The next morning, he is found in the rector's study, stabbed through the heart with an antique letter opener, clutching a note that appears to implicate the rector himself. As the local justice of the peace, Robert has an obligation to remain unbiased in his investigation of the ghastly crime, even though his prime suspect is a man of the cloth and his wife's father. But Lucy is under no such obligation. As snow traps the members of the christening party in Kurland St Mary, she vows to clear her father's name and bring the coldblooded culprit to justice. Someone had better start saying their prayers...

Historical mystery HC \$42.99

The Unwanted Dead

Lloyd, Chris

Paris, Friday 14 June 1940. The day the Nazis march into Paris, making headlines around the globe. Paris police detective Eddie Giral – a survivor of the last World War – watches helplessly on as his world changes forever. But there is something he still has control over. Finding whoever is responsible for the murder of four refugees. The unwanted dead, who no one wants to claim. To do so, he must tread carefully between the Occupation and the Resistance, between truth and lies, between the man he is and the man he was. All the while becoming whoever he must

be to survive in this new and terrible order descending on his home... This WWII mystery has had a lot of customer love!

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

The Secrets of Bones

Jazz Ramsey mysteries 02

Logan, Kylie

Assembly Day at St Catherine's dawns bright and cloudless as professional woman gather from all around Ohio to talk to the schoolgirls about their careers ranging from medicine, to NASA, to yoga. Jazz Ramsey has also signed up to give the girls a taste of her lifelong passion: cadaver dog training. Her adorable new puppy Wally hasn't been certified yet, so she borrows the fully-trained Gus from a friend and hides a few bones in the unused fourth floor of the school for him to find. The girls are impressed when Gus easily finds the first bone, but then Gus heads confidently to a part of the floor where Jazz is sure no bones are hidden – at least not any that she's put there. But Gus is a professional, and sure enough, behind a door that no one has opened in ages, is a human skeleton. Jazz recognises the necklace the skeleton is wearing, and that it belonged to Bernadette Quinn, an ex-teacher at the school who'd quit her job abruptly one Christmas break. But now it seems Bernadette never left the school at all, and her hiding place makes it clear: this was murder. Bernadette in life had been a difficult personality, and so there are a plethora of suspects inside the school and out of it. As Jazz gets closer to the truth she can't help but wonder if someone might be dogging her footsteps...

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Do No Harm

McDonald, Christina

Emma loves her life. She's the mother of a precocious kindergartener, married to her soulmate – a loyal and loving police detective – and has a rewarding career as a doctor at the local hospital. But everything comes crashing down when her son, Josh, is diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Determined to save him, Emma makes the risky decision to sell opioids to fund the lifesaving treatment he needs. But when somebody ends up dead, a lethal game of cat and mouse ensues, her own husband leading the chase. With her son's life hanging in the balance, Emma is dragged into the dark world of drugs, lies, and murder. Will the truth catch up to her before she can save Josh? A timely and moving exploration of a town gripped by the opioid epidemic, and featuring Christina McDonald's signature 'complex, emotionally intense' (*Publishers Weekly*) prose, *Do No Harm* examines whether the ends ever justify the means... even for a desperate mother.

Mystery TP \$29.99

The Nancys

McDonald, R W R

Tippy Chan is eleven and lives in a small town in an incredibly quiet part of the world – the place her Uncle Pike escaped from the first chance he got as a teenager. Now, Pike is back with his new boyfriend Devon to look after Tippy while her mum's on a cruise. Tippy is in love with her uncle's old Nancy Drew books, especially the early ones where Nancy was 16, and did whatever she wanted. She wants to be Nancy and is desperate to solve a real mystery. When her teacher's body is found

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beside Riverstone's only traffic light, Tippy's moment has arrived. She and her minders form The Nancys, a secret amateur detective club. But what starts as a bonding and sightseeing adventure quickly morphs into something far more dangerous. A wrongful arrest, a close call with the murderer, and an intervention from Tippy's mum, all conspire against The Nancys. But regardless of their own safety, and despite the constant distraction of questionable fashion choices in the town that style forgot, The Nancys know only they can stop the killer from striking again. Winner of the Ngaio Marsh Award for Best First Novel.

Mystery PBK \$16.99

Murder at Mabel's Motel

Granny Reid mysteries 03

McKevett, G A

As quirky as McGill's residents can be, they usually welcome society's oddballs and outcasts into the community with open arms. But the three members of the Lone White Wolf Pack are a different story. Townsfolk aren't feeling the least bit neighbourly toward the gang widely believed to have orchestrated several hate crimes in the area. When the group's leader Billy Ray Sonner is found dead in an abandoned motel, most assume it was the result of an accidental overdose. An unfortunate, yet predictable, end for a man who lived the way Billy did. Only Stella and the sheriff have witnessed the crime scene in person, and suspect something more disturbing happened in that ramshackle room... While Stella wades through a flood of potential culprits, one thing becomes clear – this wasn't an impulsive act of revenge. There's a sophisticated killer on the loose, and Stella must expose deep-rooted fears and dark pasts if she wants to crack a carefully-planned murder, and stop McGill from descending into chaos.

Mystery HC \$42.99

The Drowning Kind

McMahon, Jennifer

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

Noir HC \$55.00

SAS: Red Notice

Tom Buckingham (film tie-in edition)

McNab, Andy

Deep beneath the English Channel, a small army of vicious terrorists has seized control of the Eurostar to Paris, taken 400 hostages at gunpoint – and declared war on a government that has more than its own fair share of secrets to keep. One man stands in their way. An off-duty SAS soldier is hiding, somewhere inside the train. Alone and injured, he's the only chance the passengers and crew have of getting out alive. Sergeant Tom Buckingham unleashes a whirlwind of intrigue and retribution in his attempt to stop the terrorists and save everyone on board – including Delphine, the beautiful woman he loves. *Red Notice* hurtles, at breakneck speed, between the Regiment's crack assault teams, Whitehall's corridors of power, and the heart of the Eurotunnel action. Reissued to tie-in with a new film adaptation, starring Sam Heughan.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Tom Glancy Firing Point

Jack Ryan Jr series

Maden, Mike

While on vacation in Barcelona, Jack Ryan Junior is surprised to run into an old friend at a small café. A first, Renee Moore seems surprised to see Jack, but then she just seems irritated and distracted. After making plans to meet later, Jack leaves, only to miss the opportunity to ever speak to Renee again; as the café is destroyed, minutes later, by a suicide bomber. A desperate Jack plunges back into the ruins to save his friend, but it's too late. As she dies in his arms, she utters one word, Sammler. When the police show up, they are initially suspicious of Jack until they are called off by a member of the Spanish Intelligence Service. This mysterious sequence of events sends the young Campus operative on an unrelenting search to find out the reason behind Renee's death. Along the way, he discovers that his old friend had secrets of her own – and some of them may have gotten her killed. Jack has never backed down from a challenge, but some prey may be too big for one man.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

The Drowned City

Daniel Pursglove series

Maitland, K J

Gunpowder and treason changed England forever. But the tides are turning, and revenge runs deep... 1606. A year to the day that men were executed for conspiring to blow up Parliament, a towering wave devastates the Bristol Channel. Some proclaim God's vengeance. Others seek to take advantage. In London, Daniel Pursglove lies in prison, waiting to die. But Charles FitzAlan, close adviser to King James I, has a job in mind that will free a man of Daniel's skill from the horrors of Newgate. If he succeeds. For Bristol is a hotbed of Catholic spies, and where better for the lone conspirator, who evaded arrest – one Spero Pettinarg – to gather allies, than in the chaos of a drowned city? Daniel journeys there to investigate FitzAlan's lead, but soon finds himself at the heart of a dark Jesuit conspiracy – and in pursuit of a killer.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

Lies We Bury

Marr, Elle

Two decades ago, Marissa Mo escaped a basement prison – the only home she'd ever known. At 27, Marissa moved beyond the trauma and is working under a new name as a freelance photographer. But when she accepts a job, covering a string of macabre murders in Portland, it's impossible for Marissa not to remember. Everything is eerily familiar. The same underground lairs. Sad trinkets and toys left behind, identical to those Marissa had as a child. And then there is the note meant just for her that freezes Marissa's blood: See you soon, Missy. To determine the killer's next move, Marissa must retrieve her long-forgotten memories, and return to a past she's hidden away. But she won't be facing her fears, alone. Someone is waiting for her in the dark.

Thriller TP \$35.95

Powder Smoke

Jim Stringer series

Martin, Andrew

York railway station, December 1925. Detective Inspector Jim Stringer is enjoying a pint in the Parlour Bar, before accompanying his wife, Lydia, to a charitable function. But when the couple meet at their regular spot near the footbridge, Jim is alarmed to see a man pointing a revolver in his direction. His thoughts go spinning back to a hot day at the end of August, when he attended the York Summer Gala in company with his boss, Superintendent Saul Weatherill, *aka* 'the Chief'. The Chief, a lover of guns, had insisted on taking Jim into a Wild West sideshow. The star of the show was a moody young sharpshooter called Kid Durrant, who spoke like someone who'd come from Arizona, via Sheffield (or vice versa). As Jim watched Durrant displaying his dead-eye skills, he little realised how this would be the start of his most dangerous investigation, yet.

Historical mystery HC \$45.00

Land Rites

Detective Ford series

Maslen, Andy

After a dog walker discovers human remains in a badger sett in the idyllic Salisbury countryside, DI Ford is called in to lead the ensuing murder investigation. When a second victim turns up in a nearby pond, Ford is determined to find the connection. Both victims met their fate near the sprawling Alverchalke Estate, ancestral home of a decorated war hero and his family. One was a dogged eco-activist and vocal critic of Lord Baverstock. The other was a petty criminal and poacher, youngest brother of a notorious local crime family. Certain, that there's more to this case than trespassing, Ford and Dr Hannah Fellowes race to find the hidden link. But when one victim's family threatens to expose Ford's own dark secret, the ticking clock becomes a time bomb. Still consumed by guilt over his part in his wife's tragic accident and struggling to raise the teenage son he lied to, Ford now finds himself losing control of the investigation. Can he work with Hannah to solve the case, while privately fighting off the attempted blackmail? Or have his demons finally caught up with him?

Mystery/suspense TP \$35.95

A Sinister Service

Lady and Lady's Maid mysteries 06

Maxwell, Alyssa

Following the devastation of the Great War, England's noble class takes comfort in honouring tradition. To celebrate their grandparents' wedding anniversary, Lady Phoebe Renshaw and her siblings travel to Staffordshire – to commission a china service bearing the Wroxly coat of arms, from the venerated Crown Lily Potteries, a favourite of Queen Mary. The two leading designers at the illustrious china manufacturer offer competing patterns. But when one of them is found dead – his body crushed in a grinding pan and his design pattern book missing – his rival is immediately suspected. The police are also suspicious of the dead designer's resentful young son, a schoolmate of Phoebe's 15-year-old brother, Fox. When Fox gets involved to help his friend, Phoebe begins to investigate the rival artist. At the same time, Eva is enlisted to go undercover at the works so she can gain the confidence of the female employees, who are only allowed to paint, not design, which may have led to a grudge against the victim. Pursuing a killer who has no compunction about using a kiln as a coffin, Phoebe and Eva take their lives into their hands to discover the shattering truth...

Mystery HC \$42.99

The Night Gate

Enzo MacLeod series

May, Peter

In a sleepy French village, the body of a man shot through the head is disinterred by the roots of a fallen tree. A week later, a famous art critic is viciously murdered in a nearby house. The deaths occurred more than 70 years apart. Asked by a colleague to inspect the site of the former, forensics expert Enzo MacLeod quickly finds himself embroiled in the investigation of the latter. Two extraordinary narratives are set in train – one historical, unfolding in the treacherous wartime years of Occupied France; the other contemporary, set in the autumn of 2020, as France re-enters COVID lockdown. And Enzo's investigations reveal an unexpected link between the murders – the Mona Lisa. Tasked by the exiled General Charles de Gaulle, to keep the world's most famous painting out of Nazi hands after the fall of France in 1940, 28-year-old Georgette Pignal finds herself swept along by the tide of history. Following in the wake of da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*, as it is moved from chateau to chateau by the Louvre, she finds herself just one step ahead of two German art experts, sent to steal it for rival patrons – Hitler and Goring. What none of them know is that the Louvre, itself, has taken exceptional measures to keep the painting safe, unwittingly setting in train a fatal sequence of events extending over seven decades. Events that have led to both killings.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Three

Mishani, D A

Three tells the stories of three women: Orna, a divorced, single mother looking for a new relationship; Emilia, a Latvian immigrant on a spiritual search; and Ella, married and mother of three, returning to University to write her thesis. All of them will meet the same man. His name is Gil.

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He won't tell them the whole truth about himself – but they don't tell him everything, either. Tense, twisted and surprising, *Three* is a daring new form of psychological thriller. It is a declaration of war against the normalisation of death and violence. Slowly, but surely, you see the danger each woman walks into. What you won't see is the trap being laid – until it snaps shut.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Flesh and Blood

DI Amy Winter

Mitchell, Caroline

A wave of apparent suicides hits a string of seaside resorts, but when a police officer is named as the latest to die, DI Amy Winter suspects there may be more than mere coincidence to these tragic deaths. But what dark motive could cause someone to throw themselves into the cold depths of the North Sea? Someone in the community knows more than they are letting on, but Amy's questions are met with resistance. A group of mysterious teenagers might hold the key, but why are they so afraid to talk? Meanwhile, after the release from prison of her serial killer mother, Amy is fighting her own demons. In her toughest investigation yet, Amy must confront her dark past, if she is to put an end to the carnage. What secret is so terrible that it's worth killing a police officer for? Amy needs to find the answer, before the sea washes up any more bodies.

Mystery/suspense TP \$35.95

The Perfect Marriage

Mitzner, Adam

James and Jessica Sommers are celebrating their first, blissful year together, an unexpected second chance at true love. Unfortunately, their newfound shot at happiness is not without collateral damage. There's Jessica's ex-husband. He pretends for all the world that he's resilient and strong. If only for the sake of their teenage son, profoundly vulnerable in his own way. James' ex has taken a different road. Bitter, vengeful, and threatening, she wants only the worst for the happy couple. And, then, there's the couple themselves: Are they truly as in love as they seem? When James enters into an extraordinarily profitable, if shady, transaction with a beautiful art dealer, Jessica and James' seemingly perfect marriage takes a dark and tragic turn. Amid suspicions, tested loyalties, revenge, and guilt, no one escapes unscathed from sins committed in the name of love.

Thriller TP \$35.95

Search for Her

Mofina, Rick

A missing daughter, a family with secrets, a race for the truth... At a truck stop near Las Vegas, 14-year-old Riley Jarrett vanishes from her family's RV, turning their cross-country dream of starting over into a nightmare. Investigators have their work cut out for them. The massive, bustling truck plaza in the desert is the perfect place for someone to disappear – or be taken. Detectives pursue every chilling lead as all eyes fall to the newly blended family with a tragic past. With the clock ticking down on the likelihood that Riley's alive, suspicions run deep. Everyone – from

Riley's mom to her stepdad to her stepbrother and her ex-boyfriend – has something to hide. And their secrets could prove deadly.

Thriller PBK \$26.95

Death by Intermission

Abby McCree mysteries 04

Morgan, Alexis

Ushered once again onto another committee by the mayor of Snowberry Creek, Washington, Abby is tasked with keeping the box office receipts of the town's Movies in the Park nights. Cut to the director's chair from where she's suddenly organising the summer's last feature. From the opening scene through the final credits, Abby feels she's earned nominations for best volunteer, best movie date with her tenant, Tripp Blackston – and best daughter for ignoring her mother Phoebe's own movie date with Owen Quinn. Unfortunately, Abby and the others are treated to a post-credits' scene: the body of local insurance agent Mitchell Anders. This discovery is followed by a plot twist, revealing that the murder weapon comes from Owen's food truck. With her mother's boyfriend suspected of murder, Abby starts her own investigation determined to shine a spotlight on the real killer...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Blood Grove

Easy Rawlins series

Mosley, Walter

It is 1969, and flames can be seen on the horizon, protest wafts like smoke through the thick air, and Easy Rawlins, the Black private detective whose small agency finally has its own office, gets a visit from a white Vietnam veteran. The young man comes to Easy with a story that makes little sense. He and his lover, a beautiful young woman, were attacked in a citrus grove at the city's outskirts. He may have killed a man, and the woman and his dog are now missing. Inclined to turn down what sounds like nothing but trouble, Easy takes the case when he realises how damaged the young vet is from his war experiences – the bond between veterans superseding all other considerations. The veteran is not Easy's only unlooked-for trouble. Easy's adopted daughter Feather's white uncle shows up uninvited, raising questions and unsettling the life Easy has long forged for the now young woman. Where Feather sees a family reunion, Easy suspects something else, something that will break his heart.

Mystery HC \$49.99

Deadly Anniversaries: Mystery Writers of America's 75th Anniversary Anthology

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Muller, Marcia & Pronzini, Bill

Deadly Anniversaries celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Mystery Writers of America with a collection of stories from some of the top names in crime fiction. An anniversary can honour many things: a birth, a wedding and sometimes even a death. In *Deadly Anniversaries*, editors Marcia Muller and Bill Pronzini present new stories from some of the best contemporary authors to honour the diamond jubilee of the Mystery Writers of America, an organisation founded on the principle that 'Crime Doesn't Pay –

Enough'. Each author puts their own unique spin on what it means to recognise a certain day or event each year. These 19 stories travel across a wide range of historical and contemporary settings and remind readers of how broad the mystery writing tradition can be, encompassing detective tales, domestic intrigue, psychological suspense, black humour and thrilling action. By the time this group of bestsellers and award-winners is through, none of us will ever look at anniversaries, the same way, again. *Deadly Anniversaries* is sure to shock, scare and delight mystery and suspense fans of all kinds, featuring the following contributors: Sue Grafton; Laurie R King; Lee Child; Margaret Maron; S J Rozan; Max Allan Collins; Wendy Hornsby; Jeffery Deaver; Bill Pronzini; Carolyn Hart; Peter Lovesey; Meg Gardiner; Marcia Muller; Julie Smith; William Kent Krueger; Peter Robinson; Naomi Hirahara; Doug Allyn; Alison Gaylin; and Laura Lippman.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Phantoms and Felonies

Haunted Mansion mysteries 02

Ness, Lucy

When a local theatre troupe puts on a new play at the club, manager Avery Morgan is excited. This is just the sort of event that's destined to bring in potential new members. Okay, millionaire banker Bob Hanover has more bucks than talent, and has used his position to grab the lead role, but that seems like a small price to pay... until Bob is found dead backstage. Bob rubbed many people the wrong way, but would anyone want him dead? The short answer to that is: Who wouldn't want him dead? His long-suffering wife had to put up with years of womanising. The show's playwright has been tricked out of his one great idea by Bob, who claimed it as his own work. And Bob bankrupted one of the town's small businessmen. The choices are many and the time to find the killer is running short. Avery is working overtime to keep the club open and find the killer. Fortunately, she has help with the latter task. Clemmie Bow was once a singer in the speakeasy in the club's basement. Now, she's a ghost, who's also a top-notch detective. Together, Clemmie and Avery will find the killer – even if it kills one of them.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Murder in an Irish Cottage

Irish Village mysteries 05

O'Connor, Garlene

Family is everything to Siobhán: her five siblings; her dearly-departed mother, for whom the family business, Naomi's Bistro, is named; and, now, her fiancé, Macdara Flannery. So precious is her engagement that Siobhán wants to keep it just between the two of them, for a little longer. But Macdara is her family, which is why when his cousin Susan frantically calls for his help, Siobhán is at his side – as the two *garda* rush from Kilbane to the rural village, where Susan and her mother have recently moved. Unfortunately, tragedy awaits them. They find Susan, who is blind, outside the cottage, in a state. Inside, Aunt Ellen lies on her bed in a fancy red dress, no longer breathing. A pillow on the floor and a nearby teacup suggest the mode of death to their trained eyes: the woman has been

poisoned and smothered. Someone wanted to make sure she was dead. But who? Devout believers in Irish folklore, the villagers insist the cottage is cursed – built on a fairy path. It turns out Ellen Delaney was not the first to die mysteriously in this cottage. Although the townsfolk blame malevolent fairies, Siobhán and Macdara must follow the path of a murderer, all too human – but just as evil...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Before the Devil Fell

Olson, Neil

Will Connor returns to his hometown, a village north of Boston, to care for his injured mother. He's kept his distance from the town since high school, but once home he finds himself re-examining a horrific incident that took place during one of his mother's 'spirit circles'. His mother had embraced the hippie generation's fascination with New Age and the arcane, but the unexpected death of a close friend put an end to the meetings of the modern-day coven. Or did it? As Will looks deeper into his family's history he discovers that her practices weren't so much a passing fad but the latest link in a long tradition of New England witchcraft, which still seems to hold a strange power over the town. Will hopes that unearthing the facts about the death will put his questions to rest, but there are those willing to resort to violence to keep those secrets buried.

Thriller PBK \$26.95

A Deadly Influence

Abby Mullen series

Ober, Mike

Lieutenant Abby Mullen is no stranger to crisis. As the hostage negotiation instructor for the NYPD, she deals with worst-case scenarios, every day. Nothing fazes her, anymore. That all changes when she gets a call from Eden Fletcher, a fellow survivor of the infamous Wilcox cult. The two haven't spoken since the night of a tragic, fiery massacre, when their paths diverged. But, now, Eden needs Abby's help: someone has kidnapped her son and is demanding a five-million-dollar ransom. As Abby throws herself into the case, she can't help but wonder why the kidnapper has targeted Eden. But Eden refuses to talk. She's silent about the relics of their shared past hanging on her walls. About the kidnapper's possible motives. About what's happened in the years since she and Abby parted ways. As the truth closes in, Abby realises that her past may not be as far behind as she thought... and it's come home to collect.

Mystery/suspense TP \$35.95

The Art of Dying

Way of All Flesh series

Parry, Ambrose

Edinburgh, 1849. Hordes of patients are dying, all across the city, with doctors finding their remedies powerless. And a whispering campaign seeks to paint Dr James Simpson, pioneer of medical chloroform, as a murderer. Determined to clear Simpson's name, his protégé Will Raven and former housemaid Sarah Fisher must plunge into Edinburgh's deadliest streets and find out who or what is behind the deaths. Soon they discover that the cause of the deaths has evaded detection purely because

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it is so unthinkable. The next in the series of gripping historical crime novels from bestselling author Chris Brookmyre and consultant anaesthetist Dr Marisa Haetzman, set in 19th-century Edinburgh.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

Bodies and Bows

Apron Shop mysteries 03

Penney, Elizabeth

Iris Buckley is hoping for a bit of rest and relaxation now that the summertime rush is winding down in Blueberry Cove, Maine. Her apron shop Ruffles & Bows has been a huge success, her friendships are stronger than ever; and, now, she's ready for all of the end of summer cookouts on the beach that she can handle. But before Iris can even turn on the grill, Bella's latest fling, former Olympian sailor and gorgeous bad boy Lance Pederson is killed in a hit and run while jogging at dawn – and all the evidence points to Bella herself. Suddenly the month of August isn't looking so restful, since now Iris has been roped into the Lighthouse Rehabilitation Committee, helping her friend Sophie plan a wedding, and – most importantly of all – tracking down a killer and clearing Bella's good name, before everything unravels.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

That Left Turn at Albuquerque

Phillips, Scott

Douglas Rigby, attorney-at-law, is bankrupt. He's just sunk his last \$200,000 – a clandestine 'loan' from his last remaining client, former big-shot TV exec, Glenn Haskill – into a cocaine deal gone wrong. The lesson? Never trust anyone else with the dirty work. Desperate to get back on top, Rigby formulates an art forgery scheme involving one of Glenn's priceless paintings, a victimless crime. But for Rigby to pull this one off, he'll need to negotiate a whole cast of players with their own agendas, including his wife, his girlfriend, an embittered art forger, Glenn's resentful nurse, and the man's money-hungry nephew. One misstep, and it all falls apart – will he be able to save his skin?

Noir TP \$27.99

The Old Enemy

Paul Samson series

Porter, Henry

Ex-M16 officer Paul Samson has been tasked with secretly guarding a gifted young woman, Zoe Freemantle. He is just beginning to tire of the job, when he is attacked in the street by a freakish-looking knifeman. It's clear the target is on his back, not hers. What he doesn't know is who put it there. At that moment, his mentor, the M16 legend Robert Harland lies dead on a remote stretch of the Baltic coastline. Who needed to end the old spy's life when he was, in any case, dying from a terminal illness? And what or who is Berlin Blue, the name scratched in the sketchbook beside his body? A few hours later, Samson watches footage from the US Congress, where billionaire philanthropist Denis Hisami is poisoned with a nerve agent while testifying – an attack that is as spectacular as it is lethal, but spares Anastasia Hisami, the love of Samson's life. Two things become clear. One, it was a big mistake to lose the mysterious Zoe Freemantle. And, two, Robert Harland is making a final play from beyond the grave.

Suspense TP \$32.99

On an Outgoing Tide

Anderson & Costello mysteries

Ramsay, Caro

The body is found in the early hours of the morning, drifting lifelessly on the outgoing tide. Twenty-three-year-old medical student Aasha Ariti had been enjoying a night out to celebrate the end of lockdown. Anthony Poole, the last person to have seen her alive, is the prime suspect. Before detectives Anderson and Costello can make further headway, they are pulled off the case to investigate the murder of a pensioner in his own home. The body of 81-year-old Jimmy Pearcey reveals evidence of prolonged, excruciating torture in the hours before he died. Of one thing, DCI Anderson is certain: this killing was awfully close and very personal. But the victim was a loner, without friends or relatives. As they dig deeper however, the two detectives uncover a number of secrets in the dead man's past. Secrets that link to another murder, more than 40 years before. What really happened on 21 June 1978? Someone is determined to ensure that Anderson and Costello never find out. Whatever it takes.

Mystery HC \$62.95

A Murderous Relation

Veronica Speedwell Mysteries

Raybourn, Deanna

Autumn 1888. Veronica Speedwell and her colleague Stoker are asked by Lady Wellington Beauclerk to stop a potential scandal so explosive it threatens to rock the monarchy. Prince Albert Victor is a regular visitor to the most exclusive private club in London, and the proprietress, Madame Aurore, has received an expensive gift that can be traced back to the prince. Lady Wellie would like Veronica and Stoker to retrieve it from the club, before scandal can break. Worse yet, London is being terrorised by what would become the most notorious and elusive serial killer in history, Jack the Ripper – and Lady Wellie suspects the prince may be responsible. Veronica and Stoker reluctantly agree to go undercover at Madame Aurore's high-class brothel, where a body soon turns up. Secrets are swirling around Veronica and the royal family – and it is up to Veronica and Stoker to find the truth, before it is too late for all of them.

Historical mystery TP \$27.99

The Silent Bullet

Library of Congress Crime Classics

Reeve, Arthur

First published in 1910, *The Silent Bullet* is the first collection of Arthur B Reeve's Craig Kennedy mysteries. In this book of twelve tales of intrigue and suspense, readers are introduced to Kennedy, sometimes called the 'American Sherlock Holmes', and his friend and assistant, reporter Walter James. A professor at Columbia University, Kennedy uses his scientific expertise and inventions to solve cases, usually employing pioneering turn-of-the-century technology, such as hidden microphones, lie detectors, and a makeshift defibrillator. Full of thrilling escapades, as well as insight into the discoveries of the early 1900s, *The Silent Bullet* is an adventure, from start to finish.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

The Bone Code

Temperance Brennan series

Reichs, Kathy

On the way to hurricane-ravaged Isle of Palms, a barrier island off the South Carolina coast, Tempe receives a call from the Charleston coroner. The storm has tossed ashore a medical waste container. Inside are two decomposed bodies wrapped in plastic sheeting and bound with electrical wire. Tempe recognises many of the details as identical to those of an unsolved case she handled in Quebec, years earlier. With a growing sense of foreboding, she travels to Montreal to gather evidence. Meanwhile, health authorities in South Carolina become increasingly alarmed as a human flesh-eating contagion spreads. So focused, is Tempe, on identifying the container victims that, initially, she doesn't register how their murders and the pestilence may be related. But she does recognise one unsettling fact. Someone is protecting a dark secret – and willing to do anything to keep it hidden.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Seven Ancient Wonders

Jack West Jnr series

Reilly, Matthew

A magnificent golden capstone once sat atop the Great Pyramid of Giza. It was a source of immense power, capable of bestowing upon its holder absolute global rule, for a thousand years... But then, in 323 BC, the capstone was broken into seven pieces and hidden within the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Now, with the coming of a rare solar event, the time has come to locate the pieces and rebuild the capstone. Everyone wants it. From the most powerful countries on earth, to gangs of murderous terrorists... and one daring coalition of eight small nations – who think no single country should possess such an awesome power source. Led by the mysterious Captain Jack West Junior, this determined group enters the fray, a global battlefield filled with viciously booby-trapped mines, stupendous Ancient Wonders, merciless evil forces, and an adventure beyond imagining. A reissue of the first book in the Jack West Junior series: in hardcover for the first time.

Thriller (reissue) HC \$19.99

When She Was Good

Cyrus Haven series

Robotham, Michael

She has secrets. Six years ago, Evie Cormac was found hiding in a secret room, in the aftermath of a brutal murder. But nobody has ever discovered her real name or where she came from, because everybody who tries ends up dead. He needs answers. Forensic psychologist Cyrus Haven believes the truth will set Evie free. Ignoring her warnings, he begins to dig into her past, only to disturb a hornet's nest of corrupt and powerful people, who have been waiting to find Evie – the final witness they have been searching for. Unbeknownst to him, Cyrus is leading them straight to Evie. The truth will not set her free. It will get them killed.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Animal Instinct

K Team mysteries 02

Rosenfelt, David

Corey Douglas and his K-9 partner, a German shepherd named Simon Garfunkel, are recently retired police officers turned private investigators. Along with fellow former cop Laurie Collins and her investigating partner, Marcus, they call themselves the K Team, in honour of Simon. The K Team's latest case – a recent, unsolved murder – gives Corey a chance to solve the one that got away. Corey knew the murder victim from his time on the force, when he was unable to protect her in a domestic dispute. Now, he is convinced the same abusive boyfriend is responsible for her murder. With some help from Laurie's lawyer husband, Andy Carpenter, the K Team is determined to prove what the police could not, no matter the cost. What they uncover is much more sinister than they could have imagined. The K Team mystery spinoff series begins with *K Team* (TP, \$29.99).

Mystery HC \$57.95

Miss Julia Knows

A Thing or Two

Miss Julia mysteries

Ross, Ann B

Miss Julia has decided to turn over a new leaf – it's time to stop meddling in other peoples' lives. But her hands are full, before long! Mildred is sent into a tizzy when a grandchild she's never met shows up on her doorstep. With her husband fighting a mysterious illness, she's all on her own. Meanwhile, Etta Mae is worried about losing her job, now that the retirement care centre is closing. Luckily, Miss Julia has experience dealing with children dropped on doorsteps, and sweeps in to lend a hand. But there's something, just a bit strange about the child... and Miss Julia can't quite put her finger on what it is.

Mystery TP \$37.95

Miss Julia Happily Ever After

Miss Julia mysteries

Ross, Ann B

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

Mystery HC \$55.00

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Portrait of Peril

Victorian mysteries

Rowland, Laura Joh

London, October 1890. Crime scene photographer Sarah Bain is overjoyed to marry her beloved Detective Sergeant Barrett – but the wedding takes a sinister turn when the body of a stabbing victim is discovered in the crypt of the church. Not every newlywed couple begins their marriage with a murder investigation, but Sarah and Barrett, along with their friends Lord Hugh Staunton and Mick O'Reilly, take the case. The dead man is Charles Firth, whose profession is spirit photography – photographing the ghosts of the deceased. When Sarah develops the photographs he took in the church, she discovers one with a pale, blurred figure attacking the victim. The city's spiritualist community believes the church is haunted and the figure is a ghost. But Sarah is a sceptic, and she and her friends soon learn that the victim had plenty of enemies in the human world – including a scientist who studies supernatural phenomena, his psychic daughter, and an heiress on a campaign to debunk spiritualism and expose fraudulent mediums. In the tunnels beneath a demolished jail, a ghost-hunting expedition ends with a new murder, and new suspects. While Sarah searches for the truth about both crimes, she travels a dark, twisted path into her own family's sordid history. Her long lost father is the prime suspect in a cold-case murder, and her reunion with him proves that even the most determined sceptic can be haunted by ghosts from the past. The Victorian mysteries begin with *The Ripper's Shadow* (TP, \$25.99).
Mystery HC \$42.99

Evil Impulse

Geraldine Steel series

Russell, Leigh

Living with her colleague, and long-time love interest, Detective Inspector Ian Peterson, it seems that Geraldine Steel has finally found happiness. But life is never that simple. As a psychopath starts killing random women on the streets of York, Geraldine is abducted by a drugs syndicate who have been threatening her sister. Geraldine has everything to fight for, and her life is on the line...
Thriller PBK \$22.99

Undercover Kitty

Second Chance Cat mysteries 08

Ryan, Sofie

Sarah and Elvis can always be found at a charming second-hand shop in the village of North Harbor, Maine. Despite the small-town setting, the daring duo often find themselves wrapped up in murder... but, luckily, they have help – a quirky group of senior citizens runs an amateur detective agency, called Charlotte's Angels, out of the store. The Angels are hired, to look into who is sabotaging cat shows in the state. They decide the best way to do that is to send Elvis the cat, undercover, as a contestant. But then one of the cat show volunteers is murdered, just before the latest competition. Sarah and the Angels have to catch a killer, in two shakes of a cat's tail!
Mystery PBK \$18.99

Lord Peter

Wimsey Investigates: Selected Short Stories

Macmillan Classic Library

Sayers, Dorothy L

Lord Peter Wimsey, wealthy, charming and charismatic, is one of the most famous amateur detectives of the golden age of crime. This Macmillan Collector's Library edition of *Lord Peter Wimsey Investigates* is introduced and edited by crime writer David Stuart Davies. The 15 short stories in this lively and witty collection – Dorothy L Sayers' best – celebrate the breadth of Peter Wimsey's career as London's most celebrated amateur sleuth. From the foppish man about town of 'In the Teeth of the Evidence', to the happily-married man in 'The Haunted Policeman', to the father of three in 'Talboys', Wimsey kept that twinkle in his eye and the brilliance of mind that helped him spot a clue a mile off.
Classic mystery HC \$14.99

The Deception of Harriet Fleet

Scarlett, Helen

1871. An age of discovery and progress. But for the Wainwright family, residents of the gloomy Teesbank Hall in County Durham the secrets of the past continue to overshadow their lives. Harriet would not have taken the job of governess in such a remote place, unless she wanted to hide from something, or someone. Her charge is Eleanor, the daughter of the house, a fiercely-bright 18-year-old, tortured by demons and feared by relations and staff alike. But it soon becomes apparent that Harriet is not there to teach Eleanor, but rather to monitor her erratic and dangerous behaviour – to spy on her. Worn down by Eleanor's unpredictable hostility, Harriet soon finds herself embroiled in Eleanor's obsession – the Wainwrights' dark, tragic history. As family secrets are unearthed, Harriet's own begin to haunt her. She becomes convinced that ghosts from the past are determined to reveal her shameful story. For Harriet, like Eleanor, is plagued by deception and untruths.
Historical mystery TP \$32.99

Blackout

Scarrow, Simon

December 1939. As Germany goes to war, the Nazis tighten their terrifying grip. Paranoia in the capital is intensified by a rigidly enforced blackout that plunges the city into oppressive darkness every night, as the bleak winter sun sets. When a young woman is found brutally murdered, Criminal Inspector Horst Schenke is under immense pressure to solve the case, swiftly. Treated with suspicion by his superiors for his failure to join the Nazi Party, Schenke walks a perilous line – for disloyalty is a death sentence. The discovery of a second victim confirms Schenke's worst fears. He must uncover the truth before evil strikes again. As the investigation takes him closer to the sinister heart of the regime, Schenke realises there is danger everywhere – and the warring factions of the Reich can be as deadly as a killer stalking the streets... Recommended; perfect for fans of Philip Kerr or Rory Clements.
Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Tower of Babel

Sears, Michael

Queens, New York – the most diverse place on earth. Native son Ted Molloy knows these streets like the back of his hand. Ted was once a high-powered Manhattan lawyer, but after a spectacular fall from grace, he has found himself back on his home turf, scraping by as a foreclosure profiteer. It's a grubby business, but a safe one... until Ted's case sourcer, a mostly-reformed small-time conman, named Richie Rubiano, turns up murdered; shortly after tipping Ted off to an improbably-lucrative lead. With Richie's widow on his back and shadows of the past popping up, at every turn, Ted realises he's gotten himself embroiled in a murder investigation. His quest for the truth will take him all over Queens, plunging him into the machinations of greedy developers, mobsters, enraged activists, old litigator foes, and old-school New York City operators.
Mystery HC \$57.95

The Second Worst Restaurant in France

Paul Stewart series

Smith, Alexander McCall

Renowned Scottish cookbook writer, Paul Stewart, is hard at work on his new book, *The Philosophy of Food*, but complicated domestic circumstances, and two clingy cats, are making that difficult. So, when Paul's eccentric cousin Chloe suggests that he join her at the house she's rented in the French countryside, he jumps at the chance. The two quickly befriend the locals, including their twin-sister landladies, who also own the infamous local restaurant known to be the second-worst eatery – in all of France. During their stay, the restaurant's sole waitress gives birth, mid-dinner service; and the *maitre d'* storms off, after fighting with the head chef. Paul is soon drafted to improve the gastronomy of the village, while Chloe, ever on the hunt for her next romance, busies herself with distracting the handsome but incompetent chef. Could he be husband, number six? With all this local drama to deal with, Paul finds it next to impossible to focus on his writing, and that's before he learns that Chloe's past is far more complicated than he'd ever imagined. Paul will have to call upon all his experience – with food and with people – to bring order back to the village. And he may just learn something about family – and about himself – along the way. Paul Stewart's adventures begin with *My Italian Bulldozer* (PBK, \$19.99).
Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Geometry of Holding Hands

Isabel Dalhousie series

Smith, Alexander McCall

Just when Isabel and Jamie finally seem to have some time to connect and unwind, a wealthy Edinburgh resident reaches out to Isabel with an unusual request – he would like her to become the executor of his large Highland estate. Though, Isabel initially demurs, he presses on. He has only a short time to live, and, without any direct heirs, is struggling to determine which of his three cousins would be the best caretaker. Should

it go to the bohemian artist, the savvy city property developer, or the quiet, unassuming bachelor? As if this weren't enough to keep Isabel occupied, she's also spending more time helping her niece Cat at the deli. Cat, perennially unlucky in love, seems to have finally found her match in the leonine Leo. But Isabel is beginning to suspect that Leo might be interested in more than Cat's charms, namely her access to the family trust. Isabel will need to rely upon remarkable reserves of intelligence and compassion, in order to give all parties exactly what they want and deserve – no more, and no less.
Mystery PBK \$19.99

Hid from Our Eyes

Fergusson/Van Alstyne mysteries

Spencer-Fleming, Julia

1952. Millers Kill Police Chief Harry McNeil is called to a crime scene where a woman in a party dress has been murdered with no obvious cause of death. 1972. Millers Kill Police Chief Jack Liddle is called to a murder scene of a woman that's terribly similar to one he worked as a trooper in the 1950s. The only difference is this time, they have a suspect. Young Vietnam War veteran Russ van Alstyne found the body while riding his motorcycle and is quickly pegged as the prime focus of the investigation. *Present day*. Millers Kill Police Chief Russ van Alstyne gets a 911 call that a young woman has been found dead in a party dress, the same MO as the crime he was accused of in the 1970s. The pressure is on, for Russ to solve the murder, before he's removed from the case. Russ will enlist the help of his police squad and Reverend Clare Fergusson, who is already juggling the tasks of being a new mother to her and Russ' baby and running St Alban's Church, to finally solve these crimes.
Mystery PBK \$22.99

The Broken Spine

Beloved Bookroom mysteries 01

St James, Dorothy

Truddell Becket, known to her friends as Tru, finds herself in a bind when her library in lovely Cypress, South Carolina, is turned into a state-of-the-art bookless 'technological centre'. A library with no books breaks Tru's book-loving heart so she decides to rescue hundreds of beloved tomes slated for the town dump. Under the cover of darkness, Tru, along with her best friends – coffee shop owner Tori Green and mysterious bestselling author Flossie Finnegan-Baker – set up a secret book room in the library's basement and prepare to open it to their most loyal, trustworthy patrons. But as Tru and her crew are putting the finishing touches on their new book room, the town manager, who was behind the big push for the library's transformation, is crushed by an overturned shelf of DVDs. Tru becomes the prime suspect – as she hadn't hidden the fact that she hated having all of those wonderful books replaced by tablets and computers. But if she gives the police her alibi, she'll have to explain about the secret book room and risk losing the books. Tru knows she's in a heap of trouble, and it doesn't help that the officer in charge of the case is her old crush from high school, who broke her teenaged heart. To keep

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herself out of jail and her beloved book room up and running. Tru – with the help of Tori, Flossie, and a brown tabby stray cat named Dewey Decimal – decides to investigate. And faster than you can say, ‘Shhhh!’ Tru quickly finds herself on the same page with a killer who would love to write her final chapter... The first in a series.

Mystery HC \$42.99

Fire and Ice

Liam Campbell series

Stabenow, Dana

Alaskan State Trooper Liam Campbell is banished to the shores of the Bering Sea to man the most remote police outpost in the United States. This is the end of the line for Alaska State Trooper Liam Campbell. Newenham is the last police outpost in the United States before you hit Siberia, and it's Campbell's last shot at getting his life back on track. It's an ice-bound fishing town with a six-bed jail, a busted ATM and a saloon that does double duty as a courtroom. It's a wide-enough patch to warrant a state police presence, though, and Trooper Liam Campbell is it. He's been sent there in disgrace, busted down from sergeant to trooper in the aftermath of a mistake that cost a family of five their lives. Campbell never expected his new job to be simple, but finding his ex-lover crouched over a headless body on the tarmac is a hell of a way to get off the plane... A reissue. The most recent in the Liam Campbell series is *Spoils for the Dead* (TP, \$32.99), available now!

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

So Sure of Death

Liam Campbell series

Stabenow, Dana

Alaskan State Trooper Liam Campbell, manning the most isolated police outpost in the United States, has two crime scenes and eight bodies on his hands. Alaska State Trooper Liam Campbell is all at sea. He's been demoted and exiled to Newenham, an ice-bound bush town in the middle of nowhere, where he's taken up residence in a leaky old gill-netter on the bay. Newenham is small, but Liam Campbell is quickly finding out that small doesn't guarantee a simple life. Three months in, Campbell is brooding on how to put down roots on dry land again when a fishing boat is found adrift, burned down to the waterline. Aboard, he discovers seven charred bodies. A terrible accident? Or a cover up, of something worse? And then a young archaeological assistant is gruesomely murdered at a remote dig site. With eight dead, things are getting out of hand – and Liam is left following a trail of false leads, false confessions, and false hopes. A reissue. The most recent in the Liam Campbell series is *Spoils for the Dead* (TP, \$32.99), available now!

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Nothing Gold Can Stay

Liam Campbell series

Stabenow, Dana

Alaskan State Trooper Liam Campbell pursues a serial killer deep into the Alaskan wilderness. Alaska State Trooper Liam Campbell is on the hunt for a serial killer. Newly promoted to corporal, Liam Campbell is slowly making a home for himself in

Newenham. With just DUIs and domestic disputes to disturb the peace, life is relatively tranquil – until Campbell's girlfriend, Bush pilot Wyand Chouinard, delivering a shipment of mail to a remote post office, finds the postmistress murdered. At first, it seems a random assault; but then another woman disappears after her husband is killed at their gold mining claim. When Campbell connects the crimes with a 20-year-old string of missing women, he knows he's facing a serial killer. A reissue. The most recent in the Liam Campbell series is *Spoils for the Dead* (TP, \$32.99), available now!

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Better to Rest

Liam Campbell series

Stabenow, Dana

Alaskan State Trooper Liam Campbell uncovers a 60-year-old conspiracy as lethal today as it was six decades ago. It seems the past has caught up with Alaska State Trooper Liam Campbell. After a party of hunters stumbles upon a desiccated, human hand, clutching an incredibly rare 'double-eagle' gold coin, Liam Campbell is led to the broken remains of a World War II-era transport plane emerging from the face of a calving glacier. For some 60 years, the glacier has held its secrets close: Who was on the ill-fated flight? What were they doing? Seventy-four-year-old Newenham matriarch Lydia Tompkins might have had the answers Campbell is looking for; but, now, she's dead too, murdered in her own home. And she won't be the last to die, as a once-buried secret returns to haunt the present. A reissue. The most recent in the Liam Campbell series is *Spoils for the Dead* (TP, \$32.99), available now!

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Tiger Girl and the Candy

Kid: America's Original

Gangster Couple

Stout, Glenn

Before Bonnie and Clyde, there were Tiger Girl and the Candy Kid. In the wake of world war, a pandemic, and an economic depression, Margaret and Richard Whittemore, two love-struck, working-class kids from Baltimore, reached for the dream of a better life. The couple headed up a gang that, in less than a year, stole over one million dollars' worth of diamonds and precious gems – over \$10 million, today. Margaret was a chic flapper, the archetypal gun moll, partner to her husband's crimes. Richard was the quintessential bad boy, whose cunning and violent ambition allowed the Whittemores to live the kind of lives, they'd only seen in the movies. Along the way he killed at least three men, until prosecutors managed a conviction. As tabloids across the country exclaimed the details of the couple's star-crossed romance, they became heroes to a new generation of young Americans who sought their own version of freedom. Set against the backdrop of the Roaring 1920s' excesses, acclaimed author Glenn Stout takes us from the jailhouse to the speakeasy, from the cabarets where the couple celebrated good times to the gallows where their story finally came to an end – leaving Tiger Girl pining for a final kiss. *Tiger Girl and the Candy Kid* is a thrilling tale of rags to riches, tragedy, and infamy.

True crime HC \$55.00

The Figure in the Photograph

Juan Camarón series

Sullivan, Kevin

Juan Camarón and his father travel across Cuba in the summer of 1898, photographing the island and its people, as the war between Spain and the United States escalates. But tragedy strikes, when Juan's father is killed, and his last photos reveal a sinister truth to his final moments: he was not a random victim – he was murdered. Travelling to Scotland, where he has inherited property, Juan immerses himself in the study of photography. When he pioneers a new device that inadvertently solves a crime, he is brought to the attention of local law enforcement, prompting a fateful invitation to help police hunt down a brutal serial killer plaguing the streets of Glasgow.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

The Art of the Assassin

Juan Camarón series

Sullivan, Kevin

1899, Glasgow. A man is stabbed to death in a tenement courtyard, and Juan Camarón, photographer-cum-sleuth, is enlisted to assist the police investigation. Perhaps his innovative photographic method can bring to light what the eye may have overlooked. Yet, Juan has problems of his own. His late father's legacy, a monumental photographic record of the architecture of colonial Cuba, is threatened by a charge of plagiarism from a mysterious *señora*. Meanwhile, Juan's hoped-for happiness with his fiancée, Jane, might be over before it's even begun; even more so, when a visiting professor is murdered, and Jane is witnessed fleeing the scene. Juan is torn between finding the killer and finding Jane, but are they one and the same? The truth may be hidden in the photographs.

Historical mystery HC \$39.99

Every Vow You Break

Swanson, Peter

After a whirlwind, fairy-tale romance, Abigail Baskin marries freshly-minted Silicon Valley millionaire Bruce Lamb. For their honeymoon, he whisks her away to an exclusive retreat at a friend's resort off the Maine coast on Heart Pond Island. But once there, Abigail's perfect new life threatens to crash down around her as she recognises one of their fellow guests as the good looking, charismatic stranger who weeks earlier had seduced her at her own Bachelorette party...

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

Rules for Perfect Murders

Swanson, Peter

If you want to get away with murder, play by the rules... Years ago, Malcolm Kershaw wrote a list of his 'Eight Favourite Murders' for his Old Devils mystery bookshop blog. Among others, it included those from Agatha Christie's *The ABC Murders*, Patricia Highsmith's *Strangers on a Train* and Donna Tartt's *The Secret History*. Now, just before Christmas, Malcolm finds himself at the heart of an investigation – as an FBI agent believes someone may be re-enacting each of the murders on his list. Can the killer be stopped, before they get away with eight perfect murders?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Mrs Mohr Goes Missing

Zofia Turbotynska series

Szymiczkowa, Maryla

Cracow, 1893. Desperate to relieve her boredom and improve her social standing, Zofia Turbotynska decides to organise a charity raffle. In a bid to recruit the patronage of elderly aristocratic ladies, she visits Helcel House, a retirement home run by nuns. But when two of the residents are found dead, Zofia discovers that her real talents lie in solving mysteries. Inspired by Agatha Christie and filled with period character and zesty charm, series opener *Mrs Mohr Goes Missing* vividly recreates life in turn-of-the-century Poland, confronting a range of issues from class prejudice to women's rights; proving everyone can find their passion in life, however unlikely that passion may seem. The thrilling opener to a new Agatha Christie-style mystery series, set in Poland. Recommended!

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

Karolina, or The Torn Curtain

Zofia Turbotynska series

Szymiczkowa, Maryla

Easter, 1895. The biggest event in the Catholic calendar is a disaster, in Zofia Turbotynska's household. Her maid Karolina has handed in her notice and, worse, gone missing. When Karolina's body is discovered, violated and stabbed, Zofia knows she has to investigate. Following a trail that leads her from the poorest districts of Galicia to the highest echelons of society, Zofia uncovers a web of gang crimes, sex trafficking, and corruption that will force her to question everything she knows. Set against the backdrop of the women's cause, *Karolina and the Torn Curtain* refuses to turn a blind eye to the injustices and inequalities of its era, and ours. The follow-up to the delightful *Mrs Mohr Goes Missing* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

Done Gone

Hannah Ives mysteries

Talley, Marcia

Hannah Ives is worried when her friends and long-time neighbours, Peter and Trish Young, are a surprising no show, at her Italian night. The couple seem to have vanished, without a trace. Have they made a quick getaway and 'done gone'? As she struggles to make sense of the Youngs' disappearance, Hannah gets a call from Trish. But when she meets up with her heavily disguised friend, their reunion takes a devastating twist. Keen to help Trish, Hannah's investigations lead her to a series of dark discoveries and secrets involving powerful political figures. With stakes getting higher and her own life on the line, can Hannah survive her journey into Trish's past, long enough to find out who wants to silence her, and why?

Mystery HC \$62.95

Nighthawking

Detective Adam Tyler series

Thomas, Russ

Under the dark cover of night, a figure climbs over the wall of the Botanical Garden with a bag and a metal detector. It's a dicey location in the populous city centre, but they're on the hunt – and while most of what they

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find will be worthless, it takes only one big reward to justify the risk. Only this time, the nighthawker unearths a body... Detective Sergeant Adam Tyler and his newly-promoted protégée, Detective Constable Amina Rabbani, are officially in charge of Cold Case Reviews. But with shrinking budgets and manpower in the department, both are shunted onto the murder investigation – and when the victim is identified as a Chinese national from a wealthy family, in the UK on a student visa, the case takes on new urgency to prevent an international incident. As Tyler and Rabbani dig further into the victim's life, it's becomes clear there's more to her studies and relationships than meets the eye, and that the original investigation into her disappearance was shoddy, at best. Meanwhile, someone else is watching these events... someone who knew the victim, and might hold the key to what happened, the night she vanished. The second of the Detective Sergeant Adam Tyler books, following *Firewatching* (PBK, \$19.99).
Thriller TP \$29.99

Dance with Death

Barker & Llewelyn mysteries

Thomas, Will

In June of 1893, the future Nicholas II travels to London for a royal wedding, bringing with him his private security force and his ballerina mistress, Mathilde Kchessinska. Rumoured to be the target of a professional assassin – known, only, as *La Sylphide* – and the subject of conspiracies against his life by his own family who covet his future throne, Nicholas is protected by not only private security, but the professional forces of both England and Russia. All of these measures prove inadequate, when Prince George of England is attacked by an armed anarchist, who mistakes him for Nicholas. As a result, Barker and Llewelyn are brought in to help track down the assassin and others who might conspire against the life of the tsarevitch. The investigations lead them down several paths, including Llewelyn's old nemesis, the assassin Sofia Ilyanova. With Barker and Llewelyn both surviving separate attempts on their lives, the race is on to find both the culprit and the assassin they hired. Taking them through high society (including a masked ball at Kensington Palace) and low, chasing down motives both personal and political, Barker and Llewelyn must solve the case of their life – before the crime of the century is committed.
Historical mystery HC \$57.95

A Divided Loyalty

Inspector Ian Rutledge Mysteries

Todd, Charles

A woman has been murdered at the foot of a megalith shaped like a great shrouded figure. Chief Inspector Brian Leslie, one of the Yard's best men, is sent to investigate the site in Avebury, a village set inside a prehistoric stone circle not far from Stonehenge. In spite of his efforts, Leslie is not able to identify her, much less discover how she got to Avebury – or why she died there. Her killer has simply left no trace. Several weeks later, when Ian Rutledge has returned from successfully concluding a similar case with an unidentified victim; he is asked to take a second look at Leslie's inquiry. But Rutledge suspects Chief Superintendent Markham simply wants him to fail. Leslie was right – Avebury refuses to yield its secrets. But Rutledge slowly widens his search, until he discovers an unexplained clue that seems to point toward an impossible solution. If he pursues it and he is wrong, he will draw the wrath of the Yard down on his head. But even if he is right, he can't be certain what he can prove, and that will play right into Markham's game. The easy answer is to let the first verdict stand: *Person or persons unknown*. But what about the victim? What does Rutledge owe this tragic young woman? Where must his loyalty lie?
Historical mystery TP \$32.99

The Last Trial

Turow, Scott

At 85-years-old, Alejandro Sandy Stern, a brilliant defence lawyer with his health failing but spirit intact, is on the brink of retirement. But when his old friend Dr Kiril Pafko, a former Nobel Prize winner in Medicine, is faced with charges of insider trading, fraud, and murder, his entire life's work is put in jeopardy, and Stern decides to take on one last trial. In a case that will be the defining coda to both men's accomplished lives, Stern probes beneath the surface of his friend's dazzling veneer as a distinguished cancer researcher. As the trial progresses, he will question everything he thought he knew about his friend. Despite Pafko's many failings, is he innocent of the terrible charges laid against him? How far will Stern go to save his friend, and – no matter the trial's outcome – will he ever know the truth Stern's duty to defend his client and his belief in the power of the judicial system both face a final, terrible test in the courtroom, where the evidence and reality are, sometimes, worlds apart.
Thriller PBK \$18.99

Hope, Faith, and a Corpse

Faith Chapel mysteries 01

Walker, Laura Jensen

Hope Taylor arrives in Apple Springs to start her new life, as the first female pastor of Faith Chapel Episcopal Church. The northern California town's quaint cottages, bungalows, and shops promise a fresh start for the 42-year-old widow and Bogie, her scruffy black Labrador. But where is Father Christopher? The kindly old rector who hired Pastor Hope was supposed to meet her, upon her arrival; but he's nowhere to be seen. Hope's faith springs eternal, so she explores the little white church hoping to find Father Christopher. But when she enters the columbarium, she instead finds church elder Stanley King – his skull crushed by a fallen burial urn. Hope had made Stanley's acquaintance before; she had struggled to take a charitable view of his character. Stanley was as wicked as he was wealthy, as petty as he was pious. His soul may have been holy, but his behaviour was wholly rotten. The last time Hope had seen him, he had shouted drunkenly that she would preach at Faith Chapel over his dead body. Many of the townsfolk witnessed the altercation, so Hope finds herself as the prime suspect in Stanley's murder. With Bogie's four-footed assistance, Hope is determined to find the real killer and clear her name... even if it will require a bit of divine intervention. The first in a series.
Mystery HC \$42.99

Hermit

White, S R

After a puzzling death in the wild bushlands of Australia, detective Dana Russo has just 12 hours to interrogate the prime suspect – a silent, inscrutable man found at the scene of the crime, who disappeared without trace, 15 years earlier. But where has he been? Why won't he talk? And exactly how dangerous is he? Without conclusive evidence to prove his guilt, Dana faces a desperate race against time to persuade him to speak. But as each interview spirals with fevered intensity, Dana must reckon with her own traumatic past to reveal the shocking truth...
Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Head Case

Sam Kelson mysteries

Wiley, Michael

While in the hospital recuperating from a gunshot wound, Chicago PI Sam Kelson is approached by a nurse, who's troubled

by three recent deaths. No pattern, no connection – except that three patients died when they shouldn't have. Initially sceptical, Kelson starts asking questions – and the more he uncovers, the clearer it becomes that something isn't right. What exactly has been going on at Clement Memorial Hospital? Has someone been killing patients? If so, why? As Kelson digs deeper, he comes to realise that someone is determined to prevent him finding out the truth. Whatever it takes.
Hardboiled HC \$62.95

The Secret Lives of Dentists Winter, W A

In 1955, small-town girls flock to Minneapolis for work, love, and adventure. But Teresa Hickman, from Dollar, North Dakota, is a special case. Beguiling. Promiscuous. And, on a chilly April morning, dead – along an abandoned trolley track in a Southside neighbourhood. Teresa Hickman was three months pregnant when she was strangled. Was the unborn child's father also her killer? Could the killer have been – among the many men drawn to her like flies to honey – Dr H David Rose, a middle-aged dentist who admits he was with her the night she died? There's no forensic evidence, or credible witnesses, tying him to the murder. Yet, the police, including a pair of obsessive investigators with lethal secrets of their own, agree that a Jewish dentist will get them a conviction. Dr Rose's spectacular trial and its shocking aftermath will mesmerise the Upper Midwest like few crime sagas, before or since.
Mystery TP \$39.95

The Honjin Murders

Yokomizo, Seishi

In the winter of 1937, the village of Okamura is abuzz with excitement, over the forthcoming wedding of a son of the grand Ichiyonagi family. But amid the gossip over the approaching festivities, there is also a worrying rumour – it seems a sinister masked man has been asking questions around the village. Then, on the night of the wedding, the Ichiyonagi household are woken by a terrible scream, followed by the sound of eerie music. Death has come to Okamura, leaving no trace but a bloody samurai sword, thrust into the pristine snow outside the house. Soon, amateur detective Kosuke Kindaichi is on the scene, to investigate what will become a legendary murder case; but can this scruffy sleuth solve a seemingly impossible crime?
Historical mystery (reissue) HC \$24.99