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PBK = 'A' & 'B' format (standard size) paperback TP = 'B+' & 'C' format (oversize) paperback

HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

THE ROAD HOME (PENGUIN SPECIALS)

Jie Fang, a boy whose name is synonymous with 'liberation', has a peculiar fascination with gunpowder. He accidentally brings trouble upon his family one day when he asks his father to paint a picture of his favourite war hero, Dong Cunrui, below the portrait of Chairman Mao. Despite his father's loyal devotion to the Party, the newly-drawn painting of the famous bomber who sacrificed himself for his country is interpreted as an attempt to blow up the chairman in a counter-revolutionary act. When his father is taken away, Jie Fang faces bullying from a clique of classmates. As the feud between them escalates, Jie Fang's unexpected discovery of a bomb

leads him to continue exploring his unusual affinity for gunpowder, and what it means to truly be a 'hero'.

BAKESHOP MYSTERIES 11: NOTHING BUNDT TROUBLE

ALEXANDER, Ellie

Spring has sprung in Ashland, Oregon, and everything at Torte seems to be coming up buttercream roses. But just when Juliet Capshaw seems to have found her sweet spot - with her staff set to handle the influx of tourists for this year's Shakespeare festival while she moves back into her childhood home - things take a dramatic turn. Jules discovers a long-forgotten dossier in her deceased father's belongings that details one of the most controversial cases in Ashland's history: a hit-and-run accident from the 1980s. Or was it? Now, it's up to Jules to parse through a whole new world of details from another era, from unravelling cassette tapes to recipes for Bundt cakes, before an old enemy brings the Capshaw 'pastry case' to a modern-day dead end

TERNS OF ENDEARMENT

ANDREWS, Donna

All aboard... for murder? Meg Langslow is only too pleased to join her grandfather on a cruise ship vacation dedicated to lectures on birds and other environmental topics. But Meg's vacation quickly becomes a nightmare when the ship breaks down and needs repairs... in the Bermuda Triangle. Ahoy! If that, plus nursing an injured tern back to health, isn't enough, a woman has jumped ship – leaving behind a note that reveals alarming details about her fellow writing-retreat members who are still onboard – and Meg's grandfather's assistant, Trevor, is now missing too. Suspicions are flying all around... Soon, it's up to Meg to swab the decks and solve this killer case – before more bodies are swept to shore.

Meg Langslow

QUINN COLSON: REVELATORS

ATKINS, Ace Thriller

ELLIOTT ROOK QC:

BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT BELL, Gary

Elliot Rook OC is one of the greatest barristers of his generation He is also a complete fraud. Elliot Rook is the epitome of a highlysuccessful, old-Etonian QC. Or, so, everyone believes. In fact, he is an ex-petty criminal with a past that he has spent decades keeping secret. Until now... An unidentified young woman of Middle Eastern origin has been found murdered on the outskirts of Rook's hometown. Billy Barber – a violent football hooligan and white supremacist – is accused of her murder. Barber insists that Rook must defend him. If Rook refuses, Barber will expose him, bringing crashing to the ground the life and career that Rook has spent his life building. The truth is there for the finding. But at what cost? The start of a thrilling new legal series, where the protagonist is a fraudulent QC, written by a British QC, well-liked

by a Brisbane QC (it's also long-listed for the Gold Dagger award for Best Crime Novel)... PBK Thriller \$19.99

BOOKTOWN MYSTERIES 13: A KILLER EDITION BARRETT, Lorna

With her assistant, Pixie, picking up more responsibility around the shop, Tricia Miles suddenly has a lot more time on her hands. Tricia decides to join the local animal-rescue board and enter the Great Stoneham Bake-Off, but neither pans out as smoothly as she'd hoped. Balancing a bake-off that's heating up with a frosty reception from the board, Tricia stops by Joyce Whitman's romance bookstore looking for a book to get her fired up. She stumbles on something hot, but it's an argument between Joyce and her neighbour Vera Olson instead of a steamy read. When Vera turns up dead in Joyce's garden hours later, Tricia has to wonder - could Joyce be the killer? Or is the culprit still lurking in town? One thing is for sure, someone in Stoneham is stirring up something more sinister than sweet. Tricia is determined to win the cutthroat cooking contest, but first she will have to make sure no one else is in danger of getting burned...

PBK

ISAIAH COLEDRIGE: BLACK MOUNTAIN

BARRON, Laird

Ex-Mob enforcer Isaiah Coledrige has hung out a shingle as a private eye in New York's Hudson Valley, and in his newest case, a seemingly simple murder investigation leads him to the most terrifying enemy he has ever faced. When a small-time criminal, named Harold Lee, turns up in the Ashokan reservoir - sans a heartbeat, head, or hands - the local Mafia capo hires Isaiah

Coleridge to look into the matter. The Mob likes crime, but only the crime it controls... and as it turns out, Lee is the second independent contractor to meet a bad end on the business side of a serrated knife. One such death can be overlooked. Two makes a man wonder. A guy in Harold Lee's business would make his fair share of enemies, and it seems a likely case of pure revenge. But as Coledrige turns over more stones, he finds himself dragged into something deeper and more insidious than he could have imagined, in a labyrinthine case, spanning decades. At the centre are an heiress moonlighting as a cabaret dancer, a powerful corporation with highplaced connections, and a serial killer who may have been honing his skills since the Vietnam War... A sequel to Blood Standard (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery/suspense

TOM THORNE: CRY BABY

BILLINGHAM, Mark Thriller

DROWNED LIVES BOOTH, Stephen

PBK

KEY WEST FOOD CRITIC MYSTERIES 08:

DEATH ON THE MENU

BURDETTE, Lucy PBK Mystery

NEVER FORGET

Mystery/suspense

BUSSI, Michel

Jamal loves to run. But one morning – as he is training on a path winding up a steep cliff - he stumbles across a woman in distress. It's a matter of seconds: suddenly she is falling through the air, crashing on the beach below. Jamal is only an unlucky bystander or is he? His version of events doesn't seem to fit with what other eyewitnesses claim to have seen. And how to explain the red scarf carefully arranged around the dead woman's neck? Perhaps, this was no accident after all. Or, perhaps, there is something more sinister afoot - a devilish plan decades in the making, masterminded by someone hell-bent on revenge.

Thriller

BLACKTOP WASTELAND

COSBY, S A

It's a crime that history repeats itself... Beauregard 'Bug' Montage: honest mechanic, loving husband, devoted parent. He's no longer the criminal, he once was – the sharpest wheelman on the east coast, infamous from the hills of North Carolina to the beaches of Florida. But when his respectable life begins to crumble, a shady associate comes calling with a clean, one-time job: a diamond heist promising a get-rich payout. Inexorably drawn to the driver's seat – and haunted by the ghost of his outlaw father - Bug is yanked back into a savage world of bullets and betrayal, which soon endangers all he holds dear... This stunning novel holds up a cracked mirror to the woozy ideals of the American dream – a dazzling, operatic story of a man pushed to his limits by poverty, race, and a scarred, selfdestructive masculinity. 'Blacktop Wasteland is an urgent, timely, pitch-perfect jolt of American noir.' - Dennis Lehane.

LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER

CROFT, Elle

If what they said was true, then the grotesque and the monstrous ran in her blood. It was imprinted within her very core, her DNA, a part of every cell in her body. Kat's children are both smart and well adjusted. On the outside, Kat has always tried to treat Imogen and Jemima equally, but she struggles with one of her daughters more than the other. Because Imogen's birth mother is a serial killer. And Imogen doesn't know. They say you can't choose your family, but what if your family choos

Thriller

JOHN MILTON: THE CLEANER

DAWSON, Mark

John Milton is the man the government call when they want a problem to vanish. But what happens, when he's the one that needs to disappear? After a botched job leaves a bloody trail, government assassin John Milton does the one thing he's never done before: he hides. Disappearing into London's bustling East End and holing up in a vacant flat, Milton becomes involved with single mother Sharon and her troubled son Elijah, who are caught in an increasingly bloody turf war between two rival gangs. Unable to ignore the threat, Milton sets about protecting mother and son, meeting violence with violence. But his involvement puts him in the sights of the government's next best killer, and before long Milton is not just fighting to save a family and a home - he's fighting to stay alive... The first in a high-octane thriller series that is perfect for fans of Jack Reacher and Jason Bourne. Suspense (reissue)

MEDLAR MYSTERIES 03:

A FORGOTTEN MURDER

DEVERAUX, Jude

An English manor home, an unsolved mystery, too many suspects to count... It's the perfect holiday for romance novelist Sara Medlar. Sara Medlar, her niece Kate and their friend Jack need a change of scenery so Sara arranges for them to visit an old friend in England. Upon arrival at Oxley Manor, a centuries-old estate converted to a luxury hotel, Kate and Jack quickly realise Sara is up to something.

They learn that Sara has also invited a number of others to join them. When everyone assembles, Sara explains. Decades earlier, two people ran off together from Oxley and haven't been heard from since - and Sara wants to solve the case. As the people who were there the night the two went missing, the guests find themselves cast in a live mystery-theatre event. In re-enacting the events of that night, Sara, Jack and Kate are once again at the heart of a mysterious case that only they are able to solve. But someone is willing to continue to kill to keep the truth about Oxley Manor buried, and none of the guests are safe.

\$24.95

THE SAFE PLACE

DOWNES, Anna

For struggling actress Emily Proudman, life in London is falling apart. So, when she is offered a live-in job working for a wealthy family on their luxurious coastal property in France, she jumps at the opportunity to start over. The estate is picture perfect, and its owners exude charisma and sophistication. But as Emily gets to know the family, their masks begin to slip, and what at first appears to be a dream come true turns out to be a prison from which none of them will ever escape – unless Emily can find a way to set them all free.

\$32.99 Mystery/suspense

THE GRAVES OF WHITECHAPEL

EVANS, Claire Victorian London, 1882. Five years ago, crusading lawyer Cage Lackmann successfully defended Moses Pickering against a charge of murder. Now, a body is found bearing all the disturbing hallmarks of that victim – and Pickering is missing. Did Cage free a brutal murderer? Cage's reputation is in tatters, and worse, he is implicated in this new murder by the bitter detective who led the first failed case. Left with no other alternative, Cage must find Pickering to prove his innocence. His increasingly desperate search takes him back to the past, to a woman he never thought to see again, and down into a warren of lies and betrayals concealed beneath Holland Park mansions and the mean streets of Whitechapel - where a murderer, heartbreak, and revenge lie in wait.

Historical mystery \$32.99

MAGIC GARDEN MYSTERIES 02: DEATH AND DAISIES

FLOWER, Amanda

Fiona Knox thought she was pulling her life back together when she inherited her godfather's cottage in Duncreigan, Scotland - complete with a magical walled garden. But the erstwhile Tennessee flower shop owner promptly found herself puddle bootdeep in danger when she found a dead body among the blossoms. One police investigation later (made a trifle less unpleasant by the presence of handsome Chief Inspector Neil Craig), and Fiona's life is getting back on track. Her sister Isla has just moved in with her, and the grand opening of her new venture, the Climbing Rose Flower Shop in Aberdeenshire, is imminent. But dark clouds are gathering to douse Fiona's newly sunny outlook. First, imperious parish minister Quaid MacCullen makes it undeniably clear that he would be happy to send Fiona back to Tennessee. Then, a horrific lightning storm threatens to tear apart the elderly cottage and sends Fi and Isla cowering under their beds. The storm passes, as storms do, and Fi's heart flutters when Chief Inspector Craig texts her to make sure she's all right. But then, Fi and Craig are called away from the Climbing Rose's opening soiree when Kipling, the tiny village's weak-kneed volunteer police chief, finds a dead body on the beach. The body proves difficult to identify, but Kipling is certain it's that of the parish minister. Which makes Fiona, MacCullen's new nemesis, a suspect. Also, Isla has been behaving strangely... did she do something unspeakable to protect her sister? The last thing Fiona wanted to do was play detective again. But, now, the rosy future she'd envisioned is going to seed, and if she and Craig can't clear her name, her idyllic life will wilt away. Mystery PBK

THE SHAPE OF NIGHT

GERRITSEN, Tess

If the walls could talk... they'd tell her to leave. Now. When Ava arrives at Brodie's Watch, she thinks she has found the perfect place to hide from her past. Something terrible happened, something she is deeply ashamed of, and all she wants is to forget. But the old house on the hill both welcomes and repels her and Ava quickly begins to suspect she is not alone. Either that or she is losing her mind. The house is full of secrets, but is the creeping sense of danger coming from within its walls, or from somewhere

PBK

THE LAST WIFE

HAMILTON, Karen

Two women. A dving wish. And a web of lies that will bring their world crashing down. Nina and Marie were best friends - until Nina was diagnosed with a terminal illness. Before she died, Nina asked Marie to fulfill her final wishes. But her mistake was in thinking Marie was someone she could trust. What Nina didn't know was that Marie always wanted her beautiful life, and that Marie has an agenda of her own. She'll do anything to get what she wants. Marie thinks she can keep her promise to her friend's family on her own terms. But what she doesn't know is that Nina was hiding explosive secrets of her own...

Mystery

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THE SECOND SLEEP

HARRIS, Robert

Dusk is gathering as a young priest, Christopher Fairfax, rides across a silent land. It's a crime to be out after dark, and Fairfax knows he must arrive at his destination - a remote village in the wilds of Exmoor - before night falls and curfew is imposed. He's lost and he's becoming anxious as he slowly picks his way across a countryside strewn with the ancient artefacts of a civilisation that seems to have ended in cataclysm. What Fairfax cannot know is that, in the days and weeks to come, everything he believes in will be tested to destruction, as he uncovers a secret that is as dangerous as it is terrifying.

BRADECOTE & CATCHPOLL: FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH HAWKSWOOD, Sarah

Historical mystery

LAWLESS NEW YORK: HUDSON'S KILL

HIRSCH, Paddy

New York, 1803. The expanding city is rife with tension, and violence simmers on every street as black and Irish gangs fight for control. When a young girl is found brutally murdered, Marshal Justy Flanagan must find the killer before a mob takes the law into their own hands. Kerry O'Toole, Justy's friend and ally, decides to pursue her own inquiries into the girl's murder. When they each find their way into a shadowy community on the fringes of the city, Justy and Kerry encounter a treacherous web of political conspiracy and criminal enterprise. As events dangerously escalate, they must fight to save not only the city, but also themselves... The follow-up to The Devil's Half Mile (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery

THE LAST HIGH

KALLA, Daniel

Thriller

A PHILOSOPHICAL INVESTIGATION

KERR, Philip

London, 2013, and the city is battling an epidemic of serial killings - even with the widespread government use of DNA detection, brain imaging, and the 'punitive coma'. Detective Isadora 'Jake' Jacowicz is hunting a murderer, code-named 'Wittgenstein', who has taken it upon himself to eliminate anyone who has tested positive, for a tendency towards violent behaviour – even if they've never committed a crime. His intellectual brilliance is matched only by his homicidal madness. A posthumous reissue.

Thriller (reissue)

MARY RUSSELL: RIVIERA GOLD

KING, Laurie R

It's summertime on the Riviera, where the Jazz Age is busily reinventing the holiday delights of warm days on golden sand and cool nights on terraces and dance floors. Just up the coast lies a more traditional pleasure ground: Monte Carlo, where fortunes are won, lost, stolen, and hidden away. So, when Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes happen across the Côte d'Azur in this summer of 1925, they find themselves pulled between the young and the old, hot sun and cool jazz, new friendships and old loyalties, childlike pleasures, and very grownup sins...

Sherlockiana

FOR THE SAKE OF THE GAME: STORIES INSPIRED BY THE SHERLOCK HOLMES CANON KING, Laurie R & KLINGER, Leslie S (editors)

For the Sake of the Game is the latest volume in the award-winning series from editors Laurie R King and Leslie S Klinger, with stories of Sherlock Holmes, Dr Watson, and friends in a variety of eras and forms. King and Klinger have a simple formula: ask some of the world's greatest writers – regardless of genre – to be inspired by the stories of Arthur Conan Doyle. The results are surprising and joyous. Some tales are pastiches, featuring the recognisable figures of Holmes and Watson; others step away in time or place to describe characters and stories influenced by the Holmes world. Some of the authors spin whimsical tales of fancy; others tell hard-core thrillers or puzzling mysteries. One beloved author writes a song; two others craft a melancholy graphic tale of insectoid analysis. This is not a volume for readers who crave a steady diet of stories about Holmes and Watson on Baker Street: rather, it is for the generations of readers who were themselves inspired by the classic tales, and who are prepared to let their imaginations roam freely. Featuring stories by: Peter S Beagle, Rhys Bowen, Reed Farrel Coleman, Jamie Freveletti, Alan Gordon, Gregg Hurwitz, Toni L P Kelner, William Kotzwinkle and Joe Servello, Harley Jane Kozak, D P Lyle, Weston Ochse, Zoe Sharp, Duane Swierczynski, and F Paul Wilson.

DETECTIVE LEW KIRBY: THE BONE JAR

KANE, S W Mystery/suspense **OUT OF TIME**

THIS TENDER LAND KRUEGER, William Kent

Mystery/suspense

HIGHWAY 59: HEAVEN, MY HOME

Sherlockiana

KLASS, David

Thriller

When the young son of an Arvan Brotherhood of Texas gang captain goes missing, Ranger Darren Matthews has no choice but to investigate the crime. Following the election of Donald Trump, a new wave of racial violence has swept the state. Dark, swampy and filled with skeletal trees, Caddo Lake is so large it crosses into Louisiana. This is deep country and the rule of law doesn't mean much to the Brotherhood, beyond what it can do for them. A further complication is that Brotherhood is squatting on the land of a former Freedmen's community, and one of the last descendants of these

former slaves is actually a suspect, in the possible murder of the missing boy. Instructed by his lieutenant to use the investigation to gather more evidence that might help to take down the Texas chapter of the Brotherhood, Darren is playing very dangerous game indeed. The sequel to Bluebird, Bluebird (PBK, \$19.99).

CROC COUNTRY

MCGINNIS, Kerry

Why would the police come back looking for a dead man? Young widow Tilly is making a new life for herself, keeping house for the rangers at the Binboona Wildlife Sanctuary in the isolated wilderness of the north-western Gulf Country. Caring for injured wildlife and helping to run the popular tourist campsite are just the distraction she needs from everything she left behind when her husband, Gerry, and young daughter were lost at sea. But when the police show up asking questions about Gerry, the peaceful routine she's built is disrupted as she begins to question what really happened to her family. The arrival of botanist Connor stirs up even more emotion, and has Tilly questioning who she can trust. When she and young ranger Luke stumble across evidence of wildlife smugglers on a visit to the local caves, suddenly her sanctuary is no longer safe and it becomes clear the past has well and truly come back to haunt her.

Mystery/suspense

LIBRARY LOVER'S MYSTERIES 10: WORD TO THE WISE

MCKINLAY, Jenn

Lindsey Norris is finally getting married to the man of her dreams - but it's not all roses for Briar Creek's beloved library director, as town newcomer Aaron Grady gives the term 'book lover' a whole new meaning. Inappropriate looks and unwelcome late-night visits to Lindsey's house have everyone from the crafternooners to Lindsey's fiancé, Sully, on edge. When Grady's dead body is found outside the library and all the clues point to Sully, Lindsey knows it's up to her to find the real culprit and clear Sully's name. But becoming a thorn in the killer's side is not without its consequences, and the closer Lindsey gets to the truth, the more determined the murderer is to make her just a footnote.

RAILWAY DETECTIVE:

FEAR ON THE PHANTOM SPECIAL

MARSTON, Edward

Hallowe'en, 1861. A special train with two carriages steams across the Lake District at night on its way to a place notorious for its record of supernatural incidents. Most of those on board have been fortified by alcohol so the mood is boisterous. Without warning the lamp goes out in the last compartment of the second carriage, plunging it into darkness. When the train reaches the end of the line, the passengers pour out on to the station platform. There are almost sixty of them in all, laughing and jostling, but the prevailing excitement is shattered by a cry for help - someone is missing. Inspector Colbeck and Sergeant Leeming are called in to investigate this peculiar occurrence. With some believing the missing man is the victim of a ghost said to haunt the site and no discernible trace of the man anywhere to be seen, this will prove to be a puzzling case indeed for the Railway Detective. The hardcover edition of the next Bow Street Rivals mystery, Rage of the Assassin, is also now available (\$39.99).

PBK Historical mystery

LOCKDOWN

London. The city is in lockdown in a pandemic. Martial law is in place. The hospitals and emergency services are overwhelmed. Violence and civil disorder are simmering. 'They said that twentyfive percent of the population would catch the flu. Between seventy and eight percent of them would die. He had been directly exposed to it, and the odds weren't good.' London, the epicentre of a global pandemic, is a city in lockdown. Violence and civil disorder simmer. Martial law has been imposed. No one is safe from the deadly virus that has already claimed thousands of victims. Health and emergency services are overwhelmed. At a building site for a temporary hospital, construction workers find a bag containing the rendered bones of a murdered child. A remorseless killer has been unleashed on the city; his mission is to take all measures necessary to prevent the bones from being identified. DI Jack MacNeil. counting down the hours on his final day with the Met, is sent to investigate. His career is in ruins, his marriage over and his own family touched by the virus. Sinister forces are tracking his every move, prepared to kill again to conceal the truth. Which will stop him first – the virus or the killers? Written over fifteen years ago, this prescient, suspenseful thriller is set against a backdrop of a capital city in quarantine; and explores human experience, in the grip of a killer virus.

Thriller

THE SUMMER OF KIM NOVAK

NESSER, Hakan

Sweden in the '60s. Erik and his friend Edmund spend their vacation, by a forest lake - daydreaming about Ewa, a young substitute teacher, with an uncanny resemblance to the actress Kim Novak. The boys are having the time of their lives until a shocking discovery disrupts their world. Twenty-five years later, Erik comes across a newspaper article about unsolved crimes and is overwhelmed by memories and questions, from that summer of his youth. What actually happened, back then?

Thriller

LOVE AND OTHER CRIMES: STORIES

PARETSKY, Sara

Sara Paretsky is the master of twisting suspense and compelling plots. She has been hailed by the crime community as 'a legend' (Harlan Coben) and 'one of the all-time greats' (Karin Slaughter). Her acclaimed novels featuring detective V I Warshawski have become one of the most celebrated series in modern fiction. Now, in this spellbinding collection, Paretsky showcases her extraordinary talents with fourteen short stories, including one new V I story

and seven other classics featuring the indomitable detective. In 'Miss Bianca', a young girl becomes involved in espionage when she befriends a mouse in a laboratory that is conducting dark experiments. Ten-year-old V I Warshawski appears in 'Wildcat', embarking on her very first investigation to save her father. A hardboiled New York detective and elderly British aristocrat team up, to reveal a murderer in Chicago during the World's Fair in 'Murder at the Century of Progress'. In the new title story, 'Love and Other Crimes', V I treads the line between justice and vengeance, when the wrongful firing of a family friend makes him a murder suspect. For long-time fans of V I Warshawski, new readers discovering her for the first time, or any lover of crime and bone-chilling suspense, Love and Other Crimes is a celebration of Paretsky's exceptional storytelling skill and a searing exploration of the dark conspiracies, and desperate human acts, hiding in plain sight.

Mystery collection

INSPECTOR GAMACHE: A BETTER MAN

PENNY, Louise This fantastic series begins with Still Life (PBK, \$19.99).

PBK Mystery

DANIEL PITT MYSTERIES: ONE FATAL FLAW PERRY, Anne

Historical mystery

THE BLUFFS

When a school group of teenage girls goes missing in the remote wilderness of Tasmania's Great Western Tiers, the people of Limestone Creek are immediately on alert. Three decades ago, five young girls disappeared in the area of those dangerous bluffs, and the legend of 'the Hungry Man' still haunts locals to this day. Now, authorities can determine that the teacher, Eliza Ellis, was knocked unconscious, so someone on the mountain was up to foul play. Jordan Murphy, the local dealer and father of missing student Jasmine, instantly becomes the prime suspect. But Detective Con Badenhorst knows that in a town this size - with corrupt cops, small-town politics, and a teenage YouTube sensation - everyone is hiding something, and bluffing is second nature. When a body is found, mauled, at the bottom of a cliff, suspicion turns to a wild animal - but that can't explain why she was discovered barefoot, her shoes at the top of the cliff, laces neatly tied.

Mystery/suspense

REVOLUTION SPY: THE BASTILLE SPY

England's best spy. France's deadliest prison. Paris, 1789. English spy Attica Morgan's success freeing kidnapped Britons has earned her acclaim with an underground network. But it has also led to attention of dangerously powerful men. So, when she's given a new assignment in Paris, a city with revolution in the air, her instinct is to run. Because, in Paris, nothing is what it seems. Skirmishes in the city are rife and English visitors are viewed with suspicion. Attica is charged with investigating the murder of a rebel in the morgue of the Bastille, that notorious prison of no return. A murder, her backers are convinced is part of a much more treacherous plot. With France on the cusp of a bloody revolution, Attica soon realises her mission is a great deal deadlier than she bargained for. A mythic treasure has vanished, a strange man named Robespierre wants her dead, and on the city streets, all hell is about to break loose... The first in a series. Historical mystery/suspense PBK

MISS GRAHAM'S COLD WAR COOKBOOK

Germany, 1946 - A reluctant spy is born... Sent to Germany in the chaotic aftermath of World War II, Edith Graham is finally getting the chance to do her bit. Having taught at a girls' school during the conflict, she leaps at the opportunity to escape an ordinary life – but Edith is not everything she seems to be. Under the guise of her innocent cover story, Edith has been recruited to root out Nazis who are trying to escape prosecution. Secretly, she is sending coding messages back to the UK, hidden inside innocuous recipes sent to a friend – after all, who would expect notes on sauerkraut to contain the clues that would crack a criminal underground network? But the closer she gets to the truth, the muddier the line becomes between good and evil. In a dangerous world of shifting loyalties, when the enemy wears the face of a friend, who do you trust?

THE RED RIGHT HAND ROGERS, Joel Townsley

\$49.95/\$26.95 HC/TP American Mystery Classics

THE SANDPIT

SHAKESPEARE, Nicholas

When John Dyer returns to Oxford from Brazil with his young son, he doesn't expect to find them both in danger. Every day is the same. He drops Leandro at his smart prep school and walks to the library to research his new book. His time living on the edge as a foreign correspondent in Rio is over. But the rainy streets of this English city turn out to be just as treacherous as those he used to walk in the favelas. Leandro's schoolmates are the children of influential people, among them an international banker, a Russian oligarch, an American CIA operative and a British spook. As they congregate round the sports field for the weekly football matches, the network of alliances and covert interests that spreads between these power brokers soon becomes clear to Dyer, But it is a chance conversation with an Iranian nuclear scientist, Rustum Marvar, father of a friend of Leandro, that sets him onto a truly precarious path. When Marvar and his son disappear, several sinister factions seem acutely interested in Marvar's ground-breaking research at the Physics Faculty, and what he might have told Dyer about it, given Dyer was the last person to see Marvar alive.

FURTHER ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE VENERABLE TIGER

SICILIANO, Sam

Sherlock Holmes acquires a new client – when a beautiful young woman, Isabel Stone, faints on the steps of his Baker Street rooms. She has come to beg his assistance in reclaiming the priceless iewels kept from her - by her tyrannical stepfather. Captain Grimbold Pratt. But shortly after agreeing to take her case, Captain Pratt comes to Baker Street, furious that Isabel is trying to deprive him of his fortune. Unsure who to believe, Holmes and his cousin, Dr Henry Vernier, must travel to Pratt's estate, home to tigers, wolves, and murderers - to unravel a family mystery, dating back to the Indian Mutiny.

Sherlockiana \$19.99

\$32.99

GABRIEL ALLON: THE ORDER

The previous Allon book, The New Girl (PBK, \$19.99), is also available now.

WILL TRENT: THE SILENT WIFE

SLAUGHTER, Karin

ISABEL DALHOUSIE:

THE GEOMETRY OF HOLDING HANDS

SMITH, Alexander McCall

In Edinburgh, rumours and gossip abound. But Isabel knows that such things can't be taken at face value. Still, the latest whispers hint at mysterious goings on; and who, but Isabel, can be trusted to get to the bottom of them? At the same time, she must deal with the demands of her two small children, her husband and her rather tempestuous niece, Cat, whose latest romantic entanglement comes – to no one's surprise – with complications. Even with so much going on, Isabel, through the application of good sense, logic and ethics, will, as ever, triumph. This gentle, philosophical, mystery series, set in Edinburgh, begins with The Sunday Philosophy Club (PBK, \$19.99). Also available now is the paperback edition of the latest 44 Scotland Street book: The Peppermint Tea Chronicles (\$19.99).

OUIET ACTS OF VIOLENCE

STAINCLIFFE, Cath

Manchester, today. A dead baby. A missing mother. A cradle of secrets. Has the woman killed her child? Is she at risk to herself? Someone in the neighbourhood of old terraced streets has the answers. But detectives Donna Bell and Jade Bradshaw find lies and obstruction at every turn, in a community living on the edge, ground down by austerity and no hope. A place of broken dreams. Of desperation. And murder. When a stranger crashes into Jade's life, her past comes hurtling back, threatening to destroy her and the world she has carved out for herself. Donna struggles to juggle everything: work, marriage, kids. It's a precarious balancing act, and the rug is about to be pulled from under her.

Mystery TP

MAKING WOLF

THOMPSON, Tade

Meet Weston Kogi, a London supermarket store detective. He returns home to his West African home country for his aunt's funeral. He sees his family, his ex-girlfriend Nana, his old school mate Church. Food is good, beer is plentiful, and telling people he works as a homicide detective seems like harmless hyperbole, until he wakes up in hell. He is kidnapped and forced – by two separate rebel factions - to investigate the murder of a local hero, Papa Busi. The solution may tip a country on the brink into civil war. An outrageous, frightening, violent and, sometimes, surreal homecoming experience of a lifetime, by the 2019 Arthur C Clarke

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WASSMER, Julie

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(FILM TIE-IN EDITION)

WILLEFORD, Charles

Art critic James Figueras is a psychotic, an amoral unrepentant killer. Out to make a lasting name for himself, he seeks out the greatest painter in the world – now, a hermit in the Florida swamplands. Figueras is after more than the man, however – he wants the work, and something more... something more horrible than can be imagined. Crossing the art world with the underworld, The Burnt Orange Heresy ranges from the upbeat Florida sunshine to an art collector who doesn't care how his art is collected, even if it involves murder. Soon to be a major film, starring Elizabeth Debicki, Claes Bang, Donald Sutherland, and Mick Jagger. PBK Mystery (reissue)

A MOTHER'S LIE

ZETTEL, Sarah

Beth Fraser finally has her life together. She's built a successful career in the tech sector, has a bright fifteen-year-old daughter. and she's completely erased all evidence of her troubled past. At least, that's what she thought. Dana Fraser always wondered why she's the only kid with two backup phones, emergency drills, and a non-negotiable check-in time, every single day. When a stranger approaches her on the street, claiming to be her grandmother. Dana starts to question what else her mother has been hiding. Soon, Beth's worst nightmare is coming true: Dana is in grave danger, and unless Beth is willing to pull one last con job for her parents, she may never see her daughter again.

Thriller