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Until next time, good reading!  
Ron and Leanne

**QUINN COLSON: THE SHAMELESS**  
ATKINS, Ace

Twenty years ago, Brandon Taylor was thought to be just another teen boy who ended his life, too soon. That's what almost everyone in Tibbehah County, Mississippi, said after his body and hunting rifle were found in the Big Woods. Now two New York-based reporters show up asking Sheriff Quinn Colson questions about the Taylor case. What happened to the evidence? Where are the missing files? Who really killed Brandon? Quinn wants to help. After all, his wife Maggie was a close friend of Brandon Taylor. But Quinn was just a kid himself in 1997; and, these days, he's got more on his plate than twenty-year-old suspicious death. He's trying to shut down the criminal syndicate that's had a stranglehold on Tibbehah for years, trafficking drugs, stolen goods, and young women through the mid-south. Truck stop madam Fannie Hathcock runs most of that action, and has her eyes on taking over the whole show. And then there's Senator Jimmy Vardaman, who's cut out the old political establishment riding the Syndicate's money and power – plus a hefty helping of racism and ignorance – straight to the governor's office. If he manages to get elected, the Syndicate will be untouchable. Tibbehah will be lawless. Quinn's been fighting evil and corruption since he was a kid, at home or as a US Army Ranger, in Afghanistan and Iraq. This time, evil may win out.

**Thriller PBK \$22.99**

**THE INSPECTOR OF STRANGE AND UNEXPLAINED DEATHS**  
BARDE-CABUÇON, Olivier

Everyone has secrets. Especially the king. When a gruesomely mutilated body is found on the squalid streets of Paris in 1759, the Inspector of Strange and Unexplained Deaths is called to the scene. The body count soon begins to rise, and the Inspector falls into a web of deceit that stretches from criminals, secret orders, revolutionaries and aristocrats to very top of society. In the murky world of the court of King Louis XV, finding out the truth will prove to be anything but straightforward. Previously published as *Casanova and the Faceless Woman*.

**Historical mystery PBK \$19.99**

**AGATHA RAISIN: BEATING ABOUT THE BUSH**  
BEATON, M C

When private detective Agatha Raisin comes across a severed leg in a roadside hedge, it looks like she is about to become involved in a particularly gruesome murder. Looks, however, can be deceiving, as Agatha discovers when she is employed to investigate a case of industrial espionage at a factory, where nothing is quite what it seems. The factory mystery soon turns to murder and a bad-tempered donkey turns Agatha into a national celebrity, before bringing her ridicule and shame. To add to her woes, Agatha finds herself grappling with growing feelings for her friend and occasional lover, Sir Charles Fraith. Then, as a possible solution to the factory murder unfolds, her own life is thrown into deadly peril. Will Agatha get her man, at last? Or will the killer get her first?

**Mystery PBK \$19.99**

**DEATH IN WHITE PYJAMAS & DEATH KNOWS NO CALENDAR**  
BUDE, John

Two mysteries of the kind John Bude does best, with well-drawn and authentic period settings and a satisfying whodunit structure, following the traditional rules and style of the Golden Age of the genre.

*Death in White Pyjamas*: At the country home of Sam Richardson, a group of actors have gathered along with their somewhat sinister producer Basil Barnes, and a playwright whose star is rising in the drama scene. With competitive tension in the air between the three actresses, Clara, Angela and Deirdre, the spell is broken when Deirdre is found murdered in the grounds wearing, for some unknown reason, white pyjamas.

*Death Knows No Calendar*: A shooting in a locked artist's studio. Four suspects; at least two of whom are engaged in an affair. An exuberant and energetic case for Major Boddy.

**British Library Crime Classics TP \$33.95**

**WORLD'S END BUREAU VICTORIAN MYSTERIES: THE WOMAN WHO SPOKE TO SPIRITS**  
CLARE, Alys

Accounts clerk Ernest Stibbins approaches the World's End investigation bureau, claiming his wife Albertina has been warned by her spirit guides that someone is out to harm her. Lily Raynor is initially sceptical; but after attending a séance, she realises Albertina is in terrible danger... but how do you investigate threats from beyond the grave? The first in a new series.

**Historical mystery TP \$29.95**

**VICTORIAN VILLAGE MYSTERIES 02: KILLER IN THE CARRIAGE HOUSE**  
CONNOLLY, Sheila

Coming back to her hometown was never on the agenda for hotelier Kate Hamilton. But when she's offered a chance to lead the charge of transforming the landscape into a Victorian village and tourist attraction, Kate can't quite refuse. The only problem? Nobody in Asheboro has the passion, or the funds, to get plans off the ground... until Kate teams up with handsome historian Joshua Wainwright, who has ambitious ideas of his own involving an old mansion and a treasure-trove of documents that could attract investors and help seal the deal. Then, just as Kate and Josh seem ready to pull the trigger, a dead body turns up in the town library. Do these mysterious papers spell danger instead of dollars? That's what Kate intends to find out – before all bets are off... and someone else ends up six feet under.

**Mystery PBK \$24.95**

**DR SIRI PAIBOUN MYSTERIES: THE SECOND BIGGEST NOTHING**  
COTTERILL, Colin

Vientiane, 1980: For a man of his age and in his corner of the world, Dr Siri, the 76-year-old former national coroner of Laos, is doing remarkably well – especially considering the fact that he is possessed by a thousand-year-old Hmong shaman. That is, until he finds a mysterious note tied to his dog's tail. Upon finding someone to translate the note, Dr Siri learns it is a death threat addressed not only to him, but to everyone he holds dear. Whoever wrote the note claims the job will be executed in two weeks. Thus, at the urging of his wife and his motley crew of faithful friends, Dr Siri must figure out who wants him dead, prompting him to recount three incidents over the years: an early meeting with his lifelong pal Civilai in Paris, in the early '30s; a particularly disruptive visit to an art museum in Saigon in 1956; and a prisoner of war negotiation in Hanoi at the height of the Vietnam War in the '70s. There will be grave consequences in the present, if Dr Siri can't decipher the clues from his past.

**Mystery TP \$27.99**

**STICKS AND STONES**  
FIRKIN, Katherine

It's winter in Melbourne and Detective Emmett Corban is starting to regret his promotion to head of the Missing Persons Unit, as the routine reports pile up on his desk. So, when Natale Gibson goes missing, he's convinced this is the big case he's been waiting for – the woman's husband and parents insist the devoted mother would never abandon her children, and her personal accounts remain untouched. But things aren't all they seem. The close-knit Italian family is keeping secrets – none bigger than the one Natale has been hiding. Just as the net seems to be tightening, the investigation is turned on its head. The body of a woman is found... then another. What had seemed like a standard missing person's case has turned into a frightening hunt for a serial killer, and time is running out. But to really understand these shocking crimes, Emmett and his team will need to delve back through decades of neglect – back to a squalid inner-city flat, where a young boy is left huddling over his mother's body...

**Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99**

**THE MYSTERY OF HENRI PICK**  
FOENKINOS, David

In the small town of Crozon in Brittany, a library houses manuscripts that were rejected for publication: the faded dreams of aspiring writers. Visiting while on holiday, young editor Delphine Despero is thrilled to discover a novel – so powerful she feels compelled to bring it back to Paris, to publish it. The book is a sensation, prompting fevered interest in the identity of its author – apparently, one Henri Pick, a now-deceased pizza chef from Crozon. Sceptics cry that the whole thing is a hoax: how could this man have written such a masterpiece? An obstinate journalist, Jean-Michel Rouche, heads to Brittany to investigate. By turns farcical and moving, *The Mystery of Henri Pick* is a fast-paced comic mystery, enriched by a deep love of books – and of the authors who write them.

**Mystery PBK \$19.99**

**UNDER OCCUPATION**  
FURST, Alan

Occupied Paris in 1942, a dark, treacherous city – now ruled by the German security services – where French resistance networks are working secretly to defeat Hitler. Just before he dies, a man being chased by the Gestapo hands off, to Paul Ricard, a strange-looking drawing. It looks like a part for a military weapon; Ricard realises it must be an important document, smuggled out of Germany to

aid the resistance. As Ricard is drawn deeper and deeper into the French resistance network, his increasingly dangerous assignments lead him to travel to Germany, along the underground safe houses of the resistance – all the way to the mysterious and beautiful Leila, a professional spy. Spying and subterfuge in occupied Paris from one of the great masters of the spy genre. Inspired by the true story of Polish prisoners in Nazi Germany, who smuggled valuable intelligence to the French resistance. Recommended!  
**Suspense PBK \$22.99**

**PERRY MASON MYSTERIES: THE CASE OF THE BAITED HOOK**  
GARDNER, Erle Stanley

The bait is half of a \$10,000 bill, delivered to Perry Mason by a man who promises the second half of the note – should his companion, a silent masked woman, ever require the lawyer's services. When a dead body is discovered, soon after, Mason feels the hook – but how can one prove the innocence of a person whose identity is unknown? Suspecting that he's been set up, but curious nonetheless; Perry sets out to solve the mystery from the ground up, beginning with the face behind the veil. The more he learns, the more complex his investigation becomes. Uncovering a convoluted case of stock fraud, divorce, and inheritance, Mason's nearly left reeling – that is until, with the help of Della Street and Paul Drake, he pulls off one of his most daring gambits ever to finally cast light on the killer. Filled with memorable characters, a multitude of motives, and just a few red herrings, *The Case of the Baited Hook* is classic Perry Mason, showcasing the character's brilliance and pizzazz with a plot that pushes his powers into overdrive. As puzzling as it is entertaining, the book exemplifies the style that made Erle Stanley Gardner one of the most popular authors of the twentieth century.

**American Mystery Classics TP/HC \$35.95/\$55.00**

**DAUGHTER OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ALISTAIR AINSWORTH**  
GOLDBERG, Leonard

Joanna and the Watsons receive an unexpected visitor to 221b Baker Street during a nocturnal storm. A rain-drenched Dr Alexander Verner arrives with a most harrowing tale. Verner has just returned from an unsettling trip to see a patient who he believes is being held against his will. Joanna quickly realises that Verner's patient is a high-ranking Englishman who the Germans have taken captive to pry vital information about England's military strategies for the Great War. The man is revealed to be Alistair Ainsworth, a cryptographer involved in the highest level of national security. The police are frantic to find Ainsworth before the Germans can use him to decode all of England's undeciphered messages. Ainsworth must be found, at all costs; and Joanna and the Watsons might be the only ones who can connect the clues to find him.

**Sherlockiana TP \$26.95**

**THE RAT BEGAN TO GNAW THE ROPE**  
GRAFTON, C W

Short, chubby, and awkward with members of the opposite sex, Gil Henry is the youngest partner in a small law firm, not a hardboiled sleuth. So, when an attractive young woman named Ruth McClure walks into his office and asks him to investigate the value of the stock she inherited from her father, he thinks nothing of it – until someone makes an attempt on his life. Soon, Gil is inadvertently embroiled in a classic American scandal, subterfuge, and murder. He's beaten, shot, and stabbed, as his colleagues and enemies try to stop him from seeing the case through to the end. Surrounded by adversaries, he teams up with Ruth and her secretive brother – to find answers to the questions someone desperately wants to keep him from asking. In this portrait of America on the eve of America's entry into World War II, C W Grafton – himself, a lawyer and the father of prolific mystery writer Sue Grafton – pens an award-winning historical crime fiction that combines humour and the hardboiled style and will keep readers guessing until its thrilling conclusion.

**Library of Congress Crime Classics TP \$27.99**

**CARI MORA**  
HARRIS, Thomas

A story of evil, greed and the consequences of dark obsession. Twenty-five million dollars in cartel gold lies hidden, beneath a mansion on the Miami Beach waterfront. Ruthless men have tracked it for years. Cari Mora, caretaker of the house, has escaped the violence of her native country. Beautiful and marked by war, she catches the eye of Hans-Peter Schneider, the insatiably violent leader of the group of men looking for the gold. But Cari has surprising skills, and her will to survive has been tested, before.

**Suspense PBK \$19.99**

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

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### **BRADECOTE & CATCHPOLL: VALE OF TEARS**

HAWKSWOOD, Sarah

April 1144. A body is found floating in Fladbury mill leat, a man in green who has been stabbed but not robbed. The lord sheriff's trio discover him to be an Evesham horse dealer, who has a beautiful young wife who 'strays'. Did the wife or one of her lovers get rid of him? What is the connection with the lord of Harvington, who wed the man's sister, and how did that lady meet her death? What connection is there with the defrocked monk who worked on some leases for the lord and was hanged for theft, and where is the horse dealers' horse? The trio have to work seamlessly together to unravel the thread that links seemingly disparate deaths before even more people die, and in the process keep Walkelin from the noose. This clever mediaeval series begins with *Servant of Death* (PBK, \$19.99).

**Historical mystery PBK \$19.99**

### **COLD CASE QUARTET: THE INNER DARKNESS**

HORST, Jörn Lier

Thomas Kerr has finally agreed to lead the police to his final victim's grave. But the expedition goes horribly wrong after his escape into the Norwegian forest. Wisting must launch a frantic search to find this cold-blooded killer before he strikes again. But the body of another woman, killed weeks before, has been found. Murdered in the same way as Kerr's victims. Is there a copycat killer on the loose? As the clock counts down to the next murder, Wisting must put everything on the line to stop a terrifying evil, before it strikes again. The Cold Case Quartet begins with *The Katharina Code* (PBK, \$19.99). Recommended.

**Mystery TP \$32.99**

### **THE HONOURABLE LIFE OF THOMAS CHAYNE**

JEFFERIES, Cynthia

Thomas Chayne has never managed to impress his overbearing father; and, when a small act of rebellion has lasting consequences, Thomas finds himself exiled in disgrace. But with England on the brink of civil war, a larger revolution is in the air and Thomas has an opportunity to prove his worth by rallying a troop of royalists to defend Oxford from the escalating violence. But he soon faces an impossible choice, between honouring his family and his loyalty to the crown...

**Historical mystery PBK \$19.99**

### **SEVEN YEARS OF DARKNESS**

JEONG, You-jeong

A young girl is found dead in Seryong Lake, a reservoir in a remote South Korean village. The police immediately begin their investigation. At the same time, three men – Yongje, the girl's father, and two security guards at the nearby dam, each of whom has something to hide about the night of her death – find themselves in an elaborate game of cat and mouse as they race to uncover what happened to her, without revealing their own closely-guarded secrets. When a final showdown, at the dam, results in a mass tragedy, one of the guards is convicted of murder and sent to prison. For seven years, his son, Sowon, lives in the shadow of his father's shocking and inexplicable crime. When Sowon receives a package that promises to reveal, at last, what really happened at Seryong Lake, he must confront a present danger he never knew existed.

**Thriller TP \$32.99**

### **INSPECTOR GHOTE MYSTERIES: A SMALL CASE FOR INSPECTOR GHOTE?**

KEATING, H R F

Newly-promoted Inspector Ganesh Ghote is not having a good morning. His office is too hot, his assistant Bikram is late for work, and he can't concentrate on his interminable paperwork – distracted by an insistent, unpleasant smell. Ghote's day does not improve, when he discovers its horrible source: Bikram's severed head, wrapped in newspaper and stuffed in his office rubbish bin. Who would want to kill a lowly peon? And why would they plant the evidence in the heart of the Bombay Police Crime Branch? Ghote is already planning where to start his investigations, when he's brought up short: his new boss, the forbidding Assistant Commissioner Divekar, thinks the crime altogether unsuitable for their department, and orders him to quietly dispose of the body...

**Historical mystery TP \$29.95**

### **VERA KELLY IS NOT A MYSTERY**

KNECHT, Rosalie

When ex-CIA agent Vera Kelly loses her job and her girlfriend in a single day, she reluctantly goes into business as a private detective. Heartbroken and cash strapped, she takes a case that dredges up dark memories and attracts dangerous characters from across the Cold War landscape. Before it's over, she'll chase a lost child through foster care and follow a trail of Dominican exiles to the Caribbean. Forever looking over her shoulder, she nearly misses what's right in front of her: her own desire for home, connection, and a new romance at the local bar. The sequel to *Who Is Vera Kelly?* (TP, \$35.95).

**Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95**

### **OF MICE AND MINESTRONE:**

#### **HAP AND LEONARD: THE EARLY YEARS**

LANSDALE, Joe R with LANSDALE, Kasey

Today's Special: Justice, East Texan-Style... Hap Collins looks like a good ol' boy. But even in his misspent youth, his best pal is Leonard Pine, who is black, gay, and the ultimate outsider. Inseparable friends, Hap and Leonard climb into the boxing ring, visit their families, get in bar fights, and just go fishing – all the

while confronting racists, righting wrongs, and eating a whole lot of delicious food. So, pull up a seat and sit a spell. Master storyteller Joe R Lansdale – along with Kasey Lansdale's down-home recipes and Kathleen Kent's introduction – has cooked up a new passel of tales for you about the unlikeliest duo East Texas has to offer, created by his own self.

**Noir TP \$29.99**

### **COLORADO WINE MYSTERIES 01:**

#### **KILLER CHARDONNAY**

LANSING, Kate

Parker Valentine has always dreamed of opening her own winery in her hometown of Boulder, Colorado. But she gets more than she bargained for when a food and wine critic unexpectedly shows up, at Vino Valentine, on opening day. A negative review could be fatal for her business, and not only does he seem to hate her chardonnay, he also collapses and dies shortly after drinking it. Although Parker hoped that the attendees would put a cork in it, soon her winery is at the centre of a social media fire-storm. With *#killerchardonnay* trending online, Parker's business is in danger of closing, and she has no choice but to investigate the murder herself. To restore her reputation, catch a killer, and keep her struggling business open, Parker needs only one thing: some good proof. The first in a series.

**Mystery PBK \$18.99**

### **RILEY WOLFE: JUST WATCH ME**

LINDSAY, Jeff

Riley Wolfe is a master thief, expert at disguise, and not averse to violence when it's needed. It's no accident, though, that Riley targets the wealthiest 0.1 per cent and is willing to kill them when they're in his way: he despises the degenerate and immoral rich and loves stealing their undeserved and unearned valuables. In this series launch, Riley aims for an extraordinary target in a heist that will make history. Riley will try to steal the Crown Jewels of Iran. Yes, these jewels are worth billions, but the true attraction for grabbing them comes down to one simple fact: it can't be done. Stealing these jewels is absolutely impossible. The collection is guarded by space-age electronics and two teams of heavily armed mercenaries. No one could even think of getting past the airtight security and hope to get away alive, let alone with even a single diamond from the Imperial Collection. No one but Riley Wolfe. He's always liked a challenge. But this challenge may be more than even he can handle. Aside from the impenetrable security, Riley is also pursued by a brilliant and relentless cop who is barely a step behind him. With the aid of his sometime ally, a beautiful woman who is a master art forger, Riley Wolfe goes for the prize that will either make him a legend – or, more likely, leave him dead. The first in a new series, from the author of the hugely-popular Dexter series.

**Thriller PBK \$22.99**

### **JAZZ RAMSEY MYSTERIES 01:**

#### **THE SCENT OF MURDER**

LOGAN, Kylie

The way Jazz figures it, life is pretty good. She owns her own home in one of Cleveland's most diverse, artsy, and interesting neighbourhoods. She likes her job as an administrative assistant at an all-girls school. And she works as a volunteer doing what she's passionate about: handling cadaver dogs. One day, while Jazz is training cadaver dog Luther in an abandoned building downtown, a body turns up on the scene. Jazz is stunned by Luther's discovery of this young woman, dressed in head-to-toe black, Goth style. Jazz is even more shocked when she realises that, beneath the tattoos and the piercings, and all the pale makeup, is the face of a former student. Who killed her – and why? In an instant, the case has become personal... and even more so when the detective leading the investigation turns out to be a man Jazz used to love. What will it take for Jazz to solve this mystery while keeping her nose to the ground and her heart intact... before the killer strikes again? The first in a new series.

**Mystery PBK \$24.95**

### **THE BRISBANE LINE**

POWELL, J P

As WWII ravages the world, and the Japanese Empire has set its sights on Australia, the Americans have come to save us. But not all soldiers are heroes and not all heroes are soldiers. Sergeant Joe Washington – of the US Military Police – loves music and photography; but spends his days delving into the sordid and petty crimes committed by the thousands of American troops passing through town. While trying to find stolen gasoline stores, he is sent to investigate the body of an American soldier found dumped in a cemetery. Suddenly, Joe is up against notorious detective Frank Bischof. Although ordered to leave the investigation alone, Joe fears that Bischof is protecting the most likely suspect, while trying to pin the crime on an innocent – and intriguing – young woman, Rose. A woman who seems to walk between the parallel worlds of black-market deals and Brisbane's high society. An engrossing murder mystery, set in seedy WWII Brisbane – by local historian and archaeologist, J P Powell. Recommended.

**Mystery TP \$29.99**

### **SAWYER BROOKS: DON'T MAKE A SOUND**

RAGAN, T R

Plagued by traumatic childhood memories, crime reporter Sawyer Brooks still struggles to gain control of her rage, her paranoia, and her life. Now, after finally getting promoted at work, she is forced to return home and face her past. River Rock is where she'd been abandoned by her two older sisters to suffer alone, and in silence,

the unspeakable abuses of her family. It's also where Sawyer's best friend disappeared, and two teenage girls were murdered. Three cold cases dead and buried with the rest of the town's secrets. When another girl is slain in a familiar grisly fashion, Sawyer is determined to put an end to the crimes. Pulled back into the horrors of her family history, Sawyer must reconcile with her estranged sisters, who both have shattering memories of their own. As Sawyer's investigation leads to River Rock's darkest corners, what will prove more dangerous – what she knows of the past or what she has yet to discover? The first in a series.

**Mystery TP \$29.99**

### **WESTWIND**

RANKIN, Ian

It always starts with a small lie. That's how you stop noticing the bigger ones. After his friend suspects something strange going on at the launch facility where they both work – and then goes missing – Martin Hepton doesn't believe the official line of 'long-term sick leave'... Refusing to stop asking questions, he leaves his old life behind, aware that someone is shadowing his every move. The only hope he has is his ex-girlfriend Jill Watson – the only journalist, who will believe his story. But neither of them can believe the puzzle they're piecing together – or just how shocking the secret is that everybody wants to stay hidden... The last of Ian Rankin's 'lost' novels.

**Suspense PBK \$22.99**

### **HIDEAWAY**

ROBERTS, Nora

One day, she thought, one moment, one innocent game. How was it that day, that moment, that game never seemed to end? Caitlyn Sullivan is just nine years old, when a game of hide and seek at a family party will change her life forever. The betrayal she experienced that night will shape Caitlyn's life – and, for years, she runs and runs, hiding from the aftermath of the trauma. But Caitlyn comes to realise that if she wants to not just survive but thrive, she must return to the family home to face up to her past. What happened that night may always haunt Caitlyn but she must decide if it's what you're running from that matters. Or who finds you.

**Mystery TP \$32.99**

### **DCI BANKS: MANY RIVERS TO CROSS**

ROBINSON, Peter

A skinny young boy is found dead – his body carelessly stuffed into wheelie bin. Detective Superintendent Alan Banks and his team are called to investigate. Who is the boy, and where did he come from? Was he discarded as rubbish, or left as a warning to someone? He looks Middle Eastern, but no one on the East Side Estate has seen him before. As the local press seize upon an illegal immigrant angle, and the national media the story of another stabbing, the police are called to investigate a less newsworthy death: a middle-aged heroin addict found dead of an overdose in another estate, scheduled for redevelopment. Banks finds the threads of each case seem to be connected to the other, and to the dark side of organised crime in Eastvale. Does another thread link to his friend Zelda, who is facing her own dark side? The truth may be more complex – or much simpler – than it seems...

**Mystery PBK \$19.99**

### **THE SECRETS SHE KEEPS**

ROBOTHAM, Michael

Everyone has an idea of what their perfect life is. For Agatha, it's Meghan Shaughnessy's... These two women from vastly different backgrounds have one thing in common – a dangerous secret that could destroy everything they hold dear. Both will risk everything to hide the truth, but their worlds are about to collide in a shocking act that cannot be undone. A compelling psychological thriller that delves deeply into the psyche of the human mind, by internationally bestselling author Michael Robotham. Reissued to tie-in with a major TV series on Network Ten.

**Suspense (reissue) PBK \$19.99**

### **THE ROAD TO GRANTCHESTER**

RUNCIE, James

This captivating prequel to the beloved Grantchester series follows the life, loves, and losses of a young Sidney Chambers in post-war London. It is 1938, and eighteen-year-old Sidney Chambers is dancing the quickstep with Amanda Kendall at her brother Robert's birthday party at the Caledonian Club. No one can believe, on this golden evening, that there could ever be another war. Returning to London, seven years later, Sidney has gained a Military Cross, and lost his best friend on the battlefields of Italy. The carefree youth that he and his friends were promised has been blown apart, just like the rest of the world; and Sidney, carrying a terrible, secret guilt, must decide what to do with the rest of his life. But he has heard a call – constant, though quiet, and growing ever more persistent. To the incredulity of his family, and the derision of his friends – the irrepressible actor Freddie, and the beautiful, spiky Amanda – Sidney must now negotiate his path to God – the course of which, much like true love, never runs smooth.

**Historical mystery PBK \$19.99**

### **VIRGIL FLOWERS: BLOODY GENIUS**

SANDFORD, John

At the local state university, renowned Professor Quill goes to the library one night – and winds up dead. With no suspects, no prints, no murder weapon – not even a time of death – Virgil Flowers is brought in to investigate. Flowers discovers that, prior to his death,

Quill had sparked a feud between two departments at the university. Each side carries their views to extremes, and Flowers soon realises he's dealing with people who, on this particular issue, are functionally crazy. Somewhere among this group of diametrically opposed zealots, lurks a murderer. But with no leads, little evidence and the media breathing down his neck, can Flowers find him before he kills, again?

**Thriller PBK \$19.99**

### **THE LAST TRIAL**

TUROW, Scott

The final case of Kindle County's most revered courtroom advocate, Sandy Stern. Already eighty-five years old, and in precarious health, Stern has been persuaded to defend an old friend, Pavel Pafko. A former Nobel Prize-winner in Medicine, Pafko, shockingly, has been charged in a federal racketeering indictment with fraud, insider trading, and murder. As the trial progresses, Stern 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. Full of deep insights into the spaces where the fragility of human nature and the justice system collide, this is a masterful legal thriller that questions how we measure a life.

**Thriller TP \$32.99**

### **EMBLA NYSTRÖM: WINTER GRAVE**

TURSTEN, Helene

Two young kids are missing. A police officer has been found dead. Detective Inspector Embla Nyström must quickly solve the mystery and find the children, before the small town takes matters into their own hands. As she hunts for the missing children, Embla can't help but think of the case that has been haunting her for years: the disappearance of her childhood best friend. Could the cases be linked? With each passing dark winter day, the odds of finding the children alive shrink, while desperation mounts. Their fathers want answers and will stop at nothing – including murder – to get them. The first in a new series.

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