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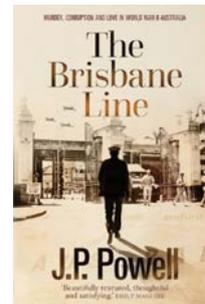
Crime & Mystery Bestsellers September 2020

The Brisbane Line

J P Powell

This has come from out of nowhere! Small press offering – an engrossing murder mystery, set in seedy WWII Brisbane – by local historian and archaeologist, J P Powell. Selling lots – and those who've read it are impressed! Recommended!

Mystery | TP | \$29.99



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Troubled Blood (Cormoran Strike 05)

Robert Galbraith

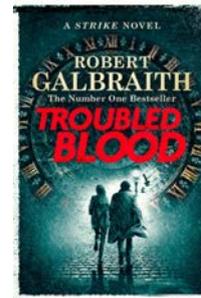
Private Detective Cormoran Strike is visiting his family in Cornwall when he is approached by a woman asking for help finding her mother, Margot Bamborough – who went missing in mysterious circumstances in 1974.

Strike has never tackled a cold case before, let alone one forty years old. But despite the slim chance of success, he is intrigued and takes it on; adding to the long list of cases that he and his partner in the agency, Robin Ellacott, are currently working on. And Robin herself is also juggling a messy divorce and unwanted male attention, as well as battling her own feelings about Strike.

As Strike and Robin investigate Margot's disappearance, they come up against a fiendishly complex case with leads that include tarot cards, a psychopathic serial killer and witnesses who cannot all be trusted. And they learn that even cases, decades' old, can prove to be deadly...

J K Rowling, writing crime under a pen-name – and very good they are!

Mystery/suspense | TP | \$32.99



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Shadows in Death

J D Robb

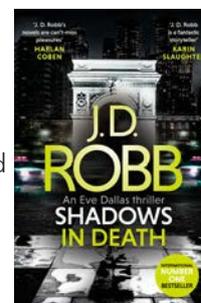
While Eve examines a fresh body in Washington Square Park, her husband, Roarke, spots a man among the onlookers he's known since his younger days on the streets of Dublin. A man who claims to be his half-brother. A man who kills for a living – and who burns with hatred for him.

Eve is quick to suspect that the victim's spouse – resentful over his wife's affair and poised to inherit her fortune – would have happily paid an assassin to do his dirty work. Roarke is just as quick to warn her that if Lorcan Cobbe is the hitman, she needs to be careful. Law enforcement agencies worldwide have pursued this cold-hearted killer for years, to no avail. And his lazy smirk when he looked Roarke's way indicates that he will target anyone who matters to Roarke... and is confident he'll get away with it.

Eve is desperate to protect Roarke. Roarke is desperate to protect Eve. And together, they're determined to find Cobbe before he finds them – even if it takes them across the Atlantic, far outside Eve's usual jurisdiction...

The futuristic mystery/thriller series just seems to go on and on! Don't think it matters which volume you chose – they're all self contained.

Eve Dallas | TP | \$29.99



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Mortmain Hall (Rachel Savernake Mysteries 02)

Martin Edwards

England, 1930. Grieving widows are a familiar sight on London's Necropolis Railway. So, when an elegant young woman in a black veil boards the funeral train, nobody guesses her true purpose.

But Rachel Savernake is not one of the mourners. She hopes to save a life – the life of a man who is supposed to be cold in the grave. But then a suspicious death on the railway track spurs her on to investigate a sequence of baffling mysteries: a death in a blazing car; a killing in a seaside bungalow; a tragic drowning in a frozen lake. Rachel believes that the cases are connected – but what possible link can there be?

Mortmain Hall is at once a gripping thriller and a classic whodunit puzzle: a Golden Age Gothic mystery, perfect for fans of Agatha Christie and Dorothy L Sayers.

Mystery | TP | \$32.99



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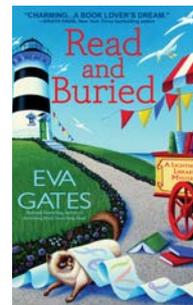
Read and Buried (Lighthouse Library Mysteries 06)

Eva Gates

Librarian Lucy Richardson unearths a mysterious map dating back to the Civil War. But if she can't crack its code, she may end up read and buried.

Quite fun cosy crime series – lotsa love amongst regulars here!

Mystery | PBK | \$24.95



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All the Devils are Here (Inspector Gamache 16)

Louise Penny

On their first night in Paris, the Gamaches gather for a family dinner with Armand's godfather, the billionaire Stephen Horowitz. But the evening ends in horror when Stephen is knocked down and critically injured in what Armand is convinced is no accident, but a deliberate attempt on an elderly man's life.

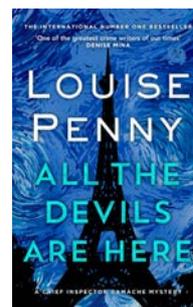
When a strange key is found in Stephen's possession it sends Armand on a desperate search for the truth that will take him from the top of the Tour Eiffel, to the bowels of the Paris Archives.

And, as Armand begins to uncover the secrets his godfather has kept hidden for decades, he finds himself ensnared in a web of lies and deceit that threatens to destroy everything – and everyone – he holds dear.

For even the City of Light casts long shadows. And in that darkness devils hide...

Gotta love the Gamache series! The lovely food alone is worth the price of admission! Recommended!

Mystery | TP | \$32.99



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How to Raise an Elephant (No 1 Ladies Detective Agency 21)

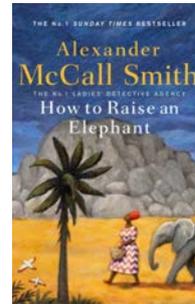
Alexander McCall Smith

The next book in the perennially adored No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series sees Precious Ramotswe calling upon all her maternal instincts, when she's faced with a two-ton case...

They say it takes a village to raise a child, but can Mma Ramotswe and the rest of the No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency come together to raise a pipsqueak pachyderm? We may find out in this novel. We may not. Who can say?

Truly charming mysteries. Recommended!

Mystery | TP | \$29.99



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Murder on Trinity Place (Gaslight Mysteries 22)

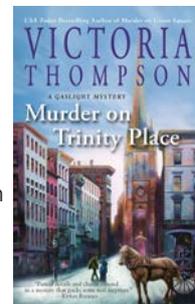
Victoria Thompson

The year of 1899 is drawing to a close. Frank and Sarah Malloy are getting ready to celebrate the New Year at Trinity Church when they notice Mr. Pritchard, a relative of their neighbour's, behaving oddly and annoying the other revellers. Frank tries to convince Pritchard to return home with them, but the man refuses and Frank loses him in the crowd. The next morning Sarah and Frank are horrified to learn Pritchard was murdered sometime in the night, his body left on Trinity Place, the side street near the church.

The police aren't too interested in the murder, and the family are concerned that the circumstances of the death will reflect badly on Pritchard's reputation. To protect the family from scandal, Nelson asks Frank to investigate. Frank and Sarah delve into Pritchard's past and realize there may have been a deadly side to the dawning of the new century.

Historical cosy mystery series – regulars love 'em! The first in the series is *Murder on Astor Place* (PBK, \$24.95).

Historical mystery | PBK | \$18.99



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City of Scoundrels (Counterfeit Lady 03)

Victoria Thompson

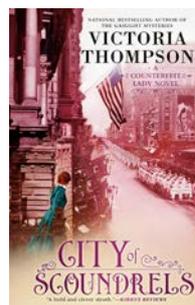
Elizabeth Miles finds herself in a position no con can help her escape. Her beloved fiancé, Gideon Bates, is awaiting his turn in the draft to fight in the Great War. Elizabeth is finding it hard to think of anything else, but Gideon has thrown himself into his work, preparing wills for soldiers before they ship out. Corporal Tom Preston is part owner of Preston Shoes, a company that is making footwear for the army, so he has a rather large estate. He needs a new will, however, because he has just been secretly married to a woman whom his family would never approve. He wants to make sure she and their unborn child are provided for if he does not return.

When Tom is later reported killed, Elizabeth and Gideon learn that the new will has gone missing after Tom's bride revealed her identity to his family. Unless the new will is found and validated, the original will, which leaves everything to Tom's brother, will prevail and the wife and child will get nothing. If Tom's new bride survives, that is. Some terrible threats have been levelled against her, and Elizabeth and Gideon must figure out a way, legal or not quite, to secure Tom's fortune for his wife and child while saving her life in the process.

This is slightly later – set in Edwardian/WW1 period – but just as popular as her 1890s, *fin-de-siecle* New York series.

First is *City of Lies* (PBK, \$24.95).

Historical mystery | PBK | \$24.95



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Sorry for the Dead (Josephine Tey 08)

Nicola Upson

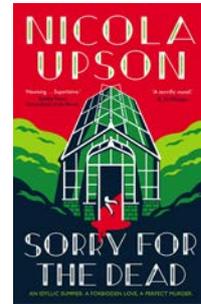
Longlisted for the CWA Sapere Books Historical Dagger 2020.

Summer, 1915: a young woman falls to her death at Charleston Farmhouse on the Sussex Downs. But was it an accident?

Twenty years later, Josephine Tey is faced with the accusation that it was murder, and that she was complicit in the crime. Can she clear her name and uncover the truth, exposing the darkest secrets of that apparently idyllic summer?

Features the real-life crime writer Tey – as fictional detective. The first in the series is *An Expert in Murder* (PBK, \$19.99). Our regulars love these.

Historical mystery | PBK | \$19.99



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