

# Pulp Fiction

## Crime & Mystery Bestsellers 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



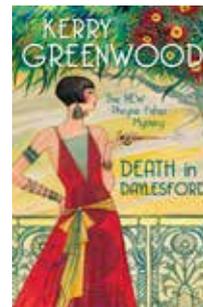
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### *Death in Daylesford* (Phryne Fisher 21)

Kerry Greenwood

*Disappearances, murder, bombs, booby-traps and strange goings-on keep Miss Phryne Fisher right in the middle of her most exciting adventure.* When a mysterious invitation arrives for the redoubtable Miss Phryne Fisher from an unknown retired Captain Herbert Spencer, Phryne's curiosity is excited. Spencer runs a retreat in Victoria's rural spa country for the many shell-shocked soldiers of the first world war. It's a cause after Phryne's own heart... but what does Spencer want from her? Meanwhile, Cec, Bert and Tinker find a young woman floating face down in the harbour near the wharves. Could this be the missing friend of Ruth, Phryne's adopted daughter? With Detective-Inspector Jack Robinson seconded unwillingly to a special investigation, Mr and Mrs Butler with Detective-Sergeant Hugh Collins are left to shield Phryne's household from danger as Tinker, Jane and Ruth decide to solve what appears to be a heinous crime. Unaware of these happenings, Phryne and the faithful Dot view their rural sojourn as a short holiday but are quickly thrown into disturbing Highland gatherings, disappearing women, murder and the mystery of the Temperance Hotel. All test Phryne's resourcefulness, in her search to save lives. It's been so long since we've had a new Phryne! Much rejoicing!

Historical mystery | TP | \$29.99



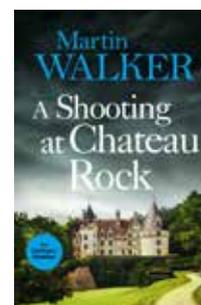
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### *A Shooting at Chateau Rock* (Bruno, Chief of Police 13)

Martin Walker

Following the funeral of a local farmer, Bruno gets a phone call from the man's son. He tells Bruno that before his father's sudden death, he had signed over his property to an insurance company in return for a subscription to a luxury retirement home. Bruno discovers that both the retirement home and the insurance company are scams with links to a Russian oligarch whose dealings are already being tracked by the French police. Meanwhile, an aging British rock star is selling his home, Chateau Rock. The star's son returns for the summer with his Russian girlfriend. As Bruno pursues his inquiries into the farmer's death and the stolen inheritance, he learns that the oligarch is none other than the girlfriend's father. Bruno's talents are tested to the limit as he untangles a Gordian Knot of criminality that reaches as far as the Kremlin. But luckily Bruno still has time to cook delicious meals for his friends and enjoy the life of his beloved Dordogne. What's more, love is in the air. His pedigree basset, Balzac, is old enough to breed. Bruno heads for the kennels where a suitable beauty, Diane de Poitiers, is ready and waiting for Balzac's attentions... In the year of COVID-19 – travel just isn't possible. Which makes Armchair Travel – and Armchair Detection! – and even more desirable pastime. Come with us to the Dordogne – we're confident you'll want to return, again and again J The first in the series is *Death in the Dordogne* (AKA: *Bruno, Chief of Police*, \$22.99)

Mystery | TP | \$32.99



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### *The Good Turn* (Cormac Reilly 03)

**Dervla McTiernan**

Police corruption, an investigation that ends in tragedy, and the mystery of a little girl's silence – three unconnected events that will prove to be linked by one small town. While Detective Cormac Reilly faces enemies at work and trouble in his personal life, Garda Peter Fisher is relocated out of Galway with the threat of prosecution hanging over his head. But even that is not as terrible as having to work for his overbearing father, the local copper for the pretty seaside town of Roundstone. For some, like Anna and her young daughter, Tilly, Roundstone is a refuge from trauma. But even this village on the edge of the sea isn't far enough to escape from the shadows of evil men. Dervla has, since it was published, won all the awards for *The Ruin*. She's great. And has lived in Western Australia for decades, now – so, we're claiming her as an Oz mystery writer. Even though her books are set in Ireland... Recommended!

**Mystery | TP | \$32.99**



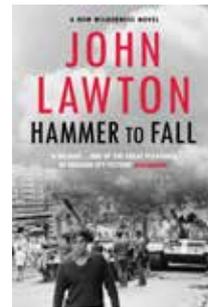
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### *Hammer to Fall* (Joe Wilderness 03)

**John Lawton**

It's London, the swinging sixties, and by rights MI6 spy Joe Wilderness should be having as good a time as James Bond. But alas, in the wake of an embarrassing disaster for MI6, Wilderness has been posted to remote northern Finland in a cultural exchange program to promote Britain abroad. Bored by his work, with nothing to spy on, Wilderness finds another way to make money: smuggling vodka across the border into the USSR. He strikes a deal with old KGB pal Kostya, who explains to him there is a vodka shortage in the Soviet Union – but there is something fishy about Kostya's sudden appearance in Finland and intelligence from London points to a connection to cobalt mining in the region, a critical component in the casing of the atomic bomb. Wilderness' posting is getting more interesting by the minute, but more dangerous too. Moving from the no-man's-land of Cold War Finland to the wild days of the Prague Spring, and populated by old friends (including Inspector Troy) and old enemies alike, *Hammer to Fall* is a gripping tale of deception and skulduggery, of art and politics, a page-turning story of the always riveting life of the British spy.

**Suspense | TP | \$29.99**



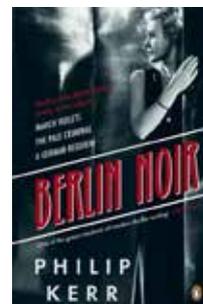
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### *Berlin Noir* (Bernie Gunther 01–3 omnibus)

**Philip Kerr**

Ex-policeman Bernie thought he'd seen everything on the streets of 1930s' Berlin. Then he went freelance and each case he tackled sucked him further into the excesses of Nazi subculture. And even after the war Bernie uncovered a legacy that made the wartime atrocities look lily white, by comparison... Omnibus of the first three in the series – and we just keep recommending it and selling it. Great stuff!

**Noir | PBK | \$29.99**



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### *My Sister, the Serial Killer*

**Oyinkan Braithwaite**

A short, darkly-funny, hand grenade of a novel about a Nigerian woman whose younger sister has a very inconvenient habit of killing her boyfriends...

'Femi makes three, you know. Three, and they label you a serial killer.' Korede is bitter. How could she not be? Her sister, Ayoola, is many things: the favourite child, the beautiful one, possibly sociopathic. And, now, Ayoola's third boyfriend in a row is dead. Korede's practicality is the sisters' saving grace. She knows the best solutions for cleaning blood, the trunk of her car is big enough for a body; and she keeps Ayoola from posting pictures of her dinner to Instagram when she should be mourning her 'missing' boyfriend. Not that she gets any credit. Korede has long been in love with a kind, handsome doctor at the hospital where she works. She dreams of the day when he will realise that she's exactly what he needs. But when he asks Korede for Ayoola's phone number, she must reckon with what her sister has become... and how far she's willing to go to protect her. 'Sharp as nails and full of deadpan wit, Oyinkan Braithwaite's deliciously deadly debut is as fun as it is frightening' – *publisher's blurb*. Ron LOVES this – Recommended!

Noir | PBK | \$19.99



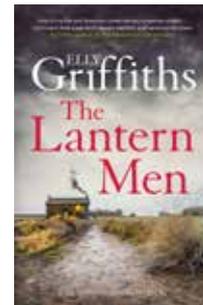
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### *The Lantern Men* (Dr Ruth Galloway 12)

**Elly Griffiths**

Everything has changed for Ruth Galloway. She has a new job, home, and partner, and she is no longer North Norfolk police's resident forensic archaeologist. That is, until convicted murderer Ivor March offers to make DCI Nelson a deal. Nelson was always sure that March killed more women than he was charged with. Now March confirms this and offers to show Nelson where the other bodies are buried – but only if Ruth will do the digging. Curious, but wary, Ruth agrees. March tells Ruth that he killed four more women and that their bodies are buried near a village bordering the fens, said to be haunted by the Lantern Men, mysterious figures holding lights that lure travellers to their deaths. Is Ivor March himself a lantern man, luring Ruth back to Norfolk? What is his plan, and why is she so crucial to it? And are the killings really over? Every time a customer buys one of the Ruth Galloway series – they then come back and get the rest! Hugely popular with regulars – Recommended! The first in the series is *Crossing Places* (PBK, \$22.99)

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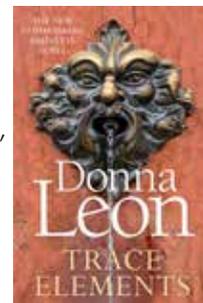
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### *Trace Elements* (Commissario Brunetti 30)

**Donna Leon**

When a dying hospice patient gasps that her husband was murdered over 'bad money,' Commissario Brunetti softly promises he and his colleague, Claudia Griffoni, will look into what initially appears to be a private family tragedy. They discover that the man had worked in the field, collecting samples of contamination for a company that measures the cleanliness of Venice's water supply, and that he had recently died in a mysterious motorcycle accident. Piecing together the tangled threads, Brunetti comes to realise the perilous meaning in the woman's accusation, and the threat it reveals to the health of the entire region. But justice in this case proves to be ambiguous, as Brunetti is reminded it can be when he reads Aeschylus' classic play *The Eumenides*. 'One of the most exquisite and subtle detective series ever' – *The Washington Post*. Agreed! Leon ages like a fine wine. Lovely. And like Martin Walker, Leon's novels are just as much about armchair travel as detection. So, go visit Venice – now!

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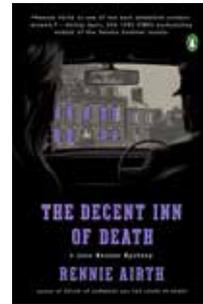
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*The Decent Inn of Death* (John Madden 06)

**Rennie Airth**

On a trip into Winchester, former chief inspector Angus Sinclair learns of a tragedy that has taken place in the village he is staying in. Beloved church organist Greta Hartmann has slipped and fallen to her death in a shallow creek, and while investigations conclude it to be an accident, her friend and housemate, Vera, remains unconvinced. After learning that Greta was the widow of a prominent anti-Nazi German preacher, Sinclair meets with the distraught Vera, and he resolves to dig deeper into the story. His investigations lead him to the stately manor of Julia Lesage, where she lives with her devoted staff that includes her secretary, cook, and driver. Though confined to a wheelchair, Julia is an electrifying spirit with a sharp wit, and those who know her adore her. Among those who do, a gentleman with dubious business dealings is also staying at the house – and Julia appears to be in love with him. A blizzard hits, keeping Sinclair, and later Madden, on the grounds with little to do but analyse the case of Greta's death, until a murder takes place, and everyone becomes a suspect. Love Airth and the Madden series – start with *River of Darkness* (TP, \$35.95).

**Mystery | TP | \$26.99**



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