

Pulp Fiction

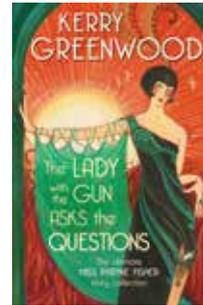
Crime & Mystery Bestsellers April 2021

The Lady with the Gun Asks the Questions (Phryne Fisher mysteries collection)

Kerry Greenwood

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. Much fun. Clothes. Booze. Parties. All to a Jazz-Age soundtrack.

Historical mystery | TP | \$29.99



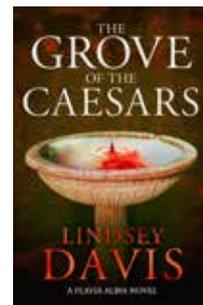
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The Grove of the Caesars (Flavia Albia mysteries 08)

Lindsey Davis

Saturnalia, the Romans’ mid-December feast, nominally to celebrate the sun’s rebirth but invariably a drunken riot. Flavia Albia needs a case to investigate, but all work is paused. Albia is lumped with her own domestic stress: overexcited children and bilious guests, too many practical jokes, and her magistrate husband Tiberius preoccupied with local strife. He fears a Nut War. Nuts are both the snack and missile of choice of tipsy celebrants, so there is a fortune to be made. This year a hustling gang from the past is horning in on the action. As the deadly menace strikes even close to home, and with law and order paused for partying, Albia and Tiberius must go it alone. The emperor has promised the people a spectacular entertainment – but Domitian himself is a target for the old criminals’ new schemes. Can the Undying Sun survive the winter solstice, or will criminal darkness descend upon Rome? Wonderful. Start with *The Ides of April* (PBK, \$22.99).

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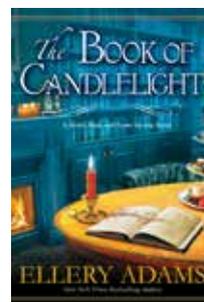
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The Book of Candlelight (Secret, Book, and Scone Society mysteries 03)

Ellery Adams

Nora Pennington figures all the wet weather this spring is at least good for business. The local inns are packed with stranded travellers, and among them Nora finds new customers for her store, Miracle Books. Since a little rain never hurt anyone, Nora rides her bike over to the flea market one sodden day and buys a bowl from Danny, a Cherokee potter. But the next day, after Miracle River overflows its banks, and Danny’s body is found floating within the churning waters, Nora decides it’s time for the Secret, Book, and Scone Society to spring into action. A crucial clue may lie within the stone walls of the Inn of Mist and Roses: a diary, over a century old and spattered with candle wax, that leads Nora and her friends through a maze of intrigue – and onto the trail of a murderer... A cosy recommendation.

Mystery | TP | \$27.99



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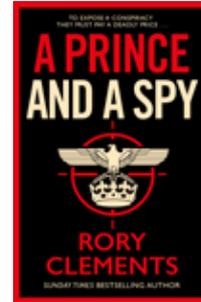
A Prince and A Spy (Tom Wilde 05)

Rory Clements

Sweden, 1942 – Two old friends meet. They are cousins. One is Prince George, Duke of Kent, brother of the King of England. The other is Prince Philipp von Hessen, a committed Nazi and close friend of Adolf Hitler. Days later, the Prince George is killed in a plane crash in the north of Scotland. The official story is that it was an accident – but not everyone is convinced. There is even a suggestion that the Duke's plane was sabotaged, but with no evidence, Cambridge spy Tom Wilde is sent north to discover the truth... *Really well executed mystery/spy series – recommended!*

Begin with *Corpus* (PBK, \$19.99).

Suspense | TP | \$29.99



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The Fine Art of Invisible Detection

Robert Goddard

Umiko Wada has recently had quite enough excitement in her life. With her husband recently murdered and a mother who seems to want her married again before his body is cold, she just wants to keep her head down. As a secretary to a private detective, her life is pleasingly uncomplicated, filled with coffee runs, diary management and paperwork. That is, until her boss takes on a new case. A case which turns out to be dangerous enough to get him killed. A case which means Wada will have to leave Japan for the first time and travel to London. Following the only lead she has, Wada quickly realises that being a detective isn't as easy as the television makes out. And that there's a reason why secrets stay buried for a long time. Because people want them to stay secret. And they're prepared to do very bad things to keep them that way... *Really not a typical book for Goddard – but reviews and feedback are stellar!*

Mystery | TP | \$32.99



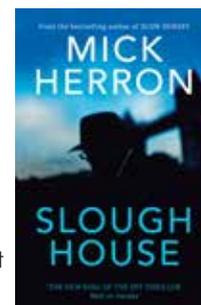
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Slough House (Slough House 07)

Mick Herron

At Slough House – MI5's London depository for demoted spies – Brexit has taken a toll. The 'slow horses' have been pushed further into the cold, Slough House has been erased from official records, and its members are dying in unusual circumstances, at an unusual clip. No wonder Jackson Lamb's crew is feeling paranoid. But are they actually targets? With a new populist movement taking hold of London's streets and the old order ensuring that everything's for sale to the highest bidder, the world's a dangerous place for those deemed surplus. Jackson Lamb and the slow horses are in a fight for their lives as they navigate dizzying layers of lies, power, and death. 'This is a darker, scarier Herron. The gags are still there but the satire's more biting. The privatisation of a secret service op and the manipulation of news is relevant and horribly credible.' – *Ann Cleeves*, author of the Vera Stanhope series. We love the series! Star with *Slow Horses* (PBK, \$22.99).

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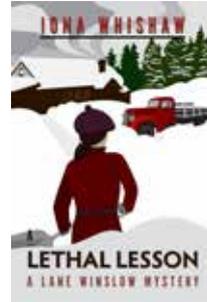
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A Lethal Lesson (Lane Winslow mysteries 08)

Iona Wishaw

Back home in the Kootenays after her Arizona honeymoon, Lane offers her assistance when neither the outgoing teacher, Rose, nor her replacement, Wendy, show up at the local schoolhouse one blizzardy Monday in December. But when she finds the teachers' cottage ransacked with Rose unconscious and bleeding, and Wendy missing, Lane delivers Rose to the hospital in Nelson and turns the case over to her exasperated husband, Inspector Darling, and his capable colleagues, Sergeant Ames and Constable Terrell. Never one to leave a post unmanned, Lane enlists as substitute teacher for the final two weeks before the Christmas holidays, during which time she discovers a threatening note in the teachers' desk and a revolver in the supply cupboard. But these clues only convolute the case further. Who has been tormenting these women, and where has Wendy gone? Set in fifties Canada – protagonist is a relocated former UK Second World War intelligence officer. Pretty much every time someone buys the first one – they come back to get the rest. Recommended! The first in the series is *Killer in King's Cove* (TP, \$33.95).

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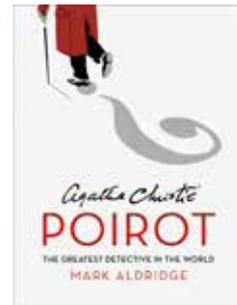
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Agatha Christie's Poirot: The Greatest Detective in the World

Mark Aldridge

From the very first book publication in 1920 to the upcoming film release of *Death on the Nile*, this investigation into Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot celebrates a century of probably the world's favourite fictional detective. This book tells his story decade by decade, exploring his appearances not only in the original novels, short stories and plays but also across stage, screen, and radio productions. The hardback edition includes more than 400 illustrations. Poirot has had near-permanent presence in the public eye ever since the 1920 publication of *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*. From character development, publication history and private discussion concerning the original stories themselves, to early forays on to the stage and screen, the story of Poirot is as fascinating as it is enduring. Based on the author's original research, review excerpts and original Agatha Christie correspondence, *Poirot: The Greatest Detective in the World* is a lively and accessible history of the character, offering new information and helpful pieces of context, that will delight all Agatha Christie fans, from a new generation of readers to those already highly familiar with the canon.

Mystery reference | HC | \$59.99



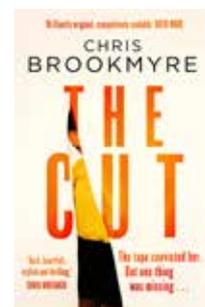
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The Cut

Chris Brookmyre

The supremely entertaining, moving, and unpredictable new thriller from multi-award-winning bestseller Chris Brookmyre is a wholly original masterpiece and the best crime novel of 2021. Millie Spark can kill anyone. A special effects make-up artist, her talent is to create realistic scenes of bloody violence. Then, one day, she wakes to find her lover dead in her bed. Twenty-five years later, her sentence for murder served, Millicent is ready to give up on her broken life – until she meets troubled film student and reluctant petty thief Jerry. Together, they begin to discover that all was not what it seemed on that fateful night... and someone doesn't want them to find out why. 'A twisty spiralling rabbit hole of a book that draws you deeper with every chapter. Brilliantly original, compulsively readable, right to the final page' – Ruth Ware.

Mystery/suspense | TP | \$32.99



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The Cook of the Halcyon (Inspector Montalbano mysteries 27)

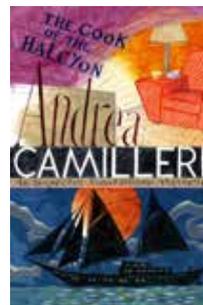
Andrea Camilleri

Giovanni Trincanato has brought ruin to the shipyard he inherited from his father and 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 harbor, 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 in this new, page-turning Inspector Montalbano mystery. We can't visit Sicily, for the foreseeable future – but we can certainly armchair travel as well as being armchair detectives. Series is recommended!

Mystery | TP | \$32.99



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