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Murder in the Cookbook Nook

Book Retreat mysteries 07

Adams, Ellery

Six chefs are preparing to compete in an outdoor tent at Storyton Hall, in Virginia, for prizes that will boost their careers – but is there someone who can't stand the heat? It looks that way when one of the contestants is found dead in a pantry packed with two centuries' worth of cookbooks, among other treasures and rarities. Could there be a connection to other recent events in town, like tampering with the costume of a local mascot? Jane isn't sure, but after someone serves a second course of murder, the kitchen must be closed, and the killer must be found...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

The Good Wife

Henry Johnstone mysteries

Adams, Jane A

1929. Police surgeon Dr Clive Mason is devastated when his wife Martha is found dead in an empty horsebox at Southwell Races, her handbag stolen. The Masons were enjoying a day out at the races with their friends, Dr Ephraim Phillips and his wife Nora, when Martha went to speak to a face she recognised in a crowd – and disappeared. As Detective Chief Inspector Henry Johnstone and Sergeant Mickey Hitchens investigate, it's clear this wasn't a robbery gone tragically wrong – Martha was deliberately murdered. Why did the life of this well-respected, popular member of the community meet such a tragic end? Henry and Mickey soon learn that the Masons' marriage was not what it seemed; and make a number of shocking discoveries. Who was Martha Mason, and what secrets was she hiding?

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

Leave the World Behind

Alam, Rumaan

Amanda and Clay head out to a remote corner of Long Island, expecting a vacation: a quiet reprieve from life in New York City, quality time with their teenage son and daughter, and a taste of the good life in the luxurious home they've rented, for the week. But a late-night knock on the door breaks the spell. Ruth and G H are an older couple – it's their house, and they've arrived in a panic. They bring the news that a sudden blackout has swept the city. But in this rural area – with the TV and internet now down, and no cell phone service – it's hard to know what to believe. Should Amanda and Clay trust this couple – and vice versa? What happened back in New York? Is the vacation home, isolated from civilisation, a truly safe place for their families? And are they safe from one other?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Mocha, She Wrote

Bakeshop mysteries 13

Alexander, Ellie

Summer has ushered in a new season, in the charming hamlet of Ashland, Oregon. Torte is bustling with tourists taking in star-drenched shows at the Elizabethan, setting out to hike in the surrounding Siskiyou Mountains, and sampling the bakeshop's summer line up of raspberry lemon tarts and mint mojito cold brews. Jules and the team are buzzing with excitement when they learn that Andy, Torte's head barista, has been selected to compete in the West Coast Barista Cup. The prestigious competition draws coffee aficionados from up and down the coast to Ashland. The winner will not only claim to be Best in Brew, but also be awarded a hefty cash prize. Andy's nervous about his chances, but Jules is confident that her star barista will shine. However, things take a grim turn when head judge Benson Vargas spits out Andy's first offering, claiming it to be the worst thing to ever touch his lips – and hours later, is found dead clutching Andy's creamy latte. Suddenly, Torte's favourite barista becomes the number one suspect. There's no roast for the weary. Jules will have to sleuth out whodunit to clear Andy's name and catch a killer before she ends up with one foot in the grounds.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

A Man Named Doll

Ames, Jonathan

Happy Doll is a charming, if occasionally inexpert, private detective living just one sheer cliff drop beneath the Hollywood sign with his beloved half-Chihuahua half-terrier, George. A veteran of both the Navy and LAPD, Doll supplements his meagre income as a PI, by working through the night at a local Thai spa that offers its clients a number of special services. Armed with his 16-inch steel telescopic baton, biting dry humour, and just a bit of a hero complex, the ex-cop sets out to protect the women who work there from clients who have trouble understanding the word 'no'. Doll gets by just fine, following his two basic rules: bark loudly and act first. But when things get out of hand with one particularly violent patron, even he finds himself wildly out of his depth, and then things take an even more dangerous twist when an old friend from his days as a cop shows up at his door with a bullet in his gut.

Noir PBK \$19.99

The Falcon Always

Wings Twice

Meg Langslow mysteries

Andrews, Donna

When Meg's grandmother Cordelia hosts a Renaissance Faire at her craft centre, the whole family is put to work: Meg handles the blacksmithing, Michael and the boys will be performing, and no one misses the opportunity to dress up in full regalia.

More exciting to Grandfather is the pair of rare falcons he discovers breeding at the fairgrounds. Concerned for their wellbeing, amid all the activity; he appoints himself their protector. When one of the actors performing at the fair is found dead – an actor suspected of mistreating one of the falcons, among other sins – Grandfather is a prime suspect.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Death Gone A-Rye

Bread Shop mysteries 06

Archer, Winnie

Vincent van Dough focaccia is being touted on Instagram as the best thing since sliced bread. By strategically placing chives, olives, and yellow peppers to look like poppies and sunflowers, bakers create a mouth-watering masterpiece in the style of the great postimpressionist painter. At Yeast of Eden, where bread making has always been an art, they're baking their own version for the school district's Spring Fling. But one person won't be tasting the Mexican bakery's latest specialty. Ambitious school board president Nessa Renchrik has been murdered. Like the rest of this close-knit community, Ivy is shocked. But she's just as surprised to discover her beau – restaurateur Miguel Baptista – had his own fling with Nessa back in the day and now the police have this half-baked notion he might have killed her. It's up to Ivy, her boss Olaya Solis, and 86-years-young Penelope Branford to separate the wheat from the chaff to determine who the real culprit is...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

The Husbands

Baker, Chandler

Welcome to the neighbourhood. We do things differently here. Recently, Nora has started to feel that 'having it all' – a family, a soon-to-be new house, a successful career in law – comes with a price, one her husband doesn't seem to be paying quite so heavily. She loves Hayden, but why is it that, however hard men work, their wives always seem to work that much harder? Then her house hunting takes them to an affluent suburban neighbourhood and Nora's eyes are opened to a new world. One, where women can have it all. One, where the men actually pull their weight. But a wrongful death case involving one of the local residents draws Nora further into this perfect world and she begins to realise that the secret of 'having it all' is far more complicated than she could ever have imagined. In fact, it may be worth killing for...

Thriller TP \$32.99

Bitterroot Lake

Beckman, Alicia

Twenty-five years ago, during a celebratory weekend at historic Whitetail Lodge, Sarah McCaskill had a vision. A dream. A nightmare. When a young man was killed,

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Sarah's guilt over having ignored the warning in her dreams devastated her. Her friendships with her closest friends, and her sister, fell apart as she worked to build a new life in a new city. But she never stopped loving Whitetail Lodge on the shores of Bitterroot Lake. Now that she's a young widow, her mother urges her to return to the lodge for healing. But when she arrives, she's greeted by an old friend – and by news of a murder that's clearly tied to that tragic day she'll never forget. And the dreams are back, too. What dangers are they warning of this time? As Sarah and her friends dig into the history of the lodge and the McCaskill family, they uncover a legacy of secrets and make a discovery that gives a chilling new meaning to the dreams. Now, they can no longer ignore the ominous portents from the past that point to a danger more present than any of them could know.

Mystery/suspense HC \$44.99

The Faberge Secret Belfoure, Charles

St Petersburg, 1903. Prince Dimitri Markhov counts himself lucky to be a close friend of Tsar Nicholas II and Tsarina Alexandra. Cocooned by the glittering wealth of the Imperial court, the talented architect lives a life of luxury and comfort, by the side of his beautiful but spiteful wife, Princess Lara. But when Dimitri is confronted by the death and destruction wrought by a pogrom, he is taken aback. What did these people do to deserve such brutality? The tsar tells him the Jews themselves were to blame, but Dimitri can't forget what he's seen. Educated and passionate, Doctor Katya Golitsyn is determined to help end Russian oppression. When she meets Dimitri at a royal ball, she immediately recognises a kindred spirit, and an unlikely affair begins between them. As their relationship develops, Katya exposes Dimitri to the horrors of the Tsar's regime and the persecution of the Jewish people, and he grows determined to make a stand... whatever the cost.

Historical thriller TP \$39.95

Stranger in the Lake Belle, Kimberly

When Charlotte married the wealthy widower Paul, it caused a ripple of gossip in their small lakeside town. They have a charmed life together, despite the cruel whispers about her humble past and his first marriage. But everything starts to unravel when she discovers a young woman's body floating in the exact same spot where Paul's first wife tragically drowned. At first, it seems like a horrific coincidence, but the stranger in the lake is no stranger. Charlotte saw Paul talking to her the day before, even though Paul tells the police he's never met the woman. His lie exposes cracks in their fragile new marriage, cracks Charlotte is determined to keep from breaking them in two. As Charlotte uncovers dark mysteries about the man she married, she doesn't know what to trust – her heart, which knows Paul to be a good man, or her growing suspicion that there's something he's hiding in the water.

Thriller PBK \$26.95

Game of Dog Bones

Melanie Travis mysteries 25

Berenson, Laurien

Standard Poodle owner Melanie Travis is an excellent judge of dogs – and people. But what happens when an unnamed killer emerges at one of the fiercest all-breed competitions ever? As Greenwich, Connecticut, slows down during a bitterly cold February, Melanie and her spunky Aunt Peg head to the city that never sleeps for the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show at Madison Square Garden. Aunt Peg can't wait to demonstrate her judging chops on national TV, even after being hounded by frustrating mishaps – all seemingly orchestrated by Victor Durbin, an ousted Pausgusset Poodle Club member with a bone to pick. But the bright lights of the show ring grow dim when Victor is found murdered, and she's the one topping the suspect list... Driven to solve the crime on her aunt's behalf, Melanie fetches hair-raising clues about the victim. His own business partner admits to being delighted by news of his death. As Melanie digs up more chilling evidence, she realises that exonerating Aunt Peg means confronting a murderer, who's in it to win it...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

The Wychford Poisoning Case

Collins Crime Club

Berkeley, Anthony

Mrs Bentley has been arrested for murder. The evidence is overwhelming: arsenic she extracted from fly papers was in her husband's medicine, his food and his lemonade, and her crimes are being plastered across the newspapers. Even her lawyers believe she is guilty. But Roger Sheringham, the brilliant but outspoken young novelist, is convinced that there is 'too much evidence' against Mrs Bentley and sets out to prove her innocence. Credited as the book that first introduced psychology to the detective novel, *The Wychford Poisoning Case* was based on a notorious real-life murder inquiry. Written by Anthony Berkeley, a founder of the celebrated Detection Club who also found fame under the pen-name 'Francis Iles', the story saw the return of Roger Sheringham, the Golden Age's breeziest – and booziest – detective. A classic British crime novel from the Golden Age – perhaps the first ever psychological crime novel – by the founder of the Detection Club, marking 50 years since the death of the author.

Classic mystery PBK \$19.99

The Silk Stocking Murders

Collins Crime Club

Berkeley, Anthony

Investigating the disappearance of a vicar's daughter in London, the popular novelist and amateur detective Roger Sheringham is shocked to discover that the girl is already dead, found hanging from a screw by her own silk stocking. Reports of similar deaths across the capital strengthen his conviction that this is no suicide cult but the work of a homicidal maniac out for vengeance – a desperate situation requiring desperate measures. Having established Roger Sheringham as a brilliant but headstrong young sleuth who frequently made mistakes, trusted the wrong

people and imbibed considerable liquid refreshment, Anthony Berkeley took his controversial character into much darker territory with *The Silk Stocking Murders*, a sensational novel about gruesome serial killings – by an apparent psychopath bent on targeting vulnerable young women. A classic British crime novel from the Golden Age – one of the first to feature a serial killer – by the founder of the Detection Club, marking 50 years since the death of the author.

Classic mystery PBK \$19.99

Northern Spy Berry, Flynn

A producer at the Belfast bureau of the BBC, Tessa is at work one day when the news of another IRA raid comes on the air. As the anchor requests the public's help in locating those responsible for this latest attack – a robbery at a gas station – Tessa's sister appears on the screen pulling a black mask over her face. The police believe Marian has joined the IRA, but Tessa knows this is impossible. But when the truth of what has happened to her sister reveals itself, Tessa will be forced to choose: between her ideals and her family.

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Others Brandt, Mark

On his eleventh birthday, Jacob's father gives him a diary. To write about things that happen. About what he and his father do on their farm. About the sheep, the crop, the fox, and the dam. But Jacob knows some things should not be written down. Some things should not be remembered. The only things he knows for sure are what his father has taught him. Sheltered, protected, isolated. But who is his father protecting him from? And how far will his father go to keep the world at bay? All too soon, Jacob will learn that, sometimes, people do the most terrible things.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Sixteen Horses Buchanan, Greg

In Ilmarsh, England, local police detective Alec Nichols discovers sixteen horses' heads on a farm, each buried with a single eye facing the low winter sun. After Veterinary Forensics expert Cooper Allen travels to the scene, a pathogen is discovered lurking within the soil, and many of those who have come into contact with the corpses grow critically ill. A series of crimes comes to light – disappearances, arson, and mutilations – and in the dark days that follow, the town slips into panic and paranoia. Everything is not as it seems. Anyone could be a suspect. And as Cooper finds herself unable to leave town, Alec is stalked by an unseen threat. The two investigators race to uncover the truth behind these frightened and insidious mysteries – no matter the cost.

Mystery TP \$32.99

The Key Lime Crime

Key West Food Critic mysteries 10

Burdette, Lucy

When a fierce rivalry between key lime pie bakers leads to a pastry chef's murder, food critic Hayley Snow is fit to be tied. During the week between Christmas and New

Year's, the year-round population of Key West, Florida, faces a tsunami of tourists and snowbirds. It doesn't help that outrageously wealthy key lime pie aficionado David Sloan has persuaded the city to host his pie-baking contest. Every pie purveyor on the island is out to win the coveted Key Lime Key to the City and Key Zest food critic Hayley Snow is on the scene to report it. Meanwhile, Hayley's home life is turning more tart than sweet. Hayley's new hubby, police detective Nathan Bransford, announces that her intimidating mother-in-law is bearing down on the island for a surprise visit. Hayley offers to escort Nathan's crusty mom on the iconic Conch Train Tour of the island's holiday lights, but it becomes a recipe for disaster when they find a corpse among the glittering palm trees and fantastic flamingos. The victim – Au Citron Vert's controversial new pastry chef – was a frontrunner in Sloan's contest. It's bad enough that Hayley's too-curious mother-in-law is cooking up trouble. Now, the murderer is out to take a slice out of Hayley. Can she handle the heat of a killer's kitchen?

Mystery TP \$37.95

The Finders

Mace Reid K-9 mysteries

Burton, Jeffrey B

Mason Mace Reid lives on the outskirts of Chicago and specialises in human remains detection. He trains dogs to hunt for the dead. Reid's coming off a difficult year – mourning the death of a beloved springer spaniel as well as the dissolution of his marriage. He adopts a rescue dog with a mysterious past – a golden retriever named Vira. And when Reid begins training Vira as a cadaver dog, he comes to realise just how special the newest addition to his family truly is... Suddenly, Reid and his prize pupil find themselves hurled into a taxing murder case, which will push them to their very limits. Paired with determined Chicago Police Officer Kippy Gimm, Mace must put all his trust in Vira's abilities to thwart a serial killer who has now set his sights on Mace himself.

Mystery TP \$37.95

The Keepers

Mace Reid K-9 mysteries

Burton, Jeffrey B

Mason 'Mace' Reid lives on the outskirts of Chicago and specialises in human remains detection – that is, he trains dogs to hunt for dead bodies. He calls his pack of cadaver dogs The Finders, and his prize pupil is a golden retriever named Vira. When Mace Reid and Vira are called in to search Washington Park at three o'clock in the morning, what they find has them running for their very lives. The trail of murder and mayhem Mace and CPD Officer Kippy Gimm have been following leads them to uncover treachery and corruption at the highest level, and their discoveries do not bode well for them... nor for the Windy City itself.

Mystery HC \$55.00

The Tribute Byron, John

A serial killer is stalking through Sydney, hell bent on recreating scenes from the *Fabrica*, the 16th-century foundation text of modern anatomy. The spate of cold,

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methodical attacks has the city on edge, but the serial killer may not even be the darkest player in this story. Desperate for a breakthrough, decorated homicide detective David Murphy draws into the case his art historian sister, Joanna, and Sylvia, his wife. Unravelling the mystery of who is behind the killings pushes each beyond the limits of what they thought possible. A subversive take on modern masculinity and misogyny told through an irresistible crime narrative; dark and unpredictable, chilling but sympathetic, it weaves a tapestry of narrative threads towards a mesmerising climax that will challenge the way you think about everyone you meet.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

All That Fall Galvin, Kris

When Emma Lawson, the youngest lead government ethics investigator in California's capital, takes a day off to help her best friend, Kate, prepare for the opening of her new business, Rainbow Alley Preschool, the morning takes a shocking turn. The school's most high-profile enrollee – Vivian Lange, the governor's granddaughter – is kidnapped, at the same time Kate's teenage son, Luke, goes missing. Emma is quickly drawn to a web of clues that point toward sordid secrets and a cold-case murder in a shadow world of bigotry and hate. Over a desperate and harrowing 48 hours, Emma races against the clock to solve the most important investigation of her life. But will she be in time to bring the child to safety and to stop a calculating killer whose plan threatens all that Emma holds dear?

Mystery HC \$44.99

The Paper Moon

Inspector Montalbano mysteries
Camilleri, Andrea
Motionless, Montalbano waited for the surf to enter his brain and wash it clean with each breaker. At last, the first light wave came like a caress, *swiiiiisshhh*, and carried away, *glugluglug*, Elena Scalfani and her beauty, while Michela Pardo's tits, belly, arched body, and eyes likewise disappeared. Once Montalbano the man was erased, all that should remain was Inspector Montalbano – a kind of abstract function, the person who was supposed to solve the case and nothing more, with no personal feelings involved. But as he was telling himself this, he knew perfectly well that he could never pull it off. As he gets older, Inspector Montalbano is plagued by existential questions. But he doesn't have much time to wax philosophical before the gruesome murder of a man – shot in the face at point-blank range with his pants down – commands his attention. Add two evasive, beautiful women as prime suspects, dirty cocaine, dead politicians, mysterious computer codes, and a series of threatening letters, and things soon get very complicated at the police headquarters in Vigàta. A reissue with new cover art.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

August Heat

Inspector Montalbano mysteries
Camilleri, Andrea
The lazy, slow month of August at the height of the Sicilian summer is, Inspector

Montalbano assures his girlfriend, Livia – as they prepare for a relaxing holiday, in a villa he has found for them – far too hot for any murders to be committed. But when Livia's friends' young son goes missing, a chain of events is sparked which will certainly ruin the Chief Inspector's pleasant interlude. A secret apartment and a grisly find in an old trunk are just the beginning, as Montalbano navigates his way through the case, as well as coping with the sweltering heat, the suspicious death of an Arab labourer and the tempting lure of a beautiful girl... A reissue with new cover art.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

The Wings of the Sphinx

Inspector Montalbano mysteries
Camilleri, Andrea
Things are not going well for Inspector Montalbano. His long-distance relationship with Livia is on the rocks, he feels himself getting even older and he's growing tired of the violence in his job. Then the dead body of a young woman is found in an illegal dump, with half her face missing. Her identity at first unknown; a tattoo of a sphinx moth on her left shoulder links her with three other girls bearing the same mark, all recent Russian immigrants to Italy. Victims of an underworld sex trade, these girls have been rescued from the Mafia night-club circuit by a Catholic charity organisation. The problem is, the other girls can't help Montalbano with his enquiries. They are all missing. As his investigations progresses, it seems that not everyone wants Montalbano to discover what really lies behind the organisation's charitable façade. And not only does Montalbano have a case to solve, he has a demanding stomach to feed, and he must save his foundering relationship with Livia... A reissue with new cover art.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

The Track of Sand

Inspector Montalbano mysteries
Camilleri, Andrea
Inspector Montalbano rises one morning to find the carcass of a horse on the beach in front of his seaside home. But no sooner do his men arrive, than the body has mysteriously vanished, leaving only a track in the sand. Before long Rachele, a beguiling equestrian champion, turns up at police headquarters to report her horse missing. The horse had been stabled at the grounds of a certain Saverio Lo Duca, one of the richest men in Sicily. Lo Duca has lost one of his own horses too. Montalbano, his curiosity piqued, investigates, but before long things take a more disturbing turn... But who has Montalbano upset within this strange, unfamiliar world of horse racing? And what has the Mafia to do with it all? A reissue with new cover art.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

The Wife Who Knew Too Much

Campbell, Michele
Meet the first Mrs Ford... Beautiful. Accomplished. Wealthy beyond imagination. Married to a much younger man. And, now, she's dead. *Meet the second Mrs Ford...* Waitress. Small-town girl. Married to a man

she never forgot. From a summer romance ten years before. And now, she's wealthy beyond imagination. *Who is Connor Ford?* Two women loved him. And knew him as only wives can know.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Date with Deceit

Dales Detectives mysteries
Chapman, Julia
A woman in tears in the Dales Detective Agency is never the best way to start the week. But when that woman is the wife of Bernard Taylor, town mayor and eminent businessman, there is even more cause for alarm. So, when she asks the detectives to discover whether her husband is having an affair, Samson O'Brien and Delilah Metcalfe know they will have to tread carefully as they proceed to take on the case. The case, however, proves to be more complex than even they had imagined. While Delilah is undercover at the local shoot to better keep tracks on the errant husband, she unwittingly becomes a witness when a man is shot. When Samson to help the police with their investigations, it's not long before the Dales Detective Agency is embroiled in far more than simply keeping tabs on the town's mayor. The detective duo will soon discover that deceit is rife in Bruncliffe. And it may well prove deadly. This fantastic cosy series begins with *Date with Death* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery PBK \$18.99

The Lammis Wild

Aelf Fen mysteries
Clare, Alys
It is the summer of 1100, and after seven long years away in Spain, Lassair is finally going home. Back to her beloved mentor Gurdyman. Back to her family. And back to young lawman Jack Chevestrier, who Lassair hopes still carries the same deep feelings for her as she does for him. Before she can reunite with her loved ones, however, Lassair has a long-overdue task to perform. Old flame – and king's spy – Rollo Guiscard left her a chest before he died, and it is finally time for her to collect it. But the chest contains more than gold, and soon Lassair is caught up in a web of danger and deception that threatens not just her own life, but the lives of everyone she holds dear. And this is not the only peril Lassair must face. For although she's left the south behind her forever, the south is not done with her yet...

Historical mystery HC \$62.95

The Nameless Ones

Charlie Parker series
Gonnolly, John
In Amsterdam, four people are butchered in a canal house, their remains arranged around the crucified form of their patriarch, De Jaeger: fixer, go between, and confidante of the assassin named Louis. The men responsible for the murders are Serbian war criminals. They believe they can escape retribution by retreating to their homeland. They are wrong. For Louis has come to Europe to hunt them down: five killers to be found and punished, before they can vanish into the east. There is only one problem. The sixth. Thriller TP \$32.99

The Grandmother Plot

Gooney, Caroline B
Death isn't unexpected in a nursing home. But murder is. Freddy leads a life of little responsibility. His mother is dead, his sisters are flung, far across the globe, and he can't quite work up enough motivation to find himself a girlfriend. Freddy has been forced to place his beloved grandmother, now deep in dementia, in a nursing home. Freddy visits her often, cherishing and also hating the time he spends with the grandmother he always adored, now a ghost of her former self. When a fragile old woman already close to death is murdered in that nursing home, Freddy panics. His sources of income are iffy, as are his friends. He has to keep his grandmother safe, keep himself anonymous, and keep the police out of his life – or the complications could become deadly. Mystery TP \$37.95

Razorblade Tears

Gosby, S A
Ike Randolph left jail fifteen years ago, with not so much as a speeding ticket since. But a Black man with cops at the door knows to be afraid. Ike is devastated to learn his son Isiah has been murdered, along with Isiah's white husband, Derek. Though he never fully accepted his son, Ike is broken by his death. Derek's father Buddy Lee was as ashamed of Derek being gay as Derek was of his father's criminal past. But Buddy Lee – with seedy contacts deep in the underworld – needs to know who killed his only child. Desperate to do better by them in death than they did in life, two hardened ex-cons must confront their own prejudices about their sons – and each other – as they rain down vengeance upon those who hurt their boys. A ferocious portrait of grief; for those loved and lost, and for mistakes than can never truly be undone, (from the author of *Blacktop Wasteland* (PBK, \$22.99). Noir TP \$32.99

The Sister-In-Law

Grane, Pamela
Lane won Candace's heart over chocolate martinis and karaoke. But weeks into their whirlwind marriage, Candace realised Lane came with burdensome baggage in the form of his possessive, live-in sister and her eerily-watchful, six-year-old son. Lane had a secret that seemed to hold him hostage, and Candace would do anything to uncover it. Harper was the kind of woman who cooked homemade meals and dusted under the furniture. It was the least she could do for her brother after her husband's mysterious death, and Lane took her and her kids in. Then Candace showed up like a tornado passing through, threatening and destructive. But Harper had other plans for her new 'sister', plans Lane could never find out about. All Lane had ever wanted was a white-picket-fence life. The wife. The two and a half kids. The happy little family. Everything seemed to be falling into place with Candace... until Harper's jealous streak got in the way, again. But choosing between his sister and wife would be costly... and knowing Harper, the price would be blood. Thriller PBK \$19.99

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Playdate

Dahl, Alex

It was meant to be your daughter's first sleepover. Now, it's an abduction. Lucia Blix went home from school for a play-date with her new friend Josie. Later that evening, her mother Elisa dropped her overnight things round and shared a glass of wine with Josie's mother. Then she kissed her little girl goodnight and drove home. That was the last time she saw her daughter. The next morning, when Lucia's dad arrived to pick her up, the house was empty. No furniture, no family, no Lucia.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Cabin Fever

Dahl, Alex

Alone and isolated in a vast Scandinavian forest, a therapist begins to read her client's novel manuscript, only to discover the main character is terrifyingly familiar... Kristina is a successful therapist in central Oslo. She spends her days helping clients navigate their lives with a cool professionalism that has got her to the top. But when her client Leah, a successful novelist, arrives at her office clearly distressed, begging Kristina to come to her remote cabin in the woods, she feels the balance begin to slip. When Leah fails to turn up to her next two sessions, Kristina reluctantly heads out into the wilderness to find her. Alone and isolated, Kristina finds Leah's unfinished manuscript; and, as she reads, she realises the main character is terrifyingly familiar...

Thriller TP \$32.99

Death Comes to Durham

Dorothy Martin mysteries

Dams, Jeanne M

American Anglophile Dorothy Martin and her husband, retired chief constable Alan Nesbit, are enjoying a pleasant, albeit rain-soaked, stay in the historic university city of Durham with their old friend David Tregarth. Castle tours and cathedral services fill their days as they wander up and down the steep, cobbled lanes of the medieval city. But the holiday comes to an abrupt halt when David's elderly great-aunt is accused of the murder of a fellow patient at her nursing home. How could a frail dementia sufferer commit such a terrible deed? Dorothy is determined to prove Aunt Amanda's innocence, and launches into an unofficial investigation. But as she and David navigate their way amongst reckless students, inefficient police work and witnesses who have lost the ability to remember, the investigation soon becomes as twisty, slippery and treacherous as the damp cobblestones, outside...

Mystery TP \$39.95

Her Last Breath

Davidson, Hilary

When her beloved sister Caroline dies suddenly, Deirdre is heartbroken. However, her sorrow turns to bone-chilling confusion when she receives a message Caroline sent days earlier warning that her death would be no accident. Long used to being a pariah to her family, Deirdre covers her tattoos and heads to Manhattan for her sister's funeral. The message claimed Caroline's husband, Theo, killed his first wife and got away with it. Reeling from the news, Deirdre confronts Theo on the way to the cemetery, and he

reveals both his temper and his suspicion that Deirdre's 'perfect' sister was having an affair. Paranoid and armed with just enough information to make her dangerous, Deirdre digs into the disturbing secrets buried with Caroline. But as she gets closer to the truth, she realises that her own life may be at risk... and that there may be more than one killer in the family.

Thriller TP \$27.99

The Diva Spices It Up

Domestic Diva mysteries 13

Davis, Krista

Sophie never considered ghost writing as a side gig, until former actress and aspiring lifestyle guru, Tilly Stratford, trophy wife of Wesley Winthrop, needs someone to write her celebrity cookbook. Sophie agrees, hoping she'll earn enough bread on this assignment to finish her bathroom renovations. But as it turns out, Sophie isn't the first foodie to get a taste for recipe ghost writing, and if the marginalia are any indication, this project could be a killer... Wesley claims professional ghost-writer, Abby Bergeron, suddenly abandoned Tilly's cookbook with no warning. But Sophie quickly discovers that Abby may be more ghost than a writer now... and her disappearance was no accident. So, Sophie cracks open a fresh investigation, but sifting the seasoned murderer from this sampling of salty suspects won't be easy. Will Sophie savour another case closed or will the culprit simply melt away?

Mystery TP \$25.99

Are Snakes Necessary?

Hard Case Crime

de Palma, Brian & Lehman, Susan

When the beautiful young videographer offered to join his campaign, Senator Lee Rogers should've known better. But saying no would have taken a stronger man than Rogers, with his ailing wife and his robust libido. Enter Barton Brock, the senator's fixer. He's already gotten rid of one troublesome young woman – how hard could this new one turn out to be? Pursued from Washington DC to the streets of Paris, 18-year-old Fanny Cours knows her reputation and budding career are on the line. But what she doesn't realise is that her life might be as well...

Hardboiled TP \$28.95

Dead by Dawn

Mike Bowditch mysteries

Doiron, Paul

Mike Bowditch is fighting for his life. After being ambushed on a dark winter road, his Jeep crashes into a frozen river. Trapped beneath the ice in the middle of nowhere, having lost his gun and any way to signal for help, Mike fights his way to the surface. But surviving the crash is only the first challenge. Whoever set the trap that ran him off the road is still out there, and they're coming for him. Hours earlier, Mike was called to investigate the suspicious drowning of a wealthy professor. Despite the death being ruled an accident, his elegant, eccentric daughter-in-law insists the man was murdered. She suspects his companion that day, a reclusive survivalist and conspiracy theorist who accompanied the professor on his fateful duck-hunting trip – but what exactly was the

nature of their relationship? And was her own sharp-tongued daughter, who inherited the dead man's fortune, as close to her grandfather as she claims? The accusations lead Mike to a sinister local family who claim to have information on the crime. But when his Jeep flies into the river and unknown armed assailants on snowmobiles chase him through the wilderness, the investigation turns into a fight for survival. Mike faces a nightlong battle to stay alive, he must dissect the hours leading up to the ambush and solve two riddles: which one of these people desperately want him dead, and what has he done to incur their wrath?

Mystery/suspense HC \$57.95

Matters of Doubt

Cal Claxton mysteries

Basley, Warren C

Former LA prosecutor Cal Claxton has escaped to the Oregon wine country after his wife's suicide, determined to live a less-harried life. He's gotten a dog for company and takes pleasure in simple things like hiking, fishing, and crafting gourmet meals from the area's bounty, which he enjoys with local wines. He has no career ambitions, other than to sustain a small practice that will allow him to pay his bills. Then he's approached by a homeless street artist from Portland who wants him to take on the cold case investigation of his mother's murder. The young man believes his mother's boyfriend killed her eight years earlier, but the police were never able to solve the case. Cal turns him away. But his conscience won't let him rest... Cal takes on the case against his better judgment. Soon, however, the street artist is charged with the boyfriend's murder, and Cal has to battle bias from the press, police, and public, along with his own doubts about his client in order to determine who has committed both crimes – and why. A reissue of the first in the series.

Mystery (reissue) TP \$19.99

Darkness Beyond

Herbert Reardon mysteries

Eccles, Marjorie

February, 1933. When their eldest brother Paul walks into their hallway, fourteen years after he was presumed dead, successful property developers Thea and Teddy Millar are beset with questions. Where has he been? Why has he never written to let them know he was alive? And most of important of all: what happened to Paul, after the end of the Great War, to make him abandon everything and everyone he ever knew? When Paul's body is found floating in the canal two weeks later, Detective Inspector Herbert Reardon feels sure the murder is connected to his new life in London. For who would want to kill a man who's been thought dead for over a decade? But Reardon knows the past can cast long shadows, and as he investigates, he finds a knot of dark secrets and old grudges that someone is determined he'll never untangle...

Historical mystery HC \$62.95

The Hollows

Edwards, Mark

With his marriage over and his career in freefall, journalist Tom decides to reconnect with his 14-year-old daughter, Frankie. Desperate to spend precious time together now that they live an ocean apart, he brings

her to Hollow Falls, a cabin resort deep in the woods of Maine. From the outset there's something a little eerie about the place – strange whispers in the trees, wind chimes echoing through the forest – but when Tom meets true-crime podcasters David and Connie, he receives a chilling warning. Hollow Falls has a gruesome history: twenty years ago this week, a double slaying shut down the resort. The crime was never solved, and now the woods are overrun with murder-obsessed tourists looking to mark the grim anniversary. It's clear that there's something deeply disturbing going on at Hollow Falls. And as Tom's dream trip turns into a nightmare, he and Frankie are faced with a choice: uncover the truth, or get out while they still can.

Thriller TP \$35.95

Sibanda and the Black

Sparrow Hawk

Elliott, C M

When a skinned body is discovered on the side of the railway line deep in the Matabele bush, Detective Inspector Jabulani Sibanda, along with his sidekicks, Sergeant Ncube and the troublesome Land Rover, Miss Daisy, is back on the trail of a murderer. As more girls go missing and more bones are discovered, Sibanda realises they are dealing with the signature of a vicious serial killer who chooses the train as his killing field. Suspects abound, and the trio pursues the leads relentlessly, but the warped psychopath is elusive. Has Sibanda met his match? To complicate matters, his unrequited love interest, Berry Barton, is back on his radar. Gubu police station politics are as partisan as ever and Sgt Ncube, in an attempt to equal the brilliance of his boss, has discovered the wonders of the *Oxford English Dictionary*, to hilarious results. With winter tightening its grip, and drought and hardship threatening the population, Sibanda uses a risky strategy to trap his nemesis. Can he pull it off? The first in this series, set on the borders of Zimbabwe National Park, is *Sibanda and the Rainbird* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Widespread Panic

Ellroy, James

Freddy Otash was the man in the know and the man to know in '50s LA. He was a rogue cop, a sleazoid private eye, a shakedown artist, a pimp – and, most notably, the head strong-arm goon for *Confidential* magazine. *Confidential* presaged the idiot internet – and delivered the dirt, the dish, the insidious ink, and the scurrilous skank. It mauled misanthropic movie stars, sex-soiled socialites, and putzo politicians. Mattress Jack Kennedy, James Dean, Montgomery Clift, Burt Lancaster, Liz Taylor, Rock Hudson – Frantic Freddy outed them all. He was the Tattle Tyrant who held Hollywood hostage. Now, he's here to *CONFESS*. 'I'm consumed with candour and wracked with recollection. I'm revitalised and resurgent. My *meshugenah* march down memory lane begins *NOW*.' In Freddy's viciously entertaining voice, *Widespread Panic* torches 1950s' Hollywood to the ground. It's a blazing revelation of coruscating corruption, pervasive paranoia, and of sin and redemption with nothing in between. From the modern master of noir comes a

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novel based on the real-life Hollywood fixer Freddy Otash, the malevolent monarch of the 1950s LA underground, and his Tinseltown tabloid *Confidential* magazine.

Noir TP \$32.99

The Chemical Reaction

Jacqueline Silver Adventures 02

Erskine, Fiona

As Jaq is pulled further into a murky underworld of deceit and corruption, things take an explosive turn... After escaping almost certain death amidst the ruins of Chernobyl, Jaq finds herself in even hotter water. Deep in debt, she decides to take on a risky contract in China. But when her former student and the chemical factory she was meant to be investigating both mysteriously disappear, she realises nothing is as it seems. From fraudulent art auctions in London to a troupe of male strippers in Shanghai, the mystery of the vanishing factory begins to look ever more complicated as the days pass. Can Jaq work out what happened – and whether it has anything to do with her nemesis Frank Good – before time runs out?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

The Ghost of Frédéric Chopin

Faye, Éric

Prague, 1995: Vera Foltynova, a widow in her late 50s, claims to receive visits from the ghost of great composer Frédéric Chopin. What's more, she declares that Chopin has dictated dozens of compositions to her, to allow the world to hear the sublime music he was unable to create in his own short life. Many dismiss her story as a ridiculous hoax, while others swear that the music has the same beauty and refinement as the work of the dead master. Ludvik Slany – a secret police agent, turned television journalist – is assigned to make a documentary debunking Vera's claims. He arrives in Prague ready to uncover a scam, but the more he subtly tries to trick her into giving herself away, the more he begins to think he may be witnessing a genuine miracle...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

His and Hers

Feeny, Alice

There are two sides to every story: yours and mine, ours and theirs, His and Hers. Which means someone is always lying. When a woman is murdered in Blackdown, a quintessentially British village, news broadcaster Anna Andrews is reluctant to cover the case. Detective Jack Harper is suspicious of her involvement, until he becomes a suspect in his own murder investigation. Someone isn't telling the truth, and some secrets are worth killing to keep.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

The Cover Wife

Fesperman, Dan

Paris, October 1999. CIA agent Claire Saylor's career has stalled, thanks to unorthodox behaviour in her past. So, when she's told she'll be going undercover in Hamburg, to pose as the wife of an academic who has published a controversial interpretation of the Quran's promise to martyrs, she assumes the job is a punishment. But when she discovers her team leader is Paul Bridger, another Agency maverick, she realises there may be more to this

mission than meets the eye – and not just for professional reasons. Meanwhile, Mahmoud, a recent Moroccan *émigré* in Hamburg, has become involved with a group of radicals at his local mosque. The deeper he's drawn into the group, the more he is torn between his obligations to them and his feelings toward a beautiful, westernised Muslim woman. As Claire learns the truth about her mission, and Mahmoud grows closer to the radicals, their paths are on a collision course that could have disastrous repercussions, far beyond the CIA.

Suspense TP \$32.99

Burying the Crown

Guy Harford mysteries

Fielden, T P

Windsor, 1942. War rages through Great Britain. Anna Duckworth, former lover of Prince George, Duke of Kent, is found dead after an enemy bomb blast at her country home. When courtier Guy Harford is called to dispose of incriminating love letters between Anna and the Duke, it becomes clear that there's more to the story than anyone is prepared to reveal. As the court begins to whisper of a lone gunshot heard in the house that day, another gruesome death befalls the royal circle. With the bodies stacking up, Guy rejoins his old accomplices, East End burglar Rodie Carr and undercover agent Rupert Hardacre, to unmask the dangerous secrets lurking beneath the glittering Crown. But with tensions rippling from London to Tangier as the Allied Forces prepare to invade North Africa, and Guy's reputation in the Palace hanging in the balance, can he solve the mystery before more heads roll?

Mystery TP \$35.95

Arrowood and the Meeting House Murders

Arrowood mysteries

Finlay, Mick

London, 1896. As winter grips the city, a group of African travellers seek sanctuary inside the walls of the Quaker Meeting House. They are being hunted by a ruthless showman, who is forcing them to perform in his ethnic exhibition in the London Aquarium. Private investigator William Arrowood and his assistant Barnett agree to help the travellers avoid capture. But when they arrive at the Meeting House, they find a scene of devastation. Two people have been murdered and the others have fled into the night. The hunt for the real killer leads Arrowood into the dark heart of Victorian London. A shadowy world of freak shows, violence and betrayal, where there are no good choices and only the slimmest chance of survival... 'Finlay depicts a seedy, desperate London and vivid characters with considerable skill' – *The Times*. This mystery series – wherein London Society takes their problems to Sherlock Holmes; and everyone else goes to Arrowood – begins with *Arrowood* (PBK, \$19.99). Recommended.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

The Therapist

Flood, Helene

At first, it's the lie that hurts. A voicemail from her husband tells Sara he's arrived at the holiday cabin. Then a call from his friend confirms he never did. She tries to carry on as normal, teasing out her clients' deepest fears,

but as the hours stretch out, her own begin to surface. And when the police finally take an interest, they want to know why Sara deleted that voicemail. To get to the root of Sigurd's disappearance, Sara must question everything she knows about her relationship. Could the truth about what happened be inside her head?

Thriller TP \$32.99

Lemon Drop Dead

Amish Candy Shop mysteries 06

Flower, Amanda

Although baby showers aren't an Amish tradition, Bailey King wants to celebrate Emily Keim's forthcoming bundle of joy. It's the least she can do for her hardworking assistant at Swissmen Sweets, especially with Emily being estranged from her siblings. Everyone in Harvest, Ohio has gathered at the town gazebo – decked out in lemon-themed décor to add some of Emily's favourite flavour to the festivities – including Juliet Brook, Jethro the Pig, and in a last-minute invitation, Emily's sister Esther Esh. But Esther isn't the only surprise guest. A mysterious Amish woman confronts Emily claiming to know about her secret shame – the child she had as a teenager who was given up for adoption. The stranger vanishes before Bailey could find out who she was and if she knew what happened to Emily's first baby. Later that evening, the woman reappears – dead in Esh Family Pretzels, with a threatening letter written by Esther found on her body. Emily knows her sister is not a murderer and convinces Bailey to help clear Esther's name and put the squeeze on the real killer...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

A Bad Bad Thing

Eve West series

Forbes, Elena

Eve West, a police officer with a hidden past, is drawn into a dark and complex case, when she's asked to investigate a miscarriage of justice. After a police operation ends in catastrophe, DCI Eve West is suspended. She faces expulsion from the force, until John Duran – a violent criminal Eve incarcerated, still serving his sentence – offers to help clear her name. But nothing comes without a price. Duran wants Eve to help free a fellow prisoner, who he claims has been wrongly convicted of murder. But as her investigation takes a dark turn, Eve finds that more than just her job is at stake, and realises Duran is a dangerous man to trust... The first in a series, perfect for fans of Elly Griffiths.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Oranges and Lemons

Bryant & May series

Fowler, Christopher

On a spring morning in London's Strand, the Speaker of the House of Commons is nearly killed by a van unloading oranges and lemons for the annual St Clement Danes celebration. It's an absurd near-death experience, but the government is more interested in investigating the Speaker's state of mind just prior to his accident. The task is given to the Peculiar Crimes Unit – the only problem being that the unit no longer exists. Its chief, Raymond Land, is tending his daffodils on the Isle of Wight and senior detectives Arthur Bryant and John May are out of commission – May has just undergone surgery for a bullet wound and Bryant has been missing for

a month. What's more, their old office in King's Cross is being turned into a vegetarian tapas bar. Against impossible odds, the team is reassembled and once again what should be a simple case becomes a lunatic farrago involving arson, suicide, magicians, academics and a race to catch a killer with a master plan involving London churches. Joining their team this time is Sidney, a young woman with no previous experience, plenty of attitude – and a surprising secret.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Robert Ludlum's the Bourne Evolution

Jason Bourne series

Freeman, Brian

After the death of his lover in a mass shooting, secret agent Jason Bourne is convinced that there is more to her murder than it seems. Worse, he believes that Treadstone – the agency that made him who he is, that trained him, is behind the killing. Bourne goes rogue, leaving Treadstone behind and taking on a new mission to infiltrate and expose an anarchist group, Medusa. But when a congresswoman is assassinated in New York, Bourne is framed for the crime, and he finds himself alone, and on the run... hunted by both Treadstone and the tech cabal that had hired him. In his quest to stay one step ahead of his enemies, Bourne teams up with a journalist, Abbey Laurent – to figure out who was behind the frame up, and to learn as much as he can about the ever-growing threat of the mysterious Medusa group. As more and more enemies begin to hunt Bourne, it's a race against the clock to discover who led him into a trap... and what their next move may be.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Troubled Blood

Cormoran Strike series

Galbraith, Robert

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. Plus, the pair are still battling their feelings for one another, while Robin is also juggling a messy divorce and unwanted male attention. 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... The first Cormoran Strike novel – written by Robert Galbraith (a pseudonym of J K Rowling's) – is *The Cuckoo's Calling* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

When I Was You

Garza, Amber

One ordinary fall morning, Kelly Medina gets a call from her son's paediatrician to confirm her upcoming 'well baby' appointment. It's a cruel mistake; her son left for college, a year ago, and Kelly's never felt

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so alone. The receptionist apologises: there's another mother in town named Kelly Medina, and she must have gotten their numbers switched. For days, Kelly can't stop thinking about the woman who shares her name. Lives in her same town. Has a son she can still hold, and her whole life ahead of her. When Kelly just happens to bump into the single mother outside that paediatrician's office, it's simple curiosity getting the better of her. But that curiosity quickly turns to obsession, and when one Kelly disappears, well, the other one may know why.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

A Death Long Overdue

Lighthouse Library mysteries 07

Gates, Eva

It's summertime in the Outer Banks of North Carolina and Bertie James' college class is having their 40th anniversary reunion. The opening night reception is held at the Lighthouse Library and Lucy and her colleagues have assembled an exhibit of library artefacts showing how libraries have changed over the years. After the reception, some of the women take a walk down the boardwalk to the pier, using flashlights to illuminate the dark path, but what's scarier than the dark is finding the former director of the Lighthouse Library floating lifeless in the water. Helena Sanchez, the former director, wasn't much loved and spent the party being rude to almost everyone there. As a result, Lucy finds herself in deep water as she rocks the boat, questioning several suspects. But she'll have to batten down the hatches and fast before she's left high and dry... and right in the killer's crosshairs.

Mystery TP \$26.99

Choose Me

Gerritsen, Tess & Braver, Gary

Taryn Moore is young, beautiful, and brilliant... so why would she kill herself? When Detective Frankie Loomis arrives on the scene to investigate the girl's fatal plunge from her apartment balcony, she knows in her gut there's more to the story. Her instincts are confirmed when surprise information is revealed that could have been reason enough for Taryn's suicide – or a motive for her murder. To English professor Jack Dorian, Taryn was the ultimate fantasy: intelligent, adoring, and completely off limits. But there was also a dark side to Taryn, a dangerous streak that threatened those she turned her affections to – including Jack. And, now that she's dead, his problems are just beginning. After Frankie uncovers a trove of sordid secrets, it becomes clear that Jack may know the truth. He is guilty of deception, but is he capable of cold-blooded murder?

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

Murder On Mustique

Glenconner, Anne

A storm. A disappearance. A race against time... Mustique is in a state of breathless calm as tropical storm Cristobal edges towards it across the Atlantic. Most villa owners have escaped the island, but a few young socialites remain, unwilling to let summer's partying end. American heiress Amanda Fortini is one such thrillseeker – until she heads out for a morning swim and doesn't return. Detective Sergeant Solomon Nile is just 28 years old and the

island's only fully trained police officer. He quickly realises he needs to contact Lord and Lady Blake, who bought the island decades ago and have invested time, money and love creating a paradise. Jasper is in St Lucia designing a new village of luxury villas – but Lady Veronica (Vee, to her friends) catches a plane, immediately. Her beloved goddaughter, Lily, is on the island and this disappearance has alarming echoes of what happened to Lily's mother many years ago. Lady Vee would never desert a friend in need, and she can keep a cool head in a crisis. When Amanda's body is found, a murder investigation begins. Nile knows the killer must be an islander because flights and ferry crossings have stopped due to the storm warning, but the local community isn't co-operating. And then the storm hits, and someone else disappears... Warm, witty, surprising, and endlessly entertaining, *Murder on Mustique* draws on Lady Glenconner's wealth of knowledge about the island and love of storytelling.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Before the Storm

DSI William Lorimer mysteries

Gray, Alex

Inspector Daniel Kohi of the Zimbabwean police force returns home one night to find his worst nightmare has been realised. His family dead, his house destroyed, and in fear for his life, he is forced to flee the country he loves. Far away in Glasgow, DSI William Lorimer has his hands full. Christmas is approaching, the city is bustling, and while the homicide rate has been relatively low, something much darker is brewing. Counter-Terrorism have got wind of a plot, here in Lorimer's native city, to carry out an unspeakable atrocity on Christmas Eve. They need someone with local knowledge to help them root it out and who better than the head of the Scottish Major Incidents Team. But the investigation is complicated by a spate of local murders, and by the rumours that someone is passing information to criminal organisations from inside the police force. Soon Lorimer finds himself in desperate need of assistance. Then he meets an extraordinary man – a refugee from Zimbabwe, whose investigative skills are a match for Lorimer's own...

Mystery HC \$45.00

A Time for Mercy

Grisham, John

Deputy Stuart Kofer is a protected man. Though, he's turned his drunken rages on his girlfriend, Josie, and her children many times before, the police code of silence has always shielded him. But one night he goes too far, leaving Josie for dead on the floor before passing out. Her son, 16-year-old Drew, knows he only has this one chance to save them. He picks up a gun and takes the law into his own hands. In Clanton, Mississippi, there is no one more hated than a cop killer – but a cop killer's defence lawyer comes close. Jake Brigance doesn't want this impossible case but he's the only one with enough experience to defend the boy. As the trial begins, it seems there is only one outcome: the gas chamber for Drew. But, as the town of Clanton discovers once again, when Jake Brigance takes on an impossible case, anything is possible...

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Butcher's Wood

Brighton mysteries

Guttridge, Peter

During a theatre performance Detective Inspector Sarah Gilchrist is reluctantly attending, blood begins soaking through a curtain startling one actor into falling to his death from the stage. The source of the blood: Elvira Wright, the lead actress, has been bludgeoned by a lead weight used for opening the curtain. Meanwhile former Hollywood actress Nimue Grace is attracting attention from a notorious gangster. When she stumbles across something horrific in the aptly named Butcher's Wood, she interprets it as a vicious message left for her. As Gilchrist and Detective Sergeant Bellamy Heap investigate, they find themselves running in circles. All the actors were disgruntled with the director of the play, Cat Pinter, and the way it was produced, but why would any of them target Elvira? And what is the meaning of the horrible discovery in Butcher's Wood?

Mystery HC \$62.95

What You Never Knew

Hamilton, Jessica

Idyllic Avril Island, owned by the Bennett family, where their 100-year-old cottage sat nestled in acres of forest. Forty-year-old June Bennett believed that the island had been sold after the summer of her father's disappearance when she was only 12 years old. It's months after the shocking death of her older sister May in a fatal car accident, that June finds out that the cottage was never sold. Avril Island is still owned by the Bennett family and now it's hers. Still reeling from the grief of losing her sister, June travels back to Avril Island, in search of answers. As she digs, she learns that the townspeople believe her father may in fact have been murdered rather than having abandoned his family in the dead of night, as she was led to believe by her mother. And that's when she begins to notice strange things happening on the island – missing family possessions showing up, doors locking on their own, unexplained noises in the night, shadowy figures disappearing into the woods. It takes June no time at all to realise that her childhood summers at Avril Island were not at all what they had seemed to be.

Mystery/suspense HC \$44.99

Ascension

Harris, Oliver

Ascension: the most remote island in the world... Elliot Kane, former spy, trying to leave the world of espionage behind. Kathryn Taylor: a stalled career in MI6, running the South Atlantic desk. Rory Bannatyne: covert technical specialist. Dead, apparently of suicide. Three friends from a mission many years ago reconnect when one of them dies on Ascension Island. Rory Bannatyne had been tasked with tapping a new transatlantic data cable, but a day before he was due to return home he is found hanged. When Kathryn Taylor begs Kane to go over and investigate, he can't say no, but it's an uneasy reintroduction to the intelligence game. Ascension is a curious legacy of England's imperial past. Only employees and their families are allowed to live there. It's home to several highly-classified government projects, a British and American military base, and forty dead

volcanic cones. Entirely isolated from the world, the disappearance of a young girl at the same time as Rory's death means local tensions are high. Elliot needs to discover what happened to her as well as to Rory. But the island contains more secrets than even the government knows, and it's not going to give them up without a fight. '... a stunner. What a pleasure it is to read a book with a powerful story, an unusual and fully realised setting, a convincing hero, all written in a style of luminous clarity' – Philip Pullman.

Suspense TP \$32.99

V2

Harris, Robert

The first rocket will take five minutes to hit London. You have six minutes to stop the second. Rudi Graf used to dream of sending a rocket to the moon. Instead, he has helped create the world's most sophisticated weapon: the V2 ballistic missile, capable of delivering a one-ton warhead, at three times the speed of sound. In a desperate gamble to avoid defeat in the winter of 1944, Hitler orders 10,000 to be built. Haunted and disillusioned, Graf – who understands the volatile, deadly machine better than anyone – is tasked with firing these lethal 'vengeance weapons' at London. Kay Caton-Walsh is an officer in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, and a survivor of a V2 strike. As the rockets devastate London, she joins a unit of WAAFs on a mission to newly-liberated Belgium. Armed with little more than a slide rule and a few equations, Kay and her colleagues will attempt to locate and destroy the launch sites. But, at this stage in the war, it's hard to know who, if anyone, you can trust. As the death toll soars, Graf and Kay fight their grim, invisible war – until one final explosion of violence causes their destinies to collide. 'I want to be the first to say it: Robert Harris scores a direct hit with V2. I was enthralled.' – Anthony Horowitz.

Suspense PBK \$19.99

Ghost Blows a Kiss

Bailey Ruth Ghost mysteries 10

Hart, Carolyn

The late – as in Dearly Departed – Bailey Ruth Raeburn is delighted when she's assigned a new mission by Heaven's Department of Good Intentions, even if she is no good at following the rules for Earthly Visitations. This time, she's determined to be the perfect unseen emissary, no matter what it takes. Arriving late in the evening in her old hometown of Adelaide, Oklahoma to find a woman drowning in a pond, Bailey Ruth carries out a daring rescue with textbook invisible effort. But Bailey Ruth soon realises there's more to Fran's accident than a late-night walk gone wrong. The young widow was running away – but what from? Soon Bailey Ruth finds herself caught up in a complex web of family secrets, loyalties and lies – and if she doesn't act fast, an innocent will be locked up for a very long time...

Mystery HC \$62.95

Sleepless

Hausmann, Romy

It's over, my angel. Today, I'm going to die. Just like her. He's won. It's been years, since Nadja Kulka was convicted of a cruel crime. After being released from prison, she's wanted nothing more than to live a normal

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life: nice flat, steady job, even a few friends. But when one of those friends, Laura von Hoven – free-spirited beauty and wife of Nadja's boss – kills her lover and begs Nadja for her help, Nadja can't seem to be able to refuse. The two women make for a remote house in the woods, the perfect place to bury a body. But their plan quickly falls apart and Nadja finds herself outplayed, a pawn in a bizarre game in which she is both the perfect victim and the perfect murderer...

Thriller TP \$32.99

Other People's Clothes

Henkel, Galla

2009. Berlin. Two art students arrive from New York, both desperate for the city to solve their problems. Zoe is grieving for her high school best friend, murdered months before in her hometown in Florida. Hailey is rich, obsessed with the exploits of Lindsay Lohan and Britney Spears and wants to be a Warholian legend. Together they rent a once-magnificent apartment from eccentric crime writer Beatrice Becks. With little to fill their time, they spend their nights twisting through Berlin's club scene and their days hung over. Soon, inexplicable things start happening in the apartment and the two friends suspect they are being watched by Beatrice. Convinced that their landlord is using their lives as inspiration for her next thriller novel, they decide to beat her at her own game. The girls start hosting wild parties in the flat and quickly gain notoriety, with everyone clamouring for an invite to 'Beatrice's'. But, ultimately, they find themselves unable to control the narrative and it spirals into much darker territory...

Thriller TP \$32.99

Strangers on a Train

Vintage Classics

Highsmith, Patricia

Guy Haines and Charles Anthony Bruno are passengers on the same train. Haines is a successful architect in the midst of a divorce, Bruno a mysterious smooth talker, with a sadistic proposal: he'll murder Haines' wife, if Haines will murder Bruno's father. As Bruno carries out his twisted plan, Guy finds himself trapped in Highsmith's perilous world, where, under the right circumstances, ordinary people are capable of extraordinary crimes. The inspiration for Alfred Hitchcock's classic 1951 film, *Strangers on a Train* launched Highsmith's prolific career, proving her a master at depicting the unsettling forces that tremble beneath the surface of everyday life. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Cry of the Owl

Vintage Classics

Highsmith, Patricia

In a small Pennsylvania town, Robert Forrester is recuperating from a nasty divorce and a bout of psychological trouble. One evening, while driving home, he sees a pretty young woman – framed by her bright kitchen window. Soon, he can't keep himself away. But when Robert is inevitably discovered, obsession is turned on its head, and he finds himself unable to shake the young woman, nor entirely sure whether he should. Recently

made into a major motion picture starring Julia Stiles and Paddy Considine, *The Cry of the Owl* is essential Highsmith, a modern classic ready to be reborn. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Talented Mr Ripley

Vintage Classics

Highsmith, Patricia

The suave Tom Ripley, a young striver, seeks to leave behind his past as an orphan bullied for being a 'sissy'. Newly arrived in the heady world of Manhattan, Ripley meets a wealthy industrialist who hires him to bring his playboy son, Dickie Greenleaf, back from gallivanting in Italy. Soon, Ripley's fascination with Dickie's debonair lifestyle turns obsessive as he finds himself enraged by Dickie's ambivalent affections for Marge, a charming American dilettante, and Ripley begins a deadly game. A reissue of the first volume of Patricia Highsmith's five-book Ripley series.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Ripley Under Ground

Vintage Classics

Highsmith, Patricia

The enviable Tom Ripley has a lovely house in the French countryside, a beautiful and very rich wife, and an art collection worthy of a connoisseur. But such a gracious life has not come easily. One inopportune inquiry, one inconvenient friend, and Ripley's world will come tumbling down – unless he takes decisive steps. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Ripley's Game

Vintage Classics

Highsmith, Patricia

Connoisseur of art, harpsichord aficionado, gardener extraordinaire, and genius of improvisational murder, the inimitable Tom Ripley finds his complacency shaken when he is scorned at a posh gala. While an ordinary psychopath might repay the insult with some mild act of retribution, what Ripley has in mind is far more subtle, and infinitely more sinister. A social slight doesn't warrant murder, of course – just a chain of events that may lead to it. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Unkindness of Ravens

Greer Hogan mysteries

Hilliard, M E

Greer Hogan is a librarian and an avid reader of murder mysteries. She also has a habit of stumbling upon murdered bodies. The first was her husband's, and the tragic loss led Greer to leave New York behind for a new start in the Village of Raven Hill. But her new home becomes less idyllic when she discovers her best friend sprawled dead on the floor of the library. Was her friend's demise related to two other deaths that the police deemed accidental? Do the residents of this insular village hold dark secrets about another murder, decades ago? Does a serial killer haunt Raven Hill? As the body count rises, Greer's anxious musings take a darker turn when she uncovers unexpected and distressing information about her own husband's death... and the man who went to prison for his murder. She is racked with

guilt at the possibility that her testimony may have helped to convict an innocent man. Though, Greer admires the masters of deduction she reads about in books, she never expected to have to solve a mystery herself. Fortunately, she possesses a quick wit and a librarian's natural resourcefulness. But will that be enough to protect her from a brilliant, diabolical murderer? And even if Greer manages to catch the Raven Hill killer, will living with her conscience prove a fate worse than death?

Mystery HC \$39.99

A Rage in Harlem

Penguin Classics

Himes, Chester

For the love of fine and wily Imabelle, hapless Jackson loses his life savings to a con man who knows the secret of turning ten-dollar bills into hundreds and steals from his boss, only to lose the stolen money at a crap table. Luckily for him, Jackson has a savvy twin brother, Goldy, who, disguised as a Sister of Mercy, earns a living by selling tickets to Heaven in Harlem. Now, for the big paycheck... A reissue.

Classic mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Real Cool Killers

Penguin Classics

Himes, Chester

Many people had reasons for killing Ulysses Galen, a big Greek with too much money and too great a liking for young black girls. But there are complications – like Sonny, found standing over the body, high on hash, with a gun in his hand that fires only blanks; a gang called the Moslems; a disappearing suspect; and the fact that Coffin Ed's daughter is up to her pretty, little neck in the whole explosive business. A reissue.

Classic mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

All Shot Up

Penguin Classics

Himes, Chester

A golden Cadillac big enough to cross the ocean has been seen sailing along the streets of Harlem. A hit-and-run victim's been hit so hard she got embedded in the wall of a convent. A shootout with three heist-men, dressed as cops, has left an important politician in a coma – and a lot of money missing. And Grave Digger Jones and Coffin Ed Johnson are the ones who have to piece it all together. A reissue.

Classic mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Heat's On

Penguin Classics

Himes, Chester

From the start, nothing goes fright for Coffin Ed and Grave Digger Jones. They are disciplined for use of excessive force. Grave Digger is shot, and his death announced in a hoax radio bulletin. Bodies pile up faster than Coffin Ed and Grave Digger Jones can run. Yet, try as they might, they always seem to be one hot step behind the cause of all the mayhem – three million dollars' worth of heroin and a simple albino called Pinky. A reissue.

Classic mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Cotton Comes to Harlem

Penguin Classics

Himes, Chester

Flim-flam man Deke O'Hara is no sooner out of Atlanta's state penitentiary than he's back on the streets working the scam of a lifetime. As sponsor of the Back-to-Africa movement, he's counting on a big Harlem rally to produce a massive collection – for his own private charity. But the take is hijacked by white gunmen and hidden in a bale of cotton that suddenly everyone wants to get his hands on. A reissue.

Classic mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Inner Darkness

Cold Case Quartet

Horst, Jørn 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.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Nothing Man

Howard, Catherine Ryan

At the age of twelve, Eve Black was the only member of her family to survive an encounter with serial attacker, the Nothing Man. Now an adult, she is obsessed with identifying the man who destroyed her life. Supermarket security guard Jim Doyle has just started reading *The Nothing Man* – the true-crime memoir Eve has written about her efforts to track down her family's killer. As he turns each page, his rage grows. Because Jim's not just interested in reading about the Nothing Man. He is the Nothing Man. Jim soon begins to realise how dangerously close Eve is getting to the truth. He knows she won't give up until she finds him. He has no choice but to stop her first...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Letters from the Dead

Thomas Bexley mysteries

Hurcom, Sam

1905. A year after 'the affair' in Dinas Powys, Thomas Bexley has become a drunkard and recluse, haunted by terrible visions of the dead. But when news of a spate of extraordinary kidnappings reaches him, Thomas is shocked to learn that his dear friend and former mentor, Professor Elijah Hawthorn, is the lead suspect. Discovering a plea for help from Hawthorn claiming to have unearthed a gruesome conspiracy at the heart of the Metropolitan Police, Thomas embarks on a journey to prove Hawthorn's innocence. But wherever Thomas goes, he is followed by the dead, and as the mystery of Hawthorn's disappearance deepens, so too does Thomas' apparent insanity... How can Thomas be certain of the truth when he can't trust anybody around him, not even

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himself...? The next stifling, atmospheric gothic crime novel following one of the world's first forensic photographers; the first is *A Shadow on the Lens* (PBK, \$22.99).
Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Kyiv

Wars Within series

Hurley, Graham

On Sunday, 22 June 1941 at 0305, three and a half million Axis troops burst into the Soviet Union, along a 1,800-mile front, to launch Operation Barbarossa. The southern thrust of the attack was aimed at the Caucasuses and the oil fields beyond. Kyiv was the biggest city to stand in their way. Within six weeks, the city was under siege. Surrounded by Panzers, bombed and shelled day and night, Soviet Commissar Nikita Khrushchev was amongst the senior Soviet officials co-ordinating the defence. Amid his cadre of trusted personnel is British defector Bella Menzies, once with MI5, now with the NKVD, the Soviet secret police. With the fall of the city inevitable, the Soviets plan a bloody war of terror that will extort a higher toll on the city's inhabitants than the invaders. As the noose tightens, Bella finds herself trapped, hunted by both the Russians and the Germans. As the local saying has it: life is dangerous – no one survives it.
Thriller TP \$32.99

The Sign of Death

Victorian Book Club mysteries 02

Hutton, Callie

Bath, England, 1891. Mr James Harding was a lot of things – businessman, well to do, probable scoundrel – but a drinker, he most assuredly was not. So, when Harding is believed to have drunkenly fallen to his death into the icy River Avon, Lord William Wethington is immediately suspicious. Finding Lord William's name on a letter in the victim's pocket, the local constabulary summons William to identify the victim. Police detectives learn that William had been one of Harding's business clients – and undoubtedly not the only client the dead man had cheated. William entertains Lady Amy Lovell, a fellow member of the Mystery Book Club of Bath, to help him deduce what really happened to the late Mr Harding. Lady Amy, a celebrated mystery author herself, once called on William to help her solve a real-life mystery, and now she fully intends to return the favour. But it won't be easy. Practically every one of Harding's many clients had ample reason to want to do him in. And there's precious little time to narrow down the list: William and Amy soon become prime suspects themselves when the police discover them riffling through files in Harding's house. Lady Amy will have to be as clever as her characters if she's to save William from the gallows... and herself from Harding's real killer.
Historical mystery HC \$44.99

Fatality with Forster

Crime with the Classics mysteries

Hyde, Katherine Bolger

Retired professor Emily Cavanaugh and her husband, Luke, are taking a much-needed break from Windy Corner and spending their honeymoon five thousand miles away, as paying guests at Fitzhugh Manor in Oxfordshire. Quaint nearby villages and the manor's impressive turrets and arches capture

Emily's Anglophile heart, but when she meets its dashing young heir, James Fitzhugh and his American wife, Allison, James' cousin Penelope, his dithering uncle Roger and the manor's formidable dowager, Lady Margaret Fitzhugh, it's clear that class prejudice, resentment and secrets threaten to tear the family apart. Is there more to a fatal accident than meets the eye? Emily soon finds herself in the middle of a family drama redolent of Forster's classic novels, but can she pull off her own masterstroke to catch a killer?
Mystery HC \$62.95

The Darkness Knows

Inspector Konrad series

Indridason, Arnaldur

A frozen body is discovered in the icy depths of Langjökull glacier, apparently that of a businessman who disappeared thirty years before. At the time, an extensive search and police investigation yielded no results – one of the missing man's business associates was briefly held in custody, but there wasn't enough evidence to charge him. Now the associate is arrested again and Konrad, the retired policeman who originally investigated the disappearance, is called back to reopen the case that has weighed on his mind for decades. When a woman approaches him with new information that she obtained from her deceased brother, progress can finally be made in solving this long-cold case. In *The Darkness Knows*, readers are reunited with Konrad, the unforgettable retired detective from *The Shadow District* (PBK, \$19.99).
Noir TP \$32.99

I Follow You

James, Peter

To the outside world, suave, charming and confident doctor Marcus Valentine has it all. A loving wife, three kids, a great job. But there's something missing, there always has been... or rather, someone... Driving to work one morning, his mind elsewhere and not on the road, he almost mows down a female jogger on a crossing. As she runs on, Marcus is transfixed. Infatuated. She is the spitting image of a girl he was crazy about in his teens. A girl he has never been able to get out of his mind. Lynette had dumped him harshly. For years he has fantasised about seeing her again and rekindling their flame. Might that jogger possibly be her all these years later? Could this be the most incredible coincidence? Despite all his attempts to resist, he is consumed by cravings for this woman. And when events take a tragically unexpected turn, his obsession threatens to destroy both their worlds. But, still, he won't stop. Can't stop.
Mystery/suspense PBK \$18.99

Credible Threat

Ali Reynolds series

Jance, J A

Years after her son's fatal overdose, grieving mother Rachel Higgins learns that his addiction may have grown out of damage suffered at the hands of a paedophile priest while he was in high school. Looking for vengeance, she targets the Catholic Church's most visible local figure, Archbishop Francis Gillespie. When the archbishop begins receiving anonymous threats, local police dismiss them, saying they're not credible. So, he turns to his friends, Ali Reynolds

and her husband, B Simpson. With B out of the country on a cybersecurity emergency, it's up to Ali to track down the source of the threats. When a shooter assassinates the archbishop's driver and leaves the priest himself severely injured, Ali forms an uneasy alliance with a Phoenix homicide cop in hopes of preventing another attack. But Ali doesn't realise that the killer has become not only more unhinged but also more determined to take out his or her target.
Thriller PBK \$19.99

The Venetian Legacy

Venice series

Jones, Philip Gwynne

No happy ever after, for Nathan and Federica? Newlyweds Nathan Sutherland and Federica Ravagnan are looking forward to weeks of sunshine and relaxation on the island of Pellestrina, in a cottage belonging to Federica's late father, Elio. The weather is idyllic, the views across the lagoon are spectacular and the seafood is the best in Venice. But when the body of an eminent Venetian lawyer is dredged up by a fishing boat, members of the close-knit island community start to take an unhealthy interest in the two honeymooners, and whispers and rumours begin to circulate about Elio's association with a recently-deceased, gang boss. As Federica struggles to come to terms with her father's troubled legacy, Nathan finds himself dragged into the search for the missing proceeds of an unsolved jewellery heist, and the unwanted centre of attention of the Mala del Brenta – the Venetian Mafia. Clearly, Pellestrina is going to be no honeymoon... This series, all set against the background of Venice – the most beautiful city on earth – begins with *The Venetian Game* (PBK, \$24.99).
Thriller PBK \$22.99

Dead of Winter

August Snow series

Jones, Stephen Mack

Authentico Foods Inc has been a part of Detroit's Mexicantown for over 30 years, grown from a home kitchen business to a city-block-long facility that supplies Mexican tortillas to restaurants throughout the Midwest. Detroit ex-cop and Mexicantown native August Snow has been invited for a business meeting at Authentico Foods. Its owner, Ronaldo Ochoa, is dying, and is being blackmailed into selling the company to an anonymous entity. Worried about his employees, Ochoa wants August to buy it. August has no interest in running a tortilla empire, but he does want to know who's threatening his neighbourhood. Quickly, his investigation takes a devastating turn and he and his loved ones find themselves ensnared in a dangerous net of ruthless billionaire developers. August Snow must fight not only for his life, but for the soul of Mexicantown, itself.
Mystery/suspense HC \$44.99

A Fatal First Night

Ella Shane mysteries

Kalb, Kathleen Marple

New York City, Fall 1899. Ahead-of-her-time *coloratura mezzo* Ella Shane has always known opening night to be a mess of missed cues and jittery nerves, especially when unveiling a new opera. Her production of *The Princes in the Tower*, based on the

mysterious disappearance of Edward IV's two sons, during the Wars of the Roses in England, concludes its first performance to thunderous applause. It's not until players take their bows that the worst kind of disaster strikes... Flawless basso Albert Reuter is found lurching over a bloody body in his dressing room, seemingly taking inspiration from his role as the murderous Richard III. Now, Ella must think on her feet while sorting out a wild series of puzzling mishaps and interlocking mysteries. The scrappy diva will have to upstage an elusive criminal – or it will be the last time she headlines a Broadway marquee...
Historical mystery HC \$42.99

Lost Immunity

Kalla, Daniel

The city of Seattle is stunned when a deadly bacteria tears through a nearby Bible camp. Early tests reveal the illness is a form of meningitis, and the camp's residents are among its most vulnerable victims: children and teenagers. Facing a rapidly rising death rate, Seattle's chief public health officer, Lisa Dyer, and her team quickly take all steps necessary to contain the devastating outbreak. And when further testing reveals that the strain of the bacteria is one that caused catastrophic losses in Iceland, six months before, Lisa decides to take a drastic step: she contacts Nathan Hull, vice president of a pharmaceutical company that is doing final-phase trials on a viable vaccine, and asks him to release it early for use on the city's population. Lisa gets the go-ahead on her controversial plan, despite the protests of dubious government officials, anti-vaxxers, and even those on her own team. Vaccine clinics roll out across the city, and the risky strategy appears to be working, leaving Lisa, Nathan, and thousands of others breathing a sigh of relief. Until people start dying from mysterious and horrific causes – and the vaccine itself is implicated. But what if science isn't to blame?
Thriller TP \$27.99

The Dying Day

Malabar House mysteries

Khan, Vaseem

A priceless manuscript. A missing scholar. A trail of riddles. Bombay, 1950: For over a century, one of the world's great treasures, a 600-year-old copy of Dante's *The Divine Comedy*, has been safely housed at Bombay's Asiatic Society. But when it vanishes, together with the man charged with its care, British scholar and war hero, John Healy, the case lands on Inspector Persis Wadia's desk. Uncovering a series of complex riddles written in verse, Persis – together with English forensic scientist Archie Blackfinch – is soon on the trail. But then they discover the first body. As the death toll mounts it becomes evident that someone else is also pursuing this priceless artefact and will stop at nothing to possess it... Harking back to an era of darkness, this second entry in the series pits Persis – India's first female police detective – once again, against her peers, a changing India, and an evil of limitless intent. Book one, *Midnight at Malabar House*, won the CWA Sapere Books Historical Dagger 2021. We've also had fantastic feedback on Khan's new series. Recommended!
Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

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Vera Kelly is Not a Mystery

Vera Kelly mysteries

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.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Mystery at the World's Edge

Tam Eildor mysteries

Knight, Alanna

When Tam Eildor arrives unexpectedly on a remote Scottish island in the year 1587, after his time machine develops a fault, he quickly finds himself embroiled in the lives of the colourful locals. Many are trying to escape the tyranny of the power-hungry Earl Robert Stewart after he imprisoned the beautiful Princess Marie, planning to force her into a distasteful marriage to tie himself closer to the throne, furthering his own ambitions. Aided by a motley crew including a stowaway, a pirate and the earl's own son, Eildor attempts a daring rescue of the princess. Together they will travel the oceans in search of Spanish gold, lost loves, and new futures.

Historical mystery HC \$39.99

Silver Tears

Lackberg, Camilla

Faye Adelheim deserves the life she has. After fleeing from a violent marriage, she has built her business into a global brand and is living in a beautiful villa in Italy with her daughter. But Faye's life is turned upside down when her murderous ex-husband escapes from prison. Faye has no choice but to return home to confront him. Faye will do anything to keep her family safe. But when the dark secrets of her childhood come back to haunt her, she will have to battle, like never before, to stop her deepest fears from coming true...

Thriller TP \$29.99

Butcher Pen Road

Bill Maytubby & Hannah Bond mysteries

Lackey, Kris

On Oklahoma's Big Rock Prairie, a deaf boy finds a body in Pennington Creek. Johnston County Deputy Hannah Bond and Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Sergeant Bill Maytubby find a crime scene where nothing seems to fit – from the dead angler's oversize waders to the kind of fish in his creel. They scour the creek-side brush, then hit the road for Texas in a widening search for the killer. On the Big Rock, a towering, bearded man is building a limestone replica of Roman Jerusalem for a Christian passion play. His cronies, who are in league with an interstate fraud ring, want the boy to disappear now. Flying an ancient, rented Cessna, Maytubby takes fire from a suspect he is tailing, while Bond combs river trails for traces of the killer. While Maytubby and Bond try to protect the deaf boy and his mother from the crime ring, an improbable

ally materialises from the prairie oak thickets, wielding a monstrous shotgun.

Mystery/suspense HC \$55.00

The Best Stories of Arsène Lupin

Leblanc, Maurice

In the early 20th century, esteemed writer Maurice Leblanc created Arsène Lupin, a French Sherlock Holmes-type who became known as the gentleman thief. Lupin's exploits, in pursuit of the rich, have been documented in more than twenty stories and books, as well as in film. In January 2021, Netflix released a major hit in the entertaining Lupin mystery-comedy series, based on the stories. *The Best Stories of Arsène Lupin* is a collection of the most engaging of Leblanc's writing about Lupin.

Classic mystery TP \$29.99

Scandinavian Noir: in Pursuit of a Mystery

Lesser, Wendy

For forty years, Wendy Lesser's primary source of information for three Scandinavian countries – Sweden, Norway, and Denmark – was mystery and crime novels, and the murders committed and solved in their pages. Having never visited the region, Lesser constructed a fictional Scandinavia of her own making, something between a map, a portrait, and a cultural history of a place that both exists and does not exist. Lesser's Scandinavia is disproportionately populated with police officers, but also with the stuff of everyday life, the likes of which are relayed in great detail in the novels she read: a fully-realised world complete with its own traditions, customs, and, of course, people. Over the course of many years, Lesser's fictional Scandinavia grew more and more solidly visible to her, yet she never had a strong desire to visit the real countries that corresponded to the made-up ones. Until she writes, 'between one day and the next, that no longer seemed sufficient'. It was time to travel to Scandinavia. With vivid storytelling and an astonishing command of the literature, Wendy Lesser's *Scandinavian Noir: In Pursuit of a Mystery* illuminates the vast, peculiar world of Scandinavian noir – first as it appears on the page, then as it grows in her mind, and finally, in the summer of 2018, as it exists in reality. Guided by sharp criticism, evocative travel writing, and a whimsical need to discover 'the difference between existence and imagination, reality and dream', *Scandinavian Noir* is a thrilling and inventive literary adventure from a masterful writer and critic.

Crime reference/Travelogue TP \$36.99

Dream Girl

Lippman, Laura

How can a woman, who never existed, come back to haunt you? Gerry Anderson has been having trouble sleeping. He's unwell – bed bound – and has only his night nurse and his PA, for company. But what's really troubling him are the phone calls. Phone calls from a woman claiming to be the 'real' Aubrey. But that can't be. Aubrey's just a character Gerry made up in a book, years ago. Can Gerry see past the ever-blurring lines of fact and fiction and figure out who is threatening him, or has his long-overdue moment of reckoning finally arrived?

Thriller TP \$29.99

The Vanishing Museum on the Rue Mistral

Verlaque & Bonnet mysteries

Longworth, M L

Something strange has happened at the unassuming Musée de Quentin-Savary, in Aix-en-Provence. When the director, Monsieur Achille Formentin, walks in one beautiful April morning, he is shocked to find the whole museum emptied of its contents – only a bench, the reception desk, and a lowly fern remain. Distressed, he calls the local police, and Aix's examining magistrate Antoine Verlaque sets out to discover the thief's identity. But it's the most baffling case, Verlaque has ever encountered. Why would someone want to steal porcelain dessert plates, some old documents, and a few small paintings? Could this have something to do with the mysterious robbery of Madame de Montbarbon's apartment, a few weeks earlier? And how can Verlaque possibly concentrate on the theft... when he and his wife, Marine Bonnet, are going to have a baby?

Mystery TP \$24.99

The Finisher

Detective Peter Diamond mysteries

Lovesey, Peter

Through a particularly ill-fated series of events, couch potato Maeve Kelly, an elementary school teacher whose mother always assured her 'curvy' girls shouldn't waste their time trying to be fit, has been forced to sign up for the Other Half, Bath's springtime half marathon. The training is brutal, but she must disprove her mother and collect pledges for her aunt's beloved charity. What Maeve doesn't know, is just how vicious some of the other runners are. Meanwhile, Detective Peter Diamond is tasked with crowd control on the raucous day of the race – and catches sight of a violent criminal he put away a decade ago, and who very much seems to be up to his old tricks now that he is paroled. Diamond's hackles are already up when he learns that one of the runners never crossed the finish line and disappeared without a trace. Was Diamond a spectator to murder?

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Robert B Parker's Fool's Paradise

Jesse Stone series

Lupica, Mike

When a body is discovered at the lake in Paradise, Police Chief Jesse Stone is surprised to find he recognises the murder victim – the man had been at the same AA meeting as Jesse the evening before. But otherwise, Jesse has no clue as to the man's identity. He isn't a local, nor does he have ID on him, nor does any neighbouring state have a reported missing person matching his description. Their single lead is from a taxi company that recalls dropping off the mysterious stranger outside the gate at the mansion of one of the wealthiest families in town... Meanwhile, after Jesse survives a hail of gunfire on his home, he wonders if it could be related to the murder. When both Molly Crane and Suitcase Simpson also become targets, it's clear someone has an axe to grind against the entire Paradise PD.

Hardboiled PBK \$22.99

Relentless

Rogue Team International series

Maberry, Jonathan

Joe Ledger's world has been torn apart. The people closest to him have been savagely murdered and Ledger is on the hunt for the killers. His already fragile psyche has cracked apart, allowing a dangerous darkness to overwhelm him. His hunt takes him deep into the world of the deadly, black-market, weapons sales, and standing in his way are a new generation of private military contractors. These mercenaries have been enhanced with cutting-edge cybernetics and chemical enhancements, transforming them into real-world super soldiers. Stronger, faster, harder to hurt, and fitted with built-in weapons. They are beyond anything Joe has ever faced. But he is not the Joe Ledger they expected to fight. He is defined by the Darkness, now. The attempt to destroy him – to break him – has backfired. Instead, his enemies have turned him into a far more fearsome weapon. Everyone is out for blood.

Thriller TP \$41.95

The Missing Girl

McGinnis, Kerry

Meg Morrissey has just lost her job, and her partner to an overseas assignment, when she is called back to the family home of Hunters Reach in the picturesque Adelaide Hills. Her ailing grandmother, who raised her when she was orphaned as a child, has always been a formidable figure in her life, and this is hardly a welcome summons. When Meg arrives at the ramshackle old homestead, she learns that the place is up for sale. She is expected to care for the property with its extensive garden, while packing up the contents of the house. As she begins the arduous work of bringing the grand old homestead back to its former glory, she is forced to examine the question that has plagued her all her life – why nobody loved her as a child. As the house unfolds the history of an earlier age, it also spills out secrets Meg had never imagined – in particular, the discovery of an aunt she never knew, her mother's twin sister, Iris. The discovery brings horror in its wake, as Meg learns the secrets of the missing girl and the truth behind a wicked heart where love simply never existed. The more she uncovers, the more questions she has. With her grandmother, unwilling to share what she knows, Meg must seek out the truth, for herself.

Mystery TP \$32.99

Bad Debt

Robbie Munro series

McIntyre, William

Defence Lawyer Robbie Munro's wife has been stalked by a witness in a trial she is prosecuting. When the stalker is killed, and Robbie is charged with murder, his friends are only too willing to come up with schemes to prove his innocence. In the end though, will it be his enemies who make the difference?

Mystery/suspense TP \$28.95

Murder at Blackwater Bend

Stella & Lyndy mysteries

McKenna, Glara

Following a whirlwind engagement to Viscount 'Lyndy' Lyndhurst, Stella is finding

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her footing within an elite social circle in picturesque rural England. Except, teatime with refined friends can be more dangerous than etiquette faux pas – especially in the company of Lady Philippa, the woman Lyndy was once set to marry, and her husband, the ostentatious Lord Fairbrother... Outrage erupts and accusations fly after Lord Fairbrother's pony wins best in breed for the seventh consecutive year. The man has his share of secrets and adversaries, but Stella and Lyndy are in for a brutal shock when they discover his body floating in the river during a quiet morning fishing trip... Suddenly unwelcome around hardly-grieving Lady Philippa and Lyndy's endlessly critical mother, Stella faces the bitter reality that she may always be an outsider – and one of her trusted new acquaintances may be a calculating killer. Now, Stella and her fiancé must fight against the current to catch the culprit, before they're the next couple torn apart by tragedy.

Historical mystery TP \$25.99

To Tell You the Truth MacMillan, Gilly

Lucy Harper's talent for writing bestselling novels has given her fame, fortune and millions of fans. It's also given her Dan, her needy, jealous husband whose own writing career has gone precisely nowhere. Now, Dan has vanished. But this isn't the first time that someone has disappeared from Lucy's life. Three decades ago, her little brother Teddy also went missing and was never found. Lucy, the only witness, helplessly spun fantasy after fantasy about Teddy's disappearance, to the detectives' fury and her parents' despair. That was the start of her ability to tell a story – a talent she has profited from greatly. But, now, Lucy's a grown woman who can't hide behind fiction any longer. The world is watching, and her whole life is under intense scrutiny. A life full of stories, some more believable than others. Could she have hurt Teddy? Did she kill Dan? Finally, now, Lucy Harper's going to tell the truth. Cross her heart. And hope to die.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

The Snapshot Killer McNab, Duncan

The shocking true story of serial killer Christopher Wilder – from Sydney's beaches to *America's Most Wanted*... Christopher Wilder was about as bad as they get. A serial killer and predator, he first came to the attention of police in Sydney when as a teenager in 1963 he was charged with rape. As a young adult he relocated to Florida, USA. Wilder plied his vile and deadly trade on two continents and did so undetected for more than twenty years. He was a chameleon and a predator with a modus operandi refined over the decades, luring young teenage girls with the promise of a career as a photographic model. His final flourish was a six-week spree of abduction, sexual assault and murder crisscrossing the USA and earning him the top spot on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list. Wilder could have been stopped a few times in his evil career – but he wasn't. In addition to his many crimes in the US, he is now also a prime suspect for the infamous Wanda Beach murders – one of Australia's most notorious unsolved crimes. *The Snapshot*

Killer explores how a monster was able to hide in plain sight and tells the tragic story of the many victims – at least twelve, but likely more – whose lives Wilder destroyed, with consequences that continue to resonate to this day.

True crime PBK \$22.99

Roger Rogerson McNab, Duncan

From decorated policeman to convicted criminal – the inside story of Roger Rogerson. *The verdict is guilty*. On 20 May 2014, former New South Wales police officers Roger Rogerson and Glen McNamara murdered student Jamie Gao in cold blood. Both have been found guilty of murder and possession of 2.78 kilograms of methamphetamine, and sentenced to life imprisonment. But this wasn't Rogerson's first trial or conviction. Once one of the most highly decorated police officers in New South Wales, he was dismissed from the police force in 1986, and jailed twice. That was just the tip of the iceberg. This is the eye-opening account of Rogerson's life of crime – policing it and committing it – and reveals the full story of one of the most corrupt and evil men in Australia, and the events that led inexorably to the chilling murder of Jamie Gao, in storage unit 803.

True crime PBK \$22.99

The Good Turn

Cormac Reilly mysteries
McTiernan, Dervla
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. *The Good Turn* follows the previous, in McTiernan's fantastic series: *The Ruin* and *The Scholar* (PBK, \$19.99 each).

Mystery PBK \$19.99

I Know What I Saw Mahmood, Imran

Xander Shute – once a wealthy banker, now living on the streets – shelters for the night in an empty Mayfair flat. When he hears the occupants returning home, he scrambles to hide. Trapped in his hiding place, he hears the couple argue, and he soon finds himself witnessing a vicious murder. But who was the dead woman, who the police later tell him can't have been there? And why is the man, Xander saw her with, evading justice? As Xander searches for answers, his memory of the crime comes under scrutiny, forcing him to confront his long-buried past and the stories he's told about himself. How much he is willing to risk, to understand the brutal truth?

Thriller TP \$29.99

Arsenic and Adobo

Tita Rosie's Kitchen 01
Manansala, Mia P
When Lila Macapagal moves back home to recover from a horrible break up, her life seems to be following all the typical rom-com tropes. She's tasked with saving her Tita Rosie's failing restaurant, and she has to deal with a group of matchmaking aunts who shower her with love and judgment. But when a notoriously nasty food critic (who happens to be her ex-boyfriend) drops dead moments after a confrontation with Lila, her life quickly swerves from a Nora Ephron romp to an Agatha Christie case. With the cops treating her like she's the one and only suspect, and the shady landlord looking to finally kick the Macapagal family out and resell the storefront, Lila's left with no choice but to conduct her own investigation. Armed with the nosy auntie network, her barista best bud, and her trusted Dachshund, Longanisa, Lila takes on this tasty, twisted case and soon finds her own neck on the chopping block... The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$26.99

Borrowed Time Mark, David

A badly-mutilated body has been discovered in a remote woodland pond on the Essex borders – a location known to be the haunt of the ruthless crime gang that ruled London in the '70s. When one of the victim's hands is found nearby, forensic tests reveal a number scrawled on the palm. It is quickly identified as the National Insurance number of struggling family man Adam Nunn. As Adam is arrested in connection with the murder, it emerges that the dead man was a private investigator he had hired to find out the identity of his birth parents. Just what did Larry Paris discover that got him killed? As Adam seeks the truth surrounding his origins and promises justice for the mother he never knew, he is drawn into a lurid criminal world of violence and violation, reprisal, and merciless death. Torn between the man he wants to be and the man he fears becoming, Adam's investigations will lead him ever deeper into darkness.

Hardboiled TP \$39.95

The Serpents of Harbledown

Domesday mysteries
Marston, Edward
Ralph Delchard, a former soldier in the era-defining Battle of Hastings, and Gervase Bret, an accomplished lawyer, continue to travel the length of England investigating irregularities exposed during the collection of information for the Domesday Book. The pair frequently find that where matters of property are concerned, there are often unpleasant and criminal consequences. The king's work is a dangerous business. When a young girl is found in a holly patch, dead from a snakebite, her premature death shocks the entire town of Canterbury, on the day that Delchard and Bret arrive. But when astonishing truths come to light, the duo must look for a force more vicious than a mere reptile. A reissue.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Stallions of Woodstock

Domesday mysteries
Marston, Edward
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Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

A Game of Minds

Claire Roget Forensic Psychiatrist mysteries
Masters, Priscilla
It's been six years, since 14-year-old Marvel Trustum went missing – six long years for Marvel's seriously-ill father, Tom Trustum, who's desperate to know what happened to his daughter. DS Zed Willard has always believed that Jonah Kobi, a serial killer serving life for the murders of four other girls in the area, is responsible for Marvel's disappearance – but with no evidence or witnesses, and Kobi denying any involvement, forensic psychiatrist Dr Claire Roget is Willard's last hope. Can she persuade Kobi to reveal the truth and finally confess to Marvel's murder? Claire is soon drawn into a battle of wits with a dangerous psychopath, as well as a world of dark secrets. Can she find out what really happened to Marvel and fulfil a father's dying wish, before it's too late?

Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

Meet Your Maker

Delta Devlin series
Mather, Matthew
In the Czar's Suite of Kiev's five-star Persian Palace, police discover a body jammed impossibly deep in a narrow ventilation duct. Security cameras reveal that no one else entered the super-secure room. An ocean away, Interpol rookie Delta Devlin witnesses an attempted assassination, but the bullet meant for the Ukrainian prime minister hits her father instead, lodging next to his heart. Investigations reveal that ex-KGB operator Yuri Korshunov smuggled a 3D-printed plastic gun into the UN Building. As her father falls into a mysterious coma, Devlin tracks down infamous tech wunderkind Lenny Bondar at the Maker Faire, a global gathering of hackers. Desperate, she follows Korshunov and Bondar into the underworld of Eastern Europe. There, her worst nightmares materialise from the darkness. Something is coming for her, and it may not even be alive. With Russian troops massed on the borders, and her father on the brink of death, Del follows a trail of bizarre murders ever deeper into no man's land. But can she uncover the truth and save her father before a new kind of war forever alters the world?

Thriller TP \$37.95

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Pint of No Return

Shake Shop mysteries 01

Mentink, Dana

After her divorce from her thrice-married embezzler husband, Trinidad Jones is finally ready for a fresh start. So, when she's left one of ex's businesses in Upper Sprocket, Oregon, she decides to pack up her dog, cash in her settlement, and open her dream business: the Shimmy and Shake Shop, introducing the world to her monster milkshakes. And even with a couple sticky situations underway, namely that the other two ex-wives also call Sprocket home, Trinidad's life seems to be churning along smoothly. That is, until she discovers her neighbour, the Popcorn King, head down in his giant popcorn kettle. When one of Trinidad's fellow ex-wives is accused of the murder and Upper Sprocket descends into mayhem, it's going to take a super-sized scoop of courage to flush out the killer. The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

The Less Dead

Mina, Denise

Dr Margo Dunlop is at a crossroads. Her adoptive mom just passed away, and Margo misses her so much she can't begin to empty the house – or, it seems, get her brother on the phone. Not to mention... she's newly single, secretly pregnant, and worried about her best friend's dangerous relationship. In an effort to cheer herself up, she goes in search of her birth mother. Instead, she finds Nikki, her mother's sister. Aunt Nikki isn't what Margo expects, and she brings upsetting news: Margo's mother is dead. Worse, she was murdered years ago, and her killer is still at large – and sending Nikki threatening letters. Margo is torn. Should she stay out of this mess, or try to find justice? But then Margo receives a letter, too. Someone out there has been waiting and watching, and in Margo sees the spitting image of her mother...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Utube: Inspector Mislan and the Emancipatist Conspiracy

Inspector Mislan mysteries

Mohd Noor, Rozlan

Mislan and Detective Sergeant Johan are called to the scene of an ongoing investigation by D11, the Sexual and Child Abuse Investigation Division, that involves a series of rapes of successful young women. What immediately jumps out as D11's Inspector Sherry investigates the first case is that the attack was filmed with a video camera. The perpetrator, gloved and masked, had gained access to the victim's apartment and was there with a cameraman, standing over her, when she woke in her bedroom. When the video appears on UTube with the legend that it shows her 'salvation', the shame of it drives her to suicide. The second case, involving the same MO, has left a friend of the rape victim murdered at the scene, and that brings in the team from Special Investigations. Forced by their superiors to combine efforts, with Sherry in the lead, Mislan struggles to rein in his maverick impulses. But the video of the second assault is posted online and then still another makes the news, leading to mounting public alarm. With pressure from above to close the case quickly, the two inspectors have no choice but to find the way to work together

and uncover the trail that will lead them to the shadowy figure who calls himself the Emancipatist.

Mystery HC \$55.00

My Mother's House

Momplaisir, Francesca

When Lucien flees Haiti with his wife, Marie-Ange, and their three children to New York City's South Ozone Park; he does so, hoping for reinvention, wealth, and comfort. He buys a rundown house in a quickly changing community, and begins life anew. Lucien and Marie-Ange call their home La Kay – 'my mother's house' – and it becomes a place where their fellow immigrants can find peace, a good meal, and necessary legal help. But as a severely emotionally damaged man emigrating from a country, whose evils he knows to one whose evils he doesn't, Lucien soon falls into his worst habits and impulses, with La Kay as the backdrop for his lasciviousness. What he can't begin to fathom is that the house is watching, passing judgment, and deciding to put an end to all the sins it has been made to hold. But only after it has set itself aflame, will frightened whispers reveal Lucien's ultimate evil. An uncompromising look at the immigrant experience and a chilling depiction of the depravity of one man, *My Mother's House* is an electrifying page turner, rooted in a magical reality.

Thriller TP \$25.99

Angels Burning

O'Dell, Tawni

On the surface, Chief Dove Carnahan is a true trailblazer who would do anything to protect the rural Pennsylvania town where she has lived all fifty of her years. Traditional and proud of her blue-collar sensibilities, Dove is loved by her community – but she hides a dark and self-destructive streak, fed by a secret she has kept since she was sixteen. When a girl is beaten to death and her body tossed down a fiery sinkhole in an abandoned coal town, Dove is faced with solving the most shocking crime of her law enforcement career. She identifies the girl as a member of a local family of petty criminals. To further complicate things, the man convicted of killing Dove's mother is released from prison and reveals a startling accusation. Dove now must face the chilling parallels between her own family's trauma and that of the dead girl's.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

The Hook

Raymond Donne mysteries

O'Mara, Tim

On the rooftop of Raymond Donne's school, Maurice 'MoJo' Joseph's lifeless body is found with an arrow sticking out of its back. MoJo had recently gone through drug rehab, but was turning his life around. He had a baby on the way while also working at the school and for a security company. But was he so clean? Heroin was found in his system and in his possession, and he'd been secretly carrying out security work for a notorious White Nationalist. Donne's ex-cop instincts tell him something doesn't add up. When Allison Rogers, an online journalist and Donne's long-time girlfriend, runs insider stories from a runaway of the White

Nationalists and a mysterious man turns up saying MoJo was working for him, Donne takes it upon himself, with the help of his techno-friend Edgar, to investigate. What was MoJo up to, and was he back to his old ways? Mystery TP \$39.95

The Crown Agent

O'Rourke, Stephen

A ship adrift, all hands dead. A lighthouse keeper murdered in the night. The Crown needs man to find the truth. Doctor Mungo Lyon, his reputation tarnished by the Burke & Hare scandal, and forbidden to practice as a surgeon, is the wrong man. That's exactly why the Crown chose him. Historical mystery TP \$28.95

Night, Neon: Tales of Mystery and Suspense

collection

Oates, Joyce Carol

From literary icon Joyce Carol Oates comes a brand-new collection of haunting and, at times, darkly humorous, mystery and suspense stories. These are tales of psyches pushed to their limits by the expectations of everyday life – from a woman who gets lost on her drive home to her plush suburban home and ends up breaking into a stranger's house, to a first-person account of a cloned 1940s' magazine pinup girl being sold at auction and embodying America's ideals of beauty and womanhood.

Mystery/suspense HC \$42.95

Deadly Cross

Alex Cross series

Patterson, James

When a glamorous socialite and high school principal are found murdered, lying half naked in a car, the shocking double homicide dominates tabloid headlines. Kay Willingham was a well-known philanthropist and ex-wife of the US vice president. Randall Christopher was a respected educator with political ambitions, as well as a wife and family. Alex Cross knew both victims well. Especially Kay, who had been his patient once. And maybe more. Cross is left grieving, questioning who would want them dead, and why. While Cross' former Metro Homicide partner John Sampson tracks Christopher's final movements, Cross and FBI Special Agent Ned Mahoney travel to Alabama to investigate Kay's past. They discover that although Kay had many enemies, none of them had a full motive. In a world of trouble, corruption, and secrets, Cross is left facing a desperate choice between breaking a trust and losing his way...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

The Eight Detectives

Pavesi, Alex

All murder mysteries follow a simple set of rules. Grant McAllister, an eccentric but brilliant professor of mathematics, once sat down and worked them all out – and wrote a set of seven stories to demonstrate. Soon after, Grant disappeared to live on an isolated Mediterranean island. No one knows why he left. He never came home. Thirty years later, Julia Hart, a smart, ambitious young editor, knocks on his door. Grant's work is being republished, and together the two of them

must revisit those old stories. But as she reads the sharp, twisting tales, Julia is unsettled to realise that there are things that don't make sense: deliberate inconsistencies which Grant is unable – or unwilling – to explain. Might they be a trail of clues? And if so, do they lead towards the topic on which Grant is most evasive: the truth about what happened 30 years before? If Julia wants answers, she must triumph in a battle of wits with a dangerously clever adversary. But she must tread carefully: she knows there's a mystery, but she doesn't yet realise there's already been a murder... Julia wants answers. But some mysteries can be murder to solve...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Tokyo Redux

Tokyo trilogy

Peace, David

Tokyo, July 1949, President Shimoyama, Head of the National Railways of Japan, goes missing just a day after serving notice of 30,000 job losses. In the midst of the US Occupation, against the backdrop of widespread social, political and economic reforms – as tensions and confusion reign – American Detective Harry Sweeney leads the missing person's investigation for General MacArthur's GHQ. Fifteen years later and Tokyo is booming. As the city prepares for the 1964 Olympics and the global spotlight, Hideki Murota, a former policeman during the Occupation period, and now a private investigator, is given a case which forces him to go back to confront a time, a place and a crime he's been hiding from for the past fifteen years. Over twenty years later, in the autumn and winter of 1988, as the Emperor Showa is dying, Donald Reichenbach, an aging American, eking out a living teaching and translating, sits drinking by the Shinobazu Pond in Ueno, knowing the final reckoning of the greatest mystery of the Showa Era is down to him. A novel about one of history's great unsolved mysteries, by Britain's most original writer.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

Fatal Family Ties

Ancestry Detective mysteries

Perkins, S C

Lucy is just about to tuck into a plate of tacos at her favourite Austin joint, Big Flaco's, when she gets an unexpected visit from her former – and least-favourite – co-worker. Camilla Braithwaite hasn't gotten much friendlier since the last time Lucy saw her, but that doesn't stop her from asking a favour. In her hand is a newspaper feature on an ancestor, a civil war corporal – and a liar, according to the article. Charles Braithwaite is depicted as a phoney and a deserter, and Camilla wants Lucy's help clearing his name. Lucy would prefer to spend her free time with her new beau, special agent Ben Turner, but takes the case, making no promises that Camilla will like the outcome of her investigation. Camilla leads Lucy to the Texas History Museum, where their first clue is a triptych painting, passed down in the Braithwaite family for generations, one panel of which has disappeared. But before Lucy can get much further, a member of the Braithwaite family is murdered in his own bed, and another panel of the painting found missing. There is no shortage of suspects

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among the Braithwaite clan – including Camilla, herself. This case will take Lucy to Houston and back again as she works to find the truth, and catch an elusive killer.

Mystery HC \$55.00

Death with a Double Edge

Daniel Pitt mysteries

Perry, Anne

It is May 1911, when Daniel Pitt is summoned to a murder scene in the slums of London's East End. He fears the victim is his friend Toby Kitteridge, but relief is quickly followed by dismay when Daniel identifies the dead man as Jonah Drake, a distinguished senior barrister who has been killed with a double-edged sword. But what was Drake doing in Mile End? And does their head of chambers, Marcus fford Croft, know more than he is willing to admit...? With the police holding out little hope of finding Drake's killer, Daniel and Kitteridge rise to the challenge. Within days, they have leads that take them from the underbelly of the East End to the very highest echelons of society. Then Daniel's father, Thomas Pitt, receives a warning from Special Branch to cease the investigation. But Daniel and his father will not be deterred – despite the risks involved in the pursuit of justice...

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

The Deep

Perry, Kyle

On the Tasman Peninsula, nestled amidst the largest sea cliffs in the southern hemisphere, is Shacktown. Here the Dempsey family have run a drug ring for generations, using the fishing industry and the deadly Black Wind as cover. But when 13-year-old Forest Dempsey walks out of the ocean, bruised and branded, everything is at risk – because Forest has been presumed dead for the last seven years. Mackerel Dempsey, out of jail on strict bail conditions, is trying to change his fate, doing his best to keep out of trouble before his next court date. His cousin Ahab has renounced the family altogether, in favour of working to keep the town and its fragile tourism economy safe. But in their search for answers about Forest, both Mackerel and Ahab can't help but be drawn back into the underworld. What happened to the boy all those years ago? And does it have anything to do with the infamous drug kingpin Blackbeard, who is rumoured to be moving in on Shacktown? When secrets long thought buried at sea wash up on shore, generations of the Dempsey family must stand up for what they believe in, even if it means sacrificing everything. But in the gritty fight between right and wrong, blood isn't always thicker than water, and everyone is at risk of being pulled under...

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Bluffs

Perry, Kyle

When a school group of teenage girls goes missing in the remote Tasmanian wilderness, the people of Limestone Creek are immediately on alert. Three decades ago, five young girls disappeared amidst those dangerous bluffs, and the legend of 'the Hungry Man' still haunts locals to this day. The girls' teacher 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, like this – with corrupt cops, small-town politics, and a teenage YouTube sensation – everyone is hiding something, and bluffing is second nature. What happened up there on the bluffs? Somebody knows – unless the local legends are true...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Second Woman

Philby, Charlotte

Two women are found dead. Both had a secret. Both had a choice. Artemis leaves the remote Greek island she grew up on to start a shiny new life in 1990s' London with her British husband, a successful entrepreneur. Finally, she has escaped the ghosts of her past. Until she is found hanging from the stairs of her beautiful family home. Two decades later, the apparent suicide of an heiress uncannily mirrors Artemis' mysterious death. And when the ensuing investigation uncovers links to a criminal cartel, National Crime Agency officer Madeleine Farrow begins to pull apart the web of deceit surrounding the two women.

Thriller TP \$29.99

The Scarlet Code

Revolution Spy series

Quinn, C S

1789. The Bastille has fallen... As Parisians pick souvenirs from the rubble, a killer stalks the lawless streets. His victims are female aristocrats. His executions use the most terrible methods of the ancient regime. English spy Attica Morgan is laying low in Paris, helping nobles escape. When her next charge falls victim to the killer's twisted machinations, Attica realises she alone can unmask him. But now it seems his deadly sights are set on her. As the city prisons empty, and a mob mobilises to storm Versailles, finding a dangerous criminal is never going to be easy. Attica's only hope is to enlist her old ally, reformed pirate Jemmy Avery, to track the killer though his revolutionary haunts. But even with a pirate and her fast knife, it seems Attica might not manage to stay alive. The sequel to *The Bastille Spy* (PBK, \$19.99). Perfect for fans of C J Sansom and Rory Clements.

Historical suspense PBK \$19.99

Of Mutts and Men

Chet & Bernie mysteries

Quinn, Spencer

When Chet the dog and his partner, PI Bernie Little of the desert-based Little Detective Agency, arrive to a meeting with hydrologist Wendell Nero, they are in for a shocking sight – Wendell has come to a violent and mysterious end. What did the hydrologist want to see them about? Is his death a random robbery, or something more? Chet and Bernie, working for nothing more than an eight-pack of Slim Jims, are on the case. Bernie might be the only one who thinks the police have arrested the wrong man, including the perp's own defence attorney. Chet and Bernie begin to look into Wendell's work, a search that leads to a struggling winemaker who has received an offer he can't refuse. Meanwhile, Chet is smelling water, where there is no water; and, soon, Chet and Bernie are in danger, like never before.

Mystery TP \$36.99

Journalled to Death

Journaling mysteries

Redmond, Heather

Divorced single mom Mandy Meadows scrapes by working as a barista and receiving payments from her cousin, Ryan, who rents her basement apartment. At night, she and her teenage daughter Vellum run a successful home business creating journaling content on their popular social media channels. But Mandy's carefully organised world is about to come crashing down. While filming their latest journaling tutorial, Mandy and Vellum hear a loud noise on the basement stairs, and Mandy is horrified to find Ryan dead on the landing. The police quickly start to treat the death as a murder – with Mandy and Vellum as chief suspects. Why would someone murder Ryan? Determined to clear their names and find Ryan's killer, Mandy soon discovers he wasn't the man she thought he was... The first in a new series.

Mystery TP \$39.95

The Parting Glass

Cold Case Investigation series

Redmond, Lissa Marie

An old wound forces Cold Case Detective Lauren Riley onto Injured on Duty leave. Unless she rests, she faces the threat of early retirement. However, dreading the prospect of doing nothing for six months, Lauren renews her private investigator license. She's soon contacted by Sharon Whitney, the ex-wife of wealthy Buffalo resident – and suspected mob boss – Howard Whitney. During their bitter divorce twenty years earlier a Picasso painting was stolen from their home and never recovered. After the main suspect passes away from ill health in Ireland, Sharon to hires Lauren to locate the painting – before her ex-husband does. Lauren expects a low-stress, fact-finding trip... yet, arrives in Ireland to discover suspicions around the suspect's death and his home ransacked. With the clock ticking, uncovering the truth behind the painting's disappearance may be far more dangerous than Lauren imagined.

Mystery HC \$62.95

The Palace

Simon Riske series

Reich, Christopher

Life is good for Rafael de Bourbon. The 40-year-old Spaniard recently married to a wealthy English beauty, and is days away from opening a luxury boutique hotel off the southern coast of Thailand. But when the Royal Thai Police storm the hotel and arrest him for blackmail and extortion, 'Rafa' is thrown into Bangkok's most notorious jail. In desperation, he reaches out to the one man who can prove his innocence. Simon Riske – ex-con and, now, 'private spy' – owes Rafa his life. Once he and De Bourbon were the closest of friends, until a woman came between them. Riske rushes to Bangkok to secure his friend's release and overnight, finds himself caught up in a web of intrigue larger and more dangerous than he could imagine. In hours, it is Riske who finds himself the wanted man. On the run in a foreign country, pursued by powerful unseen forces who will stop at nothing until he is killed, Riske must stay alive long enough to uncover the truth behind an international conspiracy that threatens to

wreak carnage across the glittering capitals of Europe. From Bangkok to Singapore and ultimately to Cannes, Riske enlists the help of a daring investigative reporter, a rogue Mossad agent, and his own band of home-grown specialists, to thwart the cabal behind the plot, only to learn its very origins are frighteningly close to his past.

Thriller PBK \$26.95

A Choir of Crows

Owen Archer mysteries

Robb, Candace

December, 1374. With the great and the good about to descend on York for the enthronement of Alexander Neville as the new archbishop, the city authorities are in a state of high alert. When two bodies are discovered in the grounds of York Minster, and a flaxen-haired youth with the voice of an angel is found locked in the chapter house, Owen Archer, captain of the city bailiffs, is summoned to investigate. Tension deepens when an enigmatic figure from Owen's past arrives in the city. Why has he returned from France, after all these years – and what is his connection with the bodies in the Minster yard and the fair singer? Before Owen can make headway in the investigation, a third body is fished out of the river – and the captain finds himself with three mysterious deaths to solve before the all-powerful Neville family arrives in York.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

When You Are Mine

Robotham, Michael

Philomena McCarthy has defied the odds and become a promising young officer with the Metropolitan Police, despite being the daughter of a notorious London gangster. Called to the scene of a domestic assault one day, she rescues a bloodied young woman, Tempe Brown, the mistress of a decorated detective. The incident is hushed up, but Phil has unwittingly made a dangerous enemy with powerful friends. Determined to protect each other, the two women strike up a tentative friendship. Tempe is thoughtful and sweet and makes herself indispensable to Phil, but sinister things keep happening and something isn't quite right about the stories Tempe tells. When a journalist with links to Phil's father and to the detective is found floating in the Thames, Phil doesn't know where to turn, who to blame, or who she can trust.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Gallows Rock

Freyja & Huldur series

Sigurdardottir, Yrsa

On a jagged, bleak lava field just outside Reykjavik stands the Gallows Rock. Once a place of execution, it is now a tourist attraction. Until this morning, when a man was found hanging from it... The nail embedded in his chest proves it wasn't suicide. But when the police go to his flat, a further puzzle awaits: a four-year-old boy has been left there. He doesn't seem to have any link with the victim, his parents cannot be found, and his drawings show he witnessed something terrible. As detective Huldur hunts the killer, and child psychologist Freyja looks for the boy's parents, the mystery unfolds: a story of violence, entitlement, and revenge.

Noir PBK \$22.99

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The Order

Gabriel Allon series

Silva, Daniel

When Pope Paul VII dies suddenly, apparently of a heart attack, legendary spy and art restorer Gabriel Allon is quickly summoned to Rome. The Holy Father's loyal private secretary, Archbishop Luigi Donati, suspects his master was murdered. The Swiss Guard who was standing watch the night of the pope's death is missing. So, too, is the letter the Holy Father was writing, during the final hours of his life. A letter that was addressed to an old friend: Gabriel. *While researching in the Vatican Secret Archives, I came upon a most remarkable book...* The book is a long-suppressed gospel that calls into question the accuracy of the New Testament's depiction of one of the most portentous events in human history. For that reason alone, the Order of St Helena will stop at nothing to keep it out of Gabriel's hands. A shadowy Catholic society with ties to the European far right, the Order is plotting to seize control of the papacy. And it is only the beginning...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Geiger

Skordeman, Gustaf

The landline rings, as Agneta is waving off her grandchildren. Just one word comes out of the receiver: 'Geiger'. For decades, Agneta has always known that this moment would come, but she is shaken. She knows what it means. Retrieving her weapon from its hiding place, she attaches the silencer and creeps up behind her husband before pressing the barrel to his temple. Then she squeezes the trigger and disappears – leaving behind her wallet and keys. The extraordinary murder is not Sara Nowak's case. But she was once close to those affected and, defying regulations, she joins the investigation. What Sara doesn't know is that the mysterious codeword is just the first piece in the puzzle of an intricate and devastating plot fifty years in the making.

Thriller TP \$29.99

False Witness

Slaughter, Karin

They thought they'd got away with it... they were wrong. Leigh and her sister Callie are not bad people – but one night, more than two decades ago, they did something terrible. And the result was a childhood tarnished by secrets, broken by betrayal, devastated by violence. Years later, Leigh has pushed that night from her mind and become a successful lawyer – but when she is forced to take on a new client against her will, her world begins to spiral out of control. Because the client knows the truth about what happened, 23 years ago. He knows what Leigh and Callie did. And unless they stop him, he's going to tear their lives apart... Just because you didn't see the witness... doesn't mean he wasn't there.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Poison for Teacher

Spain, Nancy

Miriam Birdseye, ex-revue star and now professional sleuth, is intrigued when the headmistress of Radcliff Hall arrives at her Baker Street detective agency. A series of bizarre stunts that at first seemed like

pranks have taken a sinister turn, and since Miss Lipscomb found her gym rope half sawn through, she's begun to fear not only for her school, but for her life. This is how Miriam and her friend, Russian ballerina Natasha Nevkorina, find themselves on board the train to a Sussex girls' school, in the unlikely guise of teachers. Before long, the detective duo uncovers a blackmail plot, infidelity, and a dizzying array of school schisms. And then a teacher is poisoned during the school play; can they discover the culprit before the body count rises? 'Her detective novels are hilarious – less about detecting than delighting, with absurd farce and a wonderful turn of phrase...

Nancy Spain was bold, she was brave, she was funny, she was feisty' – *Sandi Toksvig*. Another of Spain's comic mysteries, *Death Goes on Skis* (PBK, \$22.99), was also reissued earlier in the year.

Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

Daughters of Darkness

Jenny Redhead mysteries

Spencer, Sally

Oxford, 1975. Three years ago, world-renowned anthropologist Grace Stockton was slain in a brutal, unprovoked attack. Despite a large-scale police investigation, the identity of the prime suspect was never uncovered... and neither was the location of Grace's head. But Grace's daughter, the wealthy academic Julia Pemberton, refuses to accept that the trail has run cold. Determined to find out who killed her mother, she knows just the woman for the job: private investigator Jennie Redhead. Who was the woman caught on CCTV visiting Grace's isolated home on the day of the murder? And why did she cut off her victim's head? Jennie's search for answers takes her on a dark, disturbing journey into the past, from the ancient tribal customs of Papua New Guinea, to war-torn 1940s' London, and to a dark tangle of secrets and scandal that someone is desperate should never be revealed...

Mystery TP \$39.95

Remain Silent

DS Manon mysteries

Steiner, Susie

A young man is found hanging from a tree, with nothing to identify him. Was he driven to suicide, or was he silenced? Somebody knows, but they're not saying. With potential witnesses too scared to talk to her, can DI Manon Bradshaw discover the truth before more innocent people die?

Mystery PBK \$19.99

City of Dark Corners

Talton, Jon

Phoenix, 1933: A young city with big dreams and dark corners. Great War veteran and rising star Gene Hammons lost his job as a homicide detective when he tried to prove that a woman was wrongly convicted of murder to protect a well-connected man. Now, a private investigator, Hammons makes his living looking for missing persons – a plentiful caseload during the Great Depression, when people seem to disappear all the time. But his routine is disrupted when his brother – another homicide detective, still on the force – enlists his help looking into the death of a young woman whose dismembered body is

found beside the railroad tracks. The sheriff rules it an accident, but the carnage is too neat, and the staging of the body parts too ritual. Hammons suspects it's the work of a lust murderer – similar to the serial strangler whose killing spree he had ended a few years earlier. But who was the poor girl, dressed demurely in pink? And why was his business card tucked into her small purse? As Hammons searches for the victim's identity, he discovers that the dead girl had some secrets of her own, and that the case is connected to some of Phoenix's most powerful citizens – on both sides of the law.

Historical noir TP \$27.99

Once Upon a Time

in Hollywood

Tarantino, Quentin

Rick Dalton – Once, he had his own TV series, but now Rick's a washed-up villain-of-the-week drowning his sorrows in whiskey sours. Will a phone call from Rome save his fate, or seal it? Cliff Booth – Rick's stunt double, and the most infamous man on any movie set – because he's the only one there who might have gotten away with murder... Sharon Tate – She left Texas to chase a movie-star dream, and found it. Sharon's salad days are now spent on Cielo Drive, high in the Hollywood Hills. Charles Manson – The ex-con's got a bunch of zonked-out hippies, thinking he's their spiritual leader; but he'd trade it, all, to be a rock 'n' roll star. Hollywood 1969 – you shoulda been there. Based on Tarantino's Academy Award-winning film.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

The Royal Secret

Ashes of London series

Taylor, Andrew

Two young girls plot a murder by witchcraft. Soon afterwards, a government clerk dies painfully in mysterious circumstances. His colleague James Marwood is asked to investigate – but the task brings unexpected dangers. Meanwhile, architect Cat Hakesby is working for a merchant who lives on Slaughter Street, where the air smells of blood and a captive Barbary lion prowls the stables. Then a prestigious new commission arrives. Cat must design a Poultry House for the woman that the King loves most in all the world. Unbeknownst to all, at the heart of this lies a royal secret so explosive that it could not only rip apart England but change the entire face of Europe... This series, following James Marwood and Cat Lovett during the time of King Charles II, begins with *The Ashes of London* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

The Ultimate Evil:

the Search for the Sons of Sam

Terry, Maury

On August 10, 1977, the NYPD arrested David Berkowitz for the Son of Sam murders that had terrorised New York City, for over a year. Berkowitz confessed to shooting sixteen people and killing six with a .44 calibre Bulldog revolver, and the case was officially closed. Journalist Maury Terry was suspicious of Berkowitz's confession. Spurred by conflicting witness descriptions of the killer and clues overlooked in the investigation, Terry was convinced Berkowitz didn't act

alone. Meticulously gathering evidence for a decade, he released his findings in the first edition of *The Ultimate Evil*. Based upon the evidence he had uncovered, Terry theorised that the Son of Sam attacks were masterminded by a Yonkers-based cult that was responsible for other ritual murders across the country. After Terry's death in 2015, documentary filmmaker Josh Zeman was given access to Terry's files, which form the basis of his docuseries with Netflix, and a companion podcast. Taken together with *The Ultimate Evil*, which includes a new introduction by Zeman, these works reveal the stunning intersections of power, wealth, privilege, and evil in America – from the Summer of Sam until today.

True crime (reissue) TP \$29.99

City of Spies

Timon, Mara

Lisbon, 1943: When her cover is blown, SOE agent Elisabeth de Mornay flees Paris. Pursued by the Gestapo, she makes her way to neutral Lisbon, where Europe's elite rub shoulders with diplomats, businessmen, smugglers, and spies. There she receives new orders – and a new identity. Posing as wealthy French widow Solange Verin, Elisabeth must infiltrate a German espionage ring targeting Allied ships, before more British servicemen are killed. The closer Elisabeth comes to discovering the truth, the greater the risk grows. With a German officer watching her every step, it will take all of Elisabeth's resourcefulness and determination to complete her mission. But in a city, where no one is who they claim to be, who can she trust? *Foyle's War* meets *The Bletchley Circle*, where no one is who they claim to be...

Suspense PBK \$19.99

The House of Death

Sister Fidelma mysteries

Tremayne, Peter

Ireland. AD 672. The Feast of Beltaine is approaching and the seven senior princes of the kingdom of Muman are gathering at Cashel to discuss King Colgú's policies. Just days before the council meets, Brother Conchobair, the keeper of the sacred sword, is found murdered. Sister Fidelma and her brother Colgú fear that the killer had been trying to steal the sword that symbolises the King's authority to rule. And as rumours begin to spread of an attempt to overthrow Colgú, news reaches Cashel that a plague ship has landed at a nearby port, bringing the deadly pestilence to its shores. Amid fear and panic, Fidelma, Eadulf, and Enda must work together to catch a killer, as the death toll starts to mount...

Historical mystery HC \$59.99

Expiry Date

Ant & Bea mysteries

Ward, Rachel

Ant and Bea are back with their most personal case, yet. Bea's favourite customer, Julie, hasn't been seen, for weeks. Her abusive husband claims she left him, but when a corpse is found, it seems to confirm Bea's worst fears. As Bea investigates, the truth she and Ant uncovers will threaten everything Bea believed about her own family...

Mystery TP \$28.95

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A Deception at Thornecrest

Amory Ames mysteries

Weaver, Ashley

Amory Ames is alone at her country house Thornecrest, enjoying her last few weeks of peace and quiet, as she prepares for the imminent arrival of her baby. Her husband, Milo, is in London on business, and Amory is content to catch up on her correspondence, organise the nursery, and avoid the well-meaning, if rather overbearing, company of the ladies in the village as they prepare for the Springtide Festival. But then a woman appears on her doorstep, claiming to be another Mrs Ames, Milo's wife. Amory's marriage has had its ups and downs in the past, but her faith in her husband has been restored, and Milo has been nothing but thrilled about becoming a father. Though the alleged second Mrs Ames seems earnest, Amory is convinced she must be mistaken, a belief that Milo confirms upon his homecoming. However, when another unexpected visitor arrives at Thornecrest, secret identities and whirlwind romances appear to be becoming par for the course. It's not until the day of the festival, when Milo's stable hand Bertie is found dead, that the strange characters appearing in town begin to seem more sinister, and Amory

is determined to uncover the killer in the crowd. If you haven't tried Weaver before, start with *A Murder at the Brightwell* (PBK, \$19.99) – our historical mystery regulars love these a lot!

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

The Newcomer

Woollett, Laura Elizabeth

There's no such thing as a perfect victim. In a hotel room on a sleepy Pacific island, Judy Novak waits. And worries. It isn't the first time 29-year-old problem child Paulina has kept her mother waiting. But Judy can't ignore the island's jagged cliffs and towering pines – or the dread that Paulina has finally acted on her threats to take her own life. When Paulina's body is discovered, Judy's worst fears seem confirmed. Only, Paulina didn't kill herself. She was murdered. So begins a thorny investigation, wherein every man on the island is a suspect, yet none are as malign as Paulina: the captivating newcomer known for her hard drinking, disastrous relationships, and habit of walking alone. But, above all, Paulina is her mother's daughter. And death won't stop Judy Novak from fighting for Paulina's life.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

A Gut for a Gut

Defective Kate Young series

Wyer, Carol

In the bleak countryside around Blithfield Reservoir, a serial murderer and rapist is leaving a trail of bloodshed. His savage calling card: the word 'MINE' carved into each of his victims. DI Kate Young struggles to get the case moving – even when one of the team's own investigators is found dead in a dumpster. But Kate is battling her own demons. Obsessed with exposing Superintendent John Dickson and convinced there's a conspiracy running deep in the force, she no longer knows who to trust. Kate's crusade has already cost her dearly. What will she lose next? When her stepsister spills a long-buried secret, Kate realises she's found the missing link – now she must prove it before the killer strikes again. With enemies closing in on all sides, she's prepared to do whatever it takes to bring them down. But time is running out, and Kate's past has pushed her to the very edge. Can she stop herself from falling?

Mystery/suspense TP \$35.95

Southern Sass and a Battered Bride

Marygene Brown mysteries 03

Young, Kate

Marygene Brown always figured she'd marry her childhood sweetheart, Alex Myers, not cater his wedding. But the Peach Diner could use the exposure. Most of the island is showing up – although more for the roleplaying murder game at the reception than for the widely loathed bridezilla, Lucy Carmichael. Marygene may have to smile through the festivities, but Mama doesn't have to hold her peace – especially since only Marygene can hear her mother's ghost. Mama says she sees an aura of darkness around the wedding. So, when Marygene finds Lucy lying beside the wedding cake, buried in batter, with no pulse, it looks like Mama called it. This is no game. And when the bride's body simply vanishes, it's up to Marygene and her best friend Betsy (cousin to the groom, and no fan of the bride) to solve a real-life mystery – with a little help from Mama's sassy spirit...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

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