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Crime & Mystery Bestsellers June 2021

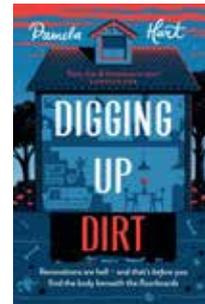
Digging Up Dirt

Poppy McGowan mysteries 01

Pamela Hart

Renovations are hell. And that's before you find the body beneath the floorboards. An intriguing mystery from a stylish new voice in crime fiction, for readers of Kerry Greenwood and Holly Throsby. When your builder finds bones under the floor of your heritage home, what do you do? For TV researcher Poppy McGowan, the first step is to find out if the bones are human (which means calling in the cops and delaying her renovations) or animal (which doesn't). Unfortunately, 'help' comes in the form of Dr Julieanne Weaver, archaeologist, political hopeful, and Poppy's old enemy. She declares the bones evidence of a rare breed of fat-tailed sheep, and slaps a heritage order on the site. The resultant archaeological dig introduces Poppy to Tol Lang, the best-looking archaeologist she's ever met – and also Julieanne's boyfriend. When Julieanne is found murdered in Poppy's house, both she and the increasingly attractive Tol are considered suspects – and so Poppy uses her media contacts and news savvy to investigate other suspects. Did Julieanne have enemies in the right-wing Australian Family Party, for which she was seeking preselection, or in the affiliated Radiant Joy Church? Or at the Museum of New South Wales, among her rivals and ex-boyfriends? And who was her secret lover? Can Poppy save herself, and Tol... and finally get her house back? Very fun modern cosy set in Sydney. Fantastic feedback – recommended!

Mystery | TP | \$29.99



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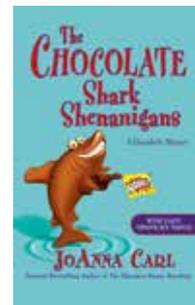
The Chocolate Shark Shenanigans

Chocoholic mysteries 17

JoAnna Carl

When a house near Lee and Joe's home goes up for sale, the couple teams up with Lee's aunt and uncle, Nettie and Hogan, to buy it, remodel it, and resell it for a sweet profit. But after the owners of the house, the Baileys, accept their offer, a local developer, Richard 'Spud' Dirk, suddenly swoops in with a higher one, and it seems their dreams might be snatched away. Lee, never as passionate about the plan as her husband and uncle, is anxious to get back to focusing on managing TenHuis Chocolate. But when a long-hidden gun is found behind a pipe in the Baileys' basement, she begins to suspect a mystery is afoot. And when Spud turns up dead in the Baileys' carport a few days later, it becomes clear there's something rotten at the foundation... To solve the murder, Lee will have to strip away layers of secrets – that is, if someone doesn't level her first... Great fun American cosy mystery series that regulars love.

Mystery | PBK | \$18.99



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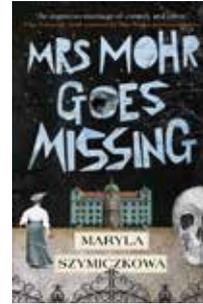
Mrs Mohr Goes Missing

Zofia Turbotynska mysteries 01

Maryla Szymiczkowa

Cracow, 1893. Desperate to relieve her boredom and improve her social standing, Zofia Turbotynska decides to organise a charity raffle. In a bid to recruit the patronage of elderly aristocratic ladies, she visits Helcel House, a retirement home run by nuns. But when two of the residents are found dead, Zofia discovers that her real talents lie in solving mysteries. Inspired by Agatha Christie and filled with period character and zesty charm, series opener *Mrs Mohr Goes Missing* vividly recreates life in turn-of-the-century Poland, confronting a range of issues from class prejudice to women's rights, and proves that everyone is capable of finding their passion in life, however unlikely that passion may seem... 'An ingenious marriage of comedy and crime.' – *Olga Tokarczuk*, 2018 winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature. 'The sprightly narrative and vivid evocation of turn-of-the-century Poland make for an enjoyable tale.' – *Guardian*. 'It's fun and sparky and the glimpse of turn-of-the-century Polish manners and mores is beguiling.' – *Daily Mail*. 'The story fuses high comedy with an evocative portrayal of the period.' – *Sunday Express*. For fans of *The Thursday Murder Club* comes the thrilling opener to a new Agatha Christie-style historical mystery series set in Poland.

Historical mystery | PBK | \$19.99



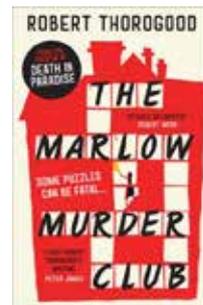
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The Marlow Murder Club

Robert Thorogood

Seventy-seven-year-old Judith Potts is blissfully happy. She lives alone in a faded mansion in Marlow, sets crosswords for *The Times*, and there's no man in her life to tell her what to do or how much whisky to drink. One evening, while out swimming in the Thames, Judith witnesses a brutal murder. When the local police don't believe her story, Judith and two unlikely friends decide to investigate for themselves. Together, they are the Marlow Murder Club. But soon another body turns up, and it seems they have a real-life serial killer on their hands. Now, the puzzle they set out to solve has become a trap from which they might never escape... To solve an impossible murder, you need an impossible hero... From the creator of the BBC One hit TV series, *Death in Paradise*. 'A hugely enjoyable murder mystery written with wonderful verve, humour and compassion. Utterly delightful' – *Robert Webb*. 'I love Robert Thorogood's writing' – *Peter James*.

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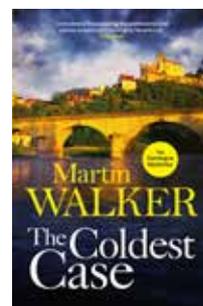
The Coldest Case

Bruno, Chief of Police 14

Martin Walker

Bruno Courreges is Chief of Police of the lovely town of St Denis in the Dordogne. His main wish is to keep the local people safe and his town free from crime. But crime has a way of finding its way to him. For thirty years, Bruno's boss, Chief of Detectives Jalipeau, known as J-J, has been obsessed with his first case. It was never solved, and Bruno knows that this failure continues to haunt J-J. A young male body was found in the woods, near St Denis, and never identified. For all these years, J-J has kept the skull, as a reminder. He calls him 'Oscar'. Visiting the famous prehistory museum in nearby Les Eyzies, Bruno sees some amazingly lifelike heads expertly reconstructed from ancient skulls. He suggests performing a similar reconstruction on Oscar as a first step towards at last identifying him. An expert is hired to start the reconstruction, and the search for Oscar's killer begins again in earnest. The latest in this wonderful series (another of Ron's faves!), set in the Dordogne. *Death in the Dordogne (aka Bruno, Chief of Police)* is the first in the series (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery | TP | \$32.99



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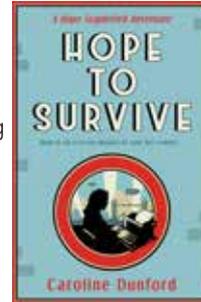
Hope to Survive

Hope Stapleford 02

Caroline Dunford

It is 1939 – war has been declared and spymaster Fitzroy wastes no time in preparing his goddaughter, Hope, for a secret mission. As Euphemia Martins' daughter, Hope has the potential to be one of British Intelligence's greatest agents, but when she is ousted from an all-male think tank and relegated to the typing pool, even she starts to doubt herself. Meanwhile, Hope's rebellious friend, Bernie, announces her engagement to a man Hope does not trust; Harvey, Hope's only asset, has vanished; and, most awful of all, Hope fears that her father is dying. Then comes Dunkirk and the threat of invasion intensifies. To her surprise, Hope is sent to a secret base, where she joins a group of auxiliary units that are expected to fight to the death should invasion occur. Fearing for her life, she must confront Nazi sympathizers among the country's elite secret service before she can learn who to trust... The first is *Hope for the Innocent* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery | PBK | \$22.99



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Gat Me If You Can

Cat in the Stacks mysteries 13

Miranda James

Charlie Harris and his feline companion Diesel take a bookish vacation but discover that murder never takes a holiday, in this all-new instalment of the *New York Times* bestselling series. Charlie and Diesel along with Charlie's fiancée, Helen Louise Brady, are heading to Asheville, North Carolina to spend a week at a boutique hotel and participate in a gathering of a mystery reader's club composed of patrons of the Athena Public Library. In addition to seeing the local sights, the members will take turns giving talks on their favourite authors. When an intrusive, uninvited guest turns up dead, only one mystery club member with a connection to the deceased appears to have a motive to kill. But could the answer really be that simple? Charlie and Diesel, along with the detecting Ducote sisters, know that every murder plot has an unexpected twist. Fun, cosy mystery series... *Purrfect!* LOL!

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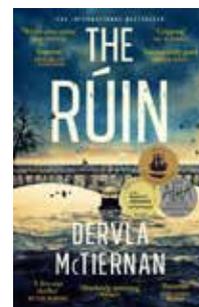
The Ruin

Cormac Reilly 01

Dervla McTiernan

Galway 1993: Young *Garda* Cormac Reilly is called to a scene he will never forget. Two silent, neglected children – fifteen-year-old Maude and five-year-old Jack – are waiting for him at a crumbling country house. Upstairs, their mother lies dead. Twenty years later, a body surfaces in the icy black waters of the River Corrib. At first, it looks like an open-and-shut case, but then doubt is cast on the investigation's findings – and the integrity of the police. Cormac is thrown back into the cold case that has haunted him his entire career – what links the two deaths, two decades apart? As he navigates his way through police politics and the ghosts of the past, Detective Reilly uncovers shocking secrets and finds himself questioning who among his colleagues he can trust. What really did happen in that house, where he first met Maude and Jack? The multi-award-winning first novel of an Irish-Australian author, now living in Perth. Recommended. (Great customer reviews, too!)

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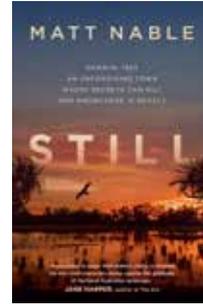
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Still

Matt Nable

Darwin, Summer, 1963. The humidity sat heavy and thick over the town as Senior Constable Ned Potter looked down at a body that had been dragged from the shallow marshland. He didn't need a coroner to tell him this was a bad death. He didn't know then that this was only the first. Or that he was about to risk everything looking for answers. Late one night, Charlotte Clark drove the long way home, thinking about how stuck she felt, a 23-year-old housewife, married to a cowboy who wasn't who she thought he was. The days ahead felt suffocating, living in a town where she was supposed to keep herself nice and wait for her husband to get home from the pub. Charlotte stopped the car, stepped out to breathe in the night air and looked out over the water to the tangled mangroves. She never heard a sound before the hand was around her mouth. Both Charlotte and Ned are about to learn that the world they live in is full of secrets and that it takes courage to fight for what is right. But there are people who will do anything to protect themselves and sometimes courage is not enough to keep you safe. *Still* is an evocative, page-turning thriller from a brilliant Australian writer. If you loved *The Dry* and *Scrublands*, you will love *Still*.

Thriller | TP | \$32.99



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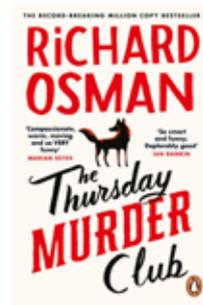
The Thursday Murder Club

Thursday Murder Club mysteries 01

Richard Osman

Four unlikely friends... A shocking murder... Welcome to the Thursday Murder Club... In a peaceful retirement village – four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. But when a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim, and Ron might be pushing eighty, but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves. Can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late? Really fun and the perfect antidote to difficult times. And an international bestseller now to boot! Recommended.

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