

# Pulp Fiction

## Crime & Mystery Bestsellers July 2021

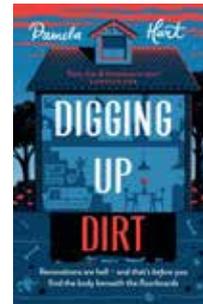
### **Digging Up Dirt**

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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### **Oranges and Lemons**

Bryant & May mysteries 19

**Christopher Fowler**

*'The most delightfully, wickedly entertaining duo in crime fiction.'* – *The Plain Dealer*. When a prominent politician is crushed by a fruit van making a delivery, the singular team of Arthur Bryant and John May overcome insurmountable odds to reunite the PCU and solve the case in this brainy new mystery from acclaimed author Christopher Fowler. 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. These are great! Just grab one and try 'em for size – suspect you'll be wanting more... mwah!

**Mystery | PBK | \$19.99**



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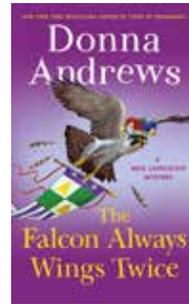
### **The Falcon Always Wings Twice**

Meg Langslow mysteries 27

**Donna Andrews**

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 well-being 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. Very funny cosy series – seems to go from strength to strength – with a bunch of regulars even getting them as soon as they come out in *hardcover*. Well worth investigating...

Mystery | PBK | \$24.95



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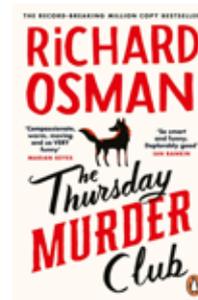
### **The Thursday Murder Club**

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.

Mystery | PBK | \$19.99



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### **The Coldest Case**

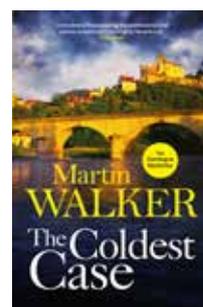
Bruno, Chief of Police mysteries 14

**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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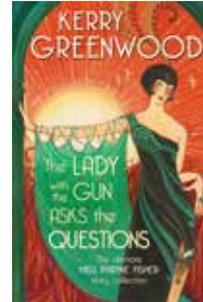
### **The Lady with the Gun Asks the Questions**

Phryne Fisher mysteries collection

**Kerry Greenwood**

The Honourable Phryne Fisher – she of the Lulu bob, Cupid’s bow lips, diamante garters and pearl-handled pistol – is the 1920s’ most elegant and irrepressible sleuth. Miss Phryne Fisher is up to her stunning green eyes in intriguing crime in each of these entertaining, fun and compulsively readable stories. With the ever-loyal Dot, the ingenious Mr Butler and all of Phryne’s friends and household, the action is as fast as Phryne’s wit and logic. Much fun. Clothes. Booze, Parties. All to a Jazz-Age soundtrack.

**Historical mystery | TP | \$29.99**



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### **The Cat Saw Murder**

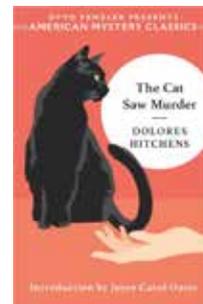
American Mystery Classics

**Dolores Hitchens**

*One woman drugged, another murdered – and a cat is the only witness. If you like Miss Marple, you’ll love this!* Terrific classic crime – with a new introduction by Joyce Carol Oates. ‘You will never regret having made the acquaintance of Miss Rachel Murdock’ – *New York Times*. When Rachel Murdock and her sister Jennifer receive a call for help from their favourite niece, Lilly, they quickly hop on a train to see her – but not before collecting their prized cat Samantha in a picnic basket and bringing her along for the ride. Samantha, it turns out, is an heiress, the inheritor of a fortune

left by a wealthy relative, and so the attempt on the cat’s life, made right after they arrive, comes as a shock. The cat survives, but Lilly, murdered soon thereafter, is not so lucky. By the time the police arrive, the clues are already falling into place, with gambling debts just being the tip of a brutal killing spree iceberg. With the authorities distracted by lurid details, it’s up to Rachel and her furry friend to uncover the truth. First published in 1939, this is another of the fantastic Otto Penzler American Mystery Classic reissues.

**Classic mystery | TP | \$26.95**



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### **The Bombay Prince**

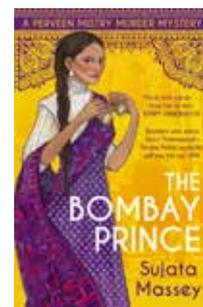
Perveen Mistry mysteries 03

**Sujata Massey**

*November 1921.* Edward VIII, Prince of Wales and future ruler of India, is arriving in Bombay to begin a four-month tour. The Indian subcontinent is chafing under British rule, and Bombay solicitor Perveen Mistry isn’t surprised when local unrest over the royal arrival spirals into riots. But she’s horrified by the death of Freny Cuttingmaster, an eighteen-year-old female Parsi student, who falls from a second-floor gallery just as the prince’s grand procession is passing by her college. Freny had come for a legal consultation just days before her death, and what she confided makes

Perveen suspicious that her death was not an accident. Feeling guilty for failing to have helped Freny in life, Perveen steps forward to assist Freny’s family in the fraught dealings of the coroner’s inquest. When Freny’s death appears suspicious, Perveen knows she can’t rest until she sees justice done. But Bombay is erupting: as armed British secret service march the streets, rioters attack anyone with perceived British connections and desperate shopkeepers destroy their own wares so they will not be targets of racial violence. Can Perveen help a suffering family when her own is in danger? *Bombay’s first female lawyer, Perveen Mistry, is compelled to bring justice to the family of a murdered female Parsi student just as Bombay’s streets erupt in riots to protest British colonial rule.* Sujata Massey is back with this third instalment to the Agatha and Mary Higgins Clark Award-winning series set in 1920s’ Bombay. The first in the series is *Murder at Malabar Hill* (PBK, \$16.99) – really good customer feedback. Recommended.

**Historical mystery | TP | \$29.99**



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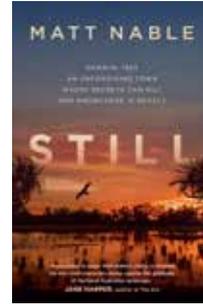
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### Still

**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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### 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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