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The Turnout **Abbott, Megan**

With their long necks, matching buns, and pink tights, Dara and Marie Durant have been dancers, since they can remember. Growing up, they were trained by their glamorous mother, founder of the Durant School of Dance. After their parents' death in a tragic accident nearly a dozen years ago, the sisters began running the school together, along with Charlie, Dara's husband and once their mother's prized student. The three have perfected a dance that keeps the studio thriving. But when a suspicious accident occurs, just at the onset of the school's annual performance of *The Nutcracker* – a season of competition, anxiety, and exhilaration – an interloper arrives and threatens their delicate balance.

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Invitation **Abbott, Rachel**

That's the thing about old friends, they never let you forget. The first time Jemma and Matt were invited to Polskirkirri – the palatial, ocean-view home belonging to Matt's old friend Lucas Jarrett – it was for an intimate wedding that ended in tragedy. Jemma will never forget the sight of the girl's pale, doll-like body bobbing listlessly toward the rocky shore. Now, exactly one year later, Jemma and her husband have reluctantly returned at Lucas' request to honour an anniversary, they would do anything to forget. But what Lucas has in store, for his guests, is nothing like a candlelight vigil. Someone close remembers more from that night than they'll admit to, and Lucas has devised a little game for them all to make them tell the truth. At least, Jemma knows that she and Matt weren't involved in what happened to that young woman... or were they? Before you play a game with death, make sure you can pay the price...

Thriller PBK \$24.95

Dead Dead Girls

Harlem Renaissance series

Afia, Nekesa

Harlem, 1926. Young Black women, like Louise Lloyd, are ending up dead. Following a harrowing kidnapping ordeal when she was in her teens, Louise is doing everything she can to maintain a normal life. She's succeeding, too. She spends her days working at Maggie's Café and her nights at the Zodiac, Harlem's hottest speakeasy. Louise's friends, especially her girlfriend, Rosa Maria Moreno, might say she's running from her past and the notoriety that still stalks her, but don't tell her that. When a girl turns up dead in front of the café, Louise is forced to confront something she's been trying to ignore – two other local Black girls have been murdered in the past few weeks. After an altercation with a police officer gets her arrested, Louise is given an ultimatum: She can either help solve the case

or wind up in a jail cell. Louise has no choice but to investigate and soon finds herself, toe to toe with a murderous mastermind – hell-bent on taking more lives, maybe even her own... The first in a historical mystery series, set during the Harlem Renaissance.

Historical mystery TP \$25.99

Without a Brew

Sloan Krause mysteries 04

Alexander, Ellie

It's winter in the Bavarian village of Leavenworth, Washington, which for local brewmaster Sloan Krause means lots of layers, pine and citrus-flavoured craft beers, and getting the new guest rooms at Nitro into pristine condition, before visitors flood in for IceFest – a local tradition filled with fireworks, ice carving, and winter games of all varieties. But Sloan and her boss Garrett quickly learn that being brewkeepers, turned innkeepers, may not be as idyllic as it sounded. While one couple staying with them seems completely smitten, a flashy group arrives in the evening demanding rooms. Sloan and Garrett are less than impressed, but agree to rent to them, anyway. The night takes a turn when brewery patron Liv Paxton finishes her frothy pint and, with no previous plan for an overnight stay in Leavenworth, eagerly takes Sloan up on the offer of sanctuary from the snow – until she has a strange run in with some locals and the other guests. Sloan could be imagining things, but when Liv's room is found trashed the next morning, a hateful message painted on her car, and Liv herself is nowhere to be found, Sloan is convinced another mystery is brewing. With many of the potential suspects hunkering down under Nitro's roof, she knows her co-workers and friends won't be safe, until she serves up the killer a hoppy pint of justice.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Antiques Fire Sale

Trash 'n' Treasures mysteries 14

Allan, Barbara

Local theatre diva Vivian Borne – aka Brandy's mother – is sheriff of Serenity County now, but still hot on the trail of precious antiques. On a tour of the historic Wentworth Mansion, the two dedicated dealers are aglow at the priceless objects... never dreaming everything will turn to ashes. Hours later, a charred corpse in the ruins is identified as the mansion's caretaker, a one-time flame of Vivian's. Tony Cassato, Serenity's Chief of Police, throws cold water on Sheriff Vivian's suspicions of murder. But when Brandy spots a familiar item for sale on the internet, Mother suspects the fire is just a smoke screen – and then their doggie detective, Sushi the shih tzu, sniffs out a second body in the woods. Now, Mother and Brandy must turn up the heat on a homicidal torcher – because any killer who takes on the Borne girls is playing with fire.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

The Rocky Road to Ruin

Ice Cream Shop mysteries 01

Allen, Meri

Riley Rhodes, travel food blogger and librarian at the CIA, makes a bittersweet return to her childhood home of Penniman, Connecticut – land of dairy farms and covered bridges – for a funeral. Despite the circumstances, Riley's trip home is sprinkled with reunions with old friends, visits to her father's cosy bookshop on the town green, and joyful hours behind the counter at the beloved Udderly Delicious Ice Cream Shop. It feels like a time to help her friend Caroline rebuild after her mother's death, and for Riley to do a bit of her own reflecting after a botched undercover mission in Italy. After all, it's always good to be home. But Caroline and her brother Mike have to decide what to do with the assets they've inherited – the ice cream shop as well as the farm they grew up on – and they've never seen eye to eye. Trouble begins to swirl as Riley is spooked by reports of a stranger camping behind the farm and by the odd behaviour of the shop's mascot, Caroline's snooty Persian, Sprinkles. When Mike turns up dead in the barn the morning after the funeral, the peace and quiet of Penniman seems upended for good. Can Riley find the killer before another body gets scooped? The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

The Heathens

Quinn Colson series

Atkins, Ace

Before he was an Army Ranger, who came home to become Tibbehah County Sheriff and take down a corrupt system, Quinn Colson was a kid who got into trouble – a lot of it. So, when juvenile delinquent TJ Byrd insists that she doesn't know who killed her mother – an unreliable addict who has disappeared – Quinn's inclined to believe her. But no one else does – not the town, not the sheriff in a neighbouring county, not her mother's older boyfriend, and certainly not Quinn's friend and former deputy, US Marshal Lillie Virgil. The Byrd family has always been trouble, and 16-year-old TJ is known for petty theft, fighting, and general hell raising. She's also no fool, and when she senses she's about to take the fall for her mother's murder, TJ, her boyfriend, her best friend, and her nine-year-old brother go on the run. As Lillie Virgil tracks the kids across a trail of burglaries, stolen cars and even a kidnapping, intent on bringing TJ to justice, Quinn sets out to find the truth back in Tibbehah. Someone has gone to a lot of violent trouble to make TJ and her friends the logical target of the investigation. It's easy, and who cares about a bunch of lawless kids? As the bloody evidence against TJ piles up, Quinn knows someone truly evil is at work here – and that puts TJ and her friends in more danger than they can imagine.

Thriller TP \$32.99

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The Wrong Side

Bocephus Haynes series

Bailey, Robert

Teen pop star Brittany Crutcher is found dead in small-town Tennessee. For attorney Bocephus Haynes, it's just another night in Pulaski. Bo swore off criminal work after his last case, but the beloved singer's murder demands answers. The prime suspect is local high school football hero and the victim's boyfriend, Odell Champagne. However, this fallen athlete is one of Bo's son's best friends. Bo knows this young man and does not believe him capable of the crime. When Odell is charged with murder, Bo reluctantly takes the case, sparking outrage throughout the town. But as Bo follows the evidence, he learns that the victim made decisions in her last hours that would give powerful forces motive to harm her. Feeling mounting pressure from the community and the DA, Bo forges ahead. But as the seconds count down, he wonders whether justice is even possible.

Thriller TP \$27.99

Handbook for Homicide

Booktown mysteries 14

Barrett, Lorna

Haven't Got A Clue bookshop owner Tricia Miles' relationship is on the rocks. After a not-so-fun vacation with her on-again, off-again lover, Marshall Cambridge, Tricia's hoping for smooth sailing back in Stoneham. Unfortunately, Booktown greets her not with blue skies but with another body. When Tricia's assistant manager, Pixie, finds homeless vet Susan Morris' body behind Haven't Got A Clue, Pixie's chequered past makes her the prime suspect. Tricia sets out to clear Pixie's name armed with only an anchor insignia earring found at the scene of the crime. As Tricia digs deeper, she discovers Susan was involved in a scandal right before retiring from the Navy – but since nobody in the village knows Susan, even Tricia's one lead is in danger of drying up. With family drama brewing in the background and all of Stoneham convinced her manager is a murderer, Tricia knows she has to get to the bottom of the case soon before Pixie's life is sunk.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Worse Angels

Isaiah Coleridge series

Barron, Laird

Ex-major-domo and bodyguard to an industrial tycoon-cum-US senator, Badja Adeyemi is in hiding and shortly on his way to either a jail cell or a grave, depending on who finds him first. In his final days as a free man, he hires Isaiah Coleridge to tie up a loose end: the suspicious death of his nephew four years earlier. At the time police declared it an accident, and Adeyemi isn't sure it wasn't, but one final look may bring his sister peace. So, it is, that Coleridge and his investigative partner, Lionel Robard, find themselves in the upper reaches of New York State, in a tiny town that is home to outsized secrets and an unnerving cabal of locals who are protecting them. At the epicentre of it all is the site of a stalled supercollider project, an immense subterranean construction that may have an even deeper, more insidious purpose... Isaiah Coleridge's first appearance is in *Blood Standard* (PBK, \$19.99).

Hardboiled PBK \$19.99

Campus Bones

Dead Remaining series

Barz, Vivian

It's been a year since Special Agent Susan Marlan and Professor Eric Evans worked a taxing missing person's case together on the Olympic Peninsula. Though the couple have since separated, Eric must reluctantly turn to Susan for advice when a student accused of murdering his ex-girlfriend comes to Eric for help proving his innocence. Susan – busy tracking down two missing employees of San Francisco's Gruben Dam – warns Eric to be cautious, as the young man has connections to Defenders of the Earth (DOTE), an eco-terror group operating out of San Francisco. After the suspected student dies of an apparent suicide, Eric starts having visions that point to a more disturbing truth. Determined to figure out what really happened, Eric works with his old friend Jake Bergman to infiltrate DOTE. As Eric continues to grapple with his newly discovered ability to see the dead, Susan's missing persons case leads her to a startling connection between the campus suicide, her case, and the eco-terrorists. To put the pieces together and prevent further disaster, the trio must join forces, once again.

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

The Inheritance

Hunted series

Bergmoser, Gabriel

A young woman is hiding out in a sleepy North Queensland tourist town, trying to stay under the radar, when she stumbles across a dangerous drug cartel. Anyone else might back away, shaking their head, pretend they hadn't seen anything, keep quiet, even though people are getting hurt. But Maggie is no ordinary girl. She's got skills, as well as plenty of secrets to keep, burdens to carry – and anger to burn. When circumstances mean that she has to get out of town – fast – she heads towards Melbourne, where she just might find the answers that she needs – answers about her family and who she really is. With a bent cop for a dubious ally, the police tracking her and furious bikers on her trail, Maggie is in deep trouble. She's only got her ingenuity and wits on her side – and a determination not to inherit the sins of her father. The author of *The Hunted* (PBK, \$9.99) returns with another white-knuckled, gritty, urban suspense thriller: think Jack Reacher meets John Wick in a high-octane, high-speed chase on the dark streets of Melbourne.

Thriller TP \$29.99

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

Rabbit Hole

Billingham, Mark

They were meant to be safe on Fleet Ward: psychiatric patients monitored, treated, cared for. But, now, one of their number is found murdered, and the accusations begin to fly. Was it one of his fellow patients? A member of staff? Or did someone come in from the outside? DC Alice Armitage is methodical, tireless, and she's quickly on the trail of the killer. The only problem is, Alice is a patient too.

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Bone Field

Dark Paradise series

Bokur, Debra

Kali Mahoe, Hawaiian cultural expert and detective with the Maui Police Department, has been called to a bizarre crime scene. In the recesses of a deep trench on Lanai Island, a derelict refrigerator has been unearthed. Entombed inside are the skeletal remains of someone buried, decades ago. Identification is a challenge. The body is headless, the skull replaced with a chilling adornment: a large, ornately carved wooden pineapple. The old field soon yields more long-buried secrets, and Kali is led along an increasingly winding path that brings to light an unlikely suspect, an illegal cockfighting organisation, and a strange symbol connected to a long-disbanded religious cult. Her task is to dispel the dark shadows lingering over the Palawai Basin plains, and to solve a puzzle that no one wants exposed by the bright, hot tropical light. To discover the answer, Kali will be drawn deeper in the mysteries of the island's ancient legends – stories that tell of an enraged rooster god and man-eating monsters. For Kali, a detective of sound logic and reason, it's not easy to consider the unknown for explanations for what appears to be a series of illogical links in a twisting chain of deadly events. Or safe. Because the dormant pineapple fields of Lanai have yet to give up their darkest and most terrifying secrets. The follow-up to *The Fire Thief* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery HC \$42.99

Beyond a Reasonable Donut

Deputy Donut mysteries 05

Bolton, Ginger

Selling her corn fritters at a carnival, Deputy Donut Café owner Emily Westhill faces off against a murderer who doesn't play fair... Emily and her assistant, Nina, are looking forward to manning the Deputy Donut tent at the Faker's Dozen Carnival in Fallingbrook, Wisconsin – a festival held on Friday the thirteenth to celebrate good and bad luck. But Emily has barely dropped the corn fritters in oil when bad luck boils up. First, their bucket of confectioner's sugar disappears – and then while a mime creates a distraction, a magician robs their cash register. After the carnival, their misfortune continues. Emily discovers that someone has broken into artist Nina's loft and vandalised a large painting in progress with the bucket of stolen sugar, which is now on the head of the mime, who seems to have been suffocated. Emily would bet Nina was the intended victim, but the cops think Nina silenced the mime. Now, Emily must catch the killer, white handed – before someone else kicks the bucket...

Mystery TP \$26.99

Death in Castle Dark

Dinner & a Murder mysteries 01

Bond, Veronica

Maybe, it was too good to be true, but when Nora Blake accepted the job from Derek Corby, proprietor of Castle Dark, she could not see any downsides. She would sink her acting chops into the troupe's intricately-staged murder-mystery shows, earn free room and board in the fairy tale-like castle, and make friends with her new roommates, which include some seriously adorable kittens. But something sinister lurks behind the walls of Castle Dark. During Nora's second performance, one of her cast-mates plays the part of the victim, a little too well. So well, in fact, that no one can revive him. He has been murdered. Not ready to give up her dream gig – or to be the next victim – Nora sets out to see which one of her fellow actors has taken the role of a murderous real-life villain. The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Murder by Numbers

Langham & Dupre mysteries

Brown, Eric

December, 1956. Donald Langham's wife Maria Dupré receives a chilling invitation to attend a death at the home of Maxwell Falwell Fenton in Essex. The once-prominent artist has a number of enemies, and has faded into obscurity since the war ended. Is the invitation to his own death or someone else's? Arriving at Winterfield on a cold winter evening, Donald and Maria meet five strangers who have also received numbered invitations. They all had a reason to hate or fear Maxwell, including Maria, who reveals a secret from her own past. But is she telling the whole truth? The soiree produces a gruesome and dramatic twist, but it's about to get much worse when someone starts picking off the six, one by one. Can Donald untangle lies, betrayal, and incredible revelations to identify the killer before Maria becomes the next victim?

Mystery TP \$39.95

Death on the Night of Lost Lizards

Hungarian Tea House mysteries 03

Buckley, Julia

Hana Keller is getting ready for a lovely holiday season. When she receives a rare tea set as a birthday gift, she decides to host a tea at her apartment for her closest friends. During the cosy get-together, one of Hana's friends gets word that a murderer is on the loose. Hana soon learns that the victim was Sandor Balog, a professor of Hungarian Studies at the local college. With her growing psychic ability, Hana senses that she is going to be pulled into the investigation of the professor's death somehow. With her sexy boyfriend Erik on the case, Hana finds the Tea House steeped in suspects. She studies the smiling faces celebrating the season, but the real killer is good at hiding the truth, and putting Hana in the hot seat...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

The Other Mother

Bussi, Michel

Four-year-old Malone Moulin is haunted by nightmares of being handed over to a complete stranger; and begins claiming his mother is not his real mother. His teachers

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at school say that it is all in his imagination as his mother has a birth certificate, photos of him as a child and even the paediatrician confirms Malone is her son. The school psychologist, Vasily, believes otherwise as the child vividly describes an exchange between two women. Vasily begins recording their conversations and reinterprets the creatures Malone uses in the childish tales he recounts to his stuffed toy to piece the story together as much as he can. Convinced that Malone is telling the truth, Vasily approaches police commander Marianne Augresse with the case, who has been searching for a gang of thieves that robbed a luxury store and left a couple dead in the neighbouring town of Deauville, to no avail. Not knowing why a child would lie and with perhaps her own maternal and protective instinct kicking in, Marianne takes Vasily's plea for help, seriously. Marianne and her team soon discern that Malone's memory is in the hands of those around him; the cold members of the Moulin family and the people that they associate themselves with. With Malone's recollection of the past quickly fading to give way to pirates, animals and other more innocent thoughts children have at his age, Marianne is desperate to find a through line. Thriller TP \$32.99

The Sign of the Gallows

Lucy Campion mysteries

Galkins, Susanna

London, 1667. On her way to a new market to peddle her *True Accounts* and *Strange News*, printer's apprentice Lucy Campion quickly regrets her decision to take the north-western road. Dark and desolate, the path leads her to the crossroads – and to the old hanging tree. She doesn't believe in ghosts, but she's not sure ghosts don't believe in her. But before she even reaches the crossroads, she's knocked off her feet by two men in a hurry. What were they running from? To her dismay, she soon discovers for herself: there, dangling from the tree, is the body of a man. Did he commit self-murder, or is there something darker afoot? The more Lucy learns, the more determined she is to uncover the truth. But this time, even the help and protection of magistrate's son Adam, and steadfast Constable Duncan, may not be enough to keep her safe from harm... Historical mystery TP \$39.95

The Grim Reader

Bibliophile mysteries 14

Carlisle, Kate

Brooklyn and her new hunky husband, Derek, are excited to be guests at Dharma's first annual Book Festival. The entire town is involved and Brooklyn's mom Rebecca is taking charge. In addition to all of her other event related duties, she's got Brooklyn doing rare book appraisals and is also staging *Little Women*, the musical to delight the festivalgoers. If that wasn't enough, she and Meg – Derek's mom – will have a booth where they read palms and tarot cards. Brooklyn couldn't be prouder of her mom's do-it-all attitude so when a greedy local businessman who seems intent on destroying Dharma starts harassing Rebecca, Brooklyn is ready to take him down. Rebecca is able to hold her own with the nasty jerk until one of her fellow festival committee members is brutally murdered and the money for the festival seems to have vanished into thin air.

Things get even more personal when one of Brooklyn's nearest and dearest is nearly run down in cold blood. Brooklyn and Derek go into attack mode and the pressure is on to catch a spineless killer before they find themselves skipping the festival for a funeral. Mystery PBK \$18.99

A Trick of the Light

Susie Mahl Highland mysteries

Garter, Ali

Struggling with long-buried family secrets and her own recent heartbreak, artist and pet portraitist Susie Mahl hopes her brief sojourn as an art tutor at a Scottish country house will prove a distraction. But Susie soon realises she has bigger problems than teaching her eclectic mix of students to draw a Highland cow. Beneath the beautiful landscapes of the Scottish Highlands and the grandeur of the Auchen Laggan Tosh estate lie hidden secrets. Can Susie work out what exactly is going on before it's too late? And can anyone be trusted? Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Devil's Advocate

Eddie Flynn series

Cavanagh, Steve

They call him the King of Death Row. Randal Korn has sent more men to their deaths than any district attorney in the history of the United States. When a young woman, Skylar Edwards, is found murdered in Buckstown, Alabama, a corrupt sheriff arrests the last person to see her alive, Andy Dubois. It doesn't seem to matter to anyone that Andy is innocent. Everyone in Buckstown believes Andy is guilty. He has no hope of a fair trial. And the local defence attorney assigned to represent him has disappeared. Hot shot New York lawyer Eddie Flynn travels south to fight fire with fire. He plans to destroy the prosecutor's case, find the real killer, and save Andy from the electric chair. But the murders are just beginning. Is Eddie Flynn next? Thriller TP \$32.99

Dead Water

Shetland series

Cleeves, Ann

When the body of journalist Jerry Markham is found in a traditional Shetland boat, outside the house of the local public prosecutor, down at the Marina, young Detective Inspector Willow Reeves is drafted in to head up the investigation. Since the death of his fiancée, Inspector Jimmy Perez has been out of the loop, but his interest in this new case is stirred and he decides to help the inquiry. Markham – originally a Shetlander but who had made a name for himself in London – had left the islands years before. In his wake, he left a scandal involving a young girl, Evie Watt, who is now engaged to a seaman. He had few friends in Shetland, so why was he back? Willow and Jimmy are led to Sullum Voe, the heart of Shetland's North Sea oil and gas industry. It soon emerges from their investigation that Markham was chasing a story in his final days. One that must have been significant enough to warrant his death... A reissue. Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

Thin Air

Shetland series

Cleeves, Ann

A group of old university friends leave the bright lights of London and travel to Unst, Shetland's most northerly island, to celebrate the marriage of one of their friends to a Shetlander. But late on the night of the wedding party, one of them, Eleanor, disappears – apparently, into thin air. It's midsummer, a time of light nights and unexpected mists. The following day, Eleanor's friend Polly receives an email. It appears to be a suicide note, saying she'll never be found alive. And then Eleanor's body is discovered, lying in a small loch close to the cliff edge. Detectives Jimmy Perez and Willow Reeves are dispatched to Unst to investigate. Before she went missing, Eleanor claimed to have seen the ghost of a local child who drowned in the 1920s. Her interest in the ghost had seemed unhealthy – obsessive, even – to her friends: an indication of a troubled mind. But Jimmy and Willow are convinced that there is more to Eleanor's death than they first thought. Is there a secret that lies behind the myth? One so shocking that someone would kill – many years later – to protect? A reissue. Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

Cold Earth

Shetland series

Cleeves, Ann

In the dark days of a Shetland winter, torrential rain triggers a landslide that crosses the main Lerwick-Sumburgh road and sweeps down to the sea. At the burial of his old friend Magnus Tait, Jimmy Perez watches the flood of mud and peaty water smash through a croft house in its path. Everyone thinks the croft is uninhabited... but, in the wreckage, he finds the body of a dark-haired woman wearing a red silk dress. In his mind, she shares his Mediterranean ancestry and soon he becomes obsessed with tracing her identity. Then it emerges that she was already dead before the landslide hit the house. Perez knows he must find out who she was, and how she died. A reissue. Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

Wild Fire

Shetland series

Cleeves, Ann

Shetland: Welcoming. Wild. Remote. Drawn in by the reputation of the islands, an English family move to the area, eager to give their autistic son a better life. But when a young nanny's body is found hanging in the barn of their home, rumours of her affair with the husband begin to spread like wild fire. With suspicion raining down on the family, DI Jimmy Perez is called in to investigate, knowing that it will mean the return to the islands of his on-off lover and boss Willow Reeves, who will run the case. Perez is facing the most disturbing investigation of his career. Is he ready for what is to come? A reissue. Mystery (reissue) PBK \$18.99

Win

Coben, Harlan

Over 20 years ago, heiress Patricia Lockwood was abducted during a robbery of her family's estate, then locked inside an isolated cabin for months. Patricia escaped, but so did her captors, and the items stolen from her family were never recovered. Until now. On New York's Upper West Side, a recluse is found murdered in his penthouse apartment,

alongside two objects of note: a stolen Vermeer painting and a leather suitcase bearing the initials *WHL3*. For the first time in years, the authorities have a lead not only on Patricia's kidnapping but also on another FBI cold case – with the suitcase and painting both pointing them towards one man. Windsor Horne Lockwood III – or Win as his few friends call him – doesn't know how his suitcase and his family's stolen painting ended up in this dead man's apartment. But he's interested – especially when the FBI tell him that the man who kidnapped his cousin was also behind an act of domestic terrorism, and that he may still be at large. The two cases have baffled the FBI for decades. But Win has three things the FBI does not: a personal connection to the case, a large fortune, and his own unique brand of justice... Thriller PBK \$19.99

Double Down

Nolan series, Hard Case Crime

Gollins, Max Allan

It takes a thief to take a thief. In the aftermath of a bloody heist, Nolan and Jon find themselves flying home to count their ill-gotten gains – but a skyjacker taking the same flight has other plans. Meanwhile, in Des Moines, someone is offering members of the Mob-connected DiPreta family; and the Mob thinks, maybe, Nolan can make it stop. Maybe, he can – for a six-figure fee. Originally published as two separate novels (and unavailable in bookstores for 40 years!), *Double Down* finds Nolan and Jon pursuing the American dream in their inimitable criminal fashion. Hardboiled PBK \$19.99

The Law of Innocence

Lincoln Lawyer series

Gonnely, Michael

On the night he celebrates a big win, defence attorney Mickey Haller is pulled over by police, who find the body of a former client in the trunk of his Lincoln. Haller is immediately charged with murder but can't post the exorbitant \$5 million bail slapped on him by a vindictive judge. Mickey elects to represent himself and is forced to mount his defence from his jail cell in the Twin Towers Correctional Centre in downtown Los Angeles. All the while he needs to look over his shoulder – as an officer of the court he is an instant target, and he makes few friends when he reveals a corruption plot within the jail. But the bigger plot is the one against him. Haller knows he's been framed, whether by a new enemy or an old one. As his trusted team, including his half-brother, Harry Bosch, investigates, Haller must use all his skills in the courtroom to counter the damning evidence against him. Even if he can obtain a not-guilty verdict, Mickey understands that it won't be enough. In order to be truly exonerated, he must find out who really committed the murder and why. That is the law of innocence. Thriller PBK \$19.99

The Secret Staircase

Victorian Village mysteries 03

Gonnolly, Sheila

Kate Hamilton is feeling good about her plans to recreate Asheboro, Maryland as the Victorian village it once was. The town is finally on her side, and the finances are

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coming together. Kate's first goal is to renovate the Barton Mansion on the outskirts of town. Luckily, it's been well maintained, in the century since the wealthy Henry Barton lived and died, there. The only substantial change she's planning is to update the original kitchen so that it can be used to cater events in the building. But when the contractor gets started, he discovers a hidden staircase that had been walled in years earlier. And, as Kate's luck would have it, in the stairwell is a body. After her initial shock wears off, Kate is relieved when the autopsy reveals that the man had died around 1880. Unfortunately, it also reveals that his was not a natural death – he was murdered. And serious questions remain: who was he and what was he doing there? Kate begins a hunt to identify the man and figure out what he was doing at the Barton Mansion. But when a second body is found – this time from the present day – Kate realises that real dangers lie in digging up the past...

Mystery HC \$55.00

Claws for Alarm

Cat Café mysteries 05

Conte, Cate

Maddie James has finally given in to her friend Katrina's pleas – to open up her cat café to more than ten felines: they're now up to fifteen purring friends. In fact, JJ's House of Purrs is making such a splash that she's getting national attention. The Shoreline Animal Rescue League is quite interested in the café – and, so, Maddie accepts a request to meet with Jillian Allen, the executive director. Jillian shows up at the café and asks Maddie if they can partner on a fundraiser to support the local rescue efforts – and she offers up her celebrity cat to sweeten the deal. Maddie, caught up in the prospect, offers up her sister Val to help plan the event. But when Val shows up for a site visit at the venue, she finds Jillian strangled with a fancy cat leash – a piece of swag they were intending to use for the fundraiser – leaving Maddie with a lot of questions to answer. Was her death a tragic one-off event, or is there something more sinister going on? Maddie has to figure it out fast, before anyone else in the rescue community is jeopardised.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

The Delightful Life of a Suicide Pilot

Dr Siri Paiboun mysteries

Cotterill, Colin

Laos, 1981: When an unofficial mailman drops off a strange bilingual diary, Dr Siri is intrigued. Half is in Lao, but the other half is in Japanese, which no one Siri knows can read; it appears to have been written during the Second World War. Most mysterious of all, it comes with a note stapled to it: *Dr Siri, we need your help most urgently*. But who is 'we', and why have they left no return address? To the chagrin of his wife and friends, who have to hear him read the diary out loud, Siri embarks on an investigation by examining the text. Though the journal was apparently written by a kamikaze pilot, it is surprisingly dull. Twenty pages in, no one has died, and the pilot never mentions any combat at all. Despite these shortcomings, Siri begins to obsess over the diary's abrupt ending... and the riddle of why it found its way into his

hands. Did the kamikaze pilot ever manage to get off the ground? To find out, he and Madame Daeng will have to hitch a ride south and uncover some of the darkest secrets of the Second World War.

Mystery TP \$27.99

The Ghost and the Haunted Portrait

Haunted Bookshop mysteries 07

Goyle, Cleo

While gathering a collection of vintage book cover paintings for a special event in her quaint Rhode Island bookshop, Penelope discovers a spooky portrait of a beautiful woman, one who supposedly went mad, according to town gossip. Seymour, the local mailman, falls in love with the haunting image and buys the picture, refusing to part with it, even as fatal accidents befall those around it. Is the canvas cursed? Or is something more sinister at work?

For answers, Pen turns to an otherworldly source: Jack Shepard, PI. Back in the 1940s, Jack cracked a case of a killer cover artist, and (to Pen's relief) his spirit is willing to help her solve this mystery, even if he and his license did expire decades ago.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Box 88

Gumming, Charles

1989: The Cold War will soon be over, but for BOX 88, a top-secret spying agency, the espionage game is heating up. Lachlan Kite, recruited from an elite boarding school, is sent to France, tasked with gathering intelligence on an enigmatic Iranian businessman implicated in the Lockerbie bombing. But what Kite uncovers is more terrifying than anyone expected... Now, he faces the deadliest decision of his life...

2020: MI5 hear rumours of BOX 88's existence and go after Kite – but Iranian intelligence have got to him first. Taken captive and brutally tortured, Kite has a choice: reveal the truth about what happened in France thirty years earlier – or watch his family die. In a battle unlike anything he has faced before, Kite must use all his skills to stay alive.

Suspense PBK \$16.99

The Diva Serves Forbidden Fruit

Domestic Diva mysteries 14

Davis, Krista

With Old Town's DIY Home Decorating Festival in full swing, Sophie's swamped, juggling a bumper crop of artisans, antique dealers, and decorators for the busy street fair. Still, when her best friend Nina suddenly needs a ride from the airport, Sophie is happy to help... until she sees Nina disembarking in a state of disarray. It's obvious the trip to Portugal soured somewhere along the way. But after one of Nina's travelling companions turns up murdered the following day, Sophie knows something is truly rotten... Though, the crime scene is staged to look like an accident, Sophie isn't fooled and peels off to conduct her own investigation. Her only clue is a strange image the victim scratched into the soil before dying. Could it point to a cryptic killer in Old Town? A bitter travel adversary? Or a cursed artefact smuggled back from the trip? As the mystery grows,

so does the body count, and if Sophie doesn't pluck the murderer soon, her best friend may be the next to fall...

Mystery HC \$42.99

American Sherlock:

Murder, Forensics, and the Birth of Crime Scene Investigation

Dawson, Kate Winkler

A true-crime account of one of the greatest – and first – forensic scientists, with an uncanny knack for finding clues, establishing evidence and deducing answers with a skill that seemed almost supernatural. *Berkeley, California, 1933*. In a lab filled with curiosities – beakers, microscopes, Bunsen burners and hundreds of books – sat an investigator who would go on to crack at least 2,000 cases in his 40-year career. Known as the 'American Sherlock Holmes', Edward Oscar Heinrich was one of the greatest – and first – forensic scientists, with an uncanny knack for finding clues, establishing evidence and deducing answers with a skill that seemed almost supernatural. Based on years of research and thousands of never-before-published primary source materials, *American Sherlock* is a true-crime account capturing the life of the man who spearheaded the invention of myriad new forensic tools, including blood-spatter analysis, ballistics, lie-detector tests, and the use of fingerprints as courtroom evidence.

Science/History PBK \$22.99

Black River

Tuva Moodyson series

Dean, Will

Tuva's been living clean in southern Sweden for four months, when she receives horrifying news. Her best friend Tammy Yamnim is missing. Racing back to Gavrik, at the height of Midsommar, Tuva fears for Tammy's life. Who has taken her, and why? And who is sabotaging the small-town search efforts? Surrounded by dark pine forest, the sinister residents of Snake River are suspicious of outsiders. Unfortunately, they also hold all the answers. On the shortest night of the year, Tuva must fight to save her friend. The only question is... who will be there, to save Tuva? This compelling Scandi series begins with *Dark Pines* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

The Ipress File

Penguin Modern Classics

Deighton, Len

A high-ranking scientist has been kidnapped. A secret British intelligence agency must find out why. But as the quarry is pursued from grimy Soho to the other side of the world; what seemed a straightforward mission turns into something far more sinister. With its sardonic, cool, working-class hero, Len Deighton's sensational debut *The Ipress File* rewrote the spy thriller and became the defining novel of 1960s' London. Now, published in the Penguin Classics series.

Suspense (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Billion-Dollar Brain

Penguin Modern Classics

Deighton, Len

The fourth and final spy novel, featuring the unnamed hero of *The Ipress File* series, finds him up against a Texan billionaire with an all-powerful computer... Texan billionaire

General Midwinter will stop at nothing to bring down the USSR – even if it puts the whole world at risk. The final novel featuring the cynical, insolent narrator sees him sent from his shabby Soho office to bone-freezing Helsinki; in order to penetrate Midwinter's vast anti-Communist network – and stop a deadly virus from wiping out the planet. Now, published in the Penguin Classics series.

Suspense (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Above the Rain del Árbol, Víctor

Miguel and Helena meet at a nursing home in Tarifa, at an age when they believe they have lived it all already. Distanced from their children, they feel they are no longer needed. The sudden suicide of one of the other residents opens their eyes. They don't want to spend their last days longing for supposedly better times, so together they decide to undertake the journey of their lives and confront the darkness in their pasts. Meanwhile, in the distant Swedish city of Malmö, the young Yasmina – a child of Moroccan immigrants, who dreams of being a singer – lives trapped between her authoritarian grandfather and her contemptuous mother; who is ashamed of Yasmina because she works for a Swede with a murky reputation. And she's having a secret affair with the Deputy Commissioner of the Swedish police, an older, influential man. As Yasmina is drawn deeper into Malmö's criminal underworld and Miguel and Helena approach the end of their feverish road trip, Víctor del Árbol masterfully reconstructs the history of violence that links their seemingly-disparate lives.

Noir TP \$32.99

Consolation

Paul Hirschhausen series

Disher, Garry

Tiverton's only police officer Constable Paul Hirschhausen is dealing with a snowdrifter. Someone is stealing women's underwear, and Hirsch knows how that kind of crime can escalate. Then two calls come in: a teacher who thinks a child may be in danger at home. A father on the rampage over at the primary school. Hirsch knows how things like that can escalate, too. Families under pressure. Financial problems. But it's always a surprise when the killing starts. Constable Hirschhausen's investigations began in *Bitterwash Road* (PBK, \$19.99). Recommended!

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

One Last Lie

Mike Bowditch mysteries

Doiron, Paul

'Never trust a man without secrets.' These are the last words retired game warden Charley Stevens speaks to his surrogate son, Warden Investigator Mike Bowditch, before the old man vanishes without explanation. Mike suspects his friend's mysterious departure has to do with an antique warden badge that recently resurfaced at a flea market – a badge connected to a cold case from Charley's past that the Maine Warden Service would rather forget. Fifteen years ago, a young warden was sent on an undercover mission to infiltrate a notorious poaching ring and never returned. He was presumed dead, but his body was never recovered. Mike is desperate to find

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Charley before he meets a similar fate. His investigation brings him to the miles of forest and riverside towns along the Canadian border – but he soon learns that even his fellow wardens have secrets to keep. And Charley's past isn't the only one coming to light; his daughter, Stacey, has resurfaced to search for her missing father, and Mike must grapple with the return of the woman he once thought was gone forever. Forced to question his faith in the man he sees as a father, Mike must reopen a cold case that powerful people – one of whom may be a killer – will do anything to keep closed.

Mystery TP \$26.99

Beware of Johnny Washington

Collins Crime Club

Durbridge, Francis

Beware of Johnny Washington is Francis Durbridge's clever reworking of the very first Paul Temple radio serial using his new characters, the amiable Johnny Washington and newspaper columnist Verity Glyn. Includes as a bonus the first Paul Temple short story, 'A Present for Paul'. When a gang of desperate criminals begins leaving calling cards inscribed 'With the Compliments of Johnny Washington', the real Johnny Washington is encouraged by an attractive newspaper columnist to throw in his lot with the police. Johnny, an American 'gentleman of leisure' – who has settled at a quiet, country house in Kent to enjoy the fishing – soon, finds himself involved with the mysterious Horatio Quince, a retired schoolmaster who is on the trail of the gang's unscrupulous leader, the elusive 'Grey Moose'. Best known for creating Paul Temple for BBC radio in 1938, Francis Durbridge's prolific output of crime and mystery stories, encompassing plays, radio, television, films and books, made him a household name for more than 50 years. A new radio character, 'Johnny Washington, Esquire', hit the airwaves in 1949, leading to the publication of this one-off novel in 1951. This Detective Club classic is introduced by writer and bibliographer Melvyn Barnes, author of *Francis Durbridge: A Centenary Appreciation*, who reveals how Johnny Washington's only literary outing was actually a reworking of Durbridge's own *Send for Paul Temple*.

Classic mystery PBK \$19.99

Murder at Madame Tussauds

Museum mysteries

Eldridge, Jim

London, 1896. Madame Tussauds opens to find one of its nightwatchmen decapitated and his colleague nowhere to be found. To the police, the case seems simple: one killed the other and fled, but workers at the museum aren't convinced and Scotland Yard enlists 'The Museum Detectives', Daniel Wilson and Abigail Fenton, to aid the investigation. When the body of the missing nightwatchman is discovered encased within a wax figure, the case suddenly becomes more complex. With questions over the dead men's pasts and a series of bank raids plaguing the city, Wilson and Fenton face their most intricate and dangerous case, yet. This is the hardcover edition, we expect the paperback around March 2022. This wonderful historical series begins with *Murder at the Fitzwilliam* (PBK, \$19.99). Recommended.

Historical mystery HC \$39.99

100 Proof Murder

Bourbon Tour mysteries

Ellis, Mary

Travel writer Jill Curtis is in Louisville, Kentucky, on the next stop of her bourbon tour assignment, and is keen to explore the local distilleries with her videographer, Michael Erickson – especially since her new beau, Lieutenant Nick Harris, lives in the city. But the night before Jill's first tour at Parker's Distillery, she is shocked to learn that the master distiller, William Scott, has died suddenly of a heart attack – and even more shocked when she discovers William's daughter, Alexis, suspects foul play. Is there more to William's death than meets the eye? Jill is soon drawn into a deadly blend of rivalry, jealousy, and cold-blooded murder as she attempts to uncover the truth behind William's unexpected demise.

Mystery HC \$62.95

Mrs March Feito, Virginia

George March's latest novel is a smash. No one could be prouder than his dutiful wife, Mrs March, who revels in his accolades. A careful creature of routine and decorum, she lives a precariously controlled existence on the Upper East Side until one morning, when the shopkeeper of her favourite patisserie suggests that her husband's latest protagonist – a detestable character, named Johanna – is based on Mrs March, herself. Clutching her ostrich leather pocketbook and mint-coloured gloves, she flees the shop. What could have merited this humiliation? That one casual remark robs Mrs March of the belief that she knew everything about her husband – and herself – thus sending her on an increasingly paranoid journey that begins within the pages of a book. While snooping in George's office, Mrs March finds a newspaper clipping about a missing woman. Did George have anything to do with her disappearance? He's been going on a lot of 'hunting trips' up north with his editor lately, leaving Mrs March all alone at night with her tormented thoughts, and the cockroaches that have suddenly started to appear, and strange breathing noises... As she begins to decode her husband's secrets, her deafening anxiety and fierce determination threaten everyone in her wake – including her stoic housekeeper, Martha, and her unobtrusive son, Jonathan, whom she loves so profoundly, when she remembers to love him, at all.

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

The Soul Breaker Fitzek, Sebastian

The Soul Breaker destroys women. He doesn't kill them or mutilate them. But he leaves them completely dead inside, paralysed and catatonic. His only trace a note left in their hands. There are three known victims when suddenly the abductions stop. The Soul Breaker has tired of his game, it seems. Meanwhile, a man has been found in the snow outside an exclusive psychiatric clinic. He has no recollection of who he is, or why he is there. Unable to match him to any of the police's missing people, the nurses call him Casper. Casper makes little progress regaining his memory, but he grows restless and wants to leave the clinic to piece together the few clues to his life. But the weather has taken a turn for the worse, and the clinic

becomes completely cut off to the world outside. No one is able to reach the clinic, and its staff and patients cannot leave. So, when the head psychiatrist is found trembling, naked and distraught, with a slip of paper clasped in her hands, it seems somehow the Soul Breaker has returned...

Thriller TP \$29.99

Best Laid Plans

Nora Best mysteries

Florio, Gwen

Nora Best is the envy of her friends. She's just turned fifty and has traded in her home with the Perfect-Ass Husband for an Airstream trailer and an adventure of a lifetime across the US. But during their leaving party, Nora finds her husband in a compromising position with a friend. Storming out of the party she jumps into her truck with no idea how to tow the Airstream or where she's going. Nora ends up in a campground in the mountains of Wyoming, drowning her sorrows with its managers, Brad and Miranda. When she is woken by a frantic Miranda after Brad has disappeared and bloodstains have been found around the campsite, Nora finds herself caught up in an adventure she could never have expected... facing a charge of murder. The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$39.95

Tell Me

Inland Empire series

Fraser, Anne

No strangers to evil, criminal profiler Reni Fisher and detective Daniel Ellis both still grapple with traumatising pasts. It unites them. So, has a crime they must solve before someone else dies. At a campsite on California's Pacific Crest Trail, a guide is murdered, and three young hikers vanish without a trace. The only lead is a puzzle in itself: a video of the crime scene, looking eerily staged, uploaded to social media. The girl who posted it can't be found. Is it a viral hoax gone unspeakably wrong, or is there something more sinister at play in the forest? The case intensifies when one of the missing is found wandering down a dirt road, confused and afraid. As Reni and Daniel struggle to sort fact from fiction, a secret past collides with the present, threatening to sever their relationship. Are some truths too much to bear? Will this be the case that finally breaks them? The follow-up to *Find Me* (TP, \$29.99).

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

Robert Ludlum's the Bourne Treachery

Bourne series

Freeman, Brian

Three years ago, Jason Bourne embarked on a mission in Estonia with his partner and lover, a fiery Treadstone agent, codenamed *Nova*. Their job was to rescue a Russian double agent who'd been smuggled out of St Petersburg in the midst of an FSB manhunt. They failed. The Russian died at the hands of a shadowy assassin known only by the nickname Lennon. Now, everything has changed for Bourne. *Nova* is gone, killed in a mass shooting in Las Vegas. Bourne is a lone operative, working in the shadows for Treadstone, when he's called in for a new mission in London – to prevent another assassination masterminded by Lennon.

But nothing about this mission is what it seems. As Bourne engages in a cat-and-mouse game with Lennon across the British countryside, he discovers that everything he thought he knew about the past was a lie. And with the body count rising, he comes to an inevitable conclusion: Some secrets should stay buried.

Thriller TP \$29.99

Deadly Ever After

Lighthouse Library mysteries 08

Gates, Eva

They're getting married! Lucy Richardson and Connor McNeil have announced their engagement. Their friends throw a party for the couple at Coquina Beach, close to Lucy's beloved Bodie Island Lighthouse Library. As they're packing up the presents and the (few) leftovers from Josie's Cosy Bakery, who should arrive, but Richard Eric Lewiston III, Lucy's former almost-fiancé and his overbearing mother Evangeline. Push comes to love when Evangeline makes no secret of why she's here: to get Lucy and Ricky back together. Lucy isn't tempted in the least, and Ricky is nothing but embarrassed at his mother's desperate ploy. Before returning to Boston Evangeline throws a dinner party at Jake's Seafood Bar for a reluctant Lucy and her family. Lucy hopes to get the dinner over with and see Evangeline and Ricky returning to Boston. But when a body is found at the restaurant's kitchen door, Lucy is again forced to unwillingly put on her detective's hat and do what she can to save her family and her engagement. Meanwhile, the classic novel reading club is reading *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, and open war breaks out in the Lighthouse Library when Lucy agrees to temporarily take care of a dog named Fluffy, but Charles the library cat has other ideas.

Mystery HC \$44.99

Peaches and Schemes

Georgia B&B mysteries 03

Gerard, Anna

Nina Fleet might be new to the inn-keeping business, but she's savvy enough to know that Cymbeline's tourists aren't enough to keep her fledgling bed and breakfast going. And, so, Nina decides to tap into the destination wedding market by taking a booth at the Veils and Vanities Bridal Expo. The twice-yearly event is sponsored by the town's two wedding pros: Virgie Hamilton, the 60-something owner of Virgie's Formals, and Roxanna Quarry, a Gen X event planner and Nina's new friend. But everything goes wrong during the expo's fashion show, when Roxanna comes tumbling out of an oversized prop wedding cake, strangled to death by her own scarf. Virgie is arrested for the crime, thanks to Nina's statement to the police about having overheard the woman accusing her partner of embezzlement. Meanwhile, the situation grows tense with her sometimes nemesis and current tenant, the dashing out-of-work actor Harry Westcott. Harry is concentrating on plugging his most recent side hustle... but he's not too busy to break the news to Nina that her ex-husband is engaged to be married again. Certain that Virgie's only offence is a bad temper, Nina decides to do her own investigating. First, however, she and Harry retrieve Roxanna's now ownerless dog, planning to foster him until a new home can be found. But local gossip soon convinces

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Nina that others beside Virgie might have had reason to murder Roxanna. As Nina gets close to the truth, she's putting her own life at danger. And when Virgie vanishes after being bailed out of jail by an unknown benefactor, Nina fears that if she can't find the dress shop owner in time, tying the knot will take on a whole new meaning for them both.

Mystery HC \$44.99

Auntie Poldi and the Lost Madonna

Auntie Poldi Adventures

Giordano, Mario

Strange dealings are afoot in the Apostolic Palace – a nun leapt to her death shortly after participating in a seemingly routine exorcism. But when a priest, clad in Gammarelli, and a Vatican *commissario* with an almost unholy level of sex appeal turn up at her door, Poldi is shocked to hear that she's a suspect in their case. Who is the woman being exorcised, and where has she disappeared to? And why in the world does she claim, in perfect Bavarian, to be Poldi, Isolde Oberreiter, of Torre Archirafi? Poldi will need all the help she can get to clear her name, but her nephew has been distracted by a love affair gone sour, someone in the town has been spraying graffiti death threats on her front door, and her local friends seem to be avoiding her. And even Vito Montana balks when Poldi discovers that the case hinges on a lost Madonna statue, stolen years ago from the pope, himself. *Forza, Poldi!* With a pair of mysterious twins dogging her every move and a mandate to maintain sobriety, will Poldi be able to unmask her mysterious doppelgänger, find the lost statue in time, and survive her 61st birthday? Auntie Poldi's Adventures begin with *Auntie Poldi and the Sicilian Lions* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery PBK \$22.99

The Escape Room

Goldin, Megan

Welcome to the escape room. Your goal is simple. Get out alive. In the lucrative world of finance, Vincent, Jules, Sylvie, and Sam are at the top of their game. They've mastered the art of the deal and celebrate their success in style – but a life of extreme luxury always comes at a cost. Invited to participate in an escape room challenge as a team-building exercise, the ferociously competitive co-workers crowd into the elevator of a high-rise building, eager to prove themselves. But when the lights go off, and the doors stay shut, it quickly becomes clear that this is no ordinary competition: they're caught in a dangerous game of survival. Trapped in the dark, the colleagues must put aside their bitter rivalries and work together to solve cryptic clues to break free. But as the game begins to reveal the team's darkest secrets, they realise there's a price to be paid for the terrible deeds they committed in their ruthless climb up the corporate ladder. As tempers fray, and the clues turn deadly, they must solve one final chilling puzzle: which one of them will kill, in order to survive?

Thriller PBK \$26.95

Four Cuts Too Many

Sarah Blair mysteries 04

Goldstein, Debra H

Between working as a law firm receptionist, reluctantly pitching in as co-owner of her twin sister's restaurant, and caretaking for her

regal Siamese RahRah and rescue dog Fluffy, Sarah has no time to enjoy life's finer things. Divorced and sort-of dating, she's considering going back to school. But as a somewhat competent sleuth, Sarah's more suited for criminal justice than learning how many ways she can burn a meal. Although she wouldn't mind learning some knife skills from her *sous* chef, Grace Winston. An adjunct instructor who teaches cutlery expertise in cooking college, Grace is considering accepting an executive chef's position offered by Jane Clark, Sarah's business rival – and her late ex-husband's lover. But Grace's future lands in hot water when the school's director is found dead with one of her knives in his back. To clear her friend's name, Sarah must sharpen her own skills at uncovering an elusive killer...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

The Orchard Murders

Murders series

Gott, Robert

In 1944, in the outer-Melbourne suburb of Nunawading, a brutal triple murder heralds the return of a long-forgotten cult. A man named Anthony Prescott has declared himself the Messiah and has promised his followers immortality. There are those who believe him and who are ready to kill in his name. Inspector Titus Lambert of the Melbourne Homicide unit, whose detectives are over stretched, requests the discreet assistance of Helen Lord and Joe Sable, once members of his unit, now private inquiry agents. The investigation is more perilous than any of them realise, and will have tragic consequences. Robert Gott's acclaimed (and popular) Murders series, set in Melbourne during the dark days of the Second World War, begins with *The Holiday Murders* (TP, \$29.99).

Mystery TP \$29.99

Double Deal

Green, John M

In top-secret talks in Barcelona, ex-spy Dr Tori Swyft seals a landmark deal over the Arctic that sends Washington DC and Moscow reeling. The next morning, she wakes beside two dead bodies... A nameless voice phones her, taunting her and revealing a shocking video that shows Tori as the murderer. Yet, she has no memory of what happened. With Spanish police converging at her door, Tori flees, in a race against time to find The Voice and prove her innocence – before it's too late.

Suspense TP \$29.99

Murder at

St Winifred's Academy

Ferrara Family mysteries 05

Griffo, J D

Tranquillity, New Jersey's amateur drama troupe is staging a murder mystery at St Winifred's Academy and Alberta Scaglione couldn't be more thrilled. Even her Italian-American *famiglia* are getting in on the act. But someone's making deadly revisions to the script... Alberta can hardly believe it. Her childhood screen idol, 1950's Hollywood starlet Missy Michaels, has signed up for the local Tranquillity Players' revival of the classic *Arsenic and Old Lace*. But before Missy memorises a single line, she's found dead in her dressing room wrapped in lace

and clutching a bottle of arsenic. The ultimate drama-queen suicide? Everyone thinks so – except Alberta. A Ferrara woman knows murder when she sees it. Alberta also knows producer Nola Kirkpatrick's chequered past: whenever she's around, trouble abounds. Alberta and her crime-reporting, partner-in-sleuthing granddaughter, Jinx, have a hunch the murderer is among the Players. So, Alberta joins the cast – reluctantly playing Missy's role – to get closer to the truth. She notices the director is a little unbalanced, but aren't they all? The leading man is a wildly-obsessive Missy Michaels fan-boy... but a murderer? Of course, the show must go on. But if Alberta and Jinx can't nab the killer before opening night, it may mean curtains for more Players... including Alberta.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

The Lady of the Lake

Brighton mysteries

Guttridge, Peter

When Major Richard Rabbitt, owner of a large estate in Sussex, is found floating in a lake belonging to Nimue Grace, a charismatic former Hollywood actress, DI Sarah Gilchrist and DS Bellamy Heap are called in to investigate – and quickly discover Rabbitt was a notoriously difficult man to deal with. Rabbitt was hated by his estranged wife, had several rivalries with residents of the area, and was involved in a number of deals with other shady businessmen... such as Said Farzi, a 'criminal' according to many, and the corrupt politician William Simpson – the father of Heap's girlfriend. With numerous suspects and many refusing to cooperate, Gilchrist and Heap must stay on their toes to unravel all the connections. Who stood to gain the most from Rabbitt's demise, and who can be trusted?

Mystery TP \$39.95

Murder in a Scottish Garden

Scottish Shire mysteries 02

Hall, Tracy

In the charming Scottish shire of Nairn, sweater shop owner Paislee Shaw must root out a garden variety killer... Paislee's custom sweater and yarn business, Cashmere Crush, is the sole support for not only the single mum and her ten-year-old son Brody, but also her eccentric Gramps and Wallace, their black Scottish terrier. So, when her landlord, Shawn Marcus, serves her an eviction notice and then pulls a disappearing act, she'll go to any lengths to find the man and reason with him. Shawn is heir to the Leery Estate, which Brody's class will be visiting on a field trip. So, Paislee volunteers to chaperone in the hopes of tracking down Shawn and killing two birds with one stone. Unfortunately, the only one killed is a man Paislee sees falling out of the hedges after being shot. It's not her missing landlord, but Lady Leery's nephew, Charles Thomson. Gruff DI Mack Zeffer is on the case, but Paislee also has a stake in flushing out the shooter. With suspects sprouting up like weeds, Paislee may need to hedge her bets until she can determine who is trying to lead her down the garden path...

Mystery TP \$26.99

The Ex-Husband

Hamilton, Karen

True: Charlotte has an unsavoury past. She married the wrong man, got caught up in his con artist games, took what wasn't hers.

She got out, though: divorced Sam, started fresh. False: She left him before things went too far. Nothing bad happened. True: Sam is missing, and before he disappeared, he left cryptic messages about someone threatening him – someone who has been threatening Charlotte, too. True: She's on the straight and narrow, has accepted a job as a personal assistant for an engagement party on board a private luxury cruise ship, the *Cleobella*. False: No one on board knows about her past, and she's far away from anyone who means her harm. As the *Cleobella* sails through its glittering destinations – the Bahamas, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago – increasingly sinister events haunt the guests, and the turquoise waves and sun-drenched beaches give way to something darker. Someone knows what Charlotte did. Is it the blushing bride? The seemingly placid mother-in-law? Or the mysterious heiress? Someone knows, and someone wants revenge – before the ship reaches its final port.

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Killings

at Kingfisher Hill

New Hercule Poirot mysteries

Hannah, Sophie

Hercule Poirot is travelling by luxury passenger coach, from London to the exclusive Kingfisher Hill estate, where Richard Devonport has summoned him to prove that his fiancée, Helen, is innocent of the murder of his brother, Frank. But there is a strange condition attached to this request: Poirot must conceal his true reason for being there. The coach is forced to stop when a distressed woman demands to get off, insisting that if she stays in her seat, she will be murdered. Although the rest of the journey passes without anyone being harmed, Poirot's curiosity is aroused, and his fears are later confirmed when a body is discovered with a macabre note attached... Could this new murder and the peculiar incident on the coach be clues to solving the mystery of who killed Frank Devonport? And if Helen is innocent, can Poirot find the true culprit in time to save her from the gallows?

Christie PBK \$19.99

The Perfect Family

Harding, Robyn

Thomas and Viv Adler are the envy of their neighbours: attractive, successful, with well-mannered children and a beautifully restored home. Until one morning, when they wake up to find their porch has been pelted with eggs. It's a prank, Thomas insists; the work of a few out-of-control kids. But when a smoke bomb is tossed on their front lawn, and their car's tires are punctured, the family begins to worry. Surveillance cameras show nothing but grainy images of shadowy figures in hoodies. And the police dismiss the attacks, insisting they're just the work of bored teenagers. Unable to identify the perpetrators, the Adlers are helpless as the assaults escalate into violence, and worse. And each new violation brings with it a growing fear. Because everyone in the Adler family is keeping a secret – not just from the outside world, but from each other. And secrets can be very dangerous...

Thriller TP \$32.99

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A Narrow Door **Harris, Joanne**

It's an incendiary moment, for St Oswald's school. For the first time in its history, a headmistress is in power, the gates opening to girls. Rebecca Buckfast has spilled blood to reach this position. Barely forty, she is just starting to reap the harvest of her ambition. As the new regime takes on the old guard, the ground shifts. And with it, the remains of a body are discovered. But Rebecca is here to make her mark. She'll bury the past so deep it will evade even her own memory, just like she has done before. After all, you can't keep a good woman down.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Cruel as the Grave

Bill Slider mysteries

Harrod-Eagles, Cynthia

Fitness trainer Erik Lingoss is found dead in his west London flat, his head smashed by one of his own dumbbells. His heartlessly-dumped girlfriend, blood on her clothes and hands, is the prime suspect. She had means, opportunity, and motive. But is the case as clear cut, as it seems? Handsome Erik Lingoss had clients in high places; and he seemed to engender powerful emotions. If it was a crime of passion, there was plenty of that to go round: love strong as death, jealousy cruel as the grave. Who did he let in to his flat that evening? Where is his missing mobile phone? Why is seven hundred pounds in cash stuffed under his pillow? The deeper Slider and his team dig, the clearer it becomes there's far more to this case than meets the eye.

Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

Murder Ink

Writer for Hire mysteries 01

Hechtman, Betty

Veronica Blackstone is a writer for hire. Be it love letters, biographies, resumes or wedding vows, Veronica has you covered. Her latest assignment is writing a celebration of life book for the funeral of one-time client Rachel Ross who tragically died, one year after her wedding. While researching Rachel's life, Veronica finds the information surrounding the circumstances of her death to be shrouded in mystery. No one quite knows what happened and her prominent family are more concerned with their image than the truth. Was Rachel's life as perfect as it seemed or was there something dark going on? Was her fall an accident, deliberate or something else? In celebrating the life of Rachel, Veronica is determined to get to the bottom of her death. The first in a new series.

Mystery TP \$39.95

A Voice Like Velvet

Collins Crime Club

Henderson, Donald

A sensational wartime crime novel about a BBC announcer, who abuses his position to commit crimes against the rich and famous... By day, Ernest Bisham is a velvet-voiced announcer for the BBC; the whole country recognises the sound of his meticulous pronouncements. By night, however, Mr Bisham is a cat-burglar, careless about his loot, but revelling in the danger and excitement of his running contest with Scotland Yard. But as he gets away with more and more daring escapades, there will come a time when he goes too far... When Donald Henderson's *Mr Bowling Buys a Newspaper*

caused something of a sensation, his publishers were keen to capitalise on their author's popularity, quickly reissuing *The Announcer* (originally published under his pen-name 'D H Landels') with the more alluring title *A Voice Like Velvet*. Despite a small edition of just 3,000 copies, it was his best reviewed work, as suspenseful and offbeat as his earlier success. This Detective Club classic includes an introduction by *The Golden Age of Murder's* Martin Edwards, who explores Henderson's own BBC career, and the long established tradition of books about gentlemen crooks. The book also includes a rare Henderson short story, the chilling 'The Alarm Bell'.

Classic mystery PBK \$19.99

Stargazer

Leaphorn, Chee & Manuelito mysteries

Hillerman, Anne

What begins as a typical day for Officer Bernadette Manuelito – serving a bench warrant, dealing with a herd of cattle obstructing traffic, and stumbling across a crime scene – takes an unexpected twist when she's called to help find an old friend. Years ago, Bernie and Maya were roommates, but time and Maya's struggles with addiction drove them apart. Now, Maya's brother asks Bernie to find out what happened to his sister. Tracing Maya's whereabouts, Bernie learns that her old friend had confessed to the murder of her estranged husband, a prominent astronomer. But the details don't align. Suspicious, Bernie takes a closer look at the case only to find that nothing is as it seems. Uncovering new information about the astronomer's work leads Bernie to a remote spot on the Navajo Nation and a calculating killer. The investigation causes an unexpected rift with her husband and new acting boss, Jim Chee, who's sure Bernie's headed for trouble. While she's caught between present and past, Chee is at a crossroads of his own. Burdened with new responsibilities he didn't ask for and doesn't want, he must decide what the future holds for him and act accordingly. Can their mentor Joe Leaphorn – a man also looking at the past for answers to the future – provide the guidance both Bernie and Chee need? And will the Navajo heroes that stud the starry sky help them find justice – and the truth they seek?

Mystery HC \$55.00

Collision Course

Grey & Villere series

Hilton, Matt

Private investigator Tess Grey's latest case involves tracking down Hayley Cameron, a young girl who has fled after discovering that she was adopted. Tess, aided by her fiancé Po Villere, traces Hayley to the apartment of Madison Toner – one of Hayley's college friends – in Bangor, Maine. Despite Tess' pleas, Hayley refuses to return to her adoptive mother. Both Tess and Po believe there's more to her running away than it seems, especially when they see Madison's father bloodied and beaten. Concerned for Hayley's wellbeing, they conduct a stakeout. When thugs turn up to extort Madison and Hayley, Tess, and Po feel duty bound to get involved. But what are the girls embroiled in? Who are after them and to what lengths will they go? Tess and Po don't know it, yet, but events are about to grow deadly.

Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

Blood Kin

Grey & Villere series

Hilton, Matt

When Nicolas 'Po' Villere runs into Elspeth Fuchs, an old flame, he's surprised to find who's by her side. It's her son, Jacob, and he's a dead ringer for when Po was a child. His age lines up with, when Po last saw Elspeth, before she left him for Caleb Moorcock and a life in a secluded community. Elspeth and Jacob are now running for their lives from the abusive Caleb. Po and his partner, Private Investigator Tess Grey, offer shelter. But before Po can dive into the boy's parentage, Caleb snatches the absconded pair and drags them back to their fortified commune. Has Po dodged a bullet? Maybe, it's best for them all if he never learns whether he's Jacob's father. Who's he kidding? Po resolves to rescue Elspeth and discover the truth about Jacob, no matter what...

Mystery/suspense HC \$62.95

Substitute

Holliday, Susi

Like any mother, Chrissie wants to protect her family. She would do anything to keep them safe. So, when a mysterious stranger turns up at her door, offering to prevent the deaths of the people she loves, it sounds too good to be true. The only problem: she must choose someone to die in their place. A substitute. When her daughter Holly has a terrible accident, Chrissie has no option but to enter the programme. In that horrifying moment, she would do anything to save her. But even after Holly makes a miraculous recovery, Chrissie is convinced it's just a coincidence. After all, who can really control the laws of life and death? But as the dangers to her family escalate and her chosen substitutes begin to disappear, Chrissie finds herself in an underworld of hidden laboratories and secretive doctors. And the consequences of playing by their rules are far deadlier than she ever imagined...

Thriller TP \$27.99

A Line to Kill

PI Daniel Hawthorne series

Horowitz, Anthony

There has never been a murder on Alderney. It's a tiny island, just three miles long and a mile and a half wide. The perfect location for a brand-new literary festival. Private Investigator Daniel Hawthorne has been invited to talk about his new book. The writer, Anthony Horowitz, travels with him. Very soon, they discover that all is not as it should be. Alderney is in turmoil over a planned power line that will cut through it, desecrating a war cemetery and turning neighbour against neighbour. The visiting authors – including a blind medium, a French performance poet and a celebrity chef – seem to be harbouring any number of unpleasant secrets. When the festival's wealthy sponsor is found brutally killed, Alderney goes into lockdown and Hawthorne knows that he doesn't have to look too far for suspects. There's no escape. The killer is still on the island. And there's about to be a second death...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

You Betrayed Me

Cahills series

Jackson, Lisa

The Cahills of San Francisco are famous for two things: their vast wealth, and the scandals that surround them. Murder, greed, deadly ambition... some people will do anything to get, and keep, the Cahills' kind of money. Not that James Cahill wants any of it. He's tried to make his own way, less interested in a future inheritance than in his construction company – and in enjoying the many women taken in by the easy charms of a handsome, soon-to-be-rich, bad boy. Perhaps, there've been too many women. Waking up in a small hospital in Washington State, bandaged and bruised, James barely recognises the gorgeous blonde who comes to visit. Through the haze of pain and medication, he recalls that she is Sophia, the woman he's been cheating with. Gradually, memories return – his girlfriend, Megan, had found out about Sophia. Now, Megan is missing, her sister is hounding him – and police and reporters are asking questions. James insists he has no idea what happened. Yet, he can't escape a feeling of dread... Meanwhile, in a locked room, a woman waits, trapped, petrified, desperate. She thought she knew who to trust. But the betrayal you can't imagine – or can't remember – may be the most terrifying weapon of all...

Thriller PBK \$22.99

What the Cat Dragged In

Cat in the Stacks mysteries 14

James, Miranda

Charlie has always believed that his grandfather had sold his house to his long-time tenant, Martin Hale. So, when Martin dies, Charlie is surprised to discover the house was not left to Martin, but instead belongs to Charlie. As he and Diesel check out the house he remembers fondly from his childhood, he is pleasantly surprised that it is in better condition than expected. That is, until they find a literal skeleton in a closet. While the sheriff's department investigates the mysterious remains, Charlie digs deeper into the past for clues to the identity of the bones and why they are there. But the cold case heats up quickly when Martin's grandson is found dead on the farm. As Charlie delves into his own family history, he encounters many people who might have been motivated to take a life. But Charlie and Diesel know that things are not always what they seem, and that secrets seemingly lost to time have a way of finding their way back to haunt the present. A cosy recommendation!

Mystery HC \$42.99

Death Comes Hot

Bloody Mary mysteries

Jecks, Michael

London. May, 1556. Hal Westmecott, one of the city's most feared executioners, reckons Jack Blackjack owes him a favour – and now he's come to collect his dues. Hal has ordered Jack to track down his long-lost son and, although Jack believes he's been set an impossible task, he's in no position to refuse. But when Jack's search draws him to the attention of a ruthless nobleman, a dead

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priest's vengeful brother and finally to a bloodstained body in a filthy lodging house, he comes to realise he is an unwitting pawn in a mesh of schemes dreamed up by the most powerful people in England. Just who is a friend, who is a foe – and will Jack escape with his life intact?

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

A Good Day for Chardonnay

Sunshine Vicram mysteries

Jones, Darynda

Running a small-town police force in the mountains of New Mexico should be a smooth, carefree kind of job. Sadly, full-time Sheriff – and even fuller-time coffee guzzler – Sunshine Vicram, didn't get that memo. All Sunshine really wants is one easygoing day. You know, the kind that starts with coffee and a donut (or three) and ends with takeout pizza and a glass of chardonnay (or seven). Turns out, that's about as easy as switching to decaf. (What kind of people do that? And who hurt them?) Before she can say, *iced mocha latte*, Sunny's got a bar fight gone bad, a teenage daughter hunting a serial killer and, oh yes, the still unresolved mystery of her own abduction years prior. All evidence points to a local distiller, a dangerous bad boy named Levi Ravinder, but Sun knows he's not the villain of her story. Still, perhaps beneath it all, he possesses the keys to her disappearance. At the very least, beneath it all, he possesses a serious set of abs. She's seen it. Once. Accidentally. Between policing a town her hunky, chief deputy calls *four cents short of a nickel*, that pesky crush she has on Levi which seems to grow exponentially every day, and an irascible raccoon that just doesn't know when to quit, Sunny's life is about to rocket to a whole new level of crazy. Yep, definitely a good day for chardonnay. The sequel to *A Bad Day for Sunshine* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery PBK \$22.99

In Darkness Visible

Jones, Tony

In 2005, Marin Katich, living in Croatia under an alias, is being watched. Before the year is out, he has been assaulted, arrested, charged with serious war crimes and locked up in Scheveningen Prison in The Hague, waiting for his case to come before the International War Crimes Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. In Sydney, Anna Rosen, a freelance journalist, is emailed photos of a man she knows to be dead – gunned down in a brutal ambush in Bosnia, over a decade ago. A man she'd once loved, but who had betrayed her. Is it possible that the photos really are of Marin Katich? And if so, what the hell had happened in 1992? From Croatia to The Hague to Bosnia and Herzegovina to Sydney, Anna and Marin's intertwined history fuels her determination to tear apart, piece by piece, his secrets, while continuing to keep her own. In a dangerous pursuit of justice and revenge, navigating the murky world of national and international secret agencies and those who would still be warlords, Anna fights for what she believes in and for those she loves.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

The House on Fripp Island

Kauffman, Rebecca

Fripp Island, South Carolina is the perfect destination for the wealthy Daly family: Lisa, Scott, and their two girls. For Lisa's childhood friend, Poppy Ford, the resort island is a world away from the one she and Lisa grew up in – and when Lisa invites Poppy's family to join them, how can a working-class woman turn down an all-expenses-paid vacation for her husband and children? But everyone brings secrets to the island, distorting what should be a convivial, relaxing summer on the beach. Lisa sees danger everywhere – the local handyman can't be allowed near the children, and Lisa suspects Scott is fixated on something, or someone, else. Poppy watches over her husband John and his routines with a sharp eye. It's a summer of change, for all of the children: Ryan Ford who prepares for college in the fall, Rae Daly who seethes on the brink of adulthood, and the two youngest, Kimmy Daly and Alex Ford, who are exposed to new ideas and different ways of life as they forge a friendship of their own. Those who return from this vacation will spend the rest of their lives trying to process what they witnessed, the tipping points, moments of violence and tenderness, and the memory of whom they left behind.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

The Lost Boys

Peter Decker & Rina Lazarus series

Kellerman, Faye

When Bertram Lanz, a disabled man, goes missing from a local diner, detective Peter Decker is put on the case. He soon realises there is more to the disappearance than meets the eye when he discovers Lanz's nurse is missing too, and blood is found in her house. Then, while combing the woods, searchers discover the remains of a young man who vanished during a camping trip, years ago. Juggling a hot case and a cold case, Decker races to find justice for the families. But as the answers become ever more elusive, he is forced to question if the woods will ever give up their dark secrets... and if these intertwining cases will ever be solved.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Shadow Hill

Geneva Chase Crime Reporter mysteries

Kies, Thomas

Just days before Morris Cutter, a retired powerful oil executive, is scheduled to give a pseudo-scientific report to Congress that will delay crucial action on climate change for decades, he and his wife are found shot to death in their Greenwich, Connecticut, home. The police call it murder-suicide. The couple's son refuses to accept the official conclusion and hires Geneva Chase, crime reporter turned private detective, to prove otherwise. Genie soon learns that there are suspects everywhere, including within the deceased's immediate family. Morris Cutter's own daughter hadn't spoken with him in years, and his nephew is a climate activist with a radical organisation. But Cutter's former company has a vested interest in keeping a low profile, until it is able to present its mock-science on Capitol Hill. Genie is bribed, then threatened, to wrap up her investigation before the scheduled hearing date – and to concur with the police findings. When the lead scientist of the study goes missing,

followed by Cutter's daughter, Genie begins to piece together what actually may have happened to Morris and Julia Cutter, putting herself in harm's way as she races to find the truth.

Hardboiled TP \$35.95

Castle Shade

Mary Russell mysteries

King, Laurie R

Queen Marie of Roumania, granddaughter to both Victoria, Empress of the British Empire, and Alexander II, Tsar of Russia, is in need of Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes' services. The queen – a famous beauty, who has single-handedly transformed Roumania from a backwater into a force to be reckoned with – invites the pair to Bran castle. The ancient fortress sits on the border with the newly-regained territory of Transylvania, and was a gift to Queen Marie from her people. The threat the queen fears is somewhat dubious: shadowy figures, vague whispers, dangers that may only be accidents. But a young girl is involved. So, putting aside their doubts, Russell and Holmes set out to investigate the mystery in a land of long memory and hidden corners – a land that had known Vlad the Impaler. A land from whose churchyards the shades creep. This is the hardcover edition, we expect to have the UK paperback edition around March 2022. Leanne adores these Holmesian pastiches, set in the 1920s (after the Canon); if you haven't tried them, start with *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* (PBK, \$19.99).

Sherlockiana HC \$39.99

Billy Summers

King, Stephen

A good guy, in a bad job... Billy Summers is a man in a room with a gun. He's a killer for hire, and the best in the business. But he'll do the job, only if the target is a truly bad guy. And, now, Billy wants out. But, first, there is one last hit. Billy is among the best snipers in the world, a decorated Iraq war vet, a Houdini when it comes to vanishing after the job is done. So, what could possibly go wrong? How about everything.

Thriller TP \$32.99

A Baffling Murder at the Midsummer Ball

Dizzy Heights mysteries

Kinsey, T E

When London's finest jazz musicians, the Dizzy Heights, are booked to play the glitzy Midsummer Ball at a country house in Oxfordshire, they expect a weekend filled with flappers and toffs having a roaring good time. But the festivities at Bilverton House take a turn for the worse when the group are stranded by a summer storm. And when a member of the Bilverton family turns up dead in a locked room in an apparent suicide, Skins, Dunn, and Ellie realise this is going to be a much tougher gig than they thought. But here's the lick. What if it was, in fact, cold-blooded murder? And... what if the killer is still at large? It's up to the Dizzy Heights to, once again, put down their instruments and get improvising if they want to solve this confounding mystery. The follow-up to *The Deadly Mystery of the Missing Diamonds* (TP, \$35.95) in Kinsey's new series.

Historical mystery TP \$35.95

All the Broken People

Konen, Leah

Fleeing Brooklyn with little more than a suitcase and her trusty dog, Lucy King heads to rustic Woodstock, New York, eager to lose herself in a quiet life where her past can never find her. But when she meets Vera and John, the alluring couple next door, their friendship proves impossible to resist. Just as Lucy starts to think the worst is behind her, the couple delivers a staggering bombshell: They, too, need to escape their troubles – and the only way they can begin their new life is if Lucy helps them fake John's death. Afraid to lose her newfound support system, Lucy reluctantly conspires with them to stage an accidental death on a hike nearby. It's just one little lie to the police, after all, and she knows a thing or two about the importance of fresh starts. But what begins as an elaborate ruse turns all too real when John turns up dead in the woods the morning after their hike. Now, Lucy must figure out who she can trust and who's pulling the strings of her tenuous new life... before she takes the fall for murder.

Thriller TP \$37.95

The Plot

Korelitz, Jean Hanff

When a young writer dies – before completing his first novel – his teacher, Jake (himself, a failed novelist), helps himself to its plot. The resulting book is a phenomenal success. But what if somebody out there knows? Somebody does. And if Jake can't figure out who he's dealing with, he risks something far worse than the loss of his career.

A thrilling new page-turner from the author of *The Undoing* (PBK, \$19.99).

Thriller TP \$29.99

Just Murdered

Ms Fisher's Modern Murder mysteries

Kovacic, Katherine

Peregrine Fisher is unexpectedly summoned to a meeting of the Adventuresses' Club of the Antipodes, where she learns some incredible news. When Adventuress Florence Astor is accused of murder, Peregrine jumps at the chance to help on the case. Detective James Steed, initially dismissive, quickly finds Peregrine's flair for investigating and headstrong nature leave him little choice. A second, shocking death occurs and Detective Steed's boss, Inspector Sparrow, demands the case be brought to a close with suspicious speed. With Sparrow issuing threats, time is running out for Peregrine. It seems she's set herself an impossible task... but then, as Detective Steed says, 'Never underestimate a woman named Fisher'. The first in a series, based on the screenplay by Deb Cox. 'A splendid read, with an authentic sixties' flavour. I recommend it unreservedly.' – *Kerry Greenwood*.

Mystery TP \$29.99

Murder on Principle

Will Rees mysteries

Kuhns, Eleanor

November 1800, Maine. After helping their long-time friend Tobias escort his wife, along with a liberated slave and her child, from the Great Dismal back to Durham, Will and Lydia Rees' lives are interrupted when a dead body is found near their home. The body is that of Mr Gilbert, a slaveholder from the

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Great Dismal. Was he murdered in pursuit of the former slaves? When it's discovered Gilbert was infected with smallpox, and Gilbert's sister arrives demanding justice and the return of her absconded slaves, Will is torn. Finding the killer could lead to the recapture of the former slaves. Letting them go free could result in a false arrest and endanger the Durham community. Will must make a choice...

Historical mystery HC \$62.95

Unholy Murder

Tennison series

la Plante, Lynda

A coffin is dug up by builders in the grounds of an historic convent – inside is the body of a young nun. In a city as old as London, the discovery is hardly surprising. But when scratch marks are found on the inside of the coffin lid, Detective Jane Tennison believes she has unearthed a mystery far darker than any she's investigated before. However, not everyone agrees. Tennison's superiors dismiss it as an historic cold case, and the Church seems desperate to conceal the facts from the investigation. It's clear that someone is hiding the truth, and perhaps even the killer. Tennison must pray she can find both – before they are buried forever... Tennison must lift the lid on the most chilling murder case of her career, to date...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

A Familiar Sight

Labuskes, Brianna

Psychologist and criminologist Dr Gretchen White is a specialist in antisocial personality disorders and violent crimes. She's helped solve enough prominent cases for detective Patrick Shaughnessy that her own history is often overlooked: Gretchen is an admitted sociopath once suspected of killing her aunt. Shaughnessy still thinks Gretchen got away with murder. It's not going to happen again. When a high-profile new case lands on Shaughnessy's desk, it seems open and shut. Remorseless teenager Viola Kent is accused of killing her mother. Amid stories of childhood horrors and Viola's cruel manipulations, the bad seed has already been found guilty by a rapt public. But Gretchen might be seeing something in Viola no one else does: herself. If Viola is a scapegoat, then who really did it? And what are they hiding? To find the truth, Gretchen must enter a void that is not only dark and cold blooded, but also frighteningly familiar.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

Good Neighbours

Langan, Sarah

Welcome to Maple Street, a picture-perfect slice of suburban Long Island, its residents bound by their children, their work, and their illusion of safety in a rapidly changing world. But menace skulks among this exclusive enclave. When the Wilde family arrive, they trigger their neighbours' worst fears. Dad Arlo's a gruff has-been rock star with track marks. Mom Gertie's got a thick Brooklyn accent, with high heels and tube tops to match. Their weird kids cuss like sailors. They don't fit with the way Maple Street sees itself. Maple Street's Queen Bee, Rhea Schroeder – a lonely professor repressing a dark past – initially welcomed

Gertie, but relations plummeted during one summer evening, when the new best friends shared too much, too soon. By the time the story opens, the Wildes are outcasts. As tensions mount, a sinkhole opens in a nearby park, and Rhea's daughter Shelly falls inside. The search for Shelly brings a shocking accusation against the Wildes. Suddenly, it is one mom's word against the other's, in a court of public opinion that can end only in blood.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Assassin's Strike

David Slaton series

Larsen, Ward

In a Syrian palace, the presidents of Russia and Iran undertake a clandestine meeting. No staff or advisors are permitted in the room. No records are kept. By necessity, however, there are two witnesses: the interpreters. The Russian, Ludmilla Kravchuk, returns to her hotel room burdened by what she has heard. When her Iranian counterpart is murdered before her eyes, Kravchuk fears she is next and goes into hiding in Syria. The CIA gets word of the defection. Desperate to uncover the purpose of the meeting, they task their newest off-the-books operator – legendary assassin David Slaton – to undertake a daring rescue. Deep inside Syria's war-torn borders, what Slaton finds is a plot that will tear the Middle East apart. And one that only he can stop.

Suspense PBK \$26.95

CSI Told You Lies:

Giving Victims a Voice Through Forensics

Laurie, Meshel

Meshel Laurie, host of the incredibly successful *Australian True Crime* podcast speaks to the forensic pathologists, homicide detectives, defence barristers and victims' families in this moving and gripping study of violent crime and large-scale natural disaster. *CSI Told You Lies* is a gripping account of the work of the forensic scientists on the frontline of Australia's major crime and disaster investigations. They are part of the team at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM), a state-of-the-art facility in Melbourne. VIFM is a world-renowned centre of forensic science, and its team members have led major recovery operations over the years, from the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami to the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires to the shooting down of flight MH17 over Ukraine in 2014. VIFM forensic experts have also played pivotal roles in some of Australia's highest-profile homicide cases, including the Frankston Serial Killer, the murders of Eurydice Dixon and Aya Maasarwe, and the arrest of convicted serial killer Peter Dupas. Join Meshel Laurie as she goes 'behind the curtain' at VIFM, interviewing the Institute's talented roster of forensic experts about their daily work. Her subjects also include others touched by Australia's major crime and disaster investigations, including homicide detectives, defence barristers and families of victims as they confront their darkest moments. After reading *CSI Told You Lies*, you'll never read another homicide headline without wondering about the forensic pathologist who happened to be on call, the evidence they found, and the truth they uncovered.

True crime TP \$34.99

Murphy's Slaw

Alaskan Diner mysteries 03

Logan, Elizabeth

Charlie Cooke loves many things, like the Bear Claw Diner, the heated steering wheel of her car, and her orange tabby cat, Eggs Benedict. Something she has never loved is the state fair. So, when her best friend Annie Jensen begs her for a fair day, she's reluctant. But Annie isn't the only one who wants her to spend a day among farm animals and deep-fried food. A vendor has been murdered, and Trooper Graham needs his favourite part-time sleuth to dig up the truth, and Charlie is happy to oblige. The case grows personal, when Charlie learns the victim is Kelly Carson, whom she and Annie were friends with in high school. If Charlie wants to find justice for Kelly, she and Annie will have to work together to weed out the killer.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Autumn Leaves, 1922

Kiki Button mysteries

Lunney, Tessa

October 1922. Kiki Button has had a rough year at home in Australia, after her mother's sudden death. As the leaves turn gold on the Parisian boulevards, Kiki returns to Europe, more desperately in need of Paris and all its liveliness than ever. As soon as she arrives back in Montparnasse, Kiki takes up her life again, drinking with artists at the Café Rotonde, gossiping with her friends, and finding lovers among the enormous expatriate community. Even her summertime lover from the year before, handsome Russian exile Prince Theo Romanov, is waiting for her. But it's not all champagne and moonlit trysts. Theo is worried that his brother-in-law is being led astray by political fanatics. Kiki's boy from home, Tom, is still hiding under a false name. Her friends are in trouble – Maisie has been blackmailed and looks for revenge, Bertie is still lovesick and lonely, and Harry has important information about her mother. And to top it off, she is found by Dr Fox, her former spymaster, who insists that she work for him, once more. Amidst the gaiety of 1920s Paris, Kiki stalks the haunted, the hunted, and people still heartsore from the war. She parties with princes and Communist comrades, she wears ball gowns with Chanel and the Marchesa Casati, she talks politics with Hemingway and poetry with Sylvia Beach, and sips tea with Gertrude Stein. She confronts the men who would bring Europe into another war. And as she uses her gossip columnist connections for her mission, she also meets people who knew her mother, and can help to answer her burning question: why did her mother leave England, all those years ago?

Historical mystery HC \$55.00

1979

Allie Burns series

McDermid, Val

1979. It is the winter of discontent, and reporter Allie Burns is chasing her first big scoop. There are few women in the newsroom, and she needs something explosive for the boys' club to take her seriously. Soon Allie and fellow journalist Danny Sullivan are exposing the criminal underbelly of respectable Scotland. They risk

making powerful enemies – and Allie won't stop there. When she discovers a home-grown terrorist threat, Allie comes up with a plan to infiltrate the group and make her name. But she's a woman in a man's world... and putting a foot wrong could be fatal. The first in a new series.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

How the Dead Speak

Hill & Jordan series

McDermid, Val

When human remains are discovered in the grounds of an old convent, it quickly becomes clear that someone has been using the site as their personal burial ground. But with the convent abandoned long ago and bodies dating back many years, could this be the work of more than one obsessive killer? The investigation throws up more questions as the evidence mounts but, after their last disastrous case, Tony Hill and Carol Jordan can only watch from afar. As they deal with the consequences, someone with a terrifying routine is biding their time – and both Tony and Carol find themselves closer to the edge than they have ever been before...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Still Life

Karen Pirie series

McDermid, Val

On a freezing winter morning, fishermen pull a body from the sea. It is quickly discovered that the dead man was the prime suspect in a decade-old investigation, when a prominent civil servant disappeared without trace. DCI Karen Pirie was the last detective to review the file and is drawn into a sinister world of betrayal and dark secrets. But Karen is already grappling with another case, one with even more questions and fewer answers. A skeleton has been discovered in an abandoned campervan and all clues point to a killer who never faced justice – a killer who is still out there. In her search for the truth, Karen uncovers a network of lies that has gone unchallenged for years. But lies and secrets can turn deadly when someone is determined to keep them hidden for good...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Resistance

graphic novel

McDermid, Val

& Briggs, Kathryn (illustrator)

Journalist Zoe Beck has taken a break from hard-hitting investigative reporting to spend more time with her family, which is how she finds herself doing celebrity Q&As at an outdoor music festival near the Scottish border. She and her friends, who run a food truck, head north, along with 150,000 festivalgoers, for a weekend of music and camping. Then, some of the food truck's customers begin to fall ill, and many point to food poisoning. But when the festival ends and the attendees scatter across England, more people begin to get sick and die. What's worse, it is spreading fast and baffles doctors, resisting all efforts to contain or cure it. With time running out, Zoe is compelled to fight for the truth, even as she loses that which she holds most dear. The first graphic novel from Val McDermid – gorgeously illustrated by up-and-comer Kathryn Briggs – *Resistance* is a chilling, but incredibly

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moving and inspiring story of individuals pressed to rise above their station, first to nail down the truth of a looming pandemic, and later to try to fight it.

Pandemic thriller HC \$34.99

A Murder in Time

Kendra Donovan series

McElwain, Julie

Beautiful and brilliant, Kendra Donovan is a rising star at the FBI. Yet, her path to professional success hits a speed bump during a disastrous raid where half her team is murdered, a mole in the FBI is uncovered, and she herself is severely wounded. As soon as she recovers, she goes rogue and travels to England to hunt down the man responsible for the deaths of her team-mates. While fleeing from an unexpected assassin, Kendra runs into a stairwell that promises an escape from her pursuer, but when she stumbles out again, she is in the same place – Aldrich Castle – but in a different time: 1815, to be exact. Mistaken for a lady's maid hired to help with the weekend guests, Kendra is forced to quickly adapt to the time period, until she can figure out how she got there; and, more importantly, how to get back home. However, after the body of a young girl is found on the extensive grounds of the country estate, she starts to feel there's some purpose to her bizarre circumstances. Stripped of her 21st century tools, Kendra must use her wits, alone, in order to unmask a cunning killer. A reissue.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Laidlaw

Laidlaw trilogy

McIlvanney, William

When a young woman is found brutally murdered in Kelvingrove Park, only one man stands a chance of finding her killer. Jack Laidlaw. He is a man of contrasts, ravaged by inner demons but driven by a deep compassion for the violent criminals in Glasgow's underworld. But will Laidlaw's unorthodox methods get him to the killer in time, when the victim's father is baying for blood? Acclaimed for its corrosive wit, dark themes, and original maverick detective, the Laidlaw trilogy has earned the status of classic crime fiction. A reissue.

Noir (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Papers of Tony Veitch

Laidlaw trilogy

McIlvanney, William

Eck Adamson, an alcoholic vagrant, summons Jack Laidlaw to his deathbed. Probably the only policeman in Glasgow who would bother to respond, Laidlaw sees in Eck's cryptic last message a clue to the murder of a gangland thug and the disappearance of a student. With stubborn integrity, Laidlaw tracks a seam of corruption that runs from the top to the bottom of society. A reissue.

Noir (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Strange Loyalties

Laidlaw trilogy

McIlvanney, William

When his brother dies stepping out in front of a car, Detective Jack Laidlaw is determined to find out what really happened. With corrosive

wit, Laidlaw begins an emotional quest through Glasgow's underworld, and into the past. He discovers as much about himself as about the brother he has lost, in a search that leads to a shattering climax. A reissue.

Noir (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Murder at No 4 Euston Square: the Mystery of the Lady in the Cellar

Someone must have known what happened to Matilda Hacker. For someone in that house had killed her. So, how could the murderer prove so elusive? Standing four storeys tall, in an elegant Bloomsbury terrace, No 4, Euston Square was a well-kept, respectable, boarding house. But beneath this genteel Victorian London veneer lay murderous intrigue. On 9 May 1879, the body of a former resident, Matilda Hacker, was discovered by chance in the coal cellar. The ensuing investigation – led by Inspector Charles Hagen, rising star of the recently formed CID – stripped bare the dark side of Victorian domesticity. In this true-crime story, Sinclair McKay meticulously evaluates the evidence in first-hand sources. His gripping account sheds new light on a mystery that eluded Scotland Yard.

True crime PBK \$19.99

A Talented Man

McKervey, Henrietta

Ellis Spender, only son of a once-esteemed society family, believes money, success and the high life are his birthright – only prevented by a cruel trick of fate. Struggling to stay ahead of his creditors, the dejected writer decides to forge a sequel to one of the most famous novels of all time, Bram Stoker's *Dracula*. Its remarkable 'discovery' will create the lifestyle he believes is his due. But as his scheme begins to bear fruit, others who stand to gain become obstacles. And Ellis will stop at nothing to achieve his desires... A page-turning literary thriller of deception, forgery... and murder.

Suspense PBK \$22.99

When the Stars Go Dark

McLain, Paula

Anna Hart is a seasoned missing persons detective in San Francisco with far too much knowledge of the darkest side of human nature. When tragedy strikes her personal life, Anna, desperate and numb, flees to the Northern California village of Mendocino to grieve. She lived there as a child with her beloved foster parents, and now she believes it might be the only place left for her. Yet, the day she arrives, she learns that a local teenage girl has gone missing. The crime feels frighteningly reminiscent of the most crucial time in Anna's childhood, when the unsolved murder of a young girl touched Mendocino and changed the community forever. As past and present collide, Anna realises that she has been led to this moment. The most difficult lessons of her life have given her insight into how victims come into contact with violent predators. As Anna becomes obsessed with saving the missing girl, she must accept that true courage means getting out of her own way and learning to let others in.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

The Back-to-Front Murder

New Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Major, Tim

May 1898: Sherlock Holmes investigates a murder stolen from a writer's research. Abigail Moore presents an unusual problem, at Baker Street. She is a writer of mystery stories under a male pseudonym, and gets her ideas following real people and imagining how she might kill them and get away with it. It's made her very successful, until her latest 'victim' dies, apparently of the poison method she meticulously planned in her notebook. Abigail insists she is not responsible, and that someone is trying to frame her for his death. With the evidence stacking up against her, she begs Holmes to prove her innocence...

Sherlockiana TP \$33.95

A Different Dawn

Nina Guerrero series

Maldonado, Isabella

A family is murdered as they sleep. FBI Special Agent Nina Guerrero and her new team are tasked with determining whether there is any link between this attack and another triple homicide from four years earlier and more than two thousand miles away. In the process, they'll discover a serial killer so cunning that his grisly trail of death spanning nearly three decades has gone undetected. Each crime scene reminds Nina of the ghostly Latin folktale of La Llorona, which terrified her when she was an abandoned and vulnerable child. Now, it's back to haunt her. Nina has known evil, but these macabre re-enactments are as disturbing as they are baffling. Now, she must uncover the meaning behind the rituals as the evidence leads her in an unexpected direction – far closer to home than anyone could have imagined. As the team narrows in on a suspect, the present collides with Nina's past in a twist of fate that forces her to make the ultimate sacrifice.

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

Mrs Rochester's Ghost

Marcott, Lindsay

Jane has lost everything: job, mother, relationship... even her home. A friend calls to offer an unusual deal – a cottage above the crashing surf of Big Sur on the estate of his employer, Evan Rochester. In return, Jane will tutor his teenage daughter. She accepts. But nothing is quite as it seems at the Rochester estate. Though, he's been accused of murdering his glamorous and troubled wife, Evan Rochester insists she drowned herself. Jane is sceptical, but she still finds herself falling for the brilliant and secretive entrepreneur and growing close to his daughter. And, yet, her deepening feelings for Evan can't disguise dark suspicions aroused when a ghostly presence repeatedly appears in the night's mist and fog. Jane embarks on an intense search for answers and uncovers evidence that soon puts Evan's innocence into question. She's determined to discover what really happened that fateful night, but what will the truth cost her? A modern and twisty retelling of *Jane Eyre*.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

Slaughter in the Sapperton Tunnel

Railway Detective mysteries

Marston, Edward

Disaster strikes at the Sapperton Tunnel in Gloucestershire, when a goods train collides with an unusual blockage on the line: seven sheep penned onto the tracks. Specially requested to investigate the carnage, Inspector Colbeck and Sergeant Leeming are confronted with a bizarre case unlike anything they've encountered before. Stephen Rydall, board member of the Great Western Railway that manages the route, is convinced this tragedy is a personal attack on him and fears for the safety of his shepherd, missing since the incident. Rydall has many enemies but, as Colbeck will soon discover, the man also has a closely-guarded secret of his own...

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

The Hawks of Delamere

Domesday mysteries

Marston, Edward

The Earl of Chester is enraged when his hawk is killed by an arrow in the Forest of Delamere. When two poachers are caught nearby, he orders their immediate execution. Ralph Delchard and Gervase Bret arrive in Cheshire to settle a series of land disputes brought to light during the compilation of the Domesday book. Then a body is found in the forest, shot by an arrow, and it is clear the earl may have dispensed justice a little too hastily. Delchard and Bret are determined to unmask the killer before they can take deadly aim, again. A reissue.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Wildcats of Exeter

Domesday mysteries

Marston, Edward

As Nicolas Picard rides home from Exeter, he is attacked by a snarling wildcat. Yet, when his body is discovered, there are lacerations on his neck that could only have come from human hands. When royal commissioners of William the Conqueror, Ralph Delchard and Gervase Bret, arrive in the city to preside over local land disputes, their proceedings are immediately hampered by the death of a key participant: Picard. With Picard's wife and mistress, as well as the wife of the former owner of the estate, staking their claim to the land, Delchard and Bret wonder whose greed has driven them to kill. But the root of the mystery lies far deeper than mere avarice. A reissue.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Foxes of Warwick

Domesday mysteries

Marston, Edward

While hunting in the Forest of Arden, Henry Beaumont discovers the crushed body of a former member of his household. Flying into a rage, he soon arrests Boio, a local blacksmith, who was seen in the area, though the man disputes this. Ralph Delchard and Gervase Bret arrive in Warwick to find the place in a frenzy. Though there to resolve property disputes on behalf of William the Conqueror, the pair are soon involved with preventing a miscarriage of justice, as the evidence against the blacksmith is flimsy,

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at best. But with Beaumont deaf to reason, the race is on to find the anonymous man the blacksmith claims can corroborate his story – before he’s sent to the gallows. A reissue.
Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Death on Tuckernuck

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Mathews, Francine
As a Category 3 hurricane bears down on Nantucket, Dionis Mather and her father have their work cut out for them. Their family business is to ferry goods and people back and forth from Tuckernuck, the private island off Nantucket’s western tip, a place so remote and exclusive that it is off the electric grid. As caretakers of the small plot of sand in the middle of the Atlantic, the Mathers are responsible for evacuating Tuckernuck’s residents, who range from a stubborn elderly native who refuses to leave her family home to the abandoned summer house pets of an absentee NFL quarterback. But as the storm surge rises and the surf warnings mount, Dionis has to make a choice: abandon whatever – or whoever – was left behind, or risk her own life by plunging back into the maelstrom. Even she has no idea what evil the hurricane is sheltering. When the coast guard notifies the Nantucket police of a luxury yacht grounded in the shoals off Tuckernuck’s northern edge – with two shooting victims lying in the main cabin – detective Meredith Folger throws herself into an investigation before the hurricane sweeps all crime-scene evidence out to sea. Merry is supposed to be on leave this weekend, dancing at her own wedding, but the Cat 3 has thrown her blissful plans into chaos. As her battered house fills with stranded wedding guests and flood waters rise all over Nantucket Island, Merry has her own choice to make: How much should she risk in order to bring a criminal to justice?
Mystery TP \$27.99

Red Traitor

Mathews, Owen
The year is 1962, and KGB Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Vasin is searching for ghosts: for evidence of the long-rumoured existence of an American spy embedded at the highest echelons of Soviet power. But it’s while on this wild goose chase, a high-stakes espionage race against a rival State agency, that Vasin first hears whispers of an ominous top-secret undertaking: Operation Anadyr. As tensions flare between Nikita Khrushchev and President Kennedy over Russian missiles hidden in Cuba, four Soviet submarines – each carrying tactical ballistic missiles armed with thermonuclear warheads – are ordered to make a covert run at the US blockade in the Caribbean...
Suspense TP \$32.99

The Night Gate

Enzo MacLeod series
May, Peter
In a sleepy French village, the body of a man shot through the head is disinterred by the roots of a fallen tree. A week later a famous art critic is viciously murdered in a nearby house. The deaths occurred more than seventy years apart. Asked by a colleague to inspect the site of the former, forensics expert Enzo MacLeod quickly finds himself embroiled in the investigation of

the latter. Two extraordinary narratives are set in train – one historical, unfolding in the treacherous wartime years of Occupied France; the other contemporary, set in the autumn of 2020, as France re-enters Covid lockdown. And Enzo’s investigations reveal an unexpected link between the murders – the *Mona Lisa*. Tasked by the exiled General Charles de Gaulle to keep the world’s most famous painting out of Nazi hands after the fall of France in 1940, 28-year-old Georgette Pignal finds herself swept along by the tide of history. Following in the wake of da Vinci’s *Mona Lisa* – as it is moved from château to château, by the Louvre – she finds herself just one step ahead of two German art experts sent to steal it, for rival patrons: Hitler and Göring. What none of them know is that the Louvre itself has taken exceptional measures to keep the painting safe, unwittingly setting in train a fatal sequence of events extending over seven decades.
Thriller PBK \$22.99

The Christmas Fair Killer

Tish Tarragon mysteries
Meade, Amy Patricia
Christmas, cookies and a corpse: Tish Tarragon is drawn into a deadly puzzle when a young actress is murdered at the Hobson Glen Holiday Fair. Literary caterer Letitia ‘Tish’ Tarragon has pulled out all the stops for her booth at the Hobson Glen Holiday Fair, theming her appetising offerings around the festive performances by the Williamsburg Theatre Group. But, when Tish meets the cast, she is surprised by the hostility between members of the allegedly close-knit troupe, centred around their star actress, the beautiful, talented yet mysterious ingénue, Jenny Inkpen. Determined to spread some Christmas cheer, Tish volunteers to deliver breakfast to the eight actors, but is horrified to discover Jenny dead in her trailer the next morning. As Tish attempts to find out more about the group’s leading lady, she soon uncovers lies, jealousy and a series of shocking secrets. Can Tish expose a cold-blooded killer before the fair is over?
Mystery TP \$39.95

An Unreliable Truth

Desert Plains series
Methos, Victor
Two couples cut to bits near a canyon close to the Nevada border. The police pull over blood-soaked Arlo Ward not far from the site of the grisly murders; he fully cooperates with the officers, grinning through a remorseless confession dripping with gory detail. Investigators find no murder weapon, but young, awkward Arlo’s confession is signed, taped, and delivered. Defence attorney Dylan Aster and his partner, Lily Ricci, are two rising legal stars. They’re hesitant about pursuing the Arlo Ward case, as it seems like a slam dunk for the prosecution – Arlo was covered in the victims’ DNA and admitted to everything. But the state psychiatrist shares the impossible with Dylan: Arlo Ward is likely innocent. The man is racked with delusional schizophrenia, seizing on these murders as an opportunity for macabre attention. Dylan can’t resist. He and Lily take on Arlo as their client, but once the trial commences, it’s clear that the real secrets and lies are just beginning.
Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

The Night Singer

Island Murders series
Mo, Johanna
Police detective Hannah Duncker didn’t expect to return to her native Öland. She fled after her father’s murder conviction and returns to make peace with her shame. She has a new job with the local police and a nosy new partner. A 15-year-old’s death catapults her into a murder investigation that resurrects ghosts from her previous life. As she hunts for the truth, she must confront the people she abandoned. Not all are pleased to see her back home, and she soon learns that digging through the past comes with consequences.
Noir TP \$32.99

Strange Tricks

Essex Witch Museum mysteries
Moore, Syd
Secretly Rosie Strange has always thought herself a little bit more interesting than most people – the legacy her family has bequeathed her is definitely so, she’s long believed. But then life takes a peculiar turn, when the Strange legacy turns out not just to be the Essex Witch Museum, but perhaps some otherworldly gifts that Rosie finds difficult to fathom. Meanwhile Sam Stone, Rosie’s curator, is oddly distracted as breadcrumb clues into what happened to his missing younger brother and other abducted boys from the past are poised to lead him and Rosie deep into a dark wood where there lurks something far scarier, than Hansel and Gretel’s witch...
Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Receptionist

Myles, Kate
Emily is a top talent agent who rules the land of talk shows and reality TV. Whip smart and brutally practical, she outmanoeuvres all rivals... except in her personal life. Emily wilfully ignores her CEO husband Doug’s philandering in exchange for their glamorous one-percenter lifestyle, until a surprise pregnancy changes everything. A TED-Talking business guru with a reckless streak, Doug embarks on an audacious relationship with Chloe, the stunning young receptionist at his market research firm. But Chloe has a secret: a volatile past she’s desperate to forget. Their chaotic entanglement sets off a chain of shocking scandals, plunging Emily into a scheming fight for survival. As they each try to fight their way to the top, there’s only one question: How far will Emily go to protect her child and preserve her carefully-curated life?
Thriller TP \$29.99

Oxygen

Naspini, Sacha
What would you do if one day you found out the person who raised you is a monster? Laura disappeared into thin air, in 1999, at eight years old. She was found in a metal container, fourteen years later. Luca is having dinner with his father dinner when they are interrupted by a visit from the *carabinieri*, who take his father away. Luca can only watch the scene unfold, helpless. The charges brought against esteemed anthropologist Carlo Maria Balestri are extremely grave: multiple counts of abduction, torture, murder, and concealing his victims’ bodies.
Noir TP \$27.99

The Night She Disappeared

O’Brien, Kevin
From the depths of sleep, Seattle TV reporter Anna Malone awakens to her phone ringing. She rarely drinks, and this hangover is brutal. Why can’t she shake the feeling that something terrible happened last night? And why can’t she recall any of it? What Anna does remember: an awkward restaurant meal with her married lover, Russ Knoll, and his unsuspecting wife, Courtney. Russ’ phone call reveals that Courtney is missing, and as days go by with no trace, he comes under police scrutiny. Anna’s in the spotlight too, thanks to a TV rival with a grudge. Anna’s not proud of her affair, but she and Russ aren’t bad people. They’re certainly not the killing kind. Anna already suspected that Courtney – a successful, charming author – might have a darker side. Is she truly missing? Perhaps the sudden disturbances in Anna’s life aren’t accidental after all. But no scenario that Anna imagines can compare to the twisted game unfolding around her, one chilling piece at a time...
Thriller PBK \$26.95

The Doom List

Tom Collins mysteries
O’Donovan, Gerard
July, 1922. Newly-appointed ‘movie czar’, William H Hays, is about to arrive in town on a single-minded mission to clean up Hollywood. He is said to be compiling a list of ‘undesirables’ whom he plans to bar from screen work. They call it the Doom List. With the industry in the grip of fear and paranoia, Hollywood’s hottest young director Rex Ingram is determined that no hint of scandal should mar the premiere of his new movie, *The Prisoner of Zenda*, and hires private investigator Tom Collins, a fellow Irishman – with instructions to protect his leading lady’s reputation, at all costs. But, as Collins discovers, Barbara La Marr isn’t the only member of the cast hiding a dangerous secret. Meanwhile, a body is discovered in the Baldwin Hills to the south of the city. Could there be a connection? Against his better judgement, Collins is drawn into a case of scandal, forbidden love, blackmail... and cold-blooded murder.
Historical mystery TP \$39.95

The Transparency of Time

Mario Conde Investigates
Padura, Leonardo
Mario Conde is facing down his 60th birthday. What does he have to show for his decades on the planet? A failing body, a slower mind, and a decrepit country, in which both the ideals and failures of the Cuban Revolution are being swept away in favour of a new and newly cosmopolitan worship of money. Rescue comes in the form of a new case: an old Marxist turned flamboyant practitioner of Santería appears on the scene to engage Conde to track down a stolen statue of the Virgen de Regla – a black Madonna. This sets Conde on a quest that spans 21st century Havana as well as the distant past, as he delves as far back as the Crusades in an attempt to uncover the true provenance of the statue. Through vignettes from the life of a Catalan peasant named Antoni Barral, who appears throughout history in different guises – as a shepherd during the Spanish Civil War, as vassal to a feudal lord – we

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trace the Madonna to present-day Cuba. With Barral serving as Conde's alter ego, unstuck in time, and Conde serving as the author's, we are treated to a panorama of history, and reminded of the impossibility of ever remaining on its sidelines, no matter how obscure we may think our places in the action.

Mystery TP \$29.99

Then She Vanished

Roland Ford series

Parker, T Jefferson

Private Investigator Roland Ford has taken a job for a fellow Marine and a rising politician, Dalton Strait. Strait is contending with unexplained bombings of government buildings in his district... but that is not why he hired Ford. Strait's wife, Natalie, has gone missing, leaving behind a cryptic plea for help. Strait has made many enemies during his time in politics – including some of his own family members – all of whom could be looking for revenge. But as Ford digs into the details of a troubled marriage, Natalie's disappearance becomes more and more complicated. Meanwhile, the bombings in the city intensify, with a mysterious group known only as the Chaos Committee claiming responsibility. Ford soon learns that the seemingly random attacks may be connected to the case he's on – and suddenly, his hunt for a missing woman might decide the fate of an entire city.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$26.95

Unthinkable

Parks, Brad

Nate Lovejoy is a self-proclaimed nobody, a stay-at-home dad who doesn't believe he's important to anyone but his wife and their two daughters. So, it's a shock when members of a powerful secret society kidnap and spirit Nate away to a mansion at the behest of their leader, Vanslow DeGange, who claims to know the future. He's foreseen that a billion people could die – unless Nate acts. It seems improbable, especially given what DeGange says will set this mass casualty incident in motion: a lawsuit against the biggest power company in Virginia, being brought by Nate's wife, Jenny. Nate quickly smells a scam being perpetrated by the power company. But at every turn, it becomes apparent there's more to DeGange's gift than Nate wants to acknowledge. A billion people really could die, and Nate might be the only one who can save them. All he has to do is the unthinkable.

Thriller TP \$27.99

The Silent Suspect

Pattison, Nell

On a quiet street, one house is burning to the ground... By the time, sign language interpreter Paige Northwood arrives, flames have engulfed her client's home. Though, Lukas is safe, his wife is still inside. But she was dead before the fire started... Lukas signs to Paige that he knows who killed his wife. But then he goes silent – even when the police charge him with murder. Is he guilty, or afraid? Only Paige can help him, now...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

The Girl on the Platform

Pearce, Bryony

When new mother Bridget catches her train home from London, she witnesses something terrible: a young girl is taken from the platform, right before her eyes. But no one is reported missing and with Bridget the only witness, she is written off as an attention seeker. Nobody believes her – not even her own husband. But Bridget knows what she saw, and becomes consumed with finding the little girl. Only she can save the child's life... but could delving into the mystery cost Bridget her own?

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Golden Age Detective Stories

anthology, American Mystery Classics

Penzler, Otto (editor)

Sometimes, the police aren't the best suited to solve a crime. Depending on the case, you may find that a retired magician, a schoolteacher, a Broadway producer, or a nun have the necessary skills to suss out a killer. Or, in other cases, a blind veteran, or a publisher, or a hard-drinking attorney, or a mostly-sober attorney... or, indeed, any sort of detective you could think of might be able to best the professionals when it comes to comprehending strange and puzzling murders. At least, that's what the authors from the Golden Age of American mystery fiction would have you think. For decades, in the middle of the 20th century, the country's bestselling authors produced delightful tales in which all types of eccentrics used rarefied knowledge to interpret confounding clues. And for even longer, in the decades that have followed, these characters have continued to entertain new audiences with every new generation that discovers them. Edgar Award-winning anthologist Otto Penzler selects some of the greatest American short stories from each era. With authors including Ellery Queen, Mary Roberts Rinehart, Cornell Woolrich, Erle Stanley Gardner, and Anthony Boucher, this collection is a treat for those who know and love this celebrated period in literary history, and a great introduction to its best writers for the uninitiated.

Classic mystery TP/HC \$26.95/\$49.95

Her One Mistake

Perks, Heidi

Charlotte was supposed to be looking after the children, and she swears she was. But while her three kids are all safe and sound at the school fair, Alice, her best friend Harriet's daughter, is nowhere to be found. Frantically searching everywhere, Charlotte knows she must find the courage to tell Harriet that her beloved only child is missing – and admit that she's solely to blame. Harriet, devastated by this unbearable loss, can no longer bring herself to speak to Charlotte again, much less trust her. Struggling to keep her marriage afloat, Harriet is more isolated than ever. But as the police bear down on both women, trying to piece together the puzzle of what happened to this little girl, dark secrets begin to surface – and Harriet discovers that trusting Charlotte again may be the only thing that will reunite her with her daughter...

Thriller PBK \$26.95

See Something

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Perry, Carol J

Salem's WICH-TV program director Lee Barrett is about to discover no good deed goes unpunished... Lee has been promoted from field reporter to program director. Keeping track of all the shows and managing the local TV personalities – including a cowboy, a clown, and a performing dog – has her head spinning. Perhaps that's what makes her take pity on the distraught woman she finds sitting alone on a bench on the Salem common. When she realises that the poor woman doesn't even know her own name, Lee takes her into the warmth of the home she shares with her Aunt Ibbey and their clairvoyant gentleman cat, O'Ryan. Maybe, Lee can use her own psychic gifts to divine the woman's identity. Lee's detective beau Pete Mondello wants to talk to the 'Jane Doe', but before he can investigate, he's called to a crime scene. A body has been found washed up in a narrow harbour cove. As harmless as her new houseguest seems, Lee can't help but wonder if she may be harbouring a killer...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Meanwhile in Dopamine City

Pierre, D B C

The story of Lonny Cush, sanitation worker and single parent, kind hearted and red blooded, who is trying his best to protect his kids from the hysterical hyper-reality of 21st-century life. He lives in an unnamed fictional world city, dominated by a huge tech company akin to Google. A manual worker – although he has been put forward for 'retraining', a euphemism for redundancy – Lonny is out of sync with the changes in his hometown and his century. He doesn't have the means to give his quiet teenage son, Egan, and his precocious, ultra-demanding nine-year-old daughter, Shelby (one of the most memorably awful children in literature!), what they need... or, say they need. But with his mother-in-law circling for custody and needing to win back his kids' favour, after he maybe went too far in disciplining Shelby; he succumbs, splashing out on the thing Shelby wants, more than anything else: her first smartphone. And, so begins, the silken silence as she drifts off to her room and down the rabbit hole of memes, trolls, hysteria, and peer pressure, and the true, vertiginous terrors of 21st-century life start flooding into the Cush household. And what should Lonny do? Rescue her or follow her? Because... who is right: Lonny, or the world he and everybody else is living in, now?

Satire PBK \$19.99

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Riverbank Knitting mysteries 01

Pleiter, Allie

For Libby Beckett, opening her charming yarn shop, and introducing customers to the joys of knitting and crochet, is the work she was meant to do. Until the yarn she loves is used for murder... Libby has come home to Collinstown, Maryland to live her dream and open her own yarn shop – aptly named, YARN – along the Chester River. To Libby, YARN stands for 'You're Absolutely Ready Now'. But the acronym changes whenever inspiration strikes, and customers add to the

list of suggestions that fill the blackboard wall in a shop stuffed with colour, fibre, and comfort. Libby is thrilled when she lands famous Norwegian knitting celebrity Perle Langager – for a series of events at YARN. Libby's English bulldog, Hank, has been modelling one of Perle's doggie sweaters, and customers just can't wait to see Perle in action. The mayor of Collinstown even decrees a Collinstown Yarn Day to celebrate. But once Perle arrives in town, she seems distracted and on edge. And when she's found strangled with a skein of red yarn, Libby knows she has to solve a knotty mystery before her new life unravels. The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

The Last Guests

Pomare, J P

Lina and Cain are doing their best to stay afloat. Money has been tight since Cain returned from active duty, and starting a family is proving harder than they thought. Putting Lina's inherited lake house up for rent, at weekends, seems like the solution to at least one of their problems. The secluded house is more of a burden than a retreat, anyway, and fixing up the old place makes Cain feel useful for once. But letting strangers stay in their house might not be the best idea. Someone is watching – their most mundane tasks, their most intimate moments – and all the things Lina and Cain want to keep hidden will be exposed.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Sleep Well, My Lady

Emma Djan series

Quartey, Kwei

Almost a year ago, Lady Araba, the head of a self-made fashion empire, was found murdered at her home in Trasacco Valley, the Beverly Hills of Accra. Her driver was arrested and continues to be held in custody, but the woman's favourite aunt, Dele, has always thought Araba's boyfriend was the real killer. Now, Dele approaches Emma Djan, a young PI with a fast-growing reputation for getting results, to help find the truth. From alleged suppressed evidence by the Ghana Police to unpleasant accusations involving Araba's parents, Djan's investigation will navigate a long list of suspects and she will discover that not only are they willing to lie for each other, but that one is still willing to kill.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Off Mutts and Men

Chef & 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

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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

The Dead Letter

Library of Congress Crime Classics

Regester, Seeley

An undelivered letter with a cryptic message holds the key to an unsolved murder... When Henry Moreland is found dead on a lonely New York road after a violent storm, it seems he died of natural causes while walking to the home of his betrothed, Eleanor Argyll. An examination of the corpse reveals, however, that he was killed by a single, powerful stab wound. His wallet was untouched, eliminating robbery as the motive – but who would want to murder the well-liked and respected man? Richard Redfield, an old family friend who harbours a secret love for Eleanor, vows to bring Henry's killer to justice. Richard soon finds himself out of his element. Together with a legendary detective named Mr Burton, he embarks on an unsuccessful mission to find the murderer. When suspicion turns to Richard himself, he leaves the family behind and goes to work in the Dead Letter office in Washington. Then a mysterious letter from the past turns up, and a new hunt begins... This twisting tale is the first full-length American detective novel; written under a pseudonym, by Metta Victor, in the 1860s. It revived American crime fiction, which had languished after Edgar Allan Poe's short stories of the 1840s. Combining elements of Wilkie Collins' *The Moonstone* and the sensation novels popular in England, it opened the doors for generations of American crime writers to follow.

Classic mystery TP \$27.99

Eight Faces at Three

John J Malone mysteries,
American Mystery Classics

Rice, Craig

John J Malone, defender of the guilty, is notorious for getting his culpable clients off. It's the innocent ones who are problems. Like Holly Inglehart, accused of piercing the black heart of her well-heeled and tyrannical aunt Alexandria with a lovely Florentine paper cutter. No one, who knew the old battle axe, liked her... but Holly's prints were found on the murder weapon. Plus, she had a motive: She was about to be disinherited for marrying a common bandit. With each new lurid headline, Holly's friends and supporters start to rally. There's North Shore debutante Helene Brand; Holly's groom's press agent, Jake Justus; the madam of a local brothel, and Alexandria's hand-wringing servants. But not one of them can explain the queerest bent to the crime: At the time of the murder, every clock in the Inglehart mansion stopped dead. And that's only the first twist in a baffling case of 'aunty-cide' – because Alexandria won't be the last to die. The first novel in Rice's John J Malone series, *Eight Faces at Three* introduces the hard-drinking, Chicago-based attorney that made the author a household name. Comic, witty, and lush, the Malone books are a throwback to a time when alcoholism was

commonplace and murder (or, reading about murder) was fun. Fans of Dashiell Hammett's *The Thin Man* series and Richard and Frances Lockridge's Mr and Mrs North will find much to enjoy in the witty banter of Malone and his constant companions, Brand and Justus.

Classic mystery TP/HC \$26.95/\$49.95

Faithless in Death

Eve Dallas series

Robb, J D

It's a beautiful spring day in NYC, when Lt Eve Dallas gets an early morning murder call. A talented young sculptor hasn't had such a perfect day in May. Killed, by her own hammer – at first, it looks like an argument with a jealous partner; but it soon becomes clear that there is much more to this case than a lovers' quarrel turned fatal. Eve finds herself drawn into the dark and dangerous world of a secret order. A world in which white supremacy, misogyny and religious fanaticism are everyday activities. Eve has dealt with some tough cases before but is it too much even for her to take on a wealthy, influential organisation with friends in very high places...?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Strange Affair

DCI Banks mysteries

Robinson, Peter

When Alan Banks receives a disturbing message from his brother, Roy, he abandons the peaceful Yorkshire Dales for the bright lights of London, to seek him out. But Roy seems to have vanished into thin air. Meanwhile, DI Annie Cabbot is called to a quiet stretch of road just outside Eastvale, where a young woman has been found dead in her car. In the victim's pocket, scribbled on a slip of paper, police discover Banks' name and address. Living in Roy's empty South Kensington house, Banks finds himself digging into the life of the brother he never really knew, nor even liked. And as he begins to uncover a few troubling surprises, the two cases become sinisterly entwined... A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Playing with Fire

DCI Banks mysteries

Robinson, Peter

In the early hours of a cold January morning, two narrow boats catch fire on the dead-end stretch of the Eastvale canal. When signs of accelerant are found at the scene, DCI Banks and DI Annie Cabbot are summoned. But by the time they arrive, only the smouldering wreckage is left, and human remains have been found on both boats. The evidence points towards a deliberate attack. But who was the intended victim? Was it Tina, the 16-year-old who had been living a drug-fuelled existence with her boyfriend? Or was it Tom, the mysterious, lonely artist? As Banks makes his enquiries, it appears that a number of people are acting suspiciously: the interfering 'lock-keeper', Tina's cold-hearted stepfather, the wily local art dealer, even Tina's boyfriend... Then the arsonist strikes again, and Banks' powers of investigation are tested to the limit... A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

God of War

Tom Clancy's Op-Centre series

Rovin, Jeff; Glancy, Tom; Pieczelik, Steve

The passengers and crew on an Airbus, en route to Australia, suddenly begin coughing up blood and haemorrhaging violently; as the plane plunges to the ground. There are no survivors. A luxury yacht in the South Indian Sea blows up, and a lone woman escapes the contagion that has inexplicably killed everyone else on the boat. A helicopter, whose occupants have been stricken by an unknown illness, crashes into a bridge in South Africa; killing motorists and pedestrians. The world is facing a devastating bio-terror event, and a game of brinkmanship gets underway as the major powers jockey for position: China sends a naval flotilla to seek the source of the plague and find a way to weaponise it, while Russia manoeuvres quietly on the sidelines to seize the deadly prize in its quest to regain an empire. Back in Washington DC, Chase Williams and his top-secret Black Wasp special ops team must find out who is behind these deadly attacks, before war is unleashed – and millions of innocent lives are lost.

Thriller PBK \$26.95

The Long Game

Rowell, Simon

A summer of relentless heat. A local surfer named Ray Carlson is found dead in a house not far from Portsea back beach. There's a kitchen knife deep in his chest, and blood everywhere. Detective Sergeant Zoe Mayer is scarcely back from extended leave, and still wrestling with her demons, but she is assigned the case – alongside her new service dog, Harry, whose instincts help her in unexpected ways. There's an obvious suspect for the murder, and Zoe makes an arrest. But it's all too neat, and none of Zoe's colleagues believes her theory that the whole thing is a stitch-up. Except, now, someone is trying to hunt Zoe down.

Mystery TP \$32.99

The Last Mona Lisa

Santolofro, Jonathan

August, 1911: The *Mona Lisa* is stolen by Vincent Peruggia. Exactly what happens, in the two years before its recovery, is a mystery. Many replicas of the *Mona Lisa* exist, and more than one historian has wondered if the painting – now, returned to the Louvre – is a fake, switched in 1911. *Present day*: Art professor Luke Perrone digs for the truth behind his most famous ancestor: Peruggia. His search attracts an Interpol detective with something to prove and an unfamiliar but curiously helpful woman. Soon, Luke tumbles deep into the world of art and forgery, a land of obsession and danger.

Thriller TP \$37.95

In Case of Emergency

Scott, E G

Charlotte – a Long Island woman, in her mid-30s – has felt so alone, since her promising career in neuroscience imploded. But she has an online support group for trauma survivors; she has Rachel, a friend who has seen her through the worst of it; and now she also has Peter, a mysterious new boyfriend who has asked that their budding romance remain a total secret. That is why she is too scared to report his disappearance

to the authorities when he vanishes without a word. Weeks later, police contact her to make an ID on a body and she fears the worst for her missing beau. Instead, she arrives at the morgue and feels a terrible relief when she sees a woman she has never met before on the table in front of her. But relief is replaced by confusion, then terror, when Charlotte realises she has become a person of interest. Why did Jane Doe have Charlotte listed as her emergency contact? Was it revenge or a warning? And where exactly does Peter factor into all this? As Charlotte becomes the prime murder suspect, she enters into a race against the clock to find truth about the dead woman and the connections they shared. But what she discovers is beyond anything she could have ever imagined.

Thriller TP \$37.95

People Like Them

Sedira, Samira

There are no monsters. Only humans... Anna and Constant Guillot and their two daughters live in the peaceful, remote mountain village of Carmac. Everyone in Carmac knows each other, leading simple lives mostly unaffected by the outside world – that is, until Bakary and Sylvia Langlois arrive, with their three children. The new family's impressive chalet and expensive cars are in stark contrast with the modesty of those of their neighbours, yet despite their initial differences, the Langlois and the Guillots form an uneasy friendship. But when both families come under financial strain, the underlying class and racial tensions of their relationship reach breaking point, culminating in act of abhorrent violence.

Thriller TP \$29.99

The Last Commandment

Shepherd, Scott

Christmastime in London. When three seemingly unconnected victims are murdered with matching sequential Roman numerals carved into their foreheads, Metropolitan Police Commander Austin Grant finds his answer in one of the last places he'd expect: the Holy Bible. Each of the deaths correspond to a transgression of one of the Ten Commandments, and Grant must find the killer before the remaining Commandments are commemorated with homicides. Unfortunately for Grant, the next victim with a number on their forehead turns up not in London, but across the pond at the iconic St Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, turning this English murder case into a transatlantic manhunt spanning two global metropolises, each with its own rich history and culture. Commander Grant must team up with a charming NYPD detective named John Frankel, as well as his own estranged daughter Rachel – a cunning investigative reporter with conflicting feelings about her father.

Hardboiled HC \$42.95

Operation Jungle

Shobbrook, John

A gripping blend of memoir, true crime, and corruption in the tropics. In the late 1970s, criminal mastermind John Milligan and his associates conspired to import heroin into Far North Queensland via a remote mountain-top airdrop. In a story that is stranger than fiction, it took them three trips through dense jungle to locate the heroin, but they only recovered one of the

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two packages. When narcotics agent John Shobbrook took on the investigation of this audacious crime, codenamed 'Operation Jungle', his career was on the rise within the Federal Bureau of Narcotics. What he discovered unwittingly set in motion a chain of events that not only destroyed his own career, but led to the disbanding of the Narcotics Bureau. Operation Jungle is a gripping true story about the high cost of truth and the far-reaching tentacles of greed and corruption that cross state borders and legal jurisdictions.

True crime TP \$32.99

The Doll

Freyja & Huldar series

Sigurdardottir, Yrsa

It was meant to be a quiet family fishing trip, a chance for mother and daughter to talk. But it changes the course of their lives forever. They catch nothing except a broken doll that gets tangled in the net. After years in the ocean, the doll a terrifying sight and the mother's first instinct is to throw it back, but she relents when her daughter pleads to keep it. This simple act of kindness proves fatal. That evening, the mother posts a picture of the doll on social media. By the morning, she is dead and the doll has disappeared. Several years later and Detective Huldar is in his least favourite place – on a boat in rough waters, searching for possible human remains. However, identifying the skeleton they find on the seabed proves harder than initially thought, and Huldar must draw on psychologist Freyja's experience to help him. As the mystery of the unidentified body deepens, Huldar is also drawn into an investigation of a homeless drug addict's murder, and Freyja investigates a suspected case of child abuse at a foster care home. What swiftly becomes clear is that the cases are linked through a single, missing, vulnerable witness: the young girl who wanted the doll, all those years ago.

Noir TP \$32.99

The Cellist

Gabriel Allon series

Silva, Daniel

Viktor Orlov had a longstanding appointment with death. Once Russia's richest man, he now resides in exile in London, where he is waging a crusade against the kleptocrats who have seized control of the Kremlin. His mansion is protected by armed bodyguards. Yet, somehow, on a rainy summer evening, in the midst of a global pandemic, Russia's vengeful president finally manages to cross Orlov's name off his kill list. The documents are contaminated with a deadly nerve agent. The Metropolitan Police determine that they were delivered by one of Orlov's employees, a prominent investigative reporter. And when the reporter vanishes hours after the killing, MI6 concludes she is a Moscow Centre assassin who penetrated the billionaire's formidable defences. But Gabriel Allon believes his friends in British intelligence are dangerously mistaken. His search for the truth will take him to Geneva, where a private intelligence service is plotting an act of violence that will plunge an already divided America into chaos. Only Allon, with the help of a brilliant young woman employed by the world's dirtiest bank, can stop it...

Suspense TP \$32.99

A Beginner's Guide to Murder Stopp, Rosalind

Grace, Meg and Daphne, all in their seventies, are minding their own business while enjoying a cup of tea in a café, when 17-year-old Nina stumbles in. She's clearly distraught and running from someone, so the three women think nothing of hiding her when a suspicious-looking man starts asking if they've seen her. Once alone, Nina tells the women a little of what she's running from. The need to protect her is immediate, and Grace, Meg, and Daphne vow to do just this. But how? They soon realise there really is only one answer: murder. And, so begins, the tale of the three most unlikely murderers-in-the-making... and may hell protect anyone, who underestimates them.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

Murder on Wall Street

Gaslight mysteries

Thompson, Victoria

Reformed gangster Jack Robinson is working hard to bolster his image in Gilded Age New York City society, as he prepares to become a new father. But when Hayden Norcross, the man who nearly ruined his wife, is shot in cold blood, Jack knows the police will soon come knocking on his door. Frank Malloy has to agree – things don't look good for Jack. But, surely, a man – as unlikable, as Hayden – had more than a few enemies. And it's soon clear that plenty of the upper echelon as well as the denizens of the most squalid areas of the city seem to have hated him. Sarah and Frank have their work cut out for them. As the daughter of the elite Decker family, Sarah has access to the social circles Hayden frequented, and the more she learns about his horrific treatment of women, the more disturbed she becomes. And as Frank investigates, he finds that Hayden had a host of unsavoury habits that may have hastened his demise. But who finally killed him? Sarah and Frank must put the pieces together quickly... before time runs out and Jack's hard-won new life and family are ripped apart.

Historical mystery HC \$42.99

The Good Lie

Torre, A R

Six teens murdered. A suspect behind bars. A desperate father. In a case this shadowy, the truth is easy to hide. Psychiatrist Dr Gwen Moore is an expert on killers. She's spent a decade treating California's most depraved predators and unlocking their motives – predators much like the notorious Bloody Heart serial killer, whose latest teenage victim escaped and then identified local high school teacher Randall Thompson as his captor. The case against Thompson as the Bloody Heart Killer is damning – and closed, as far as Gwen and the media are concerned. If not for one new development... Defence attorney Robert Kavin is a still-traumatised father whose own son fell prey to the BH Killer. Convinced of Thompson's innocence, he steps in to represent him. Now, Robert wants Gwen to interview the accused, create a psych profile of the killer and his victims, and help clear his client's name. As Gwen and Robert grow closer and she dives deeper

into the investigation, grave questions arise. So, does Gwen's suspicion that Robert is hiding something – and that he might not be the only one with a secret.

Thriller TP \$27.99

The Infernal Riddle of

Thomas Peach

Treadwell, Jas

Who is Thomas Peach? Ah, reader! – if you would have us answer that question – What mysteries you shall compel us to expose!

It is the year 1785, and a gentleman of modest means has left London for the countryside, to look after his ailing wife. Among his new neighbours, tongues begin to wag. Why does he keep a locked chest under the stairs? Is it really full of forbidden books? And what exactly is the matter with his wife? For the most part, though, the couple live in peace – until a letter arrives, threatening to cut off their livelihood and expel them from their home. Faced with the prospect of penury – and, perhaps, worse – the gentleman rides out, in search of some means to save himself.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

Murder in Chianti

Italian mysteries

Trinchieri, Camilla

Mourning the loss of his late wife, Rita, former detective Nico Doyle moves to her home town of Gravigna, in the wine region of Chianti. He isn't sure, if it's peace he's seeking, but that certainly isn't what he finds: early one morning he hears a gunshot and finds a man with his face blown off near his home. Salvatore Perillo, the local police inspector, enlists Doyle's help with the murder case. It turns out more than one person in this idyllic corner of Italy knew the victim, and with a very small pool of suspects, including members of Rita's family, Doyle must dig up Gravigna's every last painful secret to get to the truth.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Knight's Tale

Geoffrey Chaucer mysteries

Trow, M J

April, 1380. About to set off on his annual pilgrimage, Comptroller of the King's Woollens and court poet Geoffrey Chaucer is forced to abandon his plans following an appeal for help from an old friend. The Duke of Clarence, Chaucer's former guardian, has been found dead in his bed at his Suffolk castle, his bedroom door locked and bolted from the inside. The man who found him, Sir Richard Glanville, suspects foul play and has asked Chaucer to investigate. On arrival at Clare Castle, Chaucer finds his childhood home rife with bitter rivalries, ill-advised love affairs and dangerous secrets. As he questions the castle's inhabitants, it becomes clear that more than one member of the Duke's household had reason to wish him ill. But who among them is a cold-hearted killer? It's up to Chaucer, with his sharp wits and eye for detail, to root out the evil within. Introducing 14th-century poet Geoffrey Chaucer as a memorable new amateur sleuth, in the first of an ingeniously-conceived medieval mystery series.

Historical mystery HC \$62.95

A Peculiar Combination

Electra McDonnell 01

Weaver, Ashley

Electra McDonnell has always known that the way she and her family earn their living is slightly outside of the law. Breaking into the homes of the rich and picking the locks on their safes may not be condoned by British law enforcement, but World War II is in full swing, Ellie's cousins Colm and Toby are off fighting against Hitler, and Uncle Mick's more honourable business as a locksmith can't pay the bills, any more. So, when Uncle Mick receives a tip about a safe full of jewels in the empty house of a wealthy family, he and Ellie can't resist. All goes as planned – until the pair are caught red handed. Ellie expects them to be taken straight to prison, but instead they are delivered to a large townhouse, where government official Major Ramsey is waiting with an offer: either Ellie agrees to help him break into a safe and retrieve blueprints that will be critical to the British war effort, before they can be delivered to a German spy, or he turns her over to the police. Ellie doesn't care for the Major's imperious manner, but she has no choice, and besides, she's eager to do her bit for king and country. She may be a thief, but she's no coward. When she and the Major break into the house in question, they find instead the purported German spy dead on the floor, the safe already open and empty. Soon, Ellie and Major Ramsey are forced to put aside their differences to unmask the double agent, as they try to stop allied plans falling into German hands. The first in a new series from the author of the Amory Ames mysteries.

Mystery HC \$49.99

People of

Abandoned Character

Whitfield, Clare

What if you thought your husband was Jack the Ripper? London, 1888. Susannah rushes into marriage to a young and wealthy surgeon. After a passionate honeymoon, she returns home with her new husband wrapped around her little finger. But then everything changes. His behaviour becomes increasingly volatile and violent. He stays out all night, returning home bloodied and full of secrets. Lonely and frustrated, Susannah starts following the gruesome reports of a spate of murders in Whitechapel. But as the killings continue, her mind takes her down the darkest path imaginable. Every time he stays out late, another victim is found dead. Is it coincidence? Or is her husband the man the papers call Jack the Ripper?

Historical mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Dog Rose Dirt

Williams, Jen

What if your mother had been writing to a serial killer? A convicted murderer with a story to tell... Serial killer Michael Reave – known as The Red Wolf – has been locked in Belmarsh Prison for over 20 years for the brutal and ritualistic murders of countless women. A grieving daughter with a secret to unearth... Ex-journalist Heather Evans returns to her childhood home after her mother's inexplicable suicide and discovers something chilling – hundreds of letters between her mother and Reave, dating back

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decades. A hunt for a killer ready to strike again... When the body of a woman is found decorated with flowers, just like his victims, Reave is the only person alive who could help. After years of silence, he will speak to Heather, and only Heather. If she wants to unearth the truth and stop further bloodshed, she'll have to confront a monster.

Mystery/suspense

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\$29.99

The Wrong Goodbye **Yahagi, Toshiniko**

After the frozen corpse of immigrant barman Tran Binh Long washes up in midsummer near Yokosuka US Navy Base, Futamura meets a strange customer from Tran's bar. Vietnam vet pilot Billy Lou Bonney talks Futamura into hauling three suitcases of 'goods' to Yokota US Air Base, late at night, and flies off leaving a dead woman behind.

Thereby implicated in a murder suspect's escape and relieved from active duty, Futamura takes on hack work for the beautiful concert violinist Aileen Hsu, a 'boat people' orphan whose Japanese adoption mother has mysteriously gone missing. And, now, a phone call from a bestselling yakuza author, a one-time black marketeer in Saigon, hints at inside information on 'former Vietcong mole' Tran and his 'old sidekick' Billy Lou,

both of whom crossed a triad tycoon who is buying up huge tracts of Mekong Delta marshland for a massive development scheme. As the loose strands flashback to Vietnam, the string of official lies and mysterious allegiances build into a dark picture of the US-Japan post-war alliance. A classic slice of Japanese hardboiled noir, paying homage to the master of the genre: Raymond Chandler.

Noir

TP

\$32.99