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PBK = 'A' & 'B' format (standard size) paperback
TP = 'B+' & 'C' format (oversize) paperback
HC = Hardcover or cloth binding

Bright Young Things

Henry Johnstone mysteries

Adams, Jane A

January 5, 1930. On a cold, grey winter morning, a mysterious man walks along Bournemouth beach carrying a bundle in his arms. He lays it carefully on the shoreline and calmly walks away. The man has dumped a body. The dead young woman is Faun Moran, a wild child in her twenties wearing a sparkling cocktail gown. But Faun was supposedly killed in a car crash after leaving a party attended by other wealthy bright young things the previous autumn. So, who was the young woman in the car, and where has Faun Moran been all this time? Still recovering from the trauma of his last case, DCI Henry Johnstone returns to work to solve this baffling mystery. But as he and DS Mickey Hitchens investigate, the path to the truth is darker and twistier than they could ever have imagined.

Historical mystery HC \$62.95

A Hex for Danger

Enchanted Bay mysteries 02

Addison, Esme

The small town of Bellamy Bay has its share of skeletons in its closet, but it isn't used to bodies turning up in the local history museum. After all, this coastal North Carolina town is much like any other... except, of course, for the mermaids. Helping to run the family business – an herbal apothecary – while keeping her supernatural secret hidden, is no easy feat for water witch Aleksandra Daniels. But, somehow, she's still found time to help her friend Celeste, who has her own Caribbean mermaid heritage, plan the annual Mermaid Festival. As fun-seekers through the beaches, Alex gets to know and is intrigued by renowned artist Neve Ryland, who's in town to decorate the local park with a mermaid-themed mural. Celeste, however, is less enamoured with the artist, as Neve has been spending entirely too much one-on-one time with her boyfriend Jasper, director of Bellamy Bay's history museum. Then, a reception for Neve ends abruptly, when the artist is found dead in his office. When the police investigation nets Celeste, Alex decides to find the true culprit. With the help of her magically-inclined aunt and cousins, Alex dives in to clear her friend's name. But there was more to Neve Ryland than met the eye... and Alex fears she may be in way too deep. Will she catch the crook or be next on the hook?

Mystery HC \$42.99

Hemlock

China Bayles mysteries 28

Albert, Susan Wittig

Herbalist China Bayles' latest adventure takes her to the mountains of North Carolina, where her friend Dorothea Harper serves

as the director and curator of the Hemlock House Library, a priceless collection of rare gardening books housed in a haunted mountainside mansion that once belonged to Sunny Carswell, a reclusive heiress. But the most valuable book – *A Curious Herbal*, created by Elizabeth Blackwell in the 1730s – is missing and Dorothea is under suspicion. China's search for the thief takes on a new urgency when she discovers Miss Carswell's bookseller, the victim of an attempted murder. Is his shooting connected with the theft? And there are other urgent questions: What is the Hemlock Guild? Who owns Socrates.com? Did Sunny Carswell really kill herself, or does her ghost have a different story to tell? And what is the real truth, behind the many tantalising mysteries of *A Curious Herbal*?

Mystery TP \$35.95

Death at the Crystal Palace

Below Stairs mysteries

Ashley, Jennifer

While attending an exhibition at the Crystal Palace, young cook Kat Holloway is approached by a woman in distress. Lady Covington is a wealthy widow convinced that her entire family is trying to kill her. Kat feels compelled to help. So, she escorts the lady home to discover whether she is delusional or in true danger. When it quickly becomes apparent that the threat is all too real, Kat promises aid. Her charming confidant Daniel McAdam is busy infiltrating a plot against the Crown, and she worries he will not have time to lend his sleuthing expertise. This might be for the best, as Kat fears her growing emotional entanglement with Daniel can only lead to disaster. But soon, Kat faces a more serious threat when her involvement in both investigations plunges her into peril.

Historical mystery TP \$24.99

Ghosted: a Love Story

Ashworth, Jenn

One ordinary morning, Laurie's husband Mark vanishes, leaving behind his phone and wallet. For weeks, she tells no one, carrying on her job as a cleaner at the local university, visiting her tricky, dementia-suffering father and holing up in her tower-block flat with a bottle to hand. When she finally reports Mark as missing, the police are suspicious. Why did she take so long? Wasn't she worried? It turns out, there are many more mysteries in Laurie's account of events, though not just because she glosses over the facts. At the time, she couldn't explain much of her behaviour herself. But as she looks back on the ensuing wreckage – the friendships broken, the wild accusations she made, the one-night stand – she can see more clearly what lay behind it. And if it's not too late, she can see how she might repair the damage and, most of all, forgive herself.

Mystery HC \$39.99

Nantucket Penny

Henry Kennis Nantucket mysteries

Axelrod, Steven

When people begin disappearing from the island, Nantucket Police Chief Henry Kennis is baffled. The victims are not random – they're all Nantucket High School alumni. And the only clues left behind are pennies dropped at the sites of the kidnappings. There's an old island tradition of tossing a penny from the ferry as you depart to ensure your eventual return... Has someone come back to the island with a sinister grudge to settle? Sippy Bascomb and Doug Fraker were childhood best friends – bonded as fellow victims of bullying at the hands of their classmates. The two men hadn't seen each other in years, but when Sippy comes across Doug's blog airing grievances from the past, the two reconnect and hatch a plan to return to the island. Both seek revenge, but Doug wants their tormentors to face a tribunal and appoints himself judge, jury, and executioner... When Henry's fiancée joins the missing, he enlists the aid of former intelligence agent Mitch Stone, a native who has returned to the island hoping for a peaceful retirement. The two men know they must find where their friends are being put on trial for their childhood crimes – before their deadly sentences can be carried out.

Mystery TP \$27.99

The Enemy Within

Ayliffe, Tim

Investigative journalist John Bailey is doing his best to turn his life around after losing the woman he loved. He has a new job. He's given up the drink. He even has a dog. But then Federal Police raid his home, with a warrant granting them unprecedented powers to take anything they want, including all his electronic devices and passwords. When Bailey protests, they threaten to put him in a prison cell. Someone wants to stop Bailey doing what he does best – exposing the truth. He has been investigating the rise of a global white supremacist group and suspects that a notorious neo-Nazi in the United States has been directing deadly racist attacks on Sydney's streets. When the body of one of his key sources washes up on a nearby beach, it's clear Bailey and anyone helping him have become targets. Bailey reaches out to a ruthless old friend – CIA veteran, Ronnie Johnson – to lure the enemy from the shadows. An enemy who thought they were untouchable. Until now...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Anxious People

Backman, Fredrik

In a small town in Sweden, it appears to be an ordinary day. But look more closely, and you'll see a masked figure approaching a bank... Two hours later, chaos has descended. An attempted robbery has developed into a

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hostage situation – with the offender refusing to voice their demands. Fear turns to irritation for the seven strangers trapped inside. If this is to be their last day on earth, shouldn't it be more dramatic? But as the minutes tick by, they begin to suspect that the criminal holding them hostage might be more in need of rescuing than they are...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Housemate

Bailey, Sarah

Three housemates. One dead, one missing and one accused of murder. Dubbed the Housemate Homicide, it's a mystery that has baffled Australians for almost a decade. Melbourne-based journalist Olive Groves worked on the story as a junior reporter and became obsessed by the case. Now, nine years later, the missing housemate turns up dead on a remote property. Olive is once again assigned to the story, this time reluctantly paired with precocious millennial podcaster Cooper Ng. As Oli and Cooper unearth new facts about the three housemates, a dark web of secrets is uncovered. The revelations catapult Oli back to the death of the first housemate, forcing her to confront past traumas and insecurities that have risen to the surface again. What really happened between the three housemates that night? Will Oli's relentless search for the murderer put her new family in danger? And could her suspicion that the truth lies closer to home threaten her happiness and even her sanity? A riveting, provocative thriller from the bestselling author of *The Dark Lake* (PBK, \$14.99).

Thriller TP \$32.99

China Roses

Hazel Best & Gabriel Ash mysteries

Bannister, Jo

No one ever said: 'See Norbold and die.' So, why would a man from DC Hazel Best's past cross England in order to get himself beaten senseless in this uninspiring Midlands town? Everyone assumes he was looking for Hazel. She can't think why he would; and when David Sperrin wakes up, he can't think why he would either. Amnesia – or something to hide? Flashbacks as Sperrin's battered brain recovers only make the case more troubling. His sharpest memory is of a girl dying in his arms. But who, and how? And why is there no body, no witnesses, no missing person's report? Struggling to make sense of the situation, Hazel turns to her close friend Gabriel Ash for help. But Ash has problems of his own: one of his own ghosts has returned to haunt him. And the stakes are so high there's no one, not even Hazel, he can confide in...

Mystery HC \$62.95

Safe

Barnett, S K

Jenny Kristal was six years old when she was snatched off the sidewalk from her quiet suburban neighbourhood. Twelve years later, she's miraculously returned home after escaping her kidnappers – but as her parents and older brother welcome her back, the questions begin to mount. Where has she been, all these years? Why is she back now? And is home really the safest place for her... or for any of them?

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Kill All Your Darlings

Bell, David

After years of struggling to write following the deaths of his wife and son, English professor Connor Nye publishes his first novel, a thriller about the murder of a young woman. There's just one problem: Connor didn't write the book. His missing student did. And then she appears on his doorstep, alive and well, threatening to expose him. Connor's problems escalate when the police insist details in the novel implicate him in an unsolved murder from two years ago. Soon Connor discovers the crime is part of a disturbing scandal on campus and faces an impossible dilemma – admit he didn't write the book and lose his job or keep up the lie and risk everything. When another murder occurs, Connor must clear his name by unravelling the horrifying secrets buried in his student's manuscript.

Thriller TP \$27.99

The Port of London Murders

British Library Crime Classics

Bell, Josephine

A suicide, a derelict barge, and floating pink chiffon nightdresses... When the *San Angelo* drifts into port in the Pool of London, telephones begin to ring across the capital, and an intricate series of events is set in motion. Beset by dreadful storms in the Bay of Biscay, the ship, along with the 'mixed cargo' it carries, is late. Unaware of the machinations of avaricious importers, wayward captains, and unscrupulous traders, docklands residents Harry Reed and June Harvey are thrust together by a riverside accident, before being swept into the current of a dark plot developing on the harbourside. First published in 1938, this early novel from one of the great Golden Age mystery writers skilfully delivers a compelling tale of murder set against a gritty portrayal of life alongside the Thames.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

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Melanie Travis mysteries 27

Berenson, Laurien

While usually protective, Melanie feels comfortable sending her sons to the Graceland School's summer camp for two reasons: the institution is well regarded, and proprietor Emily Grace is a trusted friend. But Emily has been acting strange since three rambunctious Dalmatian puppies suddenly appeared on her doorstep. The unusual arrival marks the first of several mysterious happenings at camp, each more intense than the last. It's a rough streak that takes a frightening turn with a discovery in the nearby woods – the body of Emily's estranged ex-husband. Proving that Emily didn't murder her biggest mistake will be about as easy as raising prize-winning show dogs. But Melanie dives into an investigation on the victim's whereabouts leading up to his demise. With a few spotty clues and Aunt Peg's growing curiosity about the Dalmatian pups' origins, Melanie must name the culprit before good intentions come back to bite!

Mystery HC \$42.99

Designs on the Dead

Death in Paris mysteries

Bernhard, Emilia

Having successfully solved two murders in the City of Lights, self-proclaimed private detectives Rachel Levis and Magda Stevens are ready to take on the world. Or, at least, the Third *arrondissement*. Which is good news when renowned fashion designer Roland Guipure is found lifeless, outside his own birthday party, in that upscale neighbourhood, dead from an apparent overdose. Rachel thinks its murder, and when it turns out the police agree, the two Americans roll up their sleeves for another murder investigation. And there are plenty of suspects: the angry assistant designer promoted to the top spot, as a result of Guipure's death; the lovelorn PA who was crushed by the designer's lack of interest in her; the former boyfriend who lost his meal ticket as a result of Guipure's successful stay in rehab. Not to mention that the designer's murder occurred a few days before that of an American tourist who seems to be connected to him in some mysterious way. Paris is beginning to feel crowded with corpses. Coincidence, or just bad luck? As the clues and suspects pile up, Rachel and Magda rush to find the murderer, before another death is cut from the same cloth.

Mystery HC \$55.00

The Art of Betrayal

Kate Hamilton mysteries

Berry, Connie

Spring is a magical time in England – bluebells massing along the woodland paths, primrose and wild thyme dotting the meadows. Antiques dealer Kate Hamilton is spending the month of May in the Suffolk village of Long Barston, enjoying precious time with Detective Inspector Tom Mallory. While attending the May Fair, the annual pageant based on a well-known Anglo-Saxon folktale, a body turns up in the middle of the festivities. Kate is even more shocked when she learns the murder took place in antiquity shop owner Ivor Tweedy's stockroom and a valuable Chinese pottery jar that she had been tasked with finding a buyer for has been stolen. Ivor may be ruined. Insurance won't cover a fraction of the loss. As Tom leads the investigation, Kate begins to see puzzling parallels between the murder and local legends. The more she learns, the more convinced she is that the solution to both crimes lies in the misty depths of Anglo-Saxon history and a generations-old pattern of betrayal. It's up to Kate to unravel this Celtic knot of lies and deception to save Ivor's business.

Mystery HC \$44.99

The Divinities

Drake & Crane series

Bilal, Parker

When two bodies are found brutally murdered at a building site in Battersea, DS Cal Drake is first to the scene. He sees an opportunity: to solve a high-profile case and to repair his reputation after a botched undercover operation almost ended his promising career in the Violent Crimes Unit. Assigned to work with the forensic psychologist Dr Rayhana Crane, and on the hunt for an elusive killer, Drake's investigations lead down the dark corridors of the past – to the Iraq war and the destruction both he and Crane witnessed

there. With a community poised on the brink of violence, Crane and Drake must put their lives on the line to stop the killer before vengeance is unleashed. The first in a new series, set in London.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Little Bookshop of Murder

Beach Reads mysteries 01

Blackburn, Maggie

Summer Merriweather's career as a Shakespeare professor hangs by a bookbinder's thread. Academic life at her Virginia university is a viper's pit, so Summer spends her summer in England, researching a scholarly paper that, with any luck, will finally get her published, impress the Dean, and save her job. But her English idyll ends when her mother, Hildy, shuffles off her mortal coil from an apparent heart attack. Returning to Brigid's Island, NC, for the funeral, Summer is impatient to settle the estate, sell her mom's embarrassingly romance-themed bookstore, Beach Reads, and go home. But as she drops by Beach Reads, Summer finds threatening notes addressed to Hildy: Sell the bookstore or die. Clearly, something is rotten on Brigid's Island. What method is behind the madness? Was Hildy murdered? The police insist there's not enough evidence to launch a murder investigation. Instead, Summer and her Aunt Agatha screw their courage to the sticking place and start sleuthing, with the help of Hildy's beloved book club. But there are more suspects on Brigid's Island than are dreamt of in the Bard's darkest philosophising. And if Summer can't find the villain, the town will be littered with a Shakespearean tragedy's worth of corpses – including her own. The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$37.95

Synchronized Sorcery

Witchcraft mysteries 11

Blackwell, Juliet

Strange things are happening in Lily Ivory's San Francisco. First, she finds a vintage mermaid costume which dates from the 1939 San Francisco's Treasure Island World's Fair – and which gives off distinctly peculiar vibrations. Next, she stumbles upon a dead man in the office of her predecessor, and as the community's new leader, she feels compelled to track down the culprit. Just when Lily thinks things can't get any stranger, a man appears claiming to be her half-brother, spouting ideas about the mystical prophecy involving San Francisco and their family... When the dead man is linked to the mysterious mermaid costume, and then yet another victim is found on Treasure Island, Lily uncovers ties between the long-ago World's fair and the current murders, and begins to wonder whether the killer might be hiding in plain sight. But unless Lily can figure everything out in time, there may be yet another body floating in San Francisco Bay.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Gry Darkness

Bonner, Hilary

Caught off guard, when she receives an unexpected phone call from an old friend, she hasn't seen in 20 years, Dr Sandy Jones gives Connie Pike a polite brush off. A few days later, she learns that Connie has been killed in an explosion at her Princeton laboratory.

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Consumed by guilt, Jones heads to New Jersey, determined to find out the truth behind Connie's death – and exactly what Connie had been trying to tell her in that last anxious phone call. Having previously participated in Connie's and her lab partner, Paul Ruder's, life's work, the study of the human mind, Jones becomes convinced the pair had made a momentous scientific discovery shortly before the explosion, a discovery that could change the world as we know it. But who are the shadowy figures who are never far behind Jones as she continues her quest for the truth? As she gradually uncovers evidence of a terrifying global conspiracy, Sandy begins to fear for her life – and the lives of those around her.

Thriller TP \$39.95

The Case of the Vanishing Blonde and Other True Crime Stories

collection

Bowden, Mark

Six captivating true-crime stories, spanning Mark Bowden's long and illustrious career, cover a variety of crimes complicated by extraordinary circumstances. In *The Case of the Vanishing Blonde*, the veteran reporter revisits some of his most riveting stories and examines the effects of modern technology on the journalistic process. From a story of a campus rape in 1983, to three cold cases solved by the inimitable private detective Ken Brennan, an LAPD investigation that unearths a murderer within its own ranks and the darkest corners of internet chatrooms, this collection contains all the best the genre has to offer.

True crime PBK \$22.99

Triple Cross

Kate Henderson series

Bradby, Tom

Attempting to rebuild her shattered life in the South of France, former MI6 operative Kate Henderson receives an unexpected and most unwelcome visit from an old adversary: the UK Prime Minister. He has an extraordinary story to tell – and he needs her help. A Russian agent has come forward with news that the PM has been the victim of the greatest misinformation play in the history of MI6. It's run out of a special KGB unit that exists for one purpose alone: to process the intelligence from 'Agent Dante', a mole right at the heart of MI6, in London. Against her better judgement, Kate is forced back into the fray in a top-secret, deeply-flawed, and dangerous investigation. But now she's damaged goods. Her one-time allies no longer trust her. And neither do her enemies. With the stakes this high, can the truth ever come out? Or is the cost of uncovering it a price that no one, least of all Kate, can afford to pay?

Suspense TP \$32.99

An Untidy Death

Decluttering mysteries

Brett, Simon

My mother's going to kill herself... That is, if I don't kill her, first. When Alexandra Richards approaches professional declutterer Ellen Curtis to ask her to help sort out her mother's chaotic flat, Ellen gets the impression Alexandra doesn't like her mother very much. But when Ingrid Richards'

body is discovered in her burned-out home, Alexandra's exasperated words don't seem such a joke. Due to the hazardous state of the victim's over-cluttered residence, the police are inclined to dismiss her death as an unfortunate accident. Ellen's not so sure. Could Alexandra's resentment towards her mother have escalated into outright violence? The more she discovers about the dead woman's remarkable past, the more convinced Ellen becomes that there's something decidedly suspicious about her death. At least, she can console herself that clearing out widower Edward Finch's bungalow will be a straightforward job in comparison. But in this assumption, Ellen couldn't be more wrong...

Mystery HC \$62.95

Guilt at the Garage

Fethering mysteries

Brett, Simon

Carole Seddon's trusty Renault is one of her most treasured possessions. So, when it is vandalised, there's only one person she will entrust with its repair: Bill Shefford has been servicing the vehicles of the good citizens of Fethering, for many years. But how could something like this happen in Fethering, of all places? Then the note is shoved under Carole's kitchen door: Watch out. The car window was just the start. It would appear that she has been deliberately targeted. But by whom... and why? Matters take an even more disturbing turn when a body is discovered at Shefford's Garage, crushed to death by a falling gearbox. It would appear to be a tragic accident. Carole and her neighbour Jude are not so sure. And the more they start to ask questions, the more evidence they uncover of decidedly foul play.

Mystery TP \$39.95

Sweet Jimmy

Brown, Bryan

It was a gentle knock. Agnes had been waiting for it. Hoping he would be on time. Such a lovely fella, she thought... 'Come on through. Got a surprise for you,' she said. He had one for her, too. Phil and Sweet Jimmy are cousins. Phil grows orchids... spider orchids... learnt about them in the nick. Jimmy likes orchids, too, but there are other things he likes even more... Trish Bennett didn't like her life. Hadn't liked it for a long time. Been on the streets. Bit of this for a bit of that. The 'that' wasn't always nice. Then Ahmed found her. Sam is a tea-leaf, a thief. Likes nickin'... anything... always has... until the day he knocked off more than the Volvo. Fell for the sexy and beautiful Sue May from Hong Kong, Frank Testy did. Silly old prick. What price for ego? A huge bloody price, it turns out. 'Uniquely Australian and uncommonly good, I could hear the author's voice in every spare, haunting line. More please.' – *Michael Robotham*. Bryan Brown has been telling stories with his distinctive Australian voice on TV and in film for a long time, but this time he's writing crime in his first book.

Noir TP \$29.99

Murder at Standing Stone Manor

Langham & Dupré mysteries

Brown, Eric

Newlyweds Donald Langham and Maria Dupré have moved to the country. They're

excited about starting a new life in the picturesque village of Ingoldby-over-Water – and about meeting their new neighbours. But they've barely moved into Yew Tree Cottage when their new neighbour at Standing Stone Manor, Professor Edwin Robertshaw, invites Donald over to discuss some 'fishy business'. Shortly after, a body is found by the professor's precious standing stone in the manor grounds. Donald and Maria discover tensions, disputes and resentment raging below the surface of this idyllic village, but can they find out which of the villagers is a cold-blooded killer?

Mystery HC \$62.95

Another Kind of Eden

Holland Family series

Burke, James Lee

The American West, in the early 1960s, appears to be a pastoral paradise: golden wheat fields, mist-filled canyons, frolicking animals. Aspiring novelist Aaron Holland Broussard has observed it from the open door of a boxcar, riding the rails for both inspiration and odd jobs. Jumping off in Denver, he finds work on a farm and meets Joanne McDuffy, an articulate and fierce college student and gifted painter. Their soul connection is immediate, but their romance is complicated by Joanne's involvement with a shady professor who is mixed up with a drug-addled cult. When a sinister businessman and his son who wield their influence through vicious cruelty set their sights on Aaron, drawing him into an investigation of grotesque murders, it is clear that this idyllic landscape harbours tremendous power – and evil. Followed by a mysterious shrouded figure who might not be human, Aaron will have to face down all these foes, to save the life of the woman he loves and his own. A prequel to James Lee Burke's Holland family trilogy.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Little Black Book

Bibliophile mysteries 15

Carlisle, Kate

Brooklyn and her hunky husband, security expert Derek Stone, have just returned from a delightful trip to Dharma, where the construction of their new home away from home is well underway, when a little black book arrives in the mail from Scotland. The book is a rare British first edition of Rebecca, and there's no return address on the package. The day after the book arrives, Claire Quinn shows up at Brooklyn and Derek's home. Brooklyn met Claire when the two women worked as expert appraisers on the television show *This Old Attic*. Brooklyn appraised books on the show and Claire's expertise was in antique British weaponry, but they bonded over their shared love of gothic novels. Claire reveals that during a recent trip to Scotland she discovered her beloved aunt was missing and her home had been ransacked. Among her aunt's belongings, Claire found the receipt for the package that wound up with Brooklyn and Derek. Claire believes both her own life, and her aunt's, are in danger and worries that her past may be coming back to haunt her. But just as Brooklyn and Derek begin to investigate, a man who Claire thinks was following her is found murdered, stabbed with a priceless jewelled dagger. With a death on their doorstep, Brooklyn and Derek

page through the little black book, where they discover clues that will take them to the shadows of a medieval Scottish castle on the shores of Loch Ness. Under the watchful gaze of a mysterious laird and the irascible villagers who are suspicious of the strangers in their midst, Brooklyn and Derek must decode the secrets in Rebecca to keep their friend's past from destroying their future...

Mystery HC \$42.99

The Girl in the Mirror

Carlyle, Rose

Twin sisters Iris and Summer are startlingly alike, but beyond what the eye can see lies a darkness that sets them apart. Cynical and insecure, Iris has long been envious of Summer's seemingly never-ending good fortune. When Summer calls Iris to Thailand to help her sail the family yacht to the Seychelles, Iris has secret hopes for what might happen on the journey. But after a disturbing incident in the middle of the Indian Ocean, everything changes. Now Iris has the chance to step into the golden life she's always envied – and get one step closer to the 100-million-dollar inheritance left by her manipulative father. All Iris would need to do is ensure she's the first of his seven children to fulfil the strange conditions of his will. But Iris soon discovers that her twin was keeping more than one secret, and Iris' life lurches between glamorous dream and paranoid nightmare. In a family in which the winner takes all, whom can she trust? And how far will she go, to get the life she's always dreamed about?

Thriller PBK \$19.99

True Believer

Terminal List series

Garr, Jack

When a string of horrific terrorist attacks plagues the Western world during the holiday season, the broader markets fall into a tailspin. The attacks are being coordinated by a shadowy former Iraqi commando who has disappeared into Europe's underground. The United States government has an asset who can turn the Iraqi against his masters: James Reece, the most-wanted domestic terrorist alive. After avenging the deaths of his family and team members, Reece emerges deep in the wilds of Mozambique, protected by the family of his estranged best friend and former SEAL Team member. When a series of events uncovers his whereabouts, the CIA recruits him, using a Presidential pardon for Reece and immunity for the friends who helped him in his mission of vengeance. Now, a reluctant tool of the United States government, Reece travels the globe, targeting terrorist leaders, unravelling a geopolitical conspiracy that exposes a traitorous CIA officer, and uncovering a sinister assassination plot with worldwide repercussions.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Coq au Vin

Nanette Hayes mysteries 02

Garter, Charlotte

Nanette's life is finally getting back to normal when her mother calls her with some upsetting news: Nan's beloved bohemian Aunt Vivian has gone missing. Normally this is par for the course with Viv, but this time the circumstances surrounding Vivian's disappearance are rather troubling. Would

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Nan be up to brushing up on her French language skills and flying to Paris to track her down? Would she ever. Now, swanning about her favourite city, Nan has a hard time keeping her attention on the task at hand... especially after she meets handsome violinist Andre, a fellow street musician from Detroit. But trouble has a way of finding Nan, and her search for Vivian lands her in the underbelly of historic Paris and in the crosshairs of some of its most dangerous denizens. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) TP \$35.95

The Lost Girls Chiarella, Jessica

It's been more than twenty years since Marti Reese's sister, Maggie, disappeared. Only eight years old at the time, Marti can't remember what happened, just that Maggie got into a car and never returned. After years of grief and countless false leads, Marti is coping as best she can: abandoning her marriage, drinking to forget, and documenting her never-ending search via a true-crime podcast. But when the podcast becomes an unexpected hit and Marti thinks she's finally ready to put it all behind her, a mysterious woman calls with new information that could lead her down a dangerous path. For years, Ava Vreeland has been fighting to overturn her brother's murder conviction. After finding strange similarities between the two cases, Ava is certain there's a connection between the murder and Maggie's disappearance, one that could prove her brother's innocence. Together, Marti and Ava embark on a quest for the truth, but the more Marti digs, the more she's shaken by the answers she might find, and what it is she's even searching for...

Suspense TP \$27.99

The Mysterious Affair at Styles

Poirot mysteries
Christie, Agatha
After the Great War, life can never be the same again. Wounds need healing, and the horror of violent death banished into memory. Captain Arthur Hastings is invited to the rolling country estate of Styles to recuperate from injuries sustained at the Front. It is the last place he expects to encounter murder. Fortunately, he knows a former detective, a Belgian refugee, who has grown bored of retirement... A reissue.

Christie (reissue) PBK \$14.99

Black Coffee

Poirot mysteries
Christie, Agatha
Sir Claud Amory's revolutionary new formula for a powerful explosive is stolen. Locking his houseguests in the library, Sir Claud switches off the lights to allow the thief to replace the formula, no questions asked. When the lights come on, he is dead, and Hercule Poirot and Captain Hastings have to unravel a tangle of family feuds, old flames and suspicious foreigners to find the killer and prevent a global catastrophe. A reissue.

Christie (reissue) PBK \$14.99

Cards on the Table

Poirot mysteries
Christie, Agatha
A flamboyant party host is murdered in full view of a roomful of bridge players... Mr Shaitana was famous as a flamboyant party host. Nevertheless, he was a man of whom everybody was a little afraid. So, when he boasted to Poirot that he considered murder an art form, the detective had some reservations about accepting a party invitation to view Shaitana's private collection. Indeed, what began as an absorbing evening of bridge was to turn into a more dangerous game altogether... A reissue.

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Death in the Clouds

Poirot mysteries
Christie, Agatha
A woman is killed by a poisoned dart in the enclosed confines of a commercial passenger plane... From seat No 9, Hercule Poirot was ideally placed to observe his fellow air passengers. Over to his right sat a pretty young woman, clearly infatuated with the man opposite; ahead, in seat No 13, sat a Countess with a poorly-concealed cocaine habit; across the gangway in seat No 8, a detective writer was being troubled by an aggressive wasp. What Poirot did not yet realise was that behind him, in seat No 2, sat the slumped, lifeless body of a woman. A reissue.

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Lord Edgeware Dies

Poirot mysteries
Christie, Agatha
Poirot had been present, when Jane bragged of her plan to 'get rid of' her estranged husband. Now the monstrous man was dead. And, yet, the great Belgian detective couldn't help feeling that he was being taken for a ride. After all, how could Jane have stabbed Lord Edgeware to death in his library, at exactly the same time she was seen dining with friends? And what could be her motive now that the aristocrat had finally granted her a divorce? A reissue.

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Murder in Mesopotamia

Poirot mysteries
Christie, Agatha
An archaeologist's wife is murdered on the shores of the River Tigris in Iraq... It was clear to Amy Leatheran that something sinister was going on at the Hassanieh dig in Iraq; something associated with the presence of 'Lovely Louise', wife of celebrated archaeologist Dr Leidner. In a few days' time Hercule Poirot was due to drop in at the excavation site. But with Louise suffering from terrifying hallucinations, and tension within the group becoming almost unbearable, Poirot might just be too late... A reissue.

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Murder on the Links

Poirot mysteries
Christie, Agatha
On a French golf course, a millionaire is found stabbed in the back... An urgent cry for help brings Poirot to France. But he arrives too late to save his client, whose brutally stabbed body now lies face downwards in a

shallow grave on a golf course. But why is the dead man wearing his son's overcoat? And who was the impassioned love-letter in the pocket for? Before Poirot can answer these questions, the case is turned upside down by the discovery of a second, identically murdered corpse... A reissue.

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Murder on the Orient Express

Poirot mysteries
Christie, Agatha
The *Orient Express* was unusually full for the time of year. Hercule Poirot sat in the elegant restaurant-car and amused himself by observing his fellow passengers: a Russian princess of great ugliness, a haughty English colonel, an American with a strange glint in his eye... and many more. The food and company were most congenial, and the little Belgian detective was looking forward to a pleasant journey. But it was not to be. After a restless night, Poirot awoke to find that tragedy had struck. First, the train had been brought to a standstill by a huge snowdrift. Secondly, a passenger lay dead in his compartment, stabbed a dozen times, his door locked from the inside... A reissue.

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Peril at End House

Poirot mysteries
Christie, Agatha
Nick Buckley was an unusual name for a pretty young woman. But then she had led an unusual life. First, on a treacherous Cornish hillside, the brakes on her car failed. Then, on a coastal path, a falling boulder missed her by inches. Later, an oil painting fell and almost crushed her in bed. Upon discovering a bullet hole in Nick's sun hat, Hercule Poirot decides the girl needs his protection. At the same time, he begins to unravel the mystery of a murder that hasn't been committed. Yet. A reissue.

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The ABC Murders

Poirot mysteries
Christie, Agatha
There's a serial killer on the loose, bent on working his way through the alphabet. And as a macabre calling card he leaves, beside each victim's corpse, the ABC Railway Guide open at the name of the town where the murder has taken place. Having begun with Andover, Bexhill and then Churston, there seems little chance of the murderer being caught - until he makes the crucial and vain mistake of challenging Hercule Poirot to frustrate his plans... A reissue.

Christie (reissue) PBK \$14.99

The Big Four

Poirot mysteries
Christie, Agatha
The Big Four is the most formidable crime syndicate of all time. A sinister Chinaman, a multimillionaire, a beautiful Frenchwoman and 'The Destroyer' are terrorising the world with their fiendish genius. Only Hercule Poirot's sensational methods of deduction stand in their way of world domination, and after adventures as strange as the Arabian nights, Poirot runs them to earth at last in a cave in the Dolomites. A reissue.

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The Murder of Roger Ackroyd

Poirot mysteries
Christie, Agatha
Roger Ackroyd knew too much. He knew that the woman he loved had poisoned her brutal first husband. He suspected also that someone had been blackmailing her. Now, tragically, came the news that she had taken her own life with a drug overdose. But the evening post brought Roger one last fatal scrap of information. Unfortunately, before he could finish the letter, he was stabbed to death... A reissue.

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The Mystery of the Blue Train

Poirot mysteries
Christie, Agatha
When the luxurious Blue Train arrives at Nice, a guard attempts to wake serene Ruth Kettering from her slumbers. But she will never wake again - for a heavy blow has killed her, disfiguring her features almost beyond recognition. What is more, her precious rubies are missing. The prime suspect is Ruth's estranged husband, Derek. Yet, Poirot is not convinced, so he stages an eerie re-enactment of the journey, complete with the murderer on board... A reissue.

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Three Act Tragedy

Poirot mysteries
Christie, Agatha
At an apparently respectable dinner party, a vicar is the first to die... Thirteen guests arrived at dinner at the actor's house. It was to be a particularly unlucky evening for the mild-mannered Reverend Stephen Babbington, who choked on his cocktail, went into convulsions and died. But when his martini glass was sent for chemical analysis, there was no trace of poison - just as Poirot had predicted. Even more troubling for the great detective, there was absolutely no motive... A reissue.

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Poirot Investigates

Poirot mysteries collection
Christie, Agatha
The very first collection of superb short stories featuring Hercule Poirot and Captain Hastings... First, there was the mystery of the film star and the diamond... then came the 'suicide' that was murder... the mystery of the absurdly cheap flat... a suspicious death in a locked gun-room... a million dollar bond robbery... the curse of a Pharaoh's tomb... a jewel robbery by the sea... the abduction of a Prime Minister... the disappearance of a banker... a phone call from a dying man... and, finally, the mystery of the missing will. What links these fascinating cases? Only the brilliant deductive powers of Hercule Poirot! A reissue.

Christie (reissue) PBK \$14.99

Runner

Chicago mysteries
Clark, Tracy
Chicago in the dead of winter can be brutal, especially when you're scouring the frigid streets for a missing girl. Fifteen-year-old Ramona Titus has run away from her foster home. Her biological mother, Leesa Evans,

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is a recovering addict who admits she failed Ramona often in the past. But now she's clean. And she's determined to make up for her mistakes – if Cass can only help her find her daughter. Cass visits Ramona's foster mother, Deloris Poole, who is also desperate to bring the girl home. Ramona came to Deloris six months ago, angry and distrustful, but was slowly opening up. The police are on the search, but Cass has sources closer to the streets, and a network of savvy allies. Yet, it seems Ramona doesn't want to be found. And Cass soon begins to understand why. Ramona is holding secrets dark enough to kill for, and anyone who helps her may be fair game. And if Ramona can't run fast enough and hide well enough to keep the truth safe, she and Cass may both be out of time.

Mystery HC \$42.99

The Heron's Cry

Long Call series

Gleaves, Ann

North Devon is enjoying a rare hot summer, with tourists flocking to its coastline. Detective Matthew Venn is called out to a rural crime scene at the home of a group of artists. What he finds is an elaborately staged murder – Dr Nigel Yeo has been fatally stabbed. His daughter Eve is a glassblower, and the murder weapon is a shard of one of her broken vases. Dr Yeo seems an unlikely murder victim. He's a good man, a public servant, beloved by his daughter. Matthew is unnerved though to find that she is a close friend of Jonathan, his husband. Then another body is found – killed in a similar way. Matthew finds himself treading carefully through the lies that fester at the heart of his community and a case that is dangerously close to home... The second novel in Cleaves' new Two Rivers series, following *The Long Call* (PBK, \$17.99).

Mystery TP \$32.99

Brewed Awakening

Coffeehouse mysteries 18

Coyle, Cleo

When coffeehouse manager Clare Cosi awakens on a bench in Washington Square Park, she has no idea she's been missing for the past week, or that her friends and family have been frantic with worry. Now that she's back, everyone is overjoyed, including a handsome NYPD detective who claims to be her fiancé. But to Mike Quinn's crushing distress, Clare doesn't remember him, or much of anything about the last decade of her life. Clare's missing memory is tied to a crime she witnessed. An acquaintance of Clare's elegant employer – and fellow member of an exclusive Gotham circle known as 'The Ladies Who Brunch' – invited Clare to her posh hotel to sample gourmet wedding cakes. The pair took a stroll after their indulgent tasting and, according to security camera footage, a masked figure snatched the hotel heiress at gunpoint with Clare looking on. Did the kidnapper take Clare, too? The camera went dark, just like Clare's memory. Soon authorities grow suspicious. Is Clare really a victim? Or merely acting like one? Evidence is mounting that she set the woman up. To clear her name, Clare must find a way to reclaim her memories and rescue the heiress before this high-stakes crime ends in tragedy. Otherwise, instead of walking

down the aisle, Clare may find herself perp-walking to prison as an accomplice to kidnapping and murder.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Legacy of Death

Matthew Rowsley mysteries

Cutler, Judith

With his lordship's mental health failing, management of his grand country estate has been assigned to a group of trustees, including land agent Matthew Rowsley and his capable wife Harriet. But the smooth running of Thorncroft House is disrupted by a series of unforeseen events. Building work on the estate workers' new cottages is halted by the discovery of Roman remains. Shortly afterwards, the family butler is brutally assaulted and left for dead. A random attack – or was he deliberately targeted? Matters take an even more disturbing turn when Lord Croft's long-lost cousin and heir, Julius Trescothick, arrives from Australia, ready to claim his inheritance. But is he who he claims to be? And what are his true intentions? If they are to preserve Thorncroft House and a way of life that has continued for centuries, Matthew and Harriet must uncover the truth behind Trescothick's identity and solve a series of interlocking mysteries.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

Murder at the

Lakeside Library

Lakeside Library mysteries 01

Danvers, Holly

Rain Wilmot has just returned to her family's waterfront log cabin in Lofty Pines, Wisconsin after the untimely death of her husband. The cabin is peaceful compared to Rain's corporate job and comes with an informal library that Rain's mother, Willow, used to run. But as Rain prepares for the reopening of the library, all hopes for a peaceful life are shattered when she discovers the body of Thornton Hughes, a real estate buyer, on the premises. The community of Lofty Pines starts pointing fingers at Willow, since she has been unusually absent from the library this summer. A fishy rumour surfaces when Rain learns that Willow had been spending a lot of time with Thornton. The town even thought they were having an affair. While theories swirl about Thornton's death, Rain takes it upon herself to solve the case to exonerate her mother. As more clues surface, Rain will have to piece together the mystery. But if she isn't careful, she may be the next to end up dead in the water. The first in a series.

Mystery HC \$42.99

The Lions of Fifth Avenue

Davis, Fiona

It's 1913, and on the surface, Laura Lyons couldn't ask for more out of life – her husband is the superintendent of the New York Public Library, allowing their family to live in an apartment within the grand building, and they are blessed with two children. But headstrong, passionate Laura wants more, and when she takes a leap of faith and applies to the Columbia Journalism School, her world is cracked wide open. As her studies take her all over the city, she is drawn to Greenwich Village's new bohemia, where she discovers the Heterodox Club – a radical, all-female group in which women are encouraged to

loudly share their opinions on suffrage, birth control, and women's rights. Soon, Laura finds herself questioning her traditional role as wife and mother. And when valuable books are stolen back at the library, threatening the home and institution she loves, she's forced to confront her shifting priorities head on... and may just lose everything, in the process. Eighty years later, in 1993, Sadie Donovan struggles with the legacy of her grandmother, the famous essayist Laura Lyons, especially after she's wrangled her dream job as a curator at the New York Public Library. But the job quickly becomes a nightmare when rare manuscripts, notes, and books for the exhibit Sadie's running begin disappearing from the library's famous Berg Collection. Determined to save both the exhibit and her career, the typically risk-averse Sadie teams up with a private security expert to uncover the culprit. However, things unexpectedly become personal when the investigation leads Sadie to some unwelcome truths about her own family heritage – truths that shed new light on the biggest tragedy in the library's history.

Historical mystery TP \$27.99

A Quiet Place to Kill

Kember & Hayes mysteries

Daws, N R

July 1940. As the Battle of Britain begins, the women of the Air Transport Auxiliary carry out the dangerous task of ferrying warplanes to RAF airbases. But for the ATA detachment sent to the base at Scotney, it's not only in the skies that they're a target – it seems a killer is stalking them on the ground... On the day pilot Lizzie Hayes arrives in the quiet village, one of her new comrades is found murdered. One of the few women in Britain with a psychology PhD, Lizzie thinks she can use her skills to help identify the killer among the military staff and local villagers, but DI Jonathan Kember isn't convinced. When a second pilot is murdered, Lizzie's profile of the killer comes into sharper focus – attracting anonymous threats against her own life. With Kember's investigation stalling and events at the airbase becoming ever more sinister, Lizzie's talents are given a chance. But can she and the still-sceptical Kember work together to find the killer before Lizzie becomes the next victim? The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$27.99

Rites of Spring

Skane quartet

de la Motte, Anders

Southern Sweden: Beautiful countryside, endless forests, coastal walks, dark days – and even darker nights. But beneath the beauty lies a dark heart... *Skane, 1986:* On the night of Walpurgis, the eve of May Day, where bonfires are lit to ward off evil spirits and preparations are made to celebrate the renewal of spring, a 16-year-old girl is ritualistically murdered in the woods beside a castle. Her stepbrother is convicted of the terrible deed and shortly after, the entire family vanishes without a trace. *Spring, 2019:* Dr Thea Lind moves into the castle. After making a strange discovery in an ancient oak tree on the grounds, her fascination with the old tragedy deepens. As she uncovers more and more similarities

between her own troubled past and the murdered girl, she begins to believe that the real truth of the killing was never uncovered. What if the spring of 1986 claimed more than one victim? The first in a new series by one of Sweden's most talented crime fiction authors.

Noir PBK \$19.99

Berlin Game

Penguin Modern Classics, Bernard Samson series

Deighton, Len

Embattled agent Bernard Samson is used to being passed over for promotion as his younger, more ambitious colleagues – including his own wife Fiona – rise up the ranks of MI6. When a valued agent in East Berlin warns the British of a mole at the heart of the Service, Samson must return to the field and the city he loves to uncover the traitor's identity. A reissue, as part of the Penguin Modern Classics.

Classic suspense (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Mexico Set

Penguin Modern Classics, Bernard Samson series

Deighton, Len

World-weary agent Bernard Samson is losing control of his personal and professional life. Sent to Mexico to aid the defection of a KGB agent to the West, he has a chance to prove his worth. Instead, he is torn between conflicting loyalties, and lost in a maze of double dealing and duplicity. A gripping portrayal of a man, who can trust no one, not even those closest to him. A reissue, as part of the Penguin Modern Classics.

Classic suspense (reissue) PBK \$22.99

London Match

Penguin Modern Classics, Bernard Samson series

Deighton, Len

Long-suffering spy Bernard Samson has, against all the odds, enticed a Soviet agent to defect to London – but this proves to be the start of something even bigger. For he learns that there is treachery within his own Service, and no one is free from suspicion. To discover who really controls the game of spies, he must attempt a desperate game. Who will make the winning move? A reissue, as part of the Penguin Modern Classics.

Classic suspense (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Tea and Treachery

Tea by the Sea mysteries 01

Delany, Vicki

As the proud proprietor and head pastry chef of Tea-by-the-Sea, a traditional English tearoom on the picturesque bluffs of Cape Cod, Lily Roberts' hands are full, often literally. But nothing keeps her busier than steering her sassy grandmother, Rose, away from trouble. Rose operates the grand old Victorian B&B adjacent to Lily's shop... for now. An aggressive real estate developer, Jack Ford, is pushing hard to rezone nearby land, with an eye towards building a sprawling golf resort that would drive Rose and Lily out of business. Tempers are already steaming, but things really get sticky when Ford is found dead at the foot of Rose's property and the police think she had something to do with his dramatic demise. Lily can't let her grandmother get burned

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by a false murder charge. So, she starts her own investigation and discovers Ford's been brewing bad blood all over town, from his jilted lover to his trophy wife to his shady business partners. Now, it's down to Lily to stir up some clues, sift through the suspects, and uncover the real killer before Rose is left holding the teabag. The first in a new series.

Mystery TP \$25.99

The Disappearance of Stephanie Mailer **Dicker, Joel**

In the summer of 1994, the quiet seaside town of Orpheia reels from the discovery of four murders. Two young police officers, Jesse Rosenberg and Derek Scott crack the case and identify the killer. Then, twenty years later and just as he is on the point of taking early retirement, Rosenberg is approached by Stephanie Mailer, a journalist who believes he made a mistake back in 1994 and that the real murderer is still out there, perhaps ready to strike again. But before she can give any more details, Stephanie Mailer mysteriously disappears, and Rosenberg and Scott are forced to confront the possibility that her suspicions might have been proved true. What happened to Stephanie Mailer? What did she know? And what really happened in Orpheia, all those years ago? Now in paperback.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Confess to Me **Doering, Sharon**

Heather Horne is going home. Haunted by a childhood tragedy and estranged from her family, Heather finds herself back in Hunter, Wisconsin after twenty years running from it. She returns to finally put the past to rest; but uncovers another tragedy and finds herself in the beguiling grip of a young woman, who knows more of her family secrets than Heather does. To survive this homecoming, Heather must piece together a toxic history that she long tried to forget.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Mother Midnight **Doherty, Paul**

1312. Sir Hugh Corbett, Keeper of the Secret Seal, has returned from the West Country to find Westminster in chaos. Edward II has fled, in an attempt to protect his favourite from the wrath of his noblemen; and a royal clerk has been found dead, poisoned in a locked chamber. Drawn into a maze of murder both at Westminster and at the Convent of Saint Sulpice, where young novices have started to disappear, Corbett quickly establishes a connection between the two mysteries. As other killings follow, Corbett's investigation leads him to a high-class brothel and its sinister owner, *Mother Midnight*. Challenged to a duel and hunted by a guild of ruthless assassins, Corbett and his loyal henchmen, Ranulf and Chanson, face a sea of troubles. And Corbett must call upon his wit and ingenuity to halt the tide of disaster that threatens to engulf him...

Historical mystery HC \$59.99

It Takes Two to Mango **Doyle, Carrie**

After Plum Lockhart's job as a travel magazine editor is eliminated in corporate

cuts, she decides she's sick of cold winters in NYC and fruitless swiping on dating apps – what she needs is a dramatic change of scenery. On a whim, she accepts a job as a villa broker and moves to a beautiful Caribbean island. However, paradise isn't as perfect as it seems: the slow pace of island life, the language barrier, and a cutthroat office rival make Plum question leaving her old life behind. But when a client is found dead in the jacuzzi of Casa Mango – a property Plum manages – she knows she's really in a jam. With a killer loose on the island Plum will have to deal with a stonewalling police chief, a string of baffling clues, and a handsome Director of Security to solve this deadly case! The first in a new series.

Mystery PBK \$18.99

A Death on Stage

Euphemia Martins mysteries
Dunford, Caroline
It is 1914 and war is underway. A group of French actors has become trapped in Britain and some of them are seeking political asylum, among these is a mathematician with whom Euphemia's friend, Mary, has been corresponding. He joined the troupe with the express intention of making it to Britain and to Mary, before the war began. Euphemia's new commander sends her undercover to the theatre where the company is finishing its run, and he instructs Fitzroy to remain on medical leave. But Fitzroy has never been one to obey orders. Meanwhile, Euphemia's husband, Bertram, lies critically ill in hospital and Euphemia must employ all her strength to stay focused on her mission. With actors and agents playing roles both on and off stage, the toughest challenge is knowing who to trust...

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Private Prosecution **Ellery, Lisa**

Andrew Deacon is young, fit, and single, a junior prosecutor at the WA DPP with a bright future and a sense of entitlement to match. That future starts to look darker when he spends the night with an attractive stranger, Lily Constantine, and she is found murdered in her apartment the following day. Based on a conversation with Lil, Andrew believes he knows who killed her – a senior criminal law barrister, Sam Godfrey SC, who is also Lil's brother-in-law. Andrew tells the police everything he knows, but his quest to bring Godfrey to justice provokes retaliation and soon Andrew is on the run, with no way forward but to prove Godfrey's guilt. This is a darkly-comic whodunit with a twist – Andrew knows who did it, but the clock is ticking and he has to prove it before he gets himself taken out.

Thriller TP \$32.99

The House of the Hanged Woman

Albert Lincoln mysteries
Ellis, Kate
1921. When a Member of Parliament goes missing in a small Derbyshire village, Scotland Yard detective Albert Lincoln is sent up North to investigate. This isn't Albert's first visit to Wenfield. He once solved a traumatic case there at great personal cost and now, two years later, it seems that darkness still lurks in the village. The naked

body of a man has been discovered, mutilated beyond recognition, by an ancient stone circle called the Devil's Dancers. The local police assume the body is that of the missing politician, but when that identification proves false and more strange deaths occur, Albert realises his case is far more complex than a simple disappearance. But, as he reawakens ghosts from the past, will he be able to solve the mystery surrounding Wenfield, once and for all?

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Rock Paper Scissors **Feeney, Alice**

Things have been wrong with Mr and Mrs Wright, for a long time. When Adam and Amelia win a weekend away to Scotland, it might be just what their marriage needs. Self-confessed workaholic and screenwriter Adam Wright has lived with face blindness his whole life. He can't recognise friends or family, or even his own wife. Every anniversary the couple exchange traditional gifts – paper, cotton, pottery, tin – and each year Adam's wife writes him a letter that she never lets him read. Until now. They both know this weekend will make or break their marriage, but they didn't randomly win this trip. One of them is lying, and someone doesn't want them to live happily ever after. Ten years of marriage. Ten years of secrets. And an anniversary they will never forget.

Thriller TP \$29.99

Best Kept Secrets

Nora Best mysteries
Florio, Gwen
Nora heads home to Chateau, in search of a fresh start, but her arrival comes at a time of social unrest that threatens to uncover long-hidden secrets. Nora Best is done running. She's heading to her hometown of Chateau, to the grand Quail House, to stay with her mother and claim the great American privilege of starting over. But she might find it is hard to start over when the past is catching up... The night Nora arrives in Chateau, a white police officer shoots and kills Robert Evans, a young Black man. The officer in question is Nora's school sweetheart, Alden Tydings. What really happened that night? Did Alden act in self-defence, as he claims? Robert is the nephew of Bobby Evans, a man whose murder during the race protests of 1967 was never solved. Bobby and his sister, Grace, used to work at Quail House before Nora was born and, as tensions in Chateau rise, Nora begins to uncover secrets within her family home that could upend the lives of everyone in town...

Mystery HC \$62.95

Enemy at the Gates

Mitch Rapp series
Flynn, Vince & Mills, Kyle
Mitch Rapp has worked for a number of presidents over his career, but Anthony Cook is unlike any he's encountered before. Cunning and autocratic, he feels no loyalty to America's institutions and is distrustful of the influence Rapp and CIA director Irene Kennedy have in Washington. Meanwhile, when Kennedy discovers evidence of a mole scouring the Agency's database for sensitive information on Nicholas Ward, the world's first trillionaire, she convinces Rapp to take a job protecting him. In doing

so, he finds himself walking an impossible tightrope: Keep the man alive, but also use him as bait to uncover a traitor who has seemingly unlimited access to government secrets. As the attacks on Ward become increasingly dire, Rapp and Kennedy are dragged into a world where the lines between governments, multinational corporations, and the hyper-wealthy fade. An environment in which liberty, nationality, and loyalty are meaningless. Only the pursuit of power remains.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Total Power

Mitch Rapp series
Flynn, Vince & Mills, Kyle
When Mitch Rapp captures ISIS' top technology expert, he reveals that he was on his way to meet a man who claims to have the ability to bring down America's power grid. Rapp is determined to eliminate this shadowy figure, but the CIA's trap fails. The Agency is still trying to determine what went wrong when ISIS operatives help this cyber terrorist do what he said he could – plunge the country into darkness. With no concept of how this unprecedented act was accomplished, the task of getting the power back on could take months. Perhaps, even years. Rapp and his team embark on a desperate search for the only people who know how to repair the damage – the ones responsible. But his operating environment is like nothing he's experienced before. Computers and communication networks are down, fuel can no longer be pumped from gas stations, water and sanitation systems are on the brink of collapse, and the supply of food is running out. Can Rapp get the lights back on before America descends irretrievably into chaos?

Thriller PBK \$19.99

All Our Darkest Secrets **Ford, Martyn**

James Casper is one of the good guys. A DEA agent. A loyal husband. With his sights set on the man at the top of the city's opioid crisis, James is about to make the biggest bust of his career. Then his beloved wife Rosie does something terrible, and James must choose: report it – or help her. He knows how this works, and he tells himself he's smart enough to get away with murder. But James' worst enemy knows what they have done – and he won't hesitate to use it to manipulate him. James is dragged into a dark and dangerous world. As events spiral and loyalties are tested, he realises there's only one way out. And that is to be even more ruthless than the people he's working for. Whatever happens, no matter how far he falls, at least, he'll still have Rosie.

Thriller TP \$35.95

Funeral for a Friend

Jonathan Stride series
Freeman, Brian
You're safe, Stride. I found the body at the Deep. I buried him. Jonathan Stride's best friend, Steve Garske, makes a shocking deathbed confession: he protected Stride by covering up a murder. Hours later, the police dig up Steve's yard and find a body with a bullet hole in its skull. Stride is pretty sure he knows who it is. Seven years ago, an out-of-town reporter disappeared while investigating anonymous allegations of

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rape against a prominent politician. Back then, the police believed that the reporter drowned at a dangerous swimming hole called the Deeps... but the discovery of the body changes everything. Now, Stride's partner, Maggie Bei, is forced to ask Stride an uncomfortable question: Did you kill him? Stride is obviously hiding things. He was the last person to see the reporter alive. And he admits lying to Maggie about that meeting, but won't tell her why. With suspicion in the murder pointing at him, Stride finds himself off the case and on leave from the Duluth Police. His only ally in clearing his name is his wife, Serena, who retraces the reporter's investigation into the explosive allegations. The clues all point to a hot Duluth summer years earlier that everyone in town would prefer to forget. Someone was willing to kill rather than let those long-ago secrets come out, and the suspect with the strongest motive... is Stride.

Mystery/suspense TP \$37.95

A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Murder

Countess of Harleigh mysteries

Freeman, Dianne

London is known for its bustle and intrigues, but the sedate English countryside can host – or hide – any number of secrets. Frances, the widowed Countess of Harleigh, needs a venue for her sister Lily's imminent wedding, away from prying eyes. Risings, George Hazleton's family estate in Hampshire, is a perfect choice, and soon Frances, her beloved George, and other guests have gathered to enjoy the usual country pursuits – shooting, horse riding, and romantic interludes in secluded gardens. But the bucolic setting harbours a menace, and it's not simply the arrival of Frances' socially ambitious mother. Above and below stairs, mysterious accidents befall guests and staff alike. Before long, Frances suspects these accidents are deliberate, and fears that the intended victim is Lily's fiancé, Leo. Frances' mother is unimpressed by Lily's groom-to-be and would much prefer that Lily find an aristocratic husband, just as Frances did. But now that Frances has found happiness with George – a man who loves her for much more than her dowry – she heartily approves of Lily's choice. If she can just keep the couple safe from villains and meddling mamas. As Frances and George search for the culprit among the assembled family, friends, and servants, more victims fall prey to the mayhem. Mishaps become full-blooded murder, and it seems that no one is safe. And unless Frances can quickly flush out the culprit, the peal of wedding bells may give way to another funeral toll.

Historical mystery TP \$25.99

Bad Moon Rising

Bad Axe County series

Galligan, John

Sheriff Heidi Kick has a dead body on her hands, a homeless young man last seen alive miles from the Bad Axe. Chillingly, the medical examiner confirms what Sheriff Kick has been experiencing in her own reoccurring nightmares of late: the victim was buried alive. As the relentless summer heat bears down and more bodies are discovered, Sheriff Kick also finds herself embroiled in a nasty re-election campaign. These days

her detractors call her 'Sheriff Mommy' – *Kick Her Out*, holler the opposition's campaign signs – and as her family troubles become public, vicious rumours threaten to sway the electorate and derail her investigation. Enter Vietnam veteran Leroy Fanta, editor-in-chief of the local paper who believes Heidi's strange case might be tied to a reclusive man writing deranged letters to the opinions section for years. With his heart and liver on their last legs, Fanta drums up his old journalistic instincts in one last effort to help Heidi find a lead in her case... or, at least, a good story...

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

The Case of the Borrowed Brunette

American Mystery Classics,

Perry Mason mysteries

Gardner, Erle Stanley

When Perry Mason stumbles upon a classified ad for a brown-haired woman with very specific physical attributes, he takes note of the seemingly suspicious circumstances surrounding the job posting. Then the woman hired for the job gets in touch, describing the strange requests of her new employer – who pays her and her chaperone to stay inside an apartment and answer to another woman's name – and Mason knows there's a more knotted plot at play. But by the time he works out the first mystery, a second, with murder, is just getting started, and that's only the first twist that awaits him as he endeavours to prove the innocence of 'the borrowed brunette'. Together with his crime-solving team of Paul Drake and Della Street, Mason winds his way through one of the most puzzling cases of his career, involving separated ex-lovers, a tangled series of impersonations, and scores of private detectives. In order to clear his client of the charges, though, he'll risk getting a few himself, before, in a final courtroom scene, breaking the case apart to the judge's satisfaction. Reissued for the first time in thirty years, *The Case of the Borrowed Brunette* is one of the most beloved whodunits featuring the iconic Perry Mason character, inspiration for multiple hit television series bearing his name.

Classic mystery TP/HC \$35.95/\$55.00

Ruby Red Herring

Avery Ayers Antique mysteries 01

Gardner, Tracy

After her parents' deaths, Avery Ayers takes over the family business, Antiquities & Artefacts Appraised, from the home office in Lilac Grove and a branch in Manhattan. Now living back at home with her younger sister Tilly and their newly moved-in, eccentric Aunt Midge and her Afghan hound, Avery's life is filled with jewels, tapestries, paintings, and rare finds. But their world is rocked when Avery learns that the theft of a priceless ruby may be connected to her parents' demise. The trouble starts when the Museum of Antiquities hires Avery to appraise a rare, resplendent ruby. It bears a striking similarity to a solitary stone in the museum's prized Xiang Dynasty bejewelled dragon medallion exhibit, which has long been missing one of its ruby eyes. Now, Avery and her colleagues – ostentatious Sir Robert Lane and fatherly Micah Abbott – suspect

they may have the missing gem. But facets of the case remain cloudy. Security guard Art Smith is always underfoot but is not what he appears. Another body turns up connected to the appraisal. And Avery receives mysterious notes that begin to put her life in danger. Avery enlists possible ally Art's help in cutting the list of suspects who might have polished off her parents and swiped the jewel. Was it art collector Oliver Renell? Curator Nate Brennan? Acquisitions Liaison Francesca Giolitti? Actor Tyler Chadwick? Was the crime impersonal or perpetrated by someone all too close to Avery? If she can't find the culprit, lovely Lilac Grove may be the setting for Avery's own death. The first in a series.

Mystery HC \$44.99

A Glimmer of a Clue

Fairy Garden mysteries 02

Gerber, Daryl Wood

When Courtney's friend Wanda gets into a ponytail-pulling wrestling match in public with a nasty local art critic, Courtney stops the fight with the help of a garden hose. But Lana Lamar has a talent for escalating things and creating tension, which she succeeds in doing by threatening a lawsuit, getting into yet another scuffle – in the midst of an elegant fundraiser, no less – and lobbing insults around like pickleballs. Next thing Courtney knows, Lana is on the floor, stabbed with a decorative letter opener from one of Courtney's fairy gardens, and Wanda is standing by asking 'What have I done?' But the answer may not be as obvious as it seems, since Wanda is prone to sleepwalking and appears to be in a daze. Could she have risen from her nap and committed murder while unconscious? Or is the guilty party someone else Lana's ticked off, like her long-suffering husband? To find out, Courtney will have to dig up some dirt...

Mystery TP \$29.99

Reserved for Murder

Book Lover's B&B mysteries 02

Gilbert, Victoria

Meeting your favourite author in the flesh can be the chance of a lifetime. But for one unlucky fan, her plum place in line at a book signing will lead to her untimely demise. Beaufort, North Carolina, is home to Chapters Bed and Breakfast, owned and operated by former schoolteacher Charlotte Reed. This historic 18th-century inn draws in voracious readers from far and wide with its lovingly-curated special events celebrating a host of genres and authors. On this sunny July weekend, a visit by one of the biggest names in romantic fantasy attracts throngs of admirers to the quaint coastal village. That's not ideal, as the author retreated to Chapters to get away from it all for a while. No matter – she'll appease her fans with a Tea and Talk meet-and-greet at the B&B celebrating her bestselling series (starring a devilishly dashing, time-travelling pirate), follow that up with a quick book signing at Bookwaves, the hip indie bookstore across town, and spend the remainder of the weekend in delightful repose. But when the president of the reclusive writer's fan club is found dead in the harbour by the Beaufort docks – done in by a blunt-force blow to the head – it's up to Charlotte Reed, her neighbour Ellen, and

Ellen's trusty Yorkshire terrier to sniff out the killer. Because if they can't, a spectacularly successful book series – and its author – may come to a sudden, lethal conclusion.

Mystery HC \$44.99

Stealth Attack

Jonathan Grave series

Gilstrap, John

El Paso, Texas, is a battleground. It's an open market for Mexican drug cartels to sell their wares. It's also a destination for teens looking for fun. Venice Alexander's 14-year-old son Roman was there on a school trip. Now, he and a fellow student have vanished without a trace. Assuming the kidnapping is retaliation for his past incursions against Mexico's crime syndicates, Jonathan Grave leads his covert operatives to rescue their team-mate's son. But the trail Jonathan follows leads him down unexpected paths where he ends up in the crossfire of a deadly vendetta...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Such a Good Wife

Glass, Seraphina Nova

Melanie Hale is a devoted mother to her two children, a diligent caregiver to her ailing mother-in-law and a trusted neighbour in their wealthy Louisiana community. Above all, she's a loving partner to her wonderful husband, Collin. Then there are the parts of herself that Mel keeps hidden. She's exhausted, worried and unfulfilled. So much so that one night, after a writers' group meeting, Mel begins an affair with a successful local author named Luke. Suddenly she's transformed into a role she doesn't recognise – a woman who deceives with unseemly ease. A woman who might be capable of just about anything. When Mel finds Luke's dead body in his lavish rented house, she realises just how high the stakes have become. Not only does she have to keep her affair a secret in order to preserve her marriage, but she desperately needs to avoid being implicated in Luke's death. But who would want to kill him? Who else in her life is keeping secrets? And most terrifying of all, how far will they – and she – go to keep those secrets hidden?

Thriller TP \$29.99

Come Closer

Gran, Sara

There was no reason to assume anything out of the ordinary was going on. Strange noises in the apartment. Impulsive behaviour. Intense dreams. It wasn't like everything went wrong, all at once. Shoplifting. Fighting. Blackouts. There must be a reasonable explanation for all this. Discover this cult classic, available from the UK for the first time in many years, and step into a world of the dark, bizarre, and unexplained... 'It will scare the pants off you. It is a perfect horror novel.' – *Paul Tremblay.*

Thriller (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Death of a Red-Hot Rancher

Love is Murder mysteries 01

Granger, Mimi

Lizzie Hale may be the lucky owner of a successful romance bookshop, Love Under the Covers, but she's decidedly un-lucky in love. Though she's read almost every famous romance novelist, from Jane Austen to Nora

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Roberts, none have helped her figure out how to get – and keep – a man. But Lizzie has bigger problems to worry about. Like murder. When Brody Pierce, swoon-worthy ranch owner and resident bachelor, is found stabbed through the chest, hearts were heard breaking all over idyllic Tinker's Creek. But when Lizzie's aunt is implicated in the murder, she's determined to clear her name. Lizzie quickly realises that Brody was a hunk with many hidden secrets, and she's soon leaping through a stack of suspects longer than Brody's list of lovers. With the killer still on the loose, Lizzie will have to find the truth before this act of passion ignites a fire she can't put out. The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

The Night Hawks

Dr Ruth Galloway mysteries

Griffiths, Elly

Dr Ruth Galloway returns to the moody and beautiful landscape of North Norfolk to confront another killer. A devastating new case for our favourite forensic archaeologist in this acclaimed and bestselling crime series. The Night Hawks, a group of metal detectorists, are searching for buried treasure when they find a body on the beach in North Norfolk. At first, Nelson thinks that the dead man might be an asylum seeker; but he turns out to be a local boy, Jem Taylor, recently released from prison. Ruth is more interested in the treasure, a hoard of Bronze Age weapons. Nelson at first thinks that Taylor's death is accidental drowning, but a second death suggests murder. Nelson is called to an apparent murder-suicide of a couple at the isolated Black Dog Farm. Local legend talks of the Black Shuck, a spectral hound that appears to people before they die. Nelson ignores this, even when the owner's suicide note includes the line, *He's buried in the garden*. Ruth excavates and finds the body of a giant dog. All roads lead back to this farm in the middle of nowhere, but the place spells serious danger for anyone who goes near. Ruth doesn't scare easily. Not until she finds herself at Black Dog Farm...

Mystery PBK \$22.99

These Toxic Things

Hall, Rachel Howzell

Mickie Lambert creates 'digital scrapbooks' for clients, ensuring that precious souvenirs aren't forgotten or lost. When her latest client, Nadia Denham, a curio shop owner, dies from an apparent suicide, Mickie honours the old woman's last wish and begins curating her peculiar *objets d'art*. A music box, a hair clip, a key chain – twelve mementos in all that must have meant so much to Nadia, who collected them on her flea market scavenges across the country. But these tokens mean a lot to someone else, too. Mickie has been receiving threatening messages to leave Nadia's past alone. It's becoming a mystery Mickie is driven to solve. Who once owned these odd treasures? How did Nadia really come to possess them? Discovering the truth means crossing paths with a long-dormant serial killer and navigating the secrets of a sinister past. One that might, Mickie fears, be inescapably entwined with her own.

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

Scandal in Babylon

Silver Screen Historical mysteries

Hambly, Barbara

1924. After six months in Hollywood, young British widow Emma Blackstone has come to love her new employer, glamorous movie-star Kitty Flint – even if her late husband's sister is one of the worst actresses she's ever seen. Looking after Kitty and her three adorable Pekinese dogs isn't work Emma dreamed of, but Kitty rescued her when she was all alone in the world. Now, the worst thing academically-minded Emma has to worry about is the shocking historical inaccuracies of the films Kitty stars in. Until, that is, Rex Festrav – Kitty's first husband, to whom she may or may not still be married – turns up dead in her dressing room, a threatening letter seemingly from Kitty in his pocket. Emma's certain her flighty but kind-hearted sister-in-law has been framed. But who by? And why? From spiteful rivals to jealous boyfriends, the suspects are numerous. But as Emma investigates, she begins to untangle a deadly plot – and there's something, Kitty's not telling her... This gripping first in a brand-new series, from bestselling author Barbara Hambly, brings the sights and sounds of Hollywood to life and is a perfect pick for fans of female-fronted historical mysteries set in the roaring twenties.

Historical mystery HC \$62.95

Trust

Martin Scarsden series

Hammer, Chris

Martin Scarsden's new life seems perfect, right up until the moment it's shattered by a voicemail: a single scream, abruptly cut off, from his partner Mandalay Blonde. Racing home, he finds an unconscious man sprawled on the floor and Mandy gone. Someone has abducted her. But who, and why? So starts a twisting tale of intrigue and danger, as Martin probes the past of the woman he loves, a woman who has buried her former life so deep she has never mentioned it. And for the first time, Mandy finds denial impossible, now the body of a mystery man has been discovered, a man whose name she doesn't know, a man she was engaged to marry when he died. It's time to face her demons once and for all; it's time she learned how to trust. 'A tightly constructed and well-paced crime thriller that moves to a surprising and bloody finale.' – *Canberra Weekly*. Martin Scarsden's first appearance is in *Scrublands* (PBK, \$16.99).

Thriller PBK \$19.99

The Book of Lamps and Banners

Cass Neary series

Hand, Elizabeth

Photographer Cass Neary is desperate to get home, and she's already lost her camera – like losing a limb. Now her only chance is to cash in on a deal that a friend is about to cut for a legendary illuminated manuscript: *The Book of Lamps and Banners*. Rumoured to have been rescued from the Library at Alexandria, the Book is said to contain ancient esoteric knowledge, even an otherworldly power. So, when an intruder brazenly steals the manuscript, Cass and her ex-con lover Quinn must get it back – plunging headlong into a shady underworld

where antiquarian booksellers, unhinged tech entrepreneurs, and brutal nationalists all converge.

Hardboiled TP \$37.95

The Killings at Kingfisher Hill

New Hercule Poirot mysteries 04

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 Survivors

Harper, Jane

Kieran Elliott's life changed forever, on the day a reckless mistake led to devastating consequences. The guilt that still haunts him resurfaces during a visit with his young family to the small coastal community he once called home. Kieran's parents are struggling in a town where fortunes are forged by the sea. Between them all is his absent brother, Finn. When a body is discovered on the beach, long-held secrets threaten to emerge. A sunken wreck, a missing girl, and questions that have never washed away... The compelling new novel from Jane Harper, bestselling author of *The Dry* (PBK, \$19.99); now in paperback.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Munich

film tie-in edition

Harris, Robert

Munich, September 1938. Hitler is determined to start a war. Chamberlain is desperate to preserve the peace. They will meet in a city which forever afterwards will be notorious for what is about to take place. As Chamberlain's plane judders over the channel and the Fuhrer's train steams south, two young men travel with their leaders. Former friends from a more peaceful time, they are now on opposing sides. As Britain's darkest hour approaches, the fate of millions could depend on them – and the secrets they're hiding. Spying. Betrayal. Murder. Is any price too high for peace? Soon to be a major Netflix film, starring Jeremy Irons. Suspense (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Murder in an Orchard Cemetery

Reverend Mother mysteries

Harrison, Cora

1920s. Cork, Ireland. The Reverend Mother regrets the bishop's decision to invite the five

candidates for the position of Alderman of the City Council to join them for their annual retreat. Constantly accosted by ambitious, would-be politicians hoping to secure the bishop's backing, she's finding the week-long sojourn at the convent of the Sisters of Charity anything but peaceful. What she doesn't expect to encounter however is sudden, violent death. When a body is discovered in the convent's apple orchard cemetery, blown to pieces by a makeshift bomb, it is assumed the IRA are responsible. But does the killer lie closer to home? Was one of the candidates so desperate to win the election they turned to murder? Does someone have a hidden agenda? Once again, the Reverend Mother must call on her renowned investigative skills to unearth the shocking truth.

Historical mystery HC \$62.95

The Prodigal Daughter

Linda Wallheim series

Harrison, Mette Ivie

Linda Wallheim, increasingly disillusioned with her religion, has begun marriage counselling with her husband, Kurt, a bishop in the Mormon Church. On other days, Linda occupies herself with happier things, like visiting her five grown sons and their families. When Linda's eldest son, Joseph, tells her his infant daughter's babysitter, a local teenager named Sabrina Jensen, has vanished, Linda can't help but ask questions. Her casual inquiries form the portrait of a girl under extreme pressure from her parents to be the perfect Mormon daughter, and it eventually emerges that Sabrina is the victim of a terrible crime at the hands of her own classmates – including the high school's golden boys and future church leaders. Linda's search for Sabrina will lead her to the darker streets of Utah and cause her to question whether the Mormon community's most privileged and powerful will be called to task for past sins.

Mystery HC \$47.99

Headlong

Bill Slider mysteries

Harrod-Eagles, Cynthia

Does blood run thicker than ink? When one of London's best-known literary agents is found dead in strange circumstances, seemingly having fallen from his office window, DCI Slider is under pressure to confirm a case of accidental death. But when the evidence points to murder, the team find themselves uncovering some decidedly scandalous secrets. Every lead seems to result in more questions, and as Slider delves deeper into the publishing world it's up to him to sort fact from fiction.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Dark

Haughton, Emma

In the most inhospitable environment – cut off from the rest of the world – there's a killer on the loose. A&E doctor Kate North has been knocked out of her orbit by a personal tragedy. So, when she's offered the opportunity to be an emergency replacement at the UN research station in Antarctica, she jumps at the chance. The previous doctor, Jean-Luc, died in a tragic accident, while out on the ice. The move seems an ideal solution for Kate: no one knows about her past; no one is checking up on her. But as total darkness descends for the winter, she begins to suspect

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that Jean-Luc's death wasn't accidental at all. And the more questions she asks, the more dangerous it becomes...

Thriller TP \$32.99

A Slow Fire Burning **Hawkins, Paula**

Laura has spent most of her life being judged. She's seen as hot tempered, troubled, a loner. Some even call her dangerous. Miriam knows that just because Laura is witnessed leaving the scene of a horrific murder with blood on her clothes, that doesn't mean she's a killer. Bitter experience has taught her how easy it is to get caught in the wrong place at the wrong time. Carla is reeling from the brutal murder of her nephew. She trusts no one: good people are capable of terrible deeds. But how far will she go to find peace? Innocent or guilty, everyone is damaged. Some are damaged enough to kill. Look what you started.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Back from the Brink

Nicole Cobain mysteries

Hayes, Emery

It's a glorious spring in Blue Mesa, Montana, but not all is well in paradise. The authorities have been waging war against drug traffickers who use mules to carry the dope and cash across the Canadian border. And murder gets thrown into the equation when sheriff Nicole Cobain is called to the lake to assist Border Patrol but finds their boat adrift and a dead man in the ice. When the police drag the lake looking for bodies, they recover a satchel containing money and drugs – a satchel marked with the Border Patrol seal. The evidence points to corrupt elements within the Border Patrol who are involved in the drug trade. Then, another murder victim turns up – the brother of Frank, a Border Patrol agent who's been trying to root out the bad agents. Nicole suspects that the two missing agents may have been responsible for the theft of the money and drugs, but when one of them is found dead from a single gunshot wound, the trail suddenly grows cold. As the bodies pile up, Nicole begins to feel that she's the only good guy on the scene – and on the brink of a terrible discovery that could shake the community to its core.

Mystery HC \$44.99

We are All the Same

in the Dark

Heaberlin, Julia

It's been a decade, since Trumanell Branson disappeared – leaving only a bloody handprint behind. Her pretty face still hangs like a watchful queen on the posters on the walls of the town's Baptist church, the police station, and in the high school. They all promise the same thing: We will find you. Meanwhile, Tru's brother, Wyatt, lives as a pariah in the desolation of the old family house, cleared of wrongdoing by the police but tried and sentenced in the court of public opinion and in a new documentary about the crime. When Wyatt finds a lost girl dumped in a field of dandelions, making silent wishes, he believes she is a sign. The town's youngest cop, Odette Tucker, believes she is a catalyst that will ignite a seething town still waiting for its own missing girl to come home. But Odette can't look away. She shares a wound that won't close with the mute, one-eyed

mystery girl. And she is haunted by her own history with the missing Tru. Desperate to solve both cases, Odette fights to save the lost girl in the present and to dig up the shocking truth about a fateful night in the past – the night her friend disappeared, the night that inspired her to become a cop, the night that wrote them all a role in the town's dark, violent mythology.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Writing a Wrong

Writer for Hire mysteries

Hechtman, Betty

As a writer for hire, Veronica Blackstone puts her keyboard to use to help others. That includes writing advertising copy for local businesses, and love letters for those needing romantic help. Tony Richards needs the latter. Debonair, charismatic, handsome, Tony seems like the last person who'd need help with love letters, but help him Veronica does... only Tony owes her money and won't tell her anything about the woman she's writing the love letters for. That's not how Veronica normally works. When Tony is found dead, his real name is revealed as Ted Roberts. The police think his death was part of a burglary gone wrong, but Veronica isn't convinced. Why did he lie about his name? Who were the love letters for? And could they hold the key to his death?

Mystery HC \$62.95

Make them Cry

Henderson, Smith

& Smith, Jon Marc

It's hard to make Diane Harbaugh flinch. A former prosecutor notorious for her aggressive tactics, she's now a DEA agent who interrogates witnesses so effectively, she has them confessing in tears. But when she hears from Gustavo, a high-ranking cartel member with an invaluable secret about the international black market, she's thrown for a loop. She heads to Mexico to meet him, and her entire understanding of justice and duty is thrown into question. Gustavo sends her down a rabbit hole that leads to a criminal conspiracy more pervasive than anything she and the DEA ever suspected. She teams up with Ian Carver, a disillusioned CIA agent, and begins to unravel layers of deceptions, grifts, and schemes that date back to the beginnings of the Afghanistan War. As they learn more, they become the target of cartel assassins, embittered spies, and even their own government. They are at the centre of an international manhunt with world-changing consequences – and the only way out is for Diane to do the one thing she promised herself she'd never do.

Thriller TP \$37.95

Devil's Fjord

Faroe Islands series

Hewson, David

The new District Sheriff, Tristan Haraldsen, thought moving to a remote village on the island of Vagar would be the chance for a peaceful life with his wife Elsebeth. His first few weeks in office swiftly correct him of that notion. Provoked into taking part in the village's whale hunt against his will, Haraldsen blunders badly, and in the ensuing chaos two local boys go missing. Blaming himself, Haraldsen dives into the

investigation and soon learns that the boys are not the first to have gone missing on Vagar. As Tristan and Elsebeth become increasingly ensnared by the island's past, they realise its wild beauty hides an altogether uglier and sinister truth.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Cutters End

Hickey, Margaret

New Year's Eve, 1989. Eighteen-year-old Ingrid Mathers is hitchhiking her way to Alice Springs. Bored, hung-over and separated from her friend Joanne, she accepts a lift to the remote town of Cutters End. *July 2021.* Detective Sergeant Mark Ariti is seconded to a recently reopened case, one in which he has a personal connection. Three decades ago, a burnt and broken body was discovered in scrub off the Stuart Highway, 300 km south of Cutters End. Though ultimately ruled an accidental death, many people – including a high-profile celebrity – are convinced it was murder. When Mark's interviews with the witnesses in the old case files go nowhere, he has no choice but to make the long journey up the highway to Cutters End. And with the help of local Senior Constable Jagdeep Kaur, he soon learns that this death isn't the only unsolved case that hangs over the town...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Death of an Italian Chef

Hayley Powell mysteries 14

Hollis, Lee

As the food and cocktails columnist for the *Island Times*, it's Hayley Powell's job to stay on top of the latest eateries in town. Just in time for the summer tourist season, Chef Romeo, a successful restaurateur from New York City, has opened an establishment called – naturally – Romeo's. But between his over-the-top temperament and his no-holds-barred diet, Chef Romeo may not live through the grand opening. When the chef actually does suffer a mild heart attack, he ends up sharing a hospital room with Hayley's brother Randy, who's there for gall bladder surgery. Chef Romeo has tasted Hayley's cooking and asks her to take over his restaurant while he's laid up. But this temporary gig may turn permanent, after the chef dies from complications. Only thing is, Randy tells a different story. He might have been sedated, but Hayley's bro swears he saw someone come into their room and put Romeo out of his misery. Now, it's up to Hayley to find the person who had no reservations about killing the chef...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Draw and Order

Paint & Shine mysteries O2

Hollon, Cheryl

For her latest excursion, Miranda is thrilled to take a close-knit group of rock climbers, the Risky Business Adventurers, up the challenging Battleship Rock Trail to paint and sample moonshine. But the outing is cut short when they discover a skeleton near the trailhead. Even more startling, the bones belong to Howard Cable, Miranda's cousin... and a former classmate of the Risky Business group. The sheriff chalks it up to a hiking accident, but Miranda isn't convinced that Howard, an experienced woodsman,

died within sight of a well-marked trail. So, with the help of Ranger Austin Morgan, Miranda sets out on her own investigation and discovers that the Risky Business group is keeping plenty of secrets. But is one of them hiding the truth about Howard's death?

Mystery PBK \$18.99

The Serial Killer's Wife **Hunter, Alice**

Every marriage has its secrets... Beth and Tom Hardcastle are the envy of their neighbourhood – they have the perfect marriage, the perfect house, the perfect family. When the police knock on their door one evening, Beth panics. Tom should be back from work by now – what if he's crashed his car? She fears the worst. But the worst is beyond imagining. As the interrogation begins, Beth will find herself questioning everything she believed about her husband. They're saying he's a monster. And they're saying she knew.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Daggers Drawn

anthology

Jakubowski, Maxim (editor)

The first retrospective of the CWA's Dagger Award winners brings together some of the greatest names in crime fiction – to deliver a cutthroat collection of serial killers, grizzled detectives, drug dealers, and master forgers. Observe as a Senior Curator at the Tate Gallery constructs the perfect crime in Ian Rankin's 'Herbert in Motion'. Watch an unlikely romance sour into a deadly obsession in Stella Duffy's 'Martha Grace'. Face parents who discover their child has committed the unthinkable in Denise Mina's 'Nemo Me Impune Lacesit'. And in Jeffery Deaver's 'The Weekender' an intense hostage situation hits its peak in the most unlikely conclusion. Keep your secrets close, and your daggers drawn.

Mystery/suspense HC \$55.00

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.

Mystery HC \$42.99

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The Roots of Evil

Bob Skinner series

Jardine, Quintin

New Year's Day, and Edinburgh lies sleeping. But two men will never wake again... When struggling ex-copper Terry Coats was discovered in bed with an air hostess, his excuse that he was 'going undercover' cut no ice with the force – or his wife. But now, he's been brutally killed on Hogmanay night, it seems there may have been more to his plea. Dragged from the New Year celebrations, Special Constable Sir Bob Skinner is shocked to find Coats' body alongside that of Griff Montell: his erstwhile protégé, and former lover of Skinner's own daughter, Alex. Could there be some dark truth under Coats' cock-and-bull story, after all? As the secrets start unravelling, Skinner realises he has gravely underestimated someone close to him – and the effects will cost him, and those he loves, dear...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Final Cut

Jeffreys, Robert

Back after suspension, Detective Sergeant Robert Cardilini just wants to get on with the job. But his bosses have other ideas and partner him with an eager, young detective named Lorraine Spencer. To make matters worse, the pair are tasked with solving domestic violence cases. Cardilini thinks it's a waste of time: without the support of the courts, the police are hamstrung. Spencer knows better. When they find a young woman bleeding and tied to a chair in a suburban kitchen, they chalk it up as another hopeless case. But as they start investigating, they realise the woman is a willing participant in a sinister game of exploitation run by the highest echelons of business and government. Desperate to unravel the mystery and shake up the system, Spencer goes out on a limb. But will her partner support her, or will she be thrown to the wolves? The follow-up to Jeffreys' debut *Man at the Window* (TP, \$29.99). Perfect for fans of Ian Rankin, Michael Robotham, and Jane Harper.

Thriller TP \$29.99

The Attack

Jinks, Catherine

Robyn Ayres works as the camp caretaker on Finch Island, a former leper colony off the coast of Queensland. Her current clients are a group of ex-military men who run a tough-love program for troubled teens. The latest crop looks like the usual mix of bad boys and sad boys. Then Robyn takes a second look at a kid called Darren. Last time she saw him his name was Aaron, and Robyn was his primary school teacher. And she was somehow at the centre of a vicious small-town custody battle involving his terrifying grandmother. Bruising classroom dynamics, manipulative parents and carers and horrendous small-town politics form the backdrop to a nail-biting thriller in which the tensions of 10 years ago start to play themselves out, building to a violent climax in the present day. Robyn escaped the past, once. Now, it's back – and, this time, there's no way out.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Daughter of the Morning Star

Longmire mysteries

Johnson, Craig

When Lolo Long's niece Jaya begins receiving death threats, Tribal Police Chief Long calls on Absaroka County Sheriff Walt Longmire along with Henry Standing Bear as lethal backup. Jaya Longshot Long is the phenom of the Lame Deer Lady Stars High School basketball team and is following in the steps of her older sister, who disappeared a year previously, a victim of the scourge of missing Native Woman in Indian Country. Lolo hopes that having Longmire involved might draw some public attention to the girl's plight; but, with this manoeuvre, she also inadvertently places the good sheriff in a one-on-one, with the deadliest adversary he has ever faced in both this world and the next.

Mystery/suspense HC \$57.95

Next to Last Stand

Longmire mysteries

Johnson, Craig

One of the most viewed paintings in American history, *Custer's Last Fight*, copied and distributed by Anheuser-Busch at a rate of over two million copies a year, was destroyed in a fire at the 7th Cavalry Headquarters in Fort Bliss, Texas, in 1946. Or was it? When Charley Lee Stillwater dies of an apparent heart attack at the Wyoming Home for Soldiers and Sailors, Walt Longmire is called in to try and make sense of a piece of a painting and a Florsheim shoebox containing a million dollars, sending the good sheriff on the trail of a dangerous art heist.

Mystery/suspense TP \$37.95

The Ghost Tree

Betty Church mysteries

Kasasian, M R C

July, 1914: Sixteen-year-old Eterly, running from something, hides inside the trunk of a tree and disappears. The police search but find no trace. Her family and friends wrack their brains, but come up with nothing. And so slowly life returns to normal. The hole in the tree is boarded up and the town of Sackwater moves on. Only Eterly's best friend, Betty, clings to hope, insisting she can hear her friend crying for help.

June, 1940: A skeleton is discovered, buried in the woods. Though most clues have long since decayed, it is wearing an unusual necklace. As soon as Inspector Betty Church sees the evidence, she recognises it. The necklace belonged to Eterly. Fearing the worst, Betty is determined to solve this strange case, once and for all. What happened to Eterly? And why has this secret remained buried for so long? Pitch-perfect World War Two crime for fans of Agatha Christie.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Moonshine Shack Murder

Southern Homebrew mysteries 01

Kelly, Diane

The Hayes family has made moonshine in Chattanooga since the days of Prohibition, and Hattie is happy to continue the tradition, serving up fun, fruity flavours in mason jars for locals and tourists alike. All signs indicate

her new 'shine shop will be a smashing success. What's more, mounted police officer Marlon Landers has taken a shine to Hattie. For the first time ever, the stars seemed to have aligned in both her work and romantic life. But when a body ends up on her store's doorstep alongside a broken jar of her Firefly Moonshine, it just might be lights out for her fledgling business. The homicide detective can't seem to identify the person who killed the owner of a nearby bar. The only witness is Hattie's longhaired grey cat, and Smoky isn't talking. When the detective learns that the victim and Hattie had a heated exchange shortly before his murder, she becomes her prime suspect. Lest Hattie end up behind bars like her bootlegging great-grandfather a century before, she must distil the evidence herself and serve the killer a swift shot of justice. The first in a new series.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Prayer

Kerr, Philip

Special Agent Gil Martins investigates domestic terrorism for the Houston FBI. Once a religious man, now his job makes him question the existence of a God who could allow the violence he sees every day. Gil is asked to investigate a series of unexplained deaths of victims known for their liberal views. When a woman tells Gil that these men have been killed by prayer, he questions her sanity. Yet, the evidence mounts that there might be something in what she says, even more so when Gil finds that his own life is on the line. A reissue.

Suspense PBK \$22.99

Midnight at Malabar House

Detective Wadia mysteries

Khan, Vaseem

Bombay, New Year's Eve, 1949... As India celebrates the arrival of a momentous new decade, Inspector Persis Wadia stands vigil in the basement of Malabar House, home to the city's most unwanted unit of police officers. Six months after joining the force she remains India's first female police detective, mistrusted, sidelined and now consigned to the midnight shift. And, so, when the phone rings to report the murder of prominent English diplomat Sir James Herriot, the country's most sensational case falls into her lap. As 1950 dawns and India prepares to become the world's largest republic, Persis, accompanied by Scotland Yard criminalist Archie Blackfinch, finds herself investigating a case that is becoming more political by the second. Navigating a country and society in turmoil, Persis, smart, stubborn and untested in the crucible of male hostility that surrounds her, must find a way to solve the murder – whatever the cost. The first in an exciting new historical crime series from the bestselling author of the Baby Ganesh Agency books; now in paperback. Customers have been loving this.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Out of Time

Klass, David

A massive FBI manhunt is underway for an elusive and terrifyingly adept serial bomber. He's just struck his sixth target, Idaho's Boon Dam, killing a dozen innocent people. But

the bomber, who calls himself 'Green Man', insists these drastic acts of violence – each one carefully selected to destroy a target that threatens the environment – are necessary to draw the world's attention to the climate change emergency. The FBI has no real leads. It's as if Green Man can predict every step of their investigation, skilfully evading all their standard tactics. Until young agent Tom Smith approaches the taskforce leader with an unexpected insight. Tom, a computer programmer by training, may be the only person with the skill set needed to catch Green Man before he strikes again...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Beauty Expos are Murder

Poppy McAllister mysteries 06

Klein, Libby

Easter weekend on the Jersey Shore is hopping. Poppy's Bed and Breakfast is busier than ever, but she needs to leave things in the hopefully capable hands of Aunt Ginny – and paws of Figaro the black smoke Persian. She's selling her paleo muffins and keto cookies at the Health and Beauty Expo in Cape May's Convention Hall. Normally sharing a booth with the love of her life would be a treat, but she's recently discovered secrets that throw her new romance into chaos. But more secrets are about to be exposed at the expo. In his keynote address, prominent cosmetic surgeon Dr Lance Rubin reveals his breakthrough anti-ageing technology. Unfortunately, someone has one-upped him with a truly foolproof anti-ageing formula: murder. With the plastic surgeon dead under his own UV mask, and bedlam reigning in the hall and back at the B&B, Poppy needs to follow a twisted trail marked by glowing footprints to unmask a killer...

Mystery PBK \$18.99

Echoes of the Dead

Special Tracking Unit series

Kope, Spencer

Magnus 'Steps' Craig is the best 'tracker' in the world, renowned for his ability to follow a person's trail anywhere – no matter the terrain or how old the trail. Steps utilises his unique talent as part of the elite three-man Special Tracking Unit of the FBI, which is called in on cases that require his unparalleled skills. But there's a secret to his success. Steps has a kind of synaesthesia where he can see the 'essence' of a person – which appears to him as a unique colour or pattern he calls shine – on everything they've touched. It's a secret Steps has shared with a rare few people and could, if revealed, endanger not only himself but the unit that he serves. Steps and the Special Tracking Unit are called in on a new case where the local law enforcement is baffled. Four friends have vanished while on their annual fly-fishing trip – a congressman, a district attorney, a CEO of a major accounting firm, and a cofounder of a successful hedge fund. Now, Steps must search some of the most treacherous terrain, the Sierra Nevada range, as one by one time begins to run out for the missing men. Desperate to save whoever they can, Steps and his team discover that this is no simple missing persons case, but one with sinister motivations unlike any they've seen before.

Mystery/suspense HC \$62.95

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Felonious Monk

Tommy Martini series

Kotzwinkle, William

Meet Tommy Martini, the monk with an anger management problem. Since killing somebody with a single punch is not a needed talent in a monastery, he spends his time praying, meditating, and taking his anger management medicine. But his meditations are interrupted by a legacy from his uncle, a crooked priest. Arriving in a New Age Arizona town to claim his inheritance, Brother Tommy meets a charismatic, smoking-hot cult leader who claims that women are being impregnated by alien beings while they sleep. Tommy's own sleep is disturbed – by cartel hitmen, Mafia bill collectors, and women intrigued by his vow of chastity. He loses his anger management medicine in time to deal with the hitmen, but the women present an uphill battle. The first in a series.

Mystery/suspense HC \$55.00

Death in the Great Dismal

Will Rees mysteries

Kuhns, Eleanor

Will Rees and his wife Lydia agree to accompany an old friend previously abducted by slave catchers to the Great Dismal Swamp. However, shortly after arriving in the community one of their number is killed. Will finds himself asked to solve the murder... which proves tricky when no one there trusts him, and slave catchers are prowling.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

Moon Lake

Lansdale, Joe R

Daniel Russell was only thirteen years old when his father tried to kill them both by driving their car into Moon Lake. Miraculously surviving the crash – and growing into adulthood – Daniel returns to the site of this traumatic incident in the hopes of recovering his father's car and bones. As he attempts to finally put to rest the memories that have plagued him for years, he discovers something even more shocking among the wreckage that has ties to a twisted web of dark deeds, old grudges, and strange murders. As Daniel diligently follows where the mysterious trail of vengeance leads, he unveils the heroic revelation at its core.

Hardboiled HC \$39.99

A Fatal Footnote

Open Book mysteries 02

Louden, Margaret

The wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Upper Chumley-on-Stoke has all the makings of a fairy tale, complete with a glowing bride and horse-drawn carriage. But it wouldn't be much of a story without a villain, and as American Gothic novelist Penelope Parish is coming to learn, happy-ever-afters are as fraught in this charming British town as they are in her books. When the Duke's former girlfriend is found murdered at the reception it's up to Penelope and her newfound family at the Open Book bookshop to catch the killer before they strike again.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Robert B Parker's Stone's Throw

Jesse Stone series

Lupica, Mike

The town of Paradise receives a tragic shock when the mayor is discovered dead, his body lying in a shallow grave on a property on the lake. It's ostensibly suicide, but Jesse's has his doubts... especially because the piece of land where the man was found is the subject of a contentious and dodgy land deal. Two powerful moguls are fighting over the right to buy and develop the prime piece of real estate, and one of them has brought in a hired gun, an old adversary of Jesse's: Wilson Cromartie, aka Crow. Meanwhile, the town council is debating if they want to sacrifice Paradise's stately character for the economic boost of a glitzy new development. Tempers are running hot, and as the deaths begin to mount, it's increasingly clear that the mayor may have standing in the wrong person's way.

Hardboiled HC \$57.95

The Valley of Lost Stories

McCausland, Vanessa

Four women and their children are invited to the beautiful but remote Capertee Valley, west of the Blue Mountains. Once home to a burgeoning mining industry, now all that remains are ruins slowly being swallowed by the bush and the jewel of the valley, a stunning, renovated Art Deco hotel. This is a place haunted by secrets. In 1948, Clara Black walked into the night, never to be seen again. As the valley beguiles these four friends, and haunts them in equal measure, each has to confront secrets of her own: Nathalie, with a damaged marriage; Emmie, yearning for another child; Pen, struggling as a single parent; and Alexandra, hiding in the shadow of her famous husband. But as the mystery of what happened seventy years earlier unravels, one of the women also vanishes into this bewitching but wild place, forcing devastating truths to the surface.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Dark Remains

Laidlaw Investigations

McIlvanney, William & Rankin, Ian

Lawyer Bobby Carter did a lot of work for the wrong type of people. Now, he's dead and it was no accident. Besides a distraught family and a heap of powerful friends, Carter's left behind his share of enemies. So, who dealt the fatal blow? DC Jack Laidlaw's reputation precedes him. He's not a team player, but he's got a sixth sense for what's happening on the streets. His boss chalks the violence up to the usual rivalries, but is it that simple? As two Glasgow gangs go to war, Laidlaw needs to find out who got Carter, before the whole city explodes. William McIlvanney's Laidlaw books changed the face of crime fiction; *Laidlaw* (PBK, \$19.99) begins the series. When he died in 2015, he left half a handwritten manuscript of Laidlaw's first case. Now, Ian Rankin is back to finish what McIlvanney started. In *The Dark Remains*, these two iconic authors bring to life the criminal world of 1970s' Glasgow, and Laidlaw's relentless quest for truth. 'He kicked the door open so the likes of Ian Rankin, Denise Mina and me could sneak through behind him' – Val McDermid.

Noir TP \$29.99

I Shot the Devil

McIver, Ruth

I used to think that I'd escaped Southport...

Now, I realised, Southport had been coming for me all this time. Erin Sloane was sixteen

when high school senior Andre Villiers was murdered by his friends. They were her friends, too, led by the intense, charismatic Ricky Hell. Five people went into West Cypress Road Woods the night Andre was murdered. Only three came out. Ativan, alcohol, and distance had dimmed Erin's memories of that time. But nearly twenty years later, an ageing father will bring her home. Now a journalist, she is asked to write a story about the Southport Three and the thrill-kill murder that mesmerised the country. Erin's investigation propels her closer and closer to a terrifying truth. And closer and closer to danger.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Murder at Keyhaven Castle

Stella & Lyndy mysteries

McKenna, Clara

Between ornate bridal gown fittings and meetings with Lyndy's distant relatives, Stella finally feels less like an out-of-place American and more like a respected aristocrat. Everything changes as the arrival of an anonymous gift and return of her overbearing father cast a dark shadow over the festivities, conjuring difficult memories and new fears... Tensions intensify when a daytrip to Southampton ends with a suspicious stranger getting trampled by a horse-drawn cab. Before anyone can explain why the victim possessed a newspaper clipping about the upcoming ceremony at Morrington Hall, tragedy strikes again; this time, resulting in a murder that turns Stella's world completely upside down while implicating one of Lyndy's well-regarded family members... Facing loss, postponed nuptials, and uncertain threats, Stella and Lyndy rush to connect two very different crimes and identify the guilty culprit hiding among elite wedding guests. But as the couple blows the lid off scandalous secrets, they realise that catching this killer – and living to tell the tale – may prove as impossible as closing the class divide.

Historical mystery HC \$42.99

And the Killer Is...

Savannah Reid mysteries 25

McKevett, G A

It will be a cold day in San Carmelita before Savannah skips over a high-profile homicide case, especially one attached to a tasty reward. But when 90-year-old former silver screen siren Lucinda Faraday is murdered inside her derelict mansion, serving justice comes with unsavoury risks. The fallen star, considered one of the most beautiful women of her time, was found strangled by a pair of vintage stockings. Now, Lucinda is making headlines again – and, like in the past, her name is connected with the worst kind of scandal... As a quest for answers reveals sleazy secrets about the victim's history, the Moonlight Magnolia Agency soon discover that corruption, addiction, and blackmail were as rampant in the good old days of Hollywood as in the present – maybe even more so. Balancing a suspect list longer than Lucinda's acting credits and evidence that

could destroy the reputation of people still alive, can Savannah outsmart the culprit before she or someone else get reduced to tabloid fodder next?

Mystery PBK \$18.99

The House of Lamentations

Seeker series

MacLean, S G

Summer, 1658, and the Republic may finally be safe: the combined Stuart and Spanish forces have been heavily defeated by the English and French armies on the coast of Flanders, and the King's cause appears finished. Yet, one final, desperate throw of the dice is planned. And who can stop them if not Captain Damian Seeker? Will Seeker's legacy endure? The final gripping book in this acclaimed and award-winning series of historical thrillers – the series begins with *The Seeker* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

The Hollywood Spy

Maggie Hope mysteries

MacNeal, Susan Elia

Los Angeles, 1943. As the Allies beat back the Nazis in the Mediterranean and the United States military slowly closes in on Tokyo, Walt Disney cranks out wartime propaganda and the Coconut Grove is alive with jazz and swing every night. But behind this sunny façade lies a darker reality. Up in the lush foothills of Hollywood, a woman floats lifeless in the pool of one of California's trendiest hotels. When American-born secret agent and British spy Maggie Hope learns that this woman was engaged to her former fiancée, John Sterling, and that he suspects her death was no accident, intuition tells her he's right. Leaving London under siege is a lot to ask – but John was once the love of Maggie's life... and she can't say no. Maggie struggles with seeing her lost love again, but more shocking is the realisation that her country is as divided and convulsed with hatred as Europe. The Zoot Suit Riots loom large in Los Angeles, and the Ku Klux Klan casts a long shadow everywhere. But there is little time to dwell on memories once she starts digging into the case. As she traces a web of deception from the infamous Garden of Allah to the iconic Carthay Circle Theatre, she discovers things aren't always the way things appear in the movies – and the political situation in America is more complicated, and dangerous, than the newsreels would have them all believe.

Suspense HC \$42.99

Scot on the Rocks

Last Ditch mysteries 03

McPherson, Gatriona

A community is devastated when the bronze statue of local legend Mama Cuento is stolen on Valentine's Day. When Lexy Campbell arrives on the scene, a big bronze toe is found along with a ransom note – Listen to our demands or you will never see her again. There are nine more where this came from. Then, Lexy's ex-husband Bran turns up begging for help to find his wife, Brandee, who has disappeared. Lexy agrees to pitch in, but when she shows up at Bran's house, he has just discovered one of Brandee's false nails and another ransom note with the same grisly message. Are the two cases linked or

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is a copycat on the loose? Who would want to kidnap a bronze statue... or, come to that, Brandee? And can Lexy put aside her hatred for Bran, long enough to find out?

Mystery TP \$39.95

The Curlew's Eye

Manton, Karen

Greta's partner Joel grew up with five brothers and a sister in a feisty household on an isolated NT property. But he doesn't talk about those days – not the deaths of his sister and mother, nor the origin of the scars that snake around his body. Now, many years later, he returns with Greta and their three young boys to prepare the place for sale. The boys are quick to settle in, and Joel seems preoccupied with work, but Greta has a growing sense of unease, struggling in the build-up's oppressive heat and living in the shadow of the old, burned-out family home. She knows she's a stranger in this uncanny place, with its eerie and alluring landscape, hostile neighbour, and a toxic dam whose clear waters belie its poison. And then there's the mysterious girl living rough whom Greta tries to befriend. Determined to make sense of it all, Greta is drawn into Joel's unspoken past and confronted by her own. Before long the curlew's haunting cry will call her to face the secrets she and Joel can no longer outrun. Gothic mystery TP \$32.99

The Hidden Things

Mason, Jamie

Twenty-eight seconds. That's all it takes, for a home-security camera to capture the hidden resolve in 14-year-old Carly Liddell as she fends off a vicious attack just inside her own front door. The video of her heroic escape appears online and goes viral. As the view count climbs, the lives of four desperate people will be forever changed by what's just barely visible in the corner of the shot. Carly's stepfather is spurred to protect his darkest secret: how a stolen painting – four hundred years old, by a master of the Dutch Golden Age – has come to hang in his suburban foyer. The art dealer, left for dead when the painting vanished, sees a chance to buy back her life. And the double-crossed enforcer renews the hunt to deliver the treasure to his billionaire patrons – even if he must kill to succeed. But it's Carly, herself, hailed as a hero, whose new perspective gives her the courage to uncover the truth as the secrets and lies tear her family apart. Thriller PBK \$19.99

MasterMind

Theo Cray & Jessica Blackwood series

Mayne, Andrew

A mysterious electrical storm plunges Manhattan into darkness. As a strange, smothering fog rolls in, all communication crashes. In the blink of an eye, the island seems to vanish into a void. FBI special agent Jessica Blackwood and brilliant scientist Dr Theo Cray know this isn't a freak accident. It's a sinister sleight of hand. Their greatest adversary, a serial killer and cultist known as the Warlock, has escaped during a prison transfer in New York. A depraved master of manipulation, he promised the end of days. He's making good on it. One by one, cities across the globe are erupting in chaos as they disappear into the same black holes. Even for two ingenious trackers like Jessica and Theo,

there's still so much to learn about the pattern to the Warlock's madness. The voids are just a warm-up for something bigger. To discover it – to stop it – Jessica and Theo must descend into the darkest of shadows – and minds. Thriller TP \$27.99

The Children's Secret

Monroe, Nina

Nothing ever happens in a sleepy town like Middlebrook. Until the residents are shaken to their core, when one hot Saturday afternoon, at a back-to-school party, nine children sneak into a barn... and only eight come out unharmed. The press immediately starts asking questions. What type of parents let their children play unsupervised in a house with guns? What kind of child pulls the trigger on their friend? And most importantly: of the nine children who were present in that barn, which one actually pulled the trigger, and why are the others staying silent? Thriller TP \$32.99

Velvet Was the Night

Moreno-Garcia, Silvia

1970s, Mexico City. Maite is a secretary who lives for one thing: the latest issue of Secret Romance. While student protests and political unrest consume the city, Maite escapes into stories of passion and danger. Her next-door neighbour, Leonora, a beautiful art student, seems to live a life of intrigue and romance that Maite envies. When Leonora disappears under suspicious circumstances, Maite finds herself searching for the missing woman – and journeying deeper into Leonora's secret life of student radicals and dissidents. Meanwhile, someone else is also looking for Leonora at the behest of his boss, a shadowy figure who commands goon squads dedicated to squashing political activists. Elvis is an eccentric criminal who longs to escape his own life: He loathes violence and loves old movies and rock 'n' roll. But as Elvis searches for the missing woman, he watches Maite from a distance – and comes to regard her as a kindred spirit who shares his love of music and the unspoken loneliness of his heart. Now, as Maite and Elvis come closer to discovering the truth behind Leonora's disappearance, they can no longer escape the danger that threatens to consume their lives, with hitmen, government agents, and Russian spies all aiming to protect Leonora's secrets – at gunpoint. Noir TP \$32.99

The Spires

Moretti, Kate

Strung between two teenagers, an unemployed husband, and a tenuous career, Penelope Cox barely has her life together when the past comes knocking at her door. Willa Blaine, her old roommate, needs her help: refuge from an abusive husband. 'Two weeks, tops,' she says – but it's not the imposition that bothers Penelope; it's the memories Willa brings with her. Twenty years earlier, Penelope, Willa, and three friends lived together in a converted church. Insular and closed off from the rest of the world, the five roommates formed their own dysfunctional family, celebrating the pinnacle of their lives; they called themselves 'the Spires'. But nights of wild parties gave way to a darker undercurrent: jealousy, resentment, unrequited love, and

obsession. Tensions boiled over during a night of debauchery that ended in a deadly fire, leaving the Spires scattered and forever changed. Now, Willa is the perfect houseguest: accommodating, helpful, bringing a newfound sense of excitement to the Cox household. Yet, Penelope can't help but feel the cracks in her life widen as she begins to question Willa's motives. Everyone has secrets, it seems – and the fire may have brought down the Spires, but not everything burned was forgotten. Thriller TP \$27.99

In Harm's Way

Mosawi, Anthony

Sara Eden is not like other agents. All her life, she's been running – from the men who've hunted her, and from the memories that haunt her. But the time for running is over. To right the wrongs of her past, she must act. Sara's abilities defy all logic and reason. With her help, MI5 have an asset unlike any other. But to keep her safe, they must keep her hidden. In the wrong hands, their greatest advantage could be an enemy's greatest weapon... Sara is determined to save as many innocent lives as possible. But as her past, present, and future collide, she faces an impossible choice. Save herself? Or risk everything to protect the future as we know it... Thriller PBK \$19.99

Death of an Irish Mummy

Dublin Driver mysteries 03

Murphy, Gatie

American-born Cherise Williams believes herself to be heir to an old Irish earldom, and she's come to Dublin to claim her heritage. Under the circumstances, Megan's boss Orla at Leprechaun Limos has no qualms about overcharging the brash Texas transplant for their services. Megan chauffeurs Cherise to the ancient St Michan's Church, where the woman intends to get a wee little DNA sample from the mummified earls – much to the horror of the priest. But before she can desecrate the dead, Cherise Williams is murdered – just as her three daughters arrive to also claim their birthright. With rumours of famine-era treasure on the lands owned by the old Williams family and the promise of riches for the heirs, greed seems a likely motive. But when Orla surprisingly becomes the Garda's prime suspect, Megan attempts to steer the investigation away from her boss and solve the murder with the help of the dashing Detective Bourke. With a killer who's not wrapped too tight, she'll need to proceed with caution – or she could go from driving a limo to riding in a hearse... Mystery PBK \$18.99

Look What You Made Me Do

Murphy, Elaine

Carrie Lawrence doesn't need a happily ever after. She'll just settle for 'after'. After a decade of helping her sister hide her victims. After a lifetime of lies. She just wants to be safe, boring, and not trekking through the woods at night with a dead body wrapped in a carpet. Becca Lawrence doesn't believe in happily ever after because she's already happy. She's gotten away with murder for a decade and has blackmailed her sister into helping her hide the evidence – what more could a girl want? When thirteen bodies are discovered in their small town, people are

shocked. But not as shocked as Carrie, who thought she knew all the details of Becca's sordid pastime. When Becca swears she's not behind the grisly new crimes, they realise the town has a second serial killer who has the sisters in his sights, and what he wants is... Carrie. Thriller PBK \$22.99

The Traveller and Other Stories

collection

Neville, Stuart

Twelve chilling stories that traverse and blend the genres of noir, horror, and speculative fiction, and which bring the history and lore of Neville's native Northern Ireland to life. *The Traveller* concludes with the long-awaited eponymous novella, the companion piece to *The Ghosts of Belfast and Collusion*. Complete with a foreword from Irish crime fiction legend John Connolly, this volume is the perfect indulgence for fans of ghost stories and noir, and is a must-have for devotees of Neville's prize-winning Belfast novels. Noir PBK \$19.99

Suburban Dicks

Nicieza, Fabian

Andie Stern thought she'd solved her final homicide. Once, a budding FBI profiler, she gave up her career to raise her four (soon to be five) children in West Windsor, New Jersey. But one day, between soccer games, recitals, and trips to the local pool, a very pregnant Andie pulls into a gas station – and stumbles across a murder scene. An attendant has been killed, and the bumbling local cops are in way over their heads. Suddenly, Andie is obsessed with the case, and back on the trail of a killer, this time with kids in tow. She soon crosses paths with disgraced local journalist Kenneth Lee, who also has everything to prove in solving the case. A string of unusual occurrences – and, eventually, body parts – surface around town, and Andie and Kenneth uncover simmering racial tensions and a decades-old conspiracy. Satirical mystery PBK \$19.99

Brass Lives

Tom Harper mysteries

Nickson, Chris

Leeds, June 1913. Deputy Chief Constable Tom Harper is a busy man. He's overseeing a national suffragist pilgrimage due in Leeds that his wife Annabelle intends to join, and his daughter Mary has exciting plans of her own. Then a letter arrives from police in New York: Davey Mullen, an American gangster born in Leeds, is on his way back to the city, fleeing a bloody gang war. Despite Tom's best efforts to keep an eye on him, Davey's arrival triggers a series of chilling events in the city. Is he responsible for the sudden surge in crime, violence and murder on Leeds' streets? Facing a mounting workload, Tom must hunt down a cold-blooded killer while also confronting danger and tragedy close to home. Historical mystery HC \$62.95

The Man Who Died Twice

Thursday Murder Club mysteries

Osman, Richard

It's the following Thursday, and Elizabeth has just had a visit from a man she thought was dead. It's (one of) her ex-husbands,

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and he's being hunted. His story involves some diamonds, some spies, and a very angry mobster. Elizabeth puts it down to his normal grandstanding, but then the bodies start piling up. So, she enlists Joyce, Ibrahim, and Ron in the hunt for the killer. If they find the diamonds – well, that's just a bonus... But, this time, the murderer isn't some small-time criminal, and it soon becomes terrifying clear that they wouldn't bat an eyelid at killing four septuagenarians. Can our team find the killer before the killer finds them? The second novel in the bestselling Thursday Murder Club series, featuring the old (but far from past it) team – as they pursue a brand-new mystery. Follows *The Thursday Murder Club* (PBK, \$19.99). Highly recommended.

Mystery TP \$32.99

Panic Attack

Daniel Rinaldi series

Palumbo, Dennis

Psychologist Daniel Rinaldi is no stranger to trauma. A survivor of not one, but two attempts on his life by a deranged killer; the therapist also counsels trauma patients in his private practice, and contracts with the Pittsburgh Police to help victims of violent crime cope with their experience. When a sports mascot is gunned down in midfield, by a sniper at a college football game he attends, Rinaldi becomes an accidental yet integral part of the investigation. To begin with, the victim in the costume is not the person who was supposed to be wearing it. When the actual Teasdale Tiger hears the news, he suffers a crippling panic attack and calls on Rinaldi to talk him through it. From there, Rinaldi seems to be in all the wrong places at all the wrong times, as the sniper continues his killing spree. Meeting with resistance from members of the Pittsburgh Police force and taking dangerous risks in pursuit of the killer, Rinaldi puts his career and his life in harm's way as he races to find a connection between the victims, before the shooter strikes, again.

Thriller TP \$35.95

The Madness of Crowds

Chief Inspector Gamache mysteries

Penny, Louise

When Chief Inspector Armand Gamache is asked to provide crowd control at a statistics lecture given at the Université de l'Estrie in Quebec, he is dubious. Why ask the head of homicide to provide security for what sounds like a minor, even mundane lecture? But dangerous ideas about who deserves to live in order for society to thrive are rapidly gaining popularity, fuelled by the research of the eminent Professor Abigail Robinson. Yet, for every person seduced by her theories there is another who is horrified by them. When a murder is committed days after the lecture, it's clear that within crowds can lie madness. To uncover the truth, Gamache must put his own feelings about the divisive Professor to one side. But with her ideas gaining ground, the line separating good and evil, right and wrong, is quickly blurring – especially when the case leads unexpectedly close to home...

Mystery TP \$32.99

Dead to Her

Pinborough, Sarah

Marriage can be murder... Marcie's affair with Jason Maddox catapulted her into the world of the elite. Old money, old ties, old secrets. Marcie may have married into this world – but she'll never be part of it. Then Jason's boss brings back a new wife from his trip to London. Young, attractive, reckless – nobody can take their eyes off Keisha. Including Marcie's husband. Some people would kill for the life Marcie has – what will she do to keep it?

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Tender is the Bite

Chef & Bernie mysteries

Quinn, Spencer

Chet and Bernie are contacted by a terribly scared young woman who seems to want their help. Before she can even tell them her name, she flees in panic. But in that brief meeting Chet sniffs out an important secret about her, a secret at the heart of the mystery he and Bernie set out to solve. It's a case with no client and no crime and yet great danger, with the duo facing a powerful politician who has a lot to lose. Their only hope lies with a ferret, named Griffie, who adores Bernie. Is there room for a ferret in the Chet and Bernie relationship? That's the challenge Chet faces, the biggest of his career. Hanging in the balance are the lives of two mistreated young women and the future of the whole state.

Mystery HC \$45.99

Bones of Hilo

Redman, Eric

A young, inexperienced detective from the wet, working-class side of Hawaii's Big Island, Kawika Wong faces an uphill battle to gain the respect of his more seasoned colleagues. And he has the chance of a lifetime when Ralph Fortunato, the Mainland developer of an unpopular resort on the island's tourist side, is found murdered on a luxury golf course, an ancient Hawaiian spear driven through his heart. With the other detectives desperately trying to solve another string of grisly killings, Captain Terry Tanaka has no choice but to send Kawika to investigate. As Kawika joins forces with his father and girlfriend to help read the signs and make sense of the ritualistic murder scene, they uncover a cache of secrets reaching far back to the Island's ancient past. And the journalist who found the body has her own theories about Fortunato's demise – but do they line up with the evidence? On a perilous journey that stretches from the Big Island to Washington State and back, Kawika finds danger at every turn. But he still has much to learn about Hawaii, and about the rugged terrain of the North Cascades. And he'd better learn it fast, because his instincts may not be enough to catch a killer who's closing in even faster.

Mystery/suspense HC \$44.99

Her Mother's Grave

Detective Josie Quinn series

Regan, Lisa

When two young boys discover human bones buried beneath a tree in a trailer park, Detective Josie Quinn races to join her team at the scene. She used to play in those woods as a child, happier outside and away from her abusive mother, Belinda Rose. Josie's past

crashes into her present when a rare dental condition confirms the bones belong to a teenage foster-child who was murdered thirty years ago. A girl named Belinda Rose... Josie hasn't seen her mother in years but, with an undeniable connection between her mother and the dead girl, does she dare track her down? Just as Josie gets closer to uncovering a secret that will shatter her world forever, another body is uncovered. It's suddenly clear that someone very close to Josie will stop at nothing to keep the truth buried forever. As she battles the demons from her past, can Josie stop this killer before another precious life is taken?

Thriller PBK \$24.95

Forgotten In Death

Eve Dallas series

Robb, J D

The body was left in a dumpster like so much trash, the victim a woman of no fixed address, known for offering paper flowers in return for spare change – and for keeping the cops informed of any infractions she witnessed on the street. But the notebook where she scribbled her intel on litterers and other such offenders is nowhere to be found. Then, Eve is summoned away to a nearby building site to view more remains – in this case decades old, adorned with gold jewellery and fine clothing – unearthed by recent construction work. She isn't happy when she realises that the scene of the crime belongs to her husband, Roarke – not that it should surprise her, since the Irish billionaire owns a good chunk of New York. Now Eve must enter a complex world of real estate development, family history, shady deals, and shocking secrets to find justice for two women whose lives were thrown away...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Dog Eat Dog

Andy Carpenter series

Rosenfelt, David

Lawyer Andy Carpenter and his wife, Laurie, enjoy walking their dogs, Tara and Sebastian. By this point in their marriage, it's routine. When out for one of their strolls, their simple ritual isn't so simple anymore. Across the street, a man is mistreating his dog. Three things happen at once: Andy yells, Laurie runs to stop the abuse, and so does a closer passer-by, who so thoroughly beats the owner that both are arrested when the cops arrive. Andy scoops up the dog and takes him to the Tara Foundation, the dog rescue organisation that's always been his true passion. Meanwhile, at the police station, the passer-by is identified as Matthew Jantzen, and he's wanted for murder. Andy and Laurie are struck by the fact that Jantzen, a man on the run, would nevertheless intervene to help a dog, and decide to find out more.

Mystery HC \$49.99

Muzzled

Andy Carpenter series

Rosenfelt, David

Andy Carpenter is a lawyer, who would rather not practice law. He'd rather spend his time working with the Tara Foundation, his dog rescue organisation, and being with his family and his two dogs, Tara and Sebastian. But when a friend asks him for a favour that involves both dogs and his lawyerly expertise, he can't say no. Andy's friend Beth has found a stray that seems to have belonged

to a murder victim – in fact, the man and two of his colleagues died in an explosion a few weeks ago. But when the murdered man contacts Beth, asking for his dog back, Andy knows there must be more to the story. The man claims his life is in danger, and that's why he disappeared. As much as Andy doesn't want to get involved – anything to avoid a new case – he can't help but come to the rescue of a man who'd risk everything, even his life, to reunite with his dog.

Mystery TP \$29.99

The Lords of Time

White City trilogy

Sáenz, Eva Garcia

Kraken is enjoying life as a family man, content to spend his days with Alba and their young daughter Deba. But there's no rest for the weary, especially when you're the most famous investigator in Vitoria. Kraken and Esti are charged with investigating the mysterious disappearance of two sisters and finding it hard to make any headway when a wealthy businessman's murder appears to shine a light on the case. The man was poisoned with a medieval aphrodisiac – a crime that has eerie similarities to one detailed in the novel everyone in Vitoria is buzzing about. When the two sisters are discovered trapped behind a wall – bricked up alive – the parallels to the novel are undeniable. With the author's identity a closely held secret, will Kraken be able to track down the killer before they can strike again? Or will Vitoria's sordid underworld finally break Kraken, and his family, apart.

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

Silence in the Library

Lily Adler mysteries

Schellman, Katharine

Regency widow Lily Adler has finally settled into her new London life when her semi-estranged father arrives unexpectedly, intending to stay with her while he recovers from an illness. Hounded by his disapproval, Lily is drawn into spending time with Lady Wyatt, the new wife of an old family friend. Lily barely knows Lady Wyatt. But she and her husband, Sir Charles, seem as happy as any newly married couple until the morning Lily arrives to find the house in an uproar and Sir Charles dead. All signs indicate that he tripped and struck his head late at night. But when Bow Street constable Simon Page is called to the scene, he suspects foul play. And it isn't long, before Lily stumbles on evidence that Sir Charles was, indeed, murdered. Mr Page was there when Lily caught her first murderer, and he trusts her insight into the world of London's upper class. With the help of Captain Jack Hartley, they piece together the reasons that Sir Charles' family might have wanted him dead. But anyone who might have profited from the old man's death seems to have an alibi... until Lily receives a mysterious summons to speak with one of the Wyatts' maids, only to find the young woman dead when she arrives. Mr Page believes the surviving family members are hiding the key to the death of both Sir Charles and the maid. To uncover the truth, Lily must convince the father who doesn't trust or respect her to help catch his friend's killer before anyone else in the Wyatt household dies.

Historical mystery HC \$44.99

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Lost River

Scott, J Todd

Angel, Kentucky: Just another one of America's forgotten places, where opportunities vanished long ago, and the opioid crisis has reached a fever pitch. When this small town is rocked by the vicious killing of an entire infamous local crime family, the bloody aftermath brings together three people already struggling with Angel's drug epidemic: Trey, a young medic-in-training with secrets to hide; Special Agent Casey Alexander, a DEA agent who won't let the local law or small-town way of doing things stand in her way; and Paul Mayfield, a former police chief who's had to watch his own young wife succumb to addiction. Over the course of twenty-four hours, loyalties are tested, the corrupt are exposed, and the horrible truth of the largest drug operation in the region is revealed. And though Angel will never be the same again, a lucky few may still find hope.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Dogged by Death

Furry Friends mysteries 01

Scott, Laura

Ally Winter is going through a ruff patch. The thirty-something veterinarian lost her fiancé, her clinic, and her savings in rapid succession. So, when Ally's grandfather undergoes hip replacement surgery, she moves back to Willow Bluff, Wisconsin, to care for him. She arrives home, tail between her legs, only to find sleazy lawyer Marty Shawlin murdered in his home office. And the only witness was Marty's faithful boxer, Roxy. Quick as a greyhound, Noah Jorgensen is on the case. The good news is, he's the best detective around. The bad news, at least the way Ally sees it, is that Noah is still just as fetching as he was back in high school. He also just happens to have witnessed every embarrassing incident that befell accident-prone Ally – including the fire-ant attack that set tongues wagging and won her the unshakable nickname Hot Pants. Meanwhile, true-crime aficionado Gramps fancies himself a sleuth, and he is doggedly determined to sniff out the culprit himself... with Ally's reluctant help, of course. Ally has no choice but to team up with Noah – and the irrepressible Roxy – to solve the case while keeping Gramps on a short leash. Ally had better learn some new tricks, lickety-split. Because if she can't bring the killer to heel, she won't just be playing dead. The first in a series.

Mystery HC \$42.99

The Listening House

Seeley, Mabel

After losing her copywriting job, young Gwynne Dacres seeks a place to live, when she stumbles upon Mrs Garr's old boarding house. Despite the gruff landlady and an assortment of shifty tenants, Gwynne rents a room for herself. She spends her first few nights at 593 Trent Street tensely awake, the house creaking and groaning as if listening to everything that happens behind its closed doors. A chain of chilling events leads to the gruesome discovery of a mutilated body in the basement kitchen, dead of unknown circumstances. Was it an accident or murder? Under the red-black brick façade of the old

house on Trent Street, Gwynne uncovers a myriad of secrets, blackmail, corruption, and clues of a wicked past. As she closes in on the truth, the cold, pale hands of death reach for Gwynne in the night...

First published in 1938.

Classic mystery TP \$26.99

How to Raise an Elephant

No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series

Smith, Alexander McCall

As the temperature rises in Gaborone, Precious Ramotswe, founder of the No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, wonders whether the heat could be the reason that business is particularly slow. Luckily, a slower pace in life is her natural preference, unlike her colleague Mma Makutsi, who is alert to every passing observation and inclined to making snap decisions. With fewer cases to handle, Precious has time to contemplate her new neighbours, a couple who, by the sounds of it, have a rather volatile relationship... But then a distant cousin of Mma Ramotswe's comes to the agency with a plea for help, and the ladies decide to pursue the issue together. Armed with Mma Ramotswe's circumspection and Mma Makutsi's sharp eye, they proceed with confidence and open hearts. What, after all, could be more straightforward than a family matter? Meanwhile, their colleague Charlie is behaving oddly, borrowing Mma Ramotswe's van and returning it in an unusual condition. Digging a little deeper, the explanation is both strange and extraordinary, and takes Charlie, along with Mma Ramotswe's husband, Mr J L B Matekoni, on a hair-raising night-time expedition. In the end, Precious is reminded of the need to view a picture from every angle, to accept the imperfections in people and situations, and then find a solution – preferably, over a delicious slice of her friend Mma Potokwani's fruit cake.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

The Joy and Light Bus Company

No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series

Smith, Alexander McCall

Mr J L B Matekoni attends a course hosted by the local chamber of commerce entitled 'Where Is Your Business Going?' But rather than feeling energised, he comes back in low spirits, unsure how to grow the already venerable and successful Tlokweg Road Speedy Motors. Then an old friend from school approaches him about a new business venture that could be just the ticket. When it turns out he will need to mortgage his property, in order to pursue this endeavour; Mma Ramotswe and Mma Makutsi wonder what this will mean for his current business – as well as their own. Even as she puzzles over mysteries on the domestic front, Mma Ramotswe's professional duties must take precedence. When a concerned son learns that his ageing father's nurse now stands to inherit the family home, he begins to doubt her intentions and takes his case to Botswana's premier detective agency. Fortunately, Mma Ramotswe and Mma Makutsi are committed agents of justice and agree to investigate. Tricky as these matters may be, Mma Ramotswe knows that the most creative solutions are often found with the support of loving friends and family.

Working together over a cup of red bush tea, she and Mma Makutsi will rely on their tact, humour, and goodwill to ensure that all involved find the happiness that they deserve.

Mystery TP \$29.99

The Summoning

Smith, J P

Every year, as the anniversary of 9/11 inches closer on the calendar, Kit Capriol scans the memorials published in the *New York Times*. It's a simple thing to look up a name and phone number, to reach out to surviving family members who might still be yearning for connection with their lost loved one... to offer assistance. After her husband went down in the north tower, Kit scraped by as an actress, barely supporting herself and her daughter. But, now, Zoey is in the hospital, bills are due, and the acting work has dried up. Becoming a medium is almost too easy for someone used to pretending for a living – and desperate clients aren't hard to come by. Now, though, something has changed. The séances Kit holds in her apartment are starting to feel unsettlingly real, and the intriguing man she met at a local bar could be more complicated than he seems. As the voices of the dead grow louder in her head and the walls of her apartment close in, Kit realises that despite her daughter's absence, she hasn't been quite as alone as she thought...

Thriller TP \$37.95

Enola Holmes and the Black Barouche

Enola Holmes mysteries

Springer, Nancy

Enola Holmes is the much younger sister of her more famous brothers, Sherlock and Mycroft. But she has all the wits, skills, and sleuthing inclinations of them both. At 15, she's an independent young woman – after all, her name spelled backwards reads 'alone' – and living on her own in London. When a young professional woman, Miss Letitia Glover, shows up on Sherlock's doorstep, desperate to learn more about the fate of her twin sister, it is Enola who steps up. It seems her sister, the former Felicity Glover, married the Earl of Dunhynch and per a curt note from the Earl, has died. But Letitia Glover is convinced this isn't the truth, that she'd know – she'd feel – if her twin had died. The Earl's note is suspiciously vague and the death certificate is even more dubious, signed it seems by a John H Watson, MD (who denies any knowledge of such). The only way forward is for Enola to go undercover – or, so, Enola decides at the vehement objection of her brother. And she soon finds out that this is not the first of the Earl's wives to die suddenly and vaguely – and that the secret to the fate of the missing Felicity is tied to a mysterious black barouche that arrived at the Earl's home in the middle of the night. To uncover the secrets held tightly within the Earl's hall, Enola is going to require help – from Sherlock, from the twin sister of the missing woman, and from an old friend, the young Viscount Tewkesbury, Marquess of Basilwether! The first of these delightful Holmes pastiches is *The Case of the Missing Marquess* (PBK, \$16.99).

Sherlockiana PBK \$16.99

The Petticoat Parade:

Madam Monnier and the Roe Street Brothels

Straw, Leigh

Josie de Bray was a brothel madam who owned most of Roe Street, Perth from WWI up to the 1940s. This immensely readable social history uses the life of Josie de Bray as conduit into the lives of her friends and competitors – the many women who paraded in their petticoats on the verandas of Roe Street, and who were kept from the public view and were secret keepers themselves in the seamier side of town.

True crime TP \$32.99

The Marlow Murder Club

Marlow Murder Club mysteries

Thorogood, Robert

To solve an impossible murder, you need an impossible hero... Judith Potts is 77 years old and blissfully happy. She lives on her own in a faded mansion just outside Marlow, there's no man in her life to tell her what to do or how much whisky to drink, and to keep herself busy, she sets crosswords for *The Times* newspaper. One evening, while out swimming in the Thames, Judith witnesses a brutal murder. The local police don't believe her story, so she decides to investigate for herself, and is soon joined in her quest by Suzie, a salt-of-the-earth dog-walker, and Becks, the prim and proper wife of the local vicar. Together, they are the Marlow Murder Club. When another body turns up, they realise they have a real-life serial killer on their hands. And the puzzle they set out to solve has become a trap from which they might never escape... Now in paperback. Thoroughly recommended.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Painted in Blood

Teresa Battaglia series

Tuti, Ilaria

A decades-old murder investigation has landed on Superintendent Teresa Battaglia's desk. DNA analysis has revealed that a painting from the final days of World War II contains matter from a human heart. Teresa is able to trace the evidence to Val Resia, one of Italy's most isolated, untouched regions. When Teresa's investigation hits too close to the truth, a fresh human heart is hung at the valley's entrance, a warning not to cross its threshold. As she hunts a ruthless killer, Teresa must face down her own rapidly deteriorating physical and cognitive abilities, as well as someone she hoped never to see again – a man who has just become her supervisor.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Death Grip

Angela Richman, Death

Investigator mysteries

Viets, Elaine

Angela Richman, Chouteau County death investigator, finds herself deep in the Missouri woods on a perfect spring day. But there is nothing idyllic about her grim walk – a body has been discovered in a muddy creek, and Detective Jace Budewitz wants Angela on the scene. Terri Gibbons, the popular Forest High track star who went missing eight months ago, has been found strangled. Could a message

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found in Terri's shoe hold the key to catching her killer? Chouteau Forest is a town of privilege and secrets, where everyone has something to hide... Can Angela overcome the many obstacles in her way to see justice served when the Forest's wealthy residents will go to any lengths to prevent the truth being revealed?

Mystery TP \$39.95

Last Boat from Tangier

Karim Belkacem mysteries

von Leyden, James

When Detective Karim Belkacem's best friend and colleague, Abdou, goes missing during an investigation into an illegal cartel, Karim is sent to Tangier to look for him. But the Tangier police have another problem on their hands. Thousands of sub-Saharan migrants have collected in the region, desperate to get to the promised land of Europe. Unable to trust his contacts in the police, or anyone in Tangier's underworld of traffickers and informants, Karim turns to his adoptive sister Ayesha for help. The truth behind Abdou's disappearance is more disturbing than either of them could have imagined... The follow-up to the debut Belkacem mystery, *A Death in the Medina* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Modern Marriage

Vukašin, Filip

Everything in Klara's life seems perfect. She runs a successful cosmetic clinic with her best friend Tomas, she has a beautiful house near the beach in Melbourne, and she and her adoring husband Dante are trying for a baby. Then, one day, she receives a call that punctures her perfect life. Dante has had an accident. He was found unconscious in a gay sauna and now lies in a coma. What Klara discovers about her husband will disrupt everything she thought she knew about love, marriage, and family.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Deadly Delights

Bookish Baker mysteries 02

Walker, Laura Jensen

August in Lake Potawatomi, Wisconsin, always means one thing: the annual baking contest. Picture *The Great British Baking Show*, writ Midwestern. It's a huge draw for the upper crust of Wisconsin pastry aficionados. And, of course, bon vivant baker-turned-mystery-writer, Teddie St John, has a pie in the ring. The white vinyl baking tent boasts an array of folding tables housing each

entrant's daily baked good. And at one of those tables sits the corpse of the head judge, his face half buried, in a delectable coconut cream pie. The body in question belonged to notorious Les Morris. Les may have been getting on in years, but he hadn't outgrown his well-earned reputation for lechery. Now, Les is no more. But unfortunately, by his side lies Teddie's distinctive embossed rolling pin... covered with blood. It's out of the baking pan, into the oven. A life sentence behind a lattice of prison bars and a tangle of rhu-barbed wire will never do, and Teddie's quick wit and bohemian charm won't save her from the long spatula of the law. So, with the help of her friends, she'll concoct a recipe to clear her name – if the real killer doesn't ice her first.

Mystery HC \$44.99

Strictly Murder

Whitstable Pearl mysteries

Wassmer, Julie

A new dance school opens in Whitstable, run by celebrity tango champions – Tony and Tanya Ballard. Pearl Nolan knows herself to be an ace cook and a sharp private eye but has always left the dancing to her mother, Dolly. But Pearl becomes intrigued by the Ballards when they visit The Whitstable Pearl restaurant, and she realises that dance classes could provide the perfect cover for her clandestine relationship with DCI Mike McGuire... McGuire is the only man Pearl has ever considered partnering – and not just for tango – but the pair soon find themselves with more than steps to master when death joins them on the dance floor and a brutal killer stalks the school.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Prisoner

White, S R

When a man is found savagely 'crucified' amidst a murky swamp in northern Australia, detective Dana Russo and her team are called to a shocking scene. The victim is a convicted rapist, just released from prison; who, years earlier, committed an atrocious crime yards from where he was killed. Who murdered him – and why? With several potential leads, the investigation quickly becomes more complex, and sinister, than anyone imagined. And Dana realises she'll have to confront her own troubled past to understand the true motives of the killer... A twisting, compelling and utterly haunting new novel, perfect for fans of Jane Harper and Chris Hammer.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Harlem Shuffle

Whitehead, Colson

Ray Carney was only slightly bent, when it came to being crooked... To his customers and neighbours on 125th Street, Carney is an upstanding salesman of reasonably priced furniture, making a decent life for himself and his family. He and his wife Elizabeth are expecting their second child, and if her parents on Striver's Row don't approve of him or their cramped apartment across from the subway tracks, it's still home. Few people know he descends from a line of uptown hoods and crooks, and that his façade of normalcy has more than a few cracks in it. Cracks that are getting bigger all the time. Cash is tight, especially with all those instalment-plan sofas, so if his cousin Freddie occasionally drops off the odd ring or necklace, Ray doesn't ask where it comes from. He knows a discreet jeweller downtown who doesn't ask questions, either. Then Freddie falls in with a crew who plan to rob the Hotel Theresa – the Waldorf of Harlem – and volunteers Ray's services as the fence. The heist doesn't go as planned; they rarely do. Now Ray has a new clientele, one made up of shady cops, vicious local gangsters, two-bit pornographers, and other assorted Harlem lowlives. Thus, begins the internal tussle between Ray the striver and Ray the crook. As Ray navigates this double life, he begins to see who actually pulls the strings in Harlem. Can Ray avoid getting killed, save his cousin, and grab his share of the big score, all while maintaining his reputation as the go-to source for all your quality home furniture needs?

Caper TP \$32.99

The Night Whistler

Woodland, Greg

An old van in the scrub, a phantom caller, and a long-forgotten murder. A lonely cop and an inquisitive kid must make the connection... It's 1966 and the Australian summer is as unrelenting as ever. Hal and his family have just come to live in Moorabool. On a day out, battling the heat, Hal and his little brother are exploring the creek near their new home when they find something almost too gruesome to believe... Enter Constable Mick Goodenough. Recently demoted from his big-city job as a detective, Goodenough is also new in town – and one of his dogs has gone missing... He soon finds out, pets have a habit of disappearing in Moorabool. Soon, Hal's mother starts getting late-night phone calls. A man whistling, then hanging up. Only Goodenough, alone among the

Moorabool cops, takes her seriously. But will that be enough to keep this young mother and her young sons safe? Who is the night whistler, and just what does he want with Hal's family...?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Becoming Inspector Chen

Inspector Chen mysteries

Xiaolong, Qiu

After a number of gruelling cases Chief Inspector Chen is facing mounting pressure from his superiors, many of whom are concerned with where his loyalties lie. What's more, he is excluded from an investigation into an incendiary poem posted on an online forum. Wracked with self-doubt and facing an anxious wait to discover the fate of his career, Chen is left to reflect on the events that have led to where he is now – from his amateur investigations as a child during the Cultural Revolution, to his very first case on the Shanghai Police Force. Has fighting for the Chinese people and the morals he believes in put him in conflict with the Party? Why is he being kept away from the new case? As well as his career, is his life now also at risk?

Mystery TP \$39.95

The Cannonball

Tree Mystery

Crown Colony mysteries

Yu, Ovidia

Has Su Lin summoned a tree demon who is now killing on her behalf? The overpoweringly fragrant flowers, snakelike vines and deadly fruit of the cannonball tree are enough to keep most people away. But when a piece of expensive photographic equipment is found nearby, on closer inspection Su Lin discovers the body of Mimi, her horrible relative who has been trying to blackmail her. Su Lin is not the only one to realise how much easier this death makes things for her in the new normal of life in Syonan (Japanese Occupied Singapore). And then more fortuitous deaths follow. But is someone really killing people on her account? As Su Lin contends with the fear and rancour of those around her, the resentment of former friends and a whistling demon, can she hope not only to survive but untangle the cannonball tree's secrets to prevent further deaths... and, possibly, turn the tide of the war? The first of these charming historical mysteries, set in Singapore, is *The Frangipani Tree Mystery* (PBK, \$23.99).

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99