

# Pulp Fiction

## Crime & Mystery Bestsellers August 2021

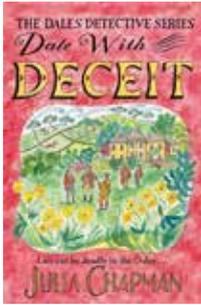
### Date With Deceit

Dales Detective mysteries 06

Julia Chapman

In the heart of Yorkshire, the Dales Detective Agency is about to face its biggest challenge. A fatal accident at the local livestock auction mart summons the detective duo Samson O'Brien and Delilah Metcalfe, but what starts as a simple health-and-safety investigation soon takes a sinister turn when they discover evidence that suggests murder. With local sheep being threatened by a gang of rustlers plaguing the Dales, and poacher Pete Ferris setting in motion a blackmail plot that will see Samson pulled back into trouble with his nemesis Rick Proctor, all three cases are about to converge. Samson and Delilah are now going to find their next investigation is fraught with danger; a danger that will leave them fighting for their lives... Full of wit, warmth and colourful characters – fun British cosy detective series our customers love.

Mystery | PBK | \$18.99



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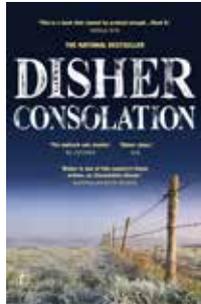
### Consolation

Paul Hirschhausen 03

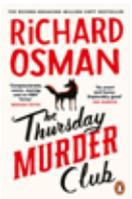
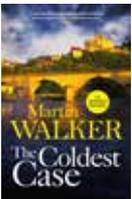
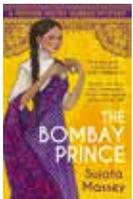
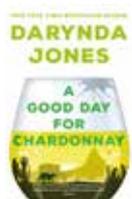
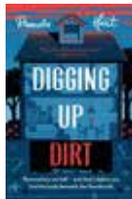
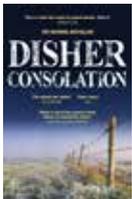
Garry Disher

Small crimes can have terrible consequences... Winter in Tiverton, and Constable Paul Hirschhausen has a snowdrifter on his patch. Someone is stealing women's underwear, and Hirsch knows how that kind of crime can escalate. Then two calls come in: a child abandoned in a caravan, filthy and starving. And a man on the rampage at the primary school. Hirsch knows how things like that can escalate, too. An absent father who isn't where he's supposed to be; another who flees to the back country armed with a rifle. Families under pressure can break. But it's always a surprise when the killing starts. A hugely atmospheric police procedural set in the dust of the Australian outback. Perfect for readers of Jane Harper, Chris Hammer, and Dervla McTiernan. Disher is one of Australia's best mystery writers. Recommended. Series starts with *Bitter Wash Road* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery/suspense | PBK | \$19.99



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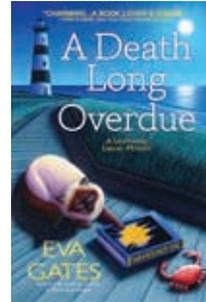
### **A Death Long Overdue**

Lighthouse Library mysteries 07

**Eva Gates**

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

**Mystery | TP | \$19.99**



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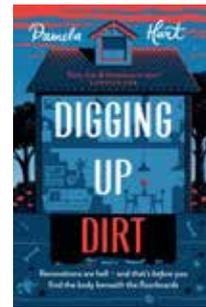
### **Digging Up Dirt**

Poppy McGowan mysteries 01

**Pamela Hart**

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

**Mystery | TP | \$29.99**



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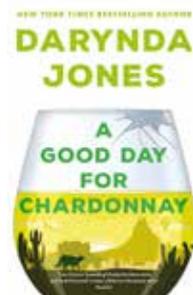
### **A Good Day for Chardonnay**

Sunshine Vicram mysteries 02

**Darynda Jones**

Running a small-town police force in the mountains of New Mexico should be a smooth, carefree kind of job. Sadly, full-time Sheriff – and even fuller-time coffee guzzler – Sunshine Vicram, didn't get that memo. All Sunshine really wants is one easy-going day. You know, the kind that starts with coffee and a donut (or three) and ends with take-out pizza and a glass of chardonnay (or seven). Turns out, that's about as easy as switching to decaf. (What kind of people do that? And who hurt them?) Before she can say *iced mocha latte*, Sunny's got a bar fight gone bad, a teenage daughter hunting a serial killer and, oh yes, the still unresolved mystery of her own abduction years prior. All evidence points to a local distiller, a dangerous bad boy named Levi Ravinder, but Sun knows he's not the villain of her story. Still, perhaps beneath it all, he possesses the keys to her disappearance... Cosy, in the vein of an Evanovich – always good for what ails you! This new series begins with *A Bad Day for Sunshine* (PBK, \$22.99).

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### **The Bombay Prince**

Perveen Mistry mysteries 03

**Sujata Massey**

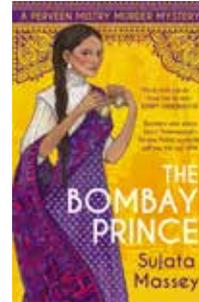
November 1921. Edward VIII, Prince of Wales and future ruler of India, is arriving in Bombay to begin a four-month tour. The Indian subcontinent is chafing under British rule, and Bombay solicitor Perveen Mistry isn't surprised when local unrest over the royal arrival spirals into riots. But she's horrified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

Perveen suspicious that her death was not an accident. Feeling guilty for failing to have helped Freny in life, Perveen steps forward to assist Freny's family in the fraught dealings of the coroner's inquest. When Freny's death appears suspicious, Perveen knows she can't rest until she sees justice done. But Bombay is erupting: as armed British secret service march the streets, rioters attack anyone with perceived British connections and desperate shopkeepers destroy their own wares so they will not be targets of racial violence.

Can Perveen help a suffering family when her own is in danger? *Bombay's first female lawyer, Perveen Mistry, is compelled to bring justice to the family of a murdered female Parsi student just as Bombay's streets erupt in riots to protest British colonial rule.*

*Sujata Massey is back with this third instalment to the Agatha and Mary Higgins Clark Award-winning series set in 1920s' Bombay. The first in the series is *Murder at Malabar Hill* (PBK, \$16.99) – really good customer feedback. Recommended.*

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



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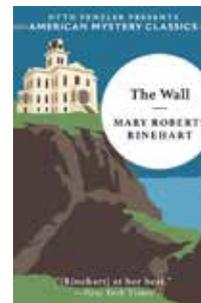
### **The Wall**

American Mystery Classics

**Mary Roberts Rinehart**

Dazzling and devious Juliette was anything but popular with the upper class set she'd married in to. Her husband, Arthur, bought her off with a ruinously expensive divorce. But a few years later, Juliette turned up again – and days later she was dead. Almost everyone in the exclusive town had a motive for wanting Juliette dead. Now, it's up to sceptical Sheriff Russell Shand to pierce the wall of aristocratic silence, and find the ruthless killer... Another reissue of an American Mystery Classic – first published in 1938 – by one of the bestsellers of the Golden Age of mysteries.

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



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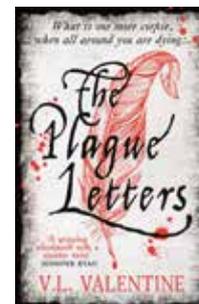
### **The Plague Letters**

**V L Valentine**

Who would murder the dying...? London, 1665. Hidden within the growing pile of corpses in his churchyard, Rector Symon Patrick discovers a victim of the pestilence unlike any he has seen before: a young woman with a shorn head, covered in burns, and with pieces of twine delicately tied around each wrist and ankle. Desperate to discover the culprit, Symon joins a society of eccentric medical men who have gathered to find a cure for the plague. Someone is performing terrible experiments upon the dying, hiding their bodies amongst the hundreds that fill the death carts.

Only Penelope – a new and mysterious addition to Symon's household – may have the skill to find the killer. Far more than what she appears, she is already on the hunt. But the dark presence that enters the houses of the sick will not stop, and has no mercy... This hugely atmospheric and entertaining historical thriller will transport readers to the palaces and alleyways of seventeenth-century London. Perfect for fans of Laura Shepherd-Robinson, Andrew Taylor, and C J Sansom. Recommended!

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



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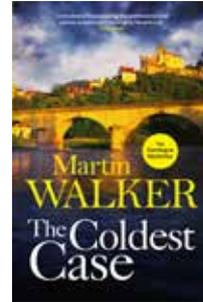
### **The Coldest Case**

Bruno, Chief of Police mysteries 14

#### **Martin Walker**

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

**Mystery | TP | \$32.99**



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### **The Thursday Murder Club**

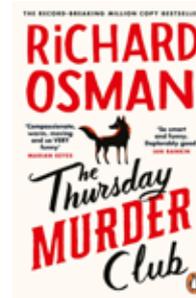
Thursday Murder Club 01

#### **Richard Osman**

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

Its sequel, *The Man Who Died Twice* is also now available (TP, \$32.99).

**Mystery | PBK | \$19.99**



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