

# Pulp Fiction

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Ron and Leanne

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

### **While Justice Sleeps** **Abrams, Stacey**

Avery Keene, a brilliant young law clerk for the legendary Justice Howard Wynn, is doing her best to hold her life together – excelling in an arduous job with the court while also dealing with a troubled family. When the shocking news breaks that Justice Wynn – the cantankerous swing vote on many current high-profile cases – has slipped into a coma, Avery's life turns upside down. She is immediately notified that Justice Wynn has left instructions for her to serve as his legal guardian and power of attorney. Plunged into an explosive role she never anticipated, Avery finds that Justice Wynn had been secretly researching one of the most controversial cases before the court – a proposed merger between an American biotech company and an Indian genetics firm, which promises to unleash breathtaking results in the medical field. She also discovers that Wynn suspected a dangerously related conspiracy that infiltrates the highest power corridors of Washington. As political wrangling ensues in Washington to potentially replace the ailing judge whose life and survival Avery controls, she begins to unravel a carefully constructed, chess-like sequence of clues left behind by Wynn. She comes to see that Wynn had a much more personal stake in the controversial case and realises his complex puzzle will lead her directly into harm's way, in order to find the truth.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### **Clause of Death**

Booktown mysteries

#### **Barrett, Lorna**

Tricia Miles and her sister, Angelica, are the co-presidents of the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce. Things are changing in the book town, and some merchants would say not for the better. They grumble that too many non-book-related stores are moving into the village, taking up the most visible storefronts on Main Street, diluting the 'Booktown' moniker. Of course, the members with other businesses, like the latest, The Bee's Knees, are fine with other businesses moving in. No matter what side of the argument they're on, all the business owners agree on one thing: Tricia and Angelica are to blame. Still, it's a pretty typical day in the life of a small-town Chamber of Commerce until one of the disgruntled bookstore owners is killed – Eli Meier from The Inner Light Bookstore, the most vocal of the Chamber complainers. He sold religious and other spiritual books, but also stocked books on wild conspiracy theories and sold incense, crystals, etc. Eli had never been a member of the Chamber until Angelica recently convinced him to join. He hit on her and she, having good taste, turned him down. He hounded (but not stalked) her, and some might think that was a motive for murder. Stoneham's new police chief is an old friend of Tricia's, but

that doesn't mean he's going to go easy on her sister. One might even say that he's going to throw the book at her.

Mystery HC \$49.99

### **The Mystery of the Parsee Lawyer:**

Arthur Conan Doyle, George Edalji and the Case of the Foreigner in the English Village

#### **Basu, Shrabani**

In the village of Great Wyrley near Birmingham, someone is mutilating horses. Someone is also sending threatening letters to the vicarage, where the vicar, Shahpur Edalji, is a Parsi convert to Christianity and the first Indian to have a parish in England. His son George – quiet, socially awkward and the only boy at school with distinctly Indian features – grows up into a successful barrister, till he is improbably linked to and then prosecuted for the above crimes in a case that leaves many convinced that justice hasn't been served. When he is released early, his conviction still hangs over him. Having lost faith in the police and the legal system, George Edalji turns to the one man he believes can clear his name – the one whose novels he spent his time reading in prison, the creator of the world's greatest detective. When he writes to Arthur Conan Doyle asking him to meet, Conan Doyle agrees. From the author of *Victoria and Abdul* comes an eye-opening look at race and an unexpected friendship in the early days of the 20th century, and the perils of being foreign in a country built on empire. 'A potent mix of racial injustice, Sherlockian mystery, and Shrabani's signature storytelling.' – *Lucy Worsley*.

True crime/Sherlockiana PBK \$19.99

### **Death of a Green-Eyed Monster**

Hamish Macbeth mysteries

#### **Beaton, M C & Green, R W**

Hamish's new constable, Dorothy McIver, may be the most beautiful woman he's ever seen. Completely bewitched by her sparkling blue eyes, Hamish spends the summer travelling with her up and down Sutherland; until, finally, he can take it no longer. He gets down on one knee beside the Land Rover and begs her to marry him – and to his amazement and delight, she says yes. But just as the town of Lochdubh gets ready to celebrate, Hamish finds himself with a new murder on his hands. If he doesn't find the killer fast, Hamish's dream wedding could become a nightmare.

Mystery HC \$45.00

### **Under Her Care** **Berry, Lucinda**

On a humid summer day in Alabama, a mayor's wife turns up brutally murdered under a railroad bridge. Standing next to

her body is 14-year-old Mason Hill, the autistic son of former Miss USA Genevieve Hill. The locals are quick to level their verdict on young Mason: he did it. The town detective calls in local autism expert Casey Walker to consult on the case. At first, Casey tries to keep an open mind. But the more time she spends with Genevieve, the more her unease grows, and she suspects that Genevieve is doing more than just protecting her son. Casey's misgivings surrounding Genevieve's story only intensify when she meets Savannah, Genevieve's 19-year-old daughter. Savannah, as it turns out, has some disturbing secrets of her own. But as Casey dives ever deeper into the Hill family dynamic, her search for the truth leads to another shocking murder – one that shatters her understanding of the human condition, in ways she never imagined.

Thriller TP \$35.95

### **The Murder Book**

Tom Thorne series

#### **Billingham, Mark**

In Nicola Tanner and Phil Hendricks, Thorne has good friends by his side. He finally has a love life worth a damn, and is happy in the job to which he has devoted his life... Hunting the woman responsible for a series of grisly murders, Thorne has no way of knowing that he will be plunged into a nightmare from which he may never wake. Finally, Thorne's past has caught up with him and a ruinous secret is about to be revealed. If he wants to save himself and his friends, he must do the unthinkable.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### **The Lava Witch**

Dark Paradise mysteries

#### **Bokur, Debra**

In a remote, mountainous area of a Maui forest near Haleakala volcano, the naked body of a young woman is found hanging from a tree. The devil is in the details: the woman's nostrils, mouth, and lungs are packed with lava sand. Her hands are bound in twine. Her feet are charred and blackened, suggesting a fire-walking ceremony. Detective Kali Mahoe's suspicions are immediately aroused. It has all the signs of a ritual torture and murder. But Kali's investigation soon leads her down a winding trail of seemingly unconnected clues and diverging paths – from the hanging tree itself, a rare rainbow eucalyptus, to rumours of a witch haunting the high areas of the forest, to the legend of the ancient Hawaiian sorceress Pahlulu, goddess of nightmares. Casting a shadow over it all – the possibility of a Sitting God, a spirit said to invade and possess the soul. Aided by her uncle Police Captain Walter Alaka'i, Officer David Hara, and the victim's brother, Kali embarks down the darkest road of all. One that is leading to the truth of the mountain's deadly core and a dark side of the island for which even Kali is unprepared.

Mystery HC \$47.99

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### Carnival Blues

DI Nick Dixon Crime series

#### Boyd, Damien

Detective Chief Inspector Nick Dixon arrives late for Bridgewater's winter carnival. He's come to see the squibbing, the traditional firework display that brings the town's November festivities to a dramatic close. But when the squib of Avalon Carnival Club president Richard Webb is lit, it explodes, engulfing him in flames. Dixon knows he's just witnessed a killer making a very public statement. And he can't help feeling it's only the beginning. After his suspicions are confirmed at the Burnham-on-Sea carnival 48 hours later, the race is on to find the killer before the next event in a nearby town. Can Dixon stop the killings before any more lives are lost? And can he do it with police Professional Standards investigators breathing down his neck?

Mystery/suspense TP \$35.95

### Murder at Standing Stone

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 TP \$39.95

### Every Cloak Rolled in Blood

Holland Family series

#### Burke, James Lee

Novelist Aaron Holland Broussard is shattered when his daughter Fannie Mae dies suddenly. As he tries to honour her memory by saving two young men from a life of crime amid their opioid-ravaged community, he is drawn into a network of villainy that includes a violent former Klansman, a far-from-holy minister, a biker club posing as evangelicals, and a murderer who has been hiding in plain sight. Aaron's only ally is state police officer Ruby Spotted Horse, a no-nonsense woman who harbours some powerful secrets in her cellar. Despite the air of mystery surrounding her, Ruby is the only one Aaron can trust. That is, until the ghost of Fannie Mae shows up, guiding her father through a tangled web of the present and past and helping him vanquish his foes from both this world and the next.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### The Hemlock Cure

#### Burn, Joanne

It is 1665 and the women of Eyam village keep many secrets. Especially Isabel and Mae. Isabel Frith, the village midwife, walks a dangerous line with her herbs and remedies. There are men in the village who speak of witchcraft, and Isabel has a past to hide. So, she tells nobody her fears about the pious, reclusive apothecary, on whom

she is keeping a watchful eye. Mae, the apothecary's youngest daughter, dreads her father's rage if he discovers what she keeps from him: her feelings for Rafe, Isabel's ward, or the fact that she studies from her father's books at night. But others have secrets too. Secrets darker than any of them could have imagined. When Mae makes a horrifying discovery, Isabel is the only person she can turn to. But helping Mae will place them both in unimaginable peril. Meanwhile another danger is on its way from London. One that threatens to engulf them all...

Historical mystery HC \$34.99

### Bayou Book Thief

Vintage Cookbook mysteries

#### Byron, Ellen

Twenty-eight-year-old widow Ricki James leaves Los Angeles to start a new life in New Orleans after her showboating actor husband perishes doing a stupid internet stunt. The Big Easy is where she was born and adopted by the NICU nurse who cared for her after Ricki's teen mother disappeared from the hospital. Ricki's dream comes true when she joins the quirky staff of Bon Vee Culinary House Museum, the spectacular former Garden District home of late bon vivant Genevieve 'Vee' Charbonnet, the city's legendary restaurateur. Ricki is excited about turning her avocation – collecting vintage cookbooks – into a vocation by launching the museum's gift shop, Miss Vee's Vintage Cookbooks and Kitchenware. Then she discovers that a box of donated vintage cookbooks contains the body of a cantankerous Bon Vee employee who was fired after being exposed as a book thief. The skills Ricki has developed ferreting out hidden vintage treasures come in handy for investigations. But both her business and Bon Vee could wind up as deadstock when Ricki's past as curator of a billionaire's first edition collection comes back to haunt her. Will Miss Vee's Vintage Cookbooks and Kitchenware be a success... or a recipe for disaster? The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Little Black Book

Bibliophile mysteries

#### Carlisle, Kate

Brooklyn and her hunky husband, security expert Derek Stone, have just returned from a delightful trip to Dharmia, 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 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... A cosy recommendation.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### The Whisperer's Game

#### Garrisi, Donato

The phone call to the police arrives at dusk from an isolated farmhouse, fifty miles from the city. A terrified woman's voice pleads for help. But a violent storm rages in the area, and the first available patrol only succeeds in reaching her hours later. It is too late. Something perturbing has happened, something which leaves the investigators in the dark. Just one person is able to reveal the message hidden behind this act of evil, but this person is no longer a policeman. She left her work as a missing persons investigator and withdrew from society to live an isolated existence beside a lake; her daughter Alice her only companion. Even so, when she is called upon to help with this case, Mila Vasquez cannot shirk her duty. The investigation involves her closely... more than she could ever believe. It is a game and it has *only* just started. Because *he* is always a step ahead. Ten years after the debut of the international bestseller *The Whisperer* (PBK, \$26.99), the challenge begins again.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### The Cook

Kamil Rahman series

#### Chowdhury, Ajay

Kamil Rahman is a cook in a Brick Lane restaurant. But he used to be a detective, back in Kolkata. And, somehow, trouble still knows how to find him. When a young woman Kamil knows is murdered the police are convinced her boyfriend is the culprit. Kamil isn't so sure and feels he has no choice but to start his own investigation. Meanwhile, his friend and restaurant manager, Anjali, is troubled by a rise in the number of homeless deaths in their local area. Initially, the cases seem unrelated, but as the duo dig deeper, they discover connections that stretch from London to Lahore. Together, they take on the indifference of the authorities to the homeless and the casual racism that pervades the investigation of killings of Muslims – all, while trying to stop a supremely intelligent murderer who always seems to be several steps ahead of them. The sequel to *The Waiter* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### The Waiter

Kamil Rahman series

#### Chowdhury, Ajay

Kamil Rahman, disgraced detective, turned waiter, is about to find himself embroiled in a case that might just change his life... for better, or for worse. Ex-detective Kamil Rahman moves from Kolkata to London to start afresh as a waiter in an Indian restaurant.

But the day he caters an extravagant party for his boss' rich and powerful friend, the peace of his simple new life is shattered. The event is a success, the food is delicious, but later that evening the host, Rakesh, is found dead in his swimming pool. Suspicion falls on Rakesh's young and glamorous new wife, Neha, and Kamil is called to investigate for the family, with the help of his boss' daughter Anjali. Kamil and Anjali prove a winning team – but as the investigation progresses, and their relationship grows, Kamil struggles to keep memories of the case that destroyed his career in Kolkata at bay. Little does he know that his past will soon catch up with him in some very unexpected ways. An award-winning first book in a thrilling new detective series, now in paperback.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### The World of Agatha Christie

1000-piece jigsaw

#### Christie, Agatha

Piece together the world of Agatha Christie and spot her most famous characters, as you complete this mystery-filled 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle; featuring Agatha Christie's life and novels in all their mysterious detail. Finished puzzle measures 680 x 485mm. Spot famous characters, crime-solving clues, and historical locations, as you build the puzzle. Track down Agatha Christie's most memorable characters, from Poirot and Miss Marple to Tommy and Tuppence and Parker Pyne, as well as real moments from Agatha Christie's life. Includes a fold-out poster featuring fun facts about the Queen of Crime and her creations. The sturdy and attractive box is perfect for gifting and storage. Follow the trail of murder and mystery set by the Queen of Crime! Travel down the Nile, on the Orient Express, and into the drawing rooms of English country homes, hot on the heels of Poirot, Miss Marple, and other famous characters, as you piece together this detailed jigsaw featuring Agatha Christie and her real-life inspiration. Includes a fold-out poster highlighting 60 baffling and brilliant characters and clues that together make up *The World of Agatha Christie*.

Christie Jigsaw \$29.99

### Release

#### Christopher, Lucy

Ten years ago, 16-year-old Gemma Toombs was kidnapped from Bangkok Airport by an infatuated drifter, Tyler MacFarlane, who took her to a secret den in the Australian desert. Now her name is Kate Stone and it's her turn to confront Ty and try to find answers to the questions that have obsessed her since her ordeal. What is the legacy of this coercive relationship? Who holds the cards now? In the confusion of past and present, will Kate remain trapped in a deranged dance of desire and revenge? Or will she regain control and find release?

Thriller TP \$32.99

### The Heron's Cry

Two Rivers 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

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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 Eve 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 follow-up to *The Long Call* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Quarry's Blood

Hard Case Crime, Quarry series

#### Gollins, Max Allan

Quarry's violent past comes looking for him... The professional hitman known as Quarry has put killing behind him. But after a beautiful writer of true-crime bestsellers drops by, to announce he's the subject of her next book, killers descend to give him some of his own deadly medicine, forcing Quarry to journey into his bloody past to find the answers – and settle old scores. *Quarry's Blood* brings the hitman's decades-long saga right up to the present day, as MWA Grand Master Max Allan Collins explores the startling final act of Quarry's professional career.

Hardboiled PBK \$19.99

### Judgment at Santa Monica

Jersey Girl Legal mysteries

#### Copperman, E J

The last person family lawyer Sandy Moss expects to walk into her courtroom, right in the middle of a trial, is TV star Patrick McNabb: prime suspect in her first (and she hopes, last) murder case. Sandy knows what Patrick's like. Friendly, overconfident, dazzlingly handsome... and a well-meaning menace. But his request seems harmless enough. His dear friend Cynthia is getting divorced, and he thinks Sandy's perfect for the job. She accepts – because he's Patrick and there is no denying him. But, of course, it's not that simple. Soon Sandy's tangled up in yet another murder – and Patrick, who's currently playing a private detective on TV, believes he's essential to solving the whole thing...

Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

### The Diva Says Cheesecake!

Domestic Diva mysteries

#### Davis, Krista

Old Town's midsummer festivities are getting a tasty addition this year. To coincide with a public performance of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Bobbie Sue Bodoin, the Queen of Cheesecake, has hired Sophie to organise a dinner with a dessert buffet on the waterfront. Bobbie Sue's homegrown company is thriving, and since her baking dish overflowed, she wants to reward her employees. Bobbie Sue has only one menu demand: no cheesecake! But her specialty isn't the only thing missing from the evening – Tate, Bobbie Sue's husband, is too, much to her annoyance. Next morning, however, Tate's dead body is discovered. Bobbie Sue insists she didn't kick her spouse to the curb, and begs for Sophie's help finding the real killer. Digging in, Sophie discovers

an assortment of Old Town locals who all had reason to want a piece of Tate. Can she gather together the crumbs the killer left behind in time to prevent a second helping of murder?

Mystery HC \$47.99

### Dead of Winter

Seasons quartet

#### de la Motte, Anders

*Winter 1987.* Laura is excited to spend Christmas as usual with her beloved aunt Hedda and her friends. But her festive mood soon turns sour as she finds both old faces and new are keeping secrets from her. When a fire claims the life of her best friend, the scars of that night will remain with Laura for the rest of her life. *Today.* With her aunt's death, Laura inherits the cabin village Hedda used to manage and is forced to return to the town she hasn't set foot in since the tragedy. Laura's presence stirs up repressed emotions in the small community and it isn't long before a series of arson attacks casts suspicion on her. Though Laura is desperate to leave, she learns her aunt discovered something about that fateful night not long before she died.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### Dead by Dawn

Mike Bowditch mysteries

#### Doiron, Paul

Mike Bowditch is fighting for his life. After being ambushed on a dark winter road, Bowditch crashes his Jeep into a frozen river. Trapped beneath the ice in the middle of nowhere, having lost his gun and any way to signal for help, Mike fights his way to the surface. But surviving the crash is only the first challenge. Whoever set the trap that ran him off the road is still out there, and they're coming for him. Hours earlier, Mike had been called to investigate the suspicious drowning of a wealthy professor. Despite the death being ruled an accident, the victim's elegant, eccentric daughter-in-law insists the man was murdered. She suspects his companion that day, a reclusive survivalist and conspiracy theorist who accompanied the professor on his fateful duck-hunting trip – but what exactly was the nature of their relationship? And was her own sharp-tongued daughter, who inherited the dead man's fortune, as close to her grandfather as she claims? The accusations lead Mike to a sinister local family who claim to have information on the crime. But when his Jeep flies into the river and unknown armed assailants on snowmobiles chase him through the wilderness, the investigation turns into a fight for survival. As Mike faces a nightlong battle to stay alive, he must dissect the hours leading up to the ambush and solve two riddles: which one of these people desperately want him dead, and what has he done to incur their wrath?

Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

### The Lighthouse

#### Dorricott, Fran

*No one expected them to go there.*

*The question is: will any of them leave?*

Six friends travel to a remote island north of the Scottish Highlands for an old school reunion. They've rented The Lighthouse – a stunning, now abandoned building that was once notorious for deaths at sea. On the first evening, someone goes missing. The group

search all through the night to no avail. But when the five remaining friends return to the lighthouse early the next morning, they are shocked to find James, inside. He's looks terrified – but won't say a word about where he's been. The party vow to put the strange night behind them and enjoy the rest of their stay, but when more unexplained things begin to occur, tensions escalate. It's clear James knows something, but nothing will persuade him to give up the secrets of the island. Is he protecting his friends from a terrible truth, or leading them into more danger?

Thriller TP \$29.99

### The Return of Sherlock Holmes

Painted editions

#### Doyle, Arthur Conan

Beloved by fans across the globe, this collection features thirteen riveting adventures, including an explanation of Holmes' supposed murder at the hands of his nemesis Dr Moriarty in Doyle's 1893 short story 'The Final Problem'. This time-honoured classic is now available as an exclusive collector's edition. Whether you're buying it as a gift or for yourself, this remarkable edition features: a beautiful, high-end hardcover featuring Laci Fowler's distinctive hand-painted art; decorative interior pages featuring pull quotes throughout; and matching ribbon marker and gold page edges.

Sherlockiana HC \$49.99

### No Place to Run

#### Edwards, Mark

Two years ago, on a trip to Seattle to visit her brother Aidan, 15-year-old Scarlett vanished into thin air. After years of false leads and dead ends, Aidan has almost given up hope. But then a woman sees a girl running for her life across a forest clearing in Northern California. She is convinced the girl is the missing Scarlett. But could it really be her? Heading south, Aidan finds a fire-ravaged town covered in missing-teenager posters. The locals seem afraid, the police won't answer any questions and it looks like another dead end – until a chance meeting with returned local Lana gives Aidan his first clue. But as they piece together what happened, Lana and Aidan make deadly enemies. Enemies willing to do anything to silence them. Only one thing matters now: finding Scarlett – even if it kills him.

Thriller TP \$35.95

### The Crooked Shore

Lake District mysteries

#### Edwards, Martin

DCI Hannah Scarlett is an acknowledged expert in solving cold cases, but she is struggling under the weight of bureaucracy when Ramona Smith's disappearance from Bowness more than twenty years ago crosses her desk. The prime suspect was charged but found not guilty. Now the case has come back into the public eye as the result of a shocking tragedy on the Crooked Shore, the fount of dark legends south of the Lake District. A ruthless killer, who has already got away with one murder, plans further appalling crimes. DCI Scarlett finds herself racing against the clock as she strives to solve the mysteries and save innocent lives.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Guilty Creatures: a Menagerie of Mysteries

British Library Crime Classics

#### Edwards, Martin (editor)

From the animal mysteries of Arthur Conan Doyle and F Tennyson Jesse through to more modern masterpieces of the subgenre from Christianna Brand and Penelope Wallace, this anthology celebrates one of the liveliest and most imaginative species of classic crime fiction. The collection includes an introduction on animals in detective fiction by Martin Edwards. Since the dawn of the crime fiction genre, animals of all kinds have played a memorable part in countless mysteries, and in a variety of roles: the perpetrator, the key witness, the sleuth's trusted companion. This collection of fourteen stories corrals plots centred around cats, dogs, and insects alongside more exotic incidents involving gorillas, parakeets, and serpents – complete with a customary shoal of red herrings.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

### Widespread Panic

#### Ellroy, James

*Freddy Otash confesses!* Freddy is an ex-LA cop on the skids. He snuffed a cop killer in cold blood – and it got to him bad. Now, he's a sleazoid private eye, a shakedown artist, a pimp – and, most notably, the head strongarm gun for *Confidential* magazine. Welcome to the world of the malevolent monarch of the Hollywood underground – a tale of pervasive paranoia teeming with communist conspiracies, FBI finks, celebrity smut films, and strange bedfellows.

Noir PBK \$19.99

### Monkey in the Middle

Amos Walker series

#### Estleman, Loren D

The monkey in the middle is the one who 'hears no evil'. Private eye Amos Walker doesn't have that luxury. Hearing the truth, on the other hand, is a lot less common, even from people who need his help. It's summer in Detroit and Walker's just received word that his ex-wife has passed away. He can use a distraction, which arrives in the form of a young, would-be investigative journalist who has gotten in way over his head. He needs Walker's protection, but is suspiciously vague about why and from whom. And he's not the only one playing their cards way too close to their chest, including: a bestselling author who claims to be retired, but who knows a good story when he hears one; a fugitive whistleblower, who skipped out on a \$100,000 bond; a headline-hungry defence attorney who spends as much time before the TV cameras as in court; a career assassin with whom Walker has a long, ugly history. Not to mention any number of covert government agencies pursuing their own agendas, possibly in opposition to each other. Walker just wants answers, but what he finds is a dead body – and enough trouble to put him on ice for good, unless he can discover what everyone's *not* telling him.

Hardboiled HC \$55.00

### 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,

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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 PBK \$19.99

### Betraying the Crown

Guy Harford mysteries

#### Fielden, T P

*Windsor, 1943.* Britain is in the grip of war and treachery is afoot. The body of controversial former courtier Lord Blackwater is found in the abandoned Fort Belvedere, once the country bolthole of the King's wayward brother. And all signs point to murder. Royal confidant Guy Harford is called in to solve the mystery quickly and quietly, before any hint of scandal reaches the public. Investigating with the help of Rodie, his roguish burglar girlfriend, his enquiries lead him into the world of the Royal Ballet, where on-stage glamour hides an undercurrent of off-stage deceit. And when the ballet company's newest recruit turns up dead, it's clear there's more to this murder than meets the eye. Meanwhile, news reaches the Palace that the King's brother – already under strict orders to stay out of trouble – is threatening to undermine both Crown and country by taking US citizenship. Harford must do his royal duty. It's up to him to catch the killer and save the monarchy from crisis in wartime. Before any more heads roll...

Mystery/suspense TP \$35.95

### Atomic Love

#### Fields, Jennie

*Chicago, 1950.* Rosalind Porter has always defied expectations – in her work as a physicist on the Manhattan Project and in her passionate love affair with colleague Thomas Weaver. Five years after the end of both, her guilt over the bomb and her heartbreak over Weaver are intertwined. She desperately misses her work in the lab, yet has almost resigned herself to a more conventional life. Then Weaver gets back in touch – and so does the FBI. Special Agent Charlie Szydlo wants Roz to spy on Weaver, whom the FBI suspects of passing nuclear secrets to the enemy. Roz helped to develop these secrets and knows better than anyone the devastating power such knowledge holds. But can she spy on a man she still loves, despite her better instincts? At the same time, something about Charlie draws her in. He's a former prisoner of war haunted by his past, just as her past haunts her. As Rosalind's feelings for each man deepen, so too does the danger she finds herself in. She will have to choose: the man who taught her how to love... or the man her love might save?

Suspense PBK \$19.99

### Put Out to Pasture

Farm to Table mysteries

#### Flower, Amanda

Shiloh Bellamy has saved her family's farm from financial ruin – but now what? She's barely scraping by on the farm's new organic business model and the fall festival she organised to drum up business comes to a screeching halt when the body of a prominent townswoman is discovered underneath a scarecrow in a nearby field. Worst of all, the evidence points to Shiloh's childhood best friend, Kristy, as the prime suspect. Between cooking up delicious treats made with her farm's produce, convincing her cantankerous father to let her do things her own way, and dealing with a newcomer in town who could be serious competition for her customers, Shiloh doesn't have time to wade into a murder investigation. But with a killer on the loose and suspicious activity circling closer and closer to Shiloh and the people she loves, she realises there's nothing to do but roll up her sleeves and get down to the dirty work of finding the killer and clearing Kristy's name, once and for all.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Hot Water

#### Fowler, Christopher

On a hot afternoon, Summer sits beside a swimming pool in the South of France, waiting for her married lover, Steve, to arrive. By the time he turns up, flight delayed and his family unexpectedly in tow, Summer has vanished from the villa. Hannah the maid is under strict instruction never to speak to any of the guests, but perhaps she knows something. After all, she found broken glass and blood on the property, the day of Summer's disappearance. As local police begin to sniff 'round, life for the villa's occupants begins to fall apart... This is not the next installment in the Bryant & May Peculiar Crimes series, it's a standalone mystery!

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### A Fiancée's Guide to First Wives and Murder

Countess of Harleigh mysteries

#### Freeman, Dianne

For Frances Wynn, widow to the late Earl of Harleigh, life has a cosmopolitan flavour of late. No sooner has she sent her mother and daughter off on a shopping trip to Paris than she and her fiancé, George Hazelton, are socialising with visiting members of the Russian royal family. Amid this whirlwind, scandal also comes calling when Inspector Delaney turns up outside Frances' house with a young French woman with a shocking claim: she is Mrs George Hazelton. As the *future* Mrs George Hazelton, Frances assumes the woman is either lying or demented. 'Mrs Hazelton', aka Irena, makes other outrageous statements. Among them, she insists that she is the illegitimate daughter of Russian royalty, that she has been abducted many times, and that someone is sending her threatening letters. When George arrives, he clarifies that she is certainly not married to Irena – though he can confirm her royal parentage. But even as he agrees to investigate whether Irena's life is in danger, her claim proves tragically true. Irena is found strangled in Frances' garden. To uncover a killer – and clear their own names – Frances and George

must determine which of Irena's outlandish stories were based in fact. And as the search reaches a shocking conclusion, they may find that villainy lurks all too close to home...

Historical mystery TP \$27.99

### Death by Beach Read

Lighthouse Library mysteries

#### Gates, Eva

It's spring in the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and Lucy and Connor have moved into their new home at last, a historic cottage on the Nags Head Beach. The house needs a lot of renovations, but they worked hard over the winter to get it ready. Lucy is now happily immersed in her work at the Bodie Island Lighthouse Library, planning her wedding, and decorating the house. That is, until a dead body disrupts their peaceful new abode. The first night Lucy's alone in the house, with the company of Charles the library cat, she hears sounds. Investigating they see footsteps in the dust of the unfinished living room, and the door to the outside is open. Lucy's reminded that the house is said to be haunted: 40 years ago, the teenage daughter of the owners fled in the night, and never again stepped foot inside her family home. But the sounds have an all-too-human origin and one evening Lucy and Connor find the dead body of a man they don't even recognise in their kitchen. They soon realise he has a long-time connection to their house. Lucy's forced to find out what happened all those years ago and why it's threatening her happiness today. Meanwhile, the Classic Novel Reading Club is reading *The House of the Seven Gables* by Nathaniel Hawthorne, a book about another old house full of secrets. Can Lucy find parallels to her own situation in Hawthorne's fiction, before the killer strikes again?

Mystery HC \$49.99

### The Woman in the Library

#### Gentil, Sulari

*In every person's story, there is something to hide...* The ornate reading room at the Boston Public Library is quiet, until the tranquillity is shattered by a woman's terrified scream. Security guards take charge immediately, instructing everyone inside to stay put until the threat is identified and contained. While they wait for the all-clear, four strangers, who'd happened to sit at the same table, pass the time in conversation and friendships are struck. Each has his or her own reasons for being in the reading room, that morning – it just happens that one is a murderer.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### A Fatal Booking

Booklover's B&B mysteries

#### Gilbert, Victoria

Booklover Charlotte is delighted to welcome an eclectic group of guests to Chapters Bed and Breakfast for a book club retreat focused on fairy tales and classic children's literature. But when one of the guests is poisoned at a Mad Hatter tea party, Charlotte realises she's fallen down a rather unpleasant rabbit hole. The victim – an opinionated busybody whose jewellery store sold original designs, along with some possibly 'hot' merchandise – had plenty of enemies, spurring Charlotte and Ellen to offer their well-honed investigative skills to assist the local police. But as they delve deeper into each of the guest's stories,

they realise all of them had a motive, and the means, to close the book on the unfortunate victim. Enlisting the aid of a few local residents, as well as their new ally, agent Gavin Howard, Charlotte and Ellen vow to reveal the truth, even if the path to any sort of happy ending is strewn with deadly danger.

Mystery HC \$49.99

### The Blue Diamond

Daughter of Sherlock Holmes mysteries

#### Goldberg, Leonard

During a critical stage in World War One, the Governor-General of South Africa journeys to London for a meeting of the Imperial War Conference. Days prior to the conference, the Governor-General is scheduled to have an audience at Buckingham Palace at which time a most precious blue diamond will be presented to King Edward as a symbolic gesture of the colonies' resolute and never-ending allegiance to England. The flawless blue diamond, with its magnificent lustre, weighs nearly 3000 carats which renders it one of the world's largest and most valuable gems. On the Governor-General's arrival, he is ensconced at the fashionable Windsor Hotel under the tightest security, with his entire entourage and formidable security team occupying the entire penthouse floor. All entrances and exits are locked down and closely guarded, and no one is allowed entrance after six pm. Despite the extreme precautions, the famous diamond is stolen from the Governor-General's suite in the middle of the night, with no clues left behind. With Scotland Yard baffled, Joanna and the Watsons are called in to investigate the theft and it becomes clear that the crime is not simply the work of a master thief, but one that could greatly aid the Germans and turn the tide of war in their favour. Time is of the essence and the blue diamond must be recovered before it begins its travels which could cause irreparable damage to the allied war plans.

Sherlockiana HC \$55.00

### Sparring Partners

collection

#### Grisham, John

A new collection of three gripping stories from the master of the legal thriller. *Homecoming* takes us back to Ford County, the fictional setting of many of John Grisham's unforgettable stories. Jake Brigance is back, but he's not in the courtroom. He's called upon to help an old friend, Mack Stafford, a former lawyer in Clanton who three years earlier became a local legend when he stole some money from his clients, divorced his wife, filed for bankruptcy, and left his family in the middle of the night, never to be heard from again. Until now. Now, Mack is back and he's leaning on his old pals, Jake and Harry Rex, to help him return. His homecoming does not go as planned. In *Strawberry Moon*, we meet Cody Wallace, a young death row inmate only three hours away from execution. His lawyers can't save him, the courts slam the door, and the Governor says no to a last-minute request for clemency. As the clock ticks down, Cody has only one final request. *The Sparring Partners* are the Malloy brothers, Kirk and Rusty, two successful young lawyers who inherited a once prosperous firm when its founder, their father, was sent to prison. Kirk

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and Rusty loathe one another; and speak to each other, only when necessary. As the firm disintegrates, the fiasco falls into the lap of Diantha Bradshaw – the only person, the partners trust. Can she save the Malloys, or does she take a stand for the first time and try to save herself?

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Lady of Bones

Sarah Booth Delaney mysteries

#### Haines, Carolyn

It's Halloween season in Mississippi as Sarah Booth and the gang gather to decorate and gush over Tinkie's new baby, Maylin. Sarah Booth is just about to refresh the cocktails when she hears a knock on the door and opens it to find a woman named Frankie, distraught at the disappearance of her daughter Christa, a young journalist. Christa had been investigating the disappearance of young women in New Orleans over a five-year period – one every year around Halloween. Now Christa herself is missing, and Frankie fears it may be connected to a cult based in the Garden District, called People of Eternity. People of Eternity are known to have far-reaching connections which Frankie worries may reach as high as law enforcement. Refusing to contact the authorities, she turns to Delaney Detective Agency as her only hope. Despite initial reservations, Sarah Booth accepts the case, which takes her on a journey to a secret underworld of beguiling cult leaders, witchcraft, and potentially human sacrifice. She'll have to keep her wits about her if she wants to crack this case... and make it home alive.

Mystery HC \$55.00

### A Spoonful of Murder

#### Hall, J M

Every Thursday, three retired school teachers have their 'coffee o'clock' sessions at the Thirsk Garden Centre café. But one fateful week, as they are catching up with a slice of cake, they bump into their ex-colleague, Topsy. By the next Thursday, Topsy's dead. The last thing Liz, Thelma and Pat imagined was that they would become involved in a murder. But they know there's more to Topsy's death than meets the eye – and it's down to them to prove it... Sit down with a cup of tea and this perfectly witty, page-turning cosy crime novel. Fans of Agatha Christie, *Death in Paradise*, and *Midsomer Murders* will be hooked from the very first page.

Mystery TP \$29.99

### Death of a Prominent Citizen

Reverend Mother mysteries

#### Harrison, Gora

Money is the root of all evil, according to the Reverend Mother – but is it the motive for her cousin's murder? Wealthy widow Charlotte Hendrick had always promised that her riches would be divided equally between her seven closest relatives when she died. Now, she has changed her mind and summoned her nearest and dearest, including her cousin, the Reverend Mother, to her substantial home on Bachelor's Quay to inform them of her decision. As Mrs Hendrick's relatives desperately make their case to retain a share of her wealth, riots break out on the quays outside as the flood waters rise... The following

morning, a body is discovered in the master bedroom, its throat cut. Could there be a connection to the riots of the night before – or does the killer lie closer to home? In her efforts to uncover the truth, the Reverend Mother unearths a tale of greed, cruelty, forbidden passion... and cold-blooded malice.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

### The Unwilling

#### Hart, John

After a tour of Vietnam and a three-year stint in prison, Jason is back in town and wants to rebuild his relationship with Gibby, the younger brother he hasn't seen for years. Determined to make that connection, he coaxes Gibby into a day at the lake: long hours of sunshine and whisky and older women. But when the four of them encounter a prison transfer bus on a stretch of empty road, one of the women taunts the prisoners, causing a riot on the bus. Soon after, Tyra is savagely murdered. Given his violent history, suspicion turns first to Jason. Determined to prove his older brother's innocence, Gibby must avoid the police and dive deep into his brother's hidden life, a journey that takes him into the darkest corners of the community. What he discovers is a truth more disturbing than he could have imagined: not just the identity of the killer and the reasons for Tyra's murder, but the forces that shaped his brother in Vietnam, the reason he was framed – and why the most dangerous man alive wants him back in prison.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### An A-List for Death

Poppy McGowan mysteries

#### Hart, Pamela

TV researcher Poppy McGowan has never sought the spotlight and is none too happy to be photographed with rock god Nathan Castle. When the photo pops up on celebrity gossip sites, it sparks a media feeding frenzy, forcing Poppy to go to ground, don a wig, and pull some nifty moves to escape a tailing car. On top of that, she cops abuse from Nathan's outraged fans. None of this would have happened if Poppy hadn't found Nathan's mother Daisy, one-time glamour girl and elderly best friend of her Aunt Mary, bleeding and unconscious in her bathroom. The police dismiss the case as an accident, but Poppy is sure there are questions to be answered. Who attacked Daisy, and why? Will she come out of her coma? What secrets are her gathering family hiding? What happens to Daisy's money, if she dies? When a murder occurs outside Daisy's flat, the police step in at last. Unfortunately, they finger Poppy's boyfriend, Tol, for the crime – after all, he had had blood with the victim. As Daisy's money-hungry family circle amid hints of poisoning, bribery and blackmail, Poppy must find a way to clear Tol's name and ensure Daisy's safety. The sequel to the popular *Digging Up the Dirt* (TP, \$29.99). Recommended.

Mystery TP \$29.99

### Murder in Law

Ellie Quicke mysteries

#### Heley, Veronica

Is the death of Ellie's son-in-law really the result of a burglary gone wrong? Ellie's absence abroad is disastrous for her daughter, Diana – when her husband is attacked by

intruders and left for dead one night, it falls to Ellie's next-door neighbour, Susan, to reluctantly pick up the pieces and take in Diana's children. Is Evan's death really the result of a burglary gone wrong? Joining forces with her aunt, police officer Lesley Millard, Susan discovers that Diana lied to the police about her movements on the night of the murder, and soon finds herself grappling with betrayal, shady business dealings and her own distrust of Diana as she attempts to solve a chilling conundrum: could Ellie's daughter be a cold-blooded killer?

Mystery TP \$39.95

### The Pimlico Murder

Blitz Detective mysteries

#### Hollow, Mike

Armistice Day 1940. A time that stirs painful memories for the Blitz Detective John Jago, given his service during the Great War. But it needs to be business as usual when he arrives at West Ham police station, and promptly finds himself despatched to Pimlico to investigate a suspicious death. A young man, Terry Watson, has been found in a backyard Anderson shelter, battered about the head, and with two white poppies in his pocket. As their investigation delves into Watson's background to try and establish the killer's motive, Jago and his assistant DC Craddock find themselves, knee deep, in Pimlico's shady underworld, and connections with Mosley's BUF party... it will take all their skills to uncover the truth behind the pacifist's brutal death.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### With a Mind to Kill

#### Horowitz, Anthony

It is M's funeral. One man is missing from the graveside: the traitor James Bond, in custody accused of M's murder. Behind the Iron Curtain, a group of former Smersh and Stasi agents now want to use their lethal British spy against a target whose assassination will change history. Bond is smuggled into the lion's den to receive his orders – but whose orders is he following, and what will he do when the time comes to pull the trigger? In a mission where one false move means death, Bond must also grapple with the darkest questions about himself – but not even he knows what has happened to the man he used to be.

James Bond PBK \$32.99

### A Question of Guilt

Cold Case quartet

#### Horst, Jorn Lier

A killer caught. A murder sentence served. But did they arrest the wrong man? In 1999, 17-year-old Tone Vaterland was killed on her way home from work. Desperate for a conviction the police deemed the investigation an open-and-shut case and sent her spurned boyfriend, Danny Momrak, down for murder. But 20 years later, William Wisting receives a puzzling letter. It suggests the wrong man was convicted for Tone's death and the real murderer is still out there. Wisting is quickly thrown into a terrifying race against time where he must find the sender, decipher this mysterious letter, and catch the real killer before they strike again.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### Dust Off the Bones

#### Howarth, Paul

*Even in the vast outback, the past can't stay buried for ever...* Death follows Tommy McBride everywhere. Five years ago, his family was murdered, now a freak accident sends him fleeing into the wilderness of the Australian outback with a man lying dead in his wake. But Tommy is haunted by even worse – as children, he and his brother Billy witnessed the state-sanctioned massacre of the Kurrong people, and they haven't seen each other since. When an official enquiry is launched into the massacre, the successful life that Billy has built for himself comes under threat. He desperately needs to find Tommy, long disappeared into the bush. And he's not the only one – ruthless Inspector Noone, the man with perhaps the most to hide, is on Tommy's trail as well. The follow-up to *Only Killers and Thieves* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

### Rich Kill, Poor Kill

Inspector Low mysteries

#### Humphreys, Neil

When a foreign worker is found dead in a Singapore back street, few people care. Even the police dismiss the killing as another underclass slaying. Then more victims turn up, all killed with the same weapon and Singapore must come to grips with its first serial killer in decades. The murderer must be stopped. In desperation, the authorities turn to the one man they loathe, almost as much as the killer himself – Detective Inspector Stanley Low. Angry, bipolar, and unrepentant, his career is in tatters, but he is also the only man capable of understanding what drives the serial killer. Low must solve the case quickly, stop a serial killer, and save his sanity. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Marina Bay Sins

Inspector Low mysteries

#### Humphreys, Neil

Detective Inspector Stanley Low is having a bad day. His bipolar disorder is ruining another session with his psychiatrist; and, when a murdered prostitute and a dead expatriate are discovered at Singapore's most prestigious hotel in the glamorous Marina Sins Bay, he is plunged back into the sordid underworld he was desperate to leave behind. Low goes undercover, returning to a world that the city refuses to acknowledge; a world of gambling addiction, crime syndicates, international money launderers, immoral celebrities and corrupt politicians, all living in Asia's cleanest metropolis. Marina Sins Bay may be the sparkling embodiment of the island's devotion to economic prosperity; yet, a corrupt underworld lies within the 'Monaco' of Asia. As Inspector Low gets closer to the unpalatable truth, he will demand answers to questions that society has chosen to ignore for too long. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Bloody Foreigners

Inspector Low mysteries

#### Humphreys, Neil

London is angry, divided and obsessed with foreigners. A murdered Asian, and some racist graffiti, in Chinatown threaten to trigger

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the race war that the white supremacists of Make England Great Again have been hoping for. They just need a tipping point. He arrives in the shape of Detective Inspector Stanley Low. Brilliant and bipolar. He hates everyone almost as much as he hates himself. Singapore doesn't want him, and he doesn't want to be in London. There are too many bad memories. Low is plunged into a polarised city, where xenophobia and intolerance feed screaming echo chambers. His desperate race to find a far-right serial killer will lead him to charismatic Neo-Nazi leaders, incendiary radio hosts and Met Police officers who don't appreciate the foreigner's interference. As Low confronts the darkest corners of a racist soul, the Chinese detective is the wrong face in the wrong place. But he's the right copper for the job. London is about to meet the bloody foreigner who won't walk away.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Basil's War

WWII spy thrillers

#### Hunter, Stephen

Basil St Florian is an accomplished agent in the British Army, tasked with dozens of dangerous missions for crown and country across the globe. But his current mission, going undercover in Nazi-occupied France during World War II, might be his toughest assignment yet. He will be searching for an ecclesiastic manuscript that doesn't officially exist, one that genius professor Alan Turing believes may hold the key to a code that could prevent the death of millions and possibly even end the war. St Florian isn't the classic British special agent with a stiff upper lip – he is a swashbuckling, whisky-drinking cynic and thrill seeker, who resents having to leave Vivien Leigh's bed to set out on his crucial mission. Despite these proclivities, though, Basil's Army superiors know he's the best man for the job, carrying out his espionage with enough charm and quick wit to make any of his subjects lower their guards.

Suspense TP \$29.99

### Kyiv

Wars Within series

#### Hurley, Graham

On Sunday 22nd June, 1941, at 03.05, three and a half million Axis troops burst into the Soviet Union along a 1,800 mile front to launch Operation *Barbarossa*. The southern thrust of the attack was aimed at the Caucasus and the oil fields beyond. Kyiv was the biggest city to stand in their way. Within six weeks, the city was under siege. Surrounded by Panzers, bombed and shelled day and night, Soviet Commissar Nikita Krushchev was amongst the senior Soviet officials coordinating the defence. Amid his cadre of trusted personnel is British defector Bella Menzies, once with MI5, now with the NKVD. With the fall of the city inevitable, the Soviets plan a bloody war of terror that will extort a higher toll on the city's inhabitants than the invaders. As the noose tightens, Bella finds herself trapped, hunted by both the Russians and the Germans. As the local saying has it: life is dangerous – no one survives it. The Wars Within series begins with *Finisterre* (PBK, \$19.99).

Suspense PBK \$19.99

### The Red Canoe

Buck Fineday series

#### Johnson, Wayne

Buck, government name Michael Fineday, Ojibwe name Miskwa' doden (Red Deer) is on the brink of suicide. He has just been served divorce papers by his wife Naomi, who is fed up with his saviour complex and the danger it often attracts to their door. Living on the border of Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community reservation, Buck makes a living as a boatbuilder and carpenter. He spends his days alone, trying to win the trust of a feral cat... until a semi-feral girl shows up, fascinated by the canoe Buck is building. Lucy, Ojibwe name Gage' bineh (Everlasting Bird), lives in a trailer alone with her father; a local policeman struggling with PTSD, compounded by the loss of Lucy's mother. Just barely fifteen she has lived with a lifetime of abuse, while knowing that if she ever spoke out, her father would bear the consequences. Buck senses Lucy is in trouble and doesn't hesitate to come to her defence. On the foundation of their shared Ojibwe heritage, they trace Lucy's abuse to a ring that extends farther than either of them ever imagined, while building a bond even sturdier than Buck's canoe.

Thriller TP \$29.99

### Red Widow

#### Katsu, Alma

Lyndsey Duncan worries her career with the CIA might be over. After lines are crossed with another intelligence agent during an assignment, she is sent home to Washington on administrative leave. So, when a former colleague – now Chief of the Russia Division – recruits her for an internal investigation, she jumps at the chance to prove herself. Lyndsey was once a top handler in the Moscow Field Station, where she was known as the 'human lie detector' and praised for recruiting some of the most senior Russian officials. But now, three Russian assets have been exposed – including one of her own – and the CIA is convinced there's a mole in the department. With years of work in question and lives on the line, Lyndsey is thrown back into life at the agency, this time tracing the steps of those closest to her. Meanwhile, fellow agent Theresa Warner can't avoid the spotlight. She is the infamous 'Red Widow', the wife of a former director killed in the field under mysterious circumstances. With her husband's legacy shadowing her every move, Theresa is a fixture of the Russia Division, and as she and Lyndsey strike up an unusual friendship, her knowledge proves invaluable. But as Lyndsey uncovers a surprising connection to Theresa that could answer all of her questions, she unearths a terrifying web of secrets within the department, if only she is willing to unravel it...

Suspense TP \$26.99

### The Proof Is in the Poison

Southern Homebrew mysteries

#### Kelly, Diane

Now that her moonshine shop is up and running, Hattie Hayes can focus her efforts on expanding her fledgling business to events in the area, like the Chattanooga Choo Choo Model Train Convention, which is running full steam ahead at the convention centre down the block. Hattie is all aboard, seizing this perfect opportunity to promote her

Southern homebrew to the folks who have come to the city for the annual event. But when an attendee dies after drinking some of Hattie's moonshine, she'll need to prove her innocence. Between tight-lipped train hobbyists and competitors for a coveted convention prize, Hattie has a wide array of suspects to choose from, and she'll need to use all the tricks up her sleeve to make sure her moonshine business can survive a murderer and stay on track.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### A Botanist's Guide to Parties and Poisons

Saffron Everleigh mysteries

#### Khavari, Kate

Newly-minted research assistant Saffron Everleigh is determined to blaze a new trail at the University College London, but with her colleagues' beliefs about women's academic inabilities and not so subtle hints that her deceased father's reputation paved her way into the botany department, she feels stymied at every turn. When she attends a dinner party for the school, she expects to engage in conversations about the university's large expedition to the Amazon. What she doesn't expect is for Mrs Henry, one of the professors' wives, to drop to the floor, poisoned by an unknown toxin. Dr Maxwell, Saffron's mentor, is the main suspect and evidence quickly mounts. Joined by fellow researcher – and potential romantic interest – Alexander Ashton, Saffron uses her knowledge of botany as she explores steamy greenhouses, dark gardens, and deadly poisons to clear Maxwell's name. Will she be able to uncover the truth or will her investigation land her on the murderer's list, in this entertaining examination of society's expectations. The first in a series.

Historical mystery HC \$49.99

### Billy Summers

#### King, Stephen

Billy Summers is a man in a room with a gun. He's a killer for hire and the best in the business. But he'll do the job only if the target is a truly bad guy. And, now, Billy wants out. But first there is one last hit. Billy is among the best snipers in the world, a decorated Iraq war vet, a Houdini when it comes to vanishing after the job is done. So, what could possibly go wrong? How about everything. This spectacular can't-put-it-down novel is part war story, part love letter to small town America and the people who live there, and it features one of the most compelling and surprising duos in King fiction, who set out to avenge the crimes of an extraordinarily evil man. It's about love, luck, fate, and a complex hero with one last shot at redemption. You won't put this story down, and you won't forget Billy.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### Rotten to the Core

Lady Hardcastle mysteries

#### Kinsey, T E

*Summer 1911*. A scorching heatwave engulfs the quiet town of Littleton Cotterell and brings about an unusually early harvest. The villagers are thrilled, but events quickly turn sour when one of them turns up dead in an apple orchard, stabbed through the heart. Amateur sleuth Lady Hardcastle and her trusty lady's maid, Flo, suddenly have a juicy

case on their hands. Might the mysterious stranger they recently met in the village be to blame? When a second cider-related murder takes place, it quickly becomes clear that there's more to these mysterious deaths than meets the eye. The daring duo uncover whispers of an ancient order and moonlit rituals. And evidence points to a macabre secret in the village stretching back years. A secret someone will do anything – anything, at all – to keep hidden. Something is rotten, that's for sure. With the local constabulary baffled, Lady Hardcastle and Flo must use all their powers of wit and whimsy to get to the bottom of the dastardly deed. But can they catch the killer before any more people drop dead?

Historical mystery TP \$35.95

### Lost and Found

Vera Kelly mysteries

#### Knecht, Rosalie

It's spring 1971 and Vera Kelly and her girlfriend, Max, leave their cosy Brooklyn apartment for an emergency visit to Max's estranged family in Los Angeles. Max's parents are divorcing – her father is already engaged to a much younger woman and under the sway of an occultist charlatan; her mother has left their estate in a hurry with no indication of return. Max, who hasn't seen her family since they threw her out at the age of 21, prepares for the trip with equal parts dread and anger. Upon arriving, Vera is shocked by the size and extravagance of the Comstock estate – the sprawling, manicured landscape; expansive and ornate buildings; and garages full of luxury cars reveal a privileged upbringing that, up until this point, Max had only hinted at – while Max attempts to navigate her father, who is hostile and controlling, and the occultist, St James, who is charming but appears to be siphoning family money. Tensions boil over at dinner when Max threatens to alert her mother – and her mother's lawyers – to St James and her father's plans using marital assets. The next morning, when Vera wakes up, Max is gone. In Vera Kelly Lost and Found, Rosalie Knecht gives Vera her highest-stake case yet, as Vera quickly puts her private detective skills to good use and tracks a trail of breadcrumbs across southern California to find her missing girlfriend. She travels first to a film set in Santa Ynez and, ultimately, to a most unlikely destination where Vera has to decide how much she is willing to commit to save the woman she loves.

Mystery TP \$35.95

### Trapped Läckberg, Camilla & Fexeus, Henrik

It's a case unlike anything detective Mina Dabiri has seen before. A woman trapped inside a magician's box, with swords pierced through. But this time, it's not a magic trick. It's murder. Knowing she has a terrifying killer on her hands, Mina enlists the help of celebrity mentalist, Vincent Walder. Only he can give her an insight into the secret world of magic and illusions. Mina and Vincent soon discover that the murder victim has the roman numeral III engraved on her leg. The killer is counting down. There are going to be three more murders. And time is running out to stop them.

Thriller TP \$32.99

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## Crime & Mystery June 2022 (continued)

### **M, King's Bodyguard Leonard, Niall**

From humble beginnings in Ireland, William Melville has risen through hard work, intelligence, and occasional brute force to become head of Scotland Yard's Special Branch, personal bodyguard to Queen Victoria and her family, and the scourge of anarchists at home and abroad. But when the aged Queen dies in January 1901 and the crowned heads of Europe converge on London for her funeral, Melville learns of a conspiracy, led by a mysterious nihilist known only as Akushku, to assassinate Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany at the ceremony. Racing to prevent the atrocity, Melville and his German counterpart Gustav Steinhauer find themselves tangled in a web of adultery, betrayal, and violence. As the funeral looms ever closer, Melville realises that Akushku is the most resourceful and vicious foe he has yet encountered – but is the greater threat from Melville's enemies, or his allies?

Historical mystery/suspense TP \$37.95

### **Dream Girl Lippman, Laura**

*How can a woman who never existed come back to haunt you?* Gerry Anderson has been having trouble sleeping. He's unwell – bed bound – and has only his night nurse and his PA for company. But what's really troubling him are the phone calls. Phone calls from a woman claiming to be the 'real' Aubrey. But that can't be. Aubrey's just a character Gerry made up in a book, years ago. Can Gerry see past the ever-blurring lines of fact and fiction and figure out who is threatening him, or has his long-overdue moment of reckoning finally arrived?

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### **Seasonal Work collection**

**Lippman, Laura**  
From one of America's greatest living crime writers, a razor-sharp collection of killer short stories, in a gorgeous hardback edition. From 'The Everyday Housewife' to 'The Cougar', 'Tricks' to 'Snowflake Time', Laura Lippman's sharp and acerbic stories explore the contemporary world and the female experience through the prism of classic crime, where the stakes are always deadly. And in the collection's longest piece, the novella 'Just One More', she follows the trajectory of a married couple who, tired of rewatching *Columbo* reruns during lockdown, decide to join the same dating app.

Mystery TP \$32.99

### **Miss Morton and the English House Party Murder**

Miss Morton mysteries  
**Lloyd, Catherine**  
The options for the penniless daughter of a deceased earl are few indeed in Regency England. So, following the suspicious death of her father, the Earl of Morton, and the discovery that she and her much younger sister have been left without income or home, Lady Caroline takes a post as a lady's companion to the wealthy widow Frogerton. Just as Caroline is getting accustomed to her new position, her aunt, Lady Eleanor Greenwood, invites her and her employer to a house party in the countryside to celebrate her youngest daughter's birthday. Mrs Matilda

(Matty) Frogerton sees this as an opportunity to introduce her own rather wild daughter, Dorothy, to the *ton*, and Caroline is eager to see her sister, who as a child lives with their aunt. But all is not well at the Greenwood estate. For one thing, Lady Caroline's former fiancé, Lord Francis Chatham, is a guest and refuses to speak to her. Far worse, after a series of troubling harassments of the staff, an elderly family member is found stabbed by a knitting needle. As Caroline and an unexpected ally – Mrs Frogerton – attempt to solve the chilling crime, they discover the culprit may be leaving bizarre clues as to who will be next in the nursery. But they must make haste, for this heartless killer is engaged in anything but child's play... The first in a new series.

Historical mystery HC \$47.99

### **Little Sister**

Jonah Sheens Detective series

#### **Lodge, Gytha**

Jonah Sheens is enjoying a moment of peace in a pub garden on his day off when a teenage girl wanders out of the woods. She's striking, with flame-red hair and a pale complexion. She's also covered in blood. When Jonah races to help, the girl insists she's fine. Then she smiles. It's her sister he needs to worry about. Keely and her sister, Nina, disappeared from a children's home a week ago. Now Keely is here – but Nina's still missing. Jonah is sure Keely knows where her sister is – but before she tells him anything, she insists, he has to listen to her story from the beginning. Is she witness, victim, or killer? And if Jonah follows the trail of clues in her story, will they lead him to the missing girl – or distract him until it's too late?

Thriller TP \$32.99

### **Gathering Storms**

#### **McGinnis, Kerry**

Penny Carter's quiet life in Southbend, running a nursery with her ex father-in-law, is turned upside down when Lisa, the young daughter of her late husband, is unexpectedly deposited on her doorstep. The unwelcome houseguest stirs up more than just memories of Penny's husband's betrayal, when a cyclone leads to the discovery of a skeleton buried next to the town cemetery. As the mystery around the unsettling discovery grows, Penny, supported by her enigmatic neighbour Flint, begins to question everything she thought she knew about her own childhood and her mother's death. Family secrets long thought buried come bubbling to the surface, as other shocking revelations see Penny and Lisa in an ultimate race for survival. But what other secrets will the Wet season uncover, while the whole town is cut off from the rest of the world?

Mystery TP \$32.99

### **I Shot the Devil**

#### **McIver, Ruth**

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 Woods the night Andre was murdered. Only three came out. Ativan, alcohol and distance had dimmed Erin's memories of that time. But nearly 20 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 electrified the country. Erin's investigation propels her closer and closer to a terrifying truth. And closer and closer to danger.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### **Murder Most Grave**

Granny Reid mysteries

#### **McKevett, G A**

With a new grandbaby to care for at home, Stella has little time to spare. Her hands are especially full since Savannah, her teenage granddaughter, developed a crush on a boy guaranteed to break her heart. Gallivanting around with her best pal Sheriff Manny Goldford simply isn't an option – until a freshly murdered body is discovered... Holding a criminal record unlike anyone's in McGill, Dexter Corbin was a man who wouldn't be missed at Sunday school or the darkest local tavern. But he never deserved to meet his end so soon – so violently. When a gravedigger finds Dexter sprawled across the steps of a crypt, Stella and Manny launch into action to investigate who had motive to kill him... As the pieces start falling together, everything else becomes less certain. Manny soon realises he could lose his position as sheriff, and there's the case of yet another shocking death. Now, Stella must protect those closest to her while unearthing the dangerous culprit and putting a real grave affair to rest.

Mystery HC \$47.99

### **The Island**

#### **McKinty, Adrian**

*A family story, unlike any you've read yet.* You should not have come to the island. You should not have been speeding. You should not have tried to hide the body. You should not have told your children that you could keep them safe. No one can run forever...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### **Murder on the Caronia**

Ocean Liner mysteries

#### **Marston, Edward**

*New York, 1908.* While waiting to embark on the *Caronia*, the Cunard Line's famous ocean liner, private detectives George Dillman and Genevieve Masefield are startled to witness the boarding of a man and woman in shackles. They discover that these prisoners are being brought back to England by Scotland Yard to face trial for murder. Over the course of the crossing, while managing purse-snatchers, burglars, card sharps and drug traffickers, Dillman and Masefield come to believe that the captured couple may not be the vicious criminals some consider them. But pursuing the hunch that they are innocent becomes harder when a murderer strikes on board. Dillman and Masefield will need all their wits to navigate the waters ahead. Previously published under the name Conrad Allen.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

### **Murder on the Minnesota**

Ocean Liner mysteries

#### **Marston, Edward**

*New York, 1908.* Private detectives George Dillman and Genevieve Masefield plan to take a break from work upon the Cunard Line's fleet with the offer of employment upon the *Minnesota*, a freighter and passenger vessel, which is bound for the Far East. Although the pair are investigating the

possibility of a smuggling operation on the route, at first all appears to be smooth sailing, but the voyage takes a dire turn when a fiery Catholic missionary is murdered, and it proves to be the first in a series of crimes that plague the crossing. Previously published under the name Conrad Allen.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

### **The Satapur Moonstone**

Perveen Mistry mysteries

#### **Massey, Sujata**

*India, 1922:* It is rainy season in the lush, remote Sahyadri Mountains southeast of Bombay, where the kingdom of Satapur is tucked away. A curse has fallen upon Satapur's royal family, whose maharaja and his teenage son are both dead. The kingdom is now ruled by an agent of the British Raj on behalf of Satapur's two maharanis, the dowager queen and the maharaja's widow. The royal ladies are in dispute over the education of the young crown prince, and a lawyer's council is required – but the maharanis live in purdah and do not speak to men. Just one woman can help them: Perveen Mistry. Perveen is determined to bring peace to the royal house, but when she arrives she finds that the Satapur palace is full of cold-blooded power plays and ancient vendettas. Too late, she realises she has walked into a trap. But whose? And how can she protect the royal children from the deadly curse on the palace? Our mystery-loving customers enjoy these a great deal. Recommended.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

### **The Jigsaw Man**

Insp Anjelica Henley series

#### **Matheson, Nadine**

On the day she returns to active duty with the Serial Crimes Unit, Detective Inspector Anjelica Henley is called to a crime scene. Dismembered body parts from two victims have been found by the river. The modus operandi bears a striking resemblance to Peter Olivier, the notorious Jigsaw Killer, who has spent the past two years behind bars. When he learns that someone is co-opting his grisly signature – the arrangement of victims' limbs in puzzle-piece shapes – he decides to take matters into his own hands. As the body count rises, DI Anjelica Henley is faced with an unspeakable new threat. Can she apprehend the copycat killer before Olivier finds a way to get to him first? Or will she herself become the next victim? The first in a series.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### **Red Traitor**

Matthews, Owen

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

Suspense PBK \$22.99

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### The Maidens

#### Michaelides, Alex

Edward Fosca is a murderer. Of this, Mariana is certain. But Fosca is untouchable. A handsome and charismatic Greek tragedy professor at Cambridge University, Fosca is adored by staff and students alike – particularly by the members of a secret society of female students known as the Maidens. Mariana Andros is a brilliant but troubled group therapist who becomes fixated on the Maidens when one member, a friend of Mariana's niece Zoe, is found murdered in Cambridge. Mariana, who was once herself a student at the university, quickly suspects that behind the idyllic beauty of the spires and turrets, and beneath the ancient traditions, lies something sinister. And she becomes convinced that, despite his alibi, Edward Fosca is guilty of the murder. But why would the professor target one of his students? And why does he keep returning to the rites of Persephone, the maiden, and her journey to the underworld? When another body is found, Mariana's obsession with proving Fosca's guilt spirals out of control, threatening to destroy her credibility as well as her closest relationships. But Mariana is determined to stop this killer, even if it costs her everything – including her life.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### A Rogue's Company

Sparks & Bainbridge mysteries

#### Montclair, Allison

In London, 1946, the Right Sort Marriage Bureau is getting on its feet and expanding. Miss Iris Sparks and Mrs Gwendolyn Bainbridge are making a go of it. That is until Lord Bainbridge – the widowed Gwen's father-in-law and legal guardian – returns from a business trip to Africa and threatens to undo everything important to her, even sending her six-year-old son away to a boarding school. But there's more going on than that. A new client shows up at the agency, one whom Sparks and Bainbridge begin to suspect really has a secret agenda, somehow involving the Bainbridge family. A murder and a subsequent kidnapping sends Sparks to seek help from a dangerous quarter – and, now, their very survival is at stake.

Mystery TP \$39.95

### Five Minds

#### Morpuss, Guy

One body. Two lies. Three murders. Four suspects. Five minds. The Earth's spiralling population has finally been controlled. Lifespans are limited to eighty years, except for those who make an extreme choice: to become a commune. Five minds sharing one body, each living for four hours at a time. But with a combined lifespan of nearly 150 years. Alex, Kate, Mike, Sierra, and Ben have already spent 25 years together in what was once Mike's body, their frequent personality clashes leading to endless bickering, countless arguments, and getting themselves stranded on a Russian Arctic freighter. Wanting to buy upgrades for their next host body, they decide to travel to a Death Park where time can be gambled like money. But things go very wrong when Kate accepts a dangerous offer, and one of them disappears. Someone is trying to kill off members of the commune. But why? Is one

of them responsible? Or is an outsider playing a deadly game? It's hard enough to catch a murderer. It's almost impossible when you might be sharing a body with them...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### The Ghosts of Paris

Billie Walker mysteries

#### Moss, Tara

It's 1947. The world continues to grapple with the fallout of the Second World War, and former war reporter Billie Walker is finding her feet as an investigator. When a wealthy client hires Billie and her assistant Sam to track down her missing husband, the trail leads Billie back to London and Paris, where Billie's own painful memories also lurk. Jack Rake, Billie's wartime lover and, briefly, husband, is just one of the millions of people who went missing in Europe during the war. What was his fate after they left Paris together? As Billie's search for her client's husband takes her to both the swanky bars at Paris' famous Ritz hotel and to the dank basements of the infamous Paris morgue, she'll need to keep her gun at the ready, because something even more terrible than a few painful memories might be following her around the city of lights...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### The Self-Made Widow

#### Nicieza, Fabian

After mother of five and former FBI profiler Andie Stern solved a murder – and unravelled a decades-old conspiracy – in her New Jersey town, both her husband and the West Windsor police hoped that she would set aside crime-fighting and go back to carpoos, changing diapers, and lunches with her group of mom-friends, who she secretly calls The Cellulitists. Even so, Andie can't help but get involved when the husband of Queen Bee Molly Goode is found dead. Though, all signs point to natural causes, Andie begins to dig into the case and soon risks more than just the clique's wrath, because what she discovers might hit shockingly close to home. Meanwhile, journalist Kenny Lee is enjoying a rehabilitated image after his success as Andie's sidekick. But when an anonymous phone call tips him off that Molly Goode killed her husband, he's soon drawn back into the thicket of suburban scandals, uncovering secrets, affairs, and a huge sum of money. Hellbent on justice and hoping not to kill each other in the process, Andie and Kenny dust off their suburban sleuthing caps, once again.

Satirical mystery HC \$55.00

### To the Dark

Simon Westow mysteries

#### Nickson, Chris

*Leeds, 1822.* The city is in the grip of winter, but the chill deepens for thief-taker Simon Westow and his young assistant, Jane, when the body of Laurence Poole, a petty local thief, emerges from the melting snow by the river at Flay Crow Mill. A coded notebook found in Laurence's room mentions Charlie Harker, the most notorious fence in Leeds who's now running for his life, and the mysterious words: To the dark. What was Laurence hiding that caused his death? Simon's hunt for the truth pits him against some dangerous, powerful enemies who'll happily kill him in a heartbeat – if they can.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

### Night, Neon: Tales of Mystery and Suspense

collection

#### Oates, Joyce Carol

From literary icon Joyce Carol Oates comes a brand-new collection of haunting and, at times, darkly humorous mystery and suspense stories. These are tales of psyches pushed to their limits by the expectations of everyday life – from a woman who gets lost on her drive home to her plush suburban home and ends up breaking into a stranger's house, to a first-person account of a cloned 1940s magazine pinup girl being sold at auction and embodying America's ideals of beauty and womanhood. Taken as a whole, the collection forms a poignant tapestry of regular people searching for their place in a social hierarchy, often with devastating and disastrous results. Rendered with stylish, fresh writing from an author who continues to push the envelope, the stories deftly weave in and out of a stream-of-consciousness to reflect the ways we process traumatic experiences and impart that uncertainty and uneasiness to the reader. Originally appearing in publications as disparate as *Harper's*, *Vice*, and *Conjunctions*, the stories comprising *Night, Neon* showcase Oates' mastery of the suspense story – and her relentless use of the form to conduct unapologetically honest explorations of American identity.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### The Rebel's Mark

Nicholas Shelby mysteries

#### Perry, S W

*1598.* Elizabeth's reign is reaching its winter and England's old adversaries are fading. But in a world on the brink of change, showing any weakness can be fatal... Nicholas Shelby, unorthodox physician and reluctant spy for Robert Cecil, has brought his wife Bianca and their child home from exile in Padua. Welcome at court, his star is in the ascendancy. But he has returned to a dangerous world. Two old enemies are approaching their final reckoning. England and Spain are exhausted by war. In London, Elizabeth is entering the twilight of her reign. In Madrid, King Philip of Spain is dying. Perhaps now is the time for one last throw of the dice. Elizabeth has seen off more than one Spanish attempt at invasion. But, still, she is not safe. In Ireland, rebellion against her rule is raging. And if Spain can take Ireland, England will be more vulnerable than ever. When England's greatest living poet, Edmund Spenser, sends Robert Cecil an enigmatic and mysterious plea for help from his Irish fastness, Cecil dispatches Nicholas to investigate. Soon he and Bianca find themselves caught up not just in bloody rebellion, but in the lethal power-play between Cecil and the one man, Elizabeth believes can restore Ireland to her, the unpredictable Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex.

Historical mystery HC \$39.99

### Bone Memories

#### Piper, Sally

Even though 16 years have passed, Billie will never recover from the murder of her daughter, Jess, and clings to her memory – and the site of her death – like a life raft. Daniel, who was a toddler when his mother was killed, can recall little of what happened but knows if he's to have any chance of a

better future he needs to move on from that defining event – if only his grandmother would let him. Meanwhile Daniel's stepmother, Carla, also feels trapped by Jess' legacy but has a plan that she believes will help everyone to escape from the long shadow of the past.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Renovated to Death

Domestic Partners in Crime mysteries

#### Polito, Frank Anthony

After a successful first season of *Domestic Partners* chronicling the renovation of their historic Craftsman Colonial, Peter and JP are taking on a renovation of a local Tudor Revival inherited by identical twin brothers Terry and Tom Cash. But linoleum floors and a pink-tiled bathroom aren't the only unwelcome surprises awaiting inside the house... Just as the show is set to start filming, Peter and JP discover Tom Cash dead at the foot of the house's staircase. And when the police ruling changes from accidental death to homicide, the list of suspects grows fast. Could the killer be the crabby next-door neighbour, the Realtor ex-boyfriend, the bartender ex-boyfriend, the other, much younger, ex-boyfriend, or even renovation-reluctant brother, Terry? And what's that awful smell coming from the basement? Now Peter's mystery writer skills, and JP's experience as the former star of a cop show, will be put to the test – as will their relationship while they uncover the secrets of the house and its owners. With a killer on the loose, this is one fixer upper that may prove deadly... The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$27.99

### The Last Guests

#### Pomare, J P

*Ever have the feeling you're being watched?* Newlyweds Lina and Cain don't make it out to their property on gorgeous Lake Tarawera as often as they'd like, so when Cain suggests they rent the house out to vacationers, Lina reluctantly agrees. While the home has been in her family for generations, they could use the extra money. And at first, Lina is amazed at how quickly guests line up, and at how much they're willing to pay. But both Lina and Cain have been keeping secrets, secrets that won't be put off by fresh paint or a new alarm system. And someone has been watching them – their mundane tasks, their intimate moments. When a visit takes a deadly turn, Lina realises someone out there knows something they shouldn't... and that welcoming strangers into your home is playing a dangerous game.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### A Lonely Man

#### Power, Chris

Two British men, both writers, meet by chance in Berlin. Robert is trying and failing to finish his next book while balancing his responsibilities as a husband and a father. Patrick, a recent arrival in the city, is secretive about his past, but eventually reveals that he has been ghost writing the autobiography of a Russian oligarch. The oligarch has turned up dead, and Patrick claims to be a hunted man himself. Although Robert doubts the truth of Patrick's story, it fascinates him, and he thinks it might hold the key to his own foundering novel.



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Working to gain the other man's trust, Robert draws out the details of Patrick's past while ensnaring himself ever more tightly in what might be either a fantasist's creation or a lethal international plot.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### **The Bay** **Reynolds, Allie**

Kenna arrives in Sydney to surprise her best friend. But Mikki and her fiancé Jack are about to head away on a trip, so Kenna finds herself tagging along for the ride. Sorrow Bay is beautiful, wild, and dangerous. A remote surfing spot with waves to die for, cut off from the rest of the world. Here, Kenna meets a mysterious group of people who will do anything to keep their paradise a secret. Sky, Ryan, Clemente and Victor have come to disappear from life. But what did they leave behind? As Kenna gets drawn into their world, she sees the extremes they are prepared to go to for the next thrill. And everyone seems to be hiding something. What is her best friend involved in and can she get her away? Because one thing is becoming rapidly clear about the Bay: nobody ever leaves.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### **The Murders at Fleet House** **Riley, Lucinda**

The sudden death of a pupil in Fleet House at St Stephen's – a small private boarding school in deepest Norfolk – is a shocking event that the headmaster is very keen to call a tragic accident. But the local police cannot rule out foul play and the case prompts the return of high-flying Detective Inspector Jazzmine 'Jazz' Hunter to the force. Jazz has her own private reasons for stepping away from her police career in London, and reluctantly agrees to front the investigation as a favour to her old boss. Reunited with her loyal sergeant Alastair Miles, she enters the closed world of the school, and as Jazz begins to probe the circumstances surrounding Charlie Cavendish's tragic death, events are soon to take another troubling turn. Charlie is exposed as an arrogant bully, and those around him had both motive and opportunity to switch the drugs he took daily to control his epilepsy. As staff at the school close ranks, the disappearance of young pupil Rory Millar and the death of an elderly classics master provide Jazz with important leads, but are destined to complicate the investigation further. As snow covers the landscape and another suspect goes missing, Jazz must also confront her personal demons... Then, a particularly grim discovery at the school makes this the most challenging murder investigation of her career. Because Fleet House hides secrets darker than even Jazz could ever have imagined...

Mystery TP \$32.99

### **A Dreadful Destiny** **Rowe, Rosemary**

Libertus mysteries of Roman Britain  
*April, CE 194.* The tensions in the civil-war-torn Empire have come to Glevum, now Libertus' patron, Marcus Septimus, has received a letter from Druscilla Livia, a widowed cousin of his wife, seeking his protection. She has received an offer of marriage from a powerful Roman Senator, Hortius Valens, a man of cruel and unusual tastes, and she is in no position to refuse.

She has run away... with Hortius in hot pursuit. This puts Marcus in a dangerous dilemma. If he accepts Druscilla as his ward and prevents the wedding, he offends not only her prospective groom, but also the Provincial Governor to whom Hortius is related. But if he returns Druscilla to the Senator, he offends another of her kinswomen – the Empress herself. Once again, Marcus turns to Libertus for help. But Libertus has worries of his own. His wife Gwellia has an injured foot, which is now infected and could cost her life. But when one of his own slaves is brutally killed, he realises how perilous the situation has become. Resolving to help Druscilla, he concocts an ingenious plan. But in defying the Senator, Libertus is making a powerful enemy. And even the best-laid plans can go disastrously awry...

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

### **The Winter Guest** **Ryan, W C**

The drive leads past the gate house and through the trees towards the big house, visible through the winter-bared branches. Its windows stare down at Harkin and the sea beyond... *January 1921.* Though the Great War is over, in Ireland a new, civil war is raging. The once-grand Kilcolgan House, a crumbling bastion shrouded in sea-mist, lies half empty and filled with ghosts – both real and imagined – the Prendevelles, the noble family within, co-existing only as the balance of their secrets is kept. Then, when an IRA ambush goes terribly wrong, Maud Prendeville, eldest daughter of Lord Kilcolgan, is killed, leaving the family reeling. Yet, the IRA column insist they left her alive, that someone else must have been responsible for her terrible fate. Captain Tom Harkin, an IRA intelligence officer and Maud's former fiancé, is sent to investigate, becoming an unwelcome guest in this strange, gloomy household. Working undercover, Harkin must delve into the house's secrets – and discover where, in this fractured, embattled town, each family member's allegiances truly lie. But Harkin too is haunted by the ghosts of the past and by his terrible experiences on the battlefields. Can he find out the truth about Maud's death before the past – and his strange, unnerving surroundings – overwhelm him? A haunting, atmospheric mystery set against the raw Irish landscape, in a country divided – from the author of *A House of Ghosts*, for fans of Agatha Christie.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

### **Sometimes at Night**

Marshall Grade mysteries

#### **Sanders, Ben**

Ray Vialoux is in trouble. Big trouble. And he needs Marshall Grade's help. Reluctantly, Grade agrees to meet. Over dinner in a Brooklyn restaurant, he learns that his former NYPD colleague owes money – a lot of money – to the wrong people. But the conversation is cut short by gunfire, and suddenly Ray is lying dead on the restaurant floor. As Marshall investigates the circumstances leading up to the murder, tracking down the drug dealers, bag men, bent cops and mob players within Ray's orbit, it becomes clear there's far more to the killing than a gambling debt. Just who is responsible for Vialoux's death... and why? What secrets

are his family hiding? And can Marshall find the answers before his own history marks him as the prime suspect?

Hardboiled TP \$39.95

### **Last Call at the Nightingale** **Schellman, Katharine**

*New York, 1924.* Vivian Kelly's days are filled with drudgery, from the tenement lodging she shares with her sister to the dress shop where she sews for hours every day. But, at night, she escapes to the Nightingale, an underground dance hall where illegal liquor flows and the band plays the Charleston with reckless excitement. With a bartender willing to slip her a free glass of champagne and friends who know the owner, Vivian can lose herself in the music. No one asks where she came from or how much money she has. No one bats an eye if she flirts with men or women as long as she can keep up on the dance floor. At the Nightingale, Vivian forgets the dangers of Prohibition-era New York and finds a place that feels like home. But then she discovers a body behind the club, and those dangers come knocking. Caught in a police raid at the Nightingale, Vivian discovers that the dead man wasn't the nameless bootlegger he first appeared. With too many people assuming she knows more about the crime than she does, Vivian finds herself caught between the dangers of the New York's underground and the world of the city's wealthy and careless, where money can hide any sin and the lives of the poor are considered disposable... including Vivian's own.

Historical mystery HC \$57.95

### **Too Far from Antibes** **Scott, Bède**

It is 1951, and Jean-Luc Guéry has arrived in Indochina – to investigate the murder of his brother, Olivier, whose body was found floating in a tributary of the Saigon River. As an avid reader of detective fiction, Guéry is well aware of how such investigations should proceed, but it is not immediately clear that he is capable of putting this knowledge into practice. In addition to being a reporter for an obscure provincial newspaper, he is also a failed writer, an incorrigible alcoholic, and a compulsive gambler who has already squandered a fortune in the casinos of the Côte d'Azur. Despite his dissolute tendencies, however, and his aversion to physical danger, Guéry does eventually manage to solve the case. In order to do so, he is obliged to enter a world of elaborate conspiracies, clandestine intelligence operations, and organised crime – only to discover, in the novel's final pages, that the truth behind his brother's murder is far stranger than he could have imagined.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### **Dirt Town** **Scrivenor, Hayley**

*My best friend wore her name, Esther, like a queen wearing her crown at a jaunty angle. We were twelve years old when she went missing.* On a sweltering Friday afternoon in Durton, best friends Ronnie and Esther leave school together. Esther never makes it home. Ronnie's going to find her, she has a plan. Lewis will help. Their friend can't be gone, Ronnie won't believe it. Detective Sergeant Sarah Michaels can believe it. She has seen what people are capable of. She knows more than anyone how, in a moment of weakness,

a person can be driven to do something they never thought possible. Lewis can believe it too. But he can't reveal what he saw that afternoon at the creek, without exposing his own secret. Five days later, Esther's buried body is discovered. *What do we owe the girl who isn't there? Esther will always be a Dirt Town child, as we are its children, still.*

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### **Dead Rich** **Shaw, G W**

*Paradise can be murder.* Super yachts are secretive, like their owners. The bigger the richer. Like castles, they are created to inspire awe. Like castles too, they are defended. They are an entire world, separate from the rest of us. Kai, a carefree once-successful musician is invited by his new Russian girlfriend Zina to join her family's Caribbean holiday. Impulsively accepting, he learns that Zina is the daughter of a Russian oligarch, Stepan Pirumov and that the trip is aboard his yacht, the Zinaida, moored in St Thomas in the US Virgin Islands. The crew consists of Captain Marius Falk, the first mate Erin Wade and a hastily assembled staff, including a chief stewardess Marissa from Miami, a chief engineer from Lagos and a personal trainer from Los Angeles. All know how to behave around the very rich. On arrival, Kai discovers that the head of security has been arrested, armed guards are below deck, there's an onboard panic room and a strong sense of all not being quite right beneath the gleaming surfaces of the Pirumov's lives. An unnerving presence punctures the atmosphere: a murderous imposter is on board the Zinaida, but who is it? Kai will find that the only person he can trust will be Erin and that the world of the super-rich will become a prison from which they must escape.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### **Daughters of Night** **Shepherd-Robinson, Laura**

*London, 1782.* Desperate for her politician husband to return home from France, Caroline 'Caro' Corsham is already in a state of anxiety when she finds a well-dressed woman mortally wounded in the bowers of the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens. The Bow Street constables are swift to act, until they discover that the deceased woman was a highly paid prostitute, at which point they cease to care entirely. But Caro has motives of her own for wanting to see justice done, and so sets out to solve the crime herself. Enlisting the help of thief-taker Peregrine Child, their inquiry delves into the hidden corners of Georgian society, a world of artifice, deception, and secret lives. But with many gentlemen refusing to speak about their dealings with the dead woman, and Caro's own reputation under threat, finding the killer will be harder, and more treacherous, than she can know...

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### **The Doll** Freyja & Huldar series **Sigurdardottir, Yrsa**

It was meant to be a quiet family fishing trip, a chance for mother and daughter to talk. But it changes the course of their lives forever. They catch nothing, except a broken doll that gets tangled in the net. After years in the ocean, the doll a terrifying sight and

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the mother's first instinct is to throw it back, but she relents when her daughter pleads to keep it. This simple act of kindness proves fatal. That evening, the mother posts a picture of the doll on social media. By the morning, she is dead, and the doll has disappeared. Several years later, Detective Huldar is in his least favourite place – on a boat in rough waters, searching for possible human remains. However, identifying the skeleton they find on the seabed proves harder than initially thought, and Huldar must draw on psychologist Freyja's experience to help him. As the mystery of the unidentified body deepens, Huldar is also drawn into an investigation of a homeless drug addict's murder, and Freyja investigates a suspected case of child abuse at a foster care home. What swiftly becomes clear is that the cases are linked through a single, missing, vulnerable witness: the young girl who wanted the doll, all those years ago.

Noir PBK \$22.99

### The People Opposite Simenon, Georges

On the shore of the Black Sea, on the edge of the Soviet Union, a little city has a new Turkish consul. Adil Bey – alone in an alien land – has taken the job after the mysterious death of his predecessor. Receiving only suspicion and hostility, he soon becomes reliant on his secretary, Sonia, for any taste of intimacy. They begin a quiet love affair, and from his window at the consulate, he watches her and her family go about their lives in the room across the way. But this is Stalin's world before the war, and nothing is as it seems... Georges Simenon's most starkly political work, *The People Opposite* is a *tour de force* of slow-burn tension and existentialist meditation.

Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### False Witness Slaughter, Karin

They thought they'd got away with it... they were wrong. Leigh and her sister Callie are not bad people – but one night, more than two decades ago, they did something terrible. And the result was a childhood tarnished by secrets, broken by betrayal, devastated by violence. Years later, Leigh has pushed that night from her mind and become a successful lawyer – but when she is forced to take on a new client against her will, her world begins to spiral out of control. Because the client knows the truth about what happened 23 years ago. He knows what Leigh and Callie did. And unless they stop him, he's going to tear their lives apart... Just because you didn't see the witness... doesn't mean he wasn't there.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### Love in the Time of Bertie

44 Scotland Street series

#### Smith, Alexander McCall

Life for Bertie seems to be moving at a pace that is rather out of his control. Upstairs, at 44 Scotland Street, his father Stuart is powerless to stop overbearing Irene and her determination that Bertie will travel to deepest, coldest Aberdeen on a three-month sojourn. Can his friend Randal Braveheart Macpherson save the day? And can the boys execute a great escape? Meanwhile, further up in the New Town, Bruce Anderson's property

development plans are thwarted, by a sudden crisis of conscience that leads to a shocking revelation. And, in Big Lou's cafe, it seems that love might blossom at last.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Black River Spencer, Matthew

A long, burning summer in Sydney. A young woman found murdered in the deserted grounds of an elite boarding school. A serial killer preying on victims along the banks of the Parramatta River. A city on edge. Adam Bowman, a battling journalist who grew up as the son of a teacher at Prince Albert College, might be the only person who can uncover the links between the school murder and the 'Blue Moon Killer'. But he will have to go into the darkest places of his childhood to piece together the clues. Detective Sergeant Rose Riley, meanwhile, is part of the taskforce desperately trying to find the killer before he strikes again. Adam Bowman's excavation of his past might turn out to be Rose's biggest trump card or it may bring the whole investigation crashing down; and put her own life in danger. 'Sharply plotted and relentlessly paced, it kept me guessing until the last page.' – *Michael Robotham*. Recommended. Signed copies available.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### The Disappearing Act Steadman, Catherine

A leading British actress hoping to make a splash in America flies to Los Angeles for the gruelling gauntlet known as pilot season, a time when every network and film studio looking to fill the rosters of their new shows entice a fresh batch of young hopefuls – anxious, desperate, and willing to do whatever it takes to make it. Instead, Mia Eliot, a fish out of water in the ruthlessly competitive and faceless world of back-to-back auditioning, discovers the sinister side of Hollywood when she becomes the last person to see Emily, a newfound friend. Standing out in a conveyor-belt world of fellow aspiring stars, Emily mysteriously disappears following an audition, after asking Mia to do a simple favour. But nothing is simple. Nothing is as it seems. And nothing prepares Mia for a startling truth: In a city where dreams really do come true, nightmares can follow.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### The Good Death

Somershill mysteries

#### Sykes, S D

1370. Oswald de Lacy was not always Lord of the Manor, or even meant to be. The third son, he was sent off to become a novice monk. Now, with winter closing in on Somershill, his wife flirting with their houseguest, his sister sniping from the sidelines and his mother still ruling his life even from her deathbed, Oswald is forced to confront the secret that has haunted him ever since those days in the monastery. 1349. Sent to gather herbs in the forest by his tutor, Brother Peter, 18-year-old Oswald encounters a terrified girl, who runs into the swollen river and drowns. In her village, he discovers that she is only one of many poor young women who have disappeared, with no one in authority caring enough to investigate. Convinced the girls are

dead, Oswald turns to the village women for help in finding the murderer – in particular, to the beautiful Maud Woodstock, who provokes feelings in Oswald that no monk should entertain. Soon, however, another killer stalks the land. Plague has come and the monastery is locked against it. Brother Peter insists that Oswald should forget his quest. But Oswald will not stop until he has discovered the shocking truth, which will echo down the years to a letter, clutched in his dying mother's hand.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### A Distant Grave

Maggie d'Arcy mysteries

#### Taylor, Sarah Stewart

Long Island homicide detective Maggie D'arcy and her teenage daughter, Lilly, are still recovering from the events of last fall when a strange new case demands Maggie's attention. The body of an unidentified Irish national turns up in a wealthy Long Island beach community and with little to go on but the scars on his back, Maggie once again teams up with Garda detectives in Ireland to find out who the man was and what he was doing on Long Island. The strands of the mystery take Maggie to a quiet village in rural County Clare that's full of secrets and introduce her to the world of humanitarian aid workers half a world away. And as she gets closer to the truth about the murder, what she learns leads her back to her home turf and into range of a dangerous and determined killer who will do anything to keep the victim's story hidden forever.

Mystery TP \$39.95

### The Drowning Sea

Maggie d'Arcy mysteries

#### Taylor, Sarah Stewart

For the first time in her adult life, former Long Island homicide detective Maggie D'arcy is unemployed. No cases to focus on, no leads to investigate, just a whole summer on a remote West Cork peninsula with her teenage daughter Lilly and her boyfriend, Conor and his son. The plan is to prepare Lilly for a move to Ireland. But their calm vacation takes a dangerous turn when human remains wash up below the steep cliffs of Ross Head. When construction worker Lukas Adamik disappeared months ago, everyone assumed he had gone home to Poland. Now that his body has been found, the guards, including Maggie's friends Roly Byrne and Katya Grzeskiewicz, seem to think he threw himself from the cliffs. But as Maggie gets to know the residents of the nearby village and learns about the history of the peninsula and its abandoned Anglo Irish manor house, once home to a famous Irish painter who died under mysterious circumstances, she starts to think there's something else going on. Something deadly. And when Lilly starts dating one of the dead man's friends, Maggie grows worried about her daughter being so close to another investigation and about what the investigation will uncover. Old secrets, hidden relationships, crime, and village politics are woven throughout this small seaside community, and as the summer progresses, Maggie is pulled deeper into the web of lies, further from those she loves, and closer to the truth.

Mystery HC \$57.95

### The House of Death

Sister Fidelma mysteries

#### Tremayne, Peter

*Ireland. AD 672.* The Feast of Beltaine is approaching and the seven senior princes of the kingdom of Muman are gathering at Cashel to discuss King Colgu's policies. Just days before the council meets, Brother Conchobhar, the keeper of the sacred sword, is found murdered. Sister Fidelma and her brother Colgu fear that the killer had been trying to steal the sword that symbolises the King's authority to rule. And as rumours begin to spread of an attempt to overthrow Colgu, news reaches Cashel that a plague ship has landed at a nearby port, bringing the deadly pestilence to its shores. Amid fear and panic, Fidelma, Eadulf, and Enda must work together to catch a killer as the death toll starts to mount...

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Dead of Winter

Josephine Tey mysteries

#### Upson, Nicola

A snowy Christmas gathering on an island off the Cornish coast goes murderously wrong in this festive Golden Age mystery. December 1938, and storm clouds hover once again over Europe. Josephine Tey and Archie Penrose gather with friends for a Cornish Christmas, but two strange and brutal deaths on St Michael's Mount – and the unexpected arrival of a world-famous film star, in need of sanctuary – interrupt the festivities. Cut off, by the sea and a relentless blizzard, the hunt for a murderer begins. Pivoting on a real moment in history, the ninth novel in the Josephine Tey series draws on all the much-loved conventions of the Golden Age Christmas mystery, whilst giving them a thrilling contemporary twist. The series begins with *An Expert in Murder* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

### The Damage

Wahrer, Caitlin

Tony has always looked out for his younger brother, Nick. So, when he's called to a hospital bed where Nick is lying battered and bruised after a violent sexual assault, his protective instincts flare, and a white-hot rage begins to build. As a small-town New England lawyer, Tony's wife, Julia, has cases involving kids all the time. When Detective Rice gets assigned to this one, Julia feels they're in good hands. Especially because she senses that Rice, too, understands how things can quickly get complicated. Very complicated. After all, one moment Nick was having a drink with a handsome stranger; the next, he was at the centre of an investigation threatening to tear not only him, but his entire family, apart. And now his attacker, out on bail, is disputing Nick's version of what happened. As Julia tries to help her brother-in-law, she sees Tony's desire for revenge, to fix things for Nick, getting out of control. Tony is starting to scare her. And before long, she finds herself asking: does she really know what her husband is capable of? Or of what she herself is?

Thriller PBK \$22.99

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### **To Kill a Troubadour**

Bruno, Chief of Police/Dordogne mysteries  
**Walker, Martin**

It is summer in St Denis and Bruno is busy organising the annual village concert. He's hired a local Perigord folk group, Les Troubadours, to perform their latest hit 'A Song for Catalonia'. But when the song unexpectedly goes viral, the Spanish government, clamping down on the Catalan bid for independence, bans Les Troubadours from performing it. The timing couldn't be worse, and Bruno finds himself under yet more pressure when a specialist sniper's bullet is found in a wrecked car near Bergerac. The car was reportedly stolen on the Spanish frontier and the Spanish government sends warning that a group of nationalist extremists may be planning an assassination in France. Bruno immediately suspects that Les Troubadours and their audience might be in danger. Bruno must organise security and ensure that his beloved town and its people are safe – the stakes are high, for France's favourite policeman. As ever, if you haven't yet met Bruno, start with *Death in the Dordogne* (PBK, \$22.99). These are a delight.

Mystery TP \$32.99

### **The Key to Deceit**

Electra McDonnell mysteries

**Weaver, Ashley**

*London, 1940*. After years of stealing from the rich and giving to the poor – well, to themselves, anyway – Ellie McDonnell and her family have turned over a new leaf as they help the government's war effort. It's true that the strait-laced Major Ramsey didn't give them much choice, but still, Ellie must admit she doesn't miss breaking and entering as much as she might have thought. What she does miss is the challenge of unlocking an impossible code and the adrenaline rush that comes from being somewhere she shouldn't. So, when Major Ramsey turns up unannounced with another job, she can't say no. A woman's body has been found floating in the Thames, with a bracelet locked onto her wrist, and a cameo locket attached to it. It's clear this woman was involved in espionage, but whose side was she on? Who was she reporting to? And who wanted her dead? The sequel to *A Peculiar Combination* (TP, \$26.99), from the author of the Amory Ames mysteries.

Mystery/suspense HC \$57.95

### **Wild Place**

**White, Christian**

In the summer of 1989, a local teen goes missing from the idyllic suburb of Camp Hill in Australia. As rumours of Satanic

rituals swirl, schoolteacher Tom Witter becomes convinced he holds the key to the disappearance. When the police won't listen, he takes matters into his own hands with the help of the missing girl's father and a local neighbourhood watch group. But as dark secrets are revealed and consequences to past actions are faced, Tom learns that the only way out of the darkness is to walk deeper into it. *Wild Place* peels back the layers of suburbia, exposing what's hidden underneath – guilt, desperation, violence – and attempts to answer the question: Why do good people do bad things? A white-knuckle descent into a street near you.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### **The Gone and the Forgotten** **Whitfield, Clare**

*Summer, 1993*. In the aftermath of her mother's suicide attempt, 16-year-old Prue must spend the summer holidays on a remote island in the Shetlands with her favourite Aunt Ruth and Uncle Archie, a man she's barely met since her aunt married him. Prue hopes to re-establish the relationship, and that her aunt might help her understand some of the parts of the past she has been forbidden to discuss by her mother – including the identity of her father. Prue soon finds out that her uncle was the only suspect in the disappearance of a local girl some twenty years ago. As she grows closer to him, she learns there are differing views on how the beguiling Evelyn O'Hara disappeared, but is her uncle innocent? Truth is something Prue has always had a fractured relationship with. A single version of the truth seems impossible for her to lock down...

Thriller TP \$29.99

### **Our Woman in Moscow** **Williams, Beatriz**

In the autumn of 1948, Iris Digby vanishes from her London home with her American diplomat husband and their two children. The world is shocked by the family's sensational disappearance. Were they eliminated by the Soviet intelligence service? Or have the Digbys defected to Moscow with a trove of the West's most vital secrets? Four years later, Ruth Macallister receives a postcard from the twin sister she hasn't seen since their catastrophic parting in Rome in the summer of 1940, as war engulfed the continent and Iris fell desperately in love with an enigmatic United States Embassy official named Sasha Digby. Within days, Ruth is on her way to Moscow, posing as the wife of counterintelligence agent Sumner Fox in a precarious plot to extract the Digbys from behind the Iron Curtain. But the complex truth behind Iris' marriage defies Ruth's

understanding, and as the sisters race toward safety, a dogged Soviet KGB officer forces them to make a heartbreaking choice between two irreconcilable loyalties.

Suspense TP \$29.99

### **Death at the Belvedere**

Cass Tuplin, unlicensed investigator series  
**Williams, Sue**

It's a mostly normal Friday evening in the Rusty Bore Takeaway. Cass Tuplin's cleaning down the grill when her glamorous sister Helen walks in, all bones in an Italian-weave suit and the kind of state that calls for the full comfort: double bacon cheeseburger with extra chips. It's man trouble as usual. But this time it turns out the trouble is less emotional and more fatal. Helen's boyfriend has been pushed off the rooftop terrace of his Fitzroy apartment, and Helen's trying not to become a person of interest. She's also trying to retrieve something rare and valuable from Ben's place – which is where Cass comes in. Cass doesn't do investigations anymore, of course, being unlicensed. And she's not particularly keen on breaking into a crime scene, even if it's not strictly breaking when you've got a key. On the other hand, Helen is her only sister. And she has been getting Cass into trouble for more than forty years. Why stop now? But this time Helen's little problem will drop Cass into deeper trouble than ever before.

Mystery TP \$32.99

### **Faculty of Murder**

Mother Paul Investigates

**Wright, June**

Mother Paul, June Wright's beloved nun-detective, returns to her sleuthing ways after she takes up a new position as warden of a student hall of residence at the University of Melbourne. No sooner has Judith Mornane arrived on campus than she startles her fellow residents by announcing her intention to discover the murderer of her sister, who disappeared from the same dorm a year earlier. The ever-curious Mother Paul is drawn to investigate what happened to Judith's sister – did she simply run off for reasons best known to herself, as the police concluded, or could it be she really was murdered? Was her disappearance, perhaps, linked to a tragedy that happened at around the same time – the accidental drowning (in her bathtub) of the wife of one of the college's professors? Was that drowning in fact as accidental as the official investigation suggested? Mother Paul believes the two events are connected somehow, and a further tragedy, the faked-suicide death of one of her student charges, convinces her that a particularly cruel and clever murderer is still at work within the college. She is not above a little subterfuge in the interest of discovering

the truth and moves her colleagues, the students, and even the police around like so many figures on a chessboard until finally, amid high drama, the murderer is revealed.

Mystery TP \$24.99

### **Inspector Chen and the** **Private Kitchen Murder**

Inspector Chen mysteries

**Xiaolong, Qiu**

Chen Cao has been removed from his chief inspector role, but that doesn't stop him investigating a 'private kitchen' murder that has similarities to a Judge Dee story. No longer a chief inspector, Chen Cao finds himself as director of the Shanghai Judicial System Reform Office. To outsiders it's a promotion, but Chen knows he's being removed from the spotlight as he's immediately placed on involuntary 'convalescence leave' to stop him interfering with any cases. However, with various high-profile crimes making headlines and fears escalating over vigilante reprisals, Chen's superiors know he must at least appear active. One case revolves around Min Lihau, a mingyuan, who runs a 'private kitchen' for powerful figures in Shanghai. Min's accused of murdering her assistant, yet Chen is struck by its similarities to a historic case involving the famous Judge Dee. When an acquaintance of his is murdered in connection with Min, Chen knows he can't stand idly by... but he must act in secret, under the cover of writing a Judge Dee novel.

Mystery TP \$39.95

### **The Man Burned by Winter**

Rooker Lindström series

**Zacharias, Pete**

Still reeling from a personal tragedy, investigative journalist Rooker Lindström finds a grim hideaway from the world. It's the dilapidated cabin on Minnesota's Deer Lake bequeathed to him by his late father – one of the most notorious serial killers in the state. If the walls of this murder house could talk, they'd scream. Detective Tess Harlow needs something from Rooker, only he can provide: a window into the mind of a murderer. A copycat is on the prowl, following in the footsteps of Rooker's father. After reluctantly agreeing to take on the role of consultant, Rooker makes a chilling discovery. Every victim – five and counting – is a depraved taunt meant only for him. Rooker is not just tracking a killer playing sick games. In this brutal Minnesota winter, Rooker is confronting his past. Maybe working with Tess is Rooker's last chance at redemption. But to outrun his father's legacy, he must follow a darker path still to come. The first in a series.

Thriller TP \$35.95