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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

### Average Jones

Library of Congress Crime Classics

#### Adams, Samuel Hopkins

Average Jones is a brilliant young man of independent means, thanks to the bequest of a wealthy yet jaded uncle. Five years after graduating college, he finds himself bored with travel and his bon vivant lifestyle, and restless for some meaningful hobby to occupy his mind. On the advice of a friend, he decides to set up a business as an Ad-Visor, warning potential buyers of goods and services of potential scams. Each ad-vising case turns into a crime-detecting story showcasing the amateur sleuth's deductive reasoning, *à la* Sherlock Holmes. At times bizarre, at times humorous, this collection is highly entertaining, featuring stories such as 'The B-flat Trombone', 'The Man Who Spoke Latin', and 'The Million-Dollar Dog'. This edition of *Average Jones* is based on the first edition in the Library of Congress' collection, originally published in 1911. The illustrations, by M Leone Bracker, are original to the book. Classic mystery TP 24.99

### The Darling Dahlias and the Red Hot Poker

Darling Dahlias mysteries

#### Albert, Susan Wittig

It's Labor Day weekend, 1935, and members of the Darling Dahlias – the garden club in little Darling, Alabama – are trying to keep their cool at the end of a sizzling summer. This isn't easy, though, since there's a firebug on the loose in Darling. He – or she! – strikes without apparent rhyme or reason, and things have gotten to the point where nobody feels safe. What's more, a dangerous hurricane is poised to hurl itself in Darling's direction, while a hurricane of a different sort is making a whirlwind campaign stop: the much-loved, much-hated senator from Louisiana, Huey P Long, whom President Roosevelt calls the 'most dangerous man in America'. Add Ophelia Snow's secret hearthrob, Liz Lacy's Yankee lover, and the Magnolia Ladies' garden of red hot pokers, fire-red salvia, and hot pink cosmos, and you have a volatile mix that might just burst into flames at any moment. Historical mystery TP \$39.95

### Out of Her Depth

#### Barber, Lizzy

There are summers that will change your life. There are summers that may end it. In the lush green hills beyond Florence sits the Villa Medici – a graceful *pensione* surrounded by manicured gardens. Rachel, a college student from an unfashionable London suburb, can't believe her luck in landing a summer job here. Especially when she's drawn into a circle of privileged young sophisticates, including her glamorous co-worker Diana, who promises to help Rachel win the affections of handsome, confident Sebastian. But as champagne flows and rivalries fester in the Tuscan countryside,

Rachel realises that Diana has motivations of her own. Adrift in a world of backstabbing and bed-hopping, lavish parties and easy betrayal, Rachel feels the stakes rising along with the temperature until, one night, something snaps. Someone dies. And nothing will ever be the same... Thriller PBK 22.99

### The Inheritance

Hunted series

#### Bergmoser, Gabriel

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

### Buried in a Good Book

By the Book mysteries

#### Berry, Tamara

Bestselling thriller writer Tess Harrow is almost at the end of her rope when she arrives with her teenage daughter at her grandfather's rustic cabin in the woods. She hopes this will be a time for them to heal and bond after Tess' recent divorce, but they've barely made it through the door when an explosion shakes the cabin. Suddenly, it's raining fish guts and... is that a human arm? Tess was hardly convincing Gertie that a summer, without wifi and running water, would be an adventure. Now, she's thrust into a murder investigation, neighbours are saying they've spotted Bigfoot in the woods near her cabin, and the local sheriff is the spitting image of her character Detective Gabriel Gonzales – something he's less than thrilled about. With so much more than her daughter's summer plans at stake, it's up to Tess to solve this case before anyone else gets hurt. The first in a series. Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Mirror Lake

Shady Hollow mysteries 03

#### Black, Juneau

Change is afoot in Shady Hollow, with an unusually tense election shaping up between long-serving Chief of Police Theodore Meade and Vera's beau, Deputy Orville Braun.

But the political tension takes a back seat when resident eccentric Dorothy Springfield becomes convinced her beloved husband, Edward, is dead, and that the rat claiming to be him is actually a fraud. While most of the town dismisses Dorothy's rants as nothing more than a delusion, Vera has her doubts. More than a few things don't add up in the Springfield household, but Vera will have to tread carefully, since, with Orville's attention on the election, she may be more exposed than ever. Mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Forty Elephants

#### Bledsoe, Erin

London in the 1920s is no place for a woman with a mind of her own. Gang wars, violence, and an unforgiving world have left pickpocket Alice Diamond scrambling to survive in the Mint, the gritty neighbourhood her family has run for generations. When her father goes to jail yet again and her scam artist brother finds himself in debt to the dangerous McDonald crime syndicate, Alice takes over. Fighting for power at every turn, she struggles to protect her father's territory and keep the people she loves safe from some of London's most dangerous criminals. Recruited by the enigmatic Mary Carr, Alice boldly chooses to break her father's edict against gangs and become part of a group of notorious lady shoplifters, the Forty Elephants. Leaving the Mint behind, she and the other girls steal from the area's poshest department stores, and for the first time in her life, Alice Diamond tastes success. But it's not long before she wants more – no matter the cost. And when her past and present collide, there's no escaping the girl from the Mint. Historical caper HC \$57.95

### The Cliff House

#### Brookmyre, Chris

One hen weekend, seven secrets... but only one worth killing for. Jen's hen party is going to be out of control... She's rented a luxury getaway on its own private island. The helicopter won't be back for 72 hours. They are alone. They think. As well as Jen, there's the pop diva and the estranged ex-bandmate, the tennis pro and the fashion guru, the embittered ex-sister-in-law and the mouthy future sister-in-law. It's a combustible cocktail, one that takes little time to ignite, and in the midst of the drunken chaos, one of them disappears. Then a message tells them that unless someone confesses her terrible secret to the others, their missing friend will be killed. Problem is, everybody has a secret. And nobody wants to tell. Noir TP \$32.99

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### Seventeen

**Brownlow, John**

*One hundred years. Seventeen assassins. One hell of a ride.* You'll never know my name. But you won't forget my number. Behind the events you know are the killers you don't. When diplomacy fails, we're the ones who gear up. Officially, we don't exist, but every government in the world uses our services. We've been saving the world, and your ass, for 100 years. Sixteen people have done this job before me. I am 17. The most feared assassin in the world. But to be the best you must beat the best. My next target is 16, just as, one day, 18 will hunt me down. It's a dog-eat-dog world and it gets lonely at the top. Nobody gets to stay for long. But while we're here, all that matters is that we win.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Genesis

Robert Hunter series

**Carter, Chris**

Robert Hunter is called to the most vicious crime scene he has ever attended. It is made even more disturbing when the autopsy reveals a poem, left by the killer, inside the body of their victim. Soon, another body is found. The methods and signature of the murder differs, but the level of violence used suggests that the same person is behind both crimes. Hunter's fears are confirmed when a second part of the poem is found. But this discovery does more than just link the two killings – it suggests that this is the work of a serial murderer. With no forensic evidence to go on, Robert Hunter must catch the most disciplined and systematic killer that he has ever encountered, someone who thrives on the victims' fear, and to whom death is a lesson that needs to be taught.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### The Big Sleep

Vintage Crime/Black Lizard

Anniversary edition

**Chandler, Raymond**

The iconic first novel from crime fiction master Raymond Chandler, featuring Philip Marlowe, the quintessential urban private eye (*Los Angeles Times*). A dying millionaire hires private eye Philip Marlowe to handle the blackmailer of one of his two troublesome daughters, and Marlowe finds himself involved with more than extortion. Kidnapping, pornography, seduction, and murder are just a few of the complications he gets caught up in. A Vintage Crime/Black Lizard Special edition, featuring an introduction by James Ellroy.

Classic hardboiled TP \$35.95

### Best Crime Stories of the Year

anthology

**Child, Lee & Penzler, Otto (editors)**

There is no finer form for a crime than the short story. Within a few pages, a clue can be discovered, divulged and its significance determined; all else is mere embellishment. The classic mystery tale will be familiar to aficionados and casual readers alike: it was invented by Edgar Allan Poe, popularised by Arthur Conan Doyle, and perfected by Agatha Christie. But mystery fiction has changed a great deal over the years – as have

all things – and the writers within these pages present far more than a simple case of crime and resolution. Far from predictable, these stories provide fertile grounds of aberrant circumstances and the poor choices they lead to. You will find diverse methods and motivations, original perspectives and perils. Above all, you will find tales of the extremes of human psychology caused by despair, hate, greed, fear, envy, insanity or love. Featuring stories by: Doug Allyn, Jim Allyn, Ambrose Bierce, Michael Bracken, James Lee Burke, Martin Edwards, John Floyd, Jacqueline Freimor, Alison Gaylin, Sue Grafton, Paul Kemprescos, Stephen King, Janice Law, Dennis McFadden, David Marcum, Tom Mead, David Morrell, Joyce Carol Oates, Sara Paretsky, Joseph Walker, Andrew Welsh-Huggins.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### The Dark Hours

Ballard & Bosch series

**Gonnely, Michael**

Amidst midnight chaos, LAPD Detective Renée Ballard shelters from the traditional New Year's Eve rain of lead as crowds of revellers shoot their guns into the air. Minutes later, she's at the scene of a local mechanic's death, but that fatal bullet didn't fall from the sky. And Ballard is still on the hunt for the Midnight Men, fiendish serial rapists terrorising women and leaving no trace. Up against deadly inertia and foundering morale in a ravaged police department, Ballard looks outside to the one detective she can count on: Harry Bosch. But even together they cannot relax their guard against predators who won't hesitate to kill.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### The Burning Room

Bosch series

**Gonnely, Michael**

Not many murder victims die a decade after the crime, so when Orlando Merced dies 10 years after being shot, Bosch catches a case with a fresh body and virtually no evidence. Partnered with rookie detective Lucia Soto, Bosch begins to see political dimensions to the case – a case where, despite the seemingly impossible odds, failure to find the killer is simply not an option. But not only does Soto start showing signs of becoming a loose cannon, the one piece of evidence they have on the Merced shooting points in a shocking and unexpected direction that could unsettle the very people who want Bosch to close out the case. It's looking like Orlando Merced may not be the investigation's only victim – and that includes Bosch, himself. A reissue with new cover art.

Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### The Black Ice

Bosch series

**Gonnely, Michael**

When a body is found in a hotel room, reporters are soon all over the case: it appears to be a missing LAPD narcotics detective, apparently gone to the bad. The rumours were that he had been selling a new drug called Black Ice that had been infiltrating Los Angeles from the Mexican cartel. The LAPD are quick to declare the death a suicide, but Harry Bosch is not so sure. There are odd mysteries and unexplained

details from the crime scene which just don't add up. Fighting an attraction to the detective's widow, Bosch starts his own maverick investigation, which soon leads him over the borders and into a dangerous world of shifting identities, police politics and deadly corruption... A reissue with new cover art.

Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### The Furies

Charlie Parker series

**Gonnolly, John**

Evil takes many forms. Private Investigator Charlie Parker hunts them all. The Furies are mythological snake-haired goddesses of vengeance, pursuers of those who have committed unavenged crimes. Now, private investigator Charlie Parker is drawn into a world of modern furies in two linked stories. In 'The Sisters Strange', the return of the criminal Raum Buker to Portland, Maine brings with it chaos and murder, as an act of theft threatens not only to tear apart his own existence but also that of Raum's former lovers, the enigmatic sisters Dolors and Ambar Strange. And in 'The Furies' Parker finds himself fighting to protect two more women as the city of Portland shuts down in the face of a global pandemic, but it may be that his clients are more capable of taking care of themselves than anyone could have imagined...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Judas 62

Box 88 series

**Gumming, Charles**

1993: Student Lachlan Kite is sent to post-Soviet Russia in the guise of a language teacher. In reality, he is there as a spy. Top secret intelligence agency BOX 88 has ordered Kite to extract a chemical weapons scientist before his ground-breaking research falls into the wrong hands. But Kite's mission soon goes wrong and he is left stranded in a hostile city with a former KGB officer on his trail. 2020: Now, the director of BOX 88 operations in the UK, Kite discovers he has been placed on the 'JUDAS' list – a record of enemies of Russia who have been targeted for assassination. Kite's fight for survival takes him to Dubai, where he must confront the Russian secret state head on... Who will come out on top in this deadly game of cat and mouse? A follow-up to *Box 88* (PBK, \$19.99).

Suspense PBK \$19.99

### The Way it is Now

Disher, Garry

Twenty years ago, Charlie Deravin's mother went missing near the family beach shack – believed murdered; body never found. His father has lived under a cloud of suspicion ever since. Now, Charlie's back living in the shack in Menlo Beach, on disciplinary leave from his job with the police sex-crimes unit, and permanent leave from his marriage. After two decades worrying away at the mystery of his mother's disappearance, he's run out of leads. Then the skeletal remains of two people are found in the excavation of a new building site – and the past comes crashing in on Charlie. *The Way It Is Now* is the enthralling new novel from Garry Disher, one of Australia's most loved and celebrated crime writers; now in paperback.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### Point Last Seen

**Dodd, Christina**

When you've already died, there should be nothing left to fear... When Adam Ramsdell pulls Elle's half-frozen body from the surf on a lonely California beach, she has no memory of what her full name is and how she got those bruises ringing her throat. Elle finds refuge in Adam's home on the edge of Gothic, a remote village located between the steep lonely mountains and the raging Pacific Ocean. As flashes of her memory return, Elle faces a terrible truth – buried in her mind lurks a secret so dark it could get her killed. Everyone in Gothic seems to hide a dark past. Even Adam knows more than he will admit. Until Elle can unravel the truth, she doesn't know who to trust, when to run and who else might be hurt when the killer who stalks her nightmares appears to finish what he started...

Thriller TP 29.99

### The Recruit

**Drew, Alan**

*Southern California, 1987.* Rancho Santa Elena might look like paradise, but a series of violent hate crimes are disturbing the peace. When Detective Benjamin Wade starts investigating, it becomes clear that the locals are hiding a secret – one they'll die to protect. With forensic expert Natasha Betencourt at his side, Ben uncovers a mysterious gang of youths involved in the town's growing white power movement. What he doesn't know is that they are part of something much bigger – a silent organisation of terror who are luring young men in using new technology. Ben zeroes in on the gang's freshest young recruit, hoping he will lead him to the mastermind of the operation. But as he digs deeper, he is forced to confront uncomfortable truths about himself and his community. And as Ben comes closer to discovering the truth, the killer is drawing closer to Ben...

Thriller TP \$32.99

### What She Found

Tracy Crosswhite series

**Dugoni, Robert**

Detective Tracy Crosswhite has agreed to look into the disappearance of investigative reporter Lisa Childress. Solving the cold case is an obsession for Lisa's daughter, Anita. So, is clearing the name of her father, a prime suspect who became a pariah. After 25 years, all Anita wants is the truth – no matter where it leads. For Tracy, that means reopening the potentially explosive investigations Lisa was following of likely mayoral graft; the shocking rumours of a reserved city councilman's criminal sex life; a drug task force scandal compromising the Seattle PD; and an elusive serial killer who disappeared just as mysteriously as Lisa. As all the pieces come together, it becomes clear that Tracy is in the midst of a case that will push her loyalties and her resilience to the limit. What she uncovers will come with a greater price than anyone feared.

Mystery TP \$27.99

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### Game On

Stephanie Plum series

#### Evanovich, Stephanie

When Stephanie Plum is woken up in the middle of the night by the sound of footsteps in her apartment, she wishes she didn't keep her gun in the cookie jar in her kitchen.

And when she finds out the intruder is fellow apprehension agent Diesel, six feet of hard muscle and bad attitude whom she hasn't seen in more than two years, she still thinks the gun might come in handy. Turns out, Diesel and Stephanie are on the trail of the same fugitive: Oswald Wednesday, an international computer hacker as brilliant as he is ruthless. Stephanie may not be the most technologically savvy sleuth, but she more than makes up for that with her dogged determination, her understanding of human nature, and her willingness to do just about anything to bring a fugitive to justice. Unsure if Diesel is her partner or her competition, she'll need to watch her back every step of the way as she works to draw Wednesday out from behind his computer and into the real world.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### The Physicists' Daughter

#### Evans, Mary Anna

*New Orleans, 1944...* Sabotage. That's the word on factory worker Justine Byrne's mind as she is repeatedly called to weld machine parts that keep failing with no clear cause. Could someone inside the secretive Carbon Division be deliberately undermining the factory's war efforts? Raised by her late parents to think logically, she also can't help wondering just what the oddly shaped carbon gadgets she assembles day after day have to do with the boats the factory builds... When a crane inexplicably crashes to the factory floor, leaving a woman dead, Justine can no longer ignore her nagging fear that German spies are at work within the building, trying to put the factory and its workers out of commission. Unable to trust anyone – not the charming men vying for her attention, not her unpleasant boss, and not even the women who work beside her – Justine draws on the legacy of her unconventional upbringing to keep her division running and protect her co-workers, her country, and herself from a war that is suddenly very close to home.

Suspense TP \$27.99

### Mrs March

#### Feito, Virginia

George March's latest novel is a smash. No one could be prouder than his dutiful wife, Mrs March, who revels in his accolades. A careful creature of routine and decorum, she lives a precariously controlled existence on the Upper East Side until one morning, when the shopkeeper of her favourite patisserie suggests that her husband's latest protagonist – a detestable character named Johanna – is based on Mrs March, herself. Clutching her ostrich leather pocketbook and mint-coloured gloves, she flees the shop. What could have merited this humiliation? That one casual remark robs Mrs March of the belief that she knew everything about her husband – and herself – thus sending her on an increasingly paranoid journey that begins within the pages of a book. While snooping in George's office, Mrs March finds a newspaper clipping about a missing woman.

Did George have anything to do with her disappearance? He's been going on a lot of 'hunting trips' up north with his editor lately, leaving Mrs March all alone at night with her tormented thoughts, and the cockroaches that have suddenly started to appear, and strange breathing noises... As she begins to decode her husband's secrets, her deafening anxiety and fierce determination threaten everyone in her wake – including her stoic housekeeper, Martha, and her unobtrusive son, Jonathan, whom she loves so profoundly, when she remembers to love him, at all.

Thriller PBK 22.99

### Enemy at the Gates

Mitch Rapp series

#### Flynn, Vince & Mills, Kyle

Mitch Rapp has worked for a number of presidents over his career, but Anthony Cook is unlike any he's encountered before. Cunning and autocratic, he feels no loyalty to America's institutions and is distrustful of the influence Rapp and CIA director Irene Kennedy have in Washington. When Kennedy discovers evidence of a mole scouring the Agency's database for sensitive information on Nicholas Ward, the world's first trillionaire, she assigns Rapp the task of protecting him. In doing so, he finds himself walking an impossible tightrope: Keep the man alive, but also use him as bait to uncover a traitor who has seemingly unlimited access to government secrets. As the attacks on Ward become increasingly dire, Rapp and Kennedy are dragged into a world where the lines between governments, multinational corporations, and the hyper-wealthy fade. An environment in which liberty, nationality, and loyalty are meaningless. Only the pursuit of power remains.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### Total Power

Mitch Rapp series

#### Flynn, Vince & Mills, Kyle

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

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### Never

#### Follett, Ken

*'Every catastrophe begins with a little problem that doesn't get fixed.'* So says Pauline Green, president of the United States, in Follett's nerve-wracking drama of

international tension. A shrinking oasis in the Sahara Desert; a stolen US Army drone; an uninhabited Japanese island; and one country's secret stash of deadly chemical poisons: all these play roles in a relentlessly escalating crisis. Struggling to prevent the outbreak of world war are a young woman intelligence officer; a spy working undercover with jihadists; a brilliant Chinese spymaster; and Pauline herself, beleaguered by a populist rival for the next president election.

Thriller PBK 24.99

### Movieland

Eve Ronin series

#### Goldberg, Lee

For decades, Malibu Creek State Park was the spectacular natural setting where Hollywood fantasies were made. But when a female camper is gunned down, it becomes a real-life killing ground. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department homicide detectives Eve Ronin and Duncan Pavone are assigned the case... which Duncan fears is the latest in a series of sniper attacks that began long before Eve came to Lost Hills. Seven victims over fourteen months... and top officials still refuse to see a connection. Eve and Duncan are stonewalled, threatened, and ordered to keep quiet. But Eve won't back down. She's no stranger to intimidation or corruption – she's had a target on her back from day one at Lost Hills station. Despite finding no evidentiary links between the shootings, Eve and Duncan follow their instincts into the shadows of Malibu Creek, where it's not enough to expose the secrets and break the conspiracy of silence. They also have to make it out alive.

Mystery/suspense TP 24.99

### Stay Awake

#### Goldin, Megan

Liv Reese wakes up in the back of a taxi, with no idea where she is or how she got there. When she's dropped off at the door of her brownstone, a stranger answers – a stranger who claims to live in her apartment. She reaches for her phone to call for help, only to discover it's missing. In its place is a bloodstained knife. Her hands are covered in scribbled messages, like graffiti on her skin: *Stay Awake*. Two years ago, Liv was thriving as a successful writer for a trendy magazine. Now, she's lost and disoriented in a New York City that looks nothing like what she remembers. Catching a glimpse of the local news, she's horrified to see reports of a crime scene where the victim's blood has been used to scrawl a message across a window, similar to the message that's inked on her hands. What did she do, last night? And why does she remember nothing from the past two years? Liv finds herself on the run for a crime she doesn't remember committing. But there's someone who does know exactly what she did, and they'll do anything to make her forget – permanently.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### The Murder of Mr Wickham Gray, Claudia

The happily-married Mr Knightley and Emma are throwing a party at their country estate, bringing together distant relatives and new acquaintances – characters beloved by Jane Austen fans. Definitely not invited is Mr Wickham, whose latest financial scheme

has netted him an even broader array of enemies. As tempers flare and secrets are revealed, it's clear that everyone would be happier if Mr Wickham got his comeuppance. Yet, they're all shocked when Wickham turns up murdered – except, of course, for the killer hidden in their midst. Nearly everyone at the house party is a suspect, so it falls to the party's two youngest guests to solve the mystery: Juliet Tilney, the smart and resourceful daughter of Catherine and Henry, eager for adventure beyond Northanger Abbey; and Jonathan Darcy, the Darcys' eldest son, whose adherence to propriety makes his father seem almost relaxed. In this tantalising fusion of Austen and Christie, the unlikely pair must put aside their own poor first impressions, and uncover the guilty party – before an innocent person is sentenced to hang. 'Had Jane Austen sat down to write a country house murder mystery, this is exactly the book she would have written.' – *Alexander McCall Smith*.

Historical mystery TP \$27.99

### Framed

#### Green, John M

When art conservator JJ Jego spots a long-lost masterpiece through the window of a luxury apartment, she's drawn into a dark web of intrigue, deception, and murder. JJ spies what she believes is a priceless Van Gogh. Except it can't be... that painting, *Six Sunflowers*, was destroyed during World War II. She also glimpses what looks like a Rembrandt, one stolen in the infamous 1990 robbery at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. JJ sets out on a mission to discover if these works are fakes or genuine. But when she gets in too deep, she is forced to seek help from her estranged father, a Sydney detective. From the pubs of Belfast to the boardrooms of Monte Carlo and the shores of Sydney Harbour, this gripping art heist thriller exposes a shadowy underworld where JJ crosses paths with a global organised crime empire in her pursuit to solve some of art history's biggest mysteries.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### The Locked Room

Ruth Galloway mysteries

#### Griffiths, Elly

Ruth Galloway and DCI Nelson are on the hunt for a murderer when Covid rears its ugly head. But can they find the killer despite lockdown? Ruth is in London, clearing out her mother's belongings when she makes a surprising discovery: a photograph of her Norfolk cottage taken before Ruth lived there. Her mother always hated the cottage, so why does she have a picture of the place? The only clue is written on the back of the photo: *Dawn, 1963*. Ruth returns to Norfolk determined to solve the mystery, but then Covid rears its ugly head. Ruth and her daughter are locked down in their cottage, attempting to continue with work and home-schooling. Happily, the house next door is rented by a nice woman called Zoe, who they become friendly with while standing on their doorsteps clapping for carers. Nelson, meanwhile, is investigating a series of deaths of women that may or may not be suicide. When he links the deaths to an archaeological discovery, he breaks curfew to visit the cottage where he finds Ruth chatting to her neighbour whom he remembers as a

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carer who was once tried for murdering her employer. Only then her name wasn't Zoe. It was Dawn. Elly Griffiths continues to be one of our most popular mystery authors, here's the latest in the Ruth Galloway series – now in paperback.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Apollo Murders Hadfield, Chris

1973: a final, top-secret mission to the Moon. Three astronauts in a tiny module, a quarter of a million miles from home. A quarter of a million miles from help. As Russian and American crews sprint for a secret bounty hidden away on the lunar surface, old rivalries blossom and the political stakes are stretched to breaking point back on Earth. Houston flight controller Kazimieras 'Kaz' Zemeckis must do all he can to keep the NASA crew together, while staying one step ahead of his Soviet rivals. But not everyone on board Apollo 18 is quite who they appear to be. Full of fascinating technical detail, twists and tension, *The Apollo Murders* puts you right there in the moment. Experience the dark majesty of space, the fierce G-forces of launch and the rush of holding on to the outside of a spacecraft travelling at 17,000 mph, as told by a former Commander of the International Space Station who has done all of those things in real life. Strap in and count down for the ride of a lifetime. 'Nail-biting' – James Cameron, writer and director of *Avatar* and *Titanic*.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### The Maltese Falcon

Vintage Crime/Black Lizard Anniversary edition  
**Hammett, Dashiell**  
**& Marshall, Josephine Hammett**  
A coolly glittering gem of detective fiction that has haunted three generations of readers, from one of the greatest mystery writers of all time. A treasure worth killing for. Sam Spade, a slightly shop-worn private eye with his own solitary code of ethics. A perfumed grafter named Joel Cairo, a fat man named Gutman, and Brigid O'Shaughnessy, a beautiful and treacherous woman whose loyalties shift at the drop of a dime. These are the ingredients of Dashiell Hammett's iconic, influential, and beloved *The Maltese Falcon*. A Vintage Crime/Black Lizard Special edition, featuring an introduction by James Ellroy.

Classic hardboiled TP \$35.95

### Slough House Boxed Set

Slough House series  
**Herron, Mick**  
Mick Herron's critically acclaimed and bestselling Slough House thriller series available as a boxed set for the first time. Spooks are supposed to be stealthy... But those who make a noisy mess of their careers end up in Slough House. This is Jackson Lamb's kingdom: a dumping ground for spies who've screwed up. Once high fliers, they're now slow horses, condemned to a life of pushing paper as punishment for crimes of drugs and drunkenness, lechery and failure, politics and betrayal. In drab and mildewed offices, these highly trained spies moan and squabble, stare at the walls, and dream of better days – not one of them joined the Intelligence Service to be a slow horse, and the one thing they have in common is their desire to be back in the

action. Housed together, for the first time, in a beautifully crafted boxset, Mick Herron's Slough House thrillers have been described as 'the most exciting development in spy fiction since the Cold War' – *The Times*. (And we love them, at Pulp Fiction.)

Suspense PBK \$130.00

### The Sacred Bridge

Leaphorn, Chee & Manuelito  
**Hillerman, Anne**  
Sergeant Jim Chee's vacation to beautiful Antelope Canyon and Lake Powell has a deeper purpose. He's on a quest to unravel a sacred mystery his mentor, the Legendary Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn, stumbled across decades earlier. Chee's journey takes a deadly turn when, after a prayerful visit to the sacred Rainbow Bridge, he spots a body floating in the lake. The dead man, a Navajo with a passion for the canyon's ancient rock art, lived a life filled with many secrets. Discovering why he died and who was responsible involves Chee in an investigation that puts his own life at risk. Back in Shiprock, Officer Bernadette Manuelito is driving home when she witnesses an expensive sedan purposely kill a hitchhiker. The search to find the killer leads her to uncover a dangerous chain of interconnected revelations involving a Navajo Nation cannabis enterprise. But the evil that is unleashed jeopardises her mother and sister Darleen, and puts Bernie in the deadliest situation of her law enforcement career.

Mystery HC \$49.99

### A Rage in Harlem

Vintage Crime/Black Lizard Anniversary edition  
**Himes, Chester**  
For love of fine, wily Imabelle, hapless Jackson surrenders his life savings to a con man who knows the secret of turning \$10 bills into \$100s – and then he steals from his boss, only to lose the stolen money at a craps table. Luckily for him, he can turn to his savvy twin brother, Goldy, who earns a living – disguised as a Sister of Mercy – by selling tickets to Heaven in Harlem. With Goldy on his side, Jackson is ready for payback. *A Rage in Harlem* is a ripping introduction to Coffin Ed Johnson and Grave Digger Jones, patrolling New York City's roughest streets in Chester Himes' ground-breaking Harlem Detectives series. A Vintage Crime/Black Lizard Special edition, featuring an introduction by James Ellroy.

Classic hardboiled TP \$35.95

### The Twist of the Knife

Hawthorne mysteries  
**Horowitz, Anthony**  
*'I'm sorry but the answer's no.'*  
Reluctant author, Anthony Horowitz, has had enough. He tells ex-detective Daniel Hawthorne that, after three books, he's splitting and their deal is over. The truth is that Anthony has other things on his mind. His new play, a thriller called *Mindgame*, is about to open at the Vaudeville Theatre in London's West End. Not surprisingly, Hawthorne declines a ticket to the opening night. The play is panned by the critics. In particular, *Sunday Times*' critic Margaret Throsby gives it a savage review, focusing particularly on the writing. The next day, Throsby is stabbed in the heart with an ornamental dagger which turns out to belong

to Anthony, and has his fingerprints all over it. Anthony is arrested by an old enemy... Detective Inspector Cara Grunshaw. She still carries a grudge from her failure to solve the case described in the second Hawthorne adventure, *The Sentence is Death*, and blames Anthony. Now she's out for revenge. Thrown into prison and fearing for both his personal future and his writing career, Anthony is the prime suspect in Throsby's murder and when a second theatre critic is found to have died in mysterious circumstances, the net closes in. Ever more desperate, he realises that only one man can help him. But will Hawthorne take the call?

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### 56 Days

**Howard, Catherine Ryan**  
No one even knew they were together. Now, one of them is dead. *56 days ago...* Ciara and Oliver meet in a supermarket queue in Dublin and start dating the same week COVID-19 reaches Irish shores. *35 days ago...* When lockdown threatens to keep them apart, Oliver suggests they move in together. Ciara sees a unique opportunity for a relationship to flourish without the scrutiny of family and friends. Oliver sees a chance to hide who – and what – he really is. *Today...* Detectives arrive at Oliver's apartment to discover a decomposing body inside. Can they determine what really happened, or has lockdown created an opportunity for someone to commit the perfect crime?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### California Fever

**Jacobson, John J**  
SoCal surfer Dolphin Smoote just wanted to earn quick dough for a date with the brown-eyed beauty... what he got was G-men (and G-women), ghosts, and a Colt 45. John Jacobson's California Fever is the compelling fusion of mystery, crime, and Southern California beach charm. Top surfer Dolphin Smoote gets more than he bargains for when he works up the nerve to ask out the brown-eyed beauty on a date. The search of quick coin without having to work will always lead a surfer to precarious places, and Dolphin is no exception. With the help of his lovable surfer crew who often have more to say about stylishness than anything else, Dolphin finds himself between commens, ghosts, an impending storm from the coast of Mexico... and still no money for a second date. Along the ride, Dolphin finds in himself capacity for storytelling that would make P G Wodehouse himself chortle with laughter. Satirical mystery HC \$55.00

### Daughter of the Morning Star

Longmire mysteries  
**Johnson, Craig**  
When Lolo Long's niece Jaya begins receiving death threats, Tribal Police Chief Long calls on Absaroka County Sheriff Walt Longmire along with Henry Standing Bear as lethal backup. Jaya Longshot Long is the phenom of the Lane Deer Lady Stars High School basketball team and is following in the steps of her older sister, who disappeared a year previously, a victim of the scourge of missing Native Woman in Indian Country. Lolo hopes that having Longmire involved

might draw some public attention to the girl's plight, but with this manoeuvre she also inadvertently places the good sheriff in a one on one with the deadliest adversary he has ever faced in both this world and the next.

Mystery/suspense TP \$37.95

### The Burning

Clay Edison series  
**Kellerman, Jonathan & Jesse**  
A raging wildfire. A massive blackout. A wealthy man shot to death in his palatial hilltop home. For Clay Edison, it's all in a day's work. As a deputy coroner, caring for the dead, he speaks for those who cannot speak for themselves. He prides himself on an unflinching commitment to the truth. Even when it gets him into trouble. Then, while working the murder scene, Clay is horrified to discover a link to his brother, Luke. Horrified. But not surprised. Luke is fresh out of prison and struggling to stay on the straight and narrow. And, now, he's gone AWOL. The race is on for Clay to find him before anyone else can. Confronted with Luke's legacy of violence, Clay is forced to reckon with his own suspicions, resentments, and loyalties. Is his brother a killer? Or could he be the victim in all of this, too?

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### Out

Vintage Crime/Black Lizard Anniversary edition  
**Kirino, Natsuo**  
Nothing in Japanese literature prepares us for the stark, tension-filled, plot-driven realism of Natsuo Kirino's award-winning literary mystery *Out*. This mesmerising novel tells the story of a brutal murder in the staid Tokyo suburbs, as a young mother who works the night shift making boxed lunches strangles her abusive husband and then seeks the help of her co-workers to dispose of the body and cover up her crime. The coolly intelligent Masako emerges as the plot's ringleader but quickly discovers that this killing is merely the beginning, as it leads to a terrifying foray into the violent underbelly of Japanese society. At once a masterpiece of literary suspense and pitch-black comedy of gender warfare, *Out* is also a moving evocation of the pressures and prejudices that drive women to extreme deeds, and the friendships that bolster them in the aftermath. A Vintage Crime/Black Lizard Special edition, featuring an introduction by James Ellroy.

Classic mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

### Dark Rooms

Tennison series  
**la Plante, Lynda**  
Helena Lanark is an elderly woman, living in a luxurious care home. The heiress of an immense family fortune, she keeps the secret to the horror which once occurred within the Lanark family house. Jane Tennison is leading a murder investigation into the recent brutal death of a young girl, her decomposed starved body discovered in an old air raid shelter in the garden of the Lanark's now derelict house. Initially, the focus is on identifying the victim, until another body is found, hidden in the walls of the shelter. As the investigation and search for answers intensifies, Jane travels to Australia. There, she discovers the dark secret that the Lanark family has kept hidden for decades.

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A secret, that not only threatens to bring down a family dynasty, but also places Jane Tennison in mortal danger... *Jane Tennison in Brisbane!*

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Sweet Revenge

novella collection

#### Lackberg, Camilla

*Women Without Mercy:* Ingrid gave up her career to support her husband. Now he's having an affair. Birgitta is avoiding the doctor. No one can see the bruises her husband leaves. Victoria left Russia to marry a man she met online. But he is nothing like she imagined. Maybe the only way out is to commit three perfect murders...

*Truth or Dare:* Best friends Liv, Martina, Max and Anton are spending New Year's Eve together. But each of them is keeping a terrible secret. When a game of truth or dare takes a dark turn, the shocking truth emerges. Not everyone will live to see the chime of midnight... *To avoid disappointment, please note that these two novellas have been previously published separately.*

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### Dark Music

Rekke & Vargas series

#### Lagercrantz, David

A murder investigation brings together two unlikely allies in a race to uncover a shadowy international conspiracy. Professor Hans Rekke: born into a wealthy Stockholm family, world authority on interrogation techniques, capable of vertiginous feats of logic and observation... But he might just fall apart when the going gets tough, leading to substance abuse and despair. Micaela Vargas: community police officer, born to Chilean political refugees in a tough suburb, with two brothers on the shady side of the law. Vargas feels she has something to prove. She's tenacious and uncompromising, but she needs Rekke's unique mind to help her solve the case. Rekke has it all – wealth, reputation – but also a tendency to throw it all away.

He needs Vargas to help him get back on an even keel so he can focus his mind on finding the killer before they're both silenced for good. The launch of a new series inspired by Sherlock Holmes.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### The Disappearance of Lydia Harvey:

a True Story of Sex, Crime, and the Meaning of Justice

#### Laite, Julia

1910, Wellington, New Zealand.

Lydia Harvey is sixteen, working long hours for low pay, when a glamorous couple invite her to Buenos Aires. She accepts – and disappears. *London, England.* Amid a global panic about sex trafficking, detectives are tracking a ring of international criminals when they find a young woman on the streets of Soho who might be the key to cracking the whole case. As more people are drawn into Lydia's life and the trial at the Old Bailey, the world is being reshaped into a new, global era. Choices are being made – about who gets to cross borders, whose stories matter and what justice looks like – that will shape the next century. In this immersive account, historian Julia Laite traces Lydia Harvey through the fragments she left behind to build an

extraordinary story of aspiration, exploitation and survival – and one woman trying to build a life among the forces of history.

True crime PBK \$22.99

### The Accomplice

#### Lutz, Lisa

Everyone has the same questions about best friends Owen and Luna: What binds them together so tightly? Why weren't they ever a couple? And why do people around them keep turning up dead? Owen Mann is charming, privileged and chronically dissatisfied. Luna Grey is secretive, cautious and pragmatic. Despite their differences, they begin forming a bond the moment they meet in college. Their names soon become indivisible – Owen and Luna, Luna and Owen – and stay that way even after an unexplained death rocks their social circle. Years later, they're still best friends when Luna finds Owen's wife brutally murdered. The police investigation sheds some light on long-hidden secrets, but it can't penetrate the wall of mystery that surrounds Owen. To get to the heart of what happened and why, Luna has to dig up the one secret she's spent her whole life burying.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### The Chill

Vintage Crime/Black Lizard

Anniversary edition

In *The Chill*, a distraught young man hires private investigator Lew Archer to track down his runaway bride. But no sooner has he found Dolly Kincaid than Archer finds himself entangled in two murders, one 20 years old, the other so recent that the blood is still wet. What ensues is a detective novel of nerve-wracking suspense, desperately believable characters, and one of the most intricate plots ever spun by an American crime writer. A Vintage Crime/Black Lizard Special edition, featuring an introduction by James Ellroy.

Classic hardboiled TP \$35.95

### 1989

Allie Burns series

#### McDermid, Val

There's nothing like a killer story...

*1989.* The world is changing, and Allie Burns is still on the front line, covering the stories that count. Although Allie is no longer an investigative journalist, her instincts are sharper than ever. When she discovers a lead about the exploitation of society's most vulnerable, Allie is determined to give a voice to those who have been silenced. As Allie edges closer to exposing the truth, she travels beyond the Iron Curtain, to East Berlin on the brink of revolution. The dark heart of the story is more shocking than she ever imagined. And to tell it, Allie must risk her freedom and her life... The follow-up to *1979* (PBK, \$22.99).

Thriller TP \$32.99

### The Killing Song

#### McEvoy, Lesley

On a busy train station platform, a man pulls a knife and viciously attacks another passenger before fleeing – apparently unaware of what he has just done. To the police, it looks like a terrorist attack. But Forensic Psychologist Dr Jo McCready has seen this bizarre behaviour before, in controversial psychological experiments.

She knows this is no random killing spree.

When a botched cold case resurfaces, and the mistress of a controversial billionaire philanthropist is found dead, Jo discovers all these crimes are tangled up in the same web of deadly local secrets. Secrets that some will kill to protect...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### The Good Teacher

#### McGovern, Petronella

Every evening, Allison watches her husband's new house, desperate to find some answers. Every morning, she puts on a brave face to teach kindergarten. She's a good teacher, everyone says so – this stalking is just a tiny crack in her usual self-control. A late enrolment into her class brings little Gracie. Allison takes the sick girl under her wing, smothering Gracie with the love she can't give her own son. When Gracie has a chance to go to America for treatment, Allison whips up the community into a frenzied fundraising drive. But as others start to question her judgement and the police arrive at her door, Allison wonders if she can trust herself. Has she crossed a line? How far will the good teacher go to save a life? And whose life will that be?

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### The Last Party

DC Ffion Morgan series

#### Mackintosh, Clare

At midnight, one of them is dead.

By morning, all of them are suspects...

On New Year's Eve, Rhys Lloyd has a house full of guests. His lakeside holiday homes are a success, and he's generously invited the village to drink champagne with their wealthy new neighbours. This will be the party to end all parties. But not everyone is there to celebrate. By midnight, Rhys will be floating dead in the freezing waters of the lake. On New Year's Day, DC Ffion Morgan has a village full of suspects. The tiny community is her home, so the suspects are her neighbours, friends and family – and Ffion has her own secrets to protect. With a lie uncovered at every turn, soon the question isn't who wanted Rhys dead... but who finally killed him. In a village with this many secrets, a murder is just the beginning. The first in a new series.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### The Dark Remains

Laidlaw series

#### McIlvanney, William

#### & Rankin, Ian

If the truth's in the shadows, get out of the light... Lawyer Bobby Carter did a lot of work for the wrong type of people. Now, he's dead and it was no accident. He's left behind his share of enemies, but who dealt the fatal blow? DC Jack Laidlaw's reputation precedes him. He's not a team player, but he's got a sixth sense for what's happening on the streets. As two Glasgow gangs go to war, Laidlaw needs to find out who got Carter before the whole city explodes.

Noir PBK \$19.99

### I Know What I Saw

#### Mahmood, Imran

A woman strangled in a Mayfair flat. A man fleeing the scene. Xander Shute saw it all – but the police won't believe someone who

lives on the streets. Determined to find justice for the murdered woman, Xander searches for answers. But as his recollection of the crime comes under increasing scrutiny, he is forced to confront other memories, including those from his long-buried, troubled, wealthy past. How much will he risk to understand the brutal truth?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### All I Said Was True

#### Mahmood, Imran

When Amy Blahn died on a London rooftop, Layla Mahoney was there. Layla was holding her. But all she can say when she's arrested is that 'It was Michael. Find Michael and you'll find out everything you need to know'. The problem is, the police can't find him – they aren't even sure he exists. Layla knows she only has 48 hours to convince the police that bringing in the man she knows only as 'Michael' will clear her name and reveal a dangerous game affecting not just Amy and Layla, but her husband Russell and countless others. But as the detectives begin to uncover the whole truth about what happened to Amy, Layla will soon have to decide: how much of that truth can she really risk being exposed?

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### Murder on the Salsette

Ocean Liner mysteries

#### Marston, Edward

Genevieve Masefield and George Dillman make a living as ship's detectives aboard the early 20th century's most extravagant sailing vessels. From the members of first class in all their finery, the card cheats and pickpockets plying their trade, to the lascivious crew members, they've experienced more than their share of humanity. And the *Salsette* boasts a group of travellers whose lives are set to intersect in ways none of them could have foreseen on dry land – including in a murder. George and Genevieve know that nothing in the cloying, claustrophobic confines of an ocean liner is as straightforward as it seems, and as the ship inches toward port relationships on board, both those in plain sight and some hidden from view, will be revealed. But will the exposure of an intricate web of deceit lead George and Genevieve to the killer? Previously published under pseudonym Conrad Allen.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

### Murder on the Mamora

Ocean Liner mysteries

#### Marston, Edward

George Dillman and Genevieve Masefield, used to the grand opulence of the Cunard cruise line, are at first disappointed with the *Mamora*, a small, unimpressive ship owned by P&O to be the ship's detectives, George and Genevieve are certain they will encounter the same petty thefts and confidence tricksters they're used to dealing with, though they hope identifying the culprits among the 500 or so passengers will prove a little easier than it did aboard the great Cunard cruise ships. They soon settle into the routine of taking reports and doing their best to recover whatever stolen jewellery or purloined cash the unfortunate travellers are missing. Previously published under pseudonym Conrad Allen.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

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### **The Librarian Spy** **Martin, Madeline**

Ava thought her job as a librarian at the Library of Congress would mean a quiet, routine existence. But an unexpected offer from the US military has brought her to Lisbon with a new mission: posing as a librarian while working undercover as a spy gathering intelligence. Meanwhile, in occupied France, Elaine has begun an apprenticeship at a printing press run by members of the Resistance. It's a job usually reserved for men, but in the war, those roles have been forgotten. Yet she knows that the Nazis are searching for the press and its printer in order to silence them. As the battle in Europe rages, Ava and Elaine find themselves connecting through coded messages and discovering hope in the face of war.

Suspense TP \$29.99

### **A Sprinkle in Time**

Shake Shop mysteries

#### **Mentink, Dana**

It's Alpenfest in Upper Sprocket – yodellers are congregating in the square, tourists flocking to the town, and Trinidad Jones is scooping up some fall flavours at her Shimmy and Shake Shop. The cherry on the sundae is her upcoming feature in *The Scoop* magazine. She's determined to serve up the perfect interview, but it won't be easy, thanks in part to her meddling Cuban grandfather, Papa Luis, who has decided to make Sprocket his home for the foreseeable future. Papa Luis has set himself up as a taxi driver in his classic 1951 Buick. But things take a turn when Papa Luis tells her he's found a corpse in his trunk. Upon closer investigation, they realise the body has disappeared. With the assistance of Juliette and Bonnie (her sisterhood of exes), coffee shop owner Stan Lawper, and the way too handsome nut farmer Quinn Logan, Trinidad must solve the mystery of the disappearing corpse, before her father is up to his neck in a murderous mess.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### **Such a Quiet Place**

#### **Miranda, Megan**

Welcome to Hollow's Edge, where you can find secrets, scandal, and a suspected killer – all on one street. Hollow's Edge used to be a quiet place. A private and idyllic neighbourhood where neighbours dropped in on neighbours, celebrated graduation and holiday parties together, and looked out for one another. But then came the murder of Brandon and Fiona Truett. A year and a half later, Hollow's Edge is simmering. The residents are trapped, unable to sell their homes, confronted daily by the empty Truett house, and suffocated by their trial testimonies that implicated one of their own. Ruby Fletcher. And now, Ruby's back. With her conviction overturned, Ruby waltzes right back to Hollow's Edge, and into the home she shared with Harper Nash. Harper, five years older, has always treated Ruby like a wayward younger sister. But now she's terrified. What possible good could come of Ruby returning to the scene of the crime? And how can she possibly turn her away, when she knows Ruby has nowhere to go? Within days, suspicion spreads like a virus across Hollow's Edge. It's increasingly clear that not everyone told the truth about

the night of the Truett's murders. And when Harper begins receiving threatening notes, she realises she has to uncover the truth before someone else becomes the killer's next victim.

Thriller PBK 19.99

### **The Dark Circle**

Jake Cantrell mysteries 02

#### **Mrazek, Robert J**

Jake Cantrell tried to put his past behind him and settle down after suffering an unjust disgrace as an army officer. He works as a campus security officer at a small college in upstate New York. But things aren't so placid in his leafy new environs. A mass opioid crisis threatens to devastate the campus. When two football players on the new drug attack Jake with bats, Jake is fired for the excessive force he has to use to subdue them. Newly unemployed, Jake is retained by Lauren Kennison, the editor of the *Groton Journal*, to find missing college student Deborah Chapman, a gifted young jazz vocalist who has performed at Carnegie Hall. Along with Bug, the 18-year-old wolf hound he saved in Afghanistan, Jake sets out on the search. Battling street gangs, nefarious secrets, and an enigmatic group called the Knights, Jake is set for a brutal showdown that could mean Deborah's rescue – or Jake's demise.

Mystery/suspense HC \$57.95

### **Still**

#### **Nable, Matt**

*Darwin, Summer, 1963.* The humidity sat heavy and thick over the town as Senior Constable Ned Potter looked down at a body that had been dragged from the shallow marshland. He didn't need a coroner to tell him this was a bad death. He didn't know then that this was only the first. Or that he was about to risk everything looking for answers. Late one night, Charlotte Clark drove the long way home, thinking about how stuck she felt, a 23-year-old housewife, married to a cowboy who wasn't who she thought he was. The days ahead felt suffocating, living in a town where she was supposed to keep herself nice and wait for her husband to get home from the pub. Charlotte stopped the car, stepped out to breathe in the night air and looked out over the water to the tangled mangroves. She never heard a sound before the hand was around her mouth. Both Charlotte and Ned are about to learn that the world they live in is full of secrets and that it takes courage to fight for what is right. But there are people who will do anything to protect themselves and sometimes courage is not enough to keep you safe. 'From screen to page, Matt Nable's ability to breathe life into vivid characters shines against the grittiness of the harsh Australian landscape.' – *Jane Harper*, author of *The Dry*.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### **The Jealousy Man and Other Stories**

collection

#### **Nesbø, Jo**

Jo Nesbø is known the world over as a consummate mystery/thriller writer. Famed for his deft characterisation, hair-raising suspense and shocking twists, Nesbø's dexterity with the dark corners of the human heart is on full display in these inventive and enthralling stories. A detective with a nose for

jealousy is on the trail of a man suspected of murdering his twin; a bereaved father must decide whether vengeance has a place in the new world order after a pandemic brings about the collapse of society; a garbage man fresh off a bender tries to piece together what happened the night before; a hired assassin matches wits against his greatest adversary in a dangerous game for survival; and an instantly electric connection between passengers on a flight to London may spell romance, or something more sinister. With Nesbø's characteristic gift for outstanding atmosphere and gut-wrenching revelations, *The Jealousy Man* confirms that he is at the peak of his abilities.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### **The Son**

Vintage Crime/Black Lizard

Anniversary edition

#### **Nesbø, Jo**

Sonny Lofthus has been in prison for almost half his life: serving time for crimes he didn't commit. In exchange, he gets an uninterrupted supply of heroin – and a stream of fellow prisoners seeking his Buddha-like absolution. Years earlier, Sonny's father, a corrupt cop, took his own life rather than face exposure. When Sonny discovers a shocking truth about his father's suicide, he makes a brilliant escape and begins hunting down the people responsible. But he's also being hunted – by enemies too numerous to count. From the author of the bestselling Harry Hole series comes an electrifying tale of vengeance set amid Oslo's brutal hierarchy of corruption, featuring an introduction by James Ellroy.

Classic thriller TP \$39.95

### **The Man Who Died Twice**

Thursday Murder Club mysteries

#### **Osman, Richard**

Elizabeth, Joyce, Ron and Ibrahim – the Thursday Murder Club – are still riding high off their recent real-life murder case and are looking forward to a bit of peace and quiet at Cooper's Chase, their posh retirement village. But they are out of luck. An unexpected visitor – an old pal of Elizabeth's (or perhaps more than just a pal?) – arrives, desperate for her help. He has been accused of stealing diamonds worth millions from the wrong men and he's seriously on the lam. Then, as night follows day, the first body is found. But not the last. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ron and Ibrahim are up against a ruthless murderer who wouldn't bat an eyelid at knocking off four septuagenarians. Can our four friends catch the killer before the killer catches them? And if they find the diamonds, too? Well, wouldn't that be a bonus? You should never put anything beyond the Thursday Murder Club. Richard Osman is back with everyone's favourite mystery-solving quartet, and the second instalment of the Thursday Murder Club series is just as clever and warm as the first – an unputdownable, laugh-out-loud pleasure of a read. Recommended. The first is (obviously!) *The Thursday Murder Club* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### **Trail of the Fallen**

Tommy Smith High Country Noir 04

#### **Paul, Bart**

Tommy Smith, former sniper and Army combat veteran, wants nothing more than

to be left alone to raise his young family with his deputy-sheriff wife, Sarah, as they run a wilderness outfitting business in the eastern Sierra ranching country where they grew up. A mass breakout at Folsom Prison shatters their mountain idyll and brings back the PTSD that Tommy hoped he'd left on the battlefields of Afghanistan. Although Folsom is a hundred fifty miles west, every new atrocity, by the convicted killers, places them closer and closer to Tommy and his family. The escape follows by some months the theft of prototype high-end sniper rifles from the nearby Marine base, a theft that the Corps was trying to keep as quiet as possible. Soon, Tommy discovers that the list of escapees includes a name he never wanted to hear again – that of Sarah's psychopathic first husband, whom Tommy had helped put in prison. Sidelined by law enforcement because of his closeness to the case, Tommy strikes out horseback and alone in a blizzard, where he must overcome his own demons to fight the all-too-real demon waiting for him up the trail.

Noir HC \$55.00

### **The Madness of Crowds**

Inspector Gamache mysteries

#### **Penny, Louise**

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

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### **The Unbelieved**

#### **Petratis, Vikki**

When Senior Detective Antigone Pollard moves to the coastal town of Deception Bay, she is still in shock and grief. Back in Melbourne, one of her cases had gone catastrophically wrong, and to escape the guilt and the haunting memories, she'd requested a transfer to the quiet town she'd grown up in. But there are some things you can't run from. A month into her new life, she is targeted by a would-be rapist at the pub; and realises why there have been no convictions following a spate of similar sexual attacks in the surrounding district. The male witnesses in the pub back her attacker and even her boss doesn't believe her. Hers is the first reported case in Deception Bay, but soon there are more. As Antigone searches for answers, she encounters a wall of silence in the town built of secrets and denial and fear. The women of Deception Bay are scared and the law is not on their side. The nightmare has followed her home. *Winner of the inaugural Allen & Unwin Crime Prize.*

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Chilling, timely and gripping, *The Unbelieved* takes us behind the headlines to a small-town world that is all too real – and introduces us to a brilliant new voice in crime fiction.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### **The Wrong Woman** **Pomare, J P**

*It was a tragic accident. wasn't it?* A private investigator returning to the hometown he fled, years ago, becomes entangled in the disappearance of two teenage girls in this stunning literary crime thriller. Reid left the small town of Manson, a decade ago, promising his former Chief of Police boss he'd never return. He made a new life in the city, became a PI and turned his back on his old life. Now, an insurance firm has offered him good money to look into a suspicious car crash, and he finds himself back in the place he grew up – home to his complicated family history, a scarring relationship breakdown and a very public career-ending incident. As Reid's investigation unfolds, nothing is as it seems: rumours are swirling about the well-liked young woman who crashed the car, killing her professor husband, and their possible connection to a local student who has gone missing. Soon, Reid finds himself veering away from the job he has been paid to do. Will he end up in the dangerous position of taking on the town again? 'A twisty small-town PI mystery with a protagonist I didn't want to let go' – *Ian Rankin*.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### **Die Around Sundown** **Pryor, Mark**

*Summer 1940:* In German-occupied Paris, Inspector Henri Lefort has been given just five days to solve the murder of a German major that took place in the Louvre Museum. Blocked from the crime scene but given a list of suspects, Henri encounters a group of artists, including Pablo Picasso, who know more than they're willing to share. With the clock ticking, Henri must uncover a web of lies while overcoming impossible odds to save his own life and prove his loyalty to his country. Will he rise to the task or become another tragic story of a tragic time? Five days. One murder. A masterpiece of a mystery. The first in a new series.

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### **Masters of Lies**

Sherlock Holmes

#### **Purser-Hallard, Philip**

When investigating what seems to be a suicide, Holmes and Watson uncover a murderous forgery ring with ties to the British government. As the web of blackmail, threats and violence draws around them, they are forced to consider who they can really trust...

Sherlockiana PBK \$19.99

### **Blood Sisters**

#### **Quinn, Gate**

*Some women just can't take a joke.* At least, that's what locals tell the police when a man is found gruesomely murdered at the pub in a tiny outback town. All fingers point to the backpackers working behind the bar that night – sorority sisters Beth and Lauren, who skipped town before the body was discovered. Despite all the evidence against them, rookie cop Tara Harrison knows there must be more to this case. But even as she tries to

prove their innocence, Tara discovers that Beth and Lauren have dark secrets of their own – secrets they've sworn to take to the grave... A gripping and brilliantly evocative thriller set in the Australian outback, where two young American sorority sisters come under investigation for a gruesome murder in a small mining town. Sun-drenched, suspenseful, and addictive, with a cast of fierce, unforgettable women, it's perfect for fans of Jane Harper and Liane Moriarty.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### **The One Impossible** **Labyrinth**

Jack West Jr

#### **Reilly, Matthew**

Jack West Jr has made it to the Supreme Labyrinth. Now, he faces one last race – against multiple rivals, against time, against the collapse of the universe itself – a headlong race that will end at a throne inside the fabled labyrinth. But the road will be hard. For this is a maze like no other: a maze of mazes. Uncompromising and complex. Demanding and deadly. It all comes down to this. For it ends here – now – in the most lethal and dangerous place Jack has encountered in all of his many adventures. And in the face of this indescribable peril, with everything on the line, there is only one thing he can do. Attempt the impossible.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### **A Judgement in Stone**

Vintage Crime/Black Lizard

Anniversary edition

#### **Rendell, Ruth**

On Valentine's Day, four members of the Coverdale family were murdered in the space of fifteen minutes. Their housekeeper, Eunice Parchman, shot them one by one in the blue light of a televised performance of Don Giovanni. When the police arrest Miss Parchman two weeks later, they discover a second tragedy: the key to the Valentine's Day massacre, a private humiliation Eunice Parchman has guarded all her life. A Vintage Crime/Black Lizard Special edition, featuring an introduction by James Ellroy.

Classic mystery/suspense TP \$35.95

### **Abandoned in Death**

Eve Dallas series

#### **Robb, J D**

*Say goodnight, baby darling...* Three young women have gone missing. They're all pretty, mid-20s – someone clearly has a type. But no one links their disappearances until the first – Lauren Elder – is found lying peacefully on a bench in a children's playground. She is neatly dressed, with a wide black velvet ribbon covering where her neck has been precisely slit. Her hands are folded over a childish sign on which is written in black crayon – *Bad Mommy*. Lt Eve Dallas and her team are brought in to investigate Lauren's murder and uncover the links to the other two women. Can they find out enough about the missing women and unmask their captor before they kill again...?

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### **The Patient**

#### **Shemilt, Jane**

Rachel is a respected doctor who lives in a picturesque and affluent English village where her husband Nathan teaches at an elite

private school. Competent, unflappable, and nearing 50, Rachel has everything in her life firmly in her control, even if some of its early lustre has worn off. But one day a new patient arrives at her practice for emergency treatment. Luc is a French painter married to a wealthy American woman who's just bought and restored a historic home on the edge of Rachel's posh neighbourhood. The couple has only recently arrived, but Luc is struggling with a mental disorder, and so he goes to the nearest clinic... to Rachel. Their attraction is instant, and as Rachel's sense of ethics wars with newly awakened passion, the affair blinds her to everything else happening around her. A long-time patient appears to be following her every movement, turning up unexpectedly wherever she goes. Her somewhat estranged adult daughter Lizzie is hiding a secret – or at least, hiding it from Rachel. Nathan has grown sour and cold as well – or is that merely Rachel's guilty conscience weighing on her? But when one of her colleagues winds up murdered and Luc is arrested for the crime, everything Rachel didn't know about her life explodes into the open – along with her affair with her patient – a disgrace and scandal that will have consequences no one could have predicted.

Thriller TP \$29.99

### **Should I Fall**

#### **Shepherd, Scott**

When John Frankel's ex-wife is discovered dead on the floor of his Manhattan studio apartment, the NYPD Detective instantly becomes the prime suspect in her murder. Then more information surfaces, linking his gun to the fatal bullet, a motive is discovered, and Frankel flees the city, all of which further convinces his colleagues of his guilt. In spite of the mounting evidence, Frankel's bride-to-be, Rachel Grant, and her father, Austin Grant, formerly of Scotland Yard, are certain of his innocence. But with the police under orders to use whatever force necessary to stop what they view as a dangerous criminal, the duo will have to act fast, before the manhunt goes violently wrong. The investigation and relentless chase after Frankel takes them across the country, from the tropical shores of Hawaii to a deadly midnight rendezvous in a cemetery in northern Maine. And as that game of cat-and-mouse unfurls, so too does a complex murder plot with multiple victims – the ultimate solution of which will keep readers baffled and breathless until the very end.

Mystery/suspense HC 42.95

### **The Pavilion in the Clouds** **Smith, Alexander McCall**

It is 1938 and the final days of the British Empire. In a bungalow high up in the green hills above the plains of Ceylon, under a vast blue sky, live the Ferguson family: Bella, a precocious eight year old; her father Henry – owner of Pitlochry, a tea plantation – and her mother Virginia. The story centres around the Pavilion in the Clouds, set in the idyllic grounds carved out of the wilderness. But all is not as serene as it seems. Bella is suspicious of her governess, Miss White's intentions. Her suspicion sparks off her mother's imagination and after an unfortunate series of events, a confrontation is had with Miss White and a gunshot rings off around the hills. Years later, Bella – now, living back in Scotland

at university in St Andrews – is faced, once again, with her past. Will she at last find out what happened between her Father and Miss White? And will the guilt she has lived with all these years be reconciled by a long overdue apology?

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

### **Enola Holmes and the** **Elegant Escapade**

Enola Holmes mysteries

#### **Springer, Nancy**

Enola Holmes, the much younger sister of Sherlock, is now living independently in London and working as a scientific perditorian (a finder of persons and things). But that is not the normal lot of young women in Victorian England. They are under the near absolute control of their nearest male relative until adulthood. Such is the case of Enola's friend, Lady Cecily Alastair. Twice before Enola has rescued Lady Cecily from unpleasant designs of her caddish father, Sir Eustace Alastair, Baronet. And when Enola is brusquely turned away at the door of the Alastair home, it soon becomes apparent that Lady Cecily once again needs her help. Affecting a bold escape, Enola takes Lady Cecily to her secret office only to be quickly found by the person hired by Lady Cecily's mother to find the missing girl – Sherlock Holmes, himself. But the girl has already disappeared again, now loose on her own in the unforgiving city of London. Even worse, Lady Cecily has a secret that few know. She has dual personalities – one, which is left handed, is independent and competent; the other, which is right handed, is meek and mild. Now, Enola must find Lady Cecily again – before one of her personalities gets her into more trouble than she can handle and before Sherlock can find and return her to her father. Once again, for Enola, the game is afoot. Not just for fangirls of the Netflix film – every fan of Sherlock Holmes will find something to love, in these stories of his little sister! The first is *The Case of the Missing Marquess* (PBK, \$16.99).

Sherlockiana PBK \$16.99

### **The Ballroom Murder**

#### **Straw, Leigh**

In August 1925, Audrey Jacob shot dead her former fiancé, Cyril Gidley, in full view of hundreds of guests at a charity ball in Perth's Government House. When she was arrested, she still held the gun in her hand. It was an open and shut case of wilful murder – that is until Jacob assigned prosecutor Arthur Haynes to her defence. His ability to play the press and the jury for sympathy would lead to a sensational result. *The Ballroom Murder* is a true crime story that is rich with first-hand newspaper accounts from the day, and demonstrates the power of the press and privilege in an extraordinary judicial outcome.

True crime TP \$32.99

### **Lady Joker**

#### **Takamura, Kaoru**

*Tokyo, 1995.* Five men meet at the racetrack every Sunday to bet on horses. They have little in common except a deep disaffection with their lives, but together they represent the social struggles and griefs of post-War Japan: a poorly socialised genius stuck working as a welder; a demoted detective with a chip on

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his shoulder; a Zainichi Korean banker sick of being ostracised for his ethnicity; a struggling single dad of a teenage girl with Down syndrome. The fifth man bringing them all together is an elderly drugstore owner grieving his grandson, who died in suspicious circumstances. Intent on revenge against a society that values corporate behemoths more than human life, the five conspirators decide to carry out a heist: kidnap the CEO of Japan's largest beer conglomerate and extract blood money from the company's corrupt financiers. Inspired by the unsolved true-crime kidnapping case perpetrated by 'the Monster with 21 Faces', *Lady Joker* has become a cultural touchstone since its 1997 publication, acknowledged as the magnum opus by one of Japan's literary masters.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$24.99

### Love in the Time of Serial Killers

#### Thompson, Alicia

PhD candidate Phoebe Walsh has always been obsessed with true crime. She's even analysing the genre in her dissertation – if she can manage to finish writing it. It's hard to find the time while she spends the summer in Florida, cleaning out her childhood home, dealing with her obnoxiously good-natured younger brother, and grappling with the complicated feelings of mourning a father she hadn't had a relationship with for years. It doesn't help that she's low-key convinced that her new neighbour, Sam Dennings, is a serial killer (he may dress business casual by day, but at night he's clearly up to something). It's not long before Phoebe realises that Sam might be something much scarier – a genuinely nice guy who can pierce her armour to reach her vulnerable heart.

Mystery TP \$27.99

### Maror

#### Tidhar, Lavie

How do you build a nation? It takes statesmen and soldiers, farmers, and factory workers, of course. But it also takes thieves, prostitutes, and policemen. Nation-building demands sacrifice. And one man knows exactly where those bodies are buried: Cohen, a man who loves his country. A reasonable man for unreasonable times. A car bomb in the back streets of Tel Aviv. A diamond robbery in Haifa. Civil war in Lebanon. Rebel fighters in the Colombian jungle. A double murder in Los Angeles. How do they all connect? Only Cohen knows. *Maror* is the story of a war for a country's soul – a dazzling spread of narrative gunshots across four decades and three continents. It is a true story. All of these things happened. 'One of the boldest, most visionary writers I've ever read creates both a vivid political exploration and a riveting crime epic. It's like the Jewish Godfather!' – *Silvia Moreno-Garcia*.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### The Infernal Riddle of Thomas Peach

#### Treadwell, Jas

Who is Thomas Peach? Ah, reader! – if you would have us answer that question – What mysteries you shall compel us to expose! It is the year 1785, and a gentleman of modest means has left London for the countryside, to look after his ailing wife. Among his new neighbours, tongues begin to wag. Why does

he keep a locked chest under the stairs? Is it really full of forbidden books? And what exactly is the matter with his wife? For the most part, though, the couple live in peace – until a letter arrives, threatening to cut off their livelihood and expel them from their home. Faced with the prospect of penury – and perhaps worse – the gentleman rides out in search of some means to save himself. But fate has other plans for Thomas Peach. A bizarre request brings an encounter with a mysterious young woman, raised from infancy as a rich man's ward, now condemned to the madhouse. As their paths become disturbingly entangled, Mr Peach begins to suspect that in her past lies a dreadful secret... *Dreadful, indeed! – Yet, however fearful the poor child's history – can her secret be darker, than his own?*

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### Dear Little Corpses

#### Josephine Tey mysteries

#### Upson, Nicola

*1 September, 1939*. As the mass evacuation takes place across Britain, thousands of children leave London for the countryside, but when a little girl vanishes without trace, the reality of separation becomes more desperate and more deadly for those who love her. In the chaos and uncertainty of war, Josephine struggles with the prospect of change. As a cloud of suspicion falls across the small Suffolk village she has come to love, the conflict becomes personal, and events take a dark and sinister turn. If you haven't tried the Josephine Tey mysteries yet, the first is *An Expert in Murder* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery HC \$32.99

### Bath Haus

#### Vernon, P J

Oliver Park, a recovering addict from Indiana, finally has everything he ever wanted: sobriety and a loving, wealthy partner in Nathan, a prominent DC trauma surgeon. Despite their difference in age and disparate backgrounds, they've made a perfect life together. With everything to lose, Oliver shouldn't be visiting Haus, a gay bathhouse. But through the entrance he goes, and it's a line crossed. Inside, he follows a man into a private room, and it's the final line. Whatever happens next, Nathan can never know. But then, everything goes wrong, terribly wrong, and Oliver barely escapes with his life. He races home in full-blown terror as the hand-shaped bruise grows dark on his neck. The truth will destroy Nathan and everything they have together, so Oliver does the thing he used to do so well: he lies.

Thriller TP \$27.99

### Bruno's Challenge and Other Dordogne Stories

Bruno, Chief of Police collection

#### Walker, Martin

A bumper collection of delightful stories featuring Bruno, Chief of Police and France's favourite cop, all set in the beautiful Dordogne valley and the ravishing Perigord region of the south west. Here is a landscape of meandering rivers with medieval castles overlooking their banks, of lush hillside vineyards, of delicious local wines and world-renowned cuisine. With titles like 'The Chocolate War'; 'The Birthday Lunch'; 'Oystercatcher'; 'A Market Tale' and

'Fifty Million Bubbles', you may be sure that champagne and gastronomy will feature as well as cosy crime in 'Dangerous Vacation'. Bruno strides through these tales, staying calm. Settling local disputes and keeping safe his beloved town of St Denis. Only on one occasion does he panic: in 'Bruno's Challenge', his friend Ivan, proprietor and chef of the town's popular eatery, suddenly collapses on the eve of a large anniversary dinner, and he asks Bruno to take over the restaurant. After a few protests, followed by some deep breaths, the inimitable Bruno meets his challenge and saves the day. Now in paperback.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### After the Flood

DI Dan Clement & Snowy Lane series

#### Warner, Dave

A violent death by crucifixion near a remote north-west station has Detective Inspector Dan Clement and his Broome police officers disturbed and baffled. Other local incidents – the theft of explosives from a Halls Creek mine site, social justice protests at an abattoir, a break-in at a child health care clinic – seem mundane by comparison. But as Clement starts to make troubling connections between each crime, he finds himself caught in a terrifying race. In a landmass larger than Western Europe, he must identify and protect an unknown target before it is blown to bits by an invisible enemy. 'Gritty with well-realised characters and a taut plot, this is an outstanding crime novel.' – *Canberra Weekly*.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Dark Hunter

#### Watson, F J

The year is 1317, and young squire Benedict Russell has joined the English-held garrison of Berwick-upon-Tweed after the spectacular Scottish victory at Bannockburn three years earlier. Serious and self-doubting, he can't wait for his time there to come to an end. Living on the disputed territory between Scotland and England is a precarious existence, and as the Scots draw ever closer and the English king does nothing to stop them, Benedict finds himself in a race against time to solve the brutal murder of a young girl and find the traitor who lurks within Berwick's walls.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

### A Peculiar Combination

Electra McDonnell mysteries

#### Weaver, Ashley

Electra McDonnell has always known that the way she and her family earn their living is slightly outside of the law. Breaking into the homes of the rich and picking the locks on their safes may not be condoned by British law enforcement, but World War II is in full swing, Ellie's cousins Colm and Toby are off fighting against Hitler, and Uncle Mick's more honourable business as a locksmith can't pay the bills, any more. So, when Uncle Mick receives a tip about a safe full of jewels in the empty house of a wealthy family, he and Ellie can't resist. All goes as planned – until the pair are caught red handed. Ellie expects them to be taken straight to prison, but instead they are delivered to a large townhouse, where government official Major Ramsey is waiting with an offer: either Ellie agrees to help him

break into a safe and retrieve blueprints that will be critical to the British war effort, before they can be delivered to a German spy, or he turns her over to the police. Ellie doesn't care for the Major's imperious manner, but she has no choice, and besides, she's eager to do her bit for king and country. She may be a thief, but she's no coward. When she and the Major break into the house in question, they find instead the purported German spy dead on the floor, the safe already open and empty. Soon, Ellie and Major Ramsey are forced to put aside their differences to unmask the double agent, as they try to stop allied plans falling into German hands. The first in a new series from the author of the Amory Ames mysteries.

Mystery TP \$26.99

### Harlem Shuffle

#### Whitehead, Colson

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

Caper PBK \$22.99

### Marion Lane and the Deadly Rose

Inquirers mysteries

#### Willberg, T A

The envelope was tied with three delicate silk ribbons: 'One of the new recruits is not to be trusted...' It's 1959 and a new killer haunts the streets of London, having baffled Scotland Yard. The newspapers call him The Florist because of the rose he brands on his victims. The police have turned yet again to the Inquirers at Miss Brickett's for assistance, and second-year Marion Lane is assigned the case. But she's already dealing with a mystery of her own, having received an unsigned letter warning her that one of the three new recruits should not be trusted. She dismisses the letter at first, focusing on The Florist case, but her informer seems to be one step ahead,

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predicting what will happen before it does. But when a fellow second-year Inquirer is murdered, Marion takes matters into her own hands and must come face to face with her informer – who predicted the murder – to find out everything they know. Until then, no one at Miss Brickett's is safe, and everyone is a suspect. The sequel to *Marion Lane and the Midnight Murder* (PBK, \$22.99). *Midnight Murder* was great fun, recommended.

Fantastical mystery PBK \$22.99

### **My Name Is Joe Lavoie Winter, W A**

On Thanksgiving Day, 1991, the tattered remnants of the notorious LaVoie crime family gather for a melancholy reunion. Sister Ronnie, a faded beauty who's outlived three husbands and countless lovers, is the host. Her guests include eldest brother

Eugene, the family's detested Judas; Adriana, the flamboyant widow of youngest brother Michael, who was presumed killed in Vietnam; and Joe, the sole survivor of a fraternal trio of pint-sized desperadoes who terrorised the Upper Midwest during the summer of 1953. Also present, if only in Joe's fevered imagination, are the ghosts of his ne'er-do-well father and neurasthenic mother; his partners in crime, brothers Jack and Bernard; and his beautiful, otherworldly little sister, Janine. Then there's the spectre of H V Meslow, the aged, obsessed cop who pursued the brothers to their spectacular end but will not be satisfied until he claims Joe's soul. Crippled by a police bullet during the climactic shootout, Joe has spent the past 38 years in a wheelchair. Now, dying, he's desperate to know – yet, terrified to learn – the awful truth behind his family's demise.

Years after the brothers' bloody rampage, a local journalist wrote: 'People blame poverty, lack of parental control, a failure of the criminal justice system, even the brothers' diminutive stature. I would add to that list some kind of curse – a dark star or black cloud – that shadowed them for decades. The LaVoies couldn't get anything right. They couldn't catch a break. They couldn't win for losing.' Inspired by a crime spree that shocked the Midwest in the 1950s.

Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

### **The Night Whistler Woodland, Greg**

1971 – Hal is seventeen, with dreams of escaping from Moorabool to a life in the city. But right now he's on a good behaviour bond and stuck in a job he hates, paying off the car he 'borrowed' and crashed. Hal's packing-

room job makes him a target for workplace bullies and the friendship of the older, more worldly Christine is all that makes each day bearable. So, when she doesn't turn up for work, he's on the alert. So, is Sergeant Mick Goodenough. But he already knows what's happened to Christine: the same thing that happened to the newly elected deputy mayor. When another gruesome 'accident' occurs in Moorabool, Goodenough suspects there's something sinister going on behind the scenes at the abattoir. Mick and Hal are both determined to dig up the truth. Before long each of them is going to find himself in mortal danger and running for his life. The follow-up to *The Night Whistler* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99