

# Pulp Fiction

## Crime & Mystery Bestsellers May 2022

### **Bad Actors**

Slough House 08

#### **Mick Herron**

In London's MI5 headquarters, a scandal is brewing that could disgrace the entire intelligence community. The Downing Street super-forecaster – a specialist who advises the Prime Minister's office on how policy is likely to be received by the electorate – has disappeared without a trace. Claude Whelan, who was once head of MI5, has been tasked with tracking her down. But the trail leads him straight back to Regent's Park itself, with First Desk Diana Taverner as chief suspect. Has Taverner overplayed her hand, at last? Meanwhile, her Russian counterpart, Moscow intelligence's First Desk, has cheekily showed up in London and shaken off his escort. Are the two unfortunate events connected? Over at Slough House, where Jackson Lamb presides over some of MI5's most embittered demoted agents, the slow horses are doing what they do best, and adding a little bit of chaos to an already unstable situation... There are bad actors everywhere, and they usually get their comeuppance before the credits roll. But politics is a dirty business, and in a world where lying, cheating, and backstabbing are the norm, sometimes the good guys can find themselves outgunned. We love Herron – pretty sure, you will too! – the series starts with the brilliant *Slow Horses* (PBK, \$22.99)

**Suspense | TP | \$32.99**



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### **Everyone in My Family has Killed Someone**

#### **Benjamin Stevenson**

I was dreading the Cunningham family reunion even before the first murder. Before the storm stranded us at the mountain resort. The thing is, us Cunninghams don't really get along. We've only got one thing in common: we've all killed someone. My brother, my stepsister, my wife, my father, my mother, my sister-in-law, my uncle, my stepfather, my aunt. Even me. When they find the first body in the snow, it's clear that only a Cunningham could have committed the crime – and it's up to me to prove it. There are plenty of killers in my family. But only one murderer... 'I absolutely loved it. Utterly original, hugely entertaining, and a must-read for every fan of the mystery genre. What an exceptionally fresh, smart, funny book – I've never read anything like this before.' – Jane Harper. 'I absolutely loved it. It's so engaging, entertaining and charming. I don't think I've ever read anything like it. It was *such* a fun read.' – Marian Keyes. 'Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone is a jaunty and clever mystery with unexpected twists. Absolutely not to be missed.' – Karin Slaughter. New Oz crime sensation – great feedback!

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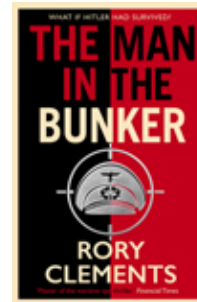
### **The Man in the Bunker**

Tom Wilde 06

**Rory Clements**

Germany, late summer 1945 – The war is over but the country is in ruins. Millions of refugees and holocaust survivors strive to rebuild their lives in displaced persons camps. Millions of German soldiers and SS men are held captive in primitive conditions in open-air detention centres. Everywhere, civilians are desperate for food and shelter. No one admits to having voted Nazi, yet many are unrepentant. Adolf Hitler is said to have killed himself in his Berlin bunker. But no body was found – and many people believe he is alive. Newspapers are full of stories reporting sightings and theories. Even Stalin, whose own troops captured the bunker, has told President Truman he believes the former Führer is not dead. Day by day, American and British intelligence officers subject senior members of the Nazi regime to gruelling interrogation in their quest for their truth. Enter Tom Wilde – the Cambridge professor and spy sent in to find out the truth... Series is very popular here. An academic puts his considerable intelligence to solving crimes and espionage from the thirties 'til now, after the war. Recommended. Start with *Corpus* (PBK, \$19.99).

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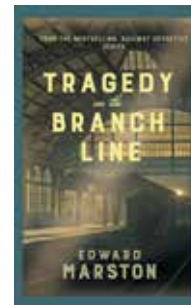
### **Tragedy on the Branch Line**

Railway Detective mysteries 19

**Edward Marston**

When Robert Pomeroy, a young undergraduate at Corpus Christi College, finds a letter slipped under his door in the early hours of a rainy day, he flies into a panic. Hastily readying himself and dashing off a few lines for the porter to summon his friend Nicholas Thorpe, he hurries to the railway station. But he doesn't reach his destination alive. Inspector Colbeck and Sergeant Leeming are called upon to investigate this tragedy on the railway. It soon becomes apparent that Cambridge's hopes of success in the forthcoming Boat Race rested on Pomeroy's shoulders. With academic disputes, romantic interests and a sporting rivalry with Oxford in play, the Railway Detective will have his work cut out to disentangle the threads of Pomeroy's life in order to answer the truth of his death...

Historical mystery | PBK | \$19.99



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### **The Murder Rule**

**Dervla McTiernan**

*First Rule: Make them like you. Second Rule: Make them need you. Third Rule: Make them pay.* They think I'm a young, idealistic law student, that I'm passionate about reforming a corrupt and brutal system. They think I'm working hard to impress them. They think I'm here to save an innocent man on death row. They're wrong. I'm going to bury him. 'Extraordinary. Haunting. An incredible thriller. I could not put this book down. Dervla McTiernan is a gifted writer with a very special way of telling a story. This is a heart-stopping roller coaster of a tale.' – Adrian McKinty.

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### Deception Bay

Joe Washington mysteries 02

J P Powell

Deceit is usually wrong, sometimes necessary, and often the best course of action. *Deception Bay* continues J P Powell's Brisbane wartime saga. American MP Joe Washington, an investigator with the Provost Marshall's Office, and Australian Rose McAlister are swept back together when she returns to join Central Bureau, General MacArthur's code-breaking group of eccentrics in 'Brisbane's Bletchley Park'. Again and again, Joe is drawn to the Brisbane River. Reports of a man who jumped from a bridge, a code breaker allegedly drowned by suicide, and an arm with an unrecognisable tattoo fished out of the water at the submarine base. Together, they follow the clues but are quickly drawn into the city's dark tank stream, filled with predators and conmen and Joe's nemesis, corrupt Queensland detective Frank Bischof. Regulars say this is even better than the first (*The Brisbane Line* (TP, \$29.99)). Recommended!

Mystery | TP | \$29.99



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### The Wintringham Mystery

Collins Crime Club

Anthony Berkeley

Republished for the first time in nearly 95 years, a classic winter country house mystery by the founder of the Detection Club, with a twist that even Agatha Christie couldn't solve! Stephen Munro, a demobbed army officer, reconciles himself to taking a job as a footman to make ends meet. Employed at Wintringham Hall, the delightful but decaying Sussex country residence of the elderly Lady Susan Carey, his first task entails welcoming her eccentric guests to a weekend house-party, at which her bombastic nephew – who recognises Stephen from his former life – decides that an after-dinner séance would be more entertaining than bridge. Then Cicely disappears! With Lady Susan reluctant to call the police about what is presumably a childish prank, Stephen and the plucky Pauline Mainwaring take it upon themselves to investigate. But then a suspicious death turns the game into an altogether more serious affair... This classic winter mystery incorporates all the trappings of the Golden Age – a rambling country house, a séance, a murder, a room locked on the inside, with servants, suspects and alibis, a romance – and an ingenious puzzle. First published as a 30-part newspaper serial in 1926 – the year *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* was published, *The Wintringham Mystery* was written by Anthony Berkeley, founder of the famous Detection Club. Also known as *Cicely Disappears*, the *Daily Mirror* ran the story as a competition with a prize of £500 (equivalent to £30,000 today) for anyone who guessed the solution correctly. Nobody did – even Agatha Christie entered and couldn't solve it. Can you?

Classic mystery | PBK | \$22.99



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### Death in Daylesford

Phyrene Fisher 21

Kerry Greenwood

*Disappearances, murder, bombs, booby traps, and strange goings on keep Miss Phyrene Fisher right in the middle of her most exciting adventure.* When a mysterious invitation arrives for the redoubtable Miss Phyrene Fisher from an unknown retired Captain Herbert Spencer, Phyrene's curiosity is excited. Spencer runs a retreat in Victoria's rural spa country for the many shell-shocked soldiers of the First World War. It's a cause after Phyrene's own heart... but what does Spencer want from her? Meanwhile, Cec, Bert and Tinker find a young woman floating face down in the harbour near the wharves. Could this be the missing friend of Ruth, Phyrene's adopted daughter? With Detective-Inspector Jack Robinson seconded unwillingly to a special investigation, Mr and Mrs Butler with Detective-Sergeant Hugh Collins are left to shield Phyrene's household from danger as Tinker, Jane and Ruth decide to solve what appears to be a heinous crime. Unaware of these happenings, Phyrene and the faithful Dot view their rural sojourn as a short holiday but are quickly thrown into disturbing Highland gatherings, disappearing women, murder and the mystery of the Temperance Hotel. All test Phyrene's resourcefulness, in her search to save lives. It's been so long since we've had a new Phyrene! Much rejoicing! Now in paperback.

Historical mystery | PBK | \$22.99



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### Castle Shade

Mary Russell 17

[Laurie R King](#)

A queen, a castle, a dark and ageless threat – all await Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes in this chilling adventure. The queen is Marie of Roumania: the doubly royal granddaughter of Victoria, Empress of the British Empire, and Alexander II, Tsar of Russia. A famous beauty who was married at seventeen into Roumania's young dynasty, Marie had beguiled the Paris Peace Conference into returning her adopted country's long-lost provinces, singlehandedly transforming Roumania from a backwater into a force. The castle is Bran: a tall, quirky, ancient structure perched on high rocks overlooking the border between Roumania and its newly regained territory of Transylvania. The castle was a gift to Queen Marie, a *thank you* from her people, and she loves it as she loves her own children. The threat is... well, that is less clear. Shadowy figures, vague whispers, the fears of girls, dangers that may be only accidents. But this is a land of long memory and hidden corners, a land that had known Vlad the Impaler, a land from whose churchyards the shades creep. When Queen Marie calls, Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes are as dubious as they are reluctant. But a young girl is involved, and a beautiful queen. Surely it won't take long to shine light on this unlikely case of what would seem to be *strigoi*? Or, as they are known in the West... vampires. Series is great – all have been bestsellers here at Pulp! Highly recommended – start with *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* (PBK, \$19.99).

[Sherlockiana](#) | [PBK](#) | [\\$19.99](#)



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### A Sunlit Weapon

Maisie Dobbs 17

[Jacqueline Winspear](#)

October 1942. Jo Hardy, a 22-year-old ferry pilot, is delivering a Supermarine Spitfire – the fastest fighter aircraft in the world – to Biggin Hill Aerodrome, when she realises someone is shooting at her aircraft from the ground. Returning to the location on foot, she finds an American serviceman in a barn, bound and gagged. She rescues the man, who is handed over to the American military police; it quickly emerges that he is considered a suspect in the disappearance of a fellow soldier who is missing. Tragedy strikes two days later, when another ferry pilot crashes in the same area where Jo's plane was attacked. At the suggestion of one of her colleagues, Jo seeks the help of psychologist and investigator Maisie Dobbs. Meanwhile, Maisie's husband, a high-ranking political attaché based at the American embassy, is in the thick of ensuring security is tight for the first lady of the United States, Eleanor Roosevelt, during her visit to Britain. There's already evidence that German agents have been circling: the wife of a president represents a high value target. Mrs Roosevelt is clearly in danger, and there may well be a direct connection to the death of the woman ferry pilot and the recent activities of two American servicemen. To guarantee the safety of the First Lady – and of the soldier being held in police custody – Maisie must uncover that connection. At the same time, she faces difficulties of an entirely different nature with her young daughter, Anna, who is experiencing wartime struggles of her own. These are perennial favourites here – recommended! The first in the series is *Maisie Dobbs* (PBK, \$24.99).

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