

# Pulp Fiction

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Ron and Leanne

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

### **Murder on the Poet's Walk**

Book Retreat mysteries

**Adams, Ellery**

As Jane eagerly anticipates the wedding of her best friend Eloise Alcott, Storyton Hall is overrun with poets in town to compete for a coveted greeting card contract. They're everywhere, scrawling verses on cocktail napkins in the reading rooms or seeking inspiration strolling the Poet's Walk, a series of trails named after famous authors. But the Tennyson Trail leads to a grim surprise: a woman's corpse drifting in a rowboat on a lake, posed as if she were 'The Lady of Shallot'. When a second body is discovered, also posed as a poetic character, a recurring MO emerges. Fortunately, Jane is well versed in sleuthing and won't rest, until she gives the killer a taste of poetic justice...  
Mystery PBK \$19.99

### **The Shadow Murders**

Department Q series

**Adler-Olsen, Jussi**

Copenhagen's cold cases division must hunt for a nefarious serial killer, who has slipped under the radar for decades. On her 60th birthday, a woman dies by suicide. When the case lands on Detective Carl Morck's desk, he can't imagine what this has to do with Department Q, Copenhagen's cold cases division. It's a tragedy to be sure, but the cause of death seems to be clear. But his superior, Marcus Jacobsen, is convinced that this is not in fact a suicide, but a murder related to an unsolved case that has been plaguing him, since 1988. At Marcus' behest, Carl and the Department Q gang – Rose, Assad, and Gordon – reluctantly begin to investigate. However, they quickly discover that Marcus is on to something: Every two years, for the past three decades, there have been unusual, impeccably timed deaths with connections between them that cannot be ignored. As they dig deeper, it transpires that these 'accidents' are in fact murders by a very cunning and violent serial killer. Faced with their toughest case, yet – made only more difficult with COVID-19 restrictions and the challenges of their own personal lives, the Department Q team must race to find the culprit before the next murder is committed, as it is becoming increasingly clear that the killer is far from finished. The penultimate instalment in the bestselling Department Q series.  
Noir TP \$32.99

### **The Final Nail**

Fabian Risk series

**Ahnem, Stefan**

He has extorted. He has abused. He has raped. He has sacrificed colleagues as a means to reach the top. His name is Kim Sleizner – and he works as a police chief in Copenhagen. Dunja Hougaard used to work for Sleizner. Then she left the police force, traumatised by

what he put her through. Dunja is determined to get revenge on her former boss – no matter how untouchable he appears. Now she's gone underground to investigate his past, and bring his crimes to the attention of the world. When a high-ranking Danish intelligence officer and an unknown woman are found dead at the bottom of a lake outside Copenhagen, Dunja seizes her moment to set a trap for Sleizner. But then, just as it seems her case is solved, on the other side of the strait in Helsingborg, Sweden, detective Fabian Risk receives a message that changes everything...  
Thriller TP \$29.99

### **The Twelve Jays of Christmas**

Meg Langslow mysteries

**Andrews, Donna**

Meg and Michael's annual holiday celebration is well underway, with a throng of out-of-town relatives staying at their house. Hosting these festivities is a little harder than usual – they have to relocate all the events normally held in their library, currently occupied by Roderick Castlemayne, the irascible wildlife artist who's creating twelve paintings of birds to illustrate Meg's grandfather's latest nature book. Still, the celebrations continue – and the entire family rejoices to learn that Meg's brother Rob and his long-time fiancée Delaney have finally decided to tie the knot. Unfortunately, they decide to do this in the middle of Meg and Michael's annual New Year's bash, dashing their mothers' hopes of planning the wedding to end all weddings. Delaney's mother sneaks into town, so she and Meg's mother can secretly plot a way to talk the happy couple into having a big bash. Hiding her only adds to Meg's holiday stress – it's almost a full-time job fending all the visitors who want to confront Castlemayne – reporters, bill collectors, process servers, and several ex-wives in search of unpaid alimony. Then someone murders Castlemayne in the middle of a blizzard and sets loose the birds he was painting. Can Meg help the police crack the case before the killer strikes again? Can she keep Christmas merry in spite of the body in the library? Can she negotiate a compromise between Rob and Delaney and their disappointed mothers? And can she recapture the twelve escaped jays before they begin nesting in the Christmas tree?  
Mystery PBK \$24.95

### **The Big Steep**

Maggy Thorsen mysteries

**Balzo, Sandra**

Maggy Thorsen's new neighbours, Philip and Vivian Woodward, are forging ahead with their plans for The Big Steep tea shop. Philip's enthusiasm to turn the neglected cottage once owned by Vivian's reclusive grandparents, the Koepllers, into a tea lover's paradise is infectious, but Vivian seems

less excited. And when Maggy's sheepdog Frank arrives at Uncommon Grounds coffeehouse bearing a 'gift' he discovered in the Woodward's compost heap, the tea shop project takes a chilling turn... As the Woodward's backyard becomes a crime scene, a deadly chain of events is set in motion. Can Maggy dig up the truth of what happened at the cottage many years ago before further tragedy strikes?

Mystery TP \$39.95

### **The Finalists**

**Bell, David**

On a beautiful spring day, six college students with nothing in common besides a desperate inability to pay for school gather to compete for the prestigious Hyde Fellowship. Milo – the front-runner; Natalia – the brain; James – the rule follower; Sydney – the athlete; Duffy – the cowboy; Emily – the social justice warrior. The six of them must surrender their devices when they enter Hyde House, an aging Victorian structure that sits in a secluded part of campus. Once inside, the doors lock behind them. The students are not allowed to leave until they spend eight hours with a college administrator who will do almost anything to keep the school afloat, and Nicholas Hyde, the privileged and notoriously irresponsible heir to the Hyde family fortune. If the students leave before time is up, they'll be immediately disqualified. But when one of the six finalists drops dead, the other students fear they're being picked off one by one. With a violent protest raging outside, and no way to escape, the survivors viciously turn on each other.  
Thriller TP \$27.99

### **From the Shadows**

Billy Boyle WWII mysteries

**Benn, James R**

*Southern France, 1944*: What should be a simple assignment with a Special Operations Executive officer gets complicated quickly as Billy navigates the tensions between Resistance groups in the process of gathering information on Vichy officials and other collaborators who escaped with the retreating Germans. Unexpectedly, the SOE officer has many enemies in the Resistance, linked to the failed Vercors uprising. Diana Seaton, Billy's wartime lover, crosses paths with him as she and legendary SOE agent Christine Granville embark on a humanitarian mission on behalf of those killed while helping the SOE. The search for a witness to a deadly explosion leads Billy to the legendary 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a unit made up of Nisei soldiers that became the most highly decorated unit in the history of the US Army. With sacrifice and betrayal afoot, Billy doesn't know who he can trust, or how close to death this case may bring him.

Mystery HC \$52.99

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### **Peg and Rose Solve a Murder** Senior Sleuths mysteries

**Berenson, Laurien**  
Rose Donovan looks for the good in everyone. With her sister-in-law, Peg, that sometimes requires a lot of searching. Even a 60-something, former nun, like Rose, has her limits, and gruff Peg Turnbull sure knows how to push them. But after 40 years of bickering, they're attempting to start over, partnering up to join the local bridge club. Peg and Rose barely have a chance to celebrate their first win before one of the club's most accomplished players is killed in his home. As the newest members, the sisters-in-law come under scrutiny and decide to start some digging of their own. Bridge is typically seen as a wholesome pastime, yet this group of senior citizens harbors a wealth of vices, including gambling, cheating, and adultery... By comparison, Peg and Rose's fractious relationship is starting to feel almost functional. But as their suspect list narrows, they're unaware that their logic has a dangerous flaw. And they'll have to hope that their teamwork holds steady when they're confronted by a killer who's through with playing games... The first in a new series.

Mystery HC \$49.99

### **A Dream of Death**

Kate Hamilton mysteries

#### **Berry, Connie**

Autumn has come and gone on Scotland's Isle of Glenroth, and the islanders gather for the Tartan Ball, the annual end-of-tourist-season gala. Spirits are high until an unexpected turn of events takes the floor. A recently published novel about island history has brought hordes of tourists to the small Hebridean resort community. On the guest list is American antiques dealer Kate Hamilton. Kate returns reluctantly to the island where her husband died, determined to repair her relationship with his sister, proprietor of the island's luxe country house hotel, famous for its connection with Bonnie Prince Charlie. Kate has hardly unpacked when the next morning a body is found, murdered in a re-enactment of an infamous unsolved murder described in the novel – and the only clue to the killer's identity lies in a curiously embellished antique casket. The Scottish police discount the historical connection, but when a much-loved local handyman is arrested, Kate teams up with a vacationing detective inspector from Suffolk, England, to unmask a killer determined to rewrite island history – and Kate's future.

Mystery TP \$29.99

### **A Killing in Costumes**

Hollywood Treasures mysteries

#### **Bissonnette, Zac**

Jay Allan and Cindy Cooper were soap opera stars in the late '90s, a wholesome young husband-and-wife duo who combined musical talent with humour and charisma. When the truth about their sexual orientations came to light, their marriage and TV careers ended, but decades later they have remained friends. Together, they open Palm Springs' chicest movie memorabilia store, Hooray for Hollywood – but no customers and dwindling finances spell trouble. A Hail Mary arrives in the form of Yana Tosh, a 90-year-old diva of the silver screen who has amassed a valuable collection of costumes and props

and is looking to sell. But first, Jay and Cindy have to beat their competition, a vice president from a mega-auction house with ten times their resources. And when he winds up dead, they become prime suspects in the murder. With their freedom and livelihoods on the line, Jay and Cindy desperately need to clear their names. There are plenty of other potential suspects, but they'll have to solve it soon before they're forced to trade in their vintage costume collection for two orange jumpsuits. The first in a series.

Mystery HC \$49.99

### **Bound by Murder**

Antique Bookshop mysteries

#### **Black, Laura Gail**

The birds are singing, books are selling, and the Hokes Bluff Inn has begun to host weddings on its property. Antiquarian bookseller Jenna Quinn loves the romance in the air – until her ex-fiancé, Blake Emerson, walks in with his bride-to-be, Missy Plott. Blake continues to profess his love for Jenna if she'll have him back, no matter the consequences. And the consequences are grave, indeed, when Missy turns up dead. All evidence points to Blake, who was the last one to see her alive. He begs Jenna to help him clear his name. Blake's mother, Gwendolyn, is also bent on exonerating her son. Jenna doesn't believe Blake could have killed Missy, and she starts digging for suspects. It could have been Missy's ex-boyfriend, who proclaims a love for her he says only death could sever. Or might it have been Missy's bitter little sister, who was secretly besotted with Missy's ex. Evidence turns up that links Missy's death to embezzlement and another murder – crimes that had falsely implicated Jenna, herself, less than a year ago. As Gwendolyn continues to beg Jenna to help prove her son's innocence, Jenna wonders if Blake could truly be innocent. Jenna has to choose whether to risk it all – her reputation, her growing relationship with her boyfriend, and maybe her life – or let a possibly innocent man go to prison.

Mystery HC \$49.99

### **God Rest Ye, Royal Gentlemen**

Royal Spyness mysteries

#### **Bowen, Rhys**

Georgie is excited for her first Christmas as a married woman, in her lovely new home. She suggests to her dashing husband, Darcy, that they have a little house party, but when Darcy receives a letter from his aunt Ermintrude, there is an abrupt change in plans. She has moved to a house on the edge of the Sandringham estate, near the royal family, and wants to invite Darcy and his new bride for Christmas. Aunt Ermintrude hints that the queen would like Georgie nearby. Georgie had not known that Aunt Ermintrude was a former lady-in-waiting and close confidante of her royal highness. The letter is therefore almost a royal request, so Georgie, Darcy, and their Christmas guests: Mummy, Grandad, Fig, and Binky all head to Sandringham. Georgie, soon, learns that the notorious Mrs Simpson, mistress to the Prince of Wales, will also be in attendance. It is now crystal clear to Georgie that the Queen expects her to do a bit of spying. There is tension in the air from

the get-go, and when Georgie pays a visit to the queen, she learns that there is more to her request than just some simple eavesdropping. There have been a couple of strange accidents at the estate recently. Two gentlemen of the royal household have died in mysterious circumstances, and another has been shot by mistake during a hunt. Georgie begins to suspect that a member of the royal family is the real target; but her investigation will put her new husband and love of her life, Darcy, in the crosshairs of a killer.

Historical mystery TP \$37.95

### **Treasure State**

Cassie Dewell series

#### **Box, C J**

Private Investigator Cassie Dewell's business is thriving, and her latest case puts her on the hunt for a slippery con man who's disappeared somewhere in the 'treasure state'. A wealthy Florida widow has accused him of absconding with her fortune, and wants Cassie to find him and get it back. The trail takes Cassie to Anaconda, Montana, a quirky former copper mining town that's the perfect place to reinvent yourself. As the case develops, Cassie begins to wonder if her client is telling her everything. On top of that, Cassie is also working what's easily one of her strangest assignments ever. A poem that promises buried treasure to one lucky adventurer has led to a cutthroat competition and five deaths among treasure hunters. But Cassie's client doesn't want the treasure. Instead, he claims to be the one who hid the gold and wrote the poem. And he's hired Cassie to try to find him. Between the two cases, Cassie has her hands full. In Montana, a killer view can mean more than just the scenery, and Cassie knows much darker things hide behind the picturesque landscape of Big Sky Country.

Thriller TP \$29.99

### **The Hive**

#### **Brade, Scarlett**

Charlotte Goodwin looks directly at the camera and reveals a chilling truth to the thousands watching her Instagram Live broadcast. She has killed her ex-boyfriend's new partner in cold blood. But she is not finished yet. With bloodied hands she takes a calm sip of tea before continuing. The viewers must now vote to decide whether he should live or die. The public display sends shockwaves rippling through the online community and the numbers of viewers skyrockets. But as Lincoln's past is revealed, how will he be judged? Bonded by mutual tragedy, Charlotte's three best friends have supported each other through the soaring highs and devastating lows of their lives. Now, in Charlotte's hour of need, her friends also face a choice, whether to help her get away with murder.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### **Dewey Decimated**

Haunted Library mysteries

#### **Brook, Allison**

Carrie Singleton is just off a hot string of murder cases centred on the spooky local library in Clover Ridge, Connecticut. She could really use a break – but no such luck, as she; Smoky Joe, the resident cat; and Evelyn, the library's ghost, are drawn into another tantalising whodunit. First, a dead

body is found in the basement of the building attached to the library, and it turns out to be Carrie's fiancé's Uncle Alec, who Dylan hasn't seen in years. But Alec has no intention of truly checking out, and his ghost makes itself at home in the library, greatly upsetting the patrons. Carrie and Evelyn work hard to keep Alec out of sight, but what was he doing in Clover Ridge to begin with? And why was he killed? Meanwhile, the town council, of which Carrie is also a member, is embroiled in a hot-headed debate over the fate of the Seabrook Preserve, a lovely and valuable piece of property that runs along Long Island Sound. Turn it into an upscale park? Sell it to a condo developer? Or keep it as protected land? As the dispute rages, there's another murder, this time involving a council member. Could the two murders be connected? And could Carrie be next on the hit list?

Mystery HC \$49.99

### **A Dish to Die for**

Key West Food Critic mysteries

#### **Burdette, Lucy**

Peace and quiet are hard to find in bustling Key West, so Hayley Snow, food critic for *Key Zest* magazine, is taking the afternoon off for a tranquil lunch with a friend outside of town. As they are enjoying the wild beach and the lunch, she realises that her husband Nathan's dog, Ziggy, has disappeared. She follows his barking, to find him furiously digging at a shallow grave with a man's body in it. Davis Jager, a local birdwatcher, identifies him as GG Garcia, a rabble-rousing Key West local and developer. Garcia was famous for over-development on the fragile Keys, womanising, and refusing to follow city rules – so, it's no wonder he had a few enemies. When Davis is attacked in the parking lot of a local restaurant after talking to Hayley and her dear friend, the octogenarian Miss Gloria, Hayley is slowly but surely drawn into the case. Hayley's mother, Janet, has been hired to cater GG's memorial service reception at the local Woman's Club, using recipes from their vintage Key West cookbook – and Hayley and Miss Gloria sign on to work with her, hoping to cook up some clues by observing the mourners. But the real clues appear when Hayley begins to study the old cookbook, as whispers of old secrets come to life, dragging the past into the present – with murderous results.

Mystery HC \$49.99

### **Two Parts Sugar, One Part Murder**

Baker Street mysteries

#### **Burns, Valerie**

When Maddy Montgomery's groom is a no-show to their livestream wedding, it's a disaster that no amount of filtering can fix. But a surprise inheritance offers a chance to regroup and rebrand – as long as Maddy is willing to live in her late, great-aunt Octavia's house in New Bison, Michigan, for a year, running her bakery and caring for a 250-pound English mastiff named Baby. Maddy doesn't bake, and her Louboutins aren't made for walking giant dogs around Lake Michigan, but the locals are friendly, and the scenery is beautiful. With help from her aunt's loyal friends – aka the Baker Street Irregulars – Maddy feels ready to tackle any challenge, including Octavia's award-winning

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cake recipes. That is, until New Bison's mayor is fatally stabbed, and Maddy's fingerprints are found on the knife... Something strange is going on in New Bison. It seems Aunt Octavia had her suspicions, too. But Maddy's going to need a whole lot more than a trending hashtag to save her reputation – and her life. The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$29.99

### The Postman Always Rings Twice

special edition

Cain, James M

When Frank, an amoral young drifter, gets thrown off a hay truck in the California desert, he ends up at a diner run by Cora and her inconvenient husband, Nick. This chance meeting puts them all on a sure path to perdition. First published in 1934 and banned in Boston for its explosive mixture of violence and eroticism, *The Postman Always Rings Twice* is a classic of the roman noir. It established James M Cain as a major novelist with an unsparing vision of America's bleak underside and was acknowledged, by Albert Camus, as the model for *The Stranger*. This edition features an introduction by James Ellroy.

Noir TP \$26.99

### The Cry of the Hangman

Lucy Campion mysteries

Galkins, Susanna

*London, 1667*. Printer's apprentice Lucy Campion is unsettled when, on a frozen December morning after church, an elderly woman dressed in mourning clothes whispers an ominous warning in her ear. Lucy sternly tells herself it's nonsense, but then her much-loved former master, Magistrate Hargrave, is viciously attacked with a brass hourglass during a break-in. But what exactly was the intruder searching for? And why did they first stop to steal a piece of Cook's lamb and lentil pie? The puzzling case is just the start of a series of dark, bizarre crimes. Lucy's determined to uncover the truth and see that justice is done. But someone is equally determined to stop her – whatever it takes.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

### Queen High

Widowland series

Carey, C J

*June 1955*. The Leader has been dead for two years. His assassination, on British soil, provoked violent retribution and intensified repression of British citizens, particularly women. Now, more than ever, the Protectorate is a place of surveillance and isolation – a land of spies. Every evening Rose Ransom looks in the mirror and marvels that she's even alive. A mere woman, her role in the Leader's death has been miraculously overlooked. She still works at the Culture Ministry, where her work now focuses on the outlawed subject of Poetry, a form of writing that transmits subversive meanings, emotions and signals that cannot be controlled. Therefore, all Poetry is banned, and Rose is appointed a Poet Hunter. To widespread surprise, President Eisenhower is to make a state visit to the Alliance and Rose is tasked with visiting the widowed Queen Wallis to provide a background briefing. When she arrives at the palace, she finds Wallis in a state of

paranoia, desperate to return to America and enjoy the liberty of her homeland. She claims she has a secret document so explosive that it will blow the Protectorate apart – but will the last Queen of England pull the trigger on the Alliance? The thrilling sequel to *Widowland* (PBK, \$22.99).

Suspense TP \$32.99

### Bad Kids

Chen, Zijin

*The perfect crime doesn't exist...*

One beautiful morning, Zhang Dongsheng pushes his wealthy in-laws off a remote mountain. It's the perfect crime. Or, so, he thinks. For Zhang did not expect that teenager Chaoyang and his friends would catch him in the act. An opportunity for blackmail presents itself and the kids start down a dark path that will lead to the unravelling of all their lives. Dark, heart-stopping and violent, *Bad Kids* is the suspense thriller that has taken China by storm, proving that anyone has what it takes to become a killer.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### No Plan B

Jack Reacher series

Child, Lee & Andrew

Gerrardsville, Colorado. One tragic event. Two witnesses. Two conflicting accounts. One witness sees a woman throw herself in front of a bus – clearly suicide. The other witness is Jack Reacher. And he sees what really happened – a man in grey hoodie and jeans, swift and silent as a shadow, pushed the victim to her death, before grabbing her bag and sauntering away. Reacher follows the killer on foot, not knowing that this was no random act of violence. It is part of something much bigger... a sinister, secret conspiracy, with powerful people on the take, enmeshed in an elaborate plot that leaves no room for error. If any step is compromised, the threat will have to be quickly and permanently removed. But when the threat is Reacher, there is No Plan B...

Thriller TP \$32.99

### A Dark and Stormy Tea

Tea Shop mysteries

Childs, Laura

It was a dark and stormy night, but that was the least of Theodosia Browning's troubles. As she approaches St Philips Graveyard, Theodosia sees two figures locked in a strange embrace. Wiping rain from her eyes, Theodosia realises she has just witnessed a brutal murder and sees a dark-hooded figure slip away into the fog. In the throes of alerting police, Theodosia recognises the victim – it is the daughter of her friend, Lois, who owns the Antiquarian Bookshop next door to her own Indigo Tea Shop. Even though this appears to be the work of a serial killer who is stalking the back alleys of Charleston, Lois begs Theodosia for help. Against the advice of her boyfriend, Detective Pete Riley, and the sage words of Drayton, her tea sommelier, amateur-sleuth Theodosia launches her own shadow investigation. And quickly discovers that suspects abound with the dead girl's boyfriend, nefarious real estate developer, private-security man, bumbling reporter, and her own neighbour who is writing a true-crime book and searching for a big ending.

Mystery HC \$49.99

### Agatha Christie Bingo

Christie, Agatha; et al

Play bingo with the Queen of Crime – collect characters, clues, and murder weapons on your bingo card to win! Follow the trail of murder, blackmail, and mystery set by the Queen of Crime. Travel down the Nile, on the Orient Express, and into the drawing rooms of quaint English country cottages – hot on the heels of Poirot, Miss Marple, and other famous characters as you play this fun new bingo game. Includes a booklet packed full of Agatha Christie trivia, for discerning crime fans. The whole family will love this high-stakes game featuring 64 characters and clues from Agatha Christie's novels. This board game comes with a leaflet packed with Agatha Christie trivia. Learn about Poirot's toughest cases, Agatha Christie's medicine cabinet and more! Perfect for dedicated crime fans and bingo players.

Christie KIT \$55.00

### Mad, Bad and Dead

Clark, Sherryl

Already struggling to juggle co-running Candlebark's pub/bistro along with her new childcare responsibilities, what Judi doesn't need right now is more stress. Yet, as usual, it arrives in spades: she starts receiving threatening, late night phone calls before discovering one of her best employees, Kate, shot dead in her bed. Once again, Judi finds herself at the centre of a murder investigation, as well as the hunt for the Kate's 14-year-old daughter who has been missing since the murder. Add in the uncertainty of her relationship with DS Heath and the fact that her estranged mother's nursing home keeps calling to urge her to visit, and Judi might, finally, be at breaking point.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Fossil Hunter

Cooper, Tea

*Australia, 1847*. The last thing Mellie Vale remembers before the fever takes her is sprinting through the bush with a monster at her heels – but no one believes her. In a bid to curb Mellie's overactive imagination, her benefactors send her to visit a family friend, Anthea Winstanley. Anthea is an amateur palaeontologist convinced she will one day find proof that great sea dragons swam in the vast inland sea that covered her property millions of years ago. Mellie is instantly swept up in the dream.

*1919*. Penelope Jane Martindale arrives home from the battlefields of World War I intent on making peace with her father and commemorating the deaths of her two younger brothers in the trenches. Her reception is disappointing. Desperate for a distraction, she finds a connection between a fossil at London's Natural History Museum and her brothers' favourite camping spot – also the last place they were seen before falsifying their ages to join the army. But the gorge has a sinister reputation: 70 years ago, several girls disappeared from the area. So, when PJ uncovers some unexpected remains, the past seems to be reaching into the present. She's determined to find answers about what happened all those years ago... and perhaps some closure on the loss of her brothers.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Turquoise Shop

American Mystery Classics

Grane, Frances

In a small, artsy New Mexico town, the arrival of a wealthy stranger from back East is enough to get folks talking. Even a few years after Mona Brandon landed in Santa Maria, the rumour mill still churns with titbits about her money, her influence, and – when a corpse is discovered in the nearby desert that may or may not be her husband – her secret and suspicious past. From the counter at her local jewellery and art shop, Jean Holly has a front row seat for all this gossip and more, after her acquaintance with Pat Abbott, the detective investigating the apparent murder, turns romantic. With his deductive reasoning and her local knowledge combined, they have everything they need to discover whodunnit. But will they be able to put the pieces together and solve the mystery before the killer strikes again? With characters and a setting inspired by Mabel Dodge Luhan and the Taos art colony, *The Turquoise Shop* is a delightful Golden Age mystery adorned with Southwestern historical detail. It is the first novel in the popular and long-running Pat and Jean Abbott series, which charmed mid-century audiences with over 25 instalments and which was adapted for multiple radio programs in the '40s and '50s.

Classic mystery HC/TP \$49.95/\$26.95

### A Dark, Divided Self

Will Traynor Forensic mysteries

Gross, A J

When the badly-decomposed remains of a young woman are discovered in an isolated wooded area just outside Birmingham, the victim is quickly identified as Amy Peters, a Manchester University student who disappeared three years earlier. She is one of five young women who vanished from the streets of Manchester within a two-year period. Called in to assist the police investigation, criminologist Will Traynor believes they are looking for an intelligent, socially confident individual, someone adept at covering his tracks. But why would the killer transport the victim on an 80-mile journey from Manchester to Birmingham? If he can find the answer to that question, Traynor believes he has the key to cracking the case. But at every stage of the investigation, the killer seems to be one step ahead of him. If he's going to outsmart him, Will realises he's going to have to play this twisted individual at his own deadly game.

Mystery TP \$39.95

### Murder in the Park

Oak Park Village mysteries

Dams, Jeanne M

*June 1925*. Having been widowed in the First World War, Elizabeth Fairchild lives a quiet life at the home of her wealthy parents in genteel Oak Park village, Illinois. Although she does her best to avoid emotional entanglements, determined never to be hurt again, Elizabeth forms a close friendship with gentle Mr Anthony, who owns the local antiques store. But tragedy strikes when Mr Anthony is found stabbed to death in the alley behind his shop. Why would anyone murder a mild-mannered antiques dealer who simply loved beautiful things? A robbery gone wrong? A gangland

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execution? Or could it have something to do with the mysterious customer who bought a gold pocket watch from Mr Anthony on the day he died? When one of her father's oldest friends is accused of the crime, Elizabeth determines to expose the real killer. But her investigations soon attract unwelcome attention. With gangsters moving into the neighbourhood from nearby Chicago, Oak Park is no longer the safe haven it once was. Could Elizabeth be seriously out of her depth?

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

### A Good Dog's Guide to Murder

Paws & Claws mysteries

**Davis, Krista**

Visitors are arriving in droves to spend Thanksgiving in the mountains of pet-friendly Wagtail, Virginia. Many of them are bringing dog and cat gingerbread houses to enter in the contest that will be held in the new convention centre. Wagtail resident Orly Biffle bequeathed the land to the town in his will, provided that they not cut down the grand old oak tree on the property. Orly's children are mighty miffed that they didn't inherit the prime piece of property overlooking the lake. Holly notices that Trixie and Twinkletoes, her calico kitty, are fixated on the big oak tree. Trixie barks at it as though she thinks it's a corpse! Just as contestants are spicing up their sweet gingerbread creations, the majestic tree drops an enormous limb. The mayor declares that the tree is dangerous and must come down. When a bulldozer churns up some roots, the tree falls over on its own accord revealing a body inside the trunk! Initially, everyone suspects this unsavoury trick was Orly's doing. But it soon becomes clear that someone is trying to keep the truth under wraps. Trixie and Twinkletoes, now, have to help Holly sniff out some suspects and leash a conniving killer.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### A Colourful Scheme

Pen & Ink mysteries

**Davis, Krista**

Colouring book creator and Washington, DC, bookstore owner Florrie Fox is attending the wedding of her wealthy boss and a famous romance author, who are taking their vows – for the second time – on the grounds of the gorgeous Maxwell mansion. But it, soon, becomes clear that the soothing vibe of colouring books is very different from the stress and backstabbing in some corners of the literary world. Arthur Bedlingham, for example, barely makes a living despite the many awards he's won – and his chances for better sales haven't been helped by the vicious review he just got from another guest at the party. Then there's an ex-FBI agent whose popular thrillers are a magnet for female fans; a less-successful romance writer; and an ambitious waitress who's intent on a career in journalism. When Arthur's assistant, an aspiring writer, is murdered during the festivities, Florrie realises this is no colour-by-numbers case, and she'll have to sort out the complicated secrets among this creative crowd of suspects...

Mystery TP \$29.99

### Murder in a Cape Cottage

Cosy Capers Book Group mysteries

**Day, Maddie**

'Tis the day after Christmas, following a wicked-busy time of year for Mac's bike shop. It's just as well her Cosy Capers Book Group's new pick is a nerve-soothing colouring book mystery, especially when she has last-minute wedding planning to do. But all pre-wedding jitters fade into the background when Mac and her fiancé, Tim, begin a cottage renovation project and open up a wall to find a skeleton – sitting on a stool, dressed in an old-fashioned bridal gown... As Mac delves into the decades-old mystery with the help of librarian Flo and her book group, she discovers a story of star-crossed lovers and feuding families worthy of the bard himself. Yet, this tale has a modern-day villain still lurking in Mac's quaint seaside town, ready to make this a murderous New Year's Eve...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Realm of Darkness

Hugh Corbett mysteries

**Doherty, Paul**

*Spring, 1312.* Edward II of England is absorbed with his favourite, Peter Gaveston, while his young wife, Isabella, is with child. Isabella's father, the ruthless Philip of France, dreams of a grandson wearing the Crown of the Confessor and starts to meddle – even if that means murder... Amaury de Craon, Philip's Master of Secrets, is dispatched to carry out his deadly deeds and Edward II summons Sir Hugh Corbett, Keeper of the Secret Seal, to intercept. Both master spies lodge at the Benedictine abbey of St Michael's in the forest of Ashdown. Supposedly a house of prayer, the abbey holds sinister secrets and treasures which include the world's most exquisite diamond, The Glory of Heaven. However, shortly after their arrival, the diamond is stolen, and its guardian murdered. Other macabre incidents follow, Satan is seen walking through God's Acre and a nearby tavern is burnt to the ground and no one escapes. Corbett, assisted by his henchmen, prepares to navigate this hazardous maze of murder...

Historical mystery HC \$49.99

### Suburban Noir

Crime and Mishap in 1950s and 1960s Sydney

**Doyle, Peter**

Nothing in the post-war decades reveals the underbelly of Australian life the way police records do. Small time heists. Failed robberies. Runs of bad luck. Payback. Love gone wrong. Drink, drugs and late-night assignations. Cops doing their job well. And badly. Plausible lies, unlikely truths. Murder and misadventure. In *Suburban Noir*, Peter Doyle – author of *City of Shadows* and *Crooks Like Us* – explores the everyday crime and catastrophe that went on in the fibro and brick veneers, the backyards, bedrooms, vacant lots and pokie palaces of 1950s' and 1960s' suburbia. Extensive research into forensic archives, public records and the private papers of the late Brian Doyle (1960s' detective, later assistant commissioner of police, and Peter Doyle's uncle) also reveals important new information about two of the most famous crimes in Australian history – the Kingsgrove Slasher case and the Graeme Thorne kidnap-murder.

True crime TP \$34.99

### Howdunit!

A Masterclass in the Craft of Crime Writing

**Edwards, Martin (editor)**

Ninety crime writers from the world's oldest and most famous crime writing network give tips and insights into successful crime and thriller fiction. *Howdunit* offers a fresh perspective on the craft of crime writing from leading exponents of the genre, past and present. The book offers invaluable advice to people interested in writing crime fiction, but it also provides a fascinating picture of the way that the best crime writers have honed their skills over the years. Its unique construction and content mean that it will appeal not only to would-be writers but also to a very wide readership of crime fans. The principal contributors are current members of the legendary Detection Club, including Ian Rankin, Val McDermid, Peter James, Peter Robinson, Ann Cleeves, Andrew Taylor, Elly Griffiths, Sophie Hannah, Stella Duffy, Alexander McCall Smith, John le Carré, and many more. Interwoven with their contributions are shorter pieces by past Detection Club members ranging from G K Chesterton, Dorothy L Sayers, Agatha Christie, and John Dickson Carr to Desmond Bagley and H R F Keating. The book is dedicated to Len Deighton, who is celebrating 50 years as a Detection Club member and has also penned an essay for the book. The contributions are linked by short sections written by Martin Edwards, the current President of the Club and author of the award-winning *The Golden Age of Murder* (PBK, \$24.99). Winner of the H R F Keating Award for best biographical/critical book related to crime fiction, and nominated for the Edgar Allen Poe and Macavity Awards for Best Critical/Biographical book.

Crime writing TP \$32.99

### The Harbor

**Engberg, Katrine**

When 15-year-old Oscar Dreyer-Hoff disappears, the police assume he's simply a runaway – a typically overlooked middle child doing what teenagers do all around the world. But his frantic family is certain that something terrible has happened. After all, what runaway would leave behind a note that reads: *He looked around, and saw the knife that had stabbed Basil Hallward. He had cleaned it many times, till there was no stain left upon it. It was bright and glistened. As it had killed the painter, so it would kill the painter's work, and all that that meant. It would kill the past, and when that was dead, he would be free.* It's not much to go on, but it's all that detectives Jeppe Kørner and Anette Werner have. And with every passing hour, as the odds of finding a missing person grow dimmer, it will have to be enough.

Mystery TP \$39.95

### The Mitford Vanishing

Mitford Murders

**Fellowes, Jessica**

1937. War with Germany is dawning, and a civil war already raging in Spain. Split across political lines, the six Mitford sisters are more divided than ever. Meanwhile, their former maid Louisa Cannon is now a private detective, working with her ex-policeman husband Guy Sullivan. Louisa and Guy are surprised when a call comes in, from novelist

Nancy Mitford, requesting that they look into the disappearance of her Communist sister Jessica, nicknamed Decca. It quickly becomes clear that Decca may have made for the war in Spain – and not alone. As a second, separate missing person case is opened, Louisa and Guy discover that every marriage has its secrets – but some are more deadly than others...

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Last Girl to Die

**Fields, Helen**

In search of a new life, 17-year-old Adriana Clark's family moves to the ancient, ocean-battered Isle of Mull, far off the coast of Scotland. Then she goes missing. Faced with hostile locals and indifferent police, her desperate parents turn to private investigator Sadie Levesque. Sadie is the best at what she does. But when she finds Adriana's body in a cliffside cave, a seaweed crown carefully arranged on her head, she knows she's dealing with something she's never encountered before. The deeper she digs into the island's secrets, the closer danger creeps – and the more urgent her quest to find the killer grows. Because what if Adriana is not the last girl to die?

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### Bad Day Breaking

Bad Axe County series

**Galligan, John**

A strange religious sect has arrived in Bad Axe County, Wisconsin. Armed with guns, an enigmatic spiritual leader and his followers set up their compound in an abandoned storage lot. It's not long before rumours start to spread of sadistic rituals and a planned takeover of the local government. But when one of the followers is found dead in the river, that's when full-on panic sets in. Sheriff Heidi Kick may not be a fan of the new group, but she is also dismayed by the hostile reaction of the Bad Axe community. With a murder investigation on her hands, the situation becomes more complicated when Sheriff Kick finds out an ex-boyfriend, from her youth, is out on parole early and looking to hunt her down. With a tumultuous snowstorm on the horizon, the cult members are on the verge of freezing, Bad Axe is on the edge of violence, and Sheriff Kick is just one false step away from losing her family, her town, and her very life.

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

### A Dark and Snowy Night

Seaside Knitters Society mysteries

**Goldenbaum, Sally**

Winter in Sea Harbor is a feast for the senses – crackling bonfires, the scent of snow in the salty air, carols ringing out on the village green. This year, the Seaside Knitters have a sackful of obligations, in addition to their usual Christmas preparations. Izzy is so overloaded with knitting classes that she hires an extra salesperson, but the new addition has trouble fitting into the yarn shop's holiday spirit. Cass, juggling the stresses of running her lobster fishery, has finally found a nanny for her active toddler. Molly Flanagan seems practically perfect in every way – until she suddenly disappears, taking Cass' beloved rescue mutt with her... Meanwhile, the holidays are kicking off in style at Mayor Beatrice Scaglia's holiday party, where a

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well-dressed crowd admires the mayor's sumptuous new home and the celebrity chef catering the event. An additional treat for Ben and Nell Endicott at the festive affair is reconnecting with a dear college friend, Oliver Bishop. But it's not just reunions and the appetisers that are to die for. Before the partygoers can toast the beginning of Sea Harbor's festive season, the chef – and young wife of the Endicott's old Harvard friend – is found dead beneath the mistletoe. Izzy, Birdie, Nell, and Cass must uncover the pattern to these mysteries to remove suspicion from those they love, bring a murderer to justice – and keep Sea Harbor's holiday magic from vanishing into the chill winter air...

Mystery HC \$55.00

### The Lady With the Gun Asks the Questions

Phryne Fisher novella collection  
**Greenwood, Kerry**  
The elegant Miss Phryne Fisher returns in this scintillating collection. The Hon Phryne Fisher – she of the Lulu bob, Cupid's bow lips, diamante garters and pearl-handled pistol – is the 1920s' most elegant and irrepressible sleuth. Miss Phryne Fisher is up to her stunning green eyes in intriguing crime in each of these entertaining, fun and compulsively readable stories. With the ever-loyal Dot, the ingenious Mr Butler and all of Phryne's friends and household, the action is as fast as Phryne's wit and logic.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

### Bleeding Heart Yard

Harbinder Kaur mysteries  
**Griffiths, Elly**  
A murderer hides in plain sight – in the police. DS Cassie Fitzherbert has a secret – but it's one she's deleted from her memory. In the 1990s, when she was at school, she and her friends killed a fellow pupil. Thirty years later, Cassie is happily married and loves her job as a police officer. One day her husband persuades her to go to a school reunion and another ex-pupil, Garfield Rice, is found dead, supposedly from a drug overdose. As Garfield was an eminent MP and the investigation is high profile, it's headed by Cassie's new boss, DI Harbinder Kaur. The trouble is, Cassie can't shake the feeling that one of her old friends has killed again. Is Cassie right, or was Garfield murdered by one of his political cronies? It's in Cassie's interest to skew the investigation so that it looks like the latter and she seems to be succeeding. Until someone else is killed...

Mystery TP \$32.99

### The Tilt Hammer, Chris

*A man runs for his life in a forest. A woman plans sabotage. A body is unearthed.*  
Newly-minted homicide detective Nell Buchanan returns to her home town, annoyed at being assigned a decades-old murder – a 'file and forget'. But this is no ordinary cold case, as the discovery of more bodies triggers a chain of escalating events in the present day. As Nell starts to join the pieces together, she begins to question how well she truly knows those closest to her. Could her own family be implicated in the crimes? The nearer Nell comes to uncovering the secrets of the past, the more dangerous the present becomes for her, as she battles shadowy assailants and

sinister forces. Can she survive this harrowing investigation and what price will she have to pay for the truth?

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Exiles

Aaron Falk series  
**Harper, Jane**  
At a busy festival site on a warm spring night, a baby lies alone in her pram, her mother vanishing into the crowds. A year on, Kim Gillespie's absence casts a long shadow as her friends and loved ones gather deep in the heart of South Australian wine country to welcome a new addition to the family. Joining the celebrations is federal investigator Aaron Falk. But as he soaks up life in the lush valley, he begins to suspect this tight-knit group may be more fractured than it seems. Between Falk's closest friend, a missing mother, and a woman he's drawn to, dark questions linger, as long-ago truths begin to emerge.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Dying Fall

Bill Slider mysteries  
**Harrod-Eagles, Cynthia**  
The woman lies dead at the foot of the stairs. It's obvious what happened: she tripped and fell. But PC D'Arblay, called to the dilapidated West London villa by an anonymous tipoff, can't shake the feeling that's exactly what someone wants him to think. It was the deep head wound that killed her – but her dying fall left no blood trail, so what was it she hit her head on? DCI Slider, of the Shepherd's Bush murder squad, is soon convinced D'Arblay's right. But with no motive, no murder weapon and no idea even who the victim is, Slider faces steep odds to get a result... while each painstaking step towards the truth brings him closer to a ruthless, evil killer.

Mystery TP \$39.95

### The Local Hartstone, Joey

James Euchre lives an easy life as a local attorney, making plenty of money from patent infringement cases. But when his mentor is killed, and one of his clients is arrested for murder, Jimmy is forced to take on his first criminal case – defending the man who allegedly killed his friend. As Jimmy and his team search for the truth, they uncover some deadly secrets. And the deeper he goes, the more Jimmy fears he'll fail to save an innocent client's life – or worse, wind up freeing a guilty man...

Hardboiled PBK \$19.99

### A Certain Darkness

Verity Kent mysteries  
**Huber, Anna Lee**  
*March 1920.* Life has turned unsettlingly quiet for former British Intelligence agent Verity Kent and her husband, Sidney. But even that false calm is about to end. As threats remain, the French authorities soon request Sidney's help with a suspect who claims to have proof of treason – shortly before she is assassinated. And Verity, too, is called to investigate a mystery... The murder of a Belgian lawyer aboard a train seems at first to be a simple case of revenge. But the victim was connected to British Intelligence, and possessed papers detailing the sinking of a gold-laden German ship during the

war. As Verity and Sidney dig deeper, they discover their cases are intertwined – and a lethal adversary persists. Officially, the Great War may be over, but this is a battle of nerves and wits they cannot afford to lose...

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

### Katastrophe

Wars Within series  
**Hurley, Graham**  
Confidant of Goebbels. Instrument of Stalin. What's the worst that could happen? *January 1945.* Wherever you look on the map, the Thousand Year Reich is shrinking. Even Goebbels has run out of lies to sweeten the reckoning to come. An Allied victory is inevitable, but who will reap the spoils of war? Two years ago, Werner Nehmann's war came to an abrupt end, in Stalingrad. With the city in ruins, the remains of General Paulus' Sixth Army surrendered to the Soviets, and Nehmann was taken captive. But, now, he's riding on the back of one of Marshal Zhukov's T-34 tanks, heading home with a message for the man who consigned him to the Stalingrad Cauldron. With the Red Army about to fall on Berlin, Stalin fears his sometime allies are conspiring to deny him his prize. He needs to speak to Goebbels – and who better to broker the contact than Nehmann, Goebbels' one-time confidant? Having swapped the ruins of Stalingrad for the wreckage of Berlin, the influence of Goebbels for the machinations of Stalin, and Gulag rags for a Red Army uniform, Nehmann's war has taken a turn for the worse. The Germans have a word for it: *Katastrophe*.

Suspense TP \$29.99

### Unlawful Killings

Stories of Life and Death from the Old Bailey  
**Joseph, Wendy**  
As one of just a few judges licensed to try murder cases at the Old Bailey, the author has presided over many of the high-profile cases that all too often grab our attention in dramatic media headlines – for every unlawful death tells a story. But, unlike most of us, a judge doesn't get to turn the page and move on. Nor does the defendant, or the family of the victim, nor the many other people who populate the court room. Peeling apart five dramatic murder and manslaughter cases, *Unlawful Killings* removes this distinction between 'them' and 'us'. By detailing the inner workings of the Old Bailey and UK law, the author makes clear that each of us has a vested interest in what happens in the court room – especially when it comes to the death of a fellow human being. Any one of us could end up in the witness box, or even in the dock. And, yet, most people have only the sketchiest idea of what happens inside a Crown Court. With breathtaking skill and deep compassion, the author describes how cases unfold and illustrates exactly what it's like to be a murder trial judge and a witness to human good and bad. Sometimes very bad. Right now, with our courts straining under the weight of the many heinous crimes being committed, it's not merely the system that is flawed. The fracture lines that run through our society are becoming harder and harder to ignore and, from a unique vantage point, the author warns that we do so at our peril.

True crime TP \$39.99

### The Hunt

Peter Decker & Rina Lazarus series  
**Kellerman, Faye**  
Teresa McLaughlin flees to Los Angeles with her two children, trying to escape a messy divorce. But in LA, she is hunted down by ruthless men and beaten. When she wakes, barely conscious, her children are gone. Detective Peter Decker and his wife Rina are pulled into the situation when their foster son, Gabe, asks them to help. Teresa is his biological mother, and he knows she is in grave danger. Now, the hunt is on to find the kidnapers before things end tragically. It will end in an explosive confrontation from which no one will emerge unscathed...

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Back to the Garden King, Laurie R

A magnificent house, vast formal gardens, a golden family that shaped California, and a colourful past filled with now-famous artists: the Gardener Estate was a 20th-century Eden. And, now, just as the Estate is preparing to move into a new future, restoration work on some of its art digs up a grim relic of the home's past: a human skull, hidden away for decades. Inspector Raquel Laing has her work cut out for her. Fifty years ago, the Estate's young heir, Rob Gardener, turned his palatial home into a counterculture commune of peace, love, and equality. But that was also a time when serial killers preyed on innocents – monsters, like The Highwayman, whose case has just surged back into the public eye. Could the skull belong to one of his victims? To Raquel – a woman who knows all about colourful pasts – the bones clearly seem linked to The Highwayman. But as she dives into the Estate's archives to look for signs of his presence, what she unearths begins to take on a dark reality all of its own. Everything she finds keeps bringing her back to Rob Gardener, himself. While he might be a grey-haired recluse, now, back then he was a troubled young Vietnam vet whose girlfriend vanished after a midsummer festival at the Estate. But a lot of people seem to have disappeared from the Gardener Estate that summer when the commune mysteriously fell apart: a young woman, her child, and Rob's brother, Fort. The pressure is on, and Raquel needs to solve this case – before The Highwayman slips away, or another Gardener vanishes.

Mystery HC \$52.99

### In Too Steep

Misty Bay Tea Room mysteries  
**Kingsbury, Kate**  
It seemed like a simple case: the murder of Lewis Trenton, a beachcomber who lived alone in a cabin in the Oregon hills. But the newspaper article piques the interest of Vivian Wainwright, owner of the British-style Misty Bay Tearoom. The photo accompanying the article shows Lewis' cluttered living room, and on the shelf is a replica of Big Ben. Vivian is sure she sold the clock a week before in her shop. Who could have given the replica to Lewis? Unable to keep from doing a bit of sleuthing, Vivian hunts down the replica in a local thrift shop, noticing that the base is missing, rendering it worthless, but just as Vivian is about to throw it in the trash, a sparkle catches her eye. It's a diamond, hidden away in a crevice in the clock. Vivian takes the diamond to Detective Tony Messina,

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who identifies it as part of a jewellery heist in Portland a month earlier. Portland police think Lewis was the fence who sold the jewels, and that he was killed after double-crossing the thieves – but Messina doesn't believe the story. What was the true motive behind Lewis' murder? How did he come upon the diamond? And what secrets can the clock tell – before the killer strikes again?

Mystery HC \$49.99

### Sherlock Holmes and Count Dracula

Classified Dossiers

#### Klaver, Christian

1902. Sherlock Holmes' latest case begins with a severed finger. With no signs of decomposition and an adverse reaction to silver, it is the most perplexing mystery, yet – one that relates to their next client – and the moment Sherlock's and Watson's lives are irrevocably changed. A Transylvanian nobleman called Count Dracula arrives at Baker Street seeking Sherlock's help, for his beloved wife Mina has been kidnapped. But Dracula is a client like no other and Sherlock and Watson must confront – despite the wild, unbelievable notion – the existence of vampires. And before long, Sherlock, Watson and their new vampire allies must work together to banish a powerful enemy growing in the shadows... Told through four interlinked cases, this Gothic horror mystery sees Sherlock Holmes and Count Dracula join forces to banish a terrible enemy.

Sherlockiana TP \$35.95

### Murder After Christmas

British Library Crime Classics

#### Latimer, Rupert

Good old Uncle Willie – rich, truculent and seemingly propped up by his fierce willpower, alone – has come to stay with the Redpaths for the holidays. It is just their luck for him to be found dead in the snow on Boxing Day morning, dressed in his Santa Claus costume and seemingly poisoned by something in the Christmas confectionery. As the police flock to the house, Willie's descendants, past lovers and distant relatives are drawn into a perplexing investigation to find out how the old man met his fate, and who stands to gain by such an unseasonable crime. First published in 1944, *Murder After Christmas* is a lively riot of murder, mince pies and misdirection, cleverly twisting the tropes of Golden Age detective fiction to create a pacy, light-hearted package admirably suited for the holiday season.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

### Her Last Betrayal

#### Lecky, Pam

London, 1941. After losing her family to a Nazi bomb attack back home in Ireland, Sarah Gillespie joins the British Secret Services to bring them justice. Partnered with American undercover agent Lieutenant Tony Anderson, Sarah embarks on a dangerous mission that takes her from war-torn London into the black mountains of Wales. But when one of her team is revealed to be a German mole, and enemies begin to close in, what price will Sarah have to pay to save her country – and herself?

Suspense TP \$22.99

### The Devil's Work:

Australia's Jack the Ripper and the serial murders that shocked the world

#### Linnell, Garry

He was a murderer, swindler, bigamist and suspect in the Jack the Ripper killings. Frederick Deeming was also the most hated man in the world. Claiming to be haunted by the ghost of his dead mother, Deeming had spent years roaming the planet under various aliases, preying on the innocent, the gullible and the desperate. But the discovery – by Australian police, in 1892 – of the body of one of his wives in a shallow concrete grave triggered one of the greatest manhunts in history and exposed a further series of grisly murders – those of his first wife and four children – that stunned the Victorian era. *The Devil's Work* is a gothic journey into the twisted mind of a serial killer, set in the dying years of the 19th century when science and religion had collided and some of the world's most powerful and influential people believed in spirits and an afterlife. It reveals Deeming's crime spree across three continents, raising fresh questions about his role in the Jack the Ripper killings and culminating in his sensational trial, where he was defended by a future Australian Prime Minister who believed he could also speak to the dead. Born bad or simply mad? It's time to meet Frederick Deeming, the man known and reviled throughout the United States, England, and Australia as the Criminal of the Century.

True crime PBK \$22.99

### The Bloodless Boy

#### Lloyd, Robert J

*The City of London, 1678. New Year's Day.*

Twelve years have passed since the Great Fire ripped through the City. Eighteen since the fall of Oliver Cromwell and the restoration of a King. London is gripped by hysteria, and rumours of Catholic plots and sinister foreign assassins abound. When the body of a young boy drained of his blood is discovered on the snowy bank of the Fleet River, Robert Hooke, the Curator of Experiments at the just-formed Royal Society for Improving Natural Knowledge, and his assistant Harry Hunt, are called in to explain such a ghastly finding – and whether it's part of a plot against the king. They soon learn, it is not the first bloodless boy to have been discovered. Meanwhile, that same morning Henry Oldenburg, the Secretary of the Royal Society, blows his brains out, and a disgraced Earl is released from the Tower of London, bent on revenge against the King, Charles II. Wary of the political hornet's nest they are walking into – and using scientific evidence rather than paranoia in their pursuit of truth – Hooke and Hunt must discover why the boy was murdered, and why his blood was taken. Part *Wolf Hall*, part *The Name of the Rose*, a riveting new literary thriller set in Restoration London, with a cast of real historic figures, set against the actual historic events and intrigues of the returned king and his court...

Historical mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### Diamond and the Eye

Detective Peter Diamond mysteries

#### Lovesey, Peter

If there's one thing, Bath detective Peter Diamond has no patience for, it's a dumb

git trying to get involved in one of his investigations – for example, a Philip Marlowe-wannabe private investigator like the self-styled Johnny Getz (his car claims, he Getz results). But fate has saddled Diamond with this trial. A Bath antiques dealer, Septimus 'Seppy' Hubbard, has disappeared without a trace, and his daughter, Ruby, has hired Johnny Getz to find him. When a dead body is discovered in Seppy's locked-up store, the missing persons case becomes a murder investigation, and now Diamond has to collaborate with the insufferable private eye.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### Double Lives

#### McGaffrey, Kate

Newly returned to Western Australia, journalist Amy Rhinehart pitches a crime podcast to increase her radio station's ratings. Her idea: to use the listeners of the show as its co-creators, with live-time calls and suggestion boards. The case: Jonah Scott, charged and imprisoned for life for the murder of his girlfriend, transgender woman Casey Williams. Jonah went to great lengths to hide the body – but when arrested, confessed immediately and pleaded guilty, negating the need for a trial. Amy believes there is something darker at the heart of this case and sets about finding the truth, investigating a world of drugs, sex, gender identity and religious cults. Threaded through the main narrative, the podcast transcripts represent a story-within-a-story, exploring the characters of Jonah and Casey and the relationship between them, interwoven with Amy's investigation into the cult run by Jonah's family and its potential involvement in Casey's murder.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### Iris

#### McGregor, Fiona Kelly

Who is Iris Webber? A thief, a fighter, a wife, a lover. A scammer, a schemer, a friend. A musician, a worker, a big-hearted fool. A woman who has prevailed against the toughest gangsters of the day, defying police time and again, yet is now trapped in a prison cell. Guilty or innocent? Rollicking through the underbelly of 1930s' sly-grog Sydney, *Iris* is a dazzling literary achievement from one of Australia's finest writers. Based on actual events and set in an era of cataclysmic change, here is a fierce, fascinating tale of a woman who couldn't be held back.

Historical mystery/suspense TP \$34.99

### A Few Drops of Bitters

Savannah Reid mysteries

#### McKevett, G A

For the first time in recent memory, Savannah has no guilt about indulging in personal interests before her career. Between being a mom to her new foster son and arranging a lavish wedding for her sister, things are messy, unpredictable, and delightfully fulfilling. She even gains an impressive friend: Dr Carolyn Erling, a caring veterinarian with a deeper story than her down-to-earth nature suggests... When Savannah attends a birthday bash for Dr Carolyn's husband, she's astonished to find that her no-frills acquaintance resides in a pristine hilltop mansion with Dr Stephen Erling, a jet-setter brain surgeon boasting

throng of A-list patients around the globe. Before Savannah can get a headcount on the mingling celebrities, Dr Stephen has one too many champagne toasts and drops dead. With a poisonous residue found inside Dr Stephen's glass, the search is on for the killer who spiked his drink. Motivated to set things right for a devastated Dr Carolyn, Savannah must infiltrate the elite world of foreign dignitaries and Oscar-winning stars to identify the guilty culprit – or prepare to kiss this happy chapter in her life goodbye.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### The Plot and the Pendulum

Library Lover's mysteries

#### McKinlay, Jenn

Library director Lindsey Norris is happy to learn the Briar Creek Public Library is the beneficiary of the Dorchester family's vast book collection. However, when Lindsey and the library staff arrive at the old Victorian estate to gather the books, things take a sinister turn. One of the bookcases reveals a secret passage, leading to a room where a skeleton is found, clutching an old copy of *The Collected Works of Edgar Allan Poe*. Lindsey does a quick check of missing persons, using the distinctive '80s-era clothing worn by the deceased to determine a time frame, and discovers that Briar Creek has an unsolved missing person's case from 1989. A runaway bride went missing just weeks after her wedding. No suspects were ever arrested, and the cold case remains unsolved. Lindsey and the crafters crew decide that justice is overdue and set about solving the old murder mystery, using some novel ideas to crack the case.

Mystery HC \$55.00

### Scot Mist

Last Ditch mysteries

#### McPherson, Gatriona

March 2020 and Operation Cocker is a go! The owners of the Last Ditch Motel, with a little help from their friend Lexy Campbell, are preparing to support one another through the oncoming lockdown, offering the motel's spare rooms to a select few from the local area in need of sanctuary. While the newbies are settling in, an ambiguous banner appears demanding one of them return home. But who is it for? Lexy and her friends put a plan into action to ward off the perpetrator, but the very next night, a resident disappears and a message scrawled in human blood is found. As California shuts down, the Last Ditchers make another gruesome discovery. They tried to create a haven but now it seems as if everyone's in danger. Is the motel under attack from someone on the outside? Scary as that is, the alternative is worse, by far.

Mystery TP \$39.95

### Peril at the Exposition

Captain Jim & Lady Diana mysteries

#### March, Nev

1893: Newlyweds Captain Jim Agnihotri and Diana Framji are settling into their new home in Boston, Massachusetts, having fled the strict social rules of British Bombay. It's a different life than what they left behind, but theirs is no ordinary marriage: Jim, now a detective at the Dupree Agency, is teaching Diana the art of deduction he's learned from his idol, Sherlock Holmes. Everyone is talking about the preparations for the World's Fair in

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Chicago: the grandeur, the speculation, the trickery. Captain Jim will experience it, first hand: he's being sent to Chicago to investigate the murder of a man named Thomas Grewe. As Jim probes the underbelly of Chicago's docks, warehouses, and taverns, he discovers deep social unrest and some deadly ambitions. When Jim goes missing, young Diana must venture to Chicago's treacherous streets to learn what happened. But who can she trust, when a single misstep could mean disaster? The sequel to March's Edgar-finalist debut, *Murder in Old Bombay* (TP, \$34.99).  
Historical mystery HC \$44.99

### Murder on the Oceanic

Ocean Liner mysteries  
**Marston, Edward**  
When the *Oceanic* sets sail from England's Port of Southampton, its ultimate destination is New York. But it must make one very important stop first: at Cherbourg, in France, to pick up internationally renowned financier and art collector J P Morgan, fresh from a continental buying spree sure to have turned up numerous priceless *objets d'art*. Needless to say, George Porter Dillman and Genevieve Masefield, ship's detectives aboard the *Oceanic*, are slightly nervous about the presence of such an important passenger, not to mention his valuable cargo, among the passengers. For in their five years as detectives aboard the most elegant, regal sailing ships of their time, the two sleuths have never known a transatlantic voyage to pass without incident.  
Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

### Tokyo Express Matsumoto, Seicho

In a rocky cove in the bay of Hakata, the bodies of a young and beautiful couple are discovered. Stood in the coast's wind and cold, the police see nothing to investigate: the flush of the couple's cheeks speaks clearly of cyanide, of a lovers' suicide. But in the eyes of two men, Torigai Jutaro, a senior detective, and Kiichi Mihara, a young gun from Tokyo, something is not quite right. Together, they begin to pick at the knot of a unique and calculated crime... Now, widely available in English for the first time, *Tokyo Express* is celebrated around the world as Japan's master of mystery, Seicho Matsumoto's masterpiece – and as one of the most fiendish puzzles ever written.  
Mystery TP \$32.99

### Murder at Beacon Rock

Gilded Newport mysteries  
**Maxwell, Alyssa**  
As a reporter, Emma is used to covering Newport's social events. But this time she is appearing on the arm of her fiancé, Derrick Andrews, at a small but exclusive gathering of the New York Yacht Club at Beacon Rock, the Grecian-inspired summer 'cottage' of Edwin and Elizabeth Morgan. The members – which include cousin and Yacht Club Commodore John Pierpoint Morgan and widow Lucy Carnegie, the first woman to be admitted to the Club – are there to discuss their strategy for the next America's Cup Challenge, to be held in New York Harbor the following summer. But it's Emma, who must come up with a strategy when she discovers a woman's body bobbing against one of the hulls of the boats moored at the

base of Beacon Rock. Is it possible she fell from the Newport ferry and was carried by the tide? Or could she have drowned herself or fallen victim to foul play? After the woman is identified as the missing daughter of a yacht designer, the police – with the exception of Emma's friend Detective Jesse Whyte – hastily conclude she is a suicide, perhaps to quiet any scandal for the Morgans, since her body was found floating near their property. But Emma suspects the woman was murdered and begins to sort through a who's who of sportsmen, boat crews, and the Newport elite in search of a stone-cold killer...  
Historical mystery HC \$49.99

### Bodies from the Library 5

Forgotten Stories of Mystery and Suspense from the Golden Age of Detection  
**Medawar, Tony (editor)**  
Classic crime fiction's 'Indiana Jones' Tony Medawar unearths more unpublished and uncollected stories from the Golden Age of suspense, including John Bude, John Dickson Carr, Dorothy L. Sayers, and Julian Symons. The end of the First World War saw the rise of an insatiable public appetite for clever and thrilling mystery fiction and a new kind of hero – the modern crime writer. As the genre soared in popularity, so did the inventiveness of its best authors, ushering in a 'Golden Age' of detective fiction – two decades of exemplary mystery writing: the era of the whodunit, the impossible crime and the locked-room mystery, with stories that have thrilled and baffled generations of readers. The Golden Age still casts a long shadow, with many of the authors who were published at that time still hugely popular today. Aside from novels, they all wrote short fiction – stories, serials and plays – and although many have been republished in books over the last 100 years, *Bodies from the Library* collects the ones that are impossible to find: stories that appeared in a newspaper, magazine or an anthology that has long been out of print; ephemeral works such as plays not aired, staged or screened for decades; and unpublished stories that were absorbed into an author's archive when they died... Complete with fascinating biographies by Tony Medawar of all the featured authors, this latest volume in the annual *Bodies from the Library* series, once again, brings into the daylight the forgotten, the lost and the unknown, and is an indispensable collection for any bookshelf.  
Classic mystery HC \$35.00

### The Goldenacre Miller, Philip

Thomas Tallis, inspector of provenance, has just arrived in Edinburgh, Scotland, to authenticate *The Goldenacre*, a masterpiece by iconic Scottish architect and painter Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Still dealing with a miserable divorce and the fallout from a disastrous job in London, Tallis is eager to sign off on the painting and leave. It should be simple, as the painting has been owned by one noble family, since the '20s. But then a horrifying parcel arrives on Tallis' desk, and the threatening message is clear: someone doesn't want him inspecting the painting. Now that Tallis sees lives are in danger, he has no choice but to stay until the investigation is complete. Meanwhile, gruesome murders are plaguing Edinburgh. First, a Scottish painter of great renown.

Next, an Edinburgh City Councillor. Battle-hardened newspaper reporter Shona Sandison is on the case, even as her beloved industry shrinks around her. Shona doesn't care who she steps on to get the best story, and she soon uncovers a link between *The Goldenacre* and the murders. As Tallis' personal crises reach fever pitch, Shona struggles to enlist his help in understanding how the painting is mixed up in all this violence before either one of them becomes the next victim.  
Thriller PBK \$22.99

### All the Missing Girls Miranda, Megan

It's been 10 years since Nicolette Farrell left her rural hometown – after her best friend, Corinne, disappeared without trace. Then a letter from her father arrives – 'I need to talk to you. That girl. I saw that girl'. Has her father's dementia worsened, or has he really seen Corinne? Returning home, Nicolette must finally face what happened on that terrible night, all those years ago. Then, another young woman goes missing, almost to the day of the anniversary of when Corinne vanished. And like 10 years ago, the whole town is a suspect. Told backwards – Day 15 to Day 1 – Nicolette works to unravel the truth, revealing shocking secrets about her friends, her family, and what *really* happened to Corinne.  
Thriller PBK \$19.99

### The Fortune Men Mohamed, Nadifa

In Cardiff, Wales in 1952, Mahmood Mattan, a young Somali sailor, is accused of a crime he did not commit: the brutal killing of Violet Volacki, a shopkeeper from Tiger Bay. At first, Mahmood believes he can ignore the fingers pointing his way; he may be a gambler and a petty thief, but he is no murderer. He is a father of three, secure in his innocence, and his belief in British justice. But as the trial draws closer, his prospect for freedom dwindles. Now, Mahmood must stage a terrifying fight for his life, with all the chips stacked against him: a shoddy investigation, an inhumane legal system; and, most evidently, pervasive, and deep-rooted racism at every step. Under the shadow of the hangman's noose, Mahmood begins to realise that even the truth may not be enough to save him. A haunting tale of miscarried justice, this book offers a chilling look at the dark corners of our humanity.  
A Booker Prize finalist.  
Thriller PBK \$22.99

### Gone for Gouda

Cheese Shop mysteries  
**Moss, Korina**  
Yarrow Glen's newest cheese shop, Curds & Whey, has a lot on its plate, but cheesemonger Willa Bauer relishes a challenge. There's a float to build for the fall festival, plus the French-inspired cheese shop is playing host to celebrity vegan chef Phoebe Winston. But when photos surface that prove this vegan influencer is, in fact, a carnivore, things crumble faster than any cheese on the market: Phoebe is murdered. Willa's employee, the affable Archie, was the last one to see Phoebe alive and the first person the police suspect. To clear his name Willa must uncover who's been up to no *gouda*...  
Mystery PBK \$24.95

### Turf Wars

Banlieues trilogy  
**Norek, Olivier**  
The summary execution of three dealers – one murdered in full view of a police surveillance team – is the signal for hell to be unleashed in France's most notorious suburb. Now, there's a new kingpin in charge, using his ruthless teenage enforcer to assert an iron grip on his territory. And the local mayor, no stranger to the criminal underworld, is willing to make a pact with the devil if it will secure her a third term. Enter Capitaine Coste and his team, ready to break the rules to prevent the drugs squad from throwing an elderly stash-minder to the lions as bait. But when the blue touchpaper is lit on the estates, it will be all they can do to save their own skins from the inferno. A second blistering crime novel, set in France's most notorious suburb, by a police officer turned bestselling author. The first instalment is *The Lost and the Damned* (PBK, \$22.99).  
Mystery PBK \$24.99

### The Strangers of Braamfontein Nwelue, Onyeka

In Johannesburg, South Africa, two strangers, both of them from other countries, struggle to fulfill the dreams that urged them to leave home. Osas puts what little he has into ascertaining the papers that will permit him to enter South Africa from his homeland of Nigeria, only to learn that life has dealt him another harsh blow. With no other prospects, he befriends a fellow countryman, a known criminal. Chamai, a Canadian-Zimbabwean has come to South Africa to further his education, but when his financial resources dry up, he turns to sex work to make enough money to eat.  
Noir TP \$48.95

### Dog Park Oksanen, Sofi

*Helsinki, 2016*. Olenka sits on a bench, watching a family play in a dog park. A stranger sits down beside her. Olenka startles; she would recognise this other woman anywhere. After all, Olenka was the one who ruined her life. And this woman may be about to do the same to Olenka. Yet, for a fragile moment, here they are, together – looking at their own children, being raised by other people.  
Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### There Are No Happy Loves

Buenos Aires series  
**Olguin, Sergio**  
Haunted by nightmares of her past, Veronica is soon involved in a new investigation. Darío, the sole survivor of a car accident that supposedly killed all his family, is convinced that his wife and child have in fact survived and that his wife has abducted their child. Then a truck searched in the port of Buenos Aires on suspicion that it is carrying drugs, is revealed to be transporting human body parts. These seemingly separate incidents prove to be tied in a shadowy web of complicity involving political and religious authorities. A dazzling thriller based on real events in Argentina but also a story about the possibilities of love, in which jealousy, eroticism, humour, and even elusive moments of happiness make an appearance.  
Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

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### Love and Other Crimes collection

#### Paretsky, Sara

In this spellbinding collection, Sara Paretsky showcases her extraordinary talents with 14 short stories, including one new V I story and seven other classics featuring the indomitable detective. In 'Miss Bianca' a young girl becomes involved in espionage when she befriends a mouse in a laboratory that is conducting dark experiments. Ten-year-old V I Warshawski appears in 'Wildcat,' embarking on her very first investigation to save her father. A hardboiled New York detective and elderly British aristocrat team up to reveal a murderer in Chicago during the World's Fair in 'Murder at the Century of Progress'. In the new title story, 'Love and Other Crimes', V I treads the line between justice and vengeance, when the wrongful firing of a family friend makes him a murder suspect.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### A Corruption of Blood

Raven & Fisher mysteries

#### Parry, Ambrose

*Edinburgh. This city will bleed you dry.* Dr Will Raven is a man seldom shocked by human remains, but even he is disturbed by the contents of a package washed up at the Port of Leith. Stranger still, a man Raven has long detested is pleading for his help to escape the hangman. Back in the townhouse of Dr James Simpson, Sarah Fisher has set her sights on learning to practise medicine. Almost everyone seems intent on dissuading her from this ambition, but when word reaches her that a woman has recently obtained a medical degree despite her gender, Sarah decides to seek her out. Raven's efforts to prove his former adversary's innocence are failing and he desperately needs Sarah's help. Putting their feelings for one another aside, their investigations take them to both extremes of Edinburgh's social divide, where they discover that wealth and status cannot alter a fate written in the blood. The first of these Scotland-set mysteries is *The Way of All Flesh* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

### The Glass Pearls

#### Pressburger, Emeric

This thrilling tale of an ex-Nazi surgeon hiding in plain sight in 1960s' London, by the celebrated filmmaker, is a forgotten feat of Hitchcockian noir.

*Nothing is more inviting to disclose your secrets, than to be told by others of their own...*

*London, June 1965.* Karl Braun arrives as a lodger in Picnic: hatless, with a bowtie, greying hair, slight in build. His new neighbours are intrigued by this cultured German gentleman who works as a piano tuner; many are fellow emigres, who assume that he, like them, came to England to flee Hitler. That summer, Braun courts a woman, attends classical concerts, buys bacon, dances the twist. But as the newspapers fill with reports of the hunt for Nazi war criminals, his nightmares become increasingly worse. 'At once a wonderfully compelling noir thriller and, more significantly, an audacious and challenging act of imagination. A tremendous rediscovery.' – William Boyd.

Noir (reissue) PBK \$19.99

### Tender is the Bite

Chef & Bernie mysteries

#### Quinn, Spencer

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

Mystery TP \$39.99

### A Heart Full of Headstones

Rebus series

#### Rankin, Ian

John Rebus stands accused: on trial, for a crime that could put him behind bars for the rest of his life. But what drove a good man to cross the line? Detective Inspector Siobhan Clarke may well find out. Clarke is tasked with the city's most explosive case in years, an infamous cop, at the centre of decades of misconduct, has gone missing. Finding him will expose not only her superiors, but her mentor John Rebus. And Rebus, himself, may not have her own interests at heart, as the repayment of a past debt places him in the crosshairs of both crime lords and his police brethren. One way or another, a reckoning is coming – and John Rebus may be hearing the call for last orders...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### No Parm No Foul

Grilled Cheese mysteries

#### Reilly, Linda

After a long hot summer in Balsam Dell, Carly Hale is ready for crisp Vermont weather and gourmet grilled cheeses at her Grilled Cheese Eatery. And the upcoming Halloween food competition is the perfect way to impress the locals. But Ferris Menard, the owner of Sub-a-Dub-Sub, is nursing a serious grudge against Carly. Two days before the competition, one of Carly's employees quit his part-time gig at Menard's sub shop, sending Menard into a serious snit. In a confrontation at the Eatery, Menard accused Carly of sabotage and vowed to bring her down. That's when Menard's body is found in his kitchen the morning after the competition, a steak knife sticking out of his heart. But Menard had a slew of enemies, and if Carly doesn't figure out which one is the culprit, she might find herself – or someone she cares about – serving grilled cheese sandwiches under lock and brie!

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### Murder in Westminster

Lady Worthing mysteries

#### Riley, Vanessa

Discovering a body on her property presents Lady Abigail Worthing with more than one pressing problem. The victim is Juliet, the wife of her neighbour, Stapleton Henderson. Although Abigail has little connection with the lady in question, she expects to be under suspicion. Abigail's skin colour and her

mother's notorious past have earned her a certain reputation among the ton, and no amount of wealth or status will eclipse it. Abigail can't divulge that she was attending a secret pro-abolition meeting at the time of the murder. To her surprise, Henderson offers her an alibi. Though he and Juliet were long estranged, and she had a string of lovers, he feels a certain loyalty to his late wife. Perhaps, together, he and Abigail can learn the truth. Abigail, whose marriage to Lord Worthing was not a love match, knows well how appearances can deceive. For all its surface elegance, London's high society can be treacherous. Yet, who in their circle would have killed Juliet, and why? Taking the reins of her life in a way she never has before, Abby intends to find out – but in the process she will uncover more danger than she ever imagined...

Historical mystery HC \$49.99

### Lavender House

#### Rosen, Lev A C

*Lavender House, 1952:* the family seat of recently deceased matriarch Irene Lamontaine, head of the famous Lamontaine soap empire. Irene's recipes for her signature scents are a well-guarded secret – but it's not the only one behind these gates. This estate offers a unique freedom, where none of the residents or staff hide who they are. But to keep their secret, they've needed to keep others out. And now they're worried they're keeping a murderer in. Irene's widow hires Evander Mills to uncover the truth behind her mysterious death. Andy, recently fired from the San Francisco police after being caught in a raid on a gay bar, is happy to accept – his calendar is wide open. And his secret is the kind of secret the Lamontaines understand. Andy had never imagined a world like Lavender House. He's seduced by the safety and freedom found behind its gates, where a queer family lives honestly and openly. But that honesty doesn't extend to everything, and he quickly finds himself a pawn in a family game of old money, subterfuge, and jealousy – and Irene's death is only the beginning. When your existence is a crime, everything you do is criminal, and the gates of Lavender House can't lock out the real world forever. Running a soap empire can be a dirty business.

Mystery HC \$55.00

### Steeped to Death

Witches' Brew mysteries 01

#### Rue, Gretchen

Phoebe Winchester's beloved aunt Eudora has a taste for adventure – and a knack for making magical tea. It's even rumoured that she just might be a witch. So, when Eudora passes away and leaves everything to her niece – her Victorian mansion, her bookshop/tea store, The Earl's Study, and one very chubby orange cat named Bob – Phoebe gets more than she bargained for. And she knows she's in deep when a dead man is found on the shop's back step, apparently killed while trying to break in. Two suspects immediately emerge among the townspeople of Raven Creek, Washington. There's village busybody Dierdre Miller, who seems desperate to buy Eudora's house, and handsome PI Rich, one of Phoebe's childhood friends – but how well does she really know him after all these years apart? Phoebe knows she should leave it to

the professionals, but as she starts to dig into the underbelly of Raven Creek, she begins to uncover the truth about Eudora. What's more, her aunt might not have been the only witch in the family, as Phoebe soon discovers she has unique and unexpected gifts of her own. Now, it's just a matter of putting her newfound power to the test and cast a spell that could catch a killer.

Mystery HC \$49.99

### Death at the Manor

Lily Adler mysteries

#### Schellman, Katharine

Regency widow Lily Adler is looking forward to spending the autumn away from the social whirl of London. When she arrives in Hampshire with her friends, the Carroways, she doesn't expect much more than a quiet country visit and the chance to spend time with her charming new acquaintance, Matthew Spencer. But something odd is afoot in the small country village. A ghost has taken up residence in the Belleford manor, a lady in grey who wanders the halls at night, weeping and wailing. Half the servants have left in terror, but the family seems delighted with the notoriety that their ghost provides. Intrigued by this spectral guest, Lily and her party immediately make plans to visit Belleford. They arrive at the manor the next morning ready to be entertained – only to find that tragedy has struck. The matriarch of the family has just been found killed in her bed. The dead woman's family is convinced that the ghost is responsible. Lily is determined to learn the truth before another victim turns up – but could she be next in line, for the Great Beyond?

Historical mystery HC \$49.99

### Anatomy: a Love Story

#### Schwartz, Dana

*Edinburgh, 1817.* Hazel Sinnett is a lady who wants to be a surgeon, more than she wants to marry. Jack Curren is a resurrection man who's just trying to survive in a city where it's too easy to die. When the two of them have a chance encounter outside the Edinburgh Anatomist's Society, Hazel thinks nothing of it at first. But after she gets kicked out of renowned surgeon Dr Beecham's lectures for being the wrong gender, she realises that her new acquaintance might be more helpful than she first thought. Because Hazel has made a deal with Dr Beecham: if she can pass the medical examination on her own, Beecham will allow her to continue her medical career. Without official lessons, though, Hazel will need more than just her books – she'll need corpses to study. Lucky, that she's made the acquaintance of someone who digs them up for a living. But Jack has his own problems: strange men have been seen skulking around cemeteries, his friends are disappearing off the streets, and the dreaded Roman Fever, which wiped out thousands a few years ago, is back with a vengeance. Nobody important cares – until Hazel. Now, Hazel and Jack must work together to uncover the secrets buried not just in unmarked graves, but in the very heart of Edinburgh society.

YA gothic mystery PBK \$17.99



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### **Celtic Cross**

Mirabelle Bevan mysteries

#### **Sheridan, Sara**

About to get married, Mirabelle and her fiancé – retired Superintendent Alan McGregor – are torn about where they will settle but when a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity comes up to buy a secluded house on the banks of the Firth of Forth, they submit to getting permission from the local landlord. But that permission comes at a price and, when a nun dies in mysterious circumstances at the Little Sisters of Gethsemane Convent nearby, they are drafted to uncover what happened. This charming post-WWII series begins with *Brighton Belle* (PBK, \$27.99).

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### **The Deepest Black**

#### **Silvis, Randall**

Where does the line blur between fact and fiction? Acclaimed author Randall Silvis is looking for a story – any story to follow up the series of gripping mystery novels that catapulted him to success. And then, out of nowhere, a story appears. A mysterious stranger named Thomas Kennaday tips Silvis off about a series of murders in a small Pennsylvania town, sending Silvis off on a tentative investigation in hopes of finding material for his next novel. What Silvis discovers is much more than a typical small-town murder case, and it soon becomes clear that Kennaday, who seems to have disappeared into thin air, is somehow pulling the strings of the investigation from behind the scenes. Based on true events, *The Deepest Black* is a profoundly thoughtful, unsettling read, and a crime novel unlike any you've ever read before.

Thriller TP \$27.99

### **Geiger**

#### **Skordeman, Gustaf**

The landline rings as Agnetta is waving off her grandchildren. Just one word comes out of the receiver: 'Geiger'. For decades, Agnetta has always known that this moment would come, but she is shaken. She knows what it means. Retrieving her weapon from its hiding place, she attaches the silencer and creeps up behind her husband before pressing the barrel to his temple. Then she squeezes the trigger and disappears – leaving behind her wallet and keys. The extraordinary murder is not Sara Nowak's case. But she was once close to those affected and, defying regulations, she joins the investigation. What Sara doesn't know is that the mysterious codeword is just the first piece in the puzzle of an intricate and devastating plot, 50 years in the making.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### **Tiny Tales**

Stories of Romance, Ambition, Kindness, and Happiness (collection)

#### **Smith, Alexander McCall**

#### **& McIntosh, Iain (Illustrator)**

In *Tiny Tales*, Alexander McCall Smith explores romance, ambition, kindness, and happiness in thirty short stories accompanied by 30 witty cartoons designed by Iain McIntosh, McCall Smith's long-time creative collaborator. Here we meet the first Australian pope, who hopes to finally find some peace and quiet back home in Perth; a psychotherapist turned motorcycle racetrack manager; and an aspiring opera singer who

gets her unlikely break onstage. And, of course, we spend time in McCall Smith's beloved Scotland, where we are introduced to progressive Vikings, a group of housemates with complex romantic entanglements, and a couple of globe-trotting dentists. These tales and illustrations depict the full scope of human experience and reveal the rich tapestry of life – painted in miniature.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### **R in the Month**

#### **Spain, Nancy**

The oyster party had the kiss of death upon it – even though there were two 'R's in the month. Miriam Birdseye – famed revue star and sleuth – could have told you that from the start. She isn't a bit surprised to learn that her fiancé's mother died in the night. But who at the seedy Sussex hotel would have poisoned the bivalves? Could it be the hotel proprietor – a handsome, drunken bankrupt? His put-upon wife? Miriam's impressively moustachioed fiancé? Or the menacing, unsavoury chef? Can Miriam track down the killer before anyone else is murdered by mollusc? Murder most foul, at an off-season English seaside resort. A fast-moving crime caper from Nancy Spain, with a delightful introduction from Sandi Toksvig. 'Ever since reading *R in the Month* as a teenager, I've been a Nancy Spain fan. I love her juxtaposition of seedy, atmospheric settings with humour and showbiz glamour. There's still no one quite like her' – *Elly Griffiths*.

Classic mystery PBK \$24.99

### **A Perfect Bind**

Beloved Bookroom mysteries

#### **St James, Dorothy**

Tru Beckett succeeded in building a secret book room in her now bookless library, where book lovers from lovely Cypress, South Carolina, can rejoice in the printed word. Now she's working hard to maintain the little library downstairs while keeping her real job upstairs in the bookless technology centre. The last thing she needs is a mysterious vandal who seems intent on breaking into her secret book-filled sanctuary and creating chaos. The nasty interloper doesn't steal anything, but brutalises the books, damaging them and knocking them off shelves. A patron of the secret book room tells Tru that there have been creepy goings-on at the library for years, especially in the basement where the secret book room is located. He's heard rumours of a poltergeist that haunts the library, determined to scare off readers. Tru is certain it's hogwash, but she's at a loss to think of who might be vandalising the beautiful books she fought so hard to protect. And when a dead body shows up right behind the library, Tru is certain that it's not a ghost but a cold-blooded killer that she and her trusty tabby, Dewey Decimal, will need to uncover.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### **Tell Us No Secrets**

#### **Sterling, Siena**

Female friendship is intense and that intensity can erupt into dangerous passions when teenage girls are cooped up in an exclusive East Coast boarding school. Beautiful, streetwise Cassidy Thomas; debutante jock Abby Madison; academic, sensitive Karen Mullens; and sophisticated troublemaking

Zoey Spalding are four 17-year-olds, who should be cruising happily through their Senior Year. But jealousies are simmering. And when Zoey plays a game with the class list – if you lose your virginity, you get a star beside your name – it sets in motion a chain of shocking events. Nine months later, when one of the girls is murdered, the others must ask themselves if they can carry the truth of what happened the rest of their lives.

Thriller TP \$29.99

### **Such a Good Mother**

#### **Takhar, Helen Monks**

Rose O'Connell is barely surviving. Her marriage is rocky; her son isn't fitting in at his new school, the prestigious Woolf Academy; and their tiny apartment in a rapidly gentrifying neighbourhood can barely contain her family. As she struggles to make ends meet on her junior bank teller wages, Rose finds that life as the only mom in a name tag and uniform at the Woolf's shiny school gates isn't easy. Not so for those in the elite and secretive Circle – a tight-knit group of wealthy mothers, led by the charismatic and glamorous Amala Kaur – who rule the school. When the mysterious death of one of the Circle's members creates a vacancy, Rose dares to hope she could fill it and transform her life. Amala's shocking decision to invite Rose into her clique provokes resentment among the Circle, especially when her fortunes, self-esteem, and status start to soar. But Rose soon realises the true price of being on the inside. Far from being a dream come true, the Circle proves her worst nightmare. Unlike the woman she replaced, can Rose escape with her life?

Thriller TP \$32.99

### **End of Days**

Pike Logan series

#### **Taylor, Brad**

When a paragliding trip over the picturesque mountains of Switzerland results in the brutal murder of the former head of Israeli intelligence, Mossad brings in terrorist hunters Aaron and Shoshana to investigate. But they'll need help to find out who was behind the attack and what they're planning next – and they know exactly who to call. Taskforce operators Pike Logan and Jennifer Cahill have been trapped in Charleston, South Carolina, during the COVID-19 quarantine, so when Aaron and Shoshana show up with a new mission, they jump at the chance to assist their friends. As they stumble upon the trail of a serial killer loose on the streets of Rome connected to the death, and follow evidence leading to the exalted Knights of Malta, they must wade deep into a dangerous world where fanatics and legitimate organisations exist side by side. It's up to the Taskforce to determine who is really pulling the strings, and what they find could have disastrous consequences not only for them, but for the entire world...

Thriller PBK \$19.99

### **All the Dirty Secrets**

#### **Thompson, Aggie Blum**

One warm summer night, 25 years ago, Liza Gold and her friends celebrated their high school graduation with a party on the beach. It should have been the best night of their lives, only one of them never came back out of the ocean. The tragedy haunted Liza Gold

for years. Now, she's a recently divorced working mom struggling to connect with her standoffish teenager daughter Zoe when history repeats itself. Another young woman has drowned at Beach Week, and this time the victim is Zoe's secret best friend. Liza begins to suspect that the two deaths are, somehow, related – which causes her to face hard truths and take an unflinching look at the people she's called her closest friends for the past two decades. She must discover what really happened to both women before it's too late.

Thriller TP \$29.99

### **Suspects**

reissue

#### **Thomson, David**

Noah Cross, Norma Desmond, Norman Bates, Harry Lime – these are a few of nearly a hundred names that inhabit the mind of the narrator, as he starts to compose short biographies of some of the most famous characters in the history of film noir. He sketches in whole lives, lives as intense as the dreams put up on the screen. Then these characters start to meet each other outside the films, as if they were real people with real needs and passions. The book is becoming a novel. The names and faces are familiar to us – Jake Gittes from *Chinatown*, Laura Hunt and Waldo Lydecker from *Laura*, Rick and Ilsa from *Casablanca* – but is it true that Noah Cross and Norma Desmond were lovers in the twenties, that she and Joe Gillis had a son, who grew up to be Julian Kay in *American Gigolo*? For the narrator is not merely the author. Married to the sister of Laura Hunt, he has a mission to carry out, a lost family link to find, a thread to pull, so that nearly all these disparate characters come together to form a kind of society. A new edition of this landmark metafictional novel brings David Thomson to a new generation of readers.

Noir (reissue) PBK \$27.99

### **Madwoman**

#### **Treger, Louisa**

In 1887, young Nellie Bly sets out for New York and a career in journalism, determined to make her way as a serious reporter, whatever that may take. But life in the city is tougher than she imagined. Down to her last dime and desperate to prove her worth, she comes up with a dangerous plan: to fake insanity and have herself committed to the asylum that looms on Blackwell's Island. There, she will work undercover to document – and expose – the wretched conditions faced by the patients. But when the asylum door swings shut behind her, she finds herself in a place of horrors, governed by a harshness and cruelty she could never have imagined. Cold, isolated, and starving, her days of terror reawaken the traumatic events of her childhood. She entered the asylum of her own free will – but will she ever get out? An extraordinary portrait of a woman way ahead of her time, *Madwoman* is the story of a quest for the truth that changed the world.

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

### **The Bitter Taste of Murder**

Tuscan mysteries

#### **Trinchieri, Camilla**

One year after moving to his late wife's Tuscan hometown of Gravigna, ex-NYPD detective Nico Doyle has fully settled into

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Italian country life, helping to serve and test recipes at his in-laws' restaurant. But the town is shaken by the arrival of wine critic Michele Mantelli in his flashy Jaguar. Mantelli holds his influential culinary magazine and blog over Gravigna's vintners and restaurateurs. Some of Gravigna's residents are impressed by his reputation, while others are enraged – especially Nico's landlord, whose vineyards Mantelli seems intent of ruining. Needless to say, Mantelli's lavish, larger-than-life, and often vindictive personality has made him many enemies, and when he is poisoned, the local *maresciallo*, Perillo, has a headache of a high-profile murder on his hands – and, once again, turns to Nico for help. The follow-up to *Murder in Chianti* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery TP \$29.99

### Suspect

#### Turow, Scott

For as long as Lucia Gomez has been the police chief in the city of Highland Isle, near Kindle County, she has known that any woman in law enforcement must walk a precarious line between authority and camaraderie to gain respect. She has maintained a spotless reputation – until now. Three male police officers have accused her of soliciting sex in exchange for promotions to higher ranks. With few people left who she can trust, Chief Gomez turns to an old friend, Rik Dudek, to act as her attorney in the federal grand jury investigation, insisting to Rik that the accusations against her are part of an ugly smear campaign designed to destroy her career and empower her enemies – both outside the police force and within... Clarice 'Pinky' Granum spent most of her youth experimenting with an impressive array of drugs and failing out of various professions, including the police academy. Pinky knows that in the eyes of most people, she's nothing but a screwup – but she doesn't trust most people's opinions anyway. Moreover, she finally has a respectable-enough job as a licensed PI, working for Rik on his roster of mostly minor cases, like workman's comp, DUIs, and bar fights. Rik's shabby office and even shabbier cases are a far cry from the kinds of high-profile criminal matters Pinky became familiar with in the law office of her grandfather, Sandy Stern. But Rik and Pinky feel that Chief Gomez's case, which has attracted national attention, is their chance to break into the legal big leagues. Guided by her gut instinct and razor-sharp investigative skills, Pinky dives headfirst into a twisted scandal that will draw her into the deepest recesses of the city's criminal networks, as well as the human mind. But she will need every scrap of tenacity and courage to unravel the dark secrets those closest to her are determined to keep hidden.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Too Much of Water

John Grey mysteries

#### Tyler, L G

1670. Eastwold, once one of the greatest ports in England, has been fighting a losing battle with the sea ever since it was granted its charter by King John. Bit by bit, the waves have eaten the soft cliffs on which it stands, until only a handful of houses remain. But still it sends two MPs to Parliament and rich men from London are prepared to pay well for the votes of the dozen or so remaining burgesses of the town. The voters are looking forward to a profitable by-election, only for the Admiralty's candidate, the unpopular Admiral Digges, to end up in a fishing net, every bit as drowned as his prospective constituency. Is it an accident, as the coroner has ruled, or has Digges been murdered, as the Admiralty fears? John Grey, Justice of the Peace and former spy, receives a request from the authorities to uncover the truth. With spring edging cautiously towards the windswept east coast, Grey starts to question the remaining residents and other well-paid officials of the nonexistent town. He is met with suspicion and polite obstruction from the voters – and then another suspicious death occurs. Will Grey uncover the murderer before the last of the town vanishes beneath the waves?

Historical mystery PBK \$24.99

### The Key to Deceit

Electra McDonnell mysteries

#### Weaver, Ashley

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

Mystery HC \$44.99

### One Woman's War:

a novel of the real Miss Moneypenny

#### Wells, Christine

*World War II London*: When Victoire 'Paddy' Bennett first walks into the Admiralty's Room 39, home to the Intelligence Division, all the bright and lively young woman expects is a secretarial position to the charismatic Commander Ian Fleming. But, soon, her job is so much more, and when Fleming proposes a daring plot to deceive the Germans about Allied invasion plans, he requests the newlywed Paddy's help. She jumps at the chance to work as an agent in the field, even after the operation begins to affect her marriage. But could doing her duty for King and country come at too great a cost... Socialite Friedl Stöttinger is a beautiful Austrian double agent determined to survive in wartime England, which means working for MI-5, investigating fifth column activity among the British elite at parties and nightclubs. But Friedl has a secret – some years before, she agreed to work for German Intelligence and spy on the British. When her handler at MI-5 proposes that she work with Serbian agent, Duško Popov, Friedl falls hopelessly in love with the dashing spy. And when her intelligence work becomes fraught with danger, she must choose whether to remain loyal to the British and risk torture and execution by the Nazis, or betray thousands of men to their deaths. Soon, the lives of these two extraordinarily brave women will collide, as each travels down a road of deception and danger leading to one of the greatest battles of World War II. The story of WWII British Naval Intelligence officer Victoire Bennett, the real-life inspiration for the James Bond character Miss Moneypenny, whose international covert operation is put in jeopardy when a volatile socialite and Austrian double agent threatens to expose the mission to German High Command.

Suspense TP \$32.99

### Gemini Falls

#### Wilson, Sean

*Melbourne, 1930, as the Great Depression is taking hold*: Thirteen-year-old Morris Turner, a little anxious by nature, feels more at home gazing at the stars than spending time with his detached father Jude, a detective, and older sister, Lottie. When a young woman is murdered in Jude's home town of Gemini, he is assigned to solve the case. With fear and polio rising in the city, Jude reluctantly takes Morris and Lottie to the small town he left, long ago. At the family farm in Gemini, Morris meets relations who are strangers – an aunt, an uncle, and a cousin obsessed with detective novels – and is drawn into a community reeling from a murder and a financial crash. Without a clear suspect for the killing, suspicions have turned to the downtrodden, huddled in camps outside the town. But Morris is sure there is more to this case. With the help of new friends, he turns his attention instead to the people around him, confronting his fears and searching for a killer in a town full of mysteries – a search that will bring secrets old and new to the surface, and leave someone else fighting for their life.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

### A Sunlit Weapon

Maisie Dobbs series

#### Winspear, Jacqueline

*September 1942*. Jo Hardy, a 22-year-old ferry pilot, is delivering a Spitfire when she has the unnerving experience of someone shooting at her aircraft. A few days later, she hears that another ferry pilot has been killed when her aircraft crashed in the same area of Kent. Although the death has been attributed to 'pilot error', Jo is convinced there is a link between the two incidents. Jo takes her suspicions to Maisie Dobbs and while Maisie wants to find out why someone appears to want to take down much-needed pilots, she finds it is part of a much larger operation involving Eleanor Roosevelt, the American president's First Lady. To protect Eleanor's life – and possibly the safety of all of London – Maisie must quickly uncover the connection. Now in paperback.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

### Death on Gokumon Island

Inspector Kindaichi mysteries

#### Yokomizo, Seishi

Kosuke Kindaichi arrives on the remote Gokumon Island, bearing tragic news – the son of one of the island's most important families has died, on a troop transport ship bringing him back home after the Second World War. But Kindaichi has not come merely as a messenger – with his last words, the dying man warned that his three stepsisters' lives would now be in danger. The scruffy detective is determined to get to the bottom of this mysterious prophesy, and to protect the three women if he can. As Kosuke Kindaichi attempts to unravel the island's secrets, a series of gruesome murders begins. He investigates, but soon finds himself in mortal danger from both the unknown killer and the clannish locals, who resent this outsider meddling in their affairs. Loosely inspired by Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*, the fiendish *Death on Gokumon Island* is, perhaps, the most highly-regarded of all the great Seishi Yokomizo's classic Japanese mysteries. These Inspector Kindaichi reprints have gone gangbusters, here at Pulp Fiction. Recommended!

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### The Mushroom Tree Mystery

Crown Colony mysteries

#### Yu, Ovidia

In Singapore, amid rumours the Japanese occupiers are preparing to wipe out the population of the island rather than surrender, a young aide is found murdered beneath the termite mushroom tree in Hideki Tagawa's garden and his plans for a massive poison gas bomb are missing. To prevent any more destruction, it falls to Su Lin to track down the real killer with the help of Hideki Tagawa's old nemesis, the charismatic shinto priest Yoshio Yoshimo. 'Simply glorious. Every nook and cranny of 1930s' Singapore is brought richly to life' – *Catriona McPherson*.

Mystery PBK \$24.99