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

Blood and Ink **Adams, Brett**

Literature professor Jack Griffen has recently suffered a nervous breakdown. His wife has divorced him, and she and their adult daughter have moved to the USA. Into the void steps exchange student Hieronymus Beck, claiming to be the professor's greatest fan. But everything changes, when Jack finds Hiero's list. Five sheets of paper. Five ways to commit a murder. His student has told him he's writing a crime novel, but is that all he is doing? Caught up in his protégé's dangerous game, the mild-mannered professor finds himself asking how far he will go to save a life. As far as murder?

Mystery TP \$32.99

Something Fishy **This Way Comes**

Whit & Whiskers mysteries
Allan, Gabby
Since returning home from mainland California, and finding her groove with the family tourism business, Whitney Dagner's daily routine has become a wonderfully chaotic adventure. She and her nimble kitty, Whiskers, often find themselves at the centre of the action on Catalina, from staged treasure hunts to gossip birdwatchers. But before Whit can get too comfortable in the place where she grew up, a gift shop order leads to a stunning discovery – someone's dead body... One of Whit's best boat tour client's, Leo Franklin was young and newly engaged when he unceremoniously took his own life. Only it doesn't seem like that's what really happened – not after the suspicious activity displayed by his family's old rivals at the scene of his death. As a bitter, generations-long feud between Leo's kin and the local Ahern clan comes to a head, Whit and her police diver not-so-ex-boyfriend must lead a dangerous investigation into years of scandal and bad blood to figure out who's innocent... and who's covering a killer's tracks.

Mystery TP \$29.99

The Life She Had **Armstrong, K L**

A stranger is trespassing in Celeste Turner's backyard, moving through the shadows around her shed. It could be a harmless backpacker seeking temporary refuge, but experience has taught Celeste to be extra wary. Not wishing to draw unwanted attention, she cannot turn to the police. Celeste is an outsider to this region of rural Florida, and all the locals see is a city girl who swooped in to secure her inheritance. But Celeste needs her new life to work, so she must confront her intruder. To her surprise, she finds out that her unwanted guest is a young backpacker named Daisy. She is polite and friendly, just taking advantage of some shelter as she makes her way through the area. Swiftly, they begin an unlikely and beneficial friendship – Celeste can't help

herself, and besides, Daisy will be moving on soon. Why not take advantage of the extra help? Both women have secrets they want to keep buried, and when a body is discovered near Celeste's house, they must move quickly to prove their innocence and protect the lives they've built for themselves.

Thriller TP \$29.99

The Secret of Bow Lane

Below Stairs mysteries

Ashley, Jennifer

A stranger who appears on Kat's doorstep turns out to be one Charlotte Bristow, legal wife of Joe Bristow, the man Kat once believed herself married to – who she thought died at sea 12 years ago. Kat is jolted by Charlotte's claims that not only was Joe murdered, but he had amassed a small fortune before he died. Charlotte makes the cook an offer she cannot refuse – if Kat can discover the identity of Joe's murderer, Charlotte will give her a share of the fortune Joe left behind. With the help of Daniel McAdam, her attractive and charismatic confidante, Kat plunges into her own past to investigate. When it becomes apparent that the case of Joe's death goes far deeper than simple, opportunistic theft, Kat and Daniel's relationship is put to the test, and Kat herself comes under scrutiny as her connection to Joe is uncovered. She must race to catch the real killer before she loses her job and possibly her life.

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

Shrines of Gaiety

Atkinson, Kate

1926, and in a country still recovering from the Great War, London has become the focus for a delirious new nightlife. In the clubs of Soho, peers of the realm rub shoulders with starlets, foreign dignitaries with gangsters, and girls sell dances for a shilling a time. The notorious queen of this glittering world is Nellie Coker, ruthless but also ambitious to advance her six children, including the enigmatic eldest, Niven – whose character has been forged in the crucible of the Somme. But success breeds enemies, and Nellie's empire faces threats from without and within. For beneath the dazzle of Soho's gaiety, there is a dark underbelly, a world in which it is all too easy to become lost. With her unique Dickensian flair, Kate Atkinson brings together a glittering cast of characters in a truly mesmeric novel that captures the uncertainty and mutability of life; of a world in which nothing is quite as it seems.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

April in Spain

Quirke series

Banville, John

'Northern Spain is southern Ireland,' she said. 'It rains all the time, everywhere is green, and everyone is Catholic. You will love it.' On the idyllic coast of San

Sebastian, Spain, Dublin pathologist Quirke is struggling to relax – despite the beaches, the cafés and his disarmingly lovely wife. So, when he glimpses a familiar face in the twilight at the bar Las Arcadas, it's hard, at first, to tell whether his imagination is just running away with him. Could she really be who he thinks she is, and have a connection with a crime that nearly brought ruin to an Irish political dynasty? Unable to ignore his instincts, Quirke makes a call back home and Detective St John Strafford is soon dispatched to Spain. But he's not the only one on route: as a terrifying hitman hunts down his prey, they are all set for a brutal showdown. 'Deeply atmospheric; forensically psychological.' – *Mick Herron*. John Banville is the author of the previous books in the Quirke series of crime novels; written under the pen name Benjamin Black. The first of these is *Christine Falls* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Paper Cage **Baragwanath, Tom**

Masterton isn't a big town. The community's tight, if not always harmonious. So, when a child goes missing it's a big deal for everyone. And when a second kid disappears, the whole town's holding their own children that little bit tighter. Lorraine doesn't have kids, but she has a nephew. She's holding him a bit tighter, too, because she works for the police, and she knows they don't have any idea. Lo's not a cop, she's a records clerk. She sits out back among the piles of paper, making connections, remembering things. Working things out that the actual cops don't want to hear about. Until the new investigator, Hayes, arrives from Wellington, and realises Lo's the only person there with answers to any of his questions. Which is just as well – because the clock is running down for the children of the town. Both a nail-biting thriller and a beautifully written, acutely observed portrait of a community, *Paper Cage* is the prize-winning debut from young New Zealand novelist Tom Baragwanath.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Take Your Breath Away **Barclay, Linwood**

One weekend, while Andrew Mason was on a fishing trip, his wife, Brie, vanished without a trace. Most everyone assumed Andy had got away with murder – it's *always* the husband, *isn't it?* – but the police could never build a strong case against him. For a while, Andy hit rock bottom – he drank too much to numb the pain, was abandoned by all his friends save one, nearly lost his business, and became a pariah in the place he once called home. Now, six years later, Andy has finally put his life back together. He sold the house he once shared with Brie and moved away. To tell the truth, he wasn't sad to hear that the old place was razed, and a new house built on the site. He's settled down with a new partner, Jayne, and life is good. But Andy's peaceful world

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is about to shatter. One day, a woman shows up at his old address, screaming, 'Where's my house? What's happened to my house?' And then, just as suddenly as she appeared, the woman – who bears a striking resemblance to Brie – is gone. The police are notified and old questions – and dark suspicions – resurface. Could Brie really be alive, after all these years? If so, where has she been? It soon becomes clear that Andy's future and the lives of those closest to him depend on discovering what the hell is going on. The trick will be whether he can stay alive long enough to unearth the answers.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Death of a Green-Eyed Monster

Hamish Macbeth mysteries

Beaton, M G & Green, R W

No one, in Lochdubh, expects Dorothy to stay for long... She is, after all, entirely unsuitable. She's an uptown girl, used to a fancy lifestyle in the big city of Glasgow. She'll never fit in. And how is that work-shy rogue Hamish Macbeth supposed to get anything done when his new assistant is such a distraction? The village needs a police sergeant who can get on with his job, not one who's constantly swooning over his pretty young constable. Yet, PC Dorothy McIver quickly shows how determined she is to win over the locals, and she certainly seems to bring out the best in Macbeth. Then comes a brutal murder and the pair find themselves plunged into a tangled web of conspiracy that acquires a sinister strand when the chilling shadow of Glasgow's underworld creeps to the Highlands and the peaceful village of Lochdubh. Through it all, the bond between Hamish and Dorothy grows ever stronger. Has Hamish Macbeth finally found the love of his life – and can he track down the murderer before any hope he has for a blissful future is destroyed? The first Hamish Macbeth mystery in four years!

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Road of Bones

Billy Boyle WWII mysteries

Benn, James R

It's September 1944, and the US is poised to launch Operation Frantic, a shuttle-bombing mission to be conducted by American aircraft based in Great Britain, southern Italy, and three Soviet airfields in the Ukraine. Tensions are already high between the American and Russian allies when two intelligence agents – one Soviet, one American – are found dead at Poltava, one of the Ukrainian bases. Billy is brought in to investigate, and this time he's paired, at the insistence of the Soviets, with a KGB agent who has his own political and personal agenda. In the course of an investigation that quickly spirals out of control, Billy is aided by the Night Witches, a daring regiment of young Soviet women flying at night at very low altitudes, bombing hundreds of German installations. It's a turning point in the war, and allied efforts hang by a thread. Unless Billy, and his KGB partner, can solve the murders in an atmosphere of mutual distrust, Operation Frantic is doomed.

Mystery TP \$29.99

Night Hunters

Black Forest Investigations

Bottini, Oliver

At first, nothing seems to link 15-year-old Eddie, a bit of a loner who finds solace swimming in the dangerous waters of the Rhine, and Nadine, a rich but bored student from Freiburg. Except for the fact that both disappear without trace, within days of each other. When Eddie's body is found, suspicion first falls upon his brutal and uncooperative father. But when Nadine's own father raises the alarm, Detective Chief Inspector Louise Boni of the Freiburg police instinctively feels that the cases are connected. An abandoned barn near the river soon becomes the focus of the investigation, beginning a trail that will lead Boni and her team across the Rhine to Colmar, confronting them with the grim secrets of outwardly respectable citizens. Sometimes it takes very little to unleash the monster in man.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$24.99

The Wrong Victim

Quinn & Costa mysteries

Brennan, Allison

A bomb explodes on a sunset charter cruise out of Friday Harbor at the height of tourist season and kills everyone on board. Now, this fishing and boating community is in shock and asking who would commit such a heinous crime – the largest act of mass murder in the history of the San Juan Islands. Was the explosion an act of domestic terrorism, or was one of the dead the primary target? That is the first question Special Agent Matt Costa, Detective Kara Quinn and the rest of the FBI team need to answer, but they have few clues and no witnesses. Accused of putting profits before people after leaking fuel endangered an environmentally sensitive preserve, the West End Charter company may itself have been the target. As Matt and his team get closer to answers, they find one of their own caught in the crosshairs of a determined killer.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$26.95

Mrs Jeffries and the Midwinter Murders

Victorian mysteries

Brightwell, Emily

Harriet Andover had no intention of dying young like her silly siblings had. She intended to outlive them and outdo them as she always had. But Harriet discovers that the best intentions can lead to murder when she is strangled inside her mansion with a house full of holiday guests. As much as Inspector Witherspoon enjoys his job delivering justice, the last thing he wanted was a complicated murder case just a week before Christmas. He soon discovers that Harriet's own husband and grown stepchildren are not overcome with grief and neither are most of her friends. And to put the icing on the Christmas cookies, the room where Harriet's body was found was locked from the inside and she had the only key in her pocket. Mrs Jeffries and the household have no intention of letting their inspector down and learn that Harriet's sister may have died from foul play as well. As the clues mount, this dedicated band of merry sleuths will not rest until they've delivered a stocking full of coal to a crafty killer.

Historical mystery TP \$37.95

Shadow of Spain

Ursula Blanchard mysteries

Buckley, Fiona

March 1588. With England in a state of high alert as King Philip of Spain amasses a vast fleet of warships ready to invade, Queen Elizabeth and her advisors seek a possible alliance with the Duke of Parma, Governor of the Netherlands. But their plans suffer a major setback when one of their most reliable spies is found murdered in the Hertfordshire countryside, shot dead by a crossbow bolt as he was transporting secret correspondence between the queen and the duke. The queen's half-sister and occasional secret agent, Ursula Stannard, is happy not to be involved for once. But when Ursula's ward Mildred elopes with the handsome yet mysterious Berend Gomez, Ursula is forced to follow the pair to Brussels, where she finds herself plunged into a hotbed of intrigue and rumour at the Duke of Parma's court, a place where no one is to be trusted. Can Ursula rescue Mildred, effect an alliance with the duke, and stay alive in the process? The future of England depends on it.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

A Score of Contention

Key West Food Critic mysteries

Burdette, Lucy

Key Zest food critic Hayley Snow and her groom, police detective Nathan Bransford, chose Scotland for their long-delayed honeymoon, hoping to sightsee and enjoy some prize-winning scones. But their romantic duo swells to a crowd when they're joined by Nathan's family as well as octogenarian Miss Gloria. Nathan's sister Vera takes the women on a whirlwind tour of some of Scotland's iconic mystic places as research for a looming book project. But the trip takes a deadly tartan turn when a dinner party guest falls ill and claims she was poisoned. And then the group watches in horror as a mysterious tourist tumbles to his death from the famous Falkirk Wheel, high above the Forth & Clyde canal. Vera and her friends deny knowing the dead man, but after observing their reactions to the fall, Hayley is not convinced. With one person dead, a second possibly poisoned, and the tension among Vera's friends as thick as farmhouse cheese, Hayley fears her long-awaited honeymoon might end with another murder. Far away from home, surrounded by unfamiliar faces, eccentric characters, and a forbiddingly gorgeous setting, Hayley must call on all her savvy to keep a killer from striking again and then escaping, Scot free.

Mystery TP \$29.99

Under a Broken Sky

Galvin, Kris

One year into her prized role as the youngest ethics investigator in California's history, Emma suspects corruption in the state's billion-dollar expansion to train travel. That unwittingly puts her on a killer's trail – a killer who will do anything to reach his illicit million-dollar payday, including personally eliminating Emma Lawson as a threat. Detective Alibi Morning Sun sees connections where no one else does. For him, a drowning at a lake, a fire in a storage facility and a murder by the river carry a thread soaked in blood. As Emma follows the money and Alibi traces bullets and bodies, the killer counts down to his grand finale. With each

mounting danger, it quickly becomes apparent that the corruption Emma has been digging for is real – and it's deadly.

Mystery/suspense HC \$52.99

The Paper Caper

Bibliophile mysteries

Carlisle, Kate

Brooklyn is excited to be included in the Covington Library's first annual Mark Twain Festival. She'll rebind a rare first edition of *The Prince and the Pauper* before an enthusiastic audience of book nerds – her favourite people. The festival is the passion project of wealthy media mogul, book lover, and newspaper owner Joseph Cabot, who considers himself Twain's biggest fan. Brooklyn's hunky husband, Derek, and his security team once rescued Joseph from a corporate kidnapping attempt. Now Derek and his agents are charged with keeping Joseph and his beautiful young wife safe during the festivities taking place all over town. The centrepiece of the festival is a citywide contest based on *The Prince and the Pauper* one lucky look-alike will trade places with Joseph for a few days – with access to all the money and power that Joseph commands. Brooklyn and Derek worry that the contest might be generating some dangerous attention. And when someone is mysteriously poisoned right before Brooklyn's eyes, she's not convinced that the victim was the intended target. Now she and Derek must frantically chase clues and suspects through the streets of San Francisco before another murder becomes front-page news...

Mystery HC \$49.99

Attack and Decay

Vinyl Detective mysteries

Cartmel, Andrew

It starts with a perfectly normal evening in, except for the corpse-faced gentleman dressed all in black, with a crow on his shoulder, staring into the house, of course. And the visit from Owyn Wynter, head of Whyte Ravyn Records, who needs the Detective's unique skills. So begins an all-expenses-paid trip to Trollesko, Sweden for the Detective, Nevada, Tinkler, and Agatha to track down a copy of the debut album from demonic metal legends, Storm Dream Troopers. Condemned by the church and banned on release, Attack and Decay is a legendary record. But their trip to the homelands of Nordic noir is quickly thrust into a world of intrigue as the Detective closes in on the deal, the band unexpectedly converge on the peaceful town. And worse, their trip somehow coincides with a visit from Stinky Stanmer... Soon the bodies start piling up, and the Vinyl Detective is the only one who can solve the case.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding

Poirot, special edition

Christie, Agatha

In Agatha Christie's short story, 'The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding', Poirot is asked to attend a Christmas celebration in order to apprehend a jewel thief, who has taken advantage of an unwary Eastern prince. Full of English holiday tradition and plenty of intrigue, this holiday tale first appeared in the 12 December 1923 issue of *The Sketch* magazine.

Christie HC \$35.00

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Marple: Twelve New Stories

anthology

Christie, Agatha (creator)

A brand-new collection of short stories featuring the Queen of Crime's legendary detective Jane Marple, penned by twelve remarkable bestselling and acclaimed authors. Miss Marple was first introduced to readers in a story Christie wrote for *The Royal Magazine* in 1927 and made her first appearance in a full-length novel in 1930's *The Murder at the Vicarage*. It has been 45 years since Agatha Christie's last Marple novel, *Sleeping Murder*, was published posthumously in 1976, and this collection of ingenious new stories, by twelve Christie devotees, will be a timely reminder why Jane Marple remains the most famous fictional female detective of all time. Each author reimagines Agatha Christie's Marple, through their own unique perspective, while staying true to the hallmarks of a traditional mystery. Contains stories by: Naomi Alderman, Leigh Bardugo, Alyssa Cole, Lucy Foley, Elly Griffiths, Natalie Haynes, Jean Kwok, Val McDermid, Karen M McManus, Dreda Say Mitchell, Kate Mosse, and Ruth Ware.

Christie TP \$32.99

The Black Echo

Bosch series, 30th anniversary edition

Gonnelly, Michael

Celebrating 30 years of Michael Connelly, a special edition of the book that introduced the now legendary Harry Bosch to the world. LAPD detective Harry Bosch is a loner and a nighthawk. One Sunday he gets a call out on his pager. A body has been found in a drainage tunnel off Mulholland Drive, Hollywood. At first sight, it looks like a routine drugs overdose case, but the one new puncture wound amidst the scars of old tracks leaves Bosch unconvinced. To make matters worse, Harry Bosch recognises the victim. Billy Meadows was a fellow 'tunnel rat' in Vietnam, running against the VC and the fear they all used to call the Black Echo. Bosch believes he let down Billy Meadows once before, so now he is determined to bring the killer to justice.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

A Poisonous Page

Sweet Fiction Bookshop mysteries

Grove, Kitt

It's summer festival time in Confection, Oregon, and that means a barrage of tourists making cash registers ring at Sweet Fiction Bookshop. But what should be bookseller Lexi's most lucrative time of year turns disturbing when a member of the chamber of commerce suddenly dies of a heart attack. Not entirely unexpected – considering her family history – but it's a different story when another chamber member dies just one week later... also, presumably, of natural causes. Something about this doesn't read right to Lexi. And it gets more unfathomable when her friend Dash – who dated both women – stands accused of murder! With Cookie, her lovable border collie mix, at her side and countless volumes of inspiration on her shelves, Lexi opens the book on another perplexing case. Who could have murdered two prominent townspeople without leaving even a hint of evidence on the scene? And why is an irksome-but-intriguing detective always seeming to catch her and Cookie

working the case? Lexi's Confection Rose-coloured glasses come off when she learns of thorny discussions among the council members, involving a string of secretive real estate transactions. Enlisting her faithful fellow members of the Macaroon Book Club, Lexi sets out to bind the clues together and clear Dash's name. But if she can't devise a clever trap for the real killer, she may soon end up with a very unhappily ever after of her own.

Mystery HC \$44.99

My Darling Daughter

Delaney, J P

The child you never knew knows all your secrets... Out of the blue, Susie Jukes is contacted on social media by Anna, the girl she gave up for adoption, 15 years ago. But when they meet, Anna's home life sounds distinctly strange to Susie and her husband Gabe. And when Anna's adoptive parents seem to overreact, to the fact she contacted them at all, Susie becomes convinced that Anna needs her help. But is Anna's own behaviour simply what you'd expect, from someone recovering from a traumatic childhood? Or are there other secrets at play here – secrets Susie has also been hiding for the last 15 years?

Thriller TP \$32.99

Murder Spills the Tea

Tea by the Sea mysteries

Delany, Vicki

The country's hottest TV cooking show is coming to Cape Cod. And against her better judgment, Lily Roberts is entering *America Bakes!* with her charming tearoom, Tea by the Sea. Filming is already proving disruptive, closing the tearoom during Lily's busiest season. But tensions really bubble over when infamous bad-boy chef and celebrity judge, Tommy Greene, loses his temper with Lily's staff, resulting in an on-camera blow up with Cheryl Wainwright. Just as Lily thinks the competition can't get more bitter, Tommy is found dead in Tea by the Sea's kitchen... murdered with Lily's rolling pin. Suspicion immediately falls on Cheryl, but the temperamental star has racked up plenty of culinary clashes in the past, both on- and off-screen. And nearly anyone associated with Tommy, or the show, could be the killer: be it one of Lily's fierce competitors, a member of the beleaguered film crew, or even one of Tommy's fellow judges – struggling cookbook maven, Claudia D'Angelo or beauty contest winner, Scarlet McIntosh. Now, while she's baking up a storm for the show, Lily must also whip up an impromptu investigation... before the murderer rolls someone else away.

Mystery HC \$49.99

The Enigma of Room 622

Dicker, Joel

It all starts with an innocuous curiosity: at the Hotel Verbier, a luxury hotel in the Swiss Alps, there is no Room 622. This anomaly piques the interest of the writer Joel Dicker, Switzerland's most famous literary star, who is staying at the hotel to recover from a bad breakup, mourn the death of his long-time publisher, and begin his next novel. Before he knows it, Joel is coaxed out of his torpor by a fellow guest – Scarlett, a captivating aspiring novelist with a nose for intrigue, who swiftly

uncovers the reason behind Room 622's deliberate erasure: an unsolved murder. Meanwhile, in the wake of his father's passing, Macaire Ebezner is set to take over as president of the largest private bank in Switzerland. The succession captivates the news media, and the future looks bright, until Macaire learns that the bank's board plan to appoint one Lev Levovitch – Geneva's very own Jay Gatsby – in his place. What seemed a race to the top has just become a race against time...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Hope for Tomorrow

Hope Stapleford Adventures

Dunford, Caroline

Hope rises to a challenge as pilots take to the skies... It is 1940 and, as the Battle of Britain takes to the air, Hope Stapleford is recruited to join the Special Operations Executive. In the nick of time, spymaster Fitzroy intercepts; she is his intelligence operative after all, and he wants to send her to a Scottish airfield where Harvey is already stationed undercover as a mechanic. At the airbase, Hope and Harvey find a community in turmoil. Pilots talk of strange sightings in the air and local mechanics report mysterious scratches appearing on the wings and fuselage of the aircraft. Is this a case of homegrown sabotage or something more sinister? And why has Cole, an old colleague of Fitzroy's, suddenly appeared? Glowing orbs, grieving mothers and the legacy of dead German pilots are only some of the challenges Hope must face to complete her latest mission...

Suspense PBK \$22.99

The Life of Crime

Detecting the History of Mysteries and their Creators

Edwards, Martin

In the first major history of crime fiction in 50 years, *The Life of Crime: Detecting the History of Mysteries and their Creators* traces the evolution of the genre from the 18th century to the present, offering brand-new perspective on the world's most popular form of fiction. Author Martin Edwards is a multi-award-winning crime novelist, the President of the Detection Club, archivist of the Crime Writers' Association and series consultant to the British Library's highly successful series of crime classics, and therefore uniquely qualified to write this book. He has been a widely-respected genre commentator for more than 30 years, winning the CWA Diamond Dagger for making a significant contribution to crime writing in 2020, when he also compiled and published *Howdunit: A Masterclass in Crime Writing by Members of the Detection Club* and the novel *Mortmain Hall*. His critically-acclaimed *The Golden Age of Murder* (Collins Crime Club, 2015) was a landmark study of Detective Fiction between the wars. *The Life of Crime* is the result of a lifetime of reading and enjoying all types of crime fiction, old and new, from around the world. In what will surely be regarded as his *magnum opus*, Martin Edwards has thrown himself undaunted into the breadth and complexity of the genre to write an authoritative – and readable – study of its development and evolution. With crime fiction being read more widely than ever around the world, and with individual authors increasingly

the subject of extensive academic study, his expert distillation of more than two centuries of extraordinary books and authors – from the tales of E T A Hoffmann to the novels of Patricia Cornwell – into one coherent history is an extraordinary feat and makes for compelling reading.

Crime and mystery reference HC \$69.99

Murder by the Book

British Library Crime Classics

Edwards, Martin (editor)

There is no better hiding place for clues – or red herrings – than inside the pages of a book. But in this world of resentful ghost writers, indiscreet playwrights, and unscrupulous book collectors, literary prowess is often a prologue to disaster. Readers should be warned that the most riveting tales often conceal the deadliest of secrets. Featuring much-loved Golden Age detectives Nigel Strangeways, Philip Trent, Detective Chief Inspector Roderick Alleyn, and others, a bookish puzzle threatens an eagerly awaited inheritance; a submission to a publisher recounts a murder that seems increasingly to be a work of nonfiction; an irate novelist puts a grisly end to the source of his writer's block.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

Murder at the National Gallery

Museum mysteries

Eldridge, Jim

London, 1899. The Museum Detectives Daniel Wilson and Abigail Fenton have been contacted by the curator of the National Gallery. He is getting in touch at the request of the artist, Walter Sickert, famously suspected of being Jack the Ripper, for many years. The dead body of a young woman, who had been an artist's model, has been found at the back of the Gallery. She had been eviscerated and Sickert has been arrested on suspicion of her murder. Although he is soon released, when a second similar murder occurs, Sickert is once again implicated. The murders are copycats of the original Ripper murders, but the details of those crimes were publicised so heavily in the newspapers at the time that most people would know them. Sickert insists he is innocent, but who would want to frame the famous artist? Wilson and Fenton have their work cut out...

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

Murder Through the English Post

Beryl & Edwina mysteries

Ellicott, Jessica

What began for two dear, if very different, friends – an American adventuress and a prim and proper Brit – as a creative response to the lean times following the Great War has evolved into a respectable private enquiry business. So much so that Constable Gibbs calls upon Beryl and Edwina to solve a curious campaign of character assassination. A series of anonymous accusations sent via post have set friend against friend and neighbour against neighbour. In her new position as magistrate, Edwina has already had to settle one dispute that led to fisticuffs. Even Beryl has received a poison pen letter, and while she finds its message preposterous and laughable, others are taking the missives

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to heart. Their headstrong housekeeper Beddoes is ready to resign, and one villager has attempted to take her own life. The disruption of the peace goes far beyond malicious mischief when another villager is murdered. Now it's up to the intrepid sleuths to read between the lines and narrow down the suspects to identify the lethal letter writer and ensure that justice is delivered...

Mystery HC \$49.99

Shutter

Emerson, Ramona

Rita Todacheene is a forensic photographer working for the Albuquerque police force. Her excellent photography skills have cracked many cases – she is almost supernaturally good at capturing details. In fact, Rita has been hiding a secret: she sees the ghosts of crime victims who point her toward the clues that other investigators overlook. As a lone portal back to the living for traumatised spirits, Rita is terrorised by nagging ghosts who won't let her sleep and who sabotage her personal life. Her taboo and psychologically harrowing ability was what drove her away from the Navajo reservation, where she was raised by her grandmother. It has isolated her from friends and gotten her in trouble with the law. And now it might be what gets her killed. When Rita is sent to photograph the scene of a supposed suicide on a highway overpass, the furious, discombobulated ghost of the victim – who insists she was murdered – latches onto Rita, forcing her on a quest for revenge against her killers, and Rita finds herself in the crosshairs of one of Albuquerque's most dangerous cartels.

Mystery/suspense HC \$49.99

Pigsville

Fishman, Mark

Lake City has a lot of heavy weather, and it's not just in the air. Eduardo 'Vince' Negron has a regular table at a bar-restaurant in Pigsville called El Perro Negro, from where he runs El Manojito, a motley assortment of hoodlums. Negron is minor league, but across town former gangster gone legit Lloyd Frennd is thinking big: perhaps he will run for office one day; he will certainly make a heap more dough. Men will be caught in the crossfire between Negron and Frennd as they battle for territory, not least Walt Hargrove, an appliance store salesman drawn to El Manojito by curiosity and the desire to make an extra buck or two. Told with a tongue in various cheeks, *Pigsville* is a gripping tale full of sex, drugs, and violence, and not a little black humour.

Noir TP \$48.95

Peanut Butter Panic

Amish Candy Shop mysteries

Flower, Amanda

Thanksgiving is Bailey King's busiest holiday weekend. This year promises to be even more hectic, since Bailey's candy shop, Swissmen Sweets, is providing desserts for Harvest, Ohio's first village-wide Thanksgiving celebration. Yet, even with a guest list close to 700 people – Amish and English, alike – the event's organiser, Margot Rawlings, is unfazed... until she discovers her mother, former judge Zara Bevan, will be in attendance. Zara's reputation as a harsh critic is matched only by her infamy as a judge who has actively harmed the Amish community.

So no one is prepared when Zara arrives with much younger boyfriend Blaze Smith and reveals their impending nuptials at dinner. That should have been the day's biggest news, except shortly after the announcement, Blaze suffers an allergic reaction to something he's eaten and dies on the spot. Now, Bailey's desserts are prime suspects, along with Margot and nearly everyone who attended the meal. With such a cornucopia of possibilities, Bailey must dig in and get to the bottom of this murder, before the killer goes up for seconds...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

All Good People Here

Flowers, Ashley

Everyone from Wakarusa, Indiana, remembers the infamous case of January Jacobs, who was discovered in a ditch hours after her family awoke to find her gone. Margot Davies was six at the time, the same age as January – and they were next-door neighbours. In the 20 years since, Margot has grown up, moved away, and become a big-city journalist. But she's always been haunted by the feeling that it could've been her. And the worst part is, January's killer has never been brought to justice. When Margot returns home to help care for her uncle after he is diagnosed with early-onset dementia, she feels like she's walked into a time capsule. Wakarusa is exactly how she remembers – genial, stifled, secretive. Then news breaks about five-year-old Natalie Clark from the next town over, who's gone missing under circumstances eerily similar to January's. With all the old feelings rushing back, Margot vows to find Natalie and to solve January's murder, once and for all. But the police, Natalie's family, the townspeople – they all seem to be hiding something. And the deeper Margot digs into Natalie's disappearance, the more resistance she encounters, and the colder January's case feels. Could January's killer still be out there? Is it the same person who took Natalie? And what will it cost to finally discover what truly happened that night, 20 years ago?

Thriller TP \$32.99

Oath of Loyalty

Mitch Rapp series

Flynn, Vince & Mills, Kyle

With President Anthony Cook convinced that Mitch Rapp poses a mortal threat to him, CIA Director Irene Kennedy is forced to construct a truce between the two men. The terms are simple: Rapp agrees to leave the country and stay in plain sight for as long as Cook controls the White House. In exchange, the administration agrees not to make any moves against him. This fragile détente holds until Cook's power-hungry security adviser convinces him that Rapp has no intention of honouring their agreement. In an effort to put him on the defensive, they leak the true identity of his partner, Claudia Gould. As Rapp races to neutralise the enemies organising against her, he discovers that a new generation of assassins is on her trail. A killer known to intelligence agencies only as Legion. The shadowy group has created a business model based on double-blind secrecy. Neither the killer nor the client knows the other's identity. Because of this, Legion can't be called off nor can they afford to fail. No matter how long it takes – weeks, months, years – they won't stand down until

their target is dead. Faced with the seemingly impossible task of finding and stopping Legion, Rapp and his people must close ranks against a world that has turned on them.

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Ink Black Heart

Cormoran Strike series

Galbraith, Robert

When frantic, dishevelled Edie Ledwell appears in the office begging to speak to her, private detective Robin Ellacott doesn't know quite what to make of the situation. The cocreator of a popular cartoon, *The Ink Black Heart*, Edie is being persecuted by a mysterious online figure who goes by the pseudonym of Anomie. Edie is desperate to uncover Anomie's true identity. Robin decides that the agency can't help with this – and thinks nothing more of it until a few days later, when she reads the shocking news that Edie has been tasered and then murdered in Highgate Cemetery, the location of *The Ink Black Heart*. Robin and her business partner, Cormoran Strike, become drawn into the quest to uncover Anomie's true identity. But with a complex web of online aliases, business interests and family conflicts to navigate, Strike and Robin find themselves embroiled in a case that stretches their powers of deduction to the limits – and which threatens them in new and horrifying ways...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Time to Kill

DCI Warren Jones series

Gitsham, Paul

Seven days until the killer strikes again – but who is next? DCI Warren Jones is deep into the investigation into an apparent murder-suicide when another case is thrust onto his desk. Winnie Palmer, missing for two months, has been found dead, her body stripped and propped against a tree in the woods. Two cases are more than enough to handle – but things get even harder for the team when they realise the cases might be linked. And when a third suspicious death is added to the pile, it raises a horrible question. Is there a serial killer on the loose? With all the murders taking place on Sundays, it's a race against time to find the killer before they strike again. As the days tick by, Warren desperately searches for a link between the victims – but the only thing he knows for sure is that absolutely anyone could be next...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

We Lie Here

Hall, Rachel Howzell

TV writer Yara Gibson's hometown of Palmdale, California, isn't her first choice for a vacation. But she's back to host her parents' 20th-anniversary party and find the perfect family mementos for the celebration. Everything is going to plan until Yara receives a disturbing text: *I have information that will change your life*. The message is from Felicia Campbell, who claims to be a childhood friend of Yara's mother. But they've been estranged for years – drama best ignored and forgotten. But Yara can't forget Felicia, who keeps texting, insisting that Yara talk to her 'before it's too late'. But the next day is already too late for Felicia, whose body is found floating in Lake Palmdale. Before she died, Felicia left Yara a key to a remote lakeside cabin. In the basement are

files related to a mysterious tragedy, unsolved since 1998. What secrets was Felicia hiding? How much of what Yara knows about her family has been true? The deeper Yara digs for answers, the more she fears that Felicia was right. Uncovering the truth about what happened at the cabin all those years ago will change Yara's life – or end it.

Thriller TP \$24.99

Treasure and Dirt

Hammer, Chris

In the desolate outback town of Finnigans Gap, police struggle to maintain law and order. Thieves pillage opal mines, religious fanatics recruit vulnerable young people and billionaires do as they please. Then an opal miner is found crucified and left to rot down his mine. Nothing about the miner's death is straightforward, not even who found the body. Sydney homicide detective Ivan Lucic is sent to investigate, assisted by inexperienced young investigator Nell Buchanan. But Finnigans Gap has already ended one police career and damaged others, and soon both officers face damning allegations and internal investigations. Have Ivan and Nell been set up and, if so, by whom? As time runs out, their only chance at redemption is to find the killer. But the more secrets they uncover, the more harrowing the mystery becomes, as events from years ago take on a startling new significance. For in Finnigans Gap, opals, bodies and secrets don't stay buried forever. A standalone thriller from the acclaimed and award-winning author of the international bestsellers *Scrublands* (PBK, \$16.99), *Silver* (PBK, \$16.99), and *Trust* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

The Other Black Girl

Harris, Zakiya Dalila

Twenty-six-year-old editorial assistant Nella Rogers is tired of being the only Black employee at Wagner Books. Fed up with the isolation and the microaggressions, she's thrilled when Hazel starts working in the cubicle beside hers. They've only just started comparing natural hair care regimens, though, when a string of uncomfortable events cause Nella to become Public Enemy Number One and Hazel, the Office Darling. Then the notes begin to appear on Nella's desk: *Leave Wagner. Now*. It's hard to believe Hazel is behind these hostile messages. But as Nella starts to spiral and obsess over the sinister forces at play, she soon realises that there is a lot more at stake than her career. 'You will turn page after page after page, in your eagerness to unravel this unique tale' – *Oyinkan Braithwaite*.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Frank Lee, After Alcatraz

graphic novel

Hasteda, David

In June 1962, Frank Lee Morris did the unthinkable and broke free from Alcatraz prison! Celebrating the 60th anniversary of his incredible escape, this thrilling graphic novel imagines what Frank Lee did next... Bank Robber. Escape Artist. *Genius*. But on 11 June 1962, Frank Lee Morris performed the most daring feat of them all: escaping from Alcatraz. He was never found, presumed to have drowned in San Francisco Bay. The FBI's case remains open, to this day. But what if he survived that fateful night?

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A free man. A second chance. What did he do then? Follow Frank, in this stunning graphic novel on his journey from villainous convict to finding sanctuary and starting a new life, full of heartache, sorrow and a profound bittersweet acceptance. Immortalised by Clint Eastwood in the 1979 film, *Escape From Alcatraz*, writer David Hasteda and artist Ludovic Chesnot imagine just what Frank's life might have been like, after performing one of the most dangerous escapes of all time.

True crime HC \$45.00

The Younger Wife

Hepworth, Sally

Tully and Rachel are murderous when they discover their father has a new girlfriend. The fact that Heather is half his age isn't even the most shocking part. Stephen is still married to their mother, who is stricken with Alzheimer's Disease. Heather knows she has an uphill battle to win Tully and Rachel over – particularly while carrying the shameful secrets of her past. But, as it turns out, they are all hiding something. A garage full of stolen goods. An old hot-water bottle, stuffed with cash. A blood-soaked wedding. And that's only the beginning...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$21.99

The Cast Aways of Harewood Hall

Herbert, Karen

Josh is a sweet, well-meaning university student with a big heart. After he impulsively steals two research mice from a campus laboratory, he hides them in the basement of the retirement village where he works. The mice are happy and so is Josh, until he discovers that the lab mice could cause a deadly disease. Enter a cat called Harley, a dog called Bobby, the arrival of some mysterious packing boxes, and a strange spike in the village's water bill. As the clock ticks, and disaster looms, can the efforts of the Harewood Hall residents save the day?

Mystery TP \$32.99

What Lies Beneath

Laura Chambers series

Hetherington, J G

Hillsborough, North Carolina is a town with a dark history that is bubbling to the surface. Twenty years ago, Laura's friend's family was slaughtered in their beds, and the sole survivor, Laura's eight-year-old friend, was whisked away to distant relatives. That was the last time Laura ever saw her best friend. Twenty years later, a woman runs onto the interstate, directly into the path of a truck, and the gruesome accident leaves behind a mangled corpse. Her very last phone call was to Laura, just before she was killed, but her face is disfigured beyond recognition. Identification seems impossible, and the victim was barefoot and in a state of undress. The only thing in her possession is an old photograph depicting Laura, Laura's father – and standing next to them, her lost friend from childhood. Laura's father passed away when she was eight, and she thought she understood why he vanished from her life in the year before he died, but the photograph and the corpse begin to cast doubt on everything she thought she knew. As the lines between fact and fiction blur, Laura

digs into the history of the deceased, and her own family, determined to discover what lies beneath...

Mystery/suspense HC \$52.99

Silent Parade

Detective Galileo mysteries

Higashino, Keigo

A popular young girl disappears without a trace, her skeletal remains discovered three years later in the ashes of a burned-out house. There's a suspect and compelling circumstantial evidence of his guilt, but no concrete proof. When he isn't indicted, he returns to mock the girl's family. And this isn't the first time he's been suspected of the murder of a young girl, nearly 20 years ago he was tried and released due to lack of evidence. Chief Inspector Kusanagi of the Homicide Division of the Tokyo Police worked both cases. The neighbourhood in which the murdered girl lived is famous for an annual street festival, featuring a parade with entries from around Tokyo and Japan. During the parade, the suspected killer dies unexpectedly. His death is suspiciously convenient but the people with all the best motives have rock solid alibis. Chief Inspector Kusanagi turns once again to his college friend, Physics professor and occasional police consultant Manabu Yukawa, known as Detective Galileo, to help solve the string of seemingly impossible murders. The series begins with *The Devotion of Suspect X* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery PBK \$22.99

My Sweet Girl

Jayatissa, Amanda

Ever since she was adopted from a Sri Lankan orphanage, Paloma has had the best of everything – schools, money, and parents, so perfect that she fears she'll never live up to them. Now, at 30 years old and recently cut off from her parents' funds, she decides to sublet the second bedroom of her overpriced San Francisco apartment to Arun, who recently moved from India. Paloma has to admit, it feels good helping someone find their way in America – that is, until Arun discovers Paloma's darkest secret, one that could jeopardise her own fragile place in this country. Before Paloma can pay Arun off, she finds him face down in a pool of blood. She flees the apartment but by the time the police arrive, there's no body – and no evidence that Arun ever even existed in the first place. Paloma is terrified this is all somehow tangled up in the desperate actions she took to escape Sri Lanka so many years ago. Did Paloma's secret die with Arun or is she now in greater danger than ever before?

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Hell and Back

Longmire mysteries

Johnson, Craig

What if you woke up lying in the middle of the street in the infamous town of Fort Pratt, Montana, where thirty young Native boys perished in a tragic 1896 boarding-school fire? What if every person you encountered in that endless night was dead? What if you were covered in blood and missing a bullet from the gun holstered on your hip? What if there was something out there in the yellowed

skies, along with the deceased and the smell of ash and dust, something the Northern Cheyenne refer to as the Éveohtsé-heómese, the Wandering Without, the Taker of Souls? What if the only way you know who you are is because your name is printed in the leather sweatband of your cowboy hat, and what if it says your name is Walt Longmire... but you don't remember him?

Mystery HC \$57.95

Hooked on a Feline

Magical Cats mysteries

Kelly, Sofie

It's summer in Mayville Heights, and Kathleen Paulson and her detective boyfriend, Marcus, are eager to attend the closing concert of the local music festival. The concert is a success, but then one of the band members is discovered dead shortly after it. At first, it's assumed the death is a robbery gone wrong, but Kathleen suspects foul play – and she's certain that she, along with her trusty side-cats, Owen and Hercules, can help solve the murder. Before his death, Kathleen had noticed the victim in the library researching his genealogy, and when she and Marcus take a closer look at the man's family tree, they begin to think a previous death of one of his relatives now seems suspicious. The more Kathleen thinks about it, the more this murder feels like it could be an encore performance. Kathleen and her cats will need to act fast and be very careful if they want to stay off a killer's hit list.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Palms, Paradise, Poison

Teddy Creque mysteries

Keyse-Walker, John

Constable Teddy Creque, the sole police officer on the tiny, sun-soaked island of Anegada, is used to weathering storms. So, when Hurricane Leatha hits the Caribbean with brutal force, his main concern is keeping the island's 200 residents safe. Teddy expects the power to go out. He expects the phone lines to go down. But he doesn't expect the radioed message from the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force headquarters, informing him of a dangerous escaped prisoner. Queen Ya-Ya is a practitioner of ancient Afro-Cuban rites – and rumour has it she can kill with magic. Teddy doesn't believe in magic, and when he easily recaptures the dignified, imposing Queen Ya-Ya, he doesn't believe his prisoner is dangerous either. But when she mysteriously kills a man from inside her locked cell, before vanishing once more into the night, Teddy is forced to reconsider...

Mystery TP \$39.95

The Lost Man of Bombay

Persis Wadia mysteries

Khan, Vaseem

Bombay, 1950. When the body of a white man is found frozen in the Himalayan foothills near Dehra Dun, he is christened the Ice Man by the national media. Who is he? How long has he been there? Why was he killed? As Inspector Persis Wadia and Metropolitan Police criminalist Archie Blackfinch investigate the case in Bombay, they uncover a trail left behind by the enigmatic Ice Man – a trail leading directly into the dark heart of conspiracy. Meanwhile, two new murders

grip the city. Is there a serial killer on the loose, targeting Europeans? A mystery from beyond the grave, unfolding against the backdrop of a turbulent post-colonial India, a nation struggling to redefine itself, in the shadow of the Raj.

Mystery TP \$32.99

Felonious Monk

Tommy Martini series

Kotzwinkle, William

Meet Tommy Martini, the monk with an anger management problem. Since killing somebody with a single punch is not a needed talent in a monastery, he spends his time praying, meditating, and taking his anger management medicine. But his meditations are interrupted by a legacy from his uncle, a crooked priest. Arriving in a New Age Arizona town to claim his inheritance, Brother Tommy meets a charismatic, smoking-hot cult leader who claims that women are being impregnated by alien beings while they sleep. Tommy's own sleep is disturbed – by cartel hitmen, Mafia bill collectors, and women intrigued by his vow of chastity. He loses his anger management medicine in time to deal with the hitmen, but the women present an uphill battle.

Mystery TP \$41.95

Lightning Strike

Cork O'Connor mysteries

Krueger, William Kent

Aurora is a small town nestled in the ancient forest alongside the shores of Minnesota's Iron Lake. In the summer of 1963, it is the whole world to 12-year-old Cork O'Connor, its rhythms as familiar as his own heartbeat. But when Cork stumbles upon the body of a man he revered hanging from a tree in an abandoned logging camp, it is the first in a series of events that will cause him to question everything he took for granted about his hometown, his family, and himself. Cork's father, Liam O'Connor, is Aurora's sheriff and it is his job to confirm that the man's death was the result of suicide, as all the evidence suggests. In the shadow of his father's official investigation, Cork begins to look for answers on his own. Together, father and son face the ultimate test of choosing between what their heads tell them is true and what their hearts know is right.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

Dead Man's Grave

DS Max Craigie 01

Lancaster, Neil

The head of Scotland's most powerful crime family is brutally murdered, his body dumped inside an ancient grave in a remote cemetery. Detectives Max Craigie and Janie Calder arrive at the scene, a small town where everyone has secrets to hide. They soon realise this murder is part of a blood feud between two Scottish families that stretches back to the 1800s. One thing's for certain: it might be the latest killing, but it won't be the last... As the body count rises, the investigation uncovers large-scale corruption at the heart of the Scottish Police Service. Now, Max and Janie must turn against their closest colleagues – to solve a case that could cost them far more than just their lives...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Pulp Fiction

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Coached Red-Handed

Cat & Gilley Life Coach mysteries

Laurie, Victoria

With Gilley heartbroken over the collapse of his marriage, Cat has the perfect remedy – a three-week-long getaway to Italy. But before the duo can pack their bags and sip prosecco on the sunny riviera, they first must help a troubled client carve out a fresh start of her own. Wealthy Scarlet Rubi desperately seeks a greater purpose and immediate distance from her toxic descendants. The urgency of the situation isn't quite so clear until Scarlet takes healthy steps towards progress, only to turn up dead... The matriarch of a wealthy family has been murdered in her home after finding a new lease on life. Cat's suspicions deepen when she discovers Scarlet was set on cutting off her children and grandchildren, each one more money hungry and dependent on financial support, than the last. As Cat and Gilley investigate a slew of sketchy alibis and concrete motives from the corrupt Rubi clan while preparing to leave the East End for Europe, they soon realise the question isn't who had a deadly vendetta against Scarlet – *it's who didn't?*

Mystery HC \$49.99

The Goose Fritz

Lebedev, Sergei

The Goose Fritz tells the story of a young Russian named Kirill, the sole survivor of a once numerous clan of German origin, who delves relentlessly into the unresolved past. His ancestor, Balthasar Schwerdt, migrated to the Russian Empire in the early 1800s, bringing with him the practice of alternative medicine and becoming captive to an erratic nobleman who had supplied dwarves, hunchbacks from Africa, and magicians to entertain Catherine the Great. Kirill's investigation takes us through centuries of turmoil during which none of the German's nine children or their descendants can escape their adoptive country's cruel fate. Intent on uncovering buried mysteries, Kirill searches archives and cemeteries across Europe, while pressing witnesses for keys to understanding.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

The Radio Operator

Lenze, Ulla

At the end of the 1930s, Europe is engulfed in war. Though, America is far from the fighting, the streets of New York have become a battlefield. Anti-Semitic and racist groups spread hate, while German nationalists celebrate Hitler's strength and power. Josef Klein, a German immigrant, remains immune to the troubles roiling his adopted city. The multicultural neighbourhood of Harlem is his world, a lively place full of sidewalk tables where families enjoy their dinner and friends indulge in games of chess. Josef's great passion is the radio. His skill and technical abilities attract the attention of influential men who offer him a job as a shortwave operator. But when Josef begins to understand what they're doing, it's too late; he's already a little cog in the big wheel – part of a Nazi espionage network working in Manhattan. Discovered by American authorities, Josef is detained at Ellis Island, and eventually deported to Germany. Back in his homeland, fate leads him to his brother

Carl's family, soap merchants in Neuss – where he witnesses the seductive power of the Nazis and the war's terrible consequences – and finally to South America, where Josef hopes to start over again as José. Eventually, Josef realises that no matter how far he runs or how hard he tries, there is one indelible truth he cannot escape: How long can you hide from your own past, before it catches up with you?

Suspense TP \$27.99

All That's Left Unsaid

Lien, Tracey

There were a dozen witnesses to Denny Tran's brutal murder in a busy Sydney restaurant. So, how come no one saw anything? *'Just let him go.'* Those are words Ky Tran will forever regret. The words she spoke when her parents called to ask if they should let her younger brother Denny out to celebrate his high school graduation. That night in 1996, Denny – optimistic, guileless, brilliant Denny – is brutally murdered, inside a busy restaurant in Cabramatta, a Sydney suburb facing violent crime, an indifferent police force, and the worst heroin epidemic in Australian history. Returning home for the funeral, Ky learns that the police are stumped by her brother's case: several people were at Lucky 8 restaurant when Denny died, but each of the bystanders claim to have seen nothing. As an antidote to grief and guilt, Ky is determined to track down the witnesses herself. With each encounter, she peels away another layer of the place that shaped her and Denny, exposing the trauma and seeds of violence that were planted well before that fateful celebration dinner: by colonialism, by the war in Vietnam, and by the choices they've all made to survive. 'A complex, harrowing look into the impacts on trauma on a community, written with the urgent pace of a thriller and peppered with moments of levity' – *Vogue Australia*.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Inside the Mind

of Sherlock Holmes

graphic novel

Lieron, Cyril

An award-winning original graphic novel, featuring the world's greatest detective: Sherlock Holmes! See into Sherlock's mind, as never before, as Cyril Lieron depicts an intricate visual representation of his mind palace! Sherlock Holmes fans can sink their teeth into this brand-new original tale, which uniquely portrays the inner workings of the greatest detective's mind as he works to solve the case! A visually stunning treat, every thought and clue that flows through Sherlock's mind is thoroughly explored and displayed in the art for readers to latch onto. Put on your deerstalker and pull out your magnifying glass, there's a mystery to be solved! Set in the Victorian era, the discovery of a mysterious powder on some clothing and a very special show ticket leads Sherlock Holmes to believe a patient isn't the only victim of a grand conspiracy. Indeed, it seems the strange disappearance of Londoners can be explained by the performances of a Chinese magician. When other tickets are found, the detective's suspicions are confirmed...

Sherlockiana HC \$39.99

Death Doesn't Forget

Taipei Night Market series

Lin, Ed

Taipei is rocked by the back-to-back murders of a recent lottery winner and a police captain just as the city is preparing to host the big Austronesian Cultural Festival, which has brought in indigenous performers from all around the Pacific Rim to the island nation of Taiwan. Jing-nan, the proprietor of Unknown Pleasures, a popular food stand at Taipei's largest night market, is thrown into the intrigue. Is he being set up to take the rap, or will he be the next victim? The fallout could jeopardise Jing-nan's relationship with his girlfriend, Nancy, who is herself soon caught up in the drama, and is increasingly annoyed at Jing-nan's failure to propose to her. Jing-nan also has to be careful not to alienate his trusty workers Dwayne and Frankie the Cat, who are facing their own personal trials. Dwayne struggles to reconnect with his roots as a person of aboriginal descent, while septuagenarian Frankie helps a fellow veteran with dementia, intertwining stories that illuminate decades of Taiwanese history. Jing-nan, meanwhile, has to untangle the mystery of the killings while keeping his food stall afloat against hip new competition. Both his life, and his Instagram follower count, hang in the balance.

Mystery HC \$52.99

Robert B Parker's Fallout

Jesse Stone series

Lupica, Mike

The small town of Paradise is devastated when a star high-school baseball player is found dead at the bottom of a bluff just a day after winning the team's biggest game. For Jesse, the loss is doubly difficult – the teen was the nephew of his colleague, Suitcase Simpson, and Jesse had been coaching the young shortstop. As he searches for answers about how the boy died and why, he is stonewalled at every turn, and it seems that someone is determined to keep him from digging further. Jesse suddenly must divide his attention between two cases after the shocking murder of former Paradise police chief, Charlie Farrell. Before his death, Farrell had been looking into a series of scam calls that preyed upon the elderly. But how do these 'ghost calls' connect to his murder? When threats – and gunshots – appear on Jesse's own doorstep, the race to find answers is on. Both old and new enemies come into play, and in the end, Jesse and his team must discover the common factor between the two deaths in order to prevent a third.

Hardboiled HC \$62.95

Robert B Parker's

Stone's Throw

Jesse Stone series

Lupica, Mike

The town of Paradise receives a tragic shock when the mayor is discovered dead, his body lying in a shallow grave on a property on the lake. It's ostensibly suicide, but Jesse's has his doubts... especially because the piece of land where the man was found is the subject of a contentious and dodgy land deal. Two powerful moguls are fighting over the right to buy and develop the prime piece of real estate, and one of them has brought in a hired gun, an old adversary of Jesse's: Wilson Cromartie, *aka* Crow. Meanwhile, the town

council is debating if they want to sacrifice Paradise's stately character for the economic boost of a glitzy new development. Tempers are running hot, and as the deaths begin to mount, it's increasingly clear that the mayor may have standing in the wrong person's way.

Hardboiled PBK \$22.99

London in Black

Lutz, Jack

London, 2027. Terrorists deploy a highly sophisticated nerve agent called London Black at Waterloo station – for an unfortunate section of the population, what follows is agonising physical deterioration and usually death. *London, 2029.* DI Lucy Stone is called in to investigate the gruesome murder of the scientist who developed an antidote to the nerve agent. It is a daily boost, making life bearable for the 'Vulnerables' – but isn't a cure. Lucy suspects the scientist might have been working on a permanent solution to the nerve agent. If she can recover it, she might permanently end the bane of London Black for herself and the other Vulnerables. But is the antidote real, or a figment of Lucy's desperation? And can she solve the case before her daily boosts – already beginning to lose their effect – leave her defenceless against the horrors of London Black?

Mystery/suspense HC \$32.99

The Liars

McGovern, Petronella

What if your search for the truth puts your family at risk? The close-knit community of Kinton Bay is shocked, when 15-year-old Siena Britton makes a grisly discovery in the national park. She believes it's a skull from the town's violent colonial past and posts a video which hits the news headlines. Her parents, Meri and Rollo, aren't so sure. In 1998, their classmate went missing after a party in the Killing Cave. They're horrified to discover the destructive teenage parties are still happening, and Siena was there last weekend. While Meri is trying to keep her daughter out of trouble, she doesn't realise her son, Taj, has his own problems. And none of them foresees the danger that Siena's actions will create for the whole family. As more secrets are exposed, the police investigate whether multiple murders have been committed. If so, by whom? And is the killer still living in Kinton Bay?

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Killer Research

Library Lover's mysteries

McKinlay, Jenn

Spring is livening up Briar Creek after a long, cold winter, and newlyweds Lindsey and Sully could not be happier. Even though the upcoming mayoral election is getting heated, everything else in town is coming up daffodils... until a body is found. Ms Cole, a librarian and current candidate for town mayor, is shocked when she opens her trunk to discover a murder victim who just so happens to be a guy she dated, 40 years ago, and the founder of the baking empire Nana's Cookies. As the town gossip mill turns, a batch of rumours begins to circulate about Ms Cole's rebellious youth, which – along with being a murder suspect – threatens to ruin her life and her budding political career. But Ms Cole is one tough cookie who will not go down without a fight. Has the campaign

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for mayor turned deadly? It is up to Lindsey, Sully, and the rest of the crafternoon pals to see how the cookie crumbles and figure out who is trying to frame Ms Cole for murder and why.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Death in Cornwall

St Just mysteries

Mallet, G M

To celebrate their engagement, DCI Arthur St Just and Portia De'Ath visit the quiet village of Maidsfell in Cornwall. Upon arriving they find the villagers in an uproar over plans to redevelop the local seafront. The fishermen want to build a new slipway to aid their business, but many residents worry it will spoil the view for the tourists who help drive the economy. After a heated village meeting on the issue, St Just overhears an argument involving Lord Bodwally – an unpopular aristocrat staunchly opposed to the plans. Later, Bodwally's lifeless body is discovered. It's murder. Although Bodwally was disliked, who'd go so far as to kill him? St Just, although an outsider from Cambridge, feels compelled to help local authorities investigate. Is Bodwally's death linked to the seafront, his suspect business dealings, or a secret from the past? One thing is certain, the fallout threatens to change Maidsfell forever...

Mystery TP \$39.95

The Paris Mystery

Charlie James mysteries

Manning, Kirsty

1938, Paris. The last sigh of summer before the war. As Australian journalist Charlotte (Charlie) James alights at the Gare du Nord, ready to start her role as correspondent for *The Times*, Paris is in turmoil as talk of war becomes increasingly strident. Charlie is chasing her first big scoop, needing to prove to her boss that she can do this job as well, if not better than, her male counterparts. And the best way to forge the necessary contacts quickly is to make the well-connected British expats Lord and Lady Ashworth her business. Lady Eleanor knows everyone who counts and at her annual sumptuously extravagant party, a circus ball, Charlie will meet them all. On the summer solstice eve, the circus ball is in full swing with the cream of Parisian society entranced by burlesque dancers, tightrope walkers, a jazz band and fireworks lighting the night skies. But as Charlie is drawn into the magical world of parties, couture houses and bohemian wine bars, secrets start to unravel, including her own. Putting a foot wrong could spell death... In this magnificent new beginning to the joyful Charlie James series, Manning beguiles with glamour and mystery, set in pre-war Paris.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

The Binding Room

Matheson, Nadine

In this room, no one can hear you scream... The Serial Crimes Unit are called in to investigate when a local pastor is found stabbed to death. As DI Henley assesses the crime scene, she discovers a hidden door that conceals a room set up for torture – and bound to the bed in the middle of the room is the

body of a man. When another body is found, also tied down, Henley realises there's someone out there torturing innocent people and leaving them for dead. But why? There's nothing that connects the victims. They didn't know each other. Their paths never crossed. But someone has targeted them, and it's up to Henley and the SCU to stop them before they find another binding room...

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

The Final Equinox

Theo Cray & Jessica Blackwood mysteries

Mayne, Andrew

A signal is detected at the outer edge of the solar system. Computational biologist Dr Theo Cray and magician-turned-FBI-agent Jessica Blackwood are looking – and listening – a little closer. The man at the centre of this cosmic mystery is billionaire Thomas T Theismann. He's spent a lifetime – and a fortune – trying to find out if we're alone in the universe. Highly sceptical, Theo joins the effort to find the source of the signal, and he quickly enlists Jessica to look into the suspicious death of another academic at the lab. As their investigations converge, they uncover curious connections to the otherworldly contact, including a 1970s' science-fiction writer and the body of an astronaut found buried in an ancient tomb. As they delve into Theismann's history, Theo and Jessica's fascination with the signal intensifies. How dangerous will the investigation get? That depends on how deep into the unknown Theo and Jessica are prepared to venture.

Mystery/suspense TP \$35.95

Halloween Party Murder

seasonal cosy anthology

Meier, Leslie & Hollis, Lee & Ross, Barbara

Small town traditions are celebrated throughout Maine during the holiday season. But when it comes to Halloween, some people are more than willing to reap a harvest of murder...

Halloween Party Murder by Leslie Meier: Tinker's Cove newest residents Ty and Heather Moon turn their Victorian home into a haunted house to raise funds for charity. But when Heather overdoses on tainted drugs and Ty finds himself accused of murder, journalist Lucy Stone uncovers some sinister secrets in the Moons' past linked to a conspiracy in her hometown...

Death of a Halloween Party Monster by Lee Hollis: Everyone attending *Island Times* Food and Cocktail columnist Hayley Powell's Halloween bash is dressed as their favourite movie monster. But when partygoers stumble upon Boris Candy's bludgeoned costumed corpse, it falls to Hayley to discover who among her guests wanted to stop the man from clowning around permanently...

Scared Off by Barbara Ross: Three teenage girls having a sleepover on Halloween night get spooked when high schoolers crash the house for a party. But no one expected to find a crasher like Mrs Zelisko, the elderly third floor tenant, dead in the backyard – dressed in a sheet like a ghost. With her niece traumatised, Julia Snowden must unmask the killer behind such a murderous trick...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Spirits and Smoke

Mystic's Accomplice mysteries

Miley, Mary

December 1924. Young widow Maddie Pastore feels fortunate to be employed by the well-meaning but fraudulent medium Carlotta Romany. Investigating Carlotta's clients isn't work she's proud of, but she's proud of how well she does it. Maddie's talents, however, draw them unwelcome attention: sharp-eyed Officer O'Rourke from the Chicago Police. He doesn't believe in spiritualism – but in a city packed with mobsters, con artists and criminals, he'll take any help he can get. It's not long before Maddie has a case to bring him. Why did teetotal banker Herman Quillen die of alcohol poisoning? And who is the gold-toothed man claiming to be his brother, and demanding the spirits reveal where Herman hid his money? All Maddie wants is to uncover the truth – but to her horror, she's soon mixed up in a tangled web of secrets and deception that leads to the heart of Chicago's violent gangs... and she'll need all her wits about her if she, and her loved ones, are going to make it out again alive.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

Conviction

Mishani, D A

Both investigations began on the same day. One seemed domestic, almost banal: a newborn is found in a bag outside a hospital and the woman who left it there is captured after a few hours. The second investigation appeared stranger and more intriguing: a Swiss tourist disappeared from a beach hotel, near Tel Aviv, and a quick inquiry showed he had been using a fake passport and at least two names. Can he be a Mossad agent like his daughter claims? And is he in danger? Inspector Avraham Avraham, wishing to outgrow his usual cases of domestic violence, is indifferent to the one, and seduced by the other. Soon he understands he made a wrong choice, as both investigations spiral into a maze of violence and deception, leading to Israel's darkest secrets – and threatening to put Avraham in conflict with the most powerful men in the country... who, technically, don't even exist.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Striking Range

Timber Creek K-9 mysteries

Mizushima, Margaret

He was suspect number one – the man who tried to kill Deputy Mattie Cobb and may have killed her father 30 years earlier. But when Mattie and cold case detective Jim Hauck reach the Colorado state prison where they will finally get to interview him, he's found dead in his cell. There's only one clue: a map leading to Timber Creek and rugged Redstone Ridge. Though she usually works with veterinarian Cole Walker, Mattie's K-9 partner Robo has just sired a litter of pups, who require special, time-consuming care at Cole's clinic. Left to explore the map's clue without him, Mattie and Robo journey into the burned forest surrounding Redstone Ridge. But before they can finish their search, they're called to help investigate the death of a young woman found in a campground filled with elk hunters. Identification of the deceased points to her having recently

given birth, but the infant is nowhere to be found. As a deadly storm descends upon the mountains, covering everything with a layer of ice and snow, Mattie and her team search for the missing newborn. The storm batters the area, taking its toll on the team and forcing the sheriff to call in reinforcements. When new evidence surfaces, they decide that finding the woman's killer will lead them to her baby, making them even more desperate to solve the case. Then Cole goes missing, stranded alone in the high country with a person that Mattie now suspects is the mastermind behind several murders, including her father's. She and Robo take to the trail to find Cole – but the killer has a cold-blooded plan that threatens them all.

Mystery TP \$43.95

The Bangalore Detectives Club

Kaveri & Ramu mysteries

Nagendra, Harini

When clever, headstrong Kaveri moves to Bangalore to marry handsome young doctor Ramu, she's resigned herself to a quiet life. But that all changes the night of the party at the Century Club, where she escapes to the garden for some peace and quiet – and instead spots an uninvited guest in the shadows. Half an hour later, the party turns into a murder scene. When a vulnerable woman is connected to the crime, Kaveri becomes determined to save her and launches a private investigation to find the killer, tracing his steps from an illustrious brothel to an Englishman's mansion. She soon finds that sleuthing in a sari isn't as hard as it seems when you have a talent for mathematics, a head for logic, and a doctor for a husband... And she's going to need them all as the case leads her deeper into a hotbed of danger, sedition, and intrigue in Bangalore's darkest alleyways. The first in a charming, joyful crime series set in 1920s' Bangalore. Perfect for fans of Alexander McCall Smith's No 1 Ladies Detective Agency.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

The Axe Woman

Inspector Barbarotti series

Nesser, Hakan

Sweden, 2012. When Inspector Gunnar Barbarotti returns to work after a terrible personal tragedy his boss asks him to investigate a cold case, hoping to ease him back gently into his police duties. Five years previously, a shy electrician, Arnold Morinder, disappeared from the face of the earth, the only clue his blue moped abandoned in a nearby swamp. At the time his partner, Ellen Bjarnebo, claimed that Arnold had probably travelled to Norway never to return. But Ellen is one of Sweden's most notorious killers, having served 11 years in prison after killing her abusive first husband and dismembering his body with an axe. And when Barbarotti seeks to interview Ellen in relation to Arnold's disappearance she is nowhere to be found... But without a body and no chance of interviewing his prime suspect Barbarotti must use all the ingenuity at his disposal to make headway in the case. Still struggling with his personal demons, Barbarotti seeks solace from God, and the support of his colleague, Eva Backman.

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And as he finally begins to track down his suspect and the cold case begins to thaw, Barbarotti realises that nothing about Ellen Bjarnebo can be taken for granted...

Mystery/suspense TP \$34.99

The Eye of the Beholder Orford, Margie

When danger lies in the eye of the beholder, what happens when you reject its pull? Cora carries secrets her daughter can't know. Freya is frightened by what her mother leaves unsaid. Angel will only bury the past if it means putting her abusers into the ground. One act of violence sets three women on a collision course, each desperate to find the truth, when the people they love are not what they seem. 'A tale of love and abuse that is as powerful as it is elegant – and it grips like a vice, too' – *Ian Rankin*. Margie Orford is an award-winning journalist, who has been dubbed the Queen of South African Crime Fiction.

Thriller HC \$32.99

The Bullet that Missed

Thursday Murder Club mysteries
Osman, Richard
It is an ordinary Thursday, and things should finally be returning to normal. Except trouble is never far away where the Thursday Murder Club are concerned. A decade-old cold case – their favourite kind – leads them to a local news legend and a murder with no body and no answers. Then a new foe pays Elizabeth a visit. Her mission? Kill or be killed. Suddenly the cold case has become red hot. While Elizabeth wrestles with her conscience (and a gun), Joyce, Ron, and Ibrahim chase down the clues with help from old friends and new. But can the gang solve the mystery and save Elizabeth before the murderer strikes again? From an upmarket spa to a prison cell complete with espresso machine to a luxury penthouse high in the sky, this third adventure of the Thursday Murder Club is full of the cleverness, intrigue, and irresistible charm that readers have come to expect from Osman's bestselling series. If you have, somehow, managed not to encounter these: the first is (obvs!) *The Thursday Murder Club* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery TP \$32.99

The Invisible

DS George Manolis series
Papathanasiou, Peter
Burnt out from policework, Detective Sergeant George Manolis flies from Australia to Greece for a holiday. Recently divorced and mourning the death of his father, who emigrated from the turbulent Prespes region which straddles the borders of Greece, Albania and North Macedonia, Manolis hopes to reconnect with his roots and heritage. On arrival, Manolis learns of the disappearance of an 'invisible' – a local man who lives without a scrap of paperwork. The police and some locals believe the man's disappearance was pre-planned, while others suspect foul play. Reluctantly, Manolis agrees to work undercover to find the invisible, and must navigate the complicated relationships of a tiny village where grudges run deep. It soon becomes clear to Manolis that he may never locate a man who, for all intents and purposes,

doesn't exist. And with the clock ticking, the ghosts of the past continue to haunt the events of today as Manolis' investigation leads him to uncover a dark and long-forgotten practice. A follow-up to *The Stoning* (TP, \$29.99). 'Outback noir has a new star' – *The Times*.
Noir TP \$32.99

Fear No Evil

Alex Cross series
Patterson, James
Dr Alex Cross and Detective John Sampson venture into the rugged Montana wilderness – where they will be the prey. They're not on the job, but on a personal mission. Until they're attacked by two rival teams of assassins, controlled by the same mastermind who has stalked Alex and his family for years. Darkness falls. The river churns into rapids. Shots ring out through the forest. *No backup. No way out. Fear no evil.*
Thriller PBK \$22.99

Gone Missin'

Nashville mysteries
Peden, Peggy O'Neal
Travel agent Campbell Hale isn't surprised when she hears her good friend, socialite and talented artist Bitsy Carter, has booked a luxury Mexican spa vacation through her agency. Bitsy often takes solo trips abroad, and who'd want to spend February in grey Nashville when they could avoid it? She is, however, extremely surprised – and extremely worried – when Bitsy doesn't come back. What could compel warm, friendly Bitsy to run away without telling anyone her plans? And most puzzling of all: what could make her leave her small children behind? The answers lie in Zihuatanejo, and Campbell barely needs to twist new boyfriend Detective Sam Davis' arm to get him to agree to accompany her there. Campbell's determined to uncover the truth, but will this be a vacation to remember... or one to die for?
Mystery TP \$39.95

A Treacherous Tale

Cambridge Bookshop mysteries
Penney, Elizabeth
Lately, Molly has been feeling that she might have fallen into a fairy tale: she's reinvigorated the family bookshop Thomas Marlowe – Manuscripts and Folios, made friends in her new home of Cambridge, England, and is even developing a bit of a romance with the handsome Kieran – a bike shop owner with a somewhat intimidating family pedigree. Having recently discovered *The Strawberry Girls*, a classic children's tale, Molly is thrilled to learn the author, Iona York, lives nearby. But while visiting the famous author at her lovely cottage in nearby Hazelhurst, an old acquaintance of Iona's tumbles off her roof to his death. Then, when one of Iona's daughters – an inspiration for the original *Strawberry Girls* – goes missing, Molly begins to worry this story might be more Brothers Grimm, than Happily Ever After. Especially, after Molly learns about the mysterious long-ago death of Iona's husband and co-author of *The Strawberry Girls*... could past and present crimes be linked? Molly must put the clues together before someone turns this sweet tale sour.
Mystery PBK \$24.95

Murder at the Royal Botanic Gardens

Wrexford & Sloane mysteries
Penrose, Andrea
One advantage of being caught up in a whirl of dress fittings and decisions about flower arrangements and breakfast menus is that Charlotte Sloane has little time for any pre-wedding qualms. Her love for Wrexford isn't in question. But will being a wife – and a Countess – make it difficult for her to maintain her independence – not to mention, her secret identity as famed satirical artist A J Quill? Despite those concerns, there are soon even more urgent matters to attend to during Charlotte and Wrexford's first public outing as an engaged couple. At a symposium at the Royal Botanic Gardens, a visiting botanist suffers a fatal collapse. The traces of white powder near his mouth reveal the dark truth – he was murdered. Drawn into the investigation, Charlotte and the Earl learn of the victim's involvement in a momentous medical discovery. With fame and immense fortune at stake, there's no shortage of suspects, including some whose ruthlessness is already known. But neither Charlotte nor her husband-to-be can realise how close the danger is about to get – or to what lengths this villain is prepared to go...
Historical mystery TP \$29.99

The Deep Perry, Kyle

On the Tasman Peninsula, nestled amidst the largest sea cliffs in the southern hemisphere, is Shacktown. Here the Dempsey family have run a drug ring for generations, using the fishing industry and the deadly Black Wind as cover. But when 13-year-old Forest Dempsey walks out of the ocean, bruised and branded, everything is at risk – because Forest has been presumed dead for the last seven years. Mackerel Dempsey, out of jail on strict bail conditions, is trying to change his fate, doing his best to keep out of trouble before his next court date. His cousin Ahab has renounced the family altogether, in favour of working to keep the town and its fragile tourism economy safe. But in their search for answers about Forest, both Mackerel and Ahab can't help but be drawn back into the underworld. What happened to the boy all those years ago? And does it have anything to do with the infamous drug kingpin Blackbeard, who is rumoured to be moving in on Shacktown? When secrets long thought buried at sea wash up on shore, generations of the Dempsey family must stand up for what they believe in, even if it means sacrificing everything. But in the gritty fight between right and wrong, blood isn't always thicker than water, and everyone is at risk of being pulled under... 'A fast-paced thriller that twists and twists again. Kyle Perry can sure spin a mighty tale.' – *Chris Hammer*. From the bestselling breakout author of *The Bluffs* (PBK, \$22.99) comes a heart-stopping new thriller set on the rugged coast of Tasmania about family bonds and betrayals, and the hidden dangers that lurk in the deep... Signed copies are available.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Blood and Ink:

the Scandalous Jazz Age Double Murder news in the 20th century. On September 16, 1922, the bodies of Reverend Edward Hall and Eleanor Mills were found beneath a crab-apple tree on an abandoned farm outside of New Brunswick, New Jersey. The killer had arranged the bodies in a pose conveying intimacy. The murder of Hall, a prominent clergyman whose wife, Frances Hall, was a proud heiress with illustrious ancestors and ties to the Johnson & Johnson dynasty, would have made headlines on its own. But when authorities identified Eleanor Mills as a choir singer from his church married to the church sexton, the story shocked locals and sent the scandal ricocheting around the country, fuelling the nascent tabloid industry. This provincial double murder on a lonely lover's lane would soon become one of the most famous killings in American history – a veritable crime of the century. The bumbling local authorities failed to secure any indictments, however, and it took a swashbuckling crusade by the editor of a circulation-hungry Hearst tabloid to revive the case and bring it to trial at last. *Blood and Ink* freshly chronicles what remains one of the most electrifying but forgotten murder mysteries in US history. It also traces the birth of American tabloid journalism, pandering to the masses with sordid tales of love, sex, money, and murder.

True crime HC \$64.95

Grave Reservations

Booking Agents series
Priest, Cherie
Meet Leda Foley: devoted friend, struggling travel agent, and inconsistent psychic. Impulsively re-booking Seattle PD detective Grady Merritt's flight, she has no idea that her life is about to change in ways she could have never foretold. When his original plane blows up on the runway, Grady begins to suspect that Leda's special abilities could help him with a cold case he just can't crack. Despite her scattershot premonitions, she agrees to join the investigation for a secret reason: her fiancé's murder remains unsolved. Leda's psychic abilities couldn't help that sad case, but she's been honing her skills and drawing a crowd at her favourite bar's open-mic nights, where she performs her clairvoyant karaoke – singing whatever song comes to mind when she holds people's personal effects. Now joined by a ragtag group of bar patrons and pals, Leda and Grady set out to catch a killer – and learn how the two cases that haunt them have more in common than they ever suspected.

Mystery TP \$27.99

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Six Feet Deep Dish

Deep Dish mysteries

Quigley, Mindy

Delilah O'Leary can't wait to open her new gourmet deep-dish pizzeria in Geneva Bay, Wisconsin – a charming resort town with a long history as a mobsters' hideaway, millionaires' playground, and vacation mecca. Engaged to a hunk with a hefty trust fund, Delilah is poised to begin a life that's just about as delicious as one of her cheesy creations. Just before opening night, though, Delilah's plans for pizza perfection hit the skids when her fiancé dumps her and leaves her with a very large memento from their relationship – Butterball, their spoiled, plus-sized tabby cat. Delilah's trouble deepens when she discovers a dead body and finds her elderly aunt holding the murder weapon. Handsome local police detective Calvin Capone, great grandson of the legendary gangster, opens an investigation, threatening to sink Delilah's pie-in-the-sky ambitions before they can even get off the ground. To save her aunt and get her pizza place generating some dough, Delilah must deliver the real killer. The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

The Murder Dance

Phineas Fox mysteries

Rayne, Sarah

Having unexpectedly inherited an Elizabethan manor house in rural Norfolk, the new owner Quentin Rivers has asked Phineas Fox to investigate the house's history. Phin soon becomes immersed in The Tabor's dark and mysterious past, and in the course of his research uncovers tales of a curious dance, the Cwellan Daunsen: a dance that has not been performed for centuries but whose strange legend still lingers. The dance has a dark side; whenever it took place, children were told to stay indoors – and on no account to look through their windows... As Phin delves further, the terrible secrets of The Tabor and the Rivers family ancestors begin to reveal themselves, secrets stretching back more than 600 years. But as the past gradually creeps up on the present, is history destined to repeat itself...?

Gothic mystery TP \$39.95

Mr Campion's Wings

Albert Campion mysteries

Ripley, Mike

Cambridge, 1965. The honorary doctorate ceremony for Albert Campion's wife takes a dramatic turn when Lady Amanda is arrested by Special Branch for breaking the Official Secrets Act. Never before having taken much interest in his wife's work in cutting-edge aircraft design, Mr Campion sets out to discover more about the top-secret Goshawk Project in which Amanda is involved. He quickly realises he is not the only one keen to learn the secrets of the project. When a badly mutilated body is discovered at the Goshawk Project's hangar – the result, it would appear, of a bizarre accident – Campion is drawn into a turbulent mix of industrial espionage and matters of national security. And, as he attempts to get to the bottom of the deadly goings-on, it seems that the bicycles and punts are almost as dangerous as the aircraft...
Mystery TP \$39.95

Desperation in Death

Eve Dallas series

Robb, J D

Mina Rose Cabot, age 13, disappeared walking home from soccer practice in Devon, Pennsylvania. Eight months later her body is found in Battery Park, New York, speared through the chest by a three-inch piece of wood. Lt Eve Dallas knows that whoever took Mina is responsible for her death. But who took her and where has Mina been for eight long months...?

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Suspect

Joe O'Loughlin series, TV tie-in

Robotham, Michael

Liar, liar... Joe O'Loughlin appears to have the perfect life – a beautiful wife, a loving daughter and a successful career as a clinical psychologist. But nothing can be taken for granted. Even the most flawless existence is only a loose thread away from unravelling. All it takes is a murdered girl, a troubled young patient and the biggest lie of his life. Caught in a complex web of deceit and haunted by images of the slain girl, he embarks upon a search that will take him from London to Liverpool and into the darkest recesses of the human mind. Ultimately, he will risk everything to unmask the killer and save his family. A reissue of the first book in the Joe O'Loughlin series, from the bestselling Australian author. Now a major TV drama, starring Aidan Turner.

Thriller (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Gry Wolf

Rosenfeldt, Hans

Hannah Wester, a detective in the remote northern Swedish town of Haparanda, finds herself on the precipice of chaos. When human remains are found in the stomach of a dead wolf, Hannah knows that this summer won't be like any other. The remains are soon linked to a bloody drug deal that went down just across the border in Finland. But how did the victim end up in the woods outside Haparanda? And where have the drugs and money gone? Hannah and her colleagues are soon caught up in an increasingly complex investigation. But time is scarce, and they aren't the only ones looking. When the secretive and deadly Katja shows up, unexpected and brutal events start to pile up. In just a few days, life in the border town is turned upside down. Not least for Hannah, who is finally forced to confront her own past. From the multi-award-winning author of *The Bridge* and *Marcella*. We had some great customer feedback on this, here at Pulp.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Wish You Were Gone

Scott, Kieran

Emma Walsh has finally worked up the courage to confront her husband James about his drinking – his alcoholic rages, his blackouts, and the fear his behaviour has created for her and their two kids. But James never shows up to meet her as planned, and all her righteous words go unsaid. And unsaid they remain, because the next time Emma sees James, his body lies crumpled amidst the wreckage of his flashy car, which has been smashed to its final resting place halfway

through the back wall of their suburban house's roomy garage. In the aftermath of the fatal crash, Emma and her teenage children begin to embrace life without James' looming, volcanic presence. Buoyed by the support of her two closest friends, she struggles to deal with her grief, complicated by the knowledge that her husband's legacy as an upstanding business owner and family man shines only because so many people, for so long, were so willing to keep his secrets – secrets that twist into new and unexpected shapes as the mysterious details of his last day of life begin to come to light.

Thriller TP \$29.99

Double or Nothing

James Bond

Sherwood, Kim

James Bond is missing. 007 has been captured, perhaps even killed, by a sinister private military company. His whereabouts are unknown. Johanna Harwood, 003. Joseph Dryden, 004. Sid Bashir, 009. Together, they represent the very best and brightest of MI6. Skilled, determined and with a licence to kill, they will do anything to protect their country. The fate of the world rests in their hands... Tech billionaire Sir Bertram Paradise claims he can reverse the climate crisis and save the planet. But can he really? The new spies must uncover the truth, because the future of humanity hangs in the balance. Time is running out. The first in a brand new trilogy, following MI6's agents with a licence to kill, that blows the world of James Bond wide open!

Suspense TP \$32.99

The Hot Beat

Hard Case Crime

Silverberg, Robert

Before his extraordinary career as a grandmaster of science fiction, Robert Silverberg honed his craft as a writer for a variety of pulp magazines, including crime digests with titles like *Trapped* and *Guilty Detective Story Magazine*. He also wrote this long-lost novel, which appeared under the pen name 'Stan Vincent' in 1960 – and has never been published since. Meet Bob McKay: once a rising star in the toniest nightclubs of Los Angeles, now a down-and-out denizen of tawdry bars where B-girls hustle drinks and brawls break out nightly. When one hustler winds up strangled, McKay lands on Death Row. Can a starlet and a sympathetic newspaper columnist clear his name before his date with the death chamber? Featuring a new introduction by the author and three bonus stories from *Guilty* and *Trapped*, *The Hot Beat* offers readers a trip through time back to the pulp era, when a future star was making his bones with stories of murder, betrayal, and dangerous desires...
Mystery/suspense PBK \$33.95

The Venice Train

Simenon, Georges

During a chance meeting on the train from Venice to Paris, a stranger asks Justin Calmar to deliver a briefcase for him, to an address in Switzerland. Soon, this ordinary family man will become hopelessly, fatally, ensnared in a world of guilt, lies and paranoia. Originally published in 1965, shortly after Simenon

moved into the new home he had built in Épalinges, Switzerland, this chilling novel is a powerful exploration of the fragility of the human psyche.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

A Song of Comfortable Chairs

Mma Ramotswa mysteries

Smith, Alexander McCall

Grace Makutsi's husband, Phuti, is in a bind. An international firm is attempting to undercut his prices in the office furniture market. Phuti has always been concerned with quality and comfort, but this new firm seems interested only in profits. To make matters worse, they have a slick new advertising campaign that seems hard to beat. Nonetheless with Mma Ramotswa's help, Phuti comes up with a campaign that may just do the trick. Meanwhile, Mma Makutsi is approached by an old friend who has a troubled son. Grace and Phuti agree to lend a hand, but the boy proves difficult to reach, and the situation is more than they can handle on their own. It will require not only all of their patience and dedication, but also the help of Mma Ramotswa and the formidable Mma Potokwani in order to help the child. Faced with more than her fair share of domestic problems, Mma Makutsi deals with it all with her usual grace. That, along with the kindness, generosity, and good sense that the No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency is known for, assure us that in the end, all these matters will be set right.

Mystery TP \$32.99

The Joy and Light

Bus Company

Mma Ramotswa mysteries

Smith, Alexander McCall

Mma Ramotswa knows she is very lucky indeed. She has a loving family, good friends and a thriving business doing what she enjoys most: helping people. But the latest mystery she is called upon to solve is distinctly trickier than it initially appears, and, of course, there's plenty to handle in her personal life between Charlie and his new bride and Mma Makutsi and her talking shoes. In the end, Mma Ramotswa's patience and common sense will win out, and, without a doubt, all will be the better for it.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Greenlight

Jack Quick mysteries

Stevenson, Benjamin

Four years ago, in the small town of Birravale, Eliza Daley was murdered. Within hours, her killer was caught. Wasn't he? So reads the opening titles of Jack Quick's new true-crime documentary. A skilled producer, Jack knows that the bigger the conspiracy, the higher the ratings – and he claims Curtis Wade was convicted on flimsy evidence and shoddy police work. Millions of viewers agree. Just before the final episode, Jack uncovers a minor detail that may prove Curtis guilty, after all. Convinced it will ruin his show, Jack disposes of the evidence and delivers the final unedited, leading to Curtis' eventual release. Then a new victim is found bearing horrifying similarities to the original murder. Has Jack just helped a killer walk free? Determined to set things right, Jack returns

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to Birravale looking for answers. But with his own secrets lurking just beneath the surface, Jack knows more than anyone what a fine line it is between fact and fiction. Between life and death. Now, there's only one option left. The truth. 'A killer premise, genuinely surprising twists and turns and an original, deeply memorable protagonist' – *Dervla McTiernan*. After the recent success of *Everyone In My Family Has Killed Someone* (TP, \$32.99), Stevenson's earlier novels have been released into paperback editions for the first time. The sequel is *Either Side of Midnight* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Either Side of Midnight

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How can it be murder when the victim pulled the trigger? At 9:01 pm, TV presenter Sam Midford delivers the monologue for his popular current affairs show *Midnight Tonight*. He seems nervous and the crew are convinced he's about to propose to his girlfriend, live, on air. Instead, he pulls out a gun and shoots himself in the head. Sam's grief-stricken twin Harry is convinced his brother was murdered. But how can that be, when one million viewers witnessed Sam pull the trigger? Only Jack Quick, a disgraced television producer in the last days of a prison sentence, is desperate enough to take Harry's money to investigate. But as Jack starts digging, he finds a mystery more complex than he first assumed. And if he's not careful, he'll find out, first hand, that there's more than one way to kill someone... After the recent success of *Everyone in My Family has Killed Someone* (TP, \$32.99), Stevenson's earlier novels have been released into paperback editions for the first time. This the sequel to *Greenlight* (PBK, \$22.99).

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No Country for Girls

Styles, Emma

Gold. Theft. Murder. A road trip to die for. Charlie and Nao are strangers from different sides of the tracks. They should never have met, but one devastating incident binds them together forever. A man is dead and now they are unwilling accomplices in his murder there's only one thing to do: hit the road in the victim's twin cab ute, with a bag of stolen gold stashed under the passenger seat. Suddenly outlaws, Nao and Charlie must make their way across Australia's remote outback using only their wits to survive. They'll do whatever it takes to evade capture and escape with their lives... *Thelma & Louise* for a new generation, *No Country for Girls* is a gritty, twisty road-trip thriller that follows two young women on the run across the harsh, unforgiving landscape of Australia.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Sleeping Bear

Sullivan, Connor

After her young husband's untimely death, Army veteran Cassie Gale decides to take a few days of solitude in the Alaskan wilderness before she starts her new job. But when she fails to show up on her first day and her dog is discovered injured at her wrecked campsite, her father knows that this is much more than a camping trip gone awry. As it turns out, Cassie's not the first person

to disappear without a trace in Alaska's northern interior. Bears. Wolves. Avalanches. Frostbite. Starvation. There are many ways to die in here. But not all disappearances can be explained. Cassie's is one of them, along with a number of other outdoor enthusiasts who have vanished in recent years. Regaining consciousness in a Russian prison, Cassie finds herself trapped in a system designed to ensure that no one ever escapes alive. It will require all her grit and skills to survive. Meanwhile, her father rushes to outrun the clock, scouring thousands of acres, only to realise she's been taken by a nefarious adversary – one with the power of the Eastern Bloc behind it. Ties to his past life, one full of secrets, threaten to surface. He knows there's a price to be paid, but he's determined it won't be his daughter.

Suspense PBK \$19.99

The Man from Mittelwerk

Urlocker, M Z

1950. The Cold War simmers, and ex-GI Jack Waters is called in to investigate a fatal accident at a research lab in California. When Waters recognises the victim, he realises he must revisit his hidden past in World War II to solve a murder and prevent Nazi scientists from creating a terrible, new weapon in America. Blending noir detective fiction with post-WWII history, *The Man from Mittelwerk* builds from the facts of Operation Paperclip, the US government's secret recruitment of 1,600 top Nazi scientists, to pose a dark what-if scenario.

Hardboiled TP \$41.95

The Butcher and the Wren

Urqhart, Alaina

Something dark is lurking in the Louisiana bayou: a methodical killer with a penchant for medical experimentation is hard at work completing his most harrowing crime yet, taunting the authorities who desperately try to catch up. But forensic pathologist Dr Wren Muller is the best there is. Armed with an encyclopaedic knowledge of historical crimes, and years of experience working in the Medical Examiner's office, she's never encountered a case she couldn't solve. Until now. Case after case is piling up on Wren's examination table, and soon she is sucked into an all-consuming cat-and-mouse chase with a brutal murderer getting more brazen by the day. From the co-host of chart-topping true crime podcast *Morbid*.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Of Blood Descended

Veerapen, Steven

Summer 1522. In a wave of pomp, Henry VIII's court welcomes the Imperial emperor, Charles V. Anthony Blanke, the son of the king's late 'black trumpet', John Blanke, is called to Hampton Court by his former employer, Cardinal Wolsey. The cardinal is preparing a gift for King Henry: a masque of King Arthur and the Black Knight. Anthony is to take centre stage. The festive mood, however, quickly sours. Wolsey's historian, charged with proving the king's descent from King Arthur, is found murdered, his body posed in a gruesome tableau. A reluctant Anthony is charged with investigating the affair. His mission takes him on the path trod by the historian, through ancient monastic libraries and the back streets

of London. On a journey that takes him from Hampton Court to Windsor and Winchester, and which sees him lock horns with secretive monks, historian Polydore Vergil, and a new face at court, Anne Boleyn, he must discover the murderer, secure the great masque, and avoid King Henry's wrath.

Historical thriller PBK \$22.99

The Gravedigger's Song

Tom Kilgannon series

Waite, Martyn

Under a starless winter night in rural Cornwall, four killers dressed in bizarre folkloric garb brutally invade the home of the wealthy West family. They destroy the posh house and kill the terrified family. All but one: traumatised 17-year-old Simon manages to escape, fleeing through snowy woods. Later, fears that he's an active target of madmen or criminals lead the police to once more come knocking on Tom Kilgannon's door: Will he watch over Simon until a more secure place is found for the boy? An ex-undercover cop now living in witness protection, Tom's turned his back on his violent past. Living in seclusion in his coastal cottage alongside his adoptive daughter, Lila, he also has a romance blossoming with local tavern owner, Pearl Ellacott. Tom's reluctant to shelter Simon, but the boy comes to stay, and villains are soon circling the cottage like vultures. When there's a break-in, late one night, Tom must protect his own. The ensuing violence disrupts the household harmony: a rift opens up as Pearl fears a life with Tom will be forever plagued by violence. Meanwhile, a local by-election in this economically depressed part of the country arouses dangerous nativist sentiments. Simon falls into the clutches of a fanatical political cult that sees a way to brainwash him and use him for their own ends. To save the boy, Tom must summon from within the violent man he once was, risking the new life he created to face down the most lethal of foes.

Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

The Last Lie Told

Finley O'Sullivan series

Webb, Debra

Legal investigator Finley O'Sullivan searches for evidence the police overlooked, wading through secrets, lies, and betrayal to find answers. With the unsolved murder of her husband still very much on her mind, Finley must confront her own personal trauma on a daily basis. Lies are part of her livelihood, but they're also the reason she can't get justice for the man she loved. When a man imprisoned for murder recants his confession, claiming he cleaned up the mess for his girlfriend – the victim's own daughter – Finley takes on the case. She discovers the victim had identical twin daughters... and the sisters have very different accounts of the crime. As she dives headlong into the twins' traumatic past, Finley will have to contend with her own demons to get to the truth – before it's too late.

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

The Long Knives

Welsh, Irvine

Justice can be a blunt instrument. Ritchie Gulliver MP is dead. Castrated and left to bleed in an empty Leith warehouse. Vicious, racist, and corrupt, many thought

he had it coming. But nobody could have predicted this. After the life Gulliver has led, the suspects are many: corporate rivals, political opponents, the countless groups he's offended. And the vulnerable and marginalised, who bore the brunt of his cruelty – those without a voice, without a choice, without a chance. As Detective Ray Lennox unravels the truth, and the list of brutal attacks grows, he must put his personal feelings aside. But one question refuses to go away... Who are the real victims, here?

Noir TP \$32.99

Mrs Morris and the Pot of Gold

Salem B&B mysteries

Wilton, Traci

Charlene has hired a van to ferry her B&B guests to an all-you-can-eat corned beef and cabbage dinner hosted by Salem's Irish community at the Ancient Order of Hibernians club – but she should have booked a hearse. It's never a good sign when the family black sheep drunkenly crashes a party by punching the guy dressed as a leprechaun. But things go from troublesome to fatal when Charlene stumbles upon a second brawl in an upper room – and this fight Connor Gallagher loses, his anonymous assailant rushing past Charlene, hidden by a hoodie. Now, Detective Sam Holden has another homicide on his hands, with Charlene as the only eyewitness. Even if she can't give the police sketch artist much to go on, Charlene is determined to ID the murderer, with the help of Dr Jack Strathmore, the charming ghost who haunts her B&B. The answer lies in the motive, and to uncover that sleuth and spook will need to shine a light on Connor's shady past – before the killer pulls another Irish goodbye...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Agatha Christie:

a Very Elusive Woman

Worsley, Lucy

'*Nobody in the world was more inadequate to act the heroine than I was.*' Why did Agatha Christie spend her career pretending that she was 'just' an ordinary housewife, when clearly she wasn't? As Lucy Worsley says, 'She was thrillingly, scintillatingly modern'. She went surfing in Hawaii, she loved fast cars, and she was intrigued by the new science of psychology, which helped her through devastating mental illness. So, why – despite all the evidence to the contrary – did Agatha present herself as a retiring Edwardian lady of leisure? She was born, in 1890, into a world which had its own rules about what women could and couldn't do. Lucy Worsley's biography is not just of an internationally renowned bestselling writer. It's also the story of a person who, despite the obstacles of class and gender, became an astonishingly successful working woman. With access to personal letters and papers that have rarely been seen, Lucy Worsley's biography is both authoritative and entertaining and makes us realise what an extraordinary pioneer Agatha Christie was – truly a woman who wrote the 20th century. At Pulp, we love a bit of Christie (and we adore the historian, Lucy Worsley), so recommend this to all who'd like to know more about the great crime writer.

Christie TP \$34.99