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

Take Up and Read

Lost Detective trilogy

Adaf, Shimon

In the summer of 2014, at the height of the Gaza-Israel conflict, Elish Ben Zaken met the poet and librarian Nahum Farkash in the border town of Sderot. The two men spoke only briefly, but in that brief encounter, Elish might have missed the key to unravelling the case of a Sderot woman who disappeared for three days, only to reappear with no memory of her time away. In *Take Up and Read*, Shimon Adaf returns to Farkash's story. Attempting to defend the legacy of the singer Dalia Shushan – whose murder Elish investigated several years before – Farkash tries to impede the production of a new documentary about her life. Meanwhile, he reminisces about his past, reflecting on his experiences as a young religious boy growing up in Sderot. Fourteen years later, in a militant Israel that has been distorted by catastrophic war, Elish's niece and nephew are haunted by their uncle's death and the failure of his 2014 investigation. As Tahel and Oshri conduct experiments in search of the truth, they draw near to the heart of a great conspiracy. In this masterful conclusion to the Elish Ben Zaken trilogy, Shimon Adaf brings together futuristic biotechnology, parallel universes, and Jewish mysticism, and the extent of his renovation of the detective novel comes finally and fully into view. *Take Up and Read* addresses a central concern of the trilogy, interrogating humankind's tenuous grasp on the boundaries of our selves, and the arbitrary connections between the body, consciousness, and perception.

Mystery TP \$29.99

A Detective's Complaint

Lost Detective trilogy

Adaf, Shimon

These days, Elish Ben Zaken has traded working as a private investigator, for writing detective novels based on unsolved cases from the past. He appears to live an ordinary writer's life: meeting with his agent, attending literary conferences. But all is not quite right with Elish, who cannot escape his past so easily, especially when his sister's daughter, Tahel, a teenager and aspiring sleuth herself, calls on him for help. Tahel has uncovered a mystery: a young woman boarded a bus in Beersheva on a Thursday evening and stepped off in Sderot, close to the Gaza border, on Sunday evening. A bus ride that should have lasted an hour instead took three days, and the young woman remembers none of it. To assist Tahel – and, he tells himself, to conduct research for his next novel – Elish moves back to Sderot, where he grew up. His sister, Yaffa, has moved her family from Tel Aviv to a new lakeside development there; the property came cheap, despite the attractive setting, and there are murmurs that the developer fled the country before it was completed. Some of the houses still stand

empty, and Tahel keeps waking up at night to find her mother staring out at the lake, convinced she is being watched. Now, in the summer of 2014, Sderot lies near the centre of the Gaza-Israel conflict, and sirens and missile strikes are part of the town's daily reality – as are violent clashes between anti-war protesters and those who oppose them. In this pressurised environment, Elish must grapple with the deep wounds of history, both personal and political, and the human need for answers in a world that offers few.

Mystery TP \$29.99

One Mile and Two Days Before Sunset

Lost Detective trilogy

Adaf, Shimon

At age 30, Elish Ben Zaken has found himself in a life he never imagined. As a university student, Elish was an esteemed rock-music critic for local newspapers; now, disenchanted with an increasingly commercialised music scene, he has joined a private investigation agency where he is content to be a 'clerk of small human sins' – a finder of stolen cars and wayward husbands. But when a disconcertingly amiable detective asks him to look into the suicide of an infamous philosophy professor – and the police file contains unexpected information about the already-solved murder of Dalia Shushan, a celebrated singer and songwriter – Elish's natural curiosity is piqued. And when violence begins to dog the steps of his investigation, he knows that dangerous secrets are at hand. Haunted by the ghost of Dalia, a true artist with a transformative voice whose dark brilliance Elish was one of the first to recognise, he must face the long-buried trauma of his own past in order to unravel the intertwining threads of two lives, and their ends. In Elish, Shimon Adaf has created an unforgettable protagonist. A former philosophy student with a questing mind, born to Moroccan parents and raised in an outlying town, he is an eternal outsider in cosmopolitan Tel Aviv. Equally, *One Mile and Two Days Before Sunset* is a detective novel unlike any other: an incisive portrait of a man and a city, and a meditation on disappointment, on striving for beauty and for intensity of experience, and on the futile desire to truly know another person.

Mystery TP \$29.99

The Cure for What Ales You

Sloan Krause mysteries

Alexander, Ellie

After a long cold winter, spring is beginning to bloom in the alpine village of Leavenworth, Washington, where craft brewer Sloan Krause and her partner in crime Garrett Strong are putting the finishing touches on their bright and refreshing Lemon Kiss ale. They'll be debuting their new line at the Maifest celebration, which will bring visitors from near and far to dance around

the Maipole and shop at the outdoor flower markets. Despite the festive spirit in the air, Sloan is brewing over her past. She's spent months following leads that have turned into dead ends. But when she spots a woman who strongly resembles Marianne – a long lost contact who may be her only connection to piecing together her story – she hopes that things might be taking a turn in her favour. That hope is quickly smashed when Marianne is involved in the murder of a local housekeeper. To make matters worse, Marianne issues a dire warning that Sloan and her entire family are in danger. If Sloan can't figure out who the killer is and what happened in her past, she won't find any happy endings.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Round Up the Usual Peacocks

Meg Longslow mysteries

Andrews, Donna

Kevin, Meg's cyber-savvy nephew who lives in the basement, comes to her with a problem. He's become involved as the techie for a true-crime podcast, one that focuses on Virginia cold cases and unsolved crimes. And he thinks their podcast has hit a nerve with someone... one of the podcast team has had a brush with death that Kevin thinks was an attempted murder, not an accident. Kevin rather sheepishly asks for Meg's help in checking out the people involved in a couple of the cases. Given your ability to find out stuff online, why do you need *my* help? she asks. Um... because I've already done everything I can online. This'll take going around and *talking* to people, he exclaims, with visible horror. In person! Not his thing. And no, it can't wait until after the wedding, because he's afraid whoever's after them might take advantage of the chaos of the wedding at Trinity or the reception at Meg and Michael's house to strike again. So, on top of everything she's doing to round up vendors and supplies and take care of demanding out-of-town guests, Meg must hunt down the surviving suspects from three relatively local cold cases, so she can figure out if they have it in for the podcasters. Could there be a connection to a musician on the brink of stardom who disappeared two decades ago and hasn't been seen since?

Mystery HC \$42.99

Long Shadows

Amos Decker series

Baldacci, David

Things are changing for Decker. He is in crisis following the suicide of a close friend and receipt of a letter concerning a personal issue which could change his life forever. Together with the prospect of working with a new partner, Frederica White, Amos Decker knows that this case will take all of his special skills to solve. Judge Julia Cummins seemingly had no enemies and there was no

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forced entry to her property. Close friends and neighbours in the community apparently heard nothing, and Cummins' distraught ex-husband, Barry, and teenage son, Tyler, both have strong alibis. Decker must first find the answer to why the judge felt the need for a bodyguard, and the meaning behind the strange calling card left by the killer. As the investigation deepens, the body count rises, and Decker and White discover a trail which leads back to a past presidential campaign and an unsolved crime surrounding those in power at the very highest level. Greed, deceit, deception and corruption at the very heart of power.

Thriller TP \$34.99

Unforgiven Barrie, Sarah

Lexi Winter is tough, street smart, and has stood on her own two feet since childhood, when she was a victim of notorious paedophile the Spider. All she cares about, now, is a roof over her head and her long-term relationship with Jack Daniels. She isn't particular about who she sleeps with... as long as they pay, before leaving. Lexi is also an ace hacker, tracking and entrapping local paedophiles and reporting them to the cops. When she finds a particularly dangerous paedophile who the police can't touch, she decides to gather enough evidence to put him away. Instead, she's a witness to his death... Detective Inspector Rachael Langley is the cop who cracked the Spider case, 18 years earlier – but failed to protect Lexi. Now, a man claiming to be the real Spider is emulating his murderous acts, and Rachael is under pressure from government, media and her police colleagues. Did she get it wrong all those years ago, or is this killer is a copycat? Lexi and Rachael cross paths at last, the Spider in their sights... but they may be too late...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Last But Not Leashed

Dr Kate Vet mysteries

Brady, Eileen

In the second instalment of this animal-themed cosy series, Dr Kate Turner has one New Year's resolution: Stop finding corpses... All Dr Kate Turner wants to do is get her life in order before ringing in the new year, but with bodies turning up left and right, she'll have to trust her own instincts – and those of her beloved animals – to stop a killer in their tracks. As the only veterinarian at Oak Falls Animal Hospital, Dr Kate's life is complicated. She's swamped with hospital patients and house calls, a long-distance relationship with law student Luke Gianetti (that is less than perfect), and a handsome, flirtatious artist who sets his sights on her as his new muse. When the body of Sookie Overmann is found outside the community centre after her organisation seminar, the entire town is hunting for answers. All of Kates hopes of quietly ringing in the new year are lost and when the body of Sookie's assistant falls with the confetti at midnight, she has no choice but to sniff out the killer.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Triflers Need Not Apply Bruce, Camilla

1900, Chicago. Bella Sorenson knows that the world is made for men. They control everything: jobs, property, money. Marriage makes women like her their slaves. But, now, Bella is fighting back. Because she's angry. She's bloodthirsty. She's willing to kill to get what she wants – starting with her husband. And then her next husband. And the next one...

Historical mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

A Doomful of Sugar

Maple Syrup mysteries

Bruns, Catherine

There's nothing sweet about murder... Leila Khoury has always believed that everyone loved her father as much as they loved his artisanal maple syrup. But when he's killed, and she returns to Sugar Ridge, Vermont to take over his business, she starts to realise how much of his life she's left untapped. With her brother under suspicion, her mother just barely holding it together, and police not producing any leads, Leila will have to investigate herself if she wants answers about her father's sticky end. But the more she learns, the more she worries that there won't be a sappy ending to the story. The first in a new series.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Secrets in the Stacks

Survivor's Book Club mysteries

Gahoon, Lynn

Following her recovery from breast cancer, Rarity has embraced a life of healing and service in her Sedona, Arizona community. She welcomes the opportunity to participate in the annual summer healing fair with her fittingly named new-age bookstore, The Next Chapter. The members of the Tuesday Night Survivors' Book Club are also volunteering, maintaining a cooling station for overheated festivalgoers, and hosting a Tarot card reader for entertainment. But one member, Darby, is anything but entertained when the Tarot reader pulls a Death card. With a mammogram coming up, she's freaked out and goes home – only to walk into a crime scene where someone near and dear to her has been murdered. Despite the objections of Detective Drew Anderson, Rarity is determined to help her friend and protect her from being the killer's next victim...

Mystery TP \$39.95

The Postman Always Rings Twice

Vintage Crime/Black Lizard

Anniversary Edition

Cain, James M

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

Classic noir TP \$26.99

Murder at Mallowan Hall

Phyllida Bright mysteries

Cambridge, Colleen

As head of household, for none other than Agatha Christie, Phyllida Bright finds her position includes polishing silver, serving luncheons... and drawing inspiration from the crime author's fictional detectives when mysterious deaths at Mallowan Hall baffle her famous employer... Tucked away among Devon's rolling green hills, Mallowan Hall combines the best of English tradition with the modern conveniences of 1930. Housekeeper Phyllida Bright manages the large household with an iron fist in her very elegant glove. In one respect, however, Mallowan Hall stands far apart from other picturesque country houses. For the manor is home to archaeologist Max Mallowan and his famous wife – Agatha Christie... Phyllida is both loyal to and protective of the crime writer, who is as much friend as employer. An aficionado of detective fiction, Phyllida has yet to find a gentleman in real life half as fascinating as Mrs Agatha's Belgian hero, Hercule Poirot. But though accustomed to murder and its methods as frequent topics of conversation, Phyllida is unprepared for the sight of a very real, very dead body on the library floor... It soon becomes clear that the victim arrived at Mallowan Hall under false pretences during a weekend party. And when another dead body is discovered – this time, one of her housemaids – Phyllida decides to follow in M. Poirot's footsteps to determine which of the Mallowans' guests is the killer. Now, only Phyllida's wits will prevent her own story from coming to an abrupt end... The first in a series.

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

Riccardino

Montalbano mysteries

Camilleri, Andrea

'Contrary to what you think, I'm carrying out this investigation as best I can. But let's do this: if I get stuck, if I find I can't go forward or back, then I'll let you know, and you can step in. And offer me a way out. You've gained a bit of detective work through me, haven't you? What do you say?'
'I'm game,' said the Author...

When Inspector Montalbano receives an early-morning phone call it proves to be the start of a very trying day. For the caller expects Montalbano to arrive imminently at a rendezvous with some friends. But before he can reply the caller announces himself as someone called Riccardino and hangs up. Later that day news comes in of a brutal slaying in broad daylight by an unknown assassin who makes his getaway on a motorbike. And when the Inspector learns of the victim's identity – a man called Riccardino – his troubles are only just beginning. For soon he must contend with the involvement of a local bishop and a fortune teller who reports some strange goings-on in her neighbourhood. All roads soon lead to a local salt mine, but the case proves stubbornly intractable until Montalbano receives another unexpected call...

'Camilleri has contrived a fitting goodbye to a dear old friend who operates, to the very last, on his own terms' – *Guardian*.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Rhode Island Red

Nanette Hayes mysteries

Garter, Charlotte

Nanette's day is not off to a good start. Her on-again, off-again relationship with Walter is off... again, and when she offers a fellow busker a place to stay for the night, he ends up murdered on her kitchen floor. To make matters worse, the busker turns out to have been an undercover cop. And his former partner has taken an immediate and extreme dislike to Nanette. When she finds that the dead man stashed a wad of cash in her apartment, cash that could go to help his blind girlfriend, Nanette's desire to do the right thing lands her in trouble. Soon, she's on the hunt for a legendary saxophone worth its weight in gold. But there are plenty of people who would kill for the priceless instrument, and Nanette's new beau just might be one of them. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Coq au Vin

Nanette Hayes mysteries

Garter, Charlotte

When Nanette's mother calls with the news that her Aunt Vivian has gone missing, it's not exactly out of the ordinary. Vivacious and bohemian Aunt Vivian has never been one to play by the rules. This time, however, the circumstances surrounding Vivian's disappearance are troubling. Would Nanette be up to polishing her French and flying to Paris, where she was last seen, to track her down? It's not a tough decision for Nanette. Now, swanning about her favourite city, Nanette has a hard time keeping her attention on the task at hand... especially after she meets handsome violinist Andre, a fellow street musician from Detroit. But trouble has a way of finding Nanette, and her search for Vivian lands her in the underbelly of historic Paris and in the crosshairs of some very unsavoury characters. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Drumsticks

Nanette Hayes mysteries

Garter, Charlotte

Nanette is on the rocks. Heartbroken and alone in New York, she finds what comfort she can in the bottom of a bottle. But her life seems to turn around when she's given a voodoo doll, so much so that Nanette seeks out the doll's creator, Ida, to thank her. That's when Nanette's luck seems to run out, and Ida ends up with a bullet in her head. Guilt-ridden, Nanette resolves to get justice for her new friend, only to find that Ida was hiding some dark skeletons in her closet. Now, plunged into a dangerous world she doesn't understand, Nanette will have to team up with some unlikely allies, like her estranged father, a high school principal, and Leland Sweet, an NYPD officer with whom Nanette has some major history. But will Nanette solve Ida's murder or fall victim to the same forces that brought Ida down? A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

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The Crime That Binds

Bookmobile Cat mysteries

Cass, Laurie

Late March is prime reading weather in the small northern Michigan town of Chilson. Though snowfall and cloudy skies deter outdoor activities, life inside the bookmobile is warm and cheerful. But as Minnie and Eddie are making the rounds to deliver comforting reads, they see something strange: loyal bookmobile patron Ryan Anderson making a sudden U-turn and speeding away. When Minnie discovers the police want to question Ryan about a bank robbery and the death of a security guard, she realises she's one of the only people who thinks Ryan isn't morally bankrupt. When an additional murder victim is discovered, the police immediately suspect her patron, but Minnie isn't convinced. And when she encounters Ryan hiding from the police, she decides to help him by investigating the crimes. Minnie and Eddie will have to fight tooth and claw to prove his innocence.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Sunset Swing

City Blues Quartet

Celestin, Ray

Los Angeles. Christmas, 1967. A city on fire, as a killer strikes... A young nurse, Kerry Gaudet, travels to the City of Angels desperate to find her missing brother, fearing that something terrible has happened to him: a serial killer is terrorising the city, picking victims at random, and Kerry has precious few leads. Ida Young, recently retired Private Investigator, is dragged into helping the police when a young woman is discovered murdered in her motel room. Ida has never met the victim, but her name has been found at the crime scene and the LAPD wants to know why... Meanwhile, mob fixer Dante Sanfelippo has put his life savings into purchasing a winery in Napa Valley but first he must do one final favour for the Mob before leaving town: find a bail jumper before the bond money falls due, and time is fast running out. Ida's friend, Louis Armstrong, flies into the city just as her investigations uncover mysterious clues to the killer's identity. And Dante must tread a dangerous path to pay his dues, a path which will throw him headlong into a terrifying conspiracy and a secret that the conspirators will do anything to protect... The final volume in the City Blues Quartet, which begins with *The Axeman's Jazz* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Ghost Town

Chen, Kevin

Keith Chen, the second son of a traditional Taiwanese family of seven, runs away from the oppression of his village to Berlin in the hope of finding acceptance as a young gay man. The novel begins a decade later, when Chen has just been released from prison for killing his boyfriend. He is about to return to his family's village, a poor and desolate place. With his parents gone, his sisters married, mad, or dead, there is nothing left for him there. As the story unfurls, we learn what tore this family apart and, more importantly, the truth behind the murder of Chen's boyfriend. Told in a myriad of voices, both living and dead, and moving through

time with deceptive ease, *Ghost Town* weaves a mesmerising web of family secrets and countryside superstitions, the search for identity and clash of cultures.

Noir TP \$32.99

Reacher's Rules:

Life Lessons from Jack Reacher

Child, Lee

Learn to live life the Jack Reacher way in this perfect gift for Reacher fans, everywhere. Reacher's own rules for life are brought together in this irresistible collection of quotes, life lessons and wisdom from the man himself. As every Reacher fan knows, you don't have to break the rules if you make the rules. If you want to survive in this world nothing else matters.

Rule 1: When in doubt, drink coffee.

Rule 2: Never volunteer for anything.

Rule 3: Don't break the furniture.

Rule 4: Only one woman at a time.

Rule 5: Show them what they're messing with.

'I don't want to put the world to rights, I just don't like people who put the world to wrongs.' *'Either you'll walk out of here yourself, or you'll be carried out in a bucket.'* *'I'm not scared of anybody... But I certainly preferred it when he was dead.'*

Crime & mystery humour HC \$24.99

Twisted Tea Christmas

Tea Shop mysteries

Childs, Laura

Tea maven Theodosia Browning and her tea sommelier, Drayton Conneley, are catering a Victorian Christmas party at a swanky mansion in downtown Charleston. Drucilla Heyward, the hostess, is one of the wealthiest women in town. As the champagne flows and the tea steeps, Drucilla is so pleased with the reception by her partygoers that she reveals her secret plan to Theodosia. The Grande Dame has brought the cream of Charleston society together to reveal that she is planning to give her wealth away to various charitable organisations. However, before she can make the announcement, Theodosia finds her crumpled unconscious in the hallway. It looks like the excitement has gotten to the elderly woman – except that there is a syringe sticking out of her neck.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

The Mysterious

Affair at Styles

Poirot mysteries, Painted edition

Christie, Agatha

The Mysterious Affair at Styles introduces not only famed author Agatha Christie to the world, but also her beloved detective Hercule Poirot. When the family matriarch overseeing the beautiful mansion Styles Court is found poisoned, suspicion falls on the relatives who stand to benefit from her last will and testament, and Poirot is called in to investigate. *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* is the astounding result of a challenge from Christie's sister Madge, who dared her to write a detective story in which the reader would be unable to spot the perpetrator, although given access to the same clues as the detective. Whether you're buying this as a gift or for yourself, this remarkable edition features: a beautiful high-end hardcover featuring Laci Fowler's distinctive

hand-painted art, perfect for standing out on any discerning fiction-lover's bookshelf; decorative interior pages featuring pull quotes distributed throughout; and matching ribbon marker and gold page edges. Perfect for special-edition book collectors, Agatha Christie lovers, fans of literary fiction and classic literature, and people who appreciate both the books and the many cinematic adaptations Christie's works have inspired.

Christie HC \$49.99

Marple: Agatha Christie

Calendar 2023

Christie, Agatha; et al

The first ever official Agatha Christie Calendar celebrates the world's favourite female detective, Miss Jane Marple. 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 is nearly 50 years since Agatha Christie's last Miss Marple novel was published; but, in 2022, a new book of short stories written by 12 accomplished Christie devotees is bringing the world's favourite female detective back into the limelight. It is entitled simply *Marple*. To coincide with the new book, artist Bill Bragg has painted new covers for all 14 of Agatha Christie's Marple books, and this new wall calendar collects them all in one glorious publication, allowing crime fiction fans to share in the delights of St Mary Mead and beyond, throughout 2023!

Christie Calendar \$22.99

Dead and Gondola

Christie Bookshop mysteries

Claire, Ann

Ellie Christie is thrilled to begin a new chapter. She's recently returned to her tiny Colorado hometown to run her family's historic bookshop with her elder sister, Meg, and their beloved cat, Agatha. Perched in a Swiss-style hamlet accessible by ski gondola and a twisty mountain road, the Book Chalet is a famed bibliophile destination known for its maze of shelves and relaxing reading lounge. At least, until trouble blows in with a wintry whiteout. A man is found dead on the gondola, and a rockslide throws the town into lockdown – no one in, no one out. The victim was a mysterious stranger who'd visited the bookshop. At the time, his only blunders had been disrupting a book club and leaving behind a first-edition Agatha Christie novel, written under a pseudonym. However, once revealed, the man's identity shocks the town. Motives and secrets swirl like the snow, but when the police narrow in on the sisters' close friends, the Christies have to act. Although the only Agatha in their family tree is their cat, Ellie and Meg know a lot about mysteries and realise they must summon their inner Miss Marple to trek through a blizzard of clues before the killer turns the page to their final chapter. The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$37.95

The Lammas Wild

Aelf Fen mysteries 10

Clare, Alys

It is the summer of 1100, and after seven long years away in Spain, Lassair is finally going home. Back to her beloved mentor

Gurdyman. Back to her family. And back to young lawman Jack Chevestrier, who Lassair hopes still carries the same deep feelings for her as she does for him. Before she can reunite with her loved ones, however, Lassair has a long-overdue task to perform. Old flame – and king's spy – Rollo Guiscard left her a chest before he died, and it is finally time for her to collect it. But the chest contains more than gold, and soon Lassair is caught up in a web of danger and deception that threatens not just her own life, but the lives of everyone she holds dear. And this is not the only peril Lassair must face. For although she's left the south behind her forever, the south is not done with her, yet...

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

Blue Like Me

Trevor Finnegan series

Clark, Aaron Philip

When former detective Trevor 'Finn' Finnegan became a PI, he adopted a new mandate: catch the LAPD's worst in the act. While on surveillance in Venice Beach, Finn tails two potentially dirty cops: Detective Martin Riley and Finn's ex-partner, Detective Sally Munoz. Things take a deadly turn when an unknown assailant executes Riley and wounds Munoz. In an instant, Finn goes from private eye to eyewitness. Munoz needs Finn to help find Riley's killer, but doing so could blow his cover. She's an officer shaded by rumours. Maybe she's still a good cop – but maybe she's not. Finn's reluctance ends when his dear 'uncle', an ex-LAPD detective, is murdered, and it might be connected to Riley's death. To prevent more bloodshed and avoid becoming the next targets on the killer's list, Finn and Munoz will have to bury their complicated past, trust each other, and come face-to-face with painful secrets that could destroy them both.

Thriller TP \$27.99

State of Terror

Clinton, Hillary Rodham

& Penny, Louise

Take a ringside seat in the high-stakes world of international politics... After a tumultuous period in American politics, a new administration has just been sworn in. Secretary of State, Ellen Adams, is determined to do her duty for her country. But she is about to face a horrifying international threat... A young foreign service officer has received a baffling text from an anonymous source. Too late, she realises it was a hastily coded warning. Then a series of bus bombs devastate Europe, heralding the rise of a new rogue terrorist organisation who will stop at nothing in their efforts to develop their own nuclear arsenal. As Ellen unravels the damaging effects of the former presidency on international politics, she must also contemplate the unthinkable: that the last president of the United States was more than just an ineffectual leader. Was he also a traitor to his country? *State of Terror* is a compelling and critically acclaimed international political thriller, co-written by Hillary Rodham Clinton, the 67th secretary of state, and Louise Penny, a multiple award-winning, bestselling novelist (of the Inspector Gamache mysteries).

Thriller PBK \$22.99

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Soul of a Killer

Books & Biscuits mysteries

Collette, Abby

Keaton and Koby are fraternal twins who were separated as children, but now they've found each other and opened Books & Biscuits in the pleasant Pacific Northwest town of Timber Lake. Business is booming, but even so, trouble always seems to find them. Mama Zola, Koby's devoted foster mom, has taken up residence in Timber Lake. She and Pete, one of the bookstore's quirky employees, bring a peach cobbler over to her church's potluck, and then someone who sampled the cobbler is found dead. Mama Zola and Pete find themselves suspects in the murder, but luckily Koby and Keaton are ready to sling out a side of justice.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Desert Star

Renée Ballard series

Connelly, Michael

A year has passed, since LAPD detective Renée Ballard quit the force in the face of misogyny, demoralisation, and endless red tape. Yet, after the chief of police himself tells her she can write her ticket within the department, Ballard takes back her badge, leaving 'the Late Show' to rebuild the cold case unit at the elite Robbery-Homicide Division. For years, Harry Bosch has been working a case that haunts him but that he hasn't been able to crack – the murder of an entire family by a psychopath who still walks free. Ballard makes Bosch an offer: come work with her as a volunteer investigator in the new Open-Unsolved Unit, and he can pursue his 'white whale' with the resources of the LAPD behind him. The two must put aside old resentments to work together again and close in on a dangerous killer.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Autopsy

Kay Scarpetta series

Cornwell, Patricia

Forensic pathologist Kay Scarpetta has returned to Virginia as the chief medical examiner. She and her husband Benton are headquartered five miles from the Pentagon, in a post-pandemic world that's been torn apart by civil and political unrest. Just weeks into the job, Scarpetta is called to investigate a woman's body which has been shockingly displayed on railroad tracks. As Scarpetta follows the trail, it leads unnervingly close to her own neighbourhood... At the same time, two scientists are found dead in a top-secret laboratory in outer space. Scarpetta is summoned to the White House Situation Room and tasked with finding out what happened. But even as she's working the first crime scene in space from the ground, an apparent serial killer strikes again. And this time, Scarpetta could be in greater danger than ever before...

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Livid

Kay Scarpetta series

Cornwell, Patricia

Chief medical examiner Kay Scarpetta is the reluctant star witness in a sensational murder trial when she receives shocking news. The judge's sister has been found dead. At first glance, it appears to be a home invasion, but then why was nothing

stolen, and why is the garden strewn with dead plants and insects? Although there is no apparent cause of death, Scarpetta recognises tell-tale signs of the unthinkable, and she knows the worst is yet to come. The forensic pathologist finds herself pitted against a powerful force that returns her to the past, and her time to catch the killer is running out...

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Ghost and the Stolen Tears

Haunted Bookshop mysteries

Goyle, Cleo

Norma is a modern-day nomad. Living out of her van and teardrop trailer, she revels in self-reliance, solitude, and reading in the glorious peace of nature. Jovial, wise, and scrupulously honest, she's become an uplifting presence in the little town of Quindicot, Rhode Island, where bookseller Pen is thankful to have her part-time help. But it's Norma's other job, working as a housekeeper at the Finch Inn, that gets her into terrible trouble. Norma is accused of stealing jewels from a guest's room: the legendary Valentino Teardrops, an antique necklace and earring set, inherited by a young socialite. Pen doesn't believe Norma is guilty of the crime – though the evidence is distressingly strong. And when the spirited Norma vanishes before her arrest, Pen turns to another spirit... Jack Shepard, PI, may have been gunned down decades ago, but his memory hasn't been ghosted. Back in the 1940s, those same Valentino Teardrops starred in a bizarre case of betrayal and murder. From the look of things, history is about to repeat. Now, Jack is back on the job, and Pen is eternally grateful.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

You Are Next

Det Sam Berger series

Dahl, Arne

Detective Inspector Sam Berger's life has been turned upside down. He is suspected of a murder and his partner, Secret Service agent, Molly Blom, is in a coma. Meanwhile, a terrorist attempt is threatening Stockholm and a wanted murderer is on the loose. Berger escapes to the Stockholm Archipelago while he waits for orders from the Swedish Security Service's chief executive. But is he the solution, or is he part of the problem?

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Secret Heart:

John le Carré – an Intimate Memoir

Dawson, Suleika

The astonishing new portrait of the master of spy fiction, by the woman he kept secret for almost half his life. John le Carré led a life entirely constructed of secrets. First, as a British 'spook' during the Cold War, then as a world-renowned writer of espionage fiction, but also in his personal involvements. He guarded his private life with fierce determination, so that even when he finally permitted his life story to be written, there was still one element he insisted be excluded: the women. Married with children for virtually all his adult life, le Carré – David Cornwell – had a number of secret affairs, usually conducted abroad with women encountered by chance on his travels. These relationships were always

intense, dramatic, even tragic, yet each was destined to last no more than a few months. But there was one love affair that withstood the test of time; just one woman in all his life whom he took into the innermost sanctum of his writing and his heart. *The Secret Heart* is the account of Suleika Dawson's unique and enduring love affair with John le Carré. Written with fearless honesty and insight, the book sheds a bold new light on one of the foremost British writers of the 20th century and offers an alternative measure of the man over the literary legend.

Biography TP \$34.99

A Scandal in Scarlet

Sherlock Holmes Bookshop mysteries

Delany, Vicki

Walking her dog Violet late one night, Gemma Doyle, owner of the Sherlock Holmes Bookshop, acts quickly when she smells smoke outside the West London Museum. Fortunately, no one is inside, but it's too late to save the museum's priceless collection of furniture, and damage to the historic house is extensive. Baker Street's shop owners come together to hold an afternoon auction tea to raise funds to rebuild, and Great Uncle Arthur Doyle offers a signed first edition of *The Valley of Fear*. Cape Cod's cognoscenti files into Mrs Hudson's Tea Room, owned by Gemma's best friend, Jayne Wilson. Excitement fills the air (along with the aromas of Jayne's delightful scones, of course). But the auction never happens. Before the gavel can fall, museum board chair Kathy Lamb is found dead in the back room. Wrapped tightly around her neck is a long rope of decorative knotted teacups – a gift item that Jayne sells at Mrs Hudson's. Gemma's boyfriend in blue, Ryan Ashburton, arrives on the scene with Detective Louise Estrada. But the suspect list is long, and the case far from elementary. Does Kathy's killing have any relation to a mysterious death of seven years ago? Gemma has no intention of getting involved in the investigation, but when fellow shopkeeper Maureen finds herself the prime suspect, she begs Gemma for her help. Ryan knows Gemma's methods and he isn't happy when she gets entangled in another mystery. But with so many suspects and so few clues, her deductive prowess will prove invaluable.

Mystery TP \$19.99

Don DeLillo:

Three Novels of the 1980s, LOA #363

DeLillo, Don

& Osteen, Mark (editor)

This first volume in the Library of America Don DeLillo edition – collecting *The Names*, *White Noise*, *Libra* – presents three indispensable novels from the 1980s, published here with new prefaces from the author. *The Names* (1982) was DeLillo's breakthrough novel, a book that, as he reflects here, spanned a 'broader expanse' than his earlier novels. James Axton, a 'risk analyst' tasked with assessing dangers for his corporate clients from terrorism and other forms of political upheaval, uncovers evidence of ritual murders committed by a cult obsessed with ancient languages. The investigation of these crimes yields a profound series of meditations on identity, disconnection, and the nature of language

itself. Part campus satire, part midlife character study, and part fever dream of a hyper-reality that has become uncannily familiar, the National Book Award-winning *White Noise* (1985) creates a terrifying, yet wickedly funny portrait of a postmodern America that is still recognisably ours, a world where children chant brand names in their sleep, university professors 'read nothing but cereal boxes', and 'you are the sum of your data'. Three years in the research and writing, *Libra* (1988) offers a magnificent counter-history of the JFK assassination and a nuanced portrait of the president's murderer. DeLillo has observed that 'the novel, working within history, is also outside it, correcting, clearing up, finding balances and rhythms'. The result is a revelatory new depiction of a defining event in 20th-century history. Rounding out the volume are two hard-to-find essays directly related to the novels: 'American Blood', the 1983 *Rolling Stone* article that was DeLillo's first effort to grapple with the JFK assassination and the welter of information and speculation the events of the killing and Oswald's own murder by Jack Ruby; and 'Silhouette City', an assessment of extremist right-wing groups and the troubling presence of neo-Nazism in the United States.

Literary mystery HC \$89.95

Day's End

Paul Hirschhausen mysteries

Disher, Garry

Hirsch's rural beat is wide. Daybreak to day's end, dirt roads and dust. Every problem that besets small towns and isolated properties, from unlicensed driving to arson. In the time of the virus, Hirsch is seeing stresses heightened and social divisions cracking wide open. His own tolerance under strain; people getting close to the edge. Today, he's driving an international visitor around: Janne Van Sant, whose backpacker son went missing while the borders were closed. They're checking out his last photo site, his last employer. A feeling that the stories don't quite add up. Then, a call comes in: a roadside fire. Nothing much – a suitcase soaked in diesel and set alight. But two noteworthy facts emerge. Janne knows more than Hirsch about forensic evidence. And the body in the suitcase is not her son's. This most recent series of Disher's is a cracker! (The first is *Bitter Wash Road* (PBK, \$22.99).) Recommended.

Mystery TP \$32.99

The Railway Murders

Yorkshire Murder mysteries

Ellis, J R

When a film shoot on Wharfedale's vintage railway turns into a grisly crime scene, DCI Oldroyd's idyllic visit to the countryside with his partner Deborah is well and truly stopped in its tracks. One of the film's stars has been shot dead in a train carriage while the cameras rolled outside. But nobody else went in – or came out. Has the killer really pulled off the perfect, impossible crime? Scouring the victim's past for clues, Oldroyd soon unearths a string of heartbroken lovers and a mountain of unpaid debts, each adding to the growing list of suspects. But before he can determine who the culprit is, there's the small matter of figuring out how they did it. A potential connection to a previous

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tragedy offers Oldroyd a much-needed lead... Whoever the perpetrator is, they are ruthless and determined to avoid detection, and when a railway worker starts joining the dots, they are quickly silenced – for good. But as Oldroyd gets ever closer to the truth, it's only a matter of time before he is given a chilling warning to back off. Perhaps, Deborah should have stayed somewhere safe...

Mystery TP \$29.99

Death by Spiced Chai

Bookstore Café mysteries

Erickson, Alex

In a small town like Pine Hills, reputation counts for a lot. And for reasons that Krissy Hancock can't figure out, someone is trashing hers. Cockroaches in the bookstore's coffee, spiteful reviews, vandalism – Krissy is being framed for every bit of bad news around. Her boyfriend, local cop Paul Dalton, is on the case, but before they can source the saboteur, Krissy is in the frame for murder, too. The murder weapon was a teapot full of Krissy's favourite spiced chai, and all the local gossips are spilling the tea about her supposed involvement. But the real culprit has a grudge that's been simmering for years. And unless Krissy can uncover the truth before the killer's rage boils over again, it won't just be her business in hot water – her life will be on the line too...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Deathwatch Beetle

Ann Lindell mysteries

Eriksson, Kjell

Four years have passed since Cecilia Karlsson disappeared from the island of Gräsö in Roslagen. When Ann Lindell receives a tip that she has been seen alive she cannot help getting involved, even though she is no longer with the police. The black sheep of the island, Nils Lindberg, has never forgotten Cecilia Karlsson, with whom he was in love as a teenager. And he carries a secret. He may not be completely sober all the time, but he has no doubt of what he saw out on the bay just before Cecilia disappeared. Cecilia's parents are desperate, not knowing what happened to their daughter. Yet, their silent house contains many things that have been left unsaid. While Ann struggles to put the jigsaw puzzle together, she is trying to establish herself in her new life together with her lover Edvard who, like herself, is marked by life. At the same time, someone is hiding in a cottage in a remote part of the island. Someone who is looking for revenge...

Noir TP \$39.95

Going Rogue:

Rise and Shine Twenty-Nine

Stephanie Plum mysteries

Evanovich, Janet

Monday mornings aren't supposed to be fun, but they should be predictable. However, on this particular Monday, Stephanie Plum knows that something is amiss when she turns up for work at Vinnie's Bail Bonds to find that long-time office manager Connie Rosolli, who is as reliable as the tides in Atlantic City, hasn't shown up. Stephanie's worst fears are confirmed when she gets a call from Connie's abductor. He says he will only release her in exchange for a mysterious coin that a recently murdered man left as collateral for his bail. Unfortunately, this

coin, which should be in the office – just like Connie – is nowhere to be found. The quest to discover the coin, learn its value, and save Connie will require the help of Stephanie's Grandma Mazur, her best pal Lula, her boyfriend Morelli, and hunky security expert Ranger. As they get closer to unravelling the reasons behind Connie's kidnapping, Connie's captor grows more threatening, and soon Stephanie has no choice but to throw caution to the wind, follow her instincts, and go rogue. She is more shocked by the results than anyone.

Mystery TP \$32.99

Death on the Trans-Siberian Express

Olga Pushkin mysteries

Farrington, C J

Welcome to Roslazny – a sleepy Russian town where intrigue and murder combine to disturb the icy silence... Olga Pushkin, Railway Engineer (Third Class) and would-be bestselling author, spends her days in a little rail-side hut with only Dmitri the hedgehog for company. While tourists and travellers clatter by on the Trans-Siberian Express, Olga dreams of studying literature at Tomsk State University – the Oxford of West Siberia – and escaping the sleepy, snow-clad village of Roslazny. But Roslazny doesn't stay sleepy for long. Poison-pen letters, a small-town crime wave, and persistent rumours of a Baba Yaga – a murderous witch hiding in the frozen depths of the Russian taiga – combine to disturb the icy silence. And one day Olga arrives at her hut only to be knocked unconscious by a man falling from the Trans-Siberian, an American tourist with his throat cut from ear to ear and his mouth stuffed with 10-rouble coins. Another death soon follows, and Sergeant Vassily Marushkin, the brooding, enigmatic policeman who takes on the case, finds himself falsely imprisoned by his Machiavellian superior, Chief-Inspector Babikov. Olga resolves to help Vassily by proving his innocence. But with no leads to follow and time running out, has Olga bitten off more than she can chew? This charming debut had great customer feedback on its earlier edition. Recommended!

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Observations by Gaslight:

Stories from the World of Sherlock Holmes

Faye, Lyndsay

A thrilling volume of both new and previously published short stories and novellas by Lyndsay Faye, narrated by those who knew the Great Detective. Beloved adventuress Irene Adler teams up with her former adversary in a near-deadly inquiry into a room full of eerily stopped grandfather clocks. Learn of the case that cemented the lasting friendship between Holmes and Inspector Lestrade, and of the tragic crime which haunted the Yarder into joining the police force. And witness Stanley Hopkins' first meeting with the remote logician he idolises, who will one day become his devoted mentor. From familiar faces like landlady Mrs Hudson to minor characters like Lomax the sub-librarian, *Observations by Gaslight* – entirely epistolary, told through diaries, telegrams, and even grocery lists – paints a masterful portrait of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson, as you have never seen them before.

Sherlockiana TP \$29.99

The Mitford Secret

Mitford Murders

Fellowes, Jessica

It's 1941, and the Mitford household is splintered by the vicissitudes of war. To bring the clan together – maybe for one last time – Deborah invites them to Chatsworth for Christmas, along with a selection of society's most impressive and glamorous guests, as well as old family friend Louisa Cannon, a private detective. One night, a psychic arrives, and to liven things up Deborah agrees she may host a seance. But entertainment turns to dark mystery as the psychic reveals that a maid was murdered in this very same house – and she can prove it. Louisa steps forward, to try to solve the cold case. But with a house full of people who want nothing more than to bury their secrets, will she be able to unmask the murderer? And how deep does the truth lie?

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

Cruz

Ferraro, Nicolás

Tomás Cruz swore he would never be like his father, an abusive cocaine junkie whose gangland exploits are notorious throughout the underbelly of northern Argentina. When Samuel Cruz is sentenced to 13 years in prison, he leaves a laundry list of unfinished cartel business. Seba, Tomás' revered older brother, has no choice but to abandon his straight life and take over his father's underworld debt. Now, 15 years has passed, Seba has been arrested, and the ruthless cartel boss is holding his wife and daughter as collateral – just in time for the holidays. Tomás is forced to choose between protecting his family and his soul as he assumes the to-do list where Seba left off, plunging into the shocking depravity of the cartel to track a drug deal gone wrong. On a bloody quest for underworld justice that will take him from a nightmarish bar staffed by teenage sex slaves to the murky depths of the Paran River, Tomás discovers himself capable of violence he never thought possible. He must ask himself if he really is his father's son... and he may not like the answer.

Mystery/suspense HC \$52.99

Because I Could Not Stop for Death

Emily Dickinson mysteries

Flower, Amanda

January 1855: Willa Noble knew it was bad luck when it was pouring rain on the day of her ever-important job interview at the Dickinson home in Amherst, Massachusetts. When she arrived late, dishevelled with her skirts sodden and filthy, she'd lost all hope of being hired for the position. As the housekeeper politely told her they'd be in touch, Willa started toward the door of the stately home only to be called back by the soft but strong voice of Emily Dickinson. What begins as tenuous employment turns to friendship as the reclusive poet takes Willa under her wing. Tragedy soon strikes and Willa's beloved brother, Henry, is killed in a tragic accident at the town stables. With no other family and nowhere else to turn, Willa tells Emily about her brother's death and why she believes it was no accident. Willa is convinced it was murder. Henry had been very secretive of late, only hinting to Willa that he'd found a way to earn money to take

care of them both. Viewing it first as a puzzle to piece together, Emily offers to help, only to realise that she and Willa are caught in a deadly game of cat and mouse that reveals corruption in Amherst that is generations deep. Some very high-powered people will stop at nothing to keep their profitable secrets even if that means forever silencing Willa and her new mistress... The first in a new series.

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

Bryant and May's Peculiar London

Bryant & May companion

Fowler, Christopher

Thinking of a jaunt to England? Let Arthur Bryant and John May, London's oldest police detectives, show you the oddities behind the city's façades in this tongue-in-cheek travel guide. *It's getting late. I want to share my knowledge of London with you, if I can remember any of it.* So says Arthur Bryant. He and John May are the nation's oldest serving detectives. Who better to reveal its secrets? Why does this rainy, cold, grey city capture so many imaginations? Could its very unreliability hold the key to its longevity? The detectives are joined by their boss, Raymond Land, and some of their most disreputable friends, each an argumentative and unreliable expert in their own dodgy field. Each character gives us a short tour of odd buildings, odder characters, lost venues, forgotten disasters, confusing routes, dubious gossip, illicit pleasures, and hidden pubs. They make all sorts of connections – and show us why it's almost impossible to separate fact from fiction in London.

Mystery HC \$45.00

The Zero Night

Jonathan Stride series

Freeman, Brian

A woman has been kidnapped. Now, Jonathan Stride must decide if her husband wants her back... dead or alive. After nearly dying of a gunshot wound, Jonathan Stride has been on leave from the Duluth Police for more than a year. When his partner, Maggie Bei, gets called about a suspicious abduction involving a local lawyer, she tells Stride it's time for him to come back. Attorney Gavin Webster says he paid \$100,000 in ransom money to the men who kidnapped his wife. Now, they've disappeared with the cash, and she's still missing. Gavin claims to be desperate to find her – but Stride discovers that the lawyer had plenty of motive to be the mastermind behind the crime. Even as Stride digs for the truth about Gavin Webster and his wife, he must also deal with a crisis in his own marriage. His wife, Serena, is struggling after the death of her mother, the abusive woman she hadn't seen in 25 years. When she loses control at a crime scene and draws her gun on a fellow cop, Serena finds herself kicked off the Webster case. Alone at her desk, she begins hunting through old police files and starts to ask questions about a mother's death that was written off as suicide. That death haunts Serena like an echo of her own childhood – but her obsession with it takes a terrible toll. As Serena shuts him out of her despair, and his own investigation grows increasingly tangled, Stride wonders whether going back to his detective work was the right decision. But all he can do is keep moving forward.

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Because Stride fears the Webster kidnapping may be only one part of a horrific murder conspiracy. And it's not over, yet.

Mystery/suspense HC \$55.00

The Bigger They Come

American Mystery Classics,
Cool & Lam mysteries

Gardner, Erle Stanley

Bertha Cool is the gruff, tough-talking, corpulent head of her private detective agency, opened after the death of her husband; Donald Lam is her meek, slight, and nervy new hire, who makes up for a lack of boldness with brilliant deductive work. The duo couldn't be any more dissimilar but, with their skills combined, they are an unstoppable force when it comes to solving crimes, as evidenced by their over two dozen successes in the long-running series penned by Perry Mason creator Erle Stanley Gardner. In this, their first outing, Donald Lam is tasked with delivering divorce papers to a man who reportedly made a fortune in rigged slot machines. The only problem is that nobody – not even the police – can find him. Before long, Lam's seemingly-simple assignment finds him caught up in a web of money, mysterious safety deposit boxes, and a gang of toughs every bit as desperate as he is to find the runaway husband. Reissued for the first time in decades, and originally published under the A A Fair pen name, *The Bigger They Come* is an enjoyable private eye novel replete with puzzling scenarios and a humorous tone. As fast and twisty as anything Gardner ever wrote, the novel (and the series it spawned) is more Paul Drake than Perry Mason, but it is sure to please any fan of the Golden Age whodunnit. Classic mystery HC/TP \$49.95/\$26.95

Murder By the Seaside:

Classic Crime Stories for Summer

Gayford, Cecily (editor)

Take the holiday of a lifetime with history's greatest mystery writers. It's the height of summer. As the heat shimmers on the streets and ice cream melts onto sticky fingers, tempers begin to rise and old grudges surface. From Cornish beaches to the French Riviera, it's not just a holiday that's on people's minds... it's murder. In these 10 classic stories from writers such as Arthur Conan Doyle, Cyril Hare, and G K Chesterton, you'll find mayhem and mysteries aplenty. So, grab the sunscreen and head down to the beach – if you dare. Classic mystery PBK \$19.99

A Haunting at Holkham Glenconner, Anne

January 1950. Lady Anne Coke, daughter of the 5th Earl of Leicester, is in Scunthorpe on a business trip when she is called home after a sudden death in the family. She returns to Holkham Hall to discover a mystery: her beloved grandfather has been found dead at the bottom of a flight of stairs with a valuable piece of jewellery in his pocket. No one can find a cause of death, and some even suspect foul play from the ghost who supposedly haunts the house. But Anne's suspicions are aroused; she grew close to her grandfather when they lived together during the war, and she is determined to discover the truth. During World War II, Holkham Hall was an army base with large sections out

of bounds, and 11-year-old Anne was in the care of a new governess, whom she hated and believed to be deceitful. Although she had been told to stay away from certain parts of the house, Anne used the secret passageways and the cellars to move around unnoticed. And something she saw then could unlock the mystery of her grandfather's death, now... Mystery PBK \$22.99

The Disinvited Guest Goodman, Carol

Lucy Harper still has traumatic memories and lingering health problems from the 2020 pandemic. So, when a new virus surfaces years later, she and her husband, Reed, seek refuge on his family's private island off the coast of Maine. Ostensibly safely sequestered with their five closest friends and family, Lucy should feel at ease. So, why does she feel the weight of the island's dark history pushing down on the group? As Lucy uncovers Reed's family secrets and the island's history as a quarantine hospital for typhus patients, she becomes obsessed with the past and feels her own grip on reality slipping. Tempers flare, strange signs appear in the woods, and accidents turn deadly. Is the island haunted by the dead? Or is someone amongst the living taking their revenge? Thriller TP \$29.99

The Chapel in the Woods

Jack Haldean Murder mysteries

Gordon-Smith, Dolores

Enjoying a weekend in the country with his cousin Isabelle, Jack Haldean is intrigued to learn that the neighbouring estate of Birchen Bower has been bought by wealthy Canadian businessman Tom Jago. Determined to restore the place to its former glory, Jago has invited the local villagers to a fete to celebrate the grand reopening of the 17th century family chapel. But the afternoon's entertainment is cut short by the discovery of a body, mauled to death as if by a wild animal. Previously owned by the eccentric Cayden family, Birchen Bower has a long and colourful history, and is rumoured to be haunted. Is there any truth to the ancient family legend of the Jaguar Princess... and could she have claimed another victim? And what's happened to Jago's employee, Derek Martin and his wife, who have disappeared without trace... along with Mrs Jago's diamonds? Refusing to believe the wild tales of man-eating beasts prowling the grounds, Jack sets out to uncover the truth. But then a second badly-ravaged body is discovered... Could the rumours be true, after all? Historical mystery TP \$39.95

Murder in Williamstown

Phryne Fisher mysteries

Greenwood, Kerry

When the redoubtable Miss Phryne Fisher receives threatening letters at her home, she enlists her unflappable apprentice Tinker to investigate. But as the harassment of Phryne threatens to spin out of control, her lover Lin Chung is also targeted. Meanwhile, Dot begins to fear that her fiancé, newly promoted Sergeant Hugh Collins, has gone cold on their wedding. And Phryne's clever daughters Ruth and Jane begin their own investigation into suspiciously dwindling funds when they

are sent to help at the Blind Institute. None of this is quite enough to prevent Phryne from accepting an invitation to a magnificent party at the house of the mysterious Hong. When the party is interrupted by shocking tragedy, Phryne gathers all of her unerring brilliance to track down the miscreants. With some unlikely assistance, Phryne is in a race against time to save a pair of young lovers from disgrace and death. Historical mystery TP \$32.99

The Corpse Flower

Kaldan & Schäfer mysteries

Hancock, Anne Mette

Danish journalist Heloise Kaldan is in the middle of a nightmare. One of her sources has been caught lying, and she could lose her job over it. Then she receives the first in a series of cryptic and unsettling letters from a woman named Anna Kiel. Wanted in connection with the fatal stabbing of a young lawyer three years earlier, Anna hasn't been seen by anyone since she left the crime scene covered in blood. The police think she's fled the country until homicide detective Erik Schäfer comes up with a lead after the reporter who originally wrote about the case is found murdered in his apartment. Has Anna Kiel struck again, or is there more than one killer at large? And why does every clue point directly to Heloise Kaldan? Meanwhile, the letters keep coming, and they hint at a connection between Anna and Heloise. As Heloise starts digging deeper, she realises that to tell Anna's story she will have to revisit the darkest parts of her own past – confronting someone she swore she'd never see again. Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

Great Australian Rascals, Rogues and Ratbags:

Australia's most colourful

criminal characters

Haynes, Jim

The bold, the bad, and the slightly mad... Criminality, some say, is part of Australia's national identity, and in *Great Australian Rascals, Rogues and Ratbags*, Jim Haynes profiles 15 larger-than-life Aussie rogues – some of our greatest ne'er-do-wells from colonial times to the modern era. These stories uncover the truth and expose the myths about characters ranging from the most despicable examples of humanity, to those whose courage has to be admired and whose so-called 'crimes' were unjustly punished. This fascinating collection features felons who have sprung from Australia's underbelly since 1788, such as the infamous Kate Leigh of the razor gangs; the convict Mary Bryant, who in 1791 escaped from the Sydney penal settlement and somehow made it back to England; James Hardy Vaux, who was sent to Australia no less than three times; Henry James O'Farrell, the madman who attempted to murder Prince Alfred in Sydney in 1868; and John Leak, who was repeatedly charged with insolence, disobedience and being absent without leave in World War I – and awarded the Victoria Cross. Told with Jim's inimitable combination of history and humour, *Great Australian Rascals, Rogues and Ratbags* is packed with murders, mystery and miscreants: true stories of true criminals from Australia's past. True crime/History TP \$32.99

The Plot Thickets

Garden Squad mysteries

Henry, Julia

With spring's arrival in Goosebush, Lilly and the Beautification Committee turn their eyes to new projects. A clean-up of the historic Goosebush Cemetery may be in order, after Lilly and Delia find the plots there sorely neglected and inexplicably rearranged. Lilly soon discovers that Whitney Dunne-Bradford snapped up custodianship of the graveyard once she inherited Bradford Funeral Homes. But before Lilly can get to the bottom of the tombstone tampering, she stumbles upon Whitney's body at the Jayne family mausoleum... Though, at first, it appears Whitney died by suicide, Lilly has doubts; and, apparently, so does Chief of Police Bash Haywood, who quickly opens a murder investigation. Plenty of folks in town had bones to pick with Whitney, including her stepdaughter, Sasha, and funeral home employee, Dewey Marsh – all three recently charged with illegal business practices. But when the homicide inquiry suddenly targets an old friend, Lilly and the Garden Squad must rally to exhumate the truth before the real killer buries it forever... Mystery PBK \$19.99

Dolphin Junction

collection

Herron, Mick

Dolphin Junction captures Mick Herron's trademark tension, humour, and suspense in the form of short fiction, collected here for the first time. When a wife leaves her husband under suspicious circumstances, he sets off in search for her, unprepared for the guilty secrets he's about to drag back into the light. A man is tempted by a luxury apartment with a top-of-the-range kitchen. But there is a heavy price to pay for this glamorous new life. A couple go on a hike through the Derbyshire countryside, to ignore the fact their marriage is on the rocks. And there is a peek into the past of Jackson Lamb, the boss of Slough House, as well as stories featuring the shrewd detective Zoe Boehm and her hapless partner Joe Silvermann. *Dolphin Junction* displays Herron's craft for deftly-plotted storytelling, dark wit, and memorable twists. Suspense PBK \$22.99

The Garden of Angels

Hewson, David

When a Jewish classmate is attacked by bullies, 15-year-old Nico just watches – earning him a week's suspension and a typed, yellowing manuscript from his frail Nonno Paolo. A history lesson, his grandfather says, and a secret he must keep from his father. Nico is transported back to the Venice of 1943, an occupied city seething under the Nazis, and to the defining moment of his grandfather's life: when Paolo's support for a murdered Jewish woman brings him into the sights of the city's underground resistance. Hooked and unsettled, Nico can't stop reading – but he soon wonders if he ever knew his beloved grandfather at all. Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

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A Change of Circumstance

Simon Serrailer series

Hill, Susan

Detective Chief Superintendent Simon Serrailer has long regarded drug ops in Lafferton as a waste of time. The small-time dealers picked up outside the local high school can't or won't turn in any valuable names, so they're merely given a fine and the trail runs cold. But when the body of a 22 year old is found, in neighbouring Starley, the case pulls DCS Simon Serrailer into the underbelly of an elaborate drug operation that moves narcotics from the cities into the suburbs and right down to villages. The foot soldiers? Vulnerable local kids like Brookie and Olivia, whose involvement gives Simon a bitter taste of this new landscape. It's a harsh winter in Lafferton, and with struggles both at home and on the job, DCS Serrailer soon learns that even the familiar can hold shocking surprises...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

A Memory for Murder

Selma Falck series

Holt, Anne

When former high-powered lawyer turned PI Selma Falck is shot and her oldest friend, a junior MP, is killed in a sniper attack, everyone – including the police – assume that Selma was the prime target. But when two other people with connections to the MP are also found murdered, it becomes clear that there is a wider conspiracy at play. As Selma sets out to avenge her friend's death, and discover the truth behind the conspiracy, her own life is threatened once again. Only this time, the danger may be closer to home than she could possibly have realised...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

The Thirty-One Doors

Hulme, Kate

If these walls could talk... ScarpSide House is famed for its beauty, its isolation, and its legendary parties. Tonight, it hosts the Penny Club soiree. An annual gathering of lucky men and women from all walks of life, coming together to celebrate their survival against the odds. But, this year, their luck is running thin. Accidents do happen, after all... And some are long overdue...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Open Season

Bob Skinner mysteries

Jardine, Quintin

Amidst a family celebration, a cataclysmic storm uncovers long-buried horrors – and a team of detectives struggle to solve a 30-year-old, double murder. The police are also searching two countries for traces of a mysterious crime novelist who appears to have vanished. Has the faking of his own death been his masterpiece? Alongside each inquiry as it evolves is former Chief Constable Sir Robert Skinner, relishing his new role as a media magnate, but drawn into reluctant action and towards a chilling discovery of his own. With evil on one hand and intrigue on the other, will Skinner escape with either his integrity or career intact... or is it open season on him?

Mystery TP \$32.99

Holmes Coming

Johnson, Kenneth

Dr Amy Winslow tells the story: in foggy, night-time San Francisco a jogging SFPD captain is savagely attacked by a Bengal tiger which then vanishes. In her ER, Amy labours unsuccessfully to save the captain's life, then consoles his aggrieved closest friend, Lt Luis Ortega. Neither suspects their lives will intertwine in a life-or-death mystery. The next day, checking on former patient Mrs Hudson at her Victorian house isolated in Marin County's forest, Amy discovers in the cellar a secret, cobweb-covered 1899 electrochemical laboratory containing a Jules Verne-esque steampunk sarcophagus out of which springs a wild-eyed, half-mummified, crypt-keeper-like man, who injects himself with something before falling dead at her feet. Amy barely revives him. He claims to be a real-life Victorian master chemist and detective named Holmes, who allowed Conan Doyle to write stories based on his cases, though was slightly annoyed when Doyle changed his real first name to the catchier Sherlock. Becoming uninspired by 1890s' crime, Holmes devised this method to hibernate for a century to investigate future mysteries. Amy assumes he's a lunatic. His Scotland Yard identity papers were stolen while he slept, so it takes her a while to realise his amazing story is true. Respectably handsome, when cleaned up, Holmes is still the same brash, egoistic, uber-English, cocaine-addicted, non-feminist genius – but now a century out of sync – so, his still-brilliant deductions are sometimes laughingly or dangerously wrong. Holmes and Amy, his reluctant new Watson, find themselves unexpectedly attracted to each other while perilously involved in reclaiming his proof of identity, aided by cyber-savvy street teen Zapper. It's all connected to the horrific death-by-tiger, only the first of several bizarre, mystifying murders being committed by an exquisitely fiendish descendant of Holmes' Victorian archenemy, Professor Moriarty.

Sherlockiana HC \$55.00

Lightseekers

Kayode, Femi

When three young students are brutally murdered in a Nigerian university town, their killings – and their killers – are caught on social media. The world knows who murdered them; what no one knows is why. As the legal trial begins, investigative psychologist Philip Taiwo is contacted by the father of one of the boys, desperate for some answers to his son's murder. But Philip is an expert in crowd behaviour and violence, not a detective, and after travelling to the sleepy town that bore witness to the horror, he soon feels dramatically out of his depth. Will he finally be able to uncover the truth of what happened to the Okriki Three? Winner of the 2019 UEA Crime Writing Prize, *Lightseekers* is the start of a major new crime series introducing investigative psychologist Dr Philip Taiwo.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

City of the Dead

Alex Delaware series

Kellerman, Jonathan

Los Angeles is a city of sunlight, celebrity, and possibility. The LA often experienced by Homicide Lt Detective Milo Sturgis and psychologist Alex Delaware, is a city of the dead. Early one morning, the two of them find themselves in a neighbourhood of pretty houses, pretty cars, and pretty people. The scene they encounter is anything but. A naked young man lies dead in the street, the apparent victim of a collision with a moving van hurtling through suburbia in the darkness. But any thoughts of accidental death vanish when a blood trail leads to a nearby home. Inside, a young woman lies butchered. The identity of the male victim and his role in the horror remain elusive, but that of the woman creates additional questions. And adding to the shock, Alex has met her while working a convoluted child custody case. Cordelia Gannett was a self-styled internet influencer who'd gotten into legal troubles by palming herself off as a psychologist. Even after promising to desist, she's found a loophole and has continued her online career, aiming to amass clicks and ads by cyber-coaching and cyber-counselling people plagued with relationship issues. But upon closer examination, Alex and Milo discover that her own relationships are troublesome, including a tortured family history and a dubious personal past. Has that come back to haunt her in the worst way? Is the mystery man out in the street collateral damage or will he turn out to be the key to solving a grisly double homicide? As the psychologist and the detective explore LA's meanest streets, they peel back layer after layer of secrets and encounter a savage, psychologically twisted, almost unthinkable motive for violence and bloodshed.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Whiskers and Lies

Magical Cats mysteries

Kelly, Sofie

Baker Georgia Pepper has been hired to provide delicious and spooky cupcakes for the Reading Buddies Halloween Party at the library, and she and Kathleen are meeting to finalise the menu of festive confections. Unfortunately, once Georgia's former mother-in-law ambushes her at the library and threatens Georgia with legal action, the afternoon of fun is soured. When Georgia's litigious in-law is later found dead and the friendly baker is implicated, Kathleen is eager to help prove her innocence. Luckily, Kathleen and her intrepid magical cats, Hercules and Owen, have solved their fair share of mysteries. As a result, she knows that in life as well as crime solving, it is all relative, but with hard work, she can make sure the right criminal is booked.

Mystery HC \$49.99

Blackwater Falls

Detective Inaya Rahman mysteries

Khan, Ausma Zehanat

Girls from immigrant communities have been disappearing for months in the Colorado town of Blackwater Falls; but the local sheriff is slow to act, and the fates of the missing girls largely ignored. At last, the calls for justice become too loud to ignore, when the body of a star student and

refugee – the Syrian teenager Razan Elkader – is positioned deliberately in a mosque.

Detective Inaya Rahman and Lieutenant Waqas Seif of the Denver Police are recruited to solve Razan's murder, and quickly uncover a link to other missing and murdered girls. But as Inaya gets closer to the truth, Seif finds ways to obstruct the investigation. Inaya may be drawn to him, but she is wary of his motives: he may be covering up the crimes of their boss, whose connections in Blackwater run deep. Inaya turns to her female colleagues, attorney Areesha Adams and Detective Catalina Hernandez, for help in finding the truth. The three have bonded through their experiences as members of vulnerable groups and now they must work together to expose the conspiracy behind the murders before another girl disappears. The first in a series.

Mystery/suspense HC \$57.95

A Strange Habit of Mind

Cameron Winter mysteries

Klavan, Andrew

The world of Big Tech is full of eccentric characters, but shamanic billionaire Gerald Byrne may be the strangest of the bunch. The founder of Byrner, a global social media platform, Byrne is known for speaking with vague profundity and for dabbling in esoteric spiritual practices; he wears his hair in a long black ponytail to reveal a large flower tattooed on his neck; he's universally admired as a visionary, a philanthropist, and a devoted husband and father. And every person who gets in the way of his good work seems to die. When a former student commits suicide, English professor and ex-spy Cameron Winter takes it upon himself to understand why. The young man was expelled from the university in an unfortunate episode that left Winter sympathetic to his plight; after a prolonged silence, he reached out to his teacher with two words just before taking the fatal plunge from the roof of his San Francisco apartment: 'Help me'. Winter has what he calls 'a strange habit of mind' – the ability to imagine himself into a crime scene, to reconstruct it mentally and play through various possible causes and outcomes to understand exactly what took place. When he applies this exercise to Adam Kemp's desperate final moments, he discovers a troubling inconsistency. And when he learns that Kemp was in a tumultuous relationship with Gerald Byrne's niece, he begins to suspect that the suicide was the result of a carefully-engineered plot, put in motion by the powerful businessman. Hardboiled HC \$55.00

Vera Kelly Lost and Found

Vera Kelly mysteries

Knecht, Rosalie

Spring 1971. Vera Kelly and her girlfriend, Max, leave their cosy Brooklyn apartment for an emergency visit to Max's estranged family in Los Angeles. Max's parents are divorcing – her father is already engaged to a much younger woman and under the sway of an occultist charlatan; her mother has left their estate in a hurry with no indication of return. Max, who hasn't seen her family since they threw her out at 21, prepares for the trip with equal parts dread and anger. Upon arriving, Vera is shocked by the size and extravagance of the family estate which reveals a privileged

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upbringing that, up until this point, Max had only hinted at. Tensions boil over at dinner as Max attempts to navigate her father, who is hostile and controlling, and the occultist, St James, who is charming but appears to be siphoning family money. The next morning, when Vera wakes up, Max is gone...

Mystery PBK \$22.99

The Blood Tide

DS Max Craigie mysteries

Lancaster, Neil

In a remote sea loch on the west coast of Scotland, a fisherman vanishes without trace. His remains are never found. A young man jumps from a bridge in Glasgow and falls to his death in the water below. DS Max Craigie uncovers evidence that links both victims. But if he can't find out what cost them their lives, it won't be long before more bodies turn up at the morgue... Soon, cracks start to appear in the investigation, and Max's past hurtles back to haunt him. When his loved ones are threatened, he faces a terrifying choice: let the only man he ever feared walk free, or watch his closest friend die... The follow-up to Lancaster's debut, *Dead Man's Grave* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

A Private Spy:

the Letters of John le Carré, 1945–2020

le Carré, John

An archive of letters written by the late John le Carré, giving readers access to the intimate thoughts of one of the greatest writers of our time... The never-before-seen correspondence of John le Carré, one of the most important novelists of our generation, are collected in this beautiful volume. During his lifetime, le Carré wrote numerous letters to writers, spies, politicians, artists, actors, and public figures. This collection is a treasure trove, revealing the late author's humour, generosity, and wit – a side of him many readers have not previously seen.

Letters TP \$39.99

Dohany Street

Danube Blues series

LeBor, Adam

Budapest, January 2016. The Danube is grey and half frozen, and the city seems to have gone into hibernation. But not Detective Balthazar Kovacs. Elad Harrari, a young Israeli historian, has disappeared. There's no sign of violence but something feels very wrong. Harrari was working in the city's Jewish Museum, investigating the fate of the assets of the Hungarian Jews murdered in the Holocaust. It's clear his research set off alarm bells at one of the country's most powerful companies. The more Balthazar digs into the case, the more he is certain that shadowy forces are in play. And the pressure is building: Budapest is preparing for a major diplomatic visit – if Harrari is not found it will be cancelled. The threats against Balthazar soon turn to violence. It's clear that if he is to find the historian he will have to go face-to-face with some very dangerous people – and confront the darkest era in Hungary's past.

Suspense PBK \$19.99

Disaster at the Vendome Theatre

Verlaque & Bonnet/ Provençal mysteries

Longworth, M L

When Jean-Marc Sauvet, successful lawyer and the best friend of Aix-en-Provence's examining magistrate Antoine Verlaque, accepted a small role in a local theatre's summer production of Marcel Pagnol's *Cigalon*, he had no idea that the lead actress would be played by the great Liliane Poncet. But Jean-Marc's excitement about rubbing elbows with one of France's legendary film stars is quickly extinguished. The lead actor, Gauthier Lesage, is rude and unenthusiastic, and nobody understands how he got the part. Chaos reigns backstage thanks to the absentminded theatre director. And everyone seems to be harbouring a secret. When one of the actors goes missing for good, it's up to the soon-to-be-a-father Verlaque and his police commissioner, Bruno Paulik, to untangle the threads of a mystery that seems to get more complicated, every day...

Mystery TP \$29.99

These Names Make Clues

British Library Crime Classics

Lorac, E C R

Should detectives go to parties? Was it consistent with the dignity of the Yard? The inspector tossed for it – and went.

Chief Inspector Macdonald has been invited to a treasure hunt party at the house of Graham Coombe, the celebrated publisher of *Murder by Mesmerism*. Despite a handful of misgivings, the inspector joins a guest list of novelists and thriller writers disguised on the night under literary pseudonyms. The fun comes to an abrupt end, however, when Samuel Pepys is found dead in the telephone room in bizarre circumstances. *It's all fun and games (and fake names) until someone ends up dead...* Amidst the confusion of too many fake names, clues, ciphers, and convoluted alibis, Chief Inspector Macdonald and his allies in the CID must unravel a truly tangled case in this metafictional masterpiece, which returns to print for the first time since its publication in 1937. This edition includes an introduction by CWA Diamond Dagger Award-winning author Martin Edwards.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

Sawbones

novella

MacBride, Stuart

This time, the serial killer picked the wrong family... They call him Sawbones: a serial killer touring America, kidnapping young women. The FBI's investigating – but getting nowhere. The latest victim is Laura Jones. Sixteen years old. Pretty. Blonde. And the daughter of one of New York's most notorious gangsters. Laura's Dad doesn't care about the law. What he wants is revenge. And he knows just the guys to get it. This time, Sawbones picked on the wrong family...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$14.99

Damascus Station

McGloskey, David

CIA case officer Sam Joseph is dispatched to Paris to recruit Syrian Palace official Mariam Haddad. The two fall into a forbidden relationship, which supercharges Haddad's recruitment and creates unspeakable danger

when they enter Damascus to find the man responsible for the disappearance of an American spy. But the cat and mouse chase for the killer soon leads to a trail of high-profile assassinations and the discovery of a dark secret at the heart of the Syrian regime, bringing the pair under the all-seeing eyes of Assad's spy catcher, Ali Hassan, and his brother Rustum, the head of the feared Republican Guard. Set against the backdrop of a Syria pulsing with fear and rebellion, *Damascus Station* is a gripping thriller that offers a textured portrayal of espionage, love, loyalty, and betrayal in one of the most difficult CIA assignments on the planet.

Suspense TP \$39.95

Christmas is Murder

collection

McDermid, Val

A collection of atmospheric short stories written by internationally bestselling, award-winning Queen of Crime Val McDermid. A fabulous festive treat featuring classic tales alongside exclusive, never-before-seen material. McDermid is a master of the dark and sinister story, and these powers are demonstrated in full force in *Christmas is Murder*, a festive collection of chilling tales. From an irresponsible baron whose body is discovered beneath a silver birch tree, to an author who is haunted by the spiteful presence of a jealous writing partner, the characters McDermid conjures are enigmatic and dangerous, never above suspicion. Follow Tony Hill and Carol Jordan as they track a deadly killer who is preparing to strike on Christmas Day, and lose yourself in a festive exclusive – a recently unearthed case for a classic detective duo, set as the lights are going out across Europe. These evocative, atmospheric tales will shock and delight. This is the perfect book to curl up with as the frosty winter draws in and each night gets darker than the last, written by one of our greatest living crime writers. Now in paperback.

Seasonal mystery PBK \$22.99

Murder at Keyhaven Castle

Stella & Lyndy mysteries

McKenna, Glara

Between ornate bridal gown fittings and meetings with Lyndy's distant relatives, Stella finally feels less like an out-of-place American and more like a respected aristocrat. Everything changes as the arrival of an anonymous gift and return of her overbearing father cast a dark shadow over the festivities, conjuring difficult memories and new fears... Tensions intensify when a daytrip to Southampton ends with a suspicious stranger getting trampled by a horse-drawn cab. Before anyone can explain why the victim possessed a newspaper clipping about the upcoming ceremony at Morington Hall, tragedy strikes again, this time resulting in a murder that turns Stella's world completely upside down while implicating one of Lyndy's well-regarded family members... Stella and Lyndy rush to connect two very different crimes and identify the guilty culprit hiding among elite wedding guests. But as the couple blows the lid off scandalous secrets, they realise that catching this killer – and living to tell the tale – may prove as impossible as closing the class divide.

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

Mother Daughter Traitor Spy MacNeal, Susan Elia

June 1940. France has fallen to the Nazis, and Britain may be next – but to many Americans, the war is something happening 'over there'. Veronica Grace has just graduated from college; she and her mother, Violet, are looking for a fresh start in sunny Los Angeles. After a blunder cost her a prestigious career opportunity in New York, Veronica is relieved to take a typing job in LA – only to realise that she's working for one of the area's most vicious propagandists. Overnight, Veronica is exposed to the dark underbelly of her new home, where German Nazis are recruiting Americans for their devastating campaign. After the FBI dismisses the Graces' concerns, Veronica and Violet decide to call on an old friend, who introduces them to LA's anti-Nazi spymaster. At once, the women go undercover to gather enough information about the California Reich to take to the authorities. But as the news of Pearl Harbor ripples through the United States, and President Roosevelt declares war, the Grace women realise that the plots they're investigating are far more sinister than they feared – and even a single misstep could cost them everything. A standalone novel from the author of the Maggie Hope series.

Suspense HC \$52.99

Blackmail and Bibingka

Tita Rosie's Kitchen mysteries

Manansala, Mia P

It's Christmastime in Shady Palms, but things are far from jolly for Lila Macapagal. Sure, her new business, the Brew-ha Café, is looking to turn a profit in its first year. And yes, she's taken the first step in a new romance with her good friend Jae Park. But her cousin Ronnie is back in town after ghosting the family 15 years ago, claiming that his recent purchase of a local winery shows that he's back on his feet and ready to contribute to the Shady Palms community. Tita Rosie is thrilled with the return of her prodigal son, but Lila knows that wherever Ronnie goes, trouble follows. She's soon proven right when Ronnie is suspected of murder, and secrets surrounding her shady cousin and those involved with the winery start piling up. Now, Lila has to put away years of resentment and distrust to prove her cousin's innocence. He may be a jerk, but he's still family. And there's no way her flesh and blood could actually be a murderer... right?

Mystery TP \$29.99

The Albion Initiative

Newbury & Hobbes Investigations

Mann, George

A plot to kill a queen. A chance to save the nation. Queen Victoria has given the order for her agents to move against the Secret Service – to eliminate the fledgling organisation with extreme prejudice. Caught in the middle of the conflict, Newbury, Veronica, and Bainbridge are forced to face up to the truth: that the Queen no longer represents the best interests of the Empire. Now, rogue and in league with the Queen's enemies, they must enact the 'Albion Initiative': a desperate plan to break Prince Edward out of Bedlam and install him on the throne in the Queen's stead. But with the Queen's executioner and his army on their trail, as

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well as a possible traitor in their midst, can they do enough to stop the malign tyrant from destroying everything they once swore to protect? With everything falling apart around them, Newbury and Veronica must uncover the macabre truth behind the crown, and in doing so, unravel the very foundations of the Empire.
Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

The Darkest Place

Robin Lockwood series
Margolin, Phillip
Robin Lockwood is an increasingly prominent defence attorney in the Portland community. A Yale graduate and former MMA fighter, she's becoming known for her string of innovative and successful defence strategies. As a favour to a judge, Robin takes on the pro bono defence of a reprehensible defendant charged with even more reprehensible crimes. But what she doesn't know – what she can't know – is how this one decision, this one case, will wreak complete devastation on her life and plans. As she recovers from those consequences, Robin heads home to her small town of Elk Grove and the bosom of her family. As she tries to recuperate, a unique legal challenge presents itself – Marjorie Loman, a surrogate, is accused of kidnapping the baby she carried for another couple, and assaulting that couple in the process. There's no question that she committed these actions but that's not the same as being guilty of the crime. As Robin works to defend her client, she learns that Marjorie Loman has been hiding under a fake identity and is facing a warrant for her arrest for another, even more serious crime. And buried within the truth may once again be unexpected, deadly consequences.
Mystery/suspense PBK \$26.95

Tied Up in Tinsel

Collins' Crime Club
Marsh, Ngaio
Christmas time in an isolated country house and, following a flaming row in the kitchen, there's a murder inside. When a much-disliked visiting servant disappears without trace after playing Santa Claus, foul play is at once suspected – and foul play it proves to be. Only suspicion falls not on the staff but on the guests, all so unimpeachably respectable that the very thought of murder in connection with any of them seems almost heresy. When Superintendent Roderick Alleyn returns unexpectedly from a trip to Australia, it is to find his beloved wife in the thick of an intriguing mystery... Ngaio Marsh's classic Christmas murder mystery in a special 50th anniversary edition.
Classic mystery PBK \$19.99

Murder on the Celtic

Ocean Liner mysteries
Marston, Edward
New York, 1910. George Dillman and Genevieve Masefield have crossed the Atlantic Ocean numerous times, in their capacity as ship's detectives. On several of those crossings they've had the pleasure, and in some cases the trouble, of sailing with some very famous passengers. Dukes. Duchesses. Artists. Actors. Musicians. Kings and queens. But few names have quite the level of fame and fortune as their

fellow traveller Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Now, aboard the *Celtic*, Dillman and Masefield have a very particular stolen book to recover and a dangerous and illusive fugitive to apprehend, but will the famous writer help or hinder them? Previously published under the name Conrad Allen, the Ocean Liner series is making waves with a new generation of readers.
Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

Almost a Whisper

Joanna Piercy mysteries
Masters, Priscilla
A young woman is moving dangerously close to the edge of the rock face, pushing a stroller with a child strapped in it towards the steep drop. She has blood on her clothes. Is she a victim or a would-be killer? Detective Inspector Joanna Piercy takes on the case when a walker discovers the pair, but the young woman is mute. Is she traumatised or unwilling to speak? Was she about to commit a terrible crime? As the questions mount, forensic psychiatrist Dr Claire Roget is called in to help. Can she persuade the woman to talk? Joanna desperately needs a breakthrough. But when it comes, her investigation takes a shocking turn...
Mystery TP \$39.95

The Shadow Lily

Island Murders series
Mo, Johanna
Small-town police detective Hanna Duncker has a past. Her deceased father was convicted of murder and arson long ago, and she has taken up residence and resumed her police career in her hometown after his death. She and her partner Erik Lindgren are called to investigate the disappearance of a father and his infant son from their home while his wife was away on a weekend trip. As the investigation unfolds, Hanna makes a breakthrough in her ongoing private investigation of her father's crimes: a discovery that could change everything she thought she'd learned so far. Are guilt and innocence as definite as they seem? And can she handle yet another unravelling of her family's story?
Thriller TP \$32.99

Black Lake Manor

Morpuss, Guy
In the former mining town of Black Lake on the west coast of Canada, there is a story about a shipwreck. All those aboard died, except an unnamed man who staggered ashore. His descendants have a unique ability: once in their lives – and only once – they can unwind the events of the previous six hours. More than 200 years later, Ella Manning, marine biologist and part-time police constable, is attending a party at Black Lake Manor, the cliff-top mansion of the town's divisive local billionaire. With a raging storm coming in from the Pacific, she and several other guests find themselves trapped. And when their host is discovered brutally murdered in a locked room, they turn to her to solve the crime. Against the odds, Ella is sure she has identified the killer... but then time is unwound. With no memory of what she discovered before, her investigation begins again, with very different results. Someone is willing to use their gift to protect

a killer, and everyone is a suspect... Agatha Christie meets *The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August* in this outstanding cross-genre locked room murder mystery.
Thriller TP \$32.99

I Told You This

Would Happen
Murphy, Elaine
Four months after losing her sister, Becca – a serial killer unknown to everyone else in their town – Carrie Lawrence is finally free of her manipulative clutches. From now on, she's keeping her hands clean, no more hiding dead bodies in the middle of the night, no more lies. She's never been happier. Then she attends a meeting of the Brampton Kill Seekers, a group of amateur local sleuths, and learns that a recent victim left behind a note that incriminates her in their disappearance. All of a sudden, the quiet, law-abiding life she's been planning starts to unravel. She's never had so much to lose. In her frantic quest to keep her secret dead and buried, she discovers someone nefarious lurking in the shadows... someone who'll go to any lengths to bring her dark truths to light. Now, if Carrie wants her secrets to stay hidden, she'll have to get her hands very, very dirty.
Thriller TP \$24.99

Arya Winters and the Cupcakes of Doom

Arya Winters mysteries
Murray, Amita
Arya Winters is your typical cosy heroine. She lives in a cottage in a small English village and bakes for a living – well, she specialises in macabre desserts. She has nosy neighbours, who she avoids ruthlessly due to her social anxiety. And she has a keen interest in all things sexy. Arya isn't one to take on residential gigs, but when she's invited to bake her cakes for a two-week art retreat in the dead of winter on a large estate, she can hardly turn it down. It has the added advantage of helping her get away from her nosy neighbours. Except Monk Hole is rife with secrets. Everywhere Arya turns, there are more people with problems, and they all want to talk to her. Could things get any worse? A corpse covered in her cupcakes might turn up perhaps. Or Branwell Beam, her ex, who seems to have a past she never knew about, might make an appearance – with a new girlfriend in tow. It's all Arya can do to hold things together. But can she sort it all out before she loses all she holds dear?
Mystery TP \$37.95

Blood on Snow

Blood on Snow series
Nesbo, Jo
Olav is a fixer for a high-profile crime kingpin in 1970s' Oslo. He easily takes care of anyone who causes trouble for his boss. But he is more complicated than he seems. Olav's latest job puts him at the pinnacle of his trade, but it may become his greatest mistake: It turns out that the more you know about your boss' business, the more your boss might want you fixed yourself – especially, if you're falling for his wife. A reissue.
Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Midnight Sun

Blood on Snow series
Nesbo, Jo
Ulf was once the kingpin's fixer, but after betraying him, Ulf is now the one his former boss wants fixed. Hiding out at the end of the line in northern Norway, Ulf lives among the locals. A mother and son befriend him, and their companionship stirs something deep in him that he thought was long dead. As he awaits the inevitable arrival of his murderous pursuers, he questions if redemption is at all possible; or if, as he's always believed, 'hope is a real bastard'. A reissue.
Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Breaking Point

Banlieues trilogy
Norek, Olivier
Capitaine Coste is at a low ebb. He has been sent to see a police psychologist, after a case that saw him kill a suspect in self-defence and witness the death of a member of his team. But what comes next will be more testing still. Five hardened criminals – a murderer, a paedophile, a Serbian ex-soldier, a kidnapper and a robber – are all caught up in the same case, and Coste is prepared to enter this nest of vipers no matter what the consequences for his colleagues and those closest to him. Lost souls, crimes of passion, cops like fallen angels: redemption is sometimes reached through revenge. In this award-winning sequel to *The Lost and the Damned* (PBK, \$22.99) and *Turf Wars* (PBK, \$24.99), Olivier Norek pushes his characters to their breaking point and beyond.
Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Emily Noble's Disgrace

Paulson-Ellis, Mary
The case is unexceptional, that is what I know. A house full of stuff left behind by a dead woman, abandoned at the last...
When trauma cleaner Essie Pound makes a gruesome discovery in the derelict Edinburgh boarding house she is sent to clean, it brings her into contact with a young policewoman, Emily Noble – who has her own reasons to solve the case. As the two women embark on a journey into the heart of a forgotten family, the investigation prompts fragmented memories of their own traumatic histories – something Emily has spent a lifetime attempting to bury, and Essie a lifetime trying to lay bare.
Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Murder at the

Serpentine Bridge
Wrexford & Sloane mysteries
Penrose, Andrea
Charlotte, now the Countess of Wrexford, would like nothing more than a summer of peace and quiet with her new husband and their unconventional family and friends. Still, some social obligations must be honoured, especially with the grand Peace Celebrations unfolding throughout London to honour victory over Napoleon. But when Wrexford and his two young wards, Raven and Hawk, discover a body floating in Hyde Park's famous lake, that newfound peace looks to be at risk. The late Jeremiah Willis was the engineering genius behind a new design for a top-secret weapon, and the prototype is missing from the Royal Army's laboratory. Wrexford is tasked with

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retrieving it, before it falls into the wrong hands. But there are unsettling complications to the case – including a family connection. Soon, old secrets are tangling with new betrayals, and as Charlotte and Wrexford spin through a web of international intrigue and sumptuous parties, they must race against time to save their loved ones from harm – and keep the weapon from igniting a new war...

Historical mystery HC \$49.99

The Big Book of Christmas Mysteries:

100 of the Very Best Yuletide Whodunits
Penzler, Otto (editor)
Festive felonies, unscrupulous Santas, deadly puddings, and misdemeanours under the mistletoe... From Victorian detective stories to modern mysteries, police procedurals to pulp fiction, comic gems to cosy crime, there's something for every festive mood in this must-read collection starring 60 of the world's favourite detectives. Featuring an all-star cast of authors including Isaac Asimov, Mary Higgins Clark, Arthur Conan Doyle, G K Chesterton, Colin Dexter, Thomas Hardy, H R F Keating, Ngaio Marsh, John Mortimer, Ellis Peters, Sara Paretsky, Robert Louis Stevenson and – of course – Agatha Christie, this is the biggest and best Christmas crime anthology in print today.

Seasonal mystery TP \$39.99

The Whistleblower

Peston, Robert
1997. A desperate government clings to power; a hungry opposition will do anything to win. And journalist Gil Peck watches from the sidelines, a respected commentator on the sport of power politics. He thinks he knows how things work. He thinks he knows the rules. But when Gil's estranged sister Clare dies in a hit-and-run, he begins to believe it was no accident. Clare knew some of the most sensitive secrets in government. One of them might have got her killed. As election day approaches, Gil follows the story into the dark web of interests that link politics, finance, and the media. And the deeper he goes, the more he realises how wrong he has been. But power isn't sport: it's war. And if Gil doesn't stop digging, he might be the next casualty... 'Brilliant. Politically insightful, scary, satirical, beautifully paced and has a great cast of characters led by its narrator, Gil Peck.' – *The Times*.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

The Archivist

Pickett, Rex
When archivist Nadia Fontaine is found dead of an apparent drowning, Emily Snow is hired by Regents University to finish the job she started – to organise and process the papers of Raymond West, a famous Pulitzer Prize-winning author who has been shortlisted for the Nobel. Emily's job comes with its inherent pressures. West's wife, Elizabeth, is an heiress who's about to donate \$25 million to the Memorial Library – an eight-storey architectural marvel that is the crown jewel of the university. The inaugural event in just a few months will be a gala for the who's who of San Diego to celebrate the unveiling of the Raymond West Collection and the financial gift that made it all possible. As Emily sets to work

on the West papers, it begins to dawn on her that several items have gone missing from the collection. To trace their whereabouts, she gains unsupervised access to the highly restricted dark archives, in which she opens a Pandora's box of erotically and intellectually charged correspondence between Raymond West and the late Nadia Fontaine. Through their archived emails, Emily goes back a year in time and relives the tragic trajectory of their passionate love affair. Did Nadia really drown accidentally, as the police report concluded, or could it have been suicide, or, even worse, murder? Compelled to complete the collection and find the truth, Emily unwittingly morphs into an adult Nancy Drew and a one-woman archivist crusader on a mission to right the historical record.

Mystery/suspense TP \$48.95

Flight Risk

Booking Agents mysteries

Priest, Cherie

When psychic travel agent Leda Foley is approached by a man searching for his sister, she quickly agrees to help. The missing woman disappeared with a vintage orange car, a fat sack of her employer's cash, and a grudge against her philandering husband – a man who never even reported her missing. Meanwhile, Seattle PD detective Grady Merritt has temporarily misplaced his dog. While he's passing out bright pink 'Lost' flyers at the Mount Rainier visitor's centre, the wayward pooch appears – with a human leg in his mouth. Thanks to DNA matching, Grady learns that the leg has something to do with Leda's new client, and soon the two cases are tangled. Theories abound, but law enforcement is low on leads. Lucky for Grady, Leda has a few ideas that might just be crazy enough to work. They'll need one yellow dog, a fair share of teamwork, and perhaps a bit of Klairvoyant Karaoke to piece the clues together.

Mystery HC \$55.00

The Spanish Cape Mystery

American Mystery Classics

Queen, Ellery

The Godfrey family is vacationing among the picturesque rocky cliffs of the North Atlantic seaboard, expecting peace, quiet, and, perhaps, a bit of golf or tennis. But one dusky evening in an isolated spot on the grounds of Spanish Cape, Rosa and her uncle David get into an argument about her secretive romance with one of their guests, the roguish John Marco, a handsome cad with a yellow roadster and no visible source of income. That's when a towering one-eyed man with a .38 revolver emerges from the twilight. When renowned sleuth Ellery Queen arrives the next day from New York City, looking forward to a summer getaway on the coast, he realises his trip will be no walk on the beach. Rescuing Rosa, he discovers her captor mistook David for John and struck the former down, instead. But Ellery has more work to do when Rosa's shady sweetheart is found stone dead and stark naked... aside from a black fedora and a theatrical-looking opera cloak. There are plenty of guests and members of the household who might have wanted John dead, but who did it – and what in the world happened to the victim's clothes? In this iconic series inspired by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and praised by none

other than Agatha Christie, carefully planted clues, logical deduction, and an atmospheric 1930s' setting combine for an irresistibly enjoyable read for anyone who loves a murderous puzzle.

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

Bark to the Future

Chet & Bernie mysteries

Quinn, Spencer

When Chet the dog and his human partner, PI Bernie Little, are approached by down-and-out older man with a cardboard sign at an exit ramp, Bernie is shocked to discover the man is a former teammate from his high school baseball team. Chet and Bernie take Rocket out for a good meal, and later, Bernie investigates Rocket's past, trying to figure out what exactly went wrong. Then, Rocket goes suspiciously missing. With his former teammate likely in danger, Bernie goes back to his old high school for answers, where much that he remembers turns out not to be true – and there are powerful and dangerous people not happy with the questions Bernie is asking. Bernie, soon, learns that he misunderstood much about his high school years – and, now, Chet and Bernie are plunged into a dangerous case where the past isn't dead and the future could be fatal.

Mystery HC \$42.99

Ashes in the Snow

Ramunno, Oriana

Auschwitz, 1943. It's snowing outside and Block 10 looks even bleaker than usual. Gioele Errera, a young Jewish boy imprisoned in the camp, finds the body of an SS officer. Hugo Fischer is sent to investigate the unexplained death of the renowned Nazi. But Hugo is hiding a secret – he is suffering from a degenerative disease. The only way for him to survive is to give his support to the Reich, and hide his condition. In Auschwitz, Hugo comes, face to face, not only with a complex murder, but with a truth – that of the Final Solution. And he is forced to decide what is most important to him – and who, if anyone, he should try to save...

Mystery TP \$32.99

The Bookshop of Secrets

Rushmeyer, Mollie

A collection of lost books holds the clues to her family's legacy... and her future. Hope Sparrow has mastered the art of outrunning her tragic past. Never stay anywhere too long, never allow anyone control over her life again. Coming to Wanishin Falls, in search of her family's history, already feels too risky. But somewhere, in the towering stacks of this dusty old bookshop, are the books that hold Hope's last ties to her late mother – and to a rumoured family treasure that could help her start over. Only, the bookshop is in shambles, and the elderly owner is in the beginning stages of dementia and can't remember where the books lie. To find the last links to the loved ones she lost, Hope must stay and accept help from the townfolk to locate the treasured volumes. Each secret she uncovers brings her closer to understanding where she came from. But the longer she stays in the quaint town, the more people find their way into the cracks in her heart. And letting them in may be the greatest risk of all.

Mystery TP \$29.99

A Death in Door County

Monster Hunter mysteries

Ryan, Annelise

Morgan Carter, owner of the Odds and Ends bookstore in Door County, Wisconsin, has a hobby. When she's not tending the store, she's hunting cryptids – creatures whose existence is rumoured, but never proven to be real. It's a hobby that cost her parents their lives, but one she'll never give up on. So, when a number of bodies turn up on the shores of Lake Michigan with injuries that look like bites from a giant unknown animal, police chief Jon Flanders turns to Morgan for help. A sceptic at heart, Morgan can't turn down the opportunity to find proof of an entity whose existence she can't definitively rule out. She and her beloved rescue dog, Newt, journey to the Death's Door strait to hunt for a homicidal monster in the lake – but if they're not careful, they just might be its next victims.

Mystery HC \$19.99

The Mystery of the Sorrowful Maiden

Laetitia Rodd mysteries

Saunders, Kate

In the spring of 1853, private detective Laetitia Rodd receives a delicate request from a retired actor, whose days on the stage were ended by a theatre fire, 10 years before. His great friend, and the man he rescued from the fire, Thomas Transome, has decided to leave his wife, who now needs assistance in securing a worthy settlement. Though Mrs Rodd is reluctant to get involved with the scandalous world of the theatre, she cannot turn away the woman in need. She agrees to take the case. But what starts out as a simple matter of negotiation becomes complicated when a body is discovered in the burnt husk of the old theatre. Soon Mrs Rodd finds herself embroiled in family politics, rivalries that put the Capulets and Montagues to shame, and betrayals on a Shakespearean scale. Mrs Rodd will need all her investigative powers, not to mention her famous discretion, to solve the case before tragedy strikes once more. These charming lady-detective mysteries have been very popular with Pulp customers. The first is *The Secrets of Wishtide* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

Saint X

Schaitkin, Alexis

Claire is only seven years old, when her college-age sister Alison vanishes from the luxury resort on the Caribbean island of Saint X on the last night of her family's vacation. Several days later Alison's body is found in a remote spot, on a nearby cay, and two local men, employees at the resort, are arrested. But the evidence is slim, the timeline against it, and the men are soon released. It's national tabloid news, a lurid mystery that will go unsolved, but for Claire's family, there is only the sad return home to broken lives. Years later, riding in a New York City taxi, Claire recognises the name on the cab driver's licence: Clive Richardson, one of the men originally suspected of murdering her sister. The fateful encounter sets her on an obsessive pursuit of the truth as to not only what happened on the night of Alison's death, but the no-less-elusive question of

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exactly who was this sister, she was barely old enough to know: a beautiful, changeable, provocative girl of 18 at a turbulent moment of identity formation. As Claire doggedly shadows Clive, hoping to gain his trust, waiting for the slip that will uncover the truth, an unlikely intimacy develops between them, two people whose lives were forever marked by a tragedy. 'Hypnotic, delivering acute social commentary on everything from class and race to familial bonds and community... I devoured *Saint X* in a day.' – *Oyinkan Braithwaite*.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Cat Who Caught a Killer Shearer, L T

Meet Conrad. You've never met a cat like him before. Neither has Lulu Lewis, when he walks into her life one summer's day. Mourning the recent death of her husband, the former police detective had expected a gentle retirement, quietly enjoying life on her new canal boat, *The Lark*, and visiting her mother-in-law Emily in a nearby care home. But when Emily dies suddenly in suspicious circumstances, Lulu senses foul play and resolves to find out what really happened. And a remarkable cat named Conrad will be with her every step of the way... The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$34.99

Dark Night

Alaska Wild mysteries 03

Shelton, Paige

Winter is falling in the remote town of Benedict, Alaska, and with the cold comes a mysterious guest. The dreaded census man, seemingly innocuous, is an unwelcome presence to those members of this secretive community who prefer to keep their business to themselves. Meanwhile, thriller writer Beth Rivers has received her own unexpected company: her mother. The last Beth heard, Mill Rivers had gone underground in search of Beth's kidnapper, and Beth can't help but be a little alarmed at her appearance: If Mill was able to track down her daughter, who knows who else might be able to? Beth doesn't have time to ponder this for long, after a battered woman stumbles into the town bar one night, and her husband is found dead the next morning. Suspicions immediately turn to the census man, but when he, too, goes missing, everyone in Benedict – including the police chief – is suspected, and Beth and Mill must work to uncover the truth.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

The Exquisite Art of Getting Even

collection

Smith, Alexander McCall

Revenge sometimes causes people to act blindly through anger, rather than reason. The characters in this devilishly delightful book are pushed to the point of no return and seek retribution. We meet an author taking part in a game show who will go to great lengths to show off his intelligence, but quickly realises that he can't – and doesn't – know everything. Opposing neighbours find out that the best way to deal with a noisy disturbance is not to bury the hatchet. On the island of Mull, it takes an outsider to make the locals realise that they

need to take matters into their own hands to maintain the community's reputation, and in 'The Principles of Soap' the value of friendship overcomes adversity and opportunistic nepotism. In each of these four tales, revenge is a dish best served cold. Tantalising and amusing, these stories show off a darker side, but carry with them the author's trademark warmth and humour.

Mystery HC \$24.99

Tiny Tales

collection

Smith, Alexander McCall

& McIntosh, Iain (illustrator)

Stories do not have to be long. In the space of a couple of sentences – or even a page or two – we may see the human heart exposed in a way that is more powerful than occurs in many much longer narratives. In *Tiny Tales*, Alexander McCall Smith explores romance, ambition, kindness, and happiness in 30 short stories that range in length from the short to the minuscule. The settings are as diverse as the characters – Scotland, England, Australia, the United States – combining to create a rich and surprising tableau. An Australian pope? A persuasive cosmetic surgeon? The world's laziest cat. A group of students living together and getting romantically entangled? All human and animal life is here – in miniature. These stories are inspired and accompanied by the 30 magnificent strip *Tiny Tales* created by McCall Smith and illustrated by the brilliant Iain McIntosh – each cartoon a little gem of observation.

Revenge PBK \$19.99

Murder Under Her Skin

Pentecost & Parker mysteries

Spotswood, Stephen

New York, 1946: The last time Will Parker let a case get personal, she walked away with a broken face, a bruised ego, and the solemn promise never again to let her heart get in the way of her job. But she called Hart and Halloway's Travelling Circus and Sideshow home for five years, and Ruby Donner, the circus' tattooed ingenue, was her friend. To make matters worse the prime suspect is Valentin Kalishenko, the man who taught Will everything she knows about putting a knife where it needs to go. To uncover the real killer and keep Kalishenko from a date with the electric chair, Will and Ms Pentecost join the circus in sleepy Stoppard, Virginia, where the locals like their cocktails mild, the past buried, and big-city detectives not at all. The two swiftly find themselves lost in a funhouse of lies as Will begins to realise that her former circus compatriots aren't playing it straight, and that her murdered friend might have been hiding a lot of secrets beneath all that ink. Dodging fistfights, firebombs, and flying lead, Will puts a lot more than her heart on the line in the search of the truth. Can she find it before someone stops her ticker for good? The sequel to *Fortune Favours the Dead* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Skelton's Guide to Blazing Corpses

Skelton's Casebooks

Stafford, David

5th November, Guy Fawkes Night, 1930.

Bonfires are blazing, rockets burst. In a country lane, revellers discover a car that has

been set on fire. At first, they assume that this is the work of vandals taking the Guy Fawkes spirit a little too far, sitting at the wheel is a body, charred beyond recognition. The initial assumption is that the owner of the car, Mr William Hodge, a successful travelling salesman has taken his own life. The post mortem, however, reveals that Mr Hodge was either unconscious or dead before the fire was lit. When Tommy Blamire, a local criminal, is charged with the murder, barrister Arthur Skelton believes him to be innocent, so sets out to ensure justice is served.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

The New Annotated Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Stevenson, Robert Louis

There's no question that *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* is one of the most influential texts of all time. The now-legendary tale, which has confounded and thrilled readers for more than a century, was described by one scholar as the only detective-crime story in which the solution is more terrifying than the problem. And even as its plot gets continually reinterpreted and reimagined in literature, film, and theatre, the main themes persist, as do the titular characters, now so familiar as to have become a part of the English language. This new edition gives the classic tale of depraved murder and unrelenting horror its most complete and illuminating presentation yet. Heavily illustrated with over 150 full colour images from the history of this cultural touchstone – including reproductions of rare books, film stills, theatrical posters, and the true-life people associated with the adventure – and extensively annotated by Edgar Award-winning editor and noted Victorian literature expert Leslie S Klinger, this thorough and authoritative approach is both an invaluable resource for scholars and a sumptuous treat for fans of the text. Introduced by a compelling and erudite essay from bestselling novelist and short story writer Joe Hill, this complete illustrated and annotated edition of *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* is the ultimate tribute to an enduring classic, combining revelatory and surprising information and in-depth historical context with beautiful illustrations and photographs. It is sure to please anyone interested in the Victorian era, mystery fiction, and horror tales.

Classic mystery HC \$59.95

Clarke

Throsby, Holly

On a hot morning in 1991 in the regional town of Clarke, Barney Clarke (no relation) is woken by the unexpected arrival of many policemen: they are going to search his backyard for the body of a missing woman. Next door, Leonie Wallace and little Joe watch the police cars through their kitchen window. Leonie has been waiting six years for this day. She is certain that her friend Ginny Lawson is buried in that backyard. But the fate of Ginny Lawson is not the only mystery in Clarke. Barney lives alone in a rented house with a ring on his finger, but where is Barney's wife? Leonie lives with four-year-old Joe, but where is Joe's mother? *Clarke* is a story of family and violence, of identity and longing, of unlikely connections

and the comedy of everyday life. At its centre stands Leonie Wallace, a travel agent who has never travelled, a warm woman full of love and hope and grief, who would do anything in the world for Joe.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

An Irish Hostage

Bess Crawford mysteries

Todd, Charles

The Great War is over – but in Ireland, in the wake of the bloody 1916 Easter Rising, anyone who served in France is now considered a traitor, including nurse Eileen Flynn and former soldier Michael Sullivan, who only want to be married in the small, isolated village where she grew up. Even her grandmother is against it, and Eileen's only protection is her cousin Terrence, who was a hero of the Rising and is still being hunted by the British. Bess Crawford had promised to be there for the wedding. And in spite of the danger to her, she keeps that promise – only to be met with the shocking news that the groom has vanished. Eileen begs for her help, but how can Bess hope to find him when she doesn't know the country, the people, or where to put her trust Time is running out, for Michael and for Bess herself, and soon her own life is on the line. With only an Irish outlaw and a man being hunted for murder on her side, how can she possibly save herself, much less stop a killer.

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

Murder on the Vine

Tuscan mysteries

Trinchieri, Camilla

On a late October Sunday morning in Gravigna, local maresciallo Perillo is having breakfast with ex-NYPD detective Nico Doyle when he is called back to the station in Greve. Laura Benati, the young manager of Hotel Bella Vista, is worried – her bartender and good friend 80-year-old Cesare Costanzi has been missing for three days. The next morning, Jimmy, co-owner of Bar All'Angolo, Gravigna's local café, where Nico is a frequent patron, runs out of gas on his way back from Florence. When Nico meets him to help, Nico's dog, OneWag, reacts to the smell coming from Jimmy's trunk. Inside, Nico finds a body wrapped in plastic: Cesare Costanzi, stabbed several times in the chest. Why would anyone kill Cesare, and how did he end up in Jimmy's car? That's for Nico to find out, as Perillo once again turns to Nico for help with the investigation.

Mystery HC \$52.99

The Knight's Tale

Geoffrey Chaucer mysteries

Trow, M J

April 1380. About to set off on his annual pilgrimage, Comptroller of the King's Woollens and court poet, Geoffrey Chaucer, is forced to abandon his plans following an appeal for help from an old friend. The Duke of Clarence, Chaucer's former guardian, has been found dead in his bed at his Suffolk castle, his bedroom door locked and bolted from the inside. The man who found him, Sir Richard Glanville, suspects foul play and has asked Chaucer to investigate. On arrival at Clare Castle, Chaucer finds his childhood home rife with bitter rivalries, ill-advised love affairs and dangerous secrets. As he

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questions the castle's inhabitants, it becomes clear that more than one member of the Duke's household had reason to wish him ill. But who among them is a cold-hearted killer? It's up to Chaucer, with his sharp wits and eye for detail, to root out the evil within. The first in a new series.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

Psycho by the Sea

Constable Twitten mysteries

Truss, Lynne

Our trio of redoubtable detectives are faced with the arrival in town of an escaped convict... It's September in Brighton and the town is playing host to weeks of endless rain and lashings of villainy. A trusted member of a local gang has disappeared part way through planning a huge heist; a violent criminal obsessed with hunting policemen has escaped Broadmoor and is rumoured to be headed towards the town, while at Gosling's department store an American researcher has been found dead in the music section. Inspector Steine has other things on his mind as he typically bathes in unearned glory, but Sergeant Brunswick and Constable 'Clever Clogs' Twitten are both on the case. If only they could work out just who is behind these dastardly acts...

Mystery PBK \$19.99

The Insomniacs

Weisenberg, Marit

Ingrid can't sleep. She can't remember, either. A competitive diver, 17-year-old Ingrid is haunted by what she saw at the pool at a routine meet, before falling off the high dive and waking up, concussed. The only

thing she remembers about the moment before her dive is locking eyes with Van – her neighbour, former best friend, and forever crush – kissing his girlfriend on the sidelines. But that can't be all. Then, one sleepless night, she sees Van out her window... looking right back at her. They begin not sleeping together by night, still ignoring each other at school by day. Ingrid tells herself this is just temporary, but soon, she and Van are up every night piecing her memory back together. As Van works through his own reasons for not being able to sleep, they're both pulled into a mystery that threatens to turn their quiet neighbourhood into a darker place than they realised.

YA mystery TP \$28.95

The Attic on Queen Street

Tradd Street mysteries

White, Karen

After the devastating events of the past few months, the last thing Melanie Trenholm wants is to think about the future. Why, when her husband, Jack, has asked for a separation – a separation that might have been her fault? Nevertheless, with twin toddlers, a stepdaughter leaving for college soon, a real estate career to resume and a historic home that is still being restored, Melanie doesn't have much time to wonder where it all went wrong – but that doesn't stop her from trying to win her husband back. Their relationship issues are pushed aside, however, when long-time nemesis, Marc Longo, comes to them with a proposition: allow their Tradd Street house to be used as the filming location for the movie adaptation of Marc's bestselling book, and he will help

Jack re-establish his stalled writing career. Despite Melanie's hesitation, Jack jumps at the chance. But Melanie's doubts soon prove to be well founded when she uncovers ulterior reasons for Marc wanting to be back in their house – reasons that include a hidden gem so brilliant that legend links it to the most infamous jewel of all, the Hope Diamond. But Melanie has an unexpected ally in protecting the house and its inhabitants – the ghost of a Civil War era girl warns her of increasing threats to her family. But she's not the only spirit who is haunting Melanie. A malevolent ghost seems determined to stop Melanie from investigating the decades-old murder of a friend's sister, and this spirit will stop at nothing to protect its secrets – even from beyond the grave. Melanie and Jack must work together to find the answers before evil spirits of past and present destroy everything they love.

Mystery TP \$29.99

The Quiet Boy **Winters, Ben H**

In 2008, a cheerful ambulance-chasing lawyer named Jay Shenk persuades the grieving Keener family to sue a private LA hospital. Their son Wesley has been transformed by a routine surgery into a kind of golem, absent all normal functioning or personality, walking in endless empty circles around his hospital room. In 2019, Shenk – still in practice but a shell of his former self – is hired to defend Wesley Keener's father when he is charged with murder... the murder, as it turns out, of the expert witness from the 2008 hospital case. Shenk's adopted son, a fragile teenager in

2008, is a wayward adult, though he may find his purpose when he investigates what really happened to the murdered witness. Two thrilling trials braid together, medical malpractice and murder, jostling us back and forth in time. *The Quiet Boy* is a book full of mysteries, not only about the death of a brilliant scientist, not only about the outcome of the medical malpractice suit, but about the relationship between children and their parents, between the past and the present, between truth and lies. At the centre of it all is Wesley Keener – endlessly walking, staring empty eyed – in whose quiet, hollow body may lie the fate of humankind.

Mystery TP \$39.95

Punishment of a Hunter

Leningrad Confidential series

Yakovleva, Yulia

1930s' Leningrad. Stalin is tightening his grip on the Soviet Union, and a mood of fear cloaks the city. Detective Vasily Zaitsev is tasked with investigating a series of bizarre and seemingly motiveless homicides. As the curious deaths continue, precious Old Master paintings start to disappear from the Hermitage collection. Could the crimes be connected? When Zaitsev sets about his investigations, he meets with obstruction at every turn. Soon, even he comes under suspicion from the Soviet secret police. The resolute detective must battle an increasingly dangerous political situation in his dogged quest to find the murderer – and stay alive. The first in a new series, perfect for readers of John Banville, Philip Kerr, and Volker Kutscher.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99