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Crime & Mystery Bestsellers October 2022

The Bullet that Missed

Thursday Murder Club mysteries 03

Richard Osman

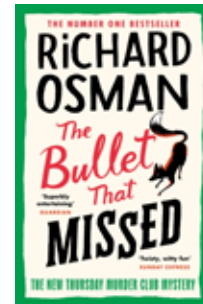
It is an ordinary Thursday, and things should finally be returning to normal. Except, trouble is never far away, where the Thursday Murder Club are concerned. A decade-old cold case – their favourite kind – leads them to a local news legend and a murder with no body and no answers.

Then a new foe pays Elizabeth a visit. Her mission? Kill or be killed. Suddenly, the cold case has become red hot. While Elizabeth wrestles with her conscience (and a gun), Joyce, Ron, and Ibrahim chase down the clues with help from old friends and new.

But can the gang solve the mystery and save Elizabeth before the murderer strikes again? From an upmarket spa to a prison cell complete with espresso machine to a luxury penthouse high in the sky, this third adventure of the Thursday Murder Club is full of the cleverness, intrigue, and irresistible charm that readers have come to expect from Richard Osman's bestselling series.

Great, cosy mystery hijinks. Just what the world needs to get it through The Pandemic, and sundry other Global Crises. Recommended!

Mystery | TP | \$32.99



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Mrs Jeffries and the Midwinter Murders

Victorian mysteries 40

Emily Brightwell

Harriet Andover was a smart businesswoman who did not suffer fools gladly, yet somehow her house was full of them.

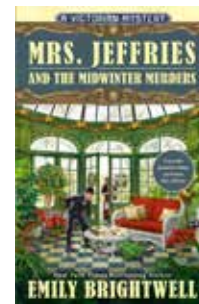
With a husband who has no head for money and two grown stepchildren who would rather do anything than an honest day's work, Harriet had every intention of righting the ship and putting her family back on the path to respectability. But she soon discovers that the best intentions can lead to murder when she is strangled inside her mansion with a house full of holiday guests.

It would seem that everyone present had a motive to kill the rich woman, and no one is being quite honest regarding their whereabouts at the time of the murder. And to put the icing on the Christmas cookies, the room where Harriet's body was found was locked from the inside and she had the key in her pocket.

But Mrs Jeffries and the household have no intention of letting Inspector Witherspoon down and, soon, mine valuable evidence from the depths of Harriet's past. As the clues mount, this dedicated band of merry sleuths will not rest until they've delivered a stocking full of coal to a crafty killer.

Latest in the long running cosy historical murder mystery series.

Historical mystery | TP | \$37.95



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Murder at the National Gallery

Museum mysteries 07

Jim Eldridge

A grim portrait of murder in Victorian London.

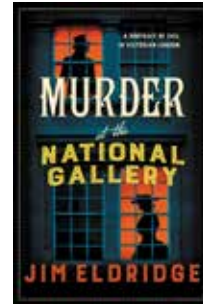
1897, London. The capital is shocked to learn that the body of a woman has been found at the National Gallery, eviscerated in a manner that recalls, all too strongly, the exploits of the infamous Jack the Ripper.

Daniel Wilson and Abigail Fenton are contacted by a curator of the National Gallery for their assistance. The dead woman – an artist's model and lady of the night – had links to artist Walter Sickert, who was a suspect during the Ripper's spree of killings. Scotland Yard have arrested Sickert on suspicion of this fresh murder, but it is not the last.

Copycat murders of the Ripper's crimes implicate the artist who loves to shock, but Sickert insists that he is innocent. Who would want to frame him? Wilson and Fenton have their work cut out catching an elusive and determined killer.

More Victorian mayhem. (Plenty of rich material there, after all!)

Historical mystery | PBK | \$19.99



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The Twelve Jays of Christmas

Meg Langslow mysteries 30

Donna Andrews

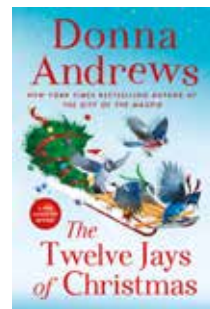
Meg and Michael's annual holiday celebration is well underway, with a throng of out-of-town relatives staying at their house. Hosting these festivities is a little harder than usual – they have to relocate all the events; normally, held in their library – currently occupied by Roderick Castlemayne, the irascible wildlife artist who's creating twelve paintings of birds to illustrate Meg's grandfather's latest nature book.

Then someone murders Castlemayne, in the middle of a blizzard, and sets loose the birds he was painting. Can Meg help the police crack the case before the killer strikes again? Can she keep Christmas merry, in spite of the body in the library? Can she negotiate a compromise between Rob and Delaney and their disappointed mothers? And can she recapture the twelve escaped jays, before they begin nesting in the Christmas tree?

This intrigue-filled Christmas mystery takes readers home to Caerphilly to join in Meg's family's holiday celebration – including, of course, another baffling mystery.

Very funny cosy mystery series! Start anywhere, really – let the fun begin!

Mystery | PBK | \$24.95



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Death on Gokumon Island

Detective Kindaichi mysteries

Seishi Yokomizo

A fiendish, classic, locked-room murder mystery, from one of Japan's greatest crime writers.

Loosely inspired by Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*, the brilliant *Gokumon Island* is perhaps the most highly regarded of all the great Seishi Yokomizo's classic Japanese mysteries.

Detective Kosuke Kindaichi arrives on the remote Gokumon Island bearing tragic news – the son of one of the island's most important families has died, on a troop transport ship bringing him back home after the Second World War. But Kindaichi has not come merely as a messenger – with his last words, the dying man warned that his three stepsisters' lives would now be in danger. The scruffy detective is determined to get to the bottom of this mysterious prophesy, and to protect the three women if he can.

As Kindaichi attempts to unravel the island's secrets, a series of gruesome murders begins. He investigates, but soon finds himself in mortal danger – from both the unknown killer, and the clannish locals, who resent this outsider meddling in their affairs.

A whole bunch of these have been reissued with really lovely jackets, and are flying off the shelves here!

Classic mystery | PBK | \$19.99



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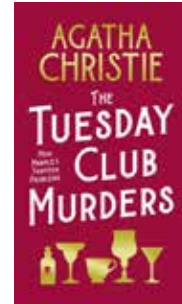
The Tuesday Club Murders: Miss Marple's Thirteen Problems

Agatha Christie

Miss Jane Marple has gathered together an intimate group of friends and family for an evening of fun, games, and mystery. What results is a baker's dozen of fiendishly told tales of malicious misdeeds, delightful deductions, airtight alibis, and tantalising clues.

Bit of a cheeky move from HarperCollins, here – this is just a hardcover reissue of *The Thirteen Problems*, under a new moniker. However, still a great deal of fun to be had – and there's no denying that Marple woman is a clever boots!

Christie | HC | \$29.99



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Murder by the Book

British Library Crime Classics

Martin Edwards (editor)

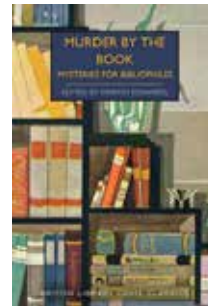
With Martin Edwards as librarian and guide, delve into an irresistible stack of bibliomysteries, where 'golden age – inspired puzzle masters [are] doing what they do best: bringing together readers, books, and felonies [in] perhaps the single best collection yet in this blue-chip series' (*Kirkus*, starred review).

There is no better hiding place for clues – or red herrings – than inside the pages of a book. But in this world of resentful ghost writers, indiscreet playwrights, and unscrupulous book collectors, literary prowess is often a prologue to disaster. Readers should be warned that the most riveting tales often conceal the deadliest of secrets.

Featuring much-loved Golden Age detectives Nigel Strangeways, Philip Trent, Detective Chief Inspector Roderick Alleyn, and others, a bookish puzzle threatens an eagerly awaited inheritance; a submission to a publisher recounts a murder that seems increasingly to be a work of nonfiction; an irate novelist puts a grisly end to the source of his writer's block.

Another fantastic anthology in the British Library Crime Classics series. Recommended!

Classic mystery | TP | \$33.95



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Bleeding Heart Yard

Harbinder Kaur mysteries 03

Elly Griffiths

DS Cassie Fitzherbert has a secret – but it's one she's deleted from her memory. In the 1990s when she was at school, she and her friends killed a fellow pupil. Thirty years later, Cassie is happily married and loves her job as a police officer.

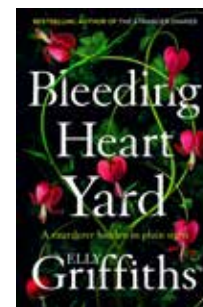
One day, her husband persuades her to go to a school reunion and another ex-pupil, Garfield Rice, is found dead, supposedly from a drug overdose. As Garfield was an eminent MP and the investigation is high profile, it's headed by Cassie's new boss, DI Harbinder Kaur. The trouble is, Cassie can't shake the feeling that one of her old friends has killed again.

Is Cassie right, or was Garfield murdered by one of his political cronies? It's in Cassie's interest to skew the investigation so that it looks like the latter and she seems to be succeeding.

Until someone else is killed...

New series from the author of the bestselling (here at Pulp and in the UK!) Dr Ruth Galloway mysteries. If you haven't read Griffiths – you should definitely add her to the list!

Mystery | TP | \$32.99



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The Thursday Murder Club

Thursday Murder Club mysteries 01

Richard Osman

Four septuagenarians with a few tricks up their sleeves. A female cop with her first big case. A brutal murder. Welcome to... **The Thursday Murder Club**.

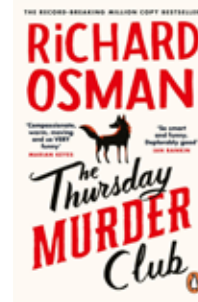
In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly in the Jigsaw Room to discuss unsolved crimes; together they call themselves the Thursday Murder Club.

When a local developer is found dead, with a mysterious photograph left next to the body, the Thursday Murder Club suddenly find themselves in the middle of their first live case.

As the bodies begin to pile up, can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer, before it's too late?

Still selling! Apparently, Spielberg's company is going to be making a film of it, as well – so, the series is certain to be a fixture on these lists for some time yet... And as you can see from #1, above, there are already two sequels to revel in.

Mystery | PBK | \$22.99



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The Shadow Murders

Department Q 09

Jussi Adler-Olsen

The penultimate Dept Q novel!

On her 60th birthday, a woman takes her own life. When the case lands on Detective Carl Mørck's desk, he can't imagine what this has to do with Department Q, Copenhagen's cold cases division, since the cause of death seems apparent. However, his superior, Marcus Jacobsen, is convinced that this is related to an unsolved case that has been plaguing him since 1988.

At Marcus's behest, Carl and the Department Q gang – Rose, Assad, and Gordon – reluctantly begin to investigate. And they quickly discover that Marcus is onto something: Every two years for the past three decades, there have been unusual, impeccably timed deaths with connections between them that cannot be ignored, including mysterious piles of salt at the scenes. As the investigation goes deeper, it emerges that these 'accidents' are, in fact, part of a sinister murder scheme.

Faced with their toughest case, yet – made only more difficult by COVID-19 restrictions and the challenges of their personal lives – the Department Q team must race to find the culprit before the next murder is committed, as it is becoming increasingly clear that the killer is far from finished.

Highly-regarded Scandi Noir – recommended! Series starts with *The Keeper of Lost Causes* (PBK, \$19.99).

Noir | TP | \$32.99



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