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

The Murder Stones

Dania Gorska mysteries

Allen, Hania

Polish-born DS Dania Gorska is called upon to investigate a seemingly straightforward case of an RTA – a car has crashed into a tree, having first hit a deer on an icy road. But a witness has come forward to say he saw someone fleeing the scene and then the autopsy reveals vicious marks on the head of the dead man. Suddenly, Dania is looking at murder. The dead man, Eddie Sangster, has had an intriguing past – the youngest of three brothers, he inherited the family estate after the oldest committed suicide and the other simply disappeared. But decades on it would seem someone is out for vengeance as murder stones – carved headstones attesting to the brutal murders of both brothers – start to appear on the grounds of the estate. Clearly, the key to the puzzle of the murder stones lies at Sangster Hall, where a calamitous incident in the past is now shaping the present, and it is up to Dania to discover the murderous secret of the Sangster family. The first of these popular mysteries is *The Polish Detective* (PBK, \$24.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Bread Over Troubled Water

Bread Shop mysteries

Archer, Winnie

A regular who used Yeast of Eden as a workspace, Josh Prentiss always turned heads with his startlingly good looks and thousand-watt smile. But Ivy can't help noticing one morning that he seems distracted and off his game. Later, during a visit to the park where she and Miguel plan to hold their engagement party – with plenty of baked goods on the menu – her rescue pug, Agatha, sniffs out Josh lying in a bed of poppies... scone cold dead. There's no reason for Ivy to get involved. She's busy enough holding down the fort as the shop's owner, Olaya, cares for her recently orphaned niece, not to mention the stress when a new employee is fired and storms out in a rage. Then a band of rabble-rousers starts picketing the bakery, claiming that Olaya's sourdough roll is what killed Josh – and Ivy hears some salacious gossip about her beloved boss. She doesn't think there's a grain of truth to the seedy rumours – but to prove it, she'll have to start sleuthing...

Mystery PBK \$24.95

The Deepest Secrets

Rockton/Casey Duncan series

Armstrong, Kelley

It's not always easy to live in the hidden town of Rockton, something Detective Casey Duncan knows, first hand. Tucked away in the Yukon wilderness, the community survives – and thrives – because the residents' many secrets stay just that – secret. But what happens when these secrets start to come out? Overnight, no one is safe. It's not a question of if your secret will come

out – but when. Casey and her boyfriend, Sheriff Eric Dalton, need to find the culprit while protecting those who have been thrust into the spotlight. For a place built on privacy and new beginnings, Rockton isn't handling these revelations very well. People are turning on one another, and when one of the loudest complainers turns up barely alive, it's clear that their trickster is actually a murderer. The threat of exposure is reaching its breaking point, and no one knows what's going to happen next.

Mystery TP \$39.95

Robert B Parker's

Bye Bye Baby

Spenser series

Atkins, Ace

Carolina Garcia-Ramirez is a rising star in national politics, taking on the establishment with her progressive agenda. Tough, outspoken, and driven, the young congresswoman has ignited a new conversation in Boston about race, poverty, health care, and the environment. Now, facing her second campaign, she finds herself not only fighting a tight primary with an old guard challenger but also contending with numerous death threats coming from hundreds of suspects. When her chief of staff reaches out to Spenser for security and help finding the culprits of what he believes to be the most credible threats, Garcia-Ramirez is less than thrilled. Since her first grassroots run, she's used to the antipathy and intimidation women of colour often face when seeking power. To her, it's all noise. But it turns out an FBI agent disagrees, warning Spenser that Garcia-Ramirez might be in real danger this time. It doesn't take long for Spenser to cross paths with an extremist group called The Minutemen, led by a wealthy Harvard grad named Bishop Graves. Although Graves is a social media sensation, pushing an agenda of white supremacy and toxic masculinity, he denies he's behind the attacks. As the primary nears and threats become a deadly plot, it's up to Spenser, Hawk, and a surprise trusted ally to ensure the congresswoman is safe. This is Spenser doing what he does best, living by a personal code and moral compass that can't ever be broken.

Hardboiled TP \$29.99

Retribution

Barrie, Sarah

Once a vigilante, now a cop... but Lexi Winter still plays by her own rules. Ace hacker, ex-prostitute, Jack Daniels drinker and part-time vigilante Lexi Winter is now working with the police, with a new enemy in her sights and an old foe on her mind. Most probationary constables would balk at chasing a drug dealer into a train tunnel in the dead of night – not Lexi. But when she emerges, injured but alive, to face the wrath of her boss it's clear that while Lexi

may now be in uniform, she has as much trouble with authority as ever. Just to prove it, Lexi is quietly using her hacking skills to investigate a notorious drug-dealing Sydney crime family with links to her old prey, the paedophile Damon Vaughn. As her colleague Detective Sergeant Finn Carson investigates a death on a Sydney building site that leads him to the picturesque Wondabyne train station on the Hawkesbury River, Inspector Rachael Langley oversees an enquiry that is becoming ever more complex as multiple lines of investigation seem to interweave. What they don't know is that Lexi is the only one who can unravel them – if only she'll toe the line. A fast-paced, suspenseful thriller for readers of Candice Fox and Sarah Bailey.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Double Exposure

Barry, Ava

Four years ago, a beautiful young heiress survived an attack that claimed the lives of both of her parents. The crime made headlines all over Los Angeles, both for the vicious nature of the killings and the seemingly random nature of the attack: nothing was stolen, and the van Aust family had no obvious enemies. Melia van Aust fled the city soon after the murders – which were never solved – but her brother Jasper has not been seen since. After a childhood spent in the shadow of her famous parents, Rainey Hall understands the dynamics of a dysfunctional family. She still hasn't recovered from a tragedy that tore her own family apart six years before. It's part of the reason why she started her own private investigation agency – to aid victims of crimes that might otherwise go unsolved. When Melia returns to Los Angeles and moves back into her family home, someone begins sending her increasingly violent messages that allude to the killing of her parents. She hires Rainey to track down the culprit and find her missing brother. Touched by the similarities between their lives, Rainey feels compelled to protect Melia, even when it becomes clear that their relationship has become more than professional. Soon, Rainey finds herself falling down the rabbit hole of Melia's life. Her quest to find Melia's stalker will bring her in contact with disgraced royals, seedy neighbours, violent ex-boyfriends and former staff, each one with their own set of secrets. As the threats against Melia escalate and the two women are drawn together, it's only a matter of time before another victim turns up.

Mystery/suspense HC \$39.99

Italian Rules

Daniel Leicester series

Benjamin, Tom

A famous Hollywood director arrives in Bologna to remake a cult film and the city's renown cinema archive decides to mark the occasion with a screening of the

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original, only to discover it has disappeared. After English detective Daniel Leicester follows the trail of *Love on a Razorblade* to an apparent murder-suicide, he begins to suspect there may be more at stake than missing negatives – could the film contain a clue to one of the city's most enduring mysteries? Together with a star from the forthcoming remake, Daniel moves from the glamour of Venice Lido to the depths of Bologna's secret tunnel system, as a sinister network closes in and he learns some people are ready to kill for the ultimate director's cut.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Murder Most Royal

Her Majesty the Queen Investigates

Bennett, S J

A murder at her beloved Sandringham House threatens to ruin Christmas for the Queen... A human hand and a bag of drugs are found washed up, separately, on a beach next to the Queen's estate at Sandringham. The Queen identifies the 70-year-old victim, Edward St Cyr, from his signet ring. But the search for his killer is not so straightforward. Suspects include the Queen's horse groom, a shady land agent, an aristocrat neighbour, as well as the victim's many cousins and relations. The investigation leads the Queen – and her trusted assistant, Rozie – to a local pigeon racing club, back to London, and to the ancient, moated Godwick Hall. But how do the seemingly disparate pieces of the puzzle fit together? And who is the next victim? The first book in a highly original and delightfully clever crime series, in which Queen Elizabeth II secretly solves crimes while carrying out her royal duties, is *The Windsor Knot* (PBK, \$19.99). Perfect for fans of Richard Osman and Agatha Christie.

Mystery TP \$29.99

A Three Dog Problem

Her Majesty the Queen Investigates

Bennett, S J

In the wake of a referendum which has divided the nation, the last thing the Queen needs is any more problems to worry about. But when an oil painting of the Royal Yacht *Britannia* – first given to the Queen in the 1960s – shows up unexpectedly in a Royal Navy exhibition, she begins to realise that something is up. When a body is found in the Palace swimming pool, she finds herself, once again, in the middle of an investigation which has more twists and turns than she could ever have suspected. With her trusted secretary Rozie by her side, the Queen is determined to solve the case. But will she be able to do it before the murderer strikes again? Agatha Christie meets *The Crown* in the sequel to *The Windsor Knot* (PBK, \$19.99). Perfect for fans of Richard Osman and Agatha Christie.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Murder in the Basement

British Library Crime Classics

Berkeley, Anthony

When two newlyweds discover that a corpse has been buried in the basement of their new home, a gruelling case begins to trace the identity of the victim. With all avenues of investigation approaching exhaustion, a tenuous piece of evidence offers a chance for Chief Inspector Moresby and leads him to the amateur sleuth Roger Sheringham,

who has recently been providing cover work in a school south of London. Desperate for evidence of any kind in the basement case, Moresby begins to sift through the manuscript of a satirical novel Sheringham has been writing about his colleagues at the school, convinced that amongst the colourful cast of teachers hides the victim – and perhaps their murderer. A novel pairing dark humour and intelligent detection work, this 1932 mystery is an example of a celebrated Golden Age author's most inventive work.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

On Spine of Death

By the Book mysteries

Berry, Tamara

Bestselling author Tess Harrow and her teenage daughter Gertrude have decided to make Winthrop their home. Their cabin is fixed up and now they're turning to the family hardware store that Tess inherited from her late grandfather into the town's first independent bookstore. But when renovations unearth bones from a cold case and send them toppling – literally – onto Tess' head, the work comes to a grinding halt. With the whole town convinced that her grandfather was a serial killer, Tess has to call in a fellow horror author for reinforcements. Together, they'll come up with a perfect story to make all the clues fit... and solve a mystery more than 30 years in the making.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Meantime

Boyle, Frankie

Glasgow, in the aftermath of the Independence referendum, is a strange place. Marina Katos' body is found in a park and the police don't seem to know or care who committed the crime. In a haze of tranquillisers, hallucinogens and Valium, Felix McAveety decides to solve the murder of Marina, his best friend. But to break through his drug-induced fog and get closer to the truth Felix enlists the help of a dying crime novelist, Jane Pickford, and his crisis-ridden friend Donnie. Their quest takes them into the dark heart of Scottish politics, the orbit of drug dealers, and the matrix of AI, encountering Independence activists, the intelligence services, and stalkers, as they seek justice for Marina.

Noir TP \$32.99

Photo Finished

Snapshots of NYC mysteries

Brecher, Christin

While some people escape into books or music, Liv Spyers escapes through her camera's lens, which inspires her to jump into things she might otherwise have no business tackling – like moving to New York City. Hustling to make her dreams come true as a portrait photographer, she runs a pocket-sized studio below her grandparents' West Village brownstone and key shop, where she also lives and works part-time. All of which still has her down to the end of her savings as the holidays approach. Everything changes in a flash, however, when elite events photographer, Regina Montague, invites Liv to shoot with her at New York City's most exclusive socialite event of the year – the Holiday Debutante Ball! Liv snaps at the opportunity, convinced that a job with Regina will launch her career. But when her fabulous

new gig ends with the murder of billionaire Charlie Archibald, her dream job may never develop with Regina framed for murder. Once Liv begins to focus on her photos from the ball, she's convinced they reveal Charlie Archibald's real killer. Now, between cracking the world of high society – and the attentions of a handsome stranger – Liv must hustle once again to expose the killer... before she gets cropped from the picture! The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$29.99

Murder Most Vile

Langham & Dupré mysteries

Brown, Eric

London, April 1957. Private investigator Donald Langham is approached by retired businessman Vernon Lombard to find his missing son, Christopher. But what appears to be a simple case of a missing artist becomes far more alarming when Langham realises there's more to Christopher's disappearance than meets the eye, and then makes a terrible discovery. Meanwhile, Langham's business partner Ralph Ryland's search for a missing greyhound forces him to confront a shameful secret from his own past, with terrifying consequences. Can Langham navigate London's criminal underworld, fascism and deception to track down a killer and save Ralph's life?

Mystery TP \$39.95

The Girl She Was

Burke, Alafair

Hope can be a dangerous thing... She calls herself Hope Miller, but she has no idea who she really is. Fourteen years ago, she was found thrown from an overturned vehicle, with no clue to her identity. Hope started a new life, but never recovered her memory. Now, she's missing. With nowhere else to turn, Hope's best friend, Lindsay Kelly, calls NYPD detective Ellie Hatcher. In pursuit of answers, three women search for the truth beneath long-buried secrets. And when their searches converge, what they find will upend everything they've ever known.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Every Gloak Rolled in Blood

Holland family saga

Burke, James Lee

Novelist Aaron Holland Broussard is shattered when his daughter Fannie Mae dies suddenly. As he tries to honour her memory by saving two young men from a life of crime amid their opioid-ravaged community, he is drawn into a network of villainy that includes a violent former Klansman, a far-from-holy minister, a biker club posing as evangelicals, and a murderer who has been hiding in plain sight. Aaron's only ally is state police officer Ruby Spotted Horse, a no-nonsense woman who harbours some powerful secrets in her cellar. Despite the air of mystery surrounding her, Ruby is the only one Aaron can trust. That is, until the ghost of Fannie Mae shows up, guiding her father through a tangled web of the present and past and helping him vanquish his foes from both this world and the next. Drawn from James Lee Burke's own life experiences, *Every Cloak Rolled in Blood* is a devastating exploration of the nature of good and evil and a deeply moving story about the power of love and family.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Isabel Puddles Abroad

Mitten State mysteries

Byrne, M V

Isabel has crafted a life she loves in her Lake Michigan hometown, but she's eager to use her golden years to make up for missed opportunities. That's why she's travelling to England for the first time to visit her pen pal, Teddy Mansfield, an acclaimed mystery writer who lives just outside the village of Mousehole, Cornwall. First impressions are charming – Isabel is staying in the guest cottage on the grounds of Teddy's beautiful country manor, and Mousehole is home to an assortment of characters as colourful as any in Teddy's books. Teddy's housekeeper, Tuppence, is a dab hand at baking – her scones are regularly runner-up in the village bake-off, and this year she's determined to scoop top prize. But it appears that other, possibly more dangerous rivalries have been brewing in Mousehole. And when a resident is found pushing up daisies in a flowerbed, Isabel is drawn into an investigation that will require all of her newly honed skills to solve – and to survive...

Mystery TP \$37.95

Agatha Christie

Gampbell, Mark

Since her debut in 1920 with *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, Agatha Christie has become the chief proponent of the English village murder mystery. Although she created two enormously popular characters – the Belgian detective Hercule Poirot, and the inquisitive elderly spinster and amateur sleuth Miss Jane Marple of St Mary Mead – it is not generally acknowledged that she wrote in many different genres: comic mysteries (*Why Didn't They Ask Evans?*), atmospheric whodunnits (*Murder on the Orient Express*), espionage thrillers (*N or M?*), romances (under the pseudonym of Mary Westmacott), plays (*The Mousetrap*) and poetry. She was never afraid to break the rules either, and provoked a storm of controversy with the unorthodox resolution of *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*, now acclaimed as one of the classics of British crime fiction. Christie wrote complex whodunnits in a clear, readable style, which is why her books are as popular now as they were when she first wrote them. Exemplary film and TV adaptations (Kenneth Branagh, John Malkovich, Peter Ustinov and David Suchet as Poirot; Margaret Rutherford and Joan Hickson as Miss Marple), have also encouraged new readers to search out her work.

Christie TP \$29.99

From a Paris Balcony

Secrets of Paris mysteries

Garey, Ella

England, 1895. Louisa West, a young beauty from Boston, looks like she has it all: a handsome husband, she is lady of Ashworth Manor and one day she'll be a duchess. But in truth, her life is falling apart. Louisa's honeymoon is barely over when her husband deserts her, leaving her devastated and alone. She flees to Paris, longing to escape her grief, but finds only tragedy... *Boston, 2015.* Life hasn't been kind to Sarah West. In one year, she has lost both her parents and her marriage. After her father's death, Sarah is sorting through his belongings when she finds a letter about her mysterious

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ancestor, Louisa. There have always been whispers in the family about Louisa's suicide – from a high balcony in Paris – but as Sarah reads, she starts to question everything she was told. Desperate to leave her broken heart behind, she books a trip to Paris to find out more... When Sarah arrives in the city of lights, the cobbled streets of Montmartre and the river Seine at twilight make her heart sing. Then, on the bookshelf of a beautiful Paris apartment, hidden inside the yellowing pages of an old novel, she finds a note about Louisa which shatters Sarah's understanding of her family's past. Did Louisa really throw herself from a Paris balcony? And when Sarah uncovers the truth, will it change everything about her future?

Mystery TP \$28.95

Date with Death

Dales Detective mysteries

Chapman, Julia

Samson O'Brien has been dismissed from the police force, and returns to his home town of Bruncliffe in the Yorkshire Dales to set up a detective agency while he fights to clear his name. The people of Bruncliffe, however, aren't that welcoming to a man they perceive as trouble – and he is greeted by his old friend, Delilah Metcalfe... not with a hug, but a right hook that sends him sprawling. Delilah, meanwhile, is besieged by financial concerns and struggling to keep her business, the Dales Detective Agency, afloat – all while trying to control her wayward Weimaraner dog Tolpuddle. Then when Samson gets his first case, investigating the supposed suicide of a local man, things take an unexpected turn, and soon he is discovering a trail of deaths that lead back to the door of Delilah's agency. With suspicion hanging over someone they both care for, the two feuding neighbours soon realise that they need to work together to solve the mystery of the dating deaths – and working together is easier said than done. A reissue of the first in Julia Chapman's hugely-popular series, with new cover art. Recommended (if you haven't tried these in the past).

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Come Death and High Water

Palmer-Jones mysteries

Cleeves, Ann

A routine weekend visit by the Gillibry Bird Observatory Trust is made memorable by the owner's announcement that he is going to sell the island. A sale would mean the end of the Observatory, which for some of the birders makes life worth living. A fire in Charlie Todd's cottage adds to their distress. And when, next morning, after a fierce storm, they find Charlie dead in a bird hide, their pleasant September weekend assumes a dangerous new face. Charlie Todd's murder could have been the deed of any member of the Trust. And it falls to one of their own, George Palmer-Jones, to unravel the identity of a killer within their midst... A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) TP \$32.99

A Bird in the Hand

Palmer-Jones mysteries

Cleeves, Ann

Young Tom French is found dead, lying in a marsh on the Norfolk coast, with his head bashed in and his binoculars still around his neck. One of the best birders in England,

Tom had put the village of Rushy on the birdwatching map. Everyone liked him. Or did they? George Palmer-Jones, an elderly birdwatcher who decides quietly to look into the brutal crime, discovers mixed feelings aplenty. Still, he remains baffled by a deed that could have been motivated by thwarted love, pure envy, or something else altogether. But as he and his fellow 'twitchers' flock from Norfolk to Scotland to the Scilly Isles in response to rumours of rare sightings, George – with help from his lovely wife, Molly – gradually discerns the true markings of a killer. All he has to do is prove it... before the murderer strikes again. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) TP \$32.99

The Man in the Bunker

Tom Wilde series

Clements, Rory

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

Suspense PBK \$22.99

The Match

Goben, Harlan

He is known as Wilde, the boy from the woods. Discovered living a feral existence in the Ramapo mountains of New Jersey, he has grown up knowing nothing of his parents, and even less about his own identity. Until now. When a match on a DNA database puts him on the trail of a close relative – the only family member he has ever known – Wilde thinks he might be about to solve the mystery of who he really is. Only this relation disappears as quickly as he's resurfaced. Undaunted, Wilde continues his research, becoming caught up in a secret community committed to exposing anonymous online trolls. Then one by one, people start to die, and it soon becomes clear that a serial killer is targeting this secret community. And that the next victim could be Wilde, himself...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Witness for the Persecution

Jersey Girl Legal mysteries

Copperman, E J

Former New Jersey prosecutor Sandy Moss moved to a prestigious Los Angeles law firm to make a new start as a family lawyer. So, it seems a little unfair that Seaton, Taylor have created a criminal law division

specifically for her. Just because she's successfully defended two murder trials, it doesn't mean she likes them! But when abrasive Hollywood movie director Robert Reeves is accused of murdering a stuntman on set, Sandy finds she can't say no when he demands her help. Robert might be an unpleasant, egotistical liar, but something tells Sandy that he's innocent – even if no one else can see it. At least, this time, she reassures herself, her charismatic, adorable, and oh so annoying TV star boyfriend Patrick McNabb isn't involved in the case. He isn't... right?

Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

Bake Offed

Five-Ingredient mysteries

Corrigan, Maya

The Maryland Mystery Fan Fest sounds like exactly the fun getaway cafe manager Val Denison and her grandfather could use. Granddad will even compete in a dessert competition in which contestants assume the roles of cooks to famous fictional sleuths. Playing Nero Wolfe's gourmet cook Fritz is an exciting challenge for Granddad. A restaurant manager is playing Lord Peter Wimsey's valet and cook, Bunter. But Granddad is steamed to learn who will be playing Sherlock Holmes' landlady, Mrs Hudson – his nemesis Cynthia Sweet, who he believes ripped off his five-ingredient theme from his column 'Codger Cook' to use in her own recipe column. Apparently, he isn't the only one who has a beef with his not-so-sweet competitor. When she's found dead in her room with the teakettle whistling, it's up to Val and her grandfather to sort through the festival goers to find out who was most definitely not a fan of Cynthia Sweet...

Mystery PBK \$24.95

The End of Andrew Harrison

Inspector French mysteries

Grofts, Freeman Wills

Becoming the social secretary for millionaire financier Andrew Harrison sounded like the dream job: just writing a few letters and making amiable conversation, with luxurious accommodation thrown in. But Markham Crewe had not reckoned on the unpopularity of his employer, especially within his own household, where animosity bordered on sheer hatred. When Harrison is found dead on his Henley houseboat, Crewe is not the only one to doubt the verdict of suicide. Inspector French is another... A classic crime novel by Freeman Wills Crofts, the 'King of Detective Story Writers', featuring Inspector French – coming soon to television.

Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

Found Floating

Inspector French mysteries

Grofts, Freeman Wills

The Carrington family, victims of a strange poisoning, take an Olympic cruise from Glasgow to help them recover. At Creuta, one member goes ashore and does not return. Their body is next day found floating in the Straits of Gibraltar. Joining the ship at Marseilles, can Inspector French solve the mystery before they reach Athens? This special expanded edition of Freeman Wills Crofts' classic crime novel is introduced by Tony Medawar, editor of *Bodies from the Library*, and includes

unique interludes by Superintendent Walter Hambrook of Scotland Yard, who provides a real-life detective commentary on the case as the mystery unfolds.

Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

Bitter Roots

Wine Country mysteries

Grosby, Ellen

In just over a week, vineyard owner Lucie Montgomery and winemaker Quinn Santori will be married in a ceremony overlooking what should be acres of lush flowering grapevines. Instead they are confronted by an ugly swathe of slowly dying vines and a nursery owner who denies responsibility for selling the diseased plants. With neighbouring vineyards facing the same problem, accusations fly and the ugly stand-off between supplier and growers looks set to escalate into open warfare. When Eve Kerr, a stunning blonde who works at the nursery, is found dead a few days later, everyone wonders if someone in the winemaking community went too far. What especially troubles Lucie is why Eve secretly arranged to meet Quinn on the day she was murdered – and whether Lucie's soon-to-be husband knows something he's not telling her. Then a catastrophic storm blows through, destroying everything in its path. With no power, no phones, and no wedding venue, Lucie needs to find out who killed Eve and what her death had to do with Quinn.

Mystery TP \$39.95

In Her Blood

Crutchley, Nikki

Two missing girls, two decades apart. Only one person knows the truth... Jac Morgan never planned on going back to her hometown. Seven years after the fatal house fire that killed her mother and branded Jac a killer she's back – but for only one reason. Her sister, Charlie, has gone missing. Charlie's the only good thing in Jac's life, and she doesn't believe she would ever run away. Jac is certain the answer to her sister's disappearance is somewhere in the town. Because, 20 years ago, another teenage girl went missing. Paige Gilmore, beautiful and talented daughter of eccentric matriarch, Iris Gilmore, disappeared on the annual Gilmore Hotel Open Day. As Jac starts the search for Charlie, she is drawn to the Gilmore Hotel – the haunted house of her childhood, a place that holds its own secrets and mysteries and is still home to the enigmatic Iris and her long-suffering daughter, Lisa. Meanwhile, as Jac desperately hunts for answers to Charlie's disappearance, another Open Day looms, and Jac begins to realise everyone at the hotel has a secret – and that someone is willing to kill to keep the truth from coming out.

Thriller TP \$32.99

All That is Wicked:

a Gilded-Age Story of Murder and the Race to Decode the Criminal Mind
Dawson, Kate Winkler
The thrilling story of Edward Ruloff – a serial murderer who was called 'too intelligent to be killed' – and the array of 19th-century investigators who were convinced his brain held the key to finally understanding the criminal mind. Ruloff was a brilliant, yet utterly amoral murderer – some have called him a 'Victorian-

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era Hannibal Lecter' – whose crimes spanned decades, but by 1871 he was captured, chained in a cell – a psychopath holding court, while curious 19th-century 'mindhunters' got to work. From alienists (early psychiatrists who tried to analyse the source of his madness) to neurologists (who wanted to dissect his brain) to phrenologists (who analysed the bumps on his head to determine his character), each one thought he held the key to understanding the essential question: is evil born or made? Expanding on her hit podcast, *Tenfold More Wicked*, acclaimed crime historian Kate Winkler Dawson draws on hundreds of source materials and never-before-shared historical documents to present one of the first glimpses into the mind of a serial killer – a century before the term was coined – through the scientists whose work would come to influence criminal justice for decades to come.

True crime TP \$32.99

The Christie Affair

De Gramont, Nina

In 1926, Agatha Christie disappeared for 11 days. Only I know the truth of her disappearance. I'm no Hercule Poirot. I'm her husband's mistress. Agatha Christie's world is one of glamorous society parties, country house weekends, and growing literary fame. Nan O'Dea's world is something very different. Her attempts to escape a tough London upbringing during the Great War led to a life in Ireland marred by a hidden tragedy. After fighting her way back to England, she's set her sights on Agatha. Because Agatha Christie has something Nan wants. And it's not just her husband. Despite their differences, the two women will become the most unlikely of allies. And during the mysterious 11 days that Agatha goes missing, they will unravel a dark secret that only Nan holds the key to...

Christie PBK \$22.99

Hunting Time

Colter Shaw series

Deaver, Jeffery

There are two fundamental rules of survival. #1: Never be without a means of escape. Allison Parker is on the run with her teenage daughter, Hannah, and Colter Shaw has been hired by her eccentric boss, entrepreneur Marty Harmon, to find and protect her. Though he's an expert at tracking missing persons – even those who don't wish to be found – Shaw has met his match in Allison, who brings all her skills as a brilliant engineer designing revolutionary technology to the game of evading detection. #2: Never be without access to a weapon. The reason for Allison's panicked flight is soon apparent. She's being stalked by her ex-husband, Jon Merritt. Newly released from prison and fuelled by blinding rage, Jon is a man whose former profession as a police detective makes him uniquely suited for the hunt. And he's not alone. Two hitmen are also hot on her heels – an eerie pair of thugs who take delight not only in murder but in the sport of devising clever ways to make bodies disappear forever. Even if Shaw manages to catch up with Allison and her daughter, his troubles will just be beginning. *Shaw is about*

to discover Rule #3: Never believe anything. As Shaw ventures further into the wilderness, the truth becomes as hard to decipher as the forest's unmarked trails... and peril awaits at every turn.

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Midnight Killing

Dempsey, Sharon

She'd cycled this way hundreds of times before, every twist and turn familiar. She didn't know this would be the last.

When the body of architect James McCallum is found hanging in the grounds of his former school one cold night, DI Danny Stowe and forensic psychologist Rose Lainey suspect foul play behind his apparent suicide. To their astonishment, the trail leads to a 20-year-old cold case of a missing girl, and a teenage party. But what was James' fascination with the case and how is it linked to his death? Secrets don't stay buried forever – but the real killer will stop at nothing to hide theirs...

Thriller PBK \$22.99

The Shadow House

Downes, Anna

When single mother Alex flees her abusive relationship and moves with her teenage son and baby girl to a rural ecovillage, she thinks she's made the best decision of her life. Pine Ridge is idyllic: the off-grid lifestyle and remote location are perfect, and the community is welcoming – mostly. Charmed by its magnetic founder, Kit, and the natural beauty of the former farmland, Alex settles easily into her new home. But her arrival at Pine Ridge disturbs barely submerged secrets, and she's shaken by a series of eerily familiar events that seem to be connected to the abandoned farmhouse on the hill. Alex realises that, in escaping her own shadowy past, she may have stumbled into someone else's. And this time, there may be nowhere to run.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Blackstone Fell

Rachel Savernake Golden Age mysteries

Edwards, Martin

1930. Nell Fagan is a journalist on the trail of an intriguing and bizarre mystery: in 1606, a man vanished from a locked gatehouse in a remote Yorkshire village, and 300 years later, it happened again. Nell confides in the best sleuth she knows, judge's daughter Rachel Savernake. Thank goodness she did, because barely a week later Nell disappears, and Rachel is left to put together the pieces of the puzzle. Looking for answers, Rachel travels to lonely Blackstone Fell in Yorkshire, with its eerie moor and sinister tower. With help from her friend, Jacob Flint – who's determined to expose a fraudulent clairvoyant – Rachel will risk her life to bring an end to the disappearances and bring the truth to light. Peopled by clerics and medics; journalists and judges, *Blackstone Fell* explores the shadowy borderlands between spiritual and scientific; between sanity and madness; and between virtue and deadly sin. Rachel Savernake makes her first appearance in the wonderful *Gallows Court* (PBK, \$19.99). Recommended.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

Blood on the Siberian Snow

Olga Pushkin mysteries

Farrington, G J

Winter has come early to the tiny Siberian village of Roslazny, but for Olga Pushkin, aspiring writer and Railway Engineer (Second Class), it only makes leaving the harder. Olga is being forced overseas by her jealous superior, and now faces two years in exile from her beloved rail-side hut, her white-breasted hedgehog Dmitri, and Vassily Marushkin, sergeant-in-charge at the tiny Roslazny police station. Fate seems to intervene when Olga's train crashes outside Roslazny, shutting the line and killing two on board – local celebrity Danyl Petrovich and his wife, Anoushka. But Vassily Marushkin soon discovers that the Trans-Siberian locomotive was derailed on purpose. As the weather closes in, trapping the villagers – and the suspects – inside, Vassily begins a murder investigation in which Olga and her long-lost friend, Nevena Komarov, soon become closely involved. But murder and extreme weather isn't all Olga has to deal with. Recalcitrant publishers, haunted police stations, and embarrassing online exposes combine to make this early winter a particularly challenging one – with the threat of a forced departure still looming as soon as the weather lifts. Can Olga find out who killed the Petroviches, secure the release of her book, exorcise the ghost, and save her job, all at the same time? Charming and compelling, this series begins with *Death on the Trans-Siberian Express* (PBK, \$22.99). Hugely recommended.

Mystery TP \$32.99

Winter Work

Fesperman, Dan

Berlin, 1990. On a chilly early morning walk, Emil Grimm finds the body of his neighbour, fellow Stasi officer Lothar, lying dead with a bullet wound to the temple. Despite the appearance of suicide, Emil suspects murder, for as East Germany disintegrates, being a Stasi colonel is more of a liability than an asset. Emil and Lothar were involved in a final clandestine mission – now, Emil must finish the job alone, on uncertain ground where alliances seem to be shifting by the day. Meanwhile, CIA agent Claire Saylor, sent to Berlin to assist an Agency action against their collapsing East German adversaries, has just received an upgrade to her assignment: she'll be the designated contact for a high-ranking Stasi foreign intelligence officer. When her first rendezvous goes dangerously awry, she realises the mission is far more delicate than she was led to believe. Emil and Claire soon find themselves on unlikely common ground, fighting for their lives against a powerful enemy hiding in the shadows. An exhilarating spy thriller inspired by a true story about the precious secrets being kept hidden just after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Suspense TP \$32.99

Kill Her Twice

Dek Elstrom mysteries

Fredrickson, Jack

A shocking chain of events occur after midnight one night on a quiet suburban street in West Chicago. The first neighbour hears a woman scream. The second sees the lights in the Tripps' house being switched on, one

by one, room after room. The third receives a call from a voice he doesn't recognise, screaming at him to come over right away. But to where? When the police arrive on the street, Sara Tripp is discovered brutally murdered. Her husband, Martin Tripp, is put on trial for her murder and acquitted. Martin is convinced Sara was scared of something before she died, and he wants private investigator Dek Elstrom to find out what it was. As Dek investigates, he makes a series of disturbing discoveries. Can he get to the truth of what really happened that terrifying night?

Mystery TP \$39.95

The Murder Weekend

Gagnon, Jilly

Welcome to the Crooner Estate. We know your stay will be deadly fun. A remote hotel. A murder mystery. A missing woman. Everyone has a role to play, but what's real and what's part of the game? The weekend getaway at the gorgeous manor hotel should have been perfect. But Becca is freshly smarting from her husband Blake's betrayal and knows this is just an expensive attempt at an apology. She may not be ready to forgive him, but the drinks are strong, the estate is stunning, and the weekend has an elaborate 1920s' murder mystery theme. She decides to get into the spirit of things and enjoy their stay. What could go wrong? Before long, the game is afoot: famed speakeasy songstress Ida Crooner is found 'murdered', and it's up to the guests to sniff out which of them might be the culprit. Playing the role of Miss Debbie Taunte, an ingenue with a dark past, Becca dives into the world of pun-heavy clues, hammy acting, and secret passages, hoping to, at least, take her mind off her marital troubles. Then, the morning after they arrive, the actress playing Ida's maid fails to reappear for her role. The game's organiser – that's Miss Ann Thrope to you – assumes the young woman's flakiness is to blame, but when snooping for clues as 'Debbie', Becca finds evidence she may not have left of her own free will.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

A Loyal Traitor

Richard Knox Spy series

Glister, Tim

Duty or honour. Which would you betray? It's 1966. London is swinging, and the Cold War is spiralling. Clear cut lines have faded to grey areas. Whispers of conspiracies are everywhere. Spies on both sides of the iron curtain are running in circles, chasing constant plots and counterplots. And MI5 agent Richard Knox is tired of all of it. But when Abey Bennett, his CIA comrade in arms, appears in London with a ghost from Knox's past and a terrifying warning that could change the balance of power in the Cold War for good, he has to fight to save the future.

Suspense PBK \$22.99

This is the Night They Come for You

Goddard, Robert

On a stifling afternoon at Police HQ in Algiers, Superintendent Taleb, coasting towards retirement, with not even an air-conditioned office to show for his long years of service, is handed a ticking time bomb of

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a case which will take him deep into Algeria's troubled past and its fraught relationship with France. To his dismay, he is assigned to work with Agent Hidouchi, an intimidating representative of the country's feared secret service, who makes it clear she intends to call the shots. They are instructed to pursue a former agent, now on the run after 20 years in prison for his part in a high-level corruption scandal. But their search will lead them inexorably towards a greater mystery, surrounding a murder that took place in Paris more than 50 years ago. Uncovering the truth may be his responsibility, but Taleb is well aware that no-one in Algeria wants to be reminded of the dark deeds carried out in the struggle for independence – or in the violence that has racked the nation since. Before long, he will face a choice he has long sought to avoid, between self-preservation and doing the right thing. And, ultimately, the choice may not even be his to make. A loose sequel to *The Fine Art of Invisible Detection* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery PBK \$22.99

The Chancellor's Secret

Chronicles of Matthew Bartholomew
Gregory, Susanna

In 1360, the Great Bridge over the River Cam is close to collapse. To repair it will cost the town and the University dear, especially if its rotten wood is replaced by more durable stone. As arguments rage over raising the money other, equally heated, differences are coming to the boil over the election of a new Chancellor. While the majority support Brother Michael for the post, at least one of his opponents aims to seize it by fair means or foul. Then the discovery of a body under the bridge and the disappearance of two scholars throws a more sinister shadow over both disputes. Matthew Bartholomew, the University's Corpse Examiner, already has his hands full: due to marry in under a fortnight, he is determined to conclude his teaching duties and deal with an outbreak of the summer flux before relinquishing his official duties. With more deaths, an 'accident' at the bridge and an increasing stench of corruption over the financing of the bridge's repairs, he realises he owes more to his soon-to-be former colleagues than to his future life as a secular doctor. But will there be enough time for him to unveil the identities of those who seek to undermine both the town and the University, or will he prove powerless to protect those he loves from death or disgrace or worse? The final instalment of the popular medieval chronicles featuring 14th-century Cambridge physician Matthew Bartholomew.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

The Final Case

Guterson, David

A girl dies one late, rainy night a few feet from the back door of her home. The girl, Abeba, was born in Ethiopia. Her adoptive parents, Delvin and Betsy Harvey – conservative, white fundamentalist Christians – are charged with her murder. Royal, a Seattle criminal attorney in the last days of his long career, takes Betsy Harvey's case. An octogenarian without a driver's license, he leans on his son – the novel's narrator – as he prepares for trial. David Guterson's first courtroom drama,

since *Snow Falling on Cedars* (PBK, \$24.99), it is his most compelling and heartfelt novel, to date.

Mystery TP \$37.95

The Twyford Code

Hallett, Janice

Forty years ago, Steven Smith found a copy of a famous children's book by disgraced author Edith Twyford, full of strange markings and annotations. Wanting to know more, he took it to his English teacher Miss Iles, not realising the chain of events that he was setting in motion. Miss Iles became convinced that the book was the key to a secret code that ran through all Twyford's novels. Then she disappeared on a class field trip, and Steven has no memory of what happened to her. Now, out of prison after a long stretch, Steven decides to investigate the mystery that has haunted him for decades. Was Miss Iles murdered? Was she deluded? Or was she right about the code? And is it still in use today? But, as Steven revisits the people and places of his childhood, seeking answers, it soon becomes clear that Edith Twyford wasn't just a writer of forgotten children's stories. The Twyford Code has great power, and he isn't the only one trying to solve it... From the author of *The Appeal* (PBK, \$19.99). 'Even better [*than The Appeal*]... This fiendishly clever book manages to be both tricky and surprisingly moving' – *Guardian*.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Hokuloa Road

Hand, Elizabeth

On a whim, Grady Kendall applies to work as a live-in caretaker for a luxury property in Hawaii, as far from his small-town Maine life as he can imagine. Within days, he's flying out to an estate on remote Hokuloa Road, where he quickly uncovers a dark side to the island's idyllic reputation: it has long been a place where people vanish without a trace. When a young woman from his flight becomes the next to disappear, Grady is determined – and, soon, desperate – to figure out what's happened to Jessie, and to all those staring out of the island's 'missing' posters. But working with Raina, Jessie's fiercely protective best friend, to uncover the truth is anything but easy, and with an inexplicable and sinister presence stalking his every step, Grady can only hope he'll find the answer before it's too late.

Mystery HC \$39.99

Summer of Secrets

Gaslight mysteries

Harrison, Gora

August 1856. Wilkie Collins and Charles Dickens are spending the summer at Knebworth House, the magnificent Hertfordshire home of fellow writer Lord Edward Bulwer-Lytton, where they are putting on a charity performance of one of Lord Edward's most successful plays, *The Lady of Lyon*. But the dress rehearsal is disrupted by the discovery of a body lying in the centre of the stage, shot to death. With everyone involved in the play coming under suspicion, the two writer-sleuths feel compelled to investigate. Their enquiries unearth several scandalous secrets lurking among the writers, artists, and actors assembled at Knebworth. Secrets that

stretch back more than 20 years. Secrets that will have devastating repercussions for the present.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

The Cloisters

Hays, Katy

Ann Stilwell arrives in New York City, hoping to spend her summer working at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Instead, she is assigned to The Cloisters, a gothic museum and garden renowned for its collection of medieval and Renaissance art. There, she is drawn into a small circle of charismatic but enigmatic researchers, each with their own secrets and desires, including the museum's curator, Patrick Roland, who is convinced that the history of Tarot holds the key to unlocking contemporary fortune telling. Relieved to have left her troubled past behind and eager for the approval of her new colleagues, Ann is only too happy to indulge some of Patrick's more outlandish theories. But when Ann discovers a mysterious, once-thought lost deck of 15th-century Italian tarot cards she suddenly finds herself at the centre of a dangerous game of power, toxic friendship, and ambition. And as the game being played within the Cloisters spirals out of control, Ann must decide whether she is truly able to defy the cards and shape her own future... Bringing together the modern and the arcane, *The Cloisters* is a rich, thrillingly told tale of obsession and the ruthless pursuit of power – *The Secret History* (PBK, \$24.99) for a new generation.

Mystery TP \$32.99

Headcase

Timothy Blake series

Heath, Jack

A Chinese astronaut is found dead in a NASA training environment in Houston, Texas. No one can explain how he got there. Amid fears of a diplomatic catastrophe, the CIA dispatches Timothy 'Hangman' Blake to investigate a convicted kidnapper who works in the facility – someone, Blake put away seven years ago. Blake is deeply insane, afflicted by terrible urges he can barely control – but he's also brilliant. Zara, his beautiful and deadly CIA handler, suspects a secret Chinese spacecraft is surveilling the United States, but Blake can see something much more sinister is going on. Something connected to the kidnapping seven years ago, to the technologies being developed at NASA, and to the serial killer known as the Texas Reaper. Will Blake survive long enough to uncover the truth? And if he does, will anyone even believe him? Timothy Blake makes his first appearance in *Hangman* (PBK, \$19.99).

Thriller TP \$32.99

False Face

Abbot Agency mysteries

Heley, Veronica

Bea Abbot's husband and talented artist, Piers, is in a state. His morning visit to actress and 'national treasure' Karina's Belgravia home has ended in chaos. An antique necklace and diamond ring have been discovered missing, along with a memory stick storing Karina's highly anticipated memoirs. Karina's housekeeper, Mrs Hennessey, her ghost-writer, Molly, and Piers, himself, are all accused of a

conspiracy to rob the actress. When it transpires that the three were employed through the Abbot Agency, and some of the missing items are found in Piers' pockets, Bea is dragged into the melee. But as she investigates, events take a chilling turn... Can Bea get to the bottom of the sinister goings-on, in time to save Piers' reputation and to catch a killer?

Mystery TP \$39.95

Standing by the Wall

Slough House interlude

Herron, Mick

Here in Slough House, the intelligence service's home for inept spies, it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas. Roddy Ho is used to being the one the slow horses turn to, when they need miracles performed, and he's always been Jackson Lamb's Number Two. So, when Lamb has a photograph that needs doctoring, it's Ho he entrusts with the task. Christmas is a time for memories, but Lamb doesn't do memories – or so he says. But what is it about the photo that makes him want to alter it? How would the slow horses cope if Roddy Ho didn't exist? And most importantly of all, are the team having Christmas drinks, and if so, where? *Standing by the Wall* offers a glimpse into the kind of seasonal merriment you might expect at Slough House, where the boss generally marks the festive season with an increase in hostilities. But then, this is the secret service, not Secret Santa. And the slow horses aren't here to enjoy themselves. *Roddy, Roddy, Roddy? Ho, Ho, Ho!*

Suspense PBK \$9.99

A Death in Tokyo

Kyoichiro Kaga series

Higashino, Keigo

On the Nihonbashi Bridge in Tokyo stands the statue of a mythic beast – a kirin. One evening, a man staggers onto the bridge and collapses beneath the winged creature. The patrolman on watch goes to rouse the man, who he presumes to be drunk – only to discover that the man had been stabbed in the chest. He is dead. Meanwhile, a young man named Yashima is injured in a car accident nearby while trying to flee from the police. Found on him is the wallet of the murdered man. But is he actually responsible for the crime? What is his connection to the victim? And why did the dying man drag himself from the crime scene to the Nihonbashi Bridge? Tokyo Police Detective Kyoichiro Kaga must piece together the answers to all of these questions in order to find the killer, but each answer he finds seems to throw up more questions...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

A Fatal Crossing

Hindle, Tom

November 1924. The *Endeavour* sets sail for New York, with 2,000 passengers – and a killer – on board. When a body is found on deck, ship's officer Timothy Birch is ready to declare the death a tragic accident. But Scotland Yard inspector James Temple is certain there's more to this misfortune than meets the eye. Mounting an investigation, the pair uncover the theft of a priceless painting, and encounter a string of suspects with secrets to hide. Now, with just days remaining until the *Endeavour* reaches New York, their search for the culprit is

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fraught with danger. And all the while, the passengers roam the ship with a killer in their midst... Gripping crime fiction set on board a cruise liner sailing from Southampton to New York in the 1920s. This fresh take on the classic locked-room mystery will appeal to fans of Anthony Horowitz, Sophie Hannah and Richard Osman.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Gangland Hogan, Chuck

In the late 1970s, The Outfit has the entire city of Chicago in its hands. Tony Accardo is its fearless leader. Nicky Passero is his loyal soldier, though no one knows he has a direct line in to the boss of bosses. When the Christmas gift Accardo got for his wife, an inscribed bracelet with gold and diamond inlay, is stolen along with other items in a jewellery heist, Nicky is charged with tracking down and returning all of the items – by whatever means necessary. Forced into an impossible situation, Nicky must find a way to carry out Accardo's increasingly unhinged instructions and survive the battle for control of Chicago. What Accardo doesn't know: Nicky has a secret which has made his life impossible and has put him in the pocket of the FBI. Based on the true story of Tony Accardo, the longest-reigning mob capo in history, *Gangland* is a Shakespearean-esque drama of integrity, lost honour, and revenge.

Mystery/suspense HC \$39.99

Murder on the Glass Trip

Maya & Sandra mysteries

Hollis, Lee

Drafted as chaperones, Maya Kendrick and PTA president Sandra Wallace are accompanying the SoPo High seniors to the nation's capital – much to the embarrassment of Maya's daughter Vanessa and Sandra's son Ryan. Now, both moms are about to find out which is harder – shepherding unruly high schoolers or solving a murder. The last sight they expected to see on this trip is a female intern who works for Sandra's soon-to-be-ex-husband, Senator Stephen Wallace, in a fatally compromising position. Desperate to avoid scandal, Stephen begs Maya and Sandra to solve the case. But their FBI counterparts – tough-as-nails agents Markey and Rhodes – are far less enthusiastic about the meddling of two 'amateurs'. With suspects ranging from senators to students to stalkers, Maya and Sandra must follow a twisty trail of clues so they can catch a killer and survive to make the return trip...

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Dust Off the Bones

Only Killers & Thieves series

Howarth, Paul

Death follows young Tommy McBride everywhere. Five years ago, his family was murdered, now a freak accident sends him fleeing into the wilderness of the Australian outback – with a man lying dead in his wake. But Tommy is haunted by even worse – as children, he and his brother Billy witnessed the state-sanctioned massacre of the indigenous Kurrong people, and they haven't seen each other since. When an official inquiry is launched into the massacre, the successful life that Billy has built for himself comes under threat. He desperately needs to find Tommy, long disappeared into the bush.

And he's not the only one – ruthless Inspector Noone, the man with perhaps the most to hide, is on Tommy's trail as well. The sequel to *Only Killers and Thieves* (PBK, \$22.99).

Noir PBK \$22.99

Low Pastures

Harpur & Iles mysteries

James, Bill

The man is found dead in the local dockyard, shot from behind. Colin Harpur, examining the impeccably dressed corpse on his hands and knees, predicts the execution spells imminent trouble – and not just the unexpected arrival of his spiteful, brilliant boss, ACC Iles, at the two am slaughter scene. Iles' progressive attitude towards the local drugs trade has kept gang warfare off the streets, but now it seems jealous outsiders may be coveting the safe, ordered community he has so brilliantly created. Coveting, too, the local property – for instance, drug lord Ralph Ember's luxurious mansion, Low Pastures, home to his unparalleled collection of china and porcelain. Harpur and Iles are determined to protect their set-up at all costs – which includes protecting 'Panicking' Ralph. But Ralph has his own plans, and there are dark rumours about Iles on the wind...

Mystery TP \$39.95

Nothing but the Night:

Leopold and Loeb and the Truth Behind the Murder That Rocked 1920s' America

King, Greg & Wilson, Penny

Nearly 100 years ago, two wealthy and privileged teenagers – Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb – were charged and convicted in a gruesome crime that would lead to the original 'Trial of the Century'. Even in Jazz Age Chicago, the murder was uniquely shocking for the motive of the killers: well-to-do Jewish scions, full of promise, had killed 14-year-old Bobby Franks for the thrill of it. The trial was made even more sensational by the revelation of a love affair between the defendants and by defence attorney Clarence Darrow, who delivered one of the most famous defence summations of all time, to save the boys from the death penalty. The story of their mad *folie à deux*, with Loeb portrayed as the psychopathic mastermind and Leopold as his infatuated disciple, has been endlessly repeated and accepted by history as fact. And none of it is true. Using 21st century investigative tools, forensics, and a modern understanding of the psychology of these infamous killers, *Nothing but the Night* turns history on its head. While Loeb has long been viewed as the architect behind the murders, King and Wilson's new research points to Leopold as the dominant partner in the deadly relationship, uncovering a dark obsession with violence and sex. *Nothing but the Night* pulls readers into the troubled world of Leopold and Loeb, revealing a more horrifying tale of passion, obsession, and betrayal than history ever imagined.

True crime HC \$54.99

An Act of Foul Play

Lady Hardcastle mysteries

Kinsey, T E

November 1911. Lady Emily Hardcastle is celebrating her birthday, by seeing a play at the Duke's Theatre in Bristol with her maid and confidante, the inimitable Flo.

Act One is a triumph. Then Act Two opens with a body on stage – a real one. One of the cast has been brutally murdered during the interval. When other matters get in the way of Inspector Sunderland overseeing the case himself, he asks the ever-resourceful Lady H to keep a watchful eye on the suspects – and his police colleagues. Rustling up some cunning disguises of their own, she and Flo are soon in deep cover among the cast and crew, pulling back the curtain on some shocking secrets and rivalries... The problem is, everyone seems to have a motive, and everyone seems to have an alibi... In this locked-room mystery in which nothing is as it seems, the amateur sleuths need to put on the performances of their lives if they're to stand a chance of shining a spotlight on the truth...

Historical mystery TP \$37.95

Room to Swing

Library of Congress Crime Classics

Lacy, Ed

College-educated and decorated war-veteran Touissant Moore, finds that his employment options are limited as a Black man in 1950s' America. With little choice, he seeks out a living as a private eye, serving Black clients in his hometown of Harlem. When hired by the television producers of a reality show called *You – Detective!* Touie must keep tabs on the whereabouts of an accused child molester. While waiting for the episode to air, Touie finds the man murdered and becomes the prime suspect in the investigation. Forced to flee, he goes to a small Ohio town where the deceased was wanted for his crime. Touie encounters a new level of resistance and racism as a Black man asking questions in a predominantly White town. Winner of the 1958 Edgar Award for best novel, *Room to Swing* is noteworthy for its honest and insightful depiction of Black lives in 1950s' America.

Classic mystery TP \$27.99

Three-Edged Sword

Riley Wolfe series

Lindsay, Jeff

Super thief Riley Wolfe can do it all. He is a master of disguise, can scale a wall, and can vanish into thin air (thick air, too). He uses these unique talents to rob the richest. But this time, it's the most powerful who have him in their grips. It's not just that the high-up, rogue government agent has abducted the only two people Riley loves: it's the fact that Riley has to do the man's dirty work to set them free. It's something Riley ordinarily would find a modest day's work, infiltrating a madman's Soviet missile silo in one of the world's most remote places, all to find a secret on a tiny flash drive – but he's never had to race the clock like this. Even for Riley, it looks like this time, the only way out is through.

Thriller TP \$32.99

No Less the Devil

MacBride, Stuart

Introducing a truly unforgettable, surprising, and original new detective, DS Lucy McVeigh. *'We are each our own devil, and we make this world our hell.'* It's been 17 months since the Bloodsmith butchered his first victim and Operation Maypole is still no nearer catching him. The media is whipping up a storm, the top brass are demanding

results, but the investigation is sinking fast. Now isn't the time to get distracted with other cases, but Detective Sergeant Lucy McVeigh doesn't have much choice. When Benedict Strachan was just 11, he hunted down and killed a homeless man. No one's ever figured out why Benedict did it, but now, after 16 years, he's back on the streets again – battered, frightened, convinced a shadowy 'They' are out to get him, and begging Lucy for help. It sounds like paranoia, but what if he's right? What if he really is caught up in something bigger and darker than Lucy's ever dealt with before? What if the Bloodsmith isn't the only monster out there? And what's going to happen, when Lucy goes after them?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Defaced Men

New Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Major, Tim

Sherlock Holmes delves into the world of early cinema, as motion picture ground-breaker Eadweard Muybridge begs him to solve a mystery that will keep you up, all night... It is 1896. A new client at Baker Street claims he's being threatened, via the new art of the moving image... Eadweard Muybridge, pioneer of motion picture projection, believes his life is in danger. Twice he has been almost run down in the street by the same mysterious carriage, and moreover, disturbing alterations have been made to his lecture slides. These are closely guarded, yet just before each lecture an unknown hand has defaced images depicting Muybridge himself, which he has discovered, to his horror, only as he projects them to his audience. As Holmes and Watson investigate, a bewildering trail of clues only deepens the mystery, and meanwhile, newspaper speculation reaches fever pitch. The great detective's reputation is on the line, and may be ruined for good unless he can pick apart a mystery centred the capturing, for the first time, of figures in motion, and the wonders of the new cinematograph.

Sherlockiana PBK \$19.99

Fatal Promise

Detective Kim Stone series

Marsons, Angela

When the body of a doctor is discovered, brutally murdered in local woodland, Detective Kim Stone is shocked to discover the victim is Gordon Cordell – a man linked to a previous case she worked on involving the death of a young schoolgirl. Gordon has a chequered past, but who would want him dead? As the investigation gets underway, Gordon's son is involved in a horrific car crash which leaves him fighting for his life. Kim's sure this was no accident. Then the body of a woman is found dead in suspicious circumstances and Kim makes a disturbing link between the victims and Russells Hall Hospital. The same hospital where Gordon worked. With Kim and her team still grieving the loss of one of their own, they're at their weakest and facing one of the most dangerous serial killers they've ever encountered. Everything is on the line. Can Kim keep her squad together and find the killer before he claims his next victim? The killer is picking off his victims at a terrifying pace, and he's not finished yet.

Thriller (reissue) PBK \$22.99

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The Fool Dies Last

Fortune Telling mysteries

Miller, Carol

Sisters Hope and Summer Bailey run Bailey's Boutique, a mystic shop in Asheville, North Carolina. While Hope's performing a palm reading a local doctor, Dylan Henshaw, bursts in, accusing them of trying to kill his patient with a tincture. The confrontation is interrupted by the arrival of the sisters' grandmother, Gram, who announces that one of her friends has died suddenly. It looks like a simple allergic reaction... but why has a solitary Tarot card – the Fool – been placed on the body? When another of Gram's friends dies in similar circumstances, with the Fool card also left at the scene, it's surely no coincidence. Although Hope is hesitant to read the Tarot again following a recent tragedy, she might be the only one capable of deciphering the clues. Can she overcome her fear and uncover the card's meaning before the killer strikes again? The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$39.95

Rizzio

Darkland Tales

Mina, Denise

It's Saturday evening, the 9th of March 1566, and Mary, Queen of Scots, is six months pregnant. She's hosting a supper party, secure in her private chambers. She doesn't know that her Palace is surrounded – that, right now, an army of men is creeping upstairs to her chamber. They're coming to murder David Rizzio, her friend and secretary, the handsome Italian man who is smiling across the table at her. Mary's husband, Lord Darnley, wants it done, in front of her, and he wants her to watch it done... Denise Mina brilliantly portrays the sexual dynamics and politics of power – between men and women, monarch and subjects, master and servants. The period is masterfully researched yet lightly drawn, the characterisation quick, subtle and utterly convincing. This breathtakingly tense work is a tale of sex, secrets and lies, one that explores the lengths that men – and women – will go to in the search for love and power.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

The Dublin Railway Murder:

the Sensational True Story of a Victorian Murder Mystery

Morris, Thomas

Dublin, November 1856: George Little, the chief cashier of the Broadstone railway terminus, is found dead, lying in a pool of blood beneath his desk. Yet, there is no sign of a murder weapon and the office door is locked, apparently from the inside. Thousands of pounds in gold and silver are left untouched at the scene of the crime. Augustus Guy, Ireland's most experienced detective, teams up with Dublin's leading lawyer to investigate the murder – but the case defies all explanation. Then a local woman comes forward, claiming to know the killer... A thrilling investigation of a true Victorian crime at Dublin railway station, shortlisted for the CWA Gold Dagger for Nonfiction 2022.

True crime TP \$38.99

A Dreadful Splendour

Myers, B R

Be careful what you conjure... In Victorian

London, Genevieve Timmons poses as a spiritualist to swindle wealthy mourners – until one misstep lands her in a jail cell awaiting the noose. Then a stranger arrives to make her a peculiar offer. The lord he serves, Mr Pemberton, has been inconsolable since the tragic death of his beautiful bride-to-be. If Genevieve can perform a séance persuasive enough to bring the young lord peace, she will win her freedom. Soothing a grieving nobleman should be easy for someone of Genevieve's skill, but when she arrives at the grand Somerset Park estate, Mr Pemberton is not the heartbroken lover she expected. The surly – yet exceedingly handsome – gentleman is certain that his fiancée was murdered, even though there is no evidence. Only a confession can bring justice now, and Mr Pemberton decides Genevieve will help him get it. With his knowledge of the household and her talent for illusion, they can stage a haunting so convincing it will coax the killer into the light. However, when frightful incidents befall the manor, Genevieve realises her tricks aren't required after all. She may be a fake, but Somerset's ghost could be all too real...

Gothic mystery TP \$32.99

Bride Price

Inspector Ikmen mysteries

Nadel, Barbara

When jeweller Fahrettin Muftugolu is found dead in his apartment in the Istanbul district of Vefa, it looks like suicide. Searching the jeweller's home, Inspector Mehmet Suleyman and his team come across a hoard of extraordinary artefacts including solid gold religious relics and a mummified human head. But are they real and, if so, who owns these priceless possessions? As his colleagues begin their investigation, Suleyman is distracted by troubles of his own. His wedding to Gonca Serekoglu is days away, but when Gonca receives her bridal bedcover from a Roma haberdasher and discovers that it is covered in blood, she sees this as a curse on their marriage. Suleyman asks his old friend Cetin Ikmen to help him uncover the truth, but the task is not that simple... Meanwhile, as the stories swirling around Muftugolu become increasingly sinister, the dead man's wife appears, laying claim to his valuables, and Suleyman is drawn into a dark and dangerous world of smuggling and savagery...

Mystery PBK \$22.99

My Annihilation

Nakamura, Fuminori

What transforms a person into a killer?

Can it be something as small as a suggestion? *Turn this page, and you may forfeit your entire life.* With *My Annihilation*, Fuminori Nakamura, master of literary noir, has constructed a puzzle box of a narrative in the form of a confessional diary that implicates its reader in a heinous crime. Delving relentlessly into the darkest corners of human consciousness, *My Annihilation* interrogates the unspeakable thoughts all humans share that can be monstrous when brought to life, revealing with disturbing honesty the psychological motives of a killer.

Noir TP \$24.99

The Lonely Ones

Inspector Barbarotti series

Nesser, Håkan

A trip behind the Iron Curtain would change their lives forever... It begins in 1969. Six young people arrive in Uppsala. Different circumstances push the three young couples together and, over the course of a few years, they become friends. But a summer trip through Eastern Europe changes everything, and when their time at Uppsala University is over it also signals the end of something else. Years later, a lecturer at Lund University is found dead at the bottom of a cliff in the woods close to Kymlinge. And chillingly, it is the very same spot where one of the Uppsala students died, 35 years before. Detective Inspector Gunnar Barbarotti takes on this ominous case of history repeating itself, and is forced to confront an increasingly grave reality.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Lost Apothecary

Penner, Sarah

Hidden in the depths of 18th-century London, a secret apothecary shop caters to an unusual kind of clientele. Women across the city whisper of a mysterious figure named Nella, who sells well-disguised poisons to use against the oppressive men in their lives. But the apothecary's fate is jeopardised when her newest patron, a precocious 12-year-old, makes a fatal mistake, sparking a string of consequences that echo through the centuries. Meanwhile, in present-day London, aspiring historian Caroline Parcellwell spends her 10th wedding anniversary alone, running from her own demons. When she stumbles upon a clue to the unsolved apothecary murders that haunted London, 200 years ago, her life collides with the apothecary's in a stunning twist of fate – and not everyone will survive. With crackling suspense, unforgettable characters and searing insight, *The Lost Apothecary* is a subversive and intoxicating debut novel of secrets, vengeance and the remarkable ways women can save each other despite the barrier of time.

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

A World of Curiosities

Chief Inspector Gamache mysteries

Penny, Louise

It's spring and Three Pines is re-emerging after the harsh winter. But not everything buried should come alive again. Not everything lying dormant should re-emerge. But something has. As the villagers prepare for a special celebration, Armand Gamache and Jean-Guy Beauvoir find themselves increasingly worried. A young man and woman have reappeared in the Sûreté du Québec investigators' lives after many years. The two were young children when their troubled mother was murdered, leaving them damaged, shattered. Now, they've arrived in the village of Three Pines. But to what end? Gamache and Beauvoir's memories of that tragic case, the one that first brought them together, come rushing back. Did their mother's murder hurt them beyond repair? Have those terrible wounds, buried for decades, festered and are now about to erupt? As Chief Inspector Gamache works to uncover answers, his alarm grows when a letter written by a long dead stone mason is discovered. In it the man

describes his terror when bricking up an attic room somewhere in the village. Every word of the 160-year-old letter is filled with dread. When the room is found, the villagers decide to open it up. As the bricks are removed, Gamache, Beauvoir and the villagers discover a world of curiosities. But the head of homicide soon realises there's more in that room than meets the eye. There are puzzles within puzzles, and hidden messages warning of mayhem and revenge. In unsealing that room, an old enemy is released into their world. Into their lives. And into the very heart of Armand Gamache's home. This wonderful, Canadian series begins with *Still Life* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery TP \$32.99

A Truth to Lie For

Elena Standish series

Perry, Anne

It is the summer of 1934, when MI6 receives intelligence that two German scientists have made a breakthrough in germ warfare. British agent Elena Standish must return to Berlin to prevent unimaginable horror and, with the help of her trusted friend, Jacob Ritter, embark upon a mission fraught with fear and uncertainty. Meanwhile, her grandfather's old adversary Johann Paulus has risen to power as an adviser to Hitler. By his side is his loyal supporter Hans Beckendorff, who is married to Elena's childhood friend. But when Hans witnesses the bloodshed and atrocities of the Night of the Long Knives, he is torn between ambition and the realisation that he must protect his family from harm.

Historical suspense PBK \$22.99

High Spirits

Haunted Haven mysteries

Perry, Carol J

Christmas lights on palm trees and Santa hats on plastic pink flamingos are far from the snowy landscape Maureen and her beloved golden retriever, Finn, are used to. But Maureen is determined to make this a holiday to remember – which means finding a way to promote Haven House on a shoestring. Fortunately, Haven's vintage movie theatre, the Paramount, has come up with a great '12 Days of Christmas' idea. They'll feature an impressive list of the best classic Christmas movies ever made – shown by one-time movie actor-turned-projectionist Decklin Monroe... But nobody bothered to tell Maureen that the Paramount is haunted by the ghost of a man who was murdered a few years back. Haven's top cop Frank Hubbard doesn't believe in ghosts but, believing that Decklin Monroe was, somehow, involved, he wants a reluctant Maureen's help. That plan is derailed when, on the first day of the festival, a fresh murder victim is found at the theatre. Now, Maureen has to defend her staff and guests, while trying to keep her high-spirited resident ghosts out of the picture – before they have company for the holidays...

Mystery TP \$29.99

The Left-Handed Twin

Jane Whitefield mysteries

Perry, Thomas

Jane Whitefield helps people disappear. Fearing for their lives, fleeing dangerous situations, her clients come to her when they need to vanish completely – to assume a new

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identity and establish a new life somewhere they won't be found. And when people are desperate enough to need her services, they come to the old house in rural western New York where Jane was raised to begin their escape. It's there that, one spring night, Jane finds a young woman fresh from LA with a whole lot of trouble behind her. After she cheated on her boyfriend, he dragged her to the home of the offending man and made her watch as he killed him. She testified against the boyfriend, but a bribed jury acquitted him, and now he's free and trying to find and kill her. Jane agrees to help, and it soon becomes clear that outsmarting the murderous boyfriend is not beyond Jane's skills. But the boyfriend has some new friends: members of a Russian organised crime brotherhood. When they learn that Sara is travelling with a tall, dark-haired woman who disappears people, the Russians become increasingly interested in helping the boyfriend find the duo. They've heard rumours that such a woman existed – and believe that, if forcibly extracted, the knowledge she has of past clients could be worth millions. Thus begins a bloodthirsty chase that winds through the cities of the northeast before finally plunging into Maine's Hundred Mile Wilderness. But in a pursuit where nothing can be trusted, one thing is certain: only one party – Jane or her pursuers – will emerge alive.

Mystery TP \$29.99

A Rare Benedictine

Cadfael collection

Peter, Ellis

Introducing the medieval sleuth Brother Cadfael. This beautifully-illustrated collection of short stories, written by Ellis Peters, tells the tale of how Brother Cadfael, one of our most beloved sleuths, became a monk, and entered a world of mystery, intrigue, and treachery. In the autumn of 1120, after 16 years of plotting, manipulating and fighting to conquer Normandy, the King's Court has returned to England, victorious. But, for one Welshman amongst them, the adventure is just beginning. For Cadfael is about to embark on a journey that will lead him to the Abbey at Shrewsbury and into the Benedictine Order. Where mystery, intrigue and treachery await... To be treasured by Cadfael fans, this is also the perfect starting point for readers, delving into the Chronicles of Brother Cadfael for the first time.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Shadow of the Empire

Judge Dee Investigations

Qiu, Xiaolong

Judge Dee Renjie, Empress Wu's newly-appointed Imperial Circuit Supervisor for the Tang Empire, is visiting provinces surrounding the grand capital of Chang'an. One night a knife is thrown through his window with a cryptic note attached: 'A high-flying dragon will have something to regret!' Minutes after the ominous warning appears, Judge Dee is approached by an emissary of Internal Minister Wu, Empress Wu's nephew. Minister Wu wants Judge Dee to investigate a high-profile murder supposedly committed by the well-known poetess and courtesan, Xuanji, who locals believe is possessed by

the spirit of a black fox. Why is Minister Wu interested in Xuanji? Despite Xuanji confessing to the murder, is there more to the case than first appears? With the mysterious warning and a fierce power struggle playing out at the imperial court, Judge Dee knows he must tread carefully... The legendary Judge Dee Renjie investigates a high-profile murder case in this intriguing companion novel to *Inspector Chen and the Private Kitchen Murder* (TP, \$39.95) set in seventh-century China.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

Mango, Mambo, and Murder

Caribbean Kitchen mysteries

Reyes, Raquel V

Food anthropologist Miriam Quiñones-Smith's move from New York to Coral Shores, Miami, puts her academic career on hold to stay at home with her young son. Adding to her funk is an opinionated mother-in-law and a husband rekindling a friendship with his ex. Gracias to her best friend, Alma, she gets a short-term job as a Caribbean cooking expert on a Spanish-language morning TV show. But when the newly-minted star attends a Women's Club luncheon, a socialite sitting at her table suddenly falls face-first into the chicken salad, never to nibble again. When a second woman dies soon after, suspicions coalesce around a controversial Cuban herbalist, Dr Fuentes – especially after the morning show's host collapses while interviewing him. Detective Pullman is not happy to find Miriam at every turn. After he catches her breaking into the doctor's apothecary, he enlists her help as eyes and ears to the places he can't access, namely the Spanish-speaking community and the tawny Coral Shores social scene. As the ingredients to the deadly scheme begin blending together, Miriam is on the verge of learning how and why the women died. But her snooping may turn out to be a recipe for her own murder.

Mystery TP \$29.99

Gallows View

DCI Banks mysteries

Robinson, Peter

New Town. New Cases. New Danger.

Detective Chief Inspector Alan Banks has recently relocated with his family from stressful London to the Yorkshire Dales, but soon finds that life in the countryside is not quite as idyllic as he had imagined. Three cases come to the fore: a voyeur is terrorising the women of Eastvale; two thugs are breaking into homes; and an old woman is dead, possibly murdered. As the tension mounts, Banks must also deal with his attraction to a young psychologist, Jenny Fuller – and when both Jenny and Banks' wife are drawn deeper into events, Banks realises that his cases are weaving closer and closer together... A reissue of the first novel in Peter Robinson's bestselling Inspector Banks series.

Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Sherlock Holmes:

a Detective's Life

anthology

Rosenstock, Martin (editor)

A brand-new collection of 12 Sherlock Holmes short stories which spans Holmes'

entire career, from the early days in Baker Street to retirement on the South Downs. Penned by masters of the genre, these Sherlock stories feature a woman haunted by the ghost of a rival actress, Moriarty's son looking for revenge, Oscar Wilde's lost manuscript, a woman framing her husband for murder, Mycroft's encounter with Moriarty and Colonel Moran, and many more! Featuring stories by: Peter Swanson; Cara Black; James Lovegrove; Andrew Lane; Philip Purser-Hallard; David Stuart Davies; Eric Brown; Amy Thomas; Derrick Belanger; Cavan Scott; Stuart Douglas; and David Marcum.

Sherlockiana PBK \$19.99

Sleuthing in Stilettoes

Resale Boutique mysteries

Sennfelder, Debra

Locals in Lucky Cove seem to harbor hostility toward Miranda Farrell, proprietor of a new shoe store. Nevertheless, Kelly invites her along to a Chamber of Commerce meeting. But soon afterward, Miranda's body is found in her shop, with Kelly's uncle – who's had multiple public arguments with her – standing nearby. Could her uncle really have committed murder over a business dispute? Or is Miranda's death related to her late husband's long-ago embezzlement case? Kelly feels compelled to investigate, despite her detective boyfriend's objections – not to mention her commitment to promoting Small Business Saturday. But her effort to pump up sales may fall flat. After her presentation to the committee is sabotaged, the Chamber gives her the boot – and tongues start wagging. Now, she has to do some fancy footwork to find the killer...

Mystery TP \$39.95

Feel the Bern

Bernie Sanders mysteries

Shaffer, Andrew

Fall is bursting out all over Vermont, and while the rest of the Congress enjoys its recess, Senator Bernie Sanders has returned to his beloved home state for a weekend of events in Eagle Creek, 'America's #1 Leaf Peeping Destination'. It's up to intern and Eagle Creek native Crash Robertson to keep the senator on schedule – and out of trouble. Crash's hopes for a quiet homecoming are dashed, however, when the lifeless body of a community banker with ties to 'Big Maple' is found in Lake Champlain. While the sheriff's department closes the case as an accident, a leaked autopsy indicates foul play... with a trail of syrup leading directly to one of the senator's oldest friends. Bernie, taking a page from the cosy mysteries he's addicted to, enlists Crash in a quest to uncover the killer's true identity. If Crash allows the senator to go too far off-script, it will be the end of her yet-to-begin political career. But as the suspect list grows to include a tech bro set on 'disrupting' the maple syrup industry, struggling small-business owners, and even Crash's own family, she realises there's more on the line than her own future. If the unlikely duo can't solve the mystery of the Maple Murderer before they strike again, Bernie's lifelong fight for justice may come to an unplanned end.

Mystery TP \$37.95

The Hatter's Ghosts

Simenon, Georges

Nobody mentioned the victims, or the terror that had gripped the town. For the last 20 days, it had rained and between the usual quiet conversations and card games, only the trickle of water and the air of cold fear could be detected. A serial killer stalks La Rochelle's cobbled streets – and by the most unfortunate of occurrences, Kachoudas, a poor timid tailor and a newcomer to the town, knows exactly who it is... One of Georges Simenon's darkest novels, *The Hatter's Ghosts* is a riveting portrait of murder and subterfuge, at once a cat and mouse thriller and an acute physiological study of the criminal imagination.

A masterful tale of murder and intrigue in a small French town, from the celebrated author of the Maigret series.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Codebreakers

Sinclair, Alli

They will dedicate their lives to their country, but no one will ever know... *1943, Brisbane*: The war continues to devastate and the battle for the Pacific threatens Australian shores. For Ellie O'Sullivan, helping the war effort means utilising her engineering skills for Qantas, as they evacuate civilians and deliver supplies to armed forces overseas. Her exceptional logic and integrity attract the attention of Central Bureau – an intelligence organisation working with England's Bletchley Park codebreakers. But joining Central Bureau means signing a lifetime secrecy contract. Breaking it is treason. With her country's freedom at risk, Ellie works with a group of elite women who enter a world of volatile secrets; deciphering enemy communications to change the course of the war. Working under immense pressure, they form a close bond – yet, there could be a traitor in their midst. Can the women uncover the culprit before it's too late? As Ellie struggles with the magnitude of the promise she's made to her country, a wedge grows between her and those she holds dear. When the man she loves asks questions she's forbidden to answer, how will she prevent the double life she's leading from unravelling? A compelling story about tenacity and friendship, inspired by the real codebreaking women of Australia's top-secret Central Bureau in WWII.

Suspense PBK \$19.99

The Violin Conspiracy

Slocumb, Brendan

Growing up Black in rural North Carolina, Ray McMillian's life is already mapped out. But Ray has a gift and a dream – he's determined to become a world-class professional violinist, and nothing will stand in his way. Not his mother, who wants him to stop making such a racket; not the fact that he can't afford a violin suitable to his talents; not even the racism inherent in the world of classical music. When he discovers that his beat-up, family fiddle is actually a priceless Stradivarius, all his dreams suddenly seem within reach, and together, Ray and his violin take the world by storm. But on the eve of the renowned and cutthroat Chaikovsky Competition – the Olympics of classical music – the violin is stolen, a ransom note for

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five million dollars left in its place. Without it, Ray feels like he's lost a piece of himself. As the competition approaches, Ray must not only reclaim his precious violin, but prove to himself – and the world – that no matter the outcome, there has always been a truly great musician within him.

Mystery TP \$37.95

The Enigma of Garlic

44 Scotland Street series

Smith, Alexander McCall

It's the most anticipated event of the decade: Big Lou and Fat Bob's wedding and everyone is invited! After a wonderful day, Big Lou crashes back down to earth and finds that she is a victim of her own success. The lure of those famous bacon rolls is preventing her from leaving hungry customers without their daily dose of deliciousness – even to go for a long-awaited honeymoon. Will Big Lou find the happiness she so richly deserves? Everyone in Scotland Street hopes so – but, as Burns warned, the best laid plans... The relative peace and tranquillity of 44 Scotland Street is about to be disrupted. Irene is to return for a two-month stay, consigning Bertie to a summer camp.

Not satisfied with that, she somehow manages to come between the enigmatic nun, Sister Maria-Fiore dei Fiori di Montagna, and her friend, the hagiographer, Antonia Collie. Can a person really change, even after being struck by lightning? Bruce's metamorphosis and new-found outlook on life is put to the test as he prepares to leave his creature comforts for the monastic simplicity of Pluscarden Abbey. His house sitter, meanwhile, gets a little too comfortable in his new life, and discovers that the talented Bruce Anderson's shoes are all too easy to slip into. With great taste comes great responsibility.

Mystery HC \$34.99

American Demon:

Eliot Ness and the Hunt for America's Jack the Ripper

Stashower, Daniel

Boston had its Strangler. California had the Zodiac Killer. And in the depths of the Great Depression, Cleveland had the Mad Butcher of Kingsbury Run. On September 5th, 1934, a young beachcomber made a gruesome discovery on the shores of Cleveland's Lake Erie: the lower half of a female torso, neatly severed at the waist. The victim, dubbed 'The Lady of the Lake', was only the first of a butcher's dozen. Over the next four years, 12 more bodies would be scattered across the city. The bodies were dismembered with surgical precision and drained of blood. Some were beheaded while still alive. Terror gripped the city. Amid the growing uproar, Cleveland's besieged mayor turned to his newly-appointed director of public safety: Eliot Ness. Ness had come to Cleveland fresh from his headline-grabbing exploits in Chicago, where he and his band of 'Untouchables' led the frontline assault on Al Capone's bootlegging empire. Now, he would confront a case that would redefine his storied career. Award-winning author Daniel Stashower shines a fresh light on one of the most notorious puzzles in the annals of crime,

and uncovers the gripping story of Ness' hunt for a sadistic killer who was as brilliant as he was cool and composed, a mastermind who was able to hide in plain sight. *American Demon* reconstructs this ultimate battle of wits between a hero and a madman.

True crime HC \$54.99

Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone

Stevenson, Benjamin

I was dreading the Cunningham family reunion even before the first murder. Before the storm stranded us at the mountain resort, snow and bodies piling up. The thing is, us Cunninghams don't really get along. We've only got one thing in common: we've all killed someone. *My brother... My stepsister... My wife... My father... My mother... My sister-in-law... My uncle... My stepfather... My aunt... Me...* 'If you're a classic murder mystery fan looking for something fresh and original, you will absolutely love this. I did.' – *Anna Downes*. We had fantastic customer feedback on this, in its previous edition – recommended!

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Tattoo Murder

Takagi, Akimitsu

Can you solve the mystery of the tattoo murder? *Tokyo, 1947*. At the first post-war meeting of the Edo Tattoo Society, Kinue Nomura reveals her full-body snake tattoo to rapturous applause. Days later, she is gone. A dismembered corpse is discovered in the locked bathroom of her home, but her much-coveted body art is nowhere to be found. Kinue's horrified lover joins forces with the boy detective Kyosuke Kamizu to try to get to the bottom of the macabre crime, but similar deaths soon follow. Is someone being driven to murder by their lust for tattooed skin, and can they be stopped? Set in a seedy Tokyo of bomb sites, dive bars and Yakuza gangs, *The Tattoo Murder* is one of Japan's most ingenious and legendary whodunits.

Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

Resistance

Timon, Mara

Three women. One mission. Enemies everywhere. *May 1944*. When spy Elisabeth de Mornay, code name Cecile, notices a coded transmission from an agent in the field does not bear his usual signature, she suspects his cover has been blown – something that is happening with increasing frequency. With the situation in Occupied France worsening and growing fears that the Resistance has been compromised, Cecile is ordered behind enemy lines. Having rendezvoused with her fellow agents, Leonie and Dominique, together they have one mission: help the Resistance destabilise German operations to pave the way for the Normandy landings. But the life of a spy is never straightforward, and the in-fighting within the Resistance makes knowing who to trust ever more difficult. With their lives on the line, all three women will have to make decisions that could cost them everything – for not all their enemies are German. 'Resistance would be futile' – *The Times*.

Suspense PBK \$22.99

After the Lights Go Out

Vercher, John

How do you save yourself, when you're the person you trust least of all? Xavier 'Scarecrow' Wallace is a biracial Black MMA fighter on the wrong side of 30, who is facing the comeback fight of his life. He is also losing his battle with pugilistic dementia – a struggle he can no longer deny. In the nursing home of his father, a white man suffering from end-stage Alzheimer's, Xavier witnesses shocking episodes that expose ugly truths about his past and his family. And as the big fight draws near, a sparring session with a younger competitor goes horribly wrong, leaving Xavier faced with a dangerous dilemma: throw his match or suffer the deadly consequences. A propulsive exploration of biracial identity, the price that athletes pay to entertain, and one man's battle to reconcile his past – even when he can't hold on to his present.

Noir PBK \$19.99

The Swift and the Harrier

Walters, Minette

Dorset, 1642. When bloody civil war breaks out between the King and Parliament, families and communities across England are riven by different allegiances. A rare few choose neutrality. One such is Jayne Swift, a Dorset physician from a Royalist family, who offers her services to both sides in the conflict. Through her dedication to treating the sick and wounded, regardless of belief, Jayne becomes a witness to the brutality of war and the devastation it wreaks. Yet, her recurring companion at every event is a man she should despise because he embraces civil war as the means to an end. She knows him as William Harrier, but is ignorant about every other aspect of his life. His past is a mystery and his future uncertain.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Gin Palace

Adventures of an Accidental Medium

Whitwell, Tracy

Tanz, the accidental medium has – with the help of the dead – become an unwilling crime-solver. Ever since Tanz discovered she could speak with the dead, life has become a whole lot more interesting. But after putting herself in grave danger helping to solve a grisly murder, she's now determined to ignore the voices and put all that nasty business behind her. So, when she's offered another acting gig in her hometown of Newcastle, it feels like a perfect opportunity to spend some time with family and have a laugh with old friends. But the dead won't stay quiet for long. Soon, Tanz is being drawn back into their world, and this time, the danger is much closer to home... The follow-up to *The Accidental Medium* (TP, \$32.99).

Mystery TP \$32.99