

# Pulp Fiction

## Crime & Mystery Bestsellers January 2023

### **Murder at Claridge's**

Hotel mysteries 03

**Jim Eldridge**

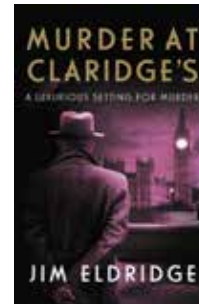
October 1940. The Blitz bombing raids continue mercilessly, but when the body of a kitchen porter from Claridge's hotel is found, it is clear that he has not been the victim of a blast: he was strangled.

Detective Chief Inspector Coburg has to find out exactly who he was, and what he was doing at Claridge's under a false identity. Armed with those facts, he might get an insight into why he was killed, and by whom.

But the investigation is complicated by the fact that so many of the hotel's residents are exiled European royalty. Clandestine affairs, furtive goings-on and conspiracies against the government: Coburg must tread very lightly indeed.

Series starts with *Murder at the Ritz* (PBK, \$19.99).

**Historical mystery | PBK | \$22.99**



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### **Jumping Jenny**

British Library Crime Classics

**Anthony Berkeley**

Another of the fabulous British Library/Poisoned Pen Press reissues...

Gentleman sleuth Roger Sheringham is at a fancy dress party where the theme is murderers and victims. The fun takes a sinister turn, however, when a real victim is discovered in the ballroom.

Sheringham finds himself in dire straits, when the police declare him to be their chief suspect. For the first time in his career, he has to work against them to save his own neck.

British Golden Age fun! (This was originally published in 1933!)

**Classic mystery | TP | \$33.95**



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### **Five Decembers**

Hard Case Crime

**James Kestrel**

December 1941. America teeters on the brink of war, and in Honolulu, Hawaii, police detective Joe McGrady is assigned to investigate a homicide that will change his life forever. Because the trail of murder he uncovers will lead him across the Pacific, far from home and the woman he loves; and though the US doesn't know it yet, a Japanese fleet is already steaming toward Pearl Harbor. This extraordinary novel is so much more than just a gripping crime story – it's a story of survival against all odds, of love and loss and the human cost of war. Spanning the entirety of World War II, *Five Decembers* is a beautiful, masterful, powerful novel that will live in your memory forever.

Winner of the 2022 Edgar Award for Best Novel.

Take note: Ron *lurved* this! He will press it on everyone!

**Hardboiled | PBK | \$19.99**



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### **Sherlock Holmes and the Three Winter Terrors**

James Lovegrove

Beautifully presented sinister seasonal mystery from the acclaimed author of *Sherlock Holmes and the Christmas Demon* (PBK, \$19.99).

1889. The First Terror – At a boys' prep school in the Kent marshes, a pupil is found drowned in a pond. Could this be the fulfilment of a witch's curse from 200 years earlier?

1890. The Second Terror – A wealthy man dies of a heart attack at his London townhouse. Was he really frightened to death by ghosts?

1894. The Third Terror – A body is discovered at a Surrey country manor, hideously ravaged. Is the culprit a cannibal, as the evidence suggests?

These three linked crimes test Sherlock Holmes' deductive powers, and his scepticism about the supernatural, to the limit.

**Sherlockiana | PBK | \$19.99**



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### **Murder at the Theatre Royale**

Christmas mysteries 02

Ada Moncrieff

It's Christmas at London's Theatre Royale and journalist Daphne King is determined to solve an extraordinary mystery...

December 1935. Director Chester Harrison's production of *A Christmas Carol* has had a troubled run on its tour of regional theatres. With tensions amongst the cast running high, the company reach their final stop – London's Theatre Royale – a few days before Christmas.

Catastrophe, however, strikes on opening night: 'Scrooge' dies on stage, seemingly due to a heart attack. But the show must go on. Until, that is, an old rival of Chester's is murdered in a dressing room. Are those associated with the production being picked off, one by one?

Journalist Daphne King is determined to reveal the truth...

Irresistible Golden Age homage fun!

**Historical mystery | PBK | \$22.99**



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### **Date With Death**

Dales Detective 01

Julia Chapman

Meet two sleuths from a sleepy Yorkshire village as they investigate murders and discover the secrets behind the twitching curtains. *Date with Death* is the first cosy crime novel in Julia Chapman's Dales Detective series, perfect for fans of Richard Osman's *The Thursday Murder Club* and M C Beaton.

Samson O'Brien has been dismissed from the police force, and returns to his hometown of Bruncliffe in the Yorkshire Dales to set up the Dales Detective Agency. However, the villagers aren't that welcoming to a man they see as trouble.

Delilah Metcalfe is struggling to keep her business, the Dales Dating Agency, afloat as well as trying to control her wayward dog, Tolpuddle, when Samson's first case – a supposed suicide – takes an unexpected turn, and a trail of deaths lead back to the door of Delilah's agency.

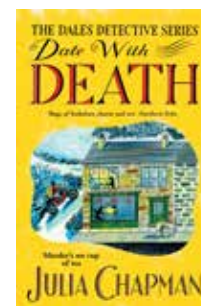
With suspicion hanging over someone they both care for, the two feuding neighbours soon realise that they need to work together to solve the mystery of the dating deaths. But working together is easier said than done...

Full of wit, warmth and characters you'll care about, continue the murder mystery series with *Date with Malice*.

'A classic whodunit set in the spectacular landscape of the Yorkshire Dales... A satisfying read riddled with dry Yorkshire humour (and dry-stone walls)' – *Cath Staincliffe*, author of the Scott & Bailey series.

These are really beginning to take off! Everyone, who buys the first in the series, seems to come back, quick smart, for more...

**Mystery | PBK | \$22.99**



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### **Date With Malice**

Dales Detective 02

**Julia Chapman**

It's dark in the Dales this winter...

When Mrs Shepherd arrives at the Dales Detective Agency, quite convinced that someone is trying to kill her, Samson O'Brien dismisses her fears as the ramblings of a confused elderly lady. But after a series of disturbing incidents at Fellside Court retirement home, he begins to wonder if there is something to her claims, after all...

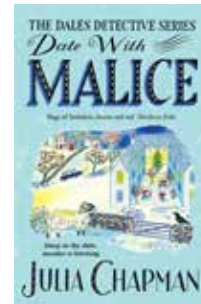
With Christmas around the corner, Samson is thrown into a complex investigation.

One that will require him to regain the trust of the Dales community. Faced with no choice, he enlists the help of a local – the tempestuous Delilah Metcalfe.

Against the backdrop of a Yorkshire winter, Samson and Delilah must work together, once again, if they are to uncover the malevolence threatening the elderly residents of Bruncliffe. Could the danger be perilously close to home?

Filled with wit, warmth, and a cast of charming characters, continue the crime capers with *Date with Mystery*. Recommended!

**Mystery | PBK | \$22.99**



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### **The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding**

**Agatha Christie**

First came a sinister warning to Poirot, not to eat any plum pudding... then the discovery of corpse in chest... next, an overheard quarrel that led to murder... the strange case of the of the dead man who altered his eating habits... and the puzzle of the victim who dreamt his own suicide. What links these six baffling cases?

The distinctive hand of the queen of crime fiction. Classic Christie reissue.

**Christie | HC | \$35.00**



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### **Blood on the Siberian Snow**

Olga Pushkin mysteries 02

**C J Farrington**

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 exposés 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?

We've done so well and had so much positive feedback on the first, *Death on the Trans-Siberian Express* (PBK, \$22.99) – and this seems to be destined to do just as well. Recommended!

**Mystery | TP | \$32.99**



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### Dead Lions

Slough House 02

#### Mick Herron

'The new king of the spy thriller' – *Mail on Sunday*.

In the Intelligence Service purgatory that is Slough House, where spies – mockingly called the slow horses – are sent to finish what is left of their careers, their boss Jackson Lamb is on his way to Oxford. A former spook has turned up dead on a bus.

Not an obvious target for assassination, Dickie Bow was a talented streetwalker back in the day. Good at following people, bringing home their secrets. Dickie was in Berlin with Jackson Lamb.

Now, Lamb's got his phone – on it, the last secret Dickie ever told; and reason to believe an old-time Moscow-style op is being run in the Intelligence Service's backyard.

Once a spook, always a spook, and Dickie was one of their own. To unearth Dickie's dying secret, Jackson Lamb and his crew of no-hopers is about to go live.

'Mick Herron is an incredible writer' – *Mark Billingham*.

'The spycraft of le Carré refracted through the blackly-comic vision of Joseph Heller's *Catch-22*' – *Financial Times*.

The TV series streaming on Apple+ is turning people onto the books – they all want to know what happens next. As regulars know, though – we've all been fans for years. Love the ill-assorted cohort at Slough House! Recommended!

**Suspense | PBK | \$22.99**



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