

Pulp Fiction

Crime & Mystery Bestsellers March 2023

So Shall You Reap

Commissario Brunetti mysteries 32

Donna Leon

In the 32nd instalment of Donna Leon's bestselling series, a connection to Guido Brunetti's own youthful past helps solve a mysterious murder...

On a cold November evening, Guido Brunetti and Paola are up late when a call from his colleague Ispettore Vianello arrives, alerting the Commissario that a hand has been seen in one of Venice's canals.

The body is soon found, and Brunetti is assigned to investigate the murder of an undocumented Sri Lankan immigrant. Because no official record of the man's presence in Venice exists, Brunetti is forced to use the city's far richer sources of information: gossip and the memories of people who knew the victim.

Curiously, he had been living in a small house on the grounds of a *palazzo* owned by a university professor, in which Brunetti discovers books revealing the victim's interest in Buddhism, the revolutionary Tamil Tigers, and the last crop of Italian political terrorists, active in the 1980s.

As the investigation expands, Brunetti, Vianello, Commissario Griffoni, and Signora Elettra each assemble pieces of a puzzle – random information about real estate and land use, books, university friendships – that appear to have little in common, until Brunetti stumbles over something that transports him back to his own student days, causing him to reflect on lost ideals and the errors of youth, on Italian politics and history, and on the accidents that sometimes lead to revelation.

Recommended!

Mystery | TP | \$32.99



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The End of Andrew Harrison

Collins Crime Club, Inspector French mysteries

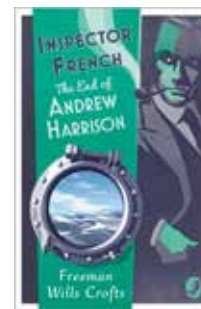
Freeman Wills Crofts

Impoverished Markham Crewe starts work as a social secretary to millionaire Andrew Harrison. His new employer's reputation is marred by rumours of unscrupulousness, financial deception and enemies.

While staying on Harrison's houseboat during the Henley Regatta, Harrison is found dead. Convinced that this was no suicide, Inspector French takes charge of another intriguing case.

Reprint of a Golden Age mystery classic – first published in 1938.

Classic mystery | PBK | \$22.99



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Fatal Venture

Collins Crime Club, Inspector French mysteries

Freeman Wills Crofts

Three men come up with a scheme to make money by cruising round the British Isles in an old transatlantic liner. All appears to be going well, until one of them is found dead.

Many of the passengers and crew would appear to have motive to kill the man, but all of them would seem to have an alibi. It takes the full extent of Inspector French's analytical skills to unpick the crime.

First published in 1939.

Classic mystery | PBK | \$22.99



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Death of a Bookseller

British Library Crime Classics

Bernard Farmer

An honest policeman, Sergeant Wigan, escorts a drunk man home, one night, to keep him out of trouble. Seeing his fine book collection, Wigan slowly falls into the gentle art of book collecting.

Just as the friendship is blossoming, the policeman's book-collecting friend is murdered. To solve the mystery of why the victim was killed, and which of his rare books was taken, Wigan dives into the world of 'runners' and book collectors... where avid agents will gladly cut you for a first edition and then offer you a lift home, afterwards.

This adventurous mystery – republished as the 100th volume in the British Library Crime Classic series – which combines exuberant characters with a wonderfully-realised depiction of the second-hand book market, is sure to delight bibliophiles and classic crime enthusiasts, alike.

Classic mystery | TP | \$33.95



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Bodies from the Library

anthology, volume 05

Tony Medawar (editor)

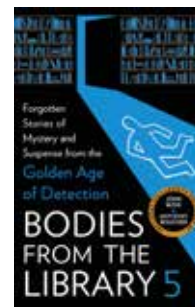
Classic crime fiction's 'Indiana Jones' Tony Medawar unearths more unpublished and uncollected stories from the Golden Age of suspense, including John Bude, John Dickson Carr, Dorothy L Sayers, and Julian Symons.

The end of the First World War saw the rise of an insatiable public appetite for clever and thrilling mystery fiction and a new kind of hero – the modern crime writer. As the genre soared in popularity, so did the inventiveness of its best authors, ushering in a 'Golden Age' of detective fiction – two decades of exemplary mystery writing: the era of the whodunit, the impossible crime, and the locked-room mystery – with stories that have thrilled and baffled generations of readers.

The Golden Age still casts a long shadow, with many of the authors who were published at that time still hugely popular today. Aside from novels, they all wrote short fiction – stories, serials and plays – and although many have been republished in books over the last 100 years, *Bodies from the Library* collects the ones that are impossible to find: stories that appeared in a newspaper, magazine or an anthology that has long been out of print; ephemeral works such as plays not aired, staged or screened for decades; and unpublished stories that were absorbed into an author's archive when they died...

Complete with fascinating biographies by Tony Medawar of all the featured authors, this latest volume in the annual *Bodies from the Library* series once again brings into the daylight the forgotten, the lost and the unknown, and is an indispensable collection for any bookshelf.

Classic mystery | HC | \$35.00



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Ghosts from the Library

anthology, volume 01

Tony Medawar (editor)

A brand-new anthology of previously unpublished and uncollected supernatural mysteries by some of the masters of the Golden Age – thrills, spills and chills perfect for Halloween.

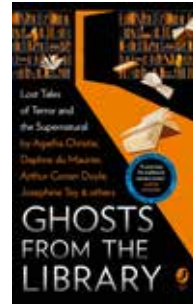
It is said that books are written to bring sunshine into our dull, grey lives – to show us places we want to escape to, lives we want to live, people we want to love.

But there are also stories that can only be found in the deepest, darkest corners of the library. Stories about the unexplained, of lost souls, of things that go bump before the silence. Before the screaming. And some stories just disappear. Stories printed in old newspapers, broadcast live on the wireless, sometimes not even published at all – these are the stories you cannot find on even the dustiest of library shelves.

Ghosts from the Library resurrects forgotten tales of the supernatural by some of the most acclaimed mystery authors of all time. From Arthur Conan Doyle and John Dickson Carr to Agatha Christie and Daphne du Maurier, this spine-chilling anthology brings together 13 uncollected tales of terror, plus some additional surprises.

Close the windows. Draw the curtains. Just don't let the lights go out...

Classic mystery | HC | \$35.00



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The Album

American Mystery Classics

Mary Roberts Rinehart

Oh, reader! Had I but known...

For years, the five families on exclusive Crescent Place lived in peaceful seclusion. But that changed – when old Mrs Lancaster was found brutally murdered with an axe.

Suddenly, motives and suspects are developing at a rapid pace, and when the killer strikes again – and again – Louisa Hall knows it's up to her to discover the clues that will develop a picture of murder...

Latest in the Otto Penzler American mystery Classic reissues – Rinehart (1876–1958) was huge back in the day – and her stories sold over 10 million copies. (!)

Classic mystery | TP | \$28.95



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The Rising Tide

Vera Stanhope mysteries 10

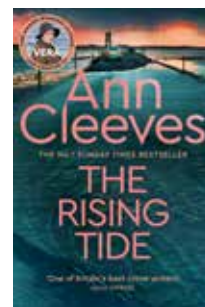
Ann Cleeves

Fifty years ago, a group of teenagers spent a weekend on Holy Island, forging a bond that has lasted a lifetime. Now, they still return every five years to celebrate their friendship; and remember the friend they lost to the rising waters of the causeway at the first reunion.

But when one of them is found hanged, Vera is called in. Learning that the dead man had recently been fired after misconduct allegations, Vera knows she must discover what the friends are hiding, and whether the events of many years before could have led to murder then, and now...

But with the tide rising, secrets, long hidden, are finding their way to the surface, and Vera and the team may find themselves in more danger than they could have believed possible...

Mystery | PBK | \$22.99



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Realm of Darkness

Hugh Corbett mysteries 23

Paul Doherty

Spring, 1312. Edward II of England is absorbed with his favourite, Peter Gaveston, while his young wife, Isabella, is with child.

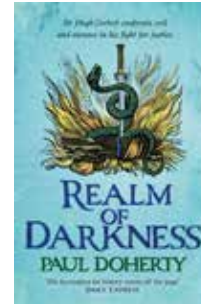
Isabella's father, the ruthless Philip of France, dreams of a grandson wearing the Crown of the Confessor, and starts to meddle – even if that means murder...

Amaury de Craon, Philip's Master of Secrets, is despatched to carry out his deadly deeds and Edward II summons Sir Hugh Corbett, Keeper of the Secret Seal, to intercept. Both master spies lodge at the Benedictine abbey of St Michael's in the forest of Ashdown.

Supposedly a house of prayer, the abbey holds sinister secrets and treasures which include the world's most exquisite diamond, the Glory of Heaven. However, shortly after their arrival, the diamond is stolen, and its guardian murdered.

Other macabre incidents follow, Satan is seen walking through God's Acre and a nearby tavern is burnt to the ground and no one escapes. Corbett, assisted by his henchmen, prepares to navigate this hazardous maze of murder...

Historical mystery | PBK | \$24.99



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Murder Your Employer

McMasters Guide to Homicide 01

Rupert Holmes

Welcome to the McMasters Conservatory for the Applied Arts – a luxurious, clandestine college dedicated to the fine art of murder where earnest students study how best to 'delete' their most deserving victim.

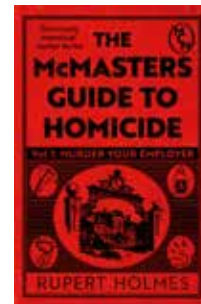
Who hasn't wondered for a split second what the world would be like the object of your affliction ceased to exist? But then you've probably never heard of the McMasters Conservatory, dedicated to the consummate execution of the homicidal arts. To gain admission, a student must have an ethical reason for erasing someone who deeply deserves a fate no worse (nor better) than death.

The campus of this 'Poison Ivy League' college – its location unknown to even those who study there – is where you might find yourself the practice target of a classmate... and where one's mandatory graduation thesis is getting away with the perfect murder of someone whose death will make the world a much better place to live.

Prepare for an education you'll never forget. A delightful mix of witty wordplay, breathtaking twists and genuine intrigue, *Murder Your Employer* will gain you admission into a wholly-original world, cocooned within the most entertaining book about well-intentioned would-be murderers you'll ever read.

'A case study in the droll amusements of homicide, Rupert Holmes' send-up of higher education and even higher crimes and misdemeanours will keep you up at night – alternately turning pages and checking to make sure the front door is locked.' – Gregory Maguire, author of *Wicked*.

Mystery/suspense | TP | \$32.99



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