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

Beware the Woman **Abbott, Megan**

Honey, I just want you to have everything you ever wanted. That's what Jacy's mom always told her. And Jacy feels like she finally does. Newly married and with a baby on the way, Jacy and her husband, Jed, go to visit his father, Dr Ash, in his remote cottage in the woods of northern Michigan. From the moment they arrive, Jacy feels bathed in love by Dr Ash, if less so by his housekeeper, the enigmatic Mrs Brandt. Then Jacy has a health scare. Swiftly, all eyes are on Jacy's condition, and whispers about Jed's long-dead mother and complicated family history seem to be intruding upon the present. As the days pass, Jacy feels trapped in the cottage, her body under the looking glass. But are her fears founded or is this – as is suggested to her – a stubborn refusal to take necessary precautions to protect her unborn child? The dense woods surrounding the cottage are full of dangers, but are the greater ones inside? 'Is there anyone like Megan Abbott?' *Beware the Woman* is the work of a fearless cartographer of the darkest, seediest, most gloriously haunted landscapes of the human heart and psyche' – *Kelly Link*.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Codebreaker's Secret **Ackerman, Sara**

1943. As war in the Pacific rages on, Isabel Cooper and her codebreaker colleagues huddle in 'the dungeon' at Station HYPO in Pearl Harbor, deciphering secrets plucked from the airwaves in a race to bring down the enemy. Isabel has only one wish: to avenge her brother's death. But she soon finds life has other plans when she meets his best friend, a hotshot pilot with secrets of his own. 1965. Fledgling journalist Lu Freitas comes home to Hawaii to cover the grand opening of the glamorous Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, Rockefeller's newest and grandest project. When a high-profile guest goes missing, Lu forms an unlikely alliance with an intimidating veteran photographer to unravel the mystery. The two make a shocking discovery that stirs up memories and uncovers an explosive secret from the war days. A secret, only a codebreaker can crack.

Historical suspense TP \$32.99

Changi: A Mystery **Anthony, Scott**

Caught up in a bizarre murder, will Violet's family fight for the truth or fight each other? Violet has organised her life in Singapore with a zeal that keeps her family close by her side, and any intimacy safely at bay. While she chases the attention of a German doctor, her daughter and her friends spend their days lost in a hollow world of make believe, memories, and old Agatha Christie novels. But a death shatters Violet's grip on the world around her. Was this murder, accident, or suicide? With the authorities

drawing closer, the family just has hours to try and piece together what really happened.

Is this a puzzle, a tragedy, or a crime? Is Violet's role to bring the truth to light, or bury it alongside the rest of Changi camp's grizzly history? Over the next 48 hours, Violet will find out once and for all whether her efforts to control her family's lives have protected them, or simply left them at the mercy of someone else's stories.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Mill House Murders **Ayatsuji, Yukito**

Every year, a small group of acquaintances pay a visit to the remote, castle-like Mill House, home to the reclusive Fujinuma Kiichi, son of a famous artist, who has lived his life behind a rubber mask ever since a disfiguring car accident. This year, however, the visit is disrupted by an impossible disappearance, the theft of a painting and a series of baffling murders. The brilliant Kiyoshi Shimada arrives to investigate. But will he uncover the truth, and will you be able to solve the mystery of the *Mill House Murders*, before he does?

Mystery PBK \$22.99

The Decagon House Murders **Ayatsuji, Yukito**

The lonely, rockbound island of Tsunojima is notorious, as the site of a series of bloody unsolved murders. Some even say, it's haunted. One thing's for sure: it's the perfect destination for the K-University Mystery Club's annual trip. But when the first club member turns up dead, the remaining amateur sleuths realise they will need all of their murder-mystery expertise to get off the island alive. As the party are picked off one by one, the survivors grow desperate and paranoid, turning on each other. Will anyone be able to untangle the murderer's fiendish plan before it's too late? A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Beneath Cruel Waters **Bassoff, Jon**

Holt Davidson, a Kansas firefighter, hasn't been back to his hometown of Thompsonville, Colorado, for more than two decades, but when he learns that his estranged mother has taken her own life, he returns for the funeral, hoping to make peace with her memory. He spends the night at his childhood home, rummaging through each room, exploring the past. But instead of nostalgic souvenirs, he discovers a gun, a love letter, and a Polaroid photograph of a man lying in his own blood. Who is the dead man? Was Holt's mother the one who killed him, and if so, why? Who sent the love letter? And what role did his sister, institutionalised since she was a teenager, play in this act of violence? As his own traumatic memories begin to resurface, Holt begins an investigation into his mother's and sister's pasts – as well as his own.

Mystery/suspense TP \$37.95

Death at the Auction

Stamford mysteries

Bateman, E C

Murder stalks the cobbles in England's finest Georgian town... When an accident forces Felicia Grant back to her family's auction house in Stamford, she vows it'll only be a flying visit. But as the gavel falls on the final lot, a hidden secret is revealed – the body of her father's business rival, murdered during the packed sale! Soon, Felicia is swept into a mystery that has everyone in the community as a potential suspect... including her. As the body count rises and with the people she loves under threat, Felicia takes matters into her own hands. But even the most picturesque place has its secrets... The first in a brilliant, new, whodunnit series – perfect for fans of M C Beaton and Richard Osman!

Mystery PBK \$22.99

The Poisonous Solicitor

The True Story of a 1920s' Murder Mystery

Bates, Stephen

In 1922, Major Herbert Armstrong, a Hay-on-Wye solicitor, was found guilty of, and executed for, poisoning his wife, Katharine, with arsenic. Armstrong's case has all the ingredients of a classic murder mystery, from a plot by Agatha Christie or Dorothy Sayers (indeed some aspects of his story appear in Sayers' *Unnatural Death*). It is a near-perfect whodunit. One hundred years later, Agatha Award-shortlisted Stephen Bates examines and retells the story of the case, evoking the period and atmosphere of the early 1920s, a time of newspaper sensationalism, hypocrisy and sanctimonious morality. A brilliant narrative investigation into the 1920s' case that inspired Agatha Christie, Dorothy Sayers, and Margery Allingham.

True crime PBK \$22.99

Death of a Traitor

Hamish Macbeth mysteries

Beaton, M C & Green, R W

A missing person report is not usually something that Hamish Macbeth sees as cause for undue distress. Should a child or a vulnerable person vanish, it's an urgent matter that needs to be treated seriously – but, in Macbeth's experience, most other people who go missing tend to turn up again before long. So, when Kate Hibbert disappears after having last been seen struggling along the road with a heavy suitcase, he is convinced she has gone travelling and reluctantly goes through the motions of investigating. Interviewing those who were closest to her, Macbeth is perplexed by their apparent lack of concern but sees no reason to suspect foul play. When Hibbert does eventually resurface, however, a storm of lies, intrigue, and scandal threatens Macbeth's tranquil village of Lochdubh. Torn between loyalty to his local community and his responsibilities as a police officer, he begins threading his way

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through a maze of deceit, quickly finding himself on the trail of a ruthless, treacherous murderer. If he catches the killer, peace can return to the village. If he fails, he will lose everything – his job, his home, and the life he so loves, in Lochdubh.

Mystery HC \$49.99

Murder Off the Books

By the Book mysteries

Berry, Tamara

Author Tess Harrow is looking to get back in the town of Winthrop's good graces after she uncovered not one, but two long-forgotten murders. With the perfect plan of combining her new book release with her bookstore's grand opening, she'll have the chance to wine and dine the locals and some big press contacts. But the night before the party, Tess is greeted by a surprise: her mother has come for a visit, with her much-younger new boyfriend in tow... a boyfriend, her daughter Gertrude recognises as the notorious Levi Parker, a man recently connected to the deaths of three elderly widows. Tess immediately alerts Sheriff Boyd about Levi and his suspicious past, but it's already too late – Levi Parker is found dead and Tess' mother is starting to look like the prime suspect. Bernadette swears she didn't murder Levi, and Tess is doing her best to maintain her mother's innocence, but too many coincidences keep stacking up. With the whole town seemingly against her family, it's up to Tess to get to the bottom of the story before it's too late.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Smile Beach Murder

Outer Banks Bookshop mysteries

Besette, Alicia

When Callie is laid off from her reporting job, she returns to her hometown of Cattail Island and lands a gig at the local bookstore – the same one where she found comfort after her mother died. In fact, the anniversary of her mother's infamous death is approaching. Years ago, Teri Padgett tumbled from the top of the lighthouse. As islanders are once again gossiping about the tragedy, devastating news strikes: the lighthouse has claimed another victim. Eva Meeks, of Meeks Hardware. The police are calling it suicide, but Callie does not believe Eva jumped any more than she believes her mother did – especially because Callie knows that before her death, Eva had dug up a long-forgotten treasure hunt that could have put a target on Eva's back. In Callie's search for answers, she enlists the help of some beloved books and several new friends, including the handsome local martial arts instructor, Toby Dodge. But when another death rocks Cattail Island, Callie must face her fears alone. As she earns enemies in pursuit of the truth, Callie knows she will either uncover the killer or become a victim herself. The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$39.99

The Last Dance

Detective Miller mysteries

Billingham, Mark

Meet Detective Miller: unique, unconventional, and *criminally* underestimated... He's a detective, a dancer, he has no respect for authority – and he's

the best hope Blackpool has for keeping criminals off the streets. Meet Detective Declan Miller. A double murder in a seaside hotel sees a grieving Miller return to work to solve what appears to be a case of mistaken identity. Just why were two completely unconnected men taken out? Despite a somewhat dubious relationship with both reality and his new partner, can the eccentric, offbeat Miller find answers where his colleagues have found only an impossible puzzle? 'Funny, moving, and full of surprises... an absolute treat' – *Mick Herron*. *The Last Dance* introduces the first new Billingham series in 20 years.

Mystery TP \$32.99

Dangerous Consequences

Sheriff Hank Worth mysteries

Booth, Claire

Elderly tourists visiting Branson, Missouri for a fun time are, instead, becoming so sick and disoriented they end up in the ER with Dr Maggie McCleary. She asks the sheriff to investigate and, because he happens to be her husband, Hank Worth readily agrees. When the tour operator denies responsibility, Hank digs deeper leaving Chief Deputy Sheila Turley to handle a simmering revolt within the ranks. Their policy to eliminate overtime pay has infuriated many long-time deputies. Those fired for insubordination have filed a lawsuit; while those still there, sabotage Sheila at every turn. With pressure mounting, they're called to a hit-and-run accident. But the victim's injuries haven't been caused by a car... she's been beaten to death and dumped by the side of the road. And she was someone they knew. Will the victim's aggressive business dealings come to haunt them all? And can Hank and Sheila save their department from destruction?

Mystery TP \$42.95

All That Is Hidden

Molly Murphy mysteries

Bowen, Rhys & Broyles, Clare

New York, Autumn, 1907: Former private detective Molly Murphy Sullivan is happy with her place in the world. She and her policeman husband, Daniel, have built quite a life for themselves in Greenwich Village, in their modest-yet-beautiful home in Patchin Place, filled with family, friends, and laughter. Molly and Daniel have a good marriage, a true partnership where they value each other's opinions in all things. So, when he tells her they're moving to a fancy home on Fifth Avenue – and that he's running for the sheriff of New York – Molly is left reeling. Daniel begs Molly to trust him, but why would he run for sheriff on the Tammany ticket? A party known more for kickbacks and quid pro quo, than anything else, it used to be everything Daniel despised. So, what's changed? And why didn't he discuss it with her beforehand? Molly can't help but wonder what Daniel's got himself tangled up in... and whether he needs her help to get out. In this latest instalment in this beloved series, the incomparable Molly is drawn into the dangerous world of politics, forced to navigate through the webs of lies and deceit which are hidden behind a veil of vast wealth and grandeur.

Historical mystery HC \$49.99

Wild Irish Rose

Molly Murphy mysteries

Bowen, Rhys & Broyles, Clare

New York, 1907: Now that she's no longer a private detective – at least, not officially – Molly Murphy Sullivan is looking forward to a time of settled tranquillity with friends and family. Back in New York, where her own story began, Molly decides to accompany some friends to Ellis Island to help distribute clothing to those in need. This journey quickly stirs up memories for Molly. When you're far from home and see people from your country, every face looks like that of a family member. That evening, Molly's policeman husband, Daniel, is late returning home. He comes with a tale to tell: There was a murder on Ellis Island that day, and the main suspect is the spitting image of Molly. The circumstances are eerily similar to when Molly herself arrived on Ellis Island, and she can't help but feel a sense of fate. Molly was meant to be there that day so that she could clear this woman's name. Rhys Bowen, now writing in partnership with her daughter, Clare Broyles, transports and enthralls readers through the incomparable Molly Murphy Sullivan. A brand-new novel in this beloved mystery series is cause for celebration for readers and critics, alike.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

Devils, Lusts and Strange Desires

The Life of Patricia Highsmith

Bradford, Richard

Made famous by the great success of her psychological thrillers, *The Talented Mr Ripley* and *Strangers on a Train*, Patricia Highsmith is renowned as one of the most influential and celebrated modern writers. However, there has never been a clear picture of the woman behind the books. The relationship between Highsmith's lesbianism, her fraught personality by parts self-destructive and malicious and her fiction, has been largely ignored by biographers in the past. As an openly-homosexual writer, she wrote the seminal lesbian love story *Carol* – for which she would be venerated, in modern times, as a radical exponent of the LGBTQ+ community. Alas, her status as an LGBTQ+ icon is undermined by her excessive cruelty towards and exploitation of her friends and many lovers. In this biography, Richard Bradford brings his sharp and incisive style to one of the greatest and most controversial writers of the 20th century. He considers Highsmith's bestsellers in the context of her troubled personal life; her alcoholism, licentious sex life, racism, anti-Semitism, misogyny, and abundant self-loathing.

Biography PBK \$24.99

Wake

Burr, Shelley

Evelyn simply vanished. The small town of Nannine lies in the harsh red interior of New South Wales. Once a thriving outback centre, this ghost town now has one sinister claim to fame: the still-unsolved disappearance of Evelyn McCreery – 19 years ago – from the bedroom she shared with her twin sister. Mina McCreery's life has been defined by the intense and ongoing public interest in

her sister's case. Now, a reclusive adult, Mina lives alone on her family's sun-baked, destocked sheep farm. The million-dollar reward her mother established to solve the disappearance has never been paid out. Enter Lane Holland, a private investigator who dropped out of the police academy to earn a living cracking cold cases. Lane has his eye on the unclaimed money, but he also has darker motivations. *Wake* is a powerful, unsparing story of how trauma ripples outward when people's private tragedies become public property, and how it's never too late for the truth to set things right. 'One of the year's best debuts. Intriguing and compelling. Shelley Burr is a bright new talent in Australian crime fiction' – *Chris Hammer*. Winner of the CWA Debut Dagger.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Songs of Wine and Murder

Tourist Trap mysteries

Gahoon, Lynn

With the Moonstone Beach Festival coming up, Jill is touching base with her fellow small business owners to make it as successful as possible. It's frustrating when Darla, the owner of South Cove Winery, is late to a big meeting, but they manage to get the discussion rolling about the kite flying event and the big Battle of the Bands – which Darla's musician boyfriend is hoping will be his big break. And Jill, of course, will be there with her food truck, hoping for a financial boost after a slow spring. But amid the fun in the California sun, someone will soon be planning a funeral instead of a festival – and Jill and her detective fiancé will have to find out who ruined the Moonstone Beach mood with murder...

Mystery TP \$39.95

The Seat of the Scornful:

A Devon Mystery

British Library Crime Classics

Carr, John Dickson

From one of the highest-rating authors in the genre, this is one of the John Dickson Carr's best novels, rated highly among Carr connoisseurs. It features one of his famous series detectives Dr Gideon Fell. Over a long career in the courts, Justice Horace Ireton has garnered a reputation for merciless rulings and his dedication to meting out strict, impartial justice. Taking a break from his duty after a session of assizes, Ireton retreats to his seaside bungalow in Devon and turns his attention to family, and specifically in attempting to bribe his daughter's lover Morrell to leave her alone, so that she may instead marry the respectable clerk, Fred Barlow. It seems something about the deal with Morrell must have gone amiss, however, when the police are called to the Justice's residence to find Morrell shot dead and the judge still holding a pistol. But would the lawman be so bold to commit a murder like this? With a number of strange items making up the physical evidence, Dr Gideon Fell, himself an old friend of Ireton's, is summoned to help with the deceptively simple – yet, increasingly complex – investigation.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

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A Death in the Parish

Canon Clement mysteries

Goles, Richard

It's been a few months, since murder tore apart the community of Champton apart. As Canon Daniel Clement tries to steady his flock, the parish is joined with Upper and Lower Badsaddle, bringing a new tide of unwanted change. But church politics soon become the least of Daniel's problems. His mother – headstrong, fearless Audrey – is obviously up to something, something she is determined to keep from him. And she is not the only one. And then all hell breaks loose – when murder returns to Champton, in the form of a shocking ritualistic killing... The sequel to *Murder Before Evenson* (PBK, \$22.99), Rev Richard Coles' (an all-around, British national treasure) debut Canon Clement mystery.

Mystery TP \$32.99

The Lost Pope

Cooper, Glenn

Cal Donovan, a theology professor at Harvard, receives an urgent message from a former graduate student, Samia Tedros. Now, a museum conservator in Cairo, Samia has discovered a miraculous fragment of papyrus with three unknown lines from the Gospel of Mary Magdalene so explosive that a wealthy man is willing to kill to ensure no one ever sees it. At the Vatican, another drama is developing. The new Pope has defied centuries of tradition and appointed a nun, Sister Elisabetta Celestino, as his secretary of state. Powerful insiders are outraged that a woman now sits as the second-most influential person at the Vatican, and they plot to destroy her. When Samia shows up at Cal's doorstep in the dead of night, he is drawn into a deadly competition to possess a papyrus with the power to rescue Sister Elisabetta and change the course of Christianity.

Thriller TP \$42.95

All The Sinners Bleed

Gosby, S A

A Black sheriff. A serial killer. And a small town ready to combust. Titus Crown is the first Black sheriff in the history of Charon County, Virginia. In recent decades, Charon has had only two murders. After years of working as an FBI agent, no one knows better than Titus that while his hometown might seem like a land of moonshine, cornbread, and honeysuckle, secrets always fester under the surface. But a year to the day after Titus' election, a school teacher is killed by a former student. The student is then fatally shot by Titus' deputies. As Titus investigates the shootings, he uncovers terrible crimes, and a serial killer who has been hiding in plain sight, haunting the dirt lanes and woodland clearings of Charon. With the killer's possible connections to a local church and the town's harrowing history weighing on him, Titus tries to project confidence about closing the case while concealing a painful secret from his own past. At the same time, he also has to contend with a far-right group that wants to hold a parade in celebration of the town's Confederate history. Charon is Titus' home and his heart. But where faith and violence meet, there will be a reckoning.

Noir TP \$32.99

A Traitor's Heart

Revol Rossel series

Greed, Ben

Leningrad, winter 1952. An invisible killer, known as Koshchei – a nightmare of Slavic folklore – stalks the streets, leaving a distinctive and gruesome mark upon its victims. Three thousand kilometres away in a Gulag labour colony, threatened by the vicious criminals who rule the camp and tormented by the Arctic cold, former militia lieutenant Revol Rossel is close to death. But then a brutal saviour descends from the skies: the state security interrogator who years ago ruined his life is back, tasking Rossel with tracking down the murderer. As the hunt continues, the two men uncover riddle after riddle, including a clue to finding a weapon of unimaginable power – a weapon the Kremlin's scheming plotters will kill for... The follow-up to *City of Ghosts* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical suspense PBK \$22.99

The Sign of the Devil

Frey & McGray mysteries

de Muriel, Oscar

The Devil has come to Edinburgh... An ill-fated grave robbery unearths a corpse with a most disturbing symbol on it. When a patient in Edinburgh's lunatic asylum is murdered, the same sign is daubed in blood on the walls – the mark of the devil. The prime suspect: inmate Amy McGray, notorious for killing her parents, years before. Her brother, Detective 'Nine-Nails' McGray, must prove her innocence – with the help of an old friend... Inspector Ian Frey insists he is retired. But when called upon, he reluctantly agrees to their final case. As twists follow bombshells, leading to secrets that have been waiting in the shadows all along, all will be revealed... This rollicking Victorian sensationalist melodrama is the epic conclusion to the marvellous Frey & McGray mysteries.

Historical mystery PBK \$24.99

The Enigma of Room 622

Dicker, Joel

It all starts with an innocuous curiosity: at the Hotel de Verbier, a luxury hotel in the Swiss Alps, there is no Room 622. This anomaly piques the interest of Joel Dicker, Switzerland's most famous literary star, who flees to the Verbier to recover from a bad breakup, mourn the death of his publisher, and begin his next novel. Before he knows it, he's coaxed out of his slump by a fellow guest, who quickly uncovers the reason behind Room 622's erasure: an unsolved murder. The attendant circumstances: a love triangle and a power struggle at the heart of Switzerland's largest private bank, a mysterious counter-intelligence unit known only as P-30, and a shadowy emigre with more money than God. A Russian doll of a mystery, crafted with the precision of a Swiss watch, this might be Joel Dicker's most diabolically-addictive novel, yet.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

Scorched Grace

Sister Holiday mysteries

Douaihy, Margot

When Saint Sebastian's School becomes the target of a shocking arson spree, the Sisters

of the Sublime Blood and their surrounding community are thrust into chaos. Unsatisfied with the officials' response, sardonic and headstrong Sister Holiday becomes determined to unveil the mysterious attacker herself and return her home and sanctuary to its former peace. Her investigation leads down a twisty path of suspicion and secrets in the sticky, oppressive New Orleans heat, turning her against colleagues, students, and even fellow Sisters along the way. Sister Holiday is more faithful than most, but she's no saint. To piece together the clues of this high-stakes mystery, she must first reckon with the sins of her chequered past – and neither task will be easy. The first in a bold series that breathes new life into the hardboiled genre – a fast-paced and punchy whodunit that will keep readers guessing until the very end.

Hardboiled PBK \$22.99

Murder at Aldwych Station

London Underground Station mysteries

Eldridge, Jim

There is no hiding from a killer, underground... *December 1940*. With the Luftwaffe pounding the city nightly, Londoners seek refuge in underground stations. Aldwych has been taken out of service to provide shelter for the British Museum's priceless Elgin Marbles, as well as civilians escaping the bombing. When the body of a young man is discovered on the tracks, wearing evening dress but barefoot, Detective Chief Inspector Coburg and Sergeant Lampon are on the case. Before long, more bodies are discovered, and Coburg's wife Rosa becomes a target for the brutal killer. Caught up in a world of underground jazz clubs, abandoned tube stations and looters, Coburg and Lampon must track down the ruthless murderer, before it's too late... The first in a new series.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Murder at Down

Street Station

London Underground Station mysteries

Eldridge, Jim

Christmas, 1940. A temporary truce between the German and Allied forces is a welcome respite from the relentless air raids over London. Down Street underground station, in the heart of Mayfair, is now a secret retreat for Prime Minister Winston Churchill and his cabinet. In this supposedly secure location, the body of a woman is found, stabbed in the heart. Detective Chief Inspector Coburg and Sergeant Lampon are called to investigate. However, whispers of treason as well as the suspicion of insidious Russian plots muddy the waters of the case, and personal resentments strike far too close to home. Everything is on the line for Coburg and Lampon, as the body count steadily rises. A sequel to *Murder at Aldwych Station* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical mystery HC \$39.99

Dedication to Murder

Beyond the Page Bookstore mysteries

Elliott, Lauren

Wedding bells are about to ring again in Greyborne Harbor, and as Addie slips into her white dress her thoughts are focused on a bright future with Dr Simon Emerson. But a discovery in her attic leads her to

startling revelations about the past. As the owner of Beyond the Page Books and Curios and a lifelong bibliophile, Addie is delighted to find a rare collection of classic children's books gathering dust in a secret room beneath the rafters, including a first edition of *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams. To her surprise, a handwritten inscription on the title page provides a clue to unravelling a complex mystery in Addie's family... But that's only the first surprise in a series of shocking twists that will turn Addie's vision of where her life is going and where she's come from upside down – including a suspicious death in the present that suggests foul play.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

Death by Iced Coffee

Bookstore Café mysteries

Erickson, Alex

It's a brutally hot day in Pine Hills, and Krissy Hancock would love to be sitting in a shady spot and sipping her favourite iced coffee. Instead, she's lacing up her sneakers for a marathon – and swiftly regretting it. Especially when she finds one of the other runners lying motionless. At first, Krissy suspects heatstroke, but the red marks around the man's throat tell a more sinister story. The victim, it turns out, had brewed up all kinds of enemies thanks to his cheating ways – both romantic and financial. Krissy's not keen to get involved, but her friend Rita's boyfriend, Johan, seems to be mixed up in the mayhem. For Rita's sake, Krissy wants to help filter out the real killer. But can she do it, before another Pine Hills resident gets permanently iced?

Mystery PBK \$24.99

The Traitor Beside Her

Evans, Mary Anna

Justine Byrne can't trust the people working beside her. Arlington Hall, a former women's college in Virginia has been taken over by the United States Army where hundreds of men and women work to decode countless pieces of communication coming from the Axis powers. Justine works among them, handling the most sensitive secrets of World War II – but she isn't there to decipher German codes – she's there to find a traitor. Justine keeps her guard up and her ears open, confiding only in her best friend, Georgette, a fluent speaker of Choctaw who is training to work as a code talker. Justine tries to befriend each suspect, believing that the key to finding the spy lies not in cryptography but in understanding how code breakers tick. When young women begin to go missing at Arlington Hall, her deadline for unravelling the web of secrets becomes urgent and one thing remains clear: a single secret in enemy hands could end thousands of lives.

Historical mystery/suspense TP \$37.95

Best Practices

Nora Best mysteries

Florio, Gwen

Nora Best is starting her life over... again. Spotting a 'team leader' job with a therapy program for troubled girls at Serendipity Ranch, Nora thinks it's the perfect role. She'll be surrounded by the beautiful Montana wilderness and be able to make a difference in the kids' lives. All is going well – until it's revealed a girl recently died

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at the ranch. The other girls are struggling with the loss. The official line is she jumped from a cliff, but she was afraid of heights and would have struggled to get there alone. As trouble at the ranch escalates and another shocking discovery is made, Nora's determined to find out the truth to protect the girls. However, with her recent troubles, the local community, police, and program leaders won't take her seriously. Can Nora overcome her past to help the girls, or are the girls using her past to help themselves?

Mystery TP \$42.95

Bryant and May's Peculiar London

Bryant & May companion

Fowler, Christopher

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

Mystery PBK \$24.99

The Zero Night

Jonathan Stride series

Freeman, Brian

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

But all he can do is keep moving forward. Because Stride fears the Webster kidnapping may be only one part of a horrific murder conspiracy. And it's not over yet.

Mystery/suspense TP \$37.95

Shadows of Pecan Hollow

Frost, Caroline

It was 1970, when 13-year-old runaway Kit Walker was abducted by Manny Romero, a smooth-talking, low-level criminal, who first coddled her and then groomed her into his partner-in-crime. Before long, Kit and Manny were infamous for their string of gas station robberies throughout Texas, making a name for themselves as the Texaco Twosome. Twenty years after they meet, Kit has scraped together a life for herself and her daughter amongst the pecan trees and muddy creeks of the town of Pecan Hollow, far from Manny. But when he shows up at her doorstep a new man, fresh out of prison, Kit is forced to reckon with the shadows of her past.

Mystery/suspense TP \$34.99

The Thinking Machine

Library of Congress Crime Classics

Futrelle, Jacques

This entertaining short story collection features Professor Augustus S F X Van Dusen, nicknamed 'The Thinking Machine' – a brilliant but abrasive scientist who proves time and again that any puzzle can be solved by the application of logic. Could you beat the world chess master in one try if you'd never played or studied the game? Or plot and execute a successful escape from an inescapable prison cell? And could you do it at the turn of the twentieth century, without benefit of modern technology? Sound impossible? Never use that word in the presence of the Thinking Machine – it angers him greatly and does not give him a favourable impression of the user. Professor Augustus S F X Van Dusen knows that both feats are indeed possible, having accomplished them himself. But he also applies his superior intellect and deductive reasoning to more official ends – namely helping the police solve 'impossible' crimes. With assistance from reporter Hutchinson Hatch, who is only too happy to suggest potential cases and then write about the outcome, *The Thinking Machine* proves that no puzzle is unsolvable – not corporate espionage, nor a kidnapped baby, nor a pilfered necklace. And, certainly, not a 'perfect murder'.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

Murder in the Falling Snow: Ten Classic Crime Stories

anthology

Gayford, Cecily (editor)

Murder is best served... ice cold... It's only the afternoon, but dusk is already falling and a log fire burning in the grate. Outside, frost coats the tree branches and snow sparkles on the ground. And somewhere in the darkness, a murderer is making plans... Here are 10 classic crime stories for the winter months, from the greatest minds of the mystery genre. So, bundle up, grab a glass of mulled wine, and get ready to be puzzled, astonished and entertained by these festive stories of murder and mayhem.

Classic mystery PBK \$19.99

A Half-Baked Murder

Cannabis Café mysteries

George, Emily

Formally-trained pastry chef Chloe Barnes is opening a cannabis bakery. That's not at all what the 28 year old envisioned, while living the dream in Paris with a hot fiancé and a Michelin star restaurant gig around the corner. But the rising 'it girl' of *choux* puffs rethinks everything after a scathing food review and humiliating breakup make her long for home in sunny California. When her beloved grandmother falls ill, Chloe returns to quaint Azalea Bay to start over, in the most satisfying way possible – concocting delicious edibles with her quirky Aunt Dawn. Combining French luxury and THC, Baked by Chloe will take pot brownies to another level. That is, until a creepy past acquaintance rehashes old drama and shockingly turns up dead – landing Aunt Dawn as the number one murder suspect. Now, alongside her closest confidants, a stunned Chloe must alternate between budding entrepreneur and amateur sleuth to clear her aunt's name, open the best bakery in town, and weed out the real culprit from a list of unsettling suspects! The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$29.99

Black Ice

Gerhardsen, Carin

January in Gotland. The days are short, the air is cold, and all the roads are covered in snow. On a deserted, icy backroad, these wintry conditions bring together a group of strangers with a force devastating enough to change their lives forever. A deadly accident and two separate crimes leave victims in their wake. Four years later, a single phone call is all it takes to bring back the terror of that day and to set in motion a plot for revenge. For Sandra it started as an unremarkable winter's day of shopping followed by a kind gesture from a stranger. For Jeanette, it began with the thrill of an illicit rendezvous with her lover. Both women had driven past the same icy ravine. Only one was in the car that caused a deadly crash. Only one left a man to die alone in the snow... Each carried a secret from that day, a secret that, if revealed, could connect them to a larger, more terrible transgression. And there is someone out there who knows the whole picture, and who would rather kill than allow it all to come to light...

Thriller TP \$32.99

Death of A Dancing Queen

Giarratano, Kimberly G

After her mother's Alzheimer's diagnosis, Billie Levine revamped her grandfather's private investigation firm and set up shop in the corner booth of her favourite North Jersey deli hoping the free pickles and flexible hours would allow her to take care of her mom and pay the bills. So, when Tommy Russo, a rich kid with a nasty drug habit, offers her a stack of cash to find his missing girlfriend, how can she refuse? At first, Billie thinks this will be easy earnings, but then her missing person's case turns into a murder investigation and Russo is the detective bureau's number one suspect. Suddenly, Billie is embroiled in a deadly gang war that's connected to the decades-old disappearance of a famous cabaret dancer with ties to both an infamous Jewish mob and a skinhead group. Toss in the reappearance of Billie's hunky ex-boyfriend

with his own rap sheet, and she is regretting every decision that got her to this point. Becoming a PI was supposed to solve her problems. But if Billie doesn't crack this case, the next body the police dredge out of the Hudson River will be hers.

Mystery TP \$34.99

The Blue Diamond

Daughter of Sherlock Holmes mysteries

Goldberg, Leonard

1914. Joanna Blalock's keen mind and incredible insight lead her to become a highly-skilled nurse, one of the few professions that allow her to use her finely-tuned brain. But when she and her 10-year-old son witness a man fall to his death, apparently by suicide, they are visited by the elderly Dr John Watson and his charming, handsome son, Dr John Watson Jr. Impressed by her forensic skills, they invite her to become the third member of their investigative team. Caught up in a Holmesian mystery that spans from hidden treasure to the Second Afghan War of 1878–80, Joanna and her companions must devise an ingenious plan to catch a murderer in the act, while dodging familiar culprits, Scotland Yard, and members of the British aristocracy. Unbeknownst to her, Joanna harbours a mystery of her own. The product of a one-time assignment between the now-dead Sherlock Holmes and Irene Adler, the only woman to ever outwit the famous detective, Joanna has unwittingly inherited her parents' deductive genius.

Sherlockiana TP \$39.95

Gone to Dust

Nils Shapiro series

Goldman, Matt

A brutal crime. The ultimate cover up.

How do you solve a murder with no useable evidence? Private detective Nils Shapiro is focused on forgetting his ex-wife and keeping warm during another Minneapolis winter when a former colleague, neighbouring Edina Police Detective Anders Ellegaard, calls with the impossible. Suburban divorcee Maggie Somerville was found murdered in her bedroom, her body covered with the dust from hundreds of emptied vacuum cleaner bags, all potential DNA evidence obscured by the calculating killer. Digging into Maggie's cell phone records, Nils finds that the most frequently called number belongs to a mysterious young woman whose true identity could shatter the Somerville family – but could she be guilty of murder? After the FBI demands that Nils drop the case, Nils and Ellegaard are forced to take their investigation underground, where the case grows as murky as the contents of the vacuum cleaner bags. Is this a strange case of domestic violence or something with far reaching, sinister implications?

Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

Benevolent Society of

Ill-Mannered Ladies

Goodman, Alison

Welcome to the secret life of the Colebrook twins: unnoticed old maids to most, but unseen champions to those in need – society be damned. Lady Augusta Colebrook, 'Gus', is determinedly unmarried, bored by society life, and tired of being dismissed at the age of 42. She and her twin sister,

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Julia, who is grieving her dead betrothed, need a distraction. One soon presents itself: to rescue their friend's goddaughter, Caroline, from her violent husband. The sisters set out to Caroline's country estate with a plan, but their carriage is accosted by a highwayman. In the scuffle, Gus accidentally shoots the ruffian, only to discover he is Lord Evan Belford, an acquaintance from their past who was charged with murder and exiled to Australia 20 years ago. With Lord Evan injured and unconscious, the sisters have no choice but to bring him on their mission to save Caroline. What follows is a high adventure full of danger, clever improvisation, heart-racing near misses, and a little help from a revived and rather charming Lord Evan. And, so begins, the beguiling adventures of the Colebrook twins... The first in a new and fiercely-feminist historical mystery series from Australian, bestselling author Alison Goodman.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

The Pigeon

Joe the Bouncer series

Gordon, David

Harvard dropout and ex-Special Forces operative Joe Brody is climbing the ranks in the criminal underworld. After successfully executing multiple missions for the various crime syndicates that run New York City, he has come to earn the trust and respect of the city's most dangerous denizens. Which is why his newest task – retrieving a pet pigeon snatched from a rooftop coop in Brooklyn – has Joe puzzled... until he learns that the bird is valued at close to a million dollars. Joe hatches a plan to sneak into the luxury park-side apartment building where the pigeon is held captive. But that simple plan takes a deadly turn when he stumbles upon a nest of international war criminals and a ruthless building manager overseeing the nefarious operation. Fearing that Joe's entry into the building has somehow compromised the scheme, they put a bounty on his head. In New York, Joe is untouchable, but his new foes come from outside the flock, and he'll need a wing and a prayer to elude their assassins.

Hardboiled TP \$39.95

Murder in an Orchard Cemetery

Reverend Mother mysteries

Harrison, Cora

1920s. Cork, Ireland. The Reverend Mother regrets the bishop's decision to invite the five candidates for the position of Alderman of the City Council to join them for their annual retreat. Constantly accosted by ambitious, would-be politicians hoping to secure the bishop's backing, she's finding the week-long sojourn at the convent of the Sisters of Charity anything but peaceful. What she doesn't expect to encounter however is sudden, violent death. When a body is discovered in the convent's apple orchard cemetery, blown to pieces by a makeshift bomb, it is assumed the IRA are responsible. But does the killer lie closer to home? Was one of the candidates so desperate to win the election they turned to murder? Does someone have a hidden agenda? Once again, the Reverend Mother must call on her renowned investigative skills to unearth the shocking truth.

Historical mystery TP \$42.95

Broken Bay

DS Mark Ariti series

Hickey, Margaret

Detective Sergeant Mark Ariti has taken a few days' holiday in Broken Bay at precisely the wrong time. The small fishing town on South Australia's Limestone Coast is, now, the scene of a terrible tragedy. Renowned cave diver Mya Rennie has drowned while exploring a sinkhole on the land of wealthy farmer Frank Doyle. As the press descends, Mark's boss orders him to stay put and assist the police operation. But when they retrieve Mya's body, a whole new mystery is opened up, around the disappearance of a young local woman 20 years before... Suddenly, Mark is diving deep into the town's history – and in particular the simmering rivalry between its two most prominent families, the Doyles and Sinclairs. Then a murder takes place at the Sinclairs' old home – and Mark is left wondering which is more dangerous: Broken Bay's hidden subterranean world or the secretive town above it... The newest in the Australian series which begins with *Cutters End* (PBK, \$22.99).

Noir TP \$32.99

Stone Town

DS Mark Ariti series

Hickey, Margaret

With its gold rush history long in the past, Stone Town has definitely seen better days. And it's now in the headlines for all the wrong reasons... When three teenagers stumble upon a body in dense bushland one rainy Friday night, Senior Sergeant Mark Ariti's hopes for a quiet posting in his old hometown are shattered. The victim is Aidan Sleeth, a local property developer, whose controversial plans to buy up Stone Town land means few are surprised he ended up dead. However, his gruesome murder is overshadowed by the mystery consuming the entire nation – the disappearance of Natalie Whitsted. Detective Sergeant Whitsted had been investigating the celebrity wife of crime boss Tony 'The Hook' Scopellitti, when she vanished. What did she uncover? Has it cost her, her life? And why are the two Homicide detectives, sent from the city to run the Sleeth case, so obsessed with Natalie's fate? But following a late-night call from his former boss, Mark is sure of one thing – he's, now, in the middle of a deadly game... The follow-up to *Cutters End* (PBK, \$22.99).

Noir PBK \$22.99

Unnatural Ends

Huang, Christopher

Sir Lawrence Linwood is dead. More accurately, he was murdered – savagely beaten to death in his own study with a mediaeval mace. The murder calls home his three adopted children: Alan, an archaeologist; Roger, an engineer; and Caroline, a journalist. But his heirs soon find that his last testament contains a strange proviso – that his estate shall go to the heir who solves his murder. To secure their future, each Linwood heir must now dig into the past. As their suspicion mounts – of each other and of peculiar strangers in the churchless town of Linwood Hollow – they come to suspect that the perpetrator lurks in the mysterious origins of their own birth.

Historical noir TP \$42.95

Murder in the Family Hunter, Cara

It was a case that gripped the nation.

Luke Ryder's murder has never been solved. In December 2003, Luke Ryder was found dead in the garden of the family home in London, leaving behind a wealthy older widow and three stepchildren. Nobody saw anything. Now, secrets will be revealed – live on camera. Years later, a group of experts re-examine the evidence on *Infamous*, a true-crime show – with shocking results. Does the team know more than they've been letting on? Or does the truth lie closer to home? Can you solve the case before they do? The truth will blow your mind.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Katastrophe

Spoils of War series

Hurley, Graham

January 1945. Wherever you look on the map, the Thousand Year Reich is shrinking. Even Goebbels has run out of lies to sweeten the reckoning to come. An Allied victory is inevitable, but who will reap the spoils of war? Two years ago, Werner Nehmann's war came to an abrupt end in Stalingrad. With the city in ruins, the remains of General Paulus' Sixth Army surrendered to the Soviets, and Nehmann was taken captive. But, now, he's riding on the back of one of Marshal Zhukov's T-35 tanks, heading home with a message for the man who consigned him to the Stalingrad Cauldron. With the Red Army about to fall on Berlin, Stalin fears his sometime allies are conspiring to deny him his prize. He needs to speak to Goebbels and who better to broker the contact than Nehmann, Goebbels' one-time confidant? Having swapped the ruins of Stalingrad for the wreckage of Berlin, the influence of Goebbels for the machinations of Stalin, and Gulag rags for a Red Army uniform, Nehmann's war has taken a turn for the worse. The Germans have a word for it – *Katastrophe*.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Trouble

Hella Mauzer series

Ivar, Katja

Helsinki, June 1953, at the heart of the Cold War. Hella, now a reluctant private investigator, has been asked by her former boss at the Helsinki murder squad to do a background check on a member of the Finnish secret services. Not the type of job Hella was hoping for, but she accepts it on the condition that she is given access to the files concerning the roadside death of her father in 1942, at a time when Finland joined forces with Nazi Germany in its attack against the Soviet Union. German troops were sent to Finland, the Gestapo arrived in Helsinki and German influence on local government was strong, including demands for the deportation of local Jews. Colonel Mauzer, his wife and other family members were killed by a truck in a hit and run incident. An accident, file closed, they said. But not for Hella, whose unwelcome investigation leads to some who would prefer to see her stopped dead in her tracks. Hella Mauzer's series begins with *Evil Things* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Bone Riddle

Alexa Glock Forensics mysteries

Johnson, Sara E

Cape Kidnappers, New Zealand: On a cliff overlooking the ocean and one of the largest gannet bird colonies in the world, American CEO Harlan Quinn has built his 'Plan B' – a lavish estate, complete with an underground doomsday bunker. Cleaning staff finds a body in the house. It appears the victim died of natural causes, but advanced facial decomposition leaves him unidentifiable. Forensic odontologist Alexa Glock is called in to identify the body via dental records. Teeth never lie. But something odd in the deceased's mouth sets Alexa and the team on a new track – to find the murderer. As they work to narrow the suspect field, a second homicide – and a stolen cache of weapons from a locked room in the bunker – means they're deathly close to the truth.

Mystery TP \$37.95

The Angels of Venice

Nathan Sutherland series

Jones, Philip Gwynne

It's the night of 12 November 2019. The worst flooding in 50 years hits the city of Venice. 85% of *La Serenissima* is underwater. Gale force winds roar across the lagoon and along the narrow streets. And the body of Dr Jennifer Whiteread – a young British art historian, specialising in the depiction of angels in Venetian painting – is found floating in a flooded antique bookshop on the Street of the Assassins. As the local police struggle to restore order to a city on its knees, Nathan Sutherland – under pressure from the British Ambassador and distraught relatives – sets out into the dark and rain – swept streets in an attempt to discover the truth behind Whiteread's death. The trail leads to the 'Markham Foundation', a recent and welcome addition to the list of charities working to preserve the ancient city. Charming, handsome and very, very rich, Giles Markham is a well-known and popular figure in the highest Venetian social circles, and has the ear of both the Mayor and the Patriarch. But a man with powerful friends may also have powerful enemies. And Nathan is about to learn that – in Venice, at least – angels come in many forms... merciful, fallen, and vengeful...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$24.99

The Hunt

Decker & Lazarus series

Kellerman, Faye

Teresa McLaughlin flees to Los Angeles with her two children, trying to escape a messy divorce. But in LA, she is hunted down by ruthless men and beaten. When she wakes, barely conscious, her children are gone. Detective Peter Decker and his wife Rina are pulled into the situation when their foster son, Gabe, asks them to help. Teresa is his biological mother, and he knows she is in grave danger. Now, the hunt is on to find the kidnappers before things end tragically. It will end in an explosive confrontation from which no one will emerge unscathed...

Thriller PBK \$22.99

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Fiddling with Fate

Southern Homebrew mysteries

Kelly, Diane

It's August in Chattanooga, Tennessee and moonshiner Hattie Hayes has collaborated with a nearby vineyard to serve her moonshine at a Wine and 'Shine event. Not only is this an opportunity for Hattie to gain more moonshine fans, but she's also excited to hear the Bootlegging Brothers, a popular bluegrass band. But not every attendee is looking for harmony. When one of the brothers disappears and is presumed dead, Hattie realises her grace note gathering has suddenly turned sourer than her mash. Unearthing what happened to the missing musician is more difficult than Hattie first expected. Hattie's moonshine is tied to the crime and there's no time to fiddle around – she has to step up to solve the case. Luckily, Hattie's cool head and quick mind help her understand that when investigating a musical crime, always stay sharp.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

The Antiquity Affair

Kelly, Lee & Thorne, Jennifer

1907: The dawn of Egyptology is a time of imperialism and plunder, opulence and unrest, and Dr Warren Ford, esteemed archaeologist, is the man of the hour. His daughters – intellectual Lila, on the eve of her debut as a Manhattan socialite, and nonconformist Tess, who dreams of following in his footsteps – have always lived in his shadow, and their lives couldn't feel more different. But when a secretive organisation seeks to find a lost relic legendary for its dangerous power, it isn't Dr Ford they turn to – it's his two remarkable daughters. Rumoured to reside in the mysterious Tomb of the Five Ladies, the Serpent's Crown will only be found by solving a seemingly impossible riddle that will open the tomb – and the organisation believes that one of the Ford daughters holds the key to deciphering the code. What was supposed to be an elegant debutante ball for elder sister Lila quickly turns sinister when Tess is kidnapped and put on a ship across the Atlantic. When Lila and her father realise that Tess' life is in danger, they must act quickly to track her down and stop the Serpent's Crown from falling into the wrong hands. A race for the Crown begins, with Lila and her father in hot pursuit of the organisation and Tess. With lives at stake, the fractured family must keep their wits about them, find the artifact, and escape the ruthless men who are also determined to possess the Crown and use it to their own advantage – no matter the cost.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

The Spider

Joona Linna series

Kepler, Lars

Three years ago, Saga Bauer received a postcard with a threatening text about a gun with nine white bullets – one of which is waiting for Detective Joona Linna. But time passed and the threat faded. Until now. A sack with a decomposed body is found tied to a tree in the forest. A milky white bullet casing is found at the murder scene. And soon the police are sent complicated riddles from the killer – a chance to stop further murders. Joona Linna and Saga Bauer must fight side

by side to solve the puzzle and save each victim before it's too late. But the violent hunt becomes increasingly desperate. Maybe, this serial killer is unstoppable. Maybe, they're already caught in the web...

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Perfect Crime

anthology

Khan, Vaseem

& Jakubowski, Maxim

Around the world in 22 murders... Murder... Blackmail... Revenge... From Lagos to Mexico City, Australia to the Caribbean, Toronto to Los Angeles, Darjeeling to rural New Zealand, London to New York – 22 bestselling crime writers from diverse cultures come together from across the world in a razor-sharp and deliciously-sinister collection of crime stories. Featuring Oyinkan Braithwaite, Abir Mukherjee, S A Cosby, Silvia Moreno-Garcia, J P Pomare, Sheena Kamal, Vaseem Khan, Sulari Gentill, Nelson George, Rachel Howzell Hall, John Vercher, Sanjida Kay, Amer Anwar, Henry Chang, Nadine Matheson, Mike Phillips, Ausma Zehanat Khan, Felicia Yap, Thomas King, Imran Mahmood, David Heska Wanbli Weiden, and Walter Mosley.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Obelists at Sea

American Mystery Classics

King, C Daly

The smoking room on a transatlantic cruise ship is bound to be a hotbed of activity – but it's less common for it to be the site of a murder. Yet, when the lights flicker aboard the luxury *Meganaut*, making its way from New York to Paris, this is precisely what happens; in the darkness, a gunshot rings out, and when the light is restored, a man is found dead. The situation becomes all the more curious when it's discovered that the deceased had apparently ingested cyanide just seconds before being penetrated by the bullet. Luckily, for the other passengers, there are two detectives aboard the *Meganaut*, ready to leap into action. There are also four psychiatrists, and those psychiatrists convince the captain to let them take a stab at solving the crime, using their professional understanding of the human psyche to determine who could have been capable of such a crime – and why. But will they be able to deduce the puzzle's solution before the killer strikes again? The first of seven novels by psychologist C Daly King, *Obelists at Sea* is intelligent and enjoyable Golden Age mystery fare, featuring an atmospheric setting, carefully placed clues, and a complex whodunit plot explained with sharp-witted ratiocination.

Classic mystery TP/HC \$28.95/\$49.95

Yellowface

Kuang, Rebecca

Athena Liu is a literary darling. June Hayward is literally nobody. *White lies...* When Athena dies in a freak accident, June steals her unpublished manuscript and publishes it as her own, under the ambiguous name Juniper Song. *Dark humour...* But as evidence threatens June's stolen success, she will discover exactly how far she will go to keep what she thinks she deserves.

Deadly consequences... What happens next is entirely everyone else's fault. 'Satirical and humorous' – *Cosmopolitan*. The new book from the bestselling author of *Babel* (TP, \$32.99) and the Poppy War series (PBK, \$19.99 each).

Satirical mystery TP \$32.99

Cult

Läckberg, Camilla

& Fexeus, Henrik

A young child is snatched in broad daylight outside his nursery. Nobody in charge sees a thing, but the other children say a woman is the culprit... Detective Mina Dabiri calls on her close friend Vincent to untangle the puzzle that surrounds the kidnapped boy. As he finds a link between the boy and other others who have gone missing, it becomes clear that time is running out for everyone involved... Meanwhile, Mina's estranged daughter gets caught up in the secretive world of Epicura: a shadowy organisation that claims to be a centre for leadership development. Can Mina protect her child – a child who doesn't even know she exists?

Thriller TP \$22.99

Dark Music

Lagercrantz, David

A murder investigation brings together two unlikely allies in a race to uncover a shadowy international conspiracy. Professor Hans Rekke: born into a wealthy Stockholm family, world authority on interrogation techniques, capable of vertiginous feats of logic and observation... But he might just fall apart when the going gets tough, leading to substance abuse and despair. Micaela Vargas: community police officer, born to Chilean political refugees in a tough suburb, with two brothers on the shady side of the law. Vargas feels she has something to prove. She's tenacious and uncompromising, but she needs Rekke's unique mind to help her solve the case. Rekke has it all – wealth, reputation – but also a tendency to throw it all away. He needs Vargas to help him get back on an even keel so he can focus his mind on finding the killer before they're both silenced for good. The launch of a new series, now in paperback, inspired by Sherlock Holmes.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Don't Say a Thing

A Predator, a Pursuit, and the Women Who Persevered

Leitner, Tamara

In April 1999, reporter Tamara Leitner woke to an active crime scene outside her Arizona apartment. Her neighbour had been sexually assaulted by a man who would later be identified as Claude Dean Hull II, a serial rapist who escaped justice for decades. New identities. New states. New victims – more than one hundred suspected across the country and thousands more victimised in myriad ways. Tamara's 20-year compulsion to follow the investigation began. She needed to question a failed system. She needed to know the women whose lives were irrevocably altered. And she needed to face the root of her obsession with Hull and his crimes. In interviewing, befriending, and profoundly connecting with Hull's survivors, Tamara crafts a unique true-crime narrative. It not only reveals the struggles of the justice

system to help victims of sexual violence but explores how these resilient women – and Tamara, herself – strove to reclaim their power in the wake of indelible trauma.

True crime TP \$29.99

Reader, I Buried Them and Other Stories

collection

Lovesey, Peter

More than 50 years ago, Peter Lovesey published a short story in an anthology. That short story caught the eye of the great Ruth Rendell, whose praise ignited Lovesey's lifelong passion for short form crime fiction. On the occasion of his 100th short story, Peter Lovesey has assembled this devilishly clever collection, 18 yarns of mystery, melancholy, and mischief, inhabiting such deadly settings as a theatre, a monastery, and the book publishing industry. The collection includes the career-launching story, as well as three never-before-published works. And surprising the author, himself, the irascible Bath detective, Peter Diamond, 'bulldozed his way' into this volume.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

The Secrets of Hartwood Hall

Lumsden, Katie

Nobody ever goes to Hartwood Hall. Folks say it's cursed... It's 1852 and Margaret Lennox, a young widow, attempts to escape the shadows of her past by taking a position as governess to an only child, Louis, at an isolated country house in the west of England. But Margaret soon starts to feel that something isn't quite right. There are strange figures in the dark, tensions between servants, and an abandoned east wing. Even stranger, is the local gossip surrounding Mrs Eversham, Louis' widowed mother, who is deeply distrusted in the village. Lonely and unsure whom to trust, Margaret finds distraction in a forbidden relationship with the gardener, Paul. But as Margaret's history threatens to catch up with her, it isn't long before she learns the truth behind the secrets of Hartwood Hall. A gripping and atmospheric debut that is, at once, a chilling gothic mystery, and a love letter to Victorian fiction.

Gothic mystery TP \$32.99

Robert B Parker's Fallout

Jesse Stone series

Lupica, Mike

The small town of Paradise is devastated when a star high-school baseball player is found dead at the bottom of a bluff, just a day after winning the team's biggest game. For Jesse, the loss is doubly difficult – the teen was the nephew of his colleague, Suitcase Simpson, and Jesse had been coaching the young shortstop. As he searches for answers about how the boy died and why, he is stonewalled at every turn, and it seems that someone is determined to keep him from digging further. Jesse must, suddenly, divide his attention between two cases after the shocking murder of former Paradise police chief, Charlie Farrell. Before his death, Farrell had been looking into a series of scam calls that preyed on the elderly. But how do these 'ghost calls' connect to his murder? When threats – and gunshots – appear on

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Jesse's own doorstep, the race to find answers is on. Both old and new enemies come into play, and in the end, Jesse and his team must discover the common factor between the two deaths in order to prevent a third.

Hardboiled PBK \$25.99

A Killer's Game

Daniela Vega series

Maldonado, Isabella

FBI agent and former military codebreaker Daniela 'Dani' Vega witnesses a murder on a Manhattan sidewalk. The victim is chief of staff for a powerful New York senator. The assassin turned informant is Gustavo Toro. His code: hit the target and don't ask questions. When Dani suspects a complex conspiracy, the only way to take down the mastermind is from the inside, forcing her to partner with Toro. Together, they must infiltrate the inner circle at a remote facility. Except it's a trap. For all of them. Locked in a subterranean labyrinth and held captive by an unseen host, Dani, Toro, and others must fight for their lives. Now, Dani must stay undercover, unravel a bizarre conspiracy, and survive lethal puzzles. But will Toro be friend or foe? Because in this killer's game, everything is real: the paranoia, the desperation, and the body count. And only one person can make it out alive.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

Death at the Terminus

Railway Detective mysteries

Marston, Edward

1865. A passenger train stands ready to depart amid the bustle at York station. The flurry of passengers and porters, the swooping pigeons and barking dogs are thrown into a state of turmoil when an explosion rips through the brake van of the train killing guard Jack Follis. In response to a summons from the North Eastern Railway, Inspector Robert Colbeck and Sergeant Leeming are sent to investigate. Was it an accident, deliberate vandalism or targeted murder? The longer the investigation goes on, the more complex it becomes. With a dizzying array of suspects and motives, will the combined skills of the detectives be enough to identify and catch the culprit?

Historical mystery HC \$39.99

The Housemaid

McFadden, Freida

'Welcome to the family,' Nina Winchester says, as I shake her elegant, manicured hand. I smile politely, gazing around the marble hallway. Working here is my last chance to start fresh. I can pretend to be whoever I like. But I'll soon learn that the Winchesters' secrets are far more dangerous than my own. ... Every day, I clean the Winchesters' beautiful house, top to bottom. I collect their daughter from school. And I cook a delicious meal for the whole family before heading up to eat alone in my tiny room on the top floor. I try to ignore how Nina makes a mess, just to watch me clean it up. How she tells strange lies about her own daughter. And how her husband Andrew seems more broken every day. But as I look into Andrew's handsome brown eyes, so full of pain, it's hard not to imagine what it would be like to live Nina's life. The walk-in closet, the fancy car, the perfect husband. I only try on one of Nina's

pristine white dresses, once. Just to see what it's like. But she soon finds out... and by the time I realise my attic bedroom door only locks from the outside, it's far too late. But I reassure myself: the Winchesters don't know who I really am. They don't know what I'm capable of...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Island

McKinty, Adrian

You should not have come to the island. You should not have been speeding. You should not have tried to hide the body. You should not have told your children that you could keep them safe... Propulsive, terrifying, and blade sharp, *The Island* is the next thrilling adventure from the mastermind behind the Sean Duffy series.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Death and the Conjuror

Joseph Spector Locked-Room mysteries

Mead, Tom

In 1930s' London, celebrity psychiatrist Anselm Rees is discovered dead in his locked study, and there seems to be no way that a killer could have escaped unseen. There are no clues, no witnesses, and no evidence of the murder weapon. Stumped by the confounding scene, the Scotland Yard detective on the case calls on retired stage magician, turned part-time sleuth, Joseph Spector. For who better, to make sense of the impossible, than one who traffics in illusions? Spector has a knack for explaining the inexplicable, but even he finds that there is more to this mystery than meets the eye. As he and the Inspector interview the colourful cast of suspects among the psychiatrist's patients and household, they uncover no shortage of dark secrets – or motives for murder. When the investigation dovetails into that of an apparently-impossible theft, the detectives consider the possibility that the two transgressions are related. And when a second murder occurs, this time in an impenetrable elevator, they realise that the crime wave will become even more deadly unless they can catch the culprit soon. A tribute to the classic golden-age whodunit, when crime fiction was a battle of wits between writer and reader, *Death and the Conjuror* joins its macabre atmosphere, period detail, and vividly-drawn characters with a meticulously-constructed fair play puzzle. Its baffling plot will enthrall readers of mystery icons such as Agatha Christie and John Dickson Carr, modern masters like Anthony Horowitz and Elly Griffiths, or anyone who appreciates a good mystery.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

The Dark Flood

Benny Griessel series

Meyer, Deon

One last chance. Almost fired for insubordination, detectives Benny Griessel and Vaughn Cupido find themselves demoted, exiled from the elite Hawks unit and dispatched to the leafy streets of Stellenbosch. Working a missing persons report on student Callie de Bruin is not the level of work they are used to, but it's all they get. And soon, it takes a dangerous, deeply disturbing turn. One last chance. Stellenbosch is beautiful, but its economy

has been ruined by one man. Jasper Boonstra and his gigantic corporate fraud have crashed the local property market, just when estate agent Sandra Steenberg desperately needs a big sale. Bringing up twins and supporting her academic husband, she is facing disaster. Then she gets a call. From Jasper Boonstra, fraudster, sexual predator, and owner of a superb property worth millions, even now. For Sandra, the stakes are high and about to get way higher. For Benny Griessel, clinging to sobriety and the relationship that saved his life, the truth about Callie can only lead to more trouble.

Thriller PBK \$24.99

The Quiet Tenant

Michallon, Clemence

He took you and you have been his for five years. But you have been careful. Waiting for him to mess up. It has to be now. Aidan Thomas is a hardworking family man and a respected member of his community. He's the kind of man who always lends a hand and has a good word for everyone. He's also a kidnapper and serial killer who has murdered eight women. And there's a ninth, a woman he calls Rachel – imprisoned in a backyard shed, where she fears for her life. When Aidan's wife dies, he and his 13-year-old daughter, Cecilia, are forced to move. Aidan has no choice but to bring Rachel too, introducing her to Cecilia as a family friend, who needs a place to stay. He knows that after five years of captivity, Rachel is too frightened of the consequences to attempt to escape. But Rachel is a fighter and a survivor. And when Emily, a local restaurant owner, develops a crush on the handsome widower, she finds herself drawn into Rachel and Cecilia's orbit, coming dangerously close to discovering Aidan's secret. *The Quiet Tenant* explores the psychological impact of Aidan's crimes on the women in his life through the voices of Rachel, Cecilia, and Emily – and the bonds between those women that give them the strength to fight back. Both a searing thriller and an astute study of trauma, survival, and the dynamics of power, this is an electrifying novel by a major talent.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Deadly Spirits

Mystic's Accomplice mysteries

Miley, Mary

Summer, 1924. Young widow Maddie Pastore has been working for fraudulent spiritual medium Madame Carlotta for nearly a year – if 'work' you could call it. Investigating Carlotta's clients, and attending seances as her shill, keeps Maddie and her young son Tommy fed and clothed, and she's grown to love the kind, well-meaning spiritualist like family. Still, Maddie – estranged from her abusive parents for over a decade – can't help but wonder what fates befell her brothers and sisters. So, when she lucks into two free tickets to a glamorous Chicago speakeasy and recognises the star performer as her pretty little sister Sophie, she's beyond delighted. But before Maddie can meet with Sophie again, the telephone rings. It's Sophie's husband, calling in a panic to tell her that his wife is locked in the Cook County jail, charged with first-degree murder...

Historical mystery TP \$42.95

Confidence

Anna & Fin series

Mina, Denise

When filmmaker, Lisa Lee goes missing, alongside a priceless Roman silver casket, there is no doubt the two are linked together. The day after her vanishing, the casket is listed for auction in Paris with a reserve price of fifty million euros. On a thrilling chase across Europe to discover what happened to Lisa, journalists Anna and Fin are caught up in a world of international art smuggling, billionaire con artists and religious zealotry. The follow-up to *Conviction* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Web of Lies

Hakim & Arnold mysteries

Nadel, Barbara

London, December 2019. Two young boys, Habib and Loz, are trying their luck at selling knockoff pain remedies to pensioners. But they are troubled by an encounter with a potential elderly customer and a young man with a blood-smeared face. Mumtaz Hakim wants to help if she and her partner Lee Arnold can, even though there's no way their detective agency could reasonably charge the boys. While they set about uncovering the truth behind the odd situation in the shadow of St Paul's Cathedral, they find themselves drawn into a gruesome investigation involving an old man and a newborn baby.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

One-Shot Harry

Phillips, Gary

Los Angeles, 1963: African-American Korean War veteran Harry Ingram earns a living as a news photographer and occasional process server: chasing police radio calls and dodging baseball bats. With racial tensions running high on the eve of Martin Luther King's Freedom Rally, Ingram risks becoming a victim at every crime scene he photographs. When Ingram hears about a deadly automobile accident on his police scanner, he recognises the vehicle described as belonging to his good friend and old army buddy, a white jazz trumpeter. The LAPD declares the car crash an accident, but when Ingram develops his photos, he sees signs of foul play. Ingram feels compelled to play detective, even if it means putting his own life on the line. Armed with his wits, his camera, and occasionally his Colt. 45, 'One-Shot' Harry plunges headfirst into the seamy underbelly of LA society, tangling with racists, leftists, gangsters, zealots, and lovers, all in the hope of finding something resembling justice for a friend.

Hardboiled TP \$29.99

Bark to the Future

Chet & Bernie mysteries

Quinn, Spencer

When Chet the dog, and his human partner, PI Bernie Little, are approached by a down-and-out older man with a cardboard sign at an exit ramp, Bernie is shocked to discover the man is a former teammate from his high school baseball team. Chet and Bernie take Rocket out for a good meal, and later, Bernie investigates Rocket's past, trying to figure out what exactly went wrong. Then, Rocket goes suspiciously missing. With his former

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teammate likely in danger, Bernie goes back to his old high school for answers, where much that he remembers turns out not to be true – and there are powerful and dangerous people not happy with the questions Bernie is asking. Bernie, soon, learns that he misunderstood much about his high school years – and, now, Chet and Bernie are plunged into a dangerous case where the past isn't dead and the future could be fatal.

Mystery TP \$42.95

A Disappearance in Fiji **Rao, Nilima**

1914, Fiji: Akal Singh, 25, would rather be anywhere but this tropical paradise – or, as he calls it, 'this godforsaken island'. After a promising start to his police career in Hong Kong, Akal has been sent to the far-flung colony of Fiji as punishment for a humiliating professional mistake. Lonely and grumpy, Akal plods through his work and dreams of a return to Hong Kong, or even his native India. An indentured Indian woman goes missing from a sugarcane plantation and Fiji's newspapers scream 'kidnapping', just as the Indian indentured servitude program is being scrutinised for alleged abuses. Fiji's inspector-general reluctantly assigns Akal the case, as the senior Indian police officer available. Akal, eager to achieve redemption, agrees – but soon finds himself far more invested than he could ever have expected. When he arrives at the plantation to investigate, Akal must confront the brutal realities of the indentured workers' existence and the racism of the British colonisers in Fiji – along with his own thorny notions of identity and class. His interrogations of the white plantation owners, Indian indentured labourers and local Fijians yield only one conclusion: there is far more to this case than meets the eye. Nilima Rao's sparkling debut mystery offers an unflinching look at the impact of colonialism, even as it brims with wit, vibrant characters, and fascinating historical detail.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

The Devil's Playground **Russell, Craig**

Where horror is silent... *1920s, Silent Era Hollywood*. Carbine International Pictures is making *The Devil's Playground*, 'the greatest horror movie of all time', about a mediaeval community that saves itself from the Black Death by turning to the demon and Lord of Hell, Beelzebub, for protection. Based on a mysterious screenplay, in turn based on a novel written by a defrocked priest, *The Devil's Playground* is rumoured to be the subject of a deadly curse. When the film's glamorous star Norma Carlton, 'the most desirable woman in the world', is found dead in her luxurious Hollywood Hills home, everything points to a suicide. Cynical studio fixer Mary Rourke moves quickly, to cover up anything that could involve the studio in a scandal. However, when she realises she has been duped into helping cover up a murder, Mary Rourke, more used to concealing truth, finds herself seeking it out. When the production of the movie becomes beset with horrific accidents, and people connected to Norma Carlton are murdered or disappear, Rourke sinks deeper into the darkness behind the glamor of Golden Age Hollywood.

She finds herself navigating a world of speakeasies and secret societies, occultists and crooked officials. And begins to wonder if the Devil's Playground is Hollywood, itself.

Historical mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Investigator

Letty Davenport series
Sandford, John
By age 24, Letty Davenport has seen more action and uncovered more secrets than many law enforcement professionals. Now, a recent Stanford grad with a master's in economics, she's restless and bored in a desk job for US Senator Colles. Letty's ready to quit, but her skills have impressed Colles, and he offers her a carrot: feet-on-the-ground investigative work, in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security. Several oil companies in Texas have reported thefts of crude, Colles tells her. He isn't so much concerned with the oil as he is with the money: Who is selling the oil, and what are they doing with the profits? Rumour has it that a fairly ugly militia group might be involved. Colles wants to know if the money is going to them, and if so, what they're planning. Letty is partnered with a DHS investigator, John Kaiser, and they head to Texas. When the case quickly turns deadly, they know they're on the track of something bigger. The militia group has set in motion an explosive plan... and the clock is ticking down. The first in a new 'next-gen' series.

Thriller TP \$39.95

Last Call at the Nightingale **Schellman, Katharine**

New York, 1924. Vivian Kelly's days are filled with drudgery, from the tenement lodging she shares with her sister to the dress shop where she sews for hours every day. But at night, she escapes to The Nightingale, an underground dance hall where illegal liquor flows and the band plays the Charleston with reckless excitement. With a bartender willing to slip her a free glass of champagne and friends who know the owner, Vivian can lose herself in the music. No one asks where she came from or how much money she has. No one bats an eye if she flirts with men or women as long as she can keep up on the dance floor. At The Nightingale, Vivian forgets the dangers of Prohibition-era New York and finds a place that feels like home. But then she discovers a body behind the club, and those dangers come knocking. Caught in a police raid at the Nightingale, Vivian discovers that the dead man wasn't the nameless bootlegger he first appeared. With too many people assuming she knows more about the crime than she does, Vivian finds herself caught between the dangers of the New York's underground and the world of the city's wealthy and careless, where money can hide any sin and the lives of the poor are considered disposable... including Vivian's own.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

The Wrecker's Curse

Edge of the World Detective Agency mysteries
Silva, Jo
Donna Nightshade's first rule of composting: *shred*. Things rot quicker that way – cabbages, flowers, dead bodies... When Donna branches out from floristry to

private investigation and opens the Edge of the World Detective Agency, the last thing she expects is to have a murder fall into her lap, almost immediately. Now, normally, she wouldn't be one to look a gift horse in the mouth, but there's one significant problem with the case – all the evidence points to Donna, as the murderer! Donna may have hated the man, but she's not the only one who had the means and motive, so she dons her deerstalker. Staying two steps ahead of the police – specifically her ex, Detective Sergeant Joe Enys – won't be easy, but with pirate blood in her veins nothing can stop 'deadly' Donna from claiming her bounty and making the real culprit walk the plank! The first in a new comedy crime series.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Girl, Forgotten

Andrea Oliver series
Slaughter, Karin
Longbill Beach, 1982. Emily Vaughn gets ready for the prom. For an athlete, who is smart, pretty and well liked, this night should be the highlight of her high school career. But Emily has a secret. And by the end of the evening, that secret will be silenced forever. Forty years later, Emily's murder remains a mystery. Her tight-knit group of friends closed ranks; her respected, wealthy family retreated inwards; the small town moved on from her grisly attack. But all that's about to change. US Marshal Andrea Oliver arrives in Longbill Beach on her first assignment: to protect a judge receiving death threats. But, in reality, Andrea is there to find justice for Emily. The killer is still out there – and Andrea must discover the truth before she gets silenced, too... A follow-up to Andrea Oliver's first appearance, *Pieces of Her* (PBK, \$22.99).

Thriller PBK \$22.99

The Discreet Charm of the Big Bad Wolf

Detective Varg mysteries
Smith, Alexander McCall
The Department of Sensitive Crimes is downsizing in light of a recent downturn of sensitive crime, and staff members are wondering who among them will be transferred elsewhere. As the bickering between colleagues intensifies, Ulf tries his best to stay above the fray. But when Anna, a long-time friend and co-worker, appears to blame him for an old case that went sideways, it seems she may be putting her own job prospects above their friendship. In the midst of all this, Ulf embarks on an important inquiry: a man's cabin has mysteriously disappeared and Ulf is tasked with finding out what happened. How exactly does one steal a house? And, more to the point, how does one track down a stolen house? Meanwhile, a promising veterinary treatment for deafness in dogs has been announced, and Ulf's dog, Martin, might be the perfect patient. This latest novel is another masterful, farcical instalment in the series that defines the genre that Alexander McCall Smith is singlehandedly championing: *Scandi blanc*. The first in the series is *The Department of Sensitive Crimes* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery TP \$32.99

Independence Square

Arkady Renko series
Smith, Martin Cruz
Renko has been confined to a desk job by his superiors, to keep him out of the way. Although he's more disillusioned with policing and the general state of Russia than ever, he feels an odd sense of hope. A rebellion is bubbling in the country, with new values butting heads against old-school regimes. But Arkady has just been diagnosed with Parkinson's and the physical and psychological effects of the disease are taking their toll. This time, he must fight more than the impenetrable Russian regime to get answers – he will need to fight himself. 'The later Renko novels are stark, spare and beautiful, like trees in winter. Martin Cruz Smith does more on a page than most writers manage in a chapter. He is unique and irreplaceable' – *Mick Herron*.

Suspense TP \$32.99

Black River

Rose Riley series
Spencer, Matthew
The elite neighbourhoods of Sydney are becoming a serial killer's hunting ground. But for a city – and a detective – on the edge, not everything is as it seems... During a stifling summer in Sydney, the body of a chaplain's daughter is found wrapped in black plastic on the deserted grounds of an elite boarding school. Is it the work of the killer who's been stalking the privileged neighbourhoods along the Parramatta River? Gut instinct tells Detective Sergeant Rose Riley something even more devious might be at play. Eager to find the so-called Blue Moon Killer before he strikes again, Riley forms an uneasy alliance with Adam Bowman, a journalist with a valuable, and unsettling, link to the school's history. As Riley's investigation takes her deep into the secret lives of Sydney's prominent citizens, Bowman delves into the darkest places of his own childhood for answers. When their paths converge, Riley must use every bit of her cunning to stop another murder. Excavating Bowman's past might just be the key to unlocking the case. Or, it could prove to be Riley's undoing. Because, clue by clue, she's being pulled into the sights of a killer. Much pressure was applied by our lovely A&U sales rep to a reluctant Ron to read this (thanks, Deb!). He just wasn't that fussed, based on the blurb. But he eventually did – and was completely won over. Really good Oz murder mystery – beautifully evokes Sydney, without all the usual Harbour/Bridge/Opera House clichés – and there are little echoes here of some great Oz mystery movies like *Heatwave* and *Lantana*. A real cracker – now in paperback – and we want more! Customers agree. Recommended!

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

A Cold-Blooded Business

Kate Shugak mysteries
Stabenow, Dana
Prudhoe Bay, Alaska – population 2,000. Approximate number of families – zero. And America's largest oilfield... In three months, the Prudhoe Bay oil operation has logged half a dozen drug overdoses, and one death – a man found floating, face down, in the company pool wearing full flight gear. Now, the Alaskan Royal Petroleum Company,

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is in need of a discreet investigator on the inside. Someone, who can navigate a flatbed truck against Arctic wind at 40 degrees below freezing, and find out who is running a narcotic ring from within the company. Sounds like a job for Kate Shugak...

A reissue.
Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Blood Will Tell

Kate Shugak mysteries

Stabenow, Dana

Fifty thousand square miles of untouched Alaskan forest is definitely a prize... but is it worth killing for? Ekaterina Moonin Shugak, tribal elder and community leader, is a fierce friend and an even fiercer foe. So, when she arrives unannounced at Kate Shugak's homestead asking for her granddaughter's help, Kate knows there must be something seriously amiss in town. And her suspicions are confirmed when she arrives in town to find that two people are dead. It could be a coincidence, but Kate Shugak doesn't like coincidences; especially where family are concerned. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Play With Fire

Kate Shugak mysteries

Stabenow, Dana

Alaska's worst fire in decades left behind 125,000 acres of razed forest, three feet of ash... and one unburnt corpse. A 10-year-old boy has hired Kate Shugak to find his father. Daniel Seabolt has been missing since the summer, but his disappearance has never been reported. The boy's grandfather, the Right Rev Pastor Simon Seabolt, has forbidden the tightknit community even to speak Daniel's name. Unfortunately, for the boy, Kate is already investigating the body of a man found buried under the ash of last year's forest fire. At first, she thinks this man was caught out in the blaze, but the coroner returns cause of death as anaphylactic shock. And although the body is missing clothes and shoes, it is untouched by the fire... A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Politician

DS Cross mysteries

Sullivan, Tim

The murder of Peggy Frampton looks like a burglary gone wrong, at first glance. But DS George Cross, with his meticulous methods, thinks otherwise. The victim, a former mayor of Bristol, has political enemies in her past. Now she's an online influencer whose forthright opinions attract the kind of attention that most people would like to avoid. There's no shortage of suspects. Cross' investigation will lead him from Peggy's unfaithful husband to her gambling-addicted son, and finally to a scorned former lover with a grudge. Cross will have to navigate a dark maze of seedy connections to find the truth but can he do it before the killer strikes again? Part of the DS George Cross series, which can be read in any order. Although, new to us, this series has had some fantastic customer feedback.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Shadows of London

Ashes of London series

Taylor, Andrew

London, 1671. The damage caused by the Great Fire still overshadows the capital. When a man's brutally disfigured body is discovered in the ruins of an ancient almshouse, architect Cat Hakesby is ordered to stop restoration work. It is obvious he has been murdered, and Whitehall secretary James Marwood is ordered to investigate. It's possible the victim could be one of two local men who have vanished – the first, a feckless French tutor connected to the almshouse's owner; the second, a possibly treacherous employee of the Council of Foreign Plantations. The pressure on Marwood mounts as Charles II's most influential courtiers, Lord Arlington and the Duke of Buckingham, show an interest in his activities – and Marwood soon begins to suspect the murder trail may lead right to the heart of government. Meanwhile, a young, impoverished Frenchwoman has caught the eye of the king, a quiet affair that will have monumental consequences...

Historical mystery TP \$34.99

The Drowning Sea

Maggie d'Arcy mysteries

Taylor, Sarah Stewart

For the first time in her adult life, former Long Island homicide detective Maggie D'arcy is unemployed. No cases to focus on, no leads to investigate, just a whole summer on a remote West Cork peninsula with her teenage daughter Lilly and her boyfriend, Conor and his son. The plan is to prepare Lilly for a move to Ireland. But their calm vacation takes a dangerous turn when human remains wash up below the steep cliffs of Ross Head. When construction worker Lukas Adamik disappeared, months ago, everyone assumed he had gone home to Poland. Now that his body has been found, the guards, including Maggie's friends Roly Byrne and Katya Grzeskiewicz, seem to think he threw himself from the cliffs. But as Maggie gets to know the residents of the nearby village and learns about the history of the peninsula and its abandoned Anglo-Irish manor house, once home to a famous Irish painter who died under mysterious circumstances, she starts to think there's something else going on. Something deadly. And when Lilly starts dating one of the dead man's friends, Maggie grows worried about her daughter being so close to another investigation and about what the investigation will uncover. Old secrets, hidden relationships, crime, and village politics are woven throughout this small seaside community, and as the summer progresses, Maggie is pulled deeper into the web of lies, further from those she loves, and closer to the truth.

Mystery TP \$39.95

Love in the Time of Serial Killers

Thompson, Alicia

A true crime obsessive suspects that her new neighbour might be a serial killer, or something worse... a potential love interest. PhD candidate Phoebe Walsh has always

been obsessed with true crime. She's even analysing the genre in her dissertation – if she can manage to finish writing it. It's hard to find the time while she spends the summer in Florida, cleaning out her childhood home, dealing with her obnoxiously good-natured younger brother, and grappling with the complicated feelings of mourning a father she hadn't had a relationship with for years. It doesn't help that she's low-key convinced that her new neighbour, Sam Dennings, is a serial killer (he may dress in business casual, by day... but, at night, he's clearly up to something). But it's not long before Phoebe realises that Sam might be something much scarier – a genuinely nice guy who can pierce her armour to reach her vulnerable heart.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

A Game Of Fear

Inspector Rutledge mysteries

Todd, Charles

Spring, 1921. Scotland Yard sends Inspector Ian Rutledge to the sea-battered village of Walmer on the coast of Essex, where amongst the salt flats and a military airfield lies Benton Abbey, a grand manor with a storied past. The lady of the house may prove his most bewildering witness, yet. She claims she saw a violent murder – but there is no body, no blood. She also insists she recognised the killer: Captain Nelson. Only, it could not have been Nelson because he died during the war. Everyone in the village believes that Lady Benton's losses have turned her mind – she is, after all, a grieving widow and mother – but the woman Rutledge interviews is rational and self-possessed. And then there is Captain Nelson: what really happened to him in the war. The more Rutledge delves into this baffling case, the more suspicious tragedies he uncovers. The Abbey and the airfield hold their secrets tightly. Until Rutledge arrives, and a new trail of death follows...

Historical mystery TP \$34.99

The Drowning Hour

Tremayne, S K

Surrounded by the Blackwater estuary, The Stanhope hotel sits on a beautiful remote island. Tonight is the grand reopening, and organiser Hannah watches the guests with pride. But as drinking descends into debauchery, drunken revellers wade into the water, unaware of the treacherous tide at the Drowning Hour. They are never seen again. Tormented by a terror of water, Hannah is stuck on the island over winter. Whispers about That Night begin to circle. Someone knows what really happened in the Drowning Hour – and Hannah isn't safe...

Thriller PBK \$22.99

The Butcher and the Wren Urquhart, Alaina

In deep Louisiana, a serial killer with a taste for medical experimentation is completing his most ambitious project yet. The media call him 'The Butcher' – and, so far, he's proved impossible to catch. With her encyclopaedic knowledge of humanity's darkest minds, and years of experience examining their victims, forensic pathologist Dr Wren Muller is the best there is. The longer the Butcher's killing spree continues, the more determined she is

to bring him to justice. And, yet, he continues to elude her. As body after body piles up on Wren's examination table, her obsession grows. Pressure to put an end to the slaughter mounts. And her enemy becomes more brazen. How far is Wren willing to go, to draw the Butcher into the light...?

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Begars Abbey

Valentine, V L

Winter 1954, and in a dilapidated apartment in Brooklyn, Sam Cooper realises that she has nothing left. Her mother is dead, she has no prospects, and she cannot afford the rent. But as she goes through her mother's things, Sam finds a stack of hidden letters that reveal a family and an inheritance that she never knew she had, three thousand miles away in Yorkshire. Begars Abbey is a crumbling pile, inhabited only by Lady Cooper, Sam's ailing grandmother, and a handful of servants. Sam cannot understand why her mother kept its very existence a secret, but her newly-discovered diaries offer a glimpse of a young girl growing increasingly terrified. As is Sam, herself. Built on the foundations of an old convent, Begars moves and sings with the biting wind. Her grandmother cannot speak, and a shadowy woman moves along the corridors at night. There are dark places in the hidden tunnels beneath Begars. And they will not give up their secrets easily...

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Those Who Perish

Caleb Zelic series

Viskic, Emma

Deaf PI Caleb Zelic has always been an outsider, estranged from family and friends. But when he receives a message – that his brother, Anton, is in danger – Caleb sees it as a chance at redemption. He tracks Anton down to a small, wind-punished island, where secrets run deep and resentments deeper. When a sniper starts terrorising the isolated community, the brothers must rely on each other like never before. But trust comes at a deadly price... Now in paperback.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

And Fire Came Down

Caleb Zelic series

Viskic, Emma

Deaf since early childhood, Caleb Zelic is used to meeting life, head on. Now, he's struggling just to get through the day. His best mate is dead, his ex-wife, Kat, is avoiding him, and nightmares haunt his waking hours. But when a young woman is killed, after pleading for his help in sign language, Caleb is determined to find out who she was. The trail leads Caleb back to his hometown, Resurrection Bay. The town is on bushfire alert, and simmering with racial tensions. As Caleb delves deeper, he uncovers secrets that could ruin any chance of reuniting with Kat, and even threaten his life. Driven by his own demons, he pushes on. But who is he willing to sacrifice, along the way? A reissue of the second in the series.

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A Chateau Under Siege

Bruno, Chief of Police mysteries

Walker, Martin

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The immediate question, for chief of police Bruno Courreges, is was this an accident – or deliberate? The stakes rise, when Bruno learns that the man, Kerquelin, was running Frenchelon, the secret French electronic intelligence base nearby, after being recruited from a brilliant Silicon Valley career. His old Silicon Valley colleagues have been invited to stay at the luxurious local chateau of Rouffillac, as his guests, to enjoy the Sarlat show. As he investigates, Bruno discovers that Kerquelin's wound was faked, that he is alive and well and secretly negotiating a massive deal to build a semiconductor industry in France. But then a whole new

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