

# Pulp Fiction

## Crime & Mystery Bestsellers May 2023

### **The English Führer**

Tom Wilde series 07

**Rory Clements**

*Autumn 1945* – Off the east coast of England, a Japanese sub surfaces, unloads its mysterious cargo, then blows itself to pieces.

Former spy Professor Tom Wilde is enjoying peacetime in Cambridge, settling back into teaching and family life. Until a call from senior MI5 boss Lord Templeman brings him out of retirement.

A nearby village has been locked down by the military, its residents blighted by a deadly illness. No one is allowed in or out.

There are rumours the Nazi machine is still operational, with links to Unit 731, a notorious Japanese biological warfare research laboratory. But how could they possibly be plotting on British soil – and why?

What's more, Wilde and Templeman's names are discovered on a Gestapo kill list. And after a series of assassinations an unthinkable question emerges: could an Englishman be behind the plot?

Wartime thriller – perfect for readers of Robert Harris, C J Sansom, Mick Herron, and Joseph Kanon. The series starts with *Corpus* (PBK, \$22.99). Recommended.

**Historical suspense | TP \$32.99**



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### **Murder at the Victoria and Albert Museum**

Museum mysteries 08

**Jim Eldridge**

*London, 1899*. Queen Victoria lays the foundation stone on the site of what she names as the Victoria and Albert Museum. Shortly after, the Museum Detectives Daniel Wilson and Abigail Fenton are called to the site because the dead body of curator Andrew Page has been found. The Queen is determined that nothing will sully the new museum, and by association her beloved Albert's legacy. But the more Wilson and Fenton dig, the more they discover other potential motives for Page's murder, some with potentially explosive implications. They will have to tread carefully as someone is determined to stand in their way.

Series is a favourite with regulars. It started with *Murder at the Fitzwilliam* (PBK, \$22.99) – but each volume is self contained.

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



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### **To Track a Traitor**

Lane Winslow mysteries 10

**Iona Wishaw**

It's an early morning in May when Lane is pulled from a deep sleep by a concerning phone call from Scotland – her grandfather has had a heart attack. Lane hastily makes plans to fly overseas, and a dejected Inspector Darling prepares himself for a stint of bachelorhood. But before he can begin to dwell on it the Nelson Police learn that Ben Arden, a local cad, has gone out for a late-night boat ride and not returned, which immediately sets the town rumour mill churning.

In Scotland, Lane finds her grandfather on the mend but her estranged sister Diana caught up in stressful – and mysterious – circumstances of her own. As Lane follows the thread leading from South Africa to Aberdeen to the War Office in London it becomes apparent that her sister is on the run, and that keeping secrets seems to be a Winslow family trait.

Back at the Nelson Police station a strange assemblage of clues begins to amass around the Arden case, stretching from the local print shop all the way back to the Great War. But progress is interrupted when the mayor himself issues a demand that Darling travel to England to tie up a decades-old mystery with local connections. True to form, upon Darling's arrival in London, he is quickly swept up in Lane's mission, which threatens to endanger the entire family.

Set in Cold War Canada, everyone who buys one seems to come straight back for more. What better recommendation can there be for a series? First is *A Killer in King's Cove* (TP, \$37.95).

**Historical mystery | TP | \$37.95**



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### **Aunt Dimity and the Enchanted Cottage**

Aunt Dimity mysteries 25

**Nancy Atherton**

It's early May in the small English village of Finch and the air is crackling with excitement: a newcomer is about to move into Pussywillows, a riverside cottage with a romantic reputation. Will the cottage's newest resident prove yet again its enchanting ability to match make? But when Crispin Windle arrives, no one knows what to make of him: seemingly a loner, he repels every welcoming gesture and appears altogether uninterested in being a part of the community. Soon, the townspeople have all but dismissed him.

Only Lori and Tommy Prescott, a young army veteran who recently moved to Finch, refuse to give up. They orchestrate a chance meeting that leads to a startling discovery: the remains of a Victorian woollen mill that once brought prosperity to Finch. But it also contains a dark secret about Finch's past. Will Mr Windle make himself an outcast for good by digging up Finch's history? Or will he offer the town a chance to heal – and finally allow the town to help him heal, too?

Lotsa cosy – ghostly! – hijinks.

**Mystery | TP | \$39.95**



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### **How to Kill Men and Get Away With It**

**Katy Brent**

Meet Kitty Collins. *Friend. Lover. Killer.*

He was following me. That guy from the nightclub who wouldn't leave me alone.

I hadn't intended to kill him of course. But I wasn't displeased when I did and, despite the mess I made, I appeared to get away with it.

That's where my addiction started...

I've got a taste for revenge and, quite frankly, I'm killing it.

A deliciously dark, hilariously twisted story about friendship, love, and murder.

Fans of *My Sister the Serial Killer* (PBK, \$19.99), *How to Kill Your Family* and *Killing Eve* will love this wickedly clever debut.

**Mystery | PBK | \$22.99**



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### **The Red Widow Murders**

American Mystery Classics

**John Dickson Carr**

A reissue, first published in 1935 under Carr's pen name of Carter Dickson.

They say that Lord Mantling's mansion is haunted -- at least, one room of it is. Known as the Red Widow's Chamber, the now-sealed quarters once housed the wife of a guillotine operator in the French Revolution, and, since her passing, have been host to a century of unsolved horrors, including the death of a man in 1802, the death of a child in 1895, and a number of mysterious mortalities in the years in between.

Now, in 1935, eight men and women join at the manor for a sinister experiment to determine the truth behind the haunting once and for all: they each draw a card, and whoever pulls the Ace of Spades must spend a night in that terrifying room. But the challenge turns fatal when the man selected for the task is found poisoned the next morning when the doors are opened. The locked room was guarded all night, so nobody could have entered or escaped; what's more, the deadly toxin could only have entered through a break in the skin, but no wounds were discovered on the body.

Is this evidence, at last, of a nefarious spirit at work, or of a diabolical and ingenious killer? Only Sir Henry Merrivale, called in to take note of the night's proceedings, will be able to examine the clues and deduce the truth.

More Golden Age reprint fabulousness.

**Classic mystery | TP | \$28.95**



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### **The Edinburgh Mystery and Other Tales of Scottish Crime**

British Library Crime Classics

**edited by Martin Edwards**

'Cara!' Mr Wilkinson stood on the jetty looking out at the long, low shadow of the island, dark against the setting sun. 'A beautiful place, and a beautiful name.' 'It's the Gaelic word for a corpse.'

From the dramatic Highlands to bustling cities and remote islands in wild seas, the unique landscapes and locales of Scotland have enthralled and shaped generations of mystery writers. This new collection presents seventeen classic stories, spanning a period from the 1880s to the 1970s, by a host of Scottish authors alongside writers from south of the border inspired by the history and majesty of the storied country.

Featuring vintage tales by Arthur Conan Doyle, Robert Louis Stevenson and Baroness Orczy together with mid-20th-century mini-masterpieces by Margot Bennett, Michael Innes, and Cyril Hare, this anthology also includes a rare Josephine Tey short story, reprinted for the first time since 1930.

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



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### **The Girl by the Bridge**

Detective Konrád series 02

**Arnaldur Indriðason**

An elderly couple are worried about their granddaughter. They know she's been smuggling drugs, and now she's gone missing. Looking for help, they turn to Konrad, a former policeman whose reputation precedes him.

Always absentminded, he constantly ruminates on the fate of his father, who was stabbed to death decades ago. But digging into the past reveals much more than anyone set out to discover, and a little girl who drowned in the Reykjavik city pond unexpectedly captures everyone's attention.

A brilliant, chilling tale of broken dreams by one of the masters of Scandi Noir – the first in the Detective Konrád series is *The Darkness Knows* (PBK, \$22.99).

**Mystery/suspense | TP | \$32.99**



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### Five Decembers

Hard Case Crime

**James Kestrel**

*December 1941.* America teeters on the brink of war, and in Honolulu, Hawaii, police detective Joe McGrady is assigned to investigate a homicide that will change his life forever. Because the trail of murder he uncovers will lead him across the Pacific, far from home and the woman he loves; and though the US doesn't know it yet, a Japanese fleet is already steaming toward Pearl Harbor.

This extraordinary novel is so much more than just a gripping crime story – it's a story of survival against all odds, of love and loss and the human cost of war. Spanning the entirety of World War II, *Five Decembers* is a beautiful, masterful, powerful novel that will live in your memory forever.

Winner of the 2022 Edgar Award for Best Novel.

Take note: Ron *lurved* this! He will press it on everyone! (And, as you see, from its continuing position on our bestsellers, he is succeeding!)

**Hardboiled | PBK | \$19.99**



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### The Lock-Up

Strafford & Quirke mysteries 02

**John Banville**

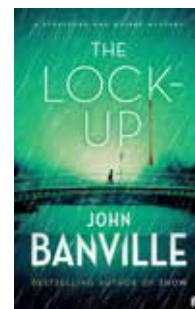
Booker Prize winner and 'Irish master' (*The New Yorker*) John Banville's most ambitious crime novel yet brings two detectives together to solve a globe-spanning mystery.

In 1950s Dublin, Rosa Jacobs, a young history scholar, is found dead in her car. Renowned pathologist Dr Quirke and DI St John Strafford begin to investigate the death as a murder, but it's the victim's older sister Molly, an established journalist, who discovers a lead that could crack open the case.

One of Rosa's friends, it turns out, is from a powerful German family that arrived in Ireland under mysterious circumstances shortly after World War II. But as Quirke and Strafford close in, their personal lives may put the case – and everyone involved – in peril, including Quirke's own daughter.

From the mountaintops of Italy, the front lines of World War II Bavaria, the gritty streets of Dublin and other unexpected locales, *The Lock-Up* is an ambitious and arresting mystery by one of the world's most celebrated authors.

**Historical mystery | TP | \$32.99**



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