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

Rogue Justice

Avery Keene series

Abrams, Stacey

Supreme Court clerk Avery Keene is back, trying to get her feet on solid ground – after unravelling an international conspiracy in *While Justice Sleeps* (PBK, \$22.99). But as the sparks of Congressional hearings and political skirmishes swirl around her, Avery is approached at a legal conference by Preston Davies, an unassuming young man and fellow law clerk to a federal judge in Idaho. Davies believes his boss, Judge Francesca Whitner, was being blackmailed in the days before she died. Desperate to understand what happened, he gives Avery a file, a burner phone, and a fearful warning that there are highly dangerous people involved. Another shocking murder leads Avery to a list of names – all federal judges – and, alarmingly, all judges on the FISA Court (the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court), also known as America's 'secret court'. It is this body which grants permission to the government to wiretap Americans or spy on corporations suspected of terrorism. As Avery digs deeper, she begins to see a frightening pattern – and she worries that something far more sinister may be unfolding inside the nation's third branch of government. With lives at stake, Avery must race the clock and an unexpected enemy to find the answer.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Catch Me If You Gandy

Bakeshop mysteries

Alexander, Ellie

Halloween has arrived in picturesque Ashland, Oregon, and all of the ghouls and goblins have descended on Main Street for the annual parade. It's a giant street party and Torte is right in the mix. Jules Capshaw and her team have been baking up autumn delights and trick-or-Torte bags filled with sugar cookie cut outs, spiced cider, and mummy munch. It's the end of the season at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, which means that the costumes for the parade are going to be out of this world. The elaborate guises even extend to pets. The grand marshal of this year's parade is no other than a regal pug aptly named King George. Jules is delighted to get to share the experience with Carlos and Ramiro, but things take a dark turn when she discovers a dragon slumped in front of the bakeshop. Jules is distraught when she realises the dragon is dead. She's also shaken because a few days before the parade, her mother's Mahjong partner Helen discovered a warning note about a dragon in an antique game set. Jules hopes it's just a random coincidence, but as the clues begin to unfold it becomes evident that there's been a murder on All Hallows' Eve. Can Juliet sift out the truth before the killer comes after her?

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Normal Rules Don't Apply: Short Stories

collection

Atkinson, Kate

A full collection of Kate Atkinson's short stories to delight, intrigue and surprise! One of the world's great storytellers conjures a captivating new book. In this first, full collection since *Not the End of the World*, we meet a queen who makes a bargain she cannot keep; a secretary who watches over the life she has just left; and a man whose luck changes when a horse speaks to him. Witty and wise, with subtle connections between the stories, *Normal Rules Don't Apply* is a startling, and funny feast for the imagination. In Kate Atkinson's world, nothing is over, until 'the talking dog speaks'.

Literary fiction TP \$32.99

Nothing But the Truth

The Memoir of an Unlikely Lawyer

Barrister, the Secret

Just how do you become a barrister? And why do only one per cent of those, who study law, succeed in joining this mysteriously opaque profession? If it's such a great occupation, how come you work 100-hour weeks, for less than minimum wage? And why might a practising barrister come to feel the need to reveal the lies, secrets, failures and crises at the heart of this world of wigs and gowns? *Nothing But the Truth* charts an outsider's progress down the winding path towards practising at the Bar, taking in the sometimes absurd traditions of the Inns of Court, where every meal mandates a glass of port and a toast to the Queen, to the *Hunger Games*-type contest for pupillage, through the endlessly frustrating experience of being a junior barrister – as a creaking, ailing justice system begins to convince them that something has to change... Full of hilarious, shocking, and surprising stories from their working life, *Nothing But the Truth* tracks the Secret Barrister's transformation from hang 'em and flog 'em, austerity-supporting 20-something to campaigning, bestselling, reforming author whose writing in defence of the law is celebrated around the globe. It asks questions about what we understand by justice, and what it takes to change our minds. It also reveals the darker side of working in criminal law, and how the things our justice system gets wrong are not the things most people expect.

Memoir/Practise of law PBK \$24.99

The Unearthed

Bartulin, Lenny

After decades-old human bones are discovered in the Tasmanian wilderness, Antonia Kovács returns home with questions for her father, a retired police inspector in Queenstown. Meanwhile, Tom Pilar receives news of an inheritance, from a man he barely remembers, one of his father's friends from the early days, newly arrived in the island and

looking for work. Set amidst the harsh terrain of the timber and ore industries of the west coast, *The Unearthed* is a haunting novel about the past and its quiet but tenacious grip on the present. It reveals the tragic connections between the disparate lives of postwar migrants and local workers, and the fallibility of memory, the illusion of truths and the repercussions on real lives.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Peg and Rose Solve a Murder

Senior Sleuths mysteries

Berenson, Laurien

Rose Donovan looks for the good in everyone. With her sister-in-law, Peg, that sometimes requires a lot of searching. Even a 60-something former nun like Rose has her limits, and gruff Peg Turnbull sure knows how to push them. But after 40 years of bickering, they're attempting to start over, partnering up to join the local bridge club. Peg and Rose barely have a chance to celebrate their first win, before one of the club's most accomplished players is killed in his home. As the newest members, the sisters-in-law come under scrutiny and decide to start some digging of their own. Bridge is typically seen as a wholesome pastime, yet this group of senior citizens harbors a wealth of vices, including gambling, cheating, and adultery... By comparison, Peg and Rose's fractious relationship is starting to feel almost functional. But as their suspect list narrows, they're unaware that their logic has a dangerous flaw. And they'll have to hope that their teamwork holds steady when they're confronted by a killer who's through with playing games... The first in a new series.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

The Caretaker

Bergmoser, Gabriel

An isolated, empty ski resort in the off-season. A woman who doesn't want to be found. A man who may not be who he appears to be. It's a game of cat and mouse – with deadly consequences. On the run from a controlling husband and his underworld associates in Melbourne, Charlotte has adopted a new identity, and found a job as an off-season caretaker in a tiny, deserted Alpine resort. Some dangerous people are looking for Charlotte and, so, she's lying low, tending to the lodges, safe in her solitude; but jumping, every time a floor creaks or the wind whistles through the empty corridors of the deserted lodges. She's trying to convince herself she's safe, that she got away. But then strange things start happening around the resort. And Charlotte starts to realise that every escape route she has is being sealed, off one by one. *The Caretaker* will have readers second-guessing themselves, at every turn. What's real, and what isn't? Who's dangerous, and who isn't? And who will survive? A menacing, nail-biting cat-and-mouse thriller, from the author of

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The Hunted (PBK, \$22.99). 'A heroine you can't look away from, pure thrills and wallop, wilder and gamier than your average Aussie noir, this is fierce storytelling.' – *Kyle Perry*, bestselling author of *The Bluffs*.
Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Killingly **Beutner, Katharine**

Killingly, 1897. The female students of Mount Holyoke – an elite university in a sleepy rural town – are famous for their beauty and charm. Except for plain, quiet Agnes and Bertha, who spend their time reading, writing and wandering the dark woods of Killingly, and do not seem interested in ball gowns or young men. One autumn morning, Bertha vanishes – and the peaceful town of Killingly fractures into chaos. While a search team dredges the pond where she might have drowned, a private detective arrives in town and begins an investigation, discovering before long that this plain, quiet girl was keeping a terrible secret. The truth, if revealed, could put Agnes' life in mortal danger – and shatter the glittering reputation of Mount Holyoke forever. A gothic, turn-of-the-century campus thriller about female desire, rage, and ambition.
Gothic thriller TP \$32.99

The Darkest Sin

Cesare Aldo mysteries
Bishop, D V
Florence – Spring, 1537. When Cesare Aldo investigates a report of intruders at a convent in the Renaissance city's northern quarter, he enters a community divided by bitter rivalries and harbouring dark secrets. His case becomes far more complicated, when a naked man's body is found deep inside the convent, stabbed more than two dozen times. Unthinkable as it seems, all the evidence suggests one of the nuns must be the killer. Meanwhile, Constable Carlo Strocchi finds human remains pulled from the Arno that belong to an officer of the law missing since winter. The dead man had many enemies, but who would dare kill an official of the city's most feared criminal court? As Aldo and Strocchi close in on the truth, identifying the killers will prove more treacherous than either of them could ever have imagined... The sequel to Cesare Aldo's debut, *City of Vengeance* (PBK, \$19.99).
Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

A Fatal Groove

Record Shop mysteries
Blacke, Olivia
It's springtime in Cedar River, Texas. The annual Bluebonnet Festival is brewing and the whole town is in harmony. Juni Jessup, and her sisters Tansy and Maggie, thought opening Sip & Spin Records was going to be their biggest hurdle, but the Frappuccino hits the fan when the mayor drops dead – poisoned by their delicious coffee. Since Tansy was the one to brew the coffee, and Juni was the unfortunate citizen who stumbled upon the mayor's body, the sisters find themselves in hot water. Family is everything to the Jessups, so with Tansy under suspicion, the sisters spring into action. Between the town festivities, a good old-fashioned treasure hunt, and an accidental cow in the mix, Juni will have to pull out all the stops to find the mayor's killer.
Mystery PBK \$24.95

Death of Jezebel

British Library Crime Classics
Brand, Christianna
At Elysian Hall, a grand exhibition space in postwar London, a cast has been assembled for a medieval-themed pageant show replete with knights in coloured armour, real horses, and a damsel in a rickety tower on high. With death threats discovered by members of the troupe before the show, the worst comes to pass when the leading lady is thrown from the tower before the eyes of the audience by an unknown assailant – with all doors backstage also under observation. Faced with a seemingly impossible case, the wizened Inspector Cockrill and the fresh-faced Inspector Charlesworth begrudgingly join forces to uncover the killer hiding in plain sight. First published in Britain in 1949, and is the second Christianna Brand title in the British Library Crime Classics series. This exuberant novel is still regarded as one of the great masterpieces of the classic mystery genre for its fiendishly constructed puzzle, memorable setting, dumbfounding acts of misdirection and thrilling denouement. Brand was one of the top-class writers of the classic mystery genre. 'A very neat version of the "sealed room" mystery... provides [Miss Brand] with excellent opportunities to indulge her sense of character and her pleasantly malicious wit, as well as her gift for posing an ingenious problem.' – *Times Literary Supplement*, 1949.
Classic mystery TP \$33.95

Violet Kelly and the Jade Owl **Britton, Fiona**

A centuries-old curse, a house of secrets and a young woman determined to find out the truth. *Sydney, 1930*: In a well-heeled corner of Paddington, just a short distance from the razor gangs of Darlinghurst and Kings Cross, sits La Maison des Fleurs, an upscale brothel run by the indomitable Madame. The star of La Maison is Violet Kelly – beautiful, clever and determined to make something of herself in a world that has already taken so much. When a former associate of Madame's emerges to claim a long-owed favour involving a kidnapped girl and an ancient curse, Violet is drawn into a risky game of cat and mouse that takes her from dangerous underworld dealings to raucous parties to untold stories about her own past, and, eventually, right into the heart of La Maison des Fleurs. But how much is she willing to risk to save her friends, her home and the life she's come to love? And will it be enough? Violet Kelly is Agatha Christie meets Phryne Fisher meets *Underbelly*, with a Beretta tucked into her French lingerie – in an arch, out-of-the-box debut historical crime caper.
Historical mystery TP \$32.99

Buried in the Stacks

Haunted Library mysteries
Brook, Allison
In winter, the Haunted Library is a refuge for homeless townspeople. When a group purchases a vacant house to establish a daytime haven for the homeless, Carrie offers the library as a meeting place for the Haven House committee, but quickly learns that it may be used for illegal activities. As the new Sunshine Delegate, Carrie heads

to the hospital to visit her cantankerous colleague, Dorothy, who had fallen outside the local supermarket. She tells Carrie that her husband tried to kill her – and that he murdered her aunt Evelyn, the library's resident ghost, six years earlier. And then Dorothy is murdered – run off the road as soon as she returns to work. Evelyn implores Carrie to find her niece's killer, but that's no easy task: Dorothy had made a hobby of blackmailing her neighbours and colleagues. Carrie, Evelyn, and Smoky Joe the cat are on the case, but are the library cards stacked against them?
Mystery TP \$49.99

Sweet Jimmy **Brown, Bryan**

Phil and Sweet Jimmy are cousins. Phil grows orchids... spider orchids... learnt about them in the nick. Jimmy likes orchids, too, but there are other things he likes, even more... Trish Bennett didn't like her life. Hadn't liked it for a long time. Been on the streets. Bit of this for a bit of that. The 'that' wasn't always nice. Then, Ahmed found her. Sam is a tea-leaf, a thief. Likes nickin'... anything... always has... until the day he knocked off more than the Volvo. Fell for the sexy and beautiful Sue May from Hong Kong, Frank Testy did. Silly old prick. What price for ego? A huge bloody price, it turns out. Taut and crackling with character, these gritty, raw, and sometimes very funny stories from Australian great Bryan Brown are Aussie noir at its best. Crime doesn't discriminate... it can happen to anyone... it could happen to you... in any ordinary suburb... at any time. 'My friend Bryan Brown, quite apart from his other manifold talents, turns out to be an excellent writer. An authentic voice; highly imaginative yet completely believable, with a flair for fully realised characters and a gripping narrative. A great story teller. This is utterly baffling. I'm furious.' – *Sam Neill*.
Noir PBK \$22.99

Assassin Eighteen

Last Man Standing series
Brownlow, John
One hundred years. Seventeen assassins. One hell of a ride. 'I am waiting for someone to kill me. Tonight would be a good night for it.' Agent Seventeen, the most infamous hitman in the world, has quit. But whoever wants to become Assassin Eighteen must track him down and kill him first. So, when a bullet hits the glass inches from his face, he knows who fired it – doesn't he? But the sniper isn't the hardened killer he was expecting. It's Mireille – a mysterious, silent child, abandoned in the woods with instructions to pull the trigger. Reuniting with his spiky lover, Kat, Seventeen must protect Mireille, and discover who sent her to kill him, and why. But the road he must travel is littered with bodies. And the answer, when it comes, will blow apart everything Seventeen thought he knew. The sequel to *Agent Seventeen* (PBK, \$22.99).
Thriller TP \$32.99

Consumed **Buchanan, Greg**

On a lonely farmstead, a 70-year-old woman falls down outside and, unable to move, is consumed overnight by two of her pigs.

It seems like a tragic accident, except the woman was well-known photographer Sophia Bertilak – and, inside her house, someone has removed all her photos from their frames, seemingly erasing her past... The first photo Sophia ever took remains her most infamous: a missing girl, who was never seen again. Forensic veterinarian Cooper Allen is drafted in for the autopsy – and slowly becomes obsessed with the victim, her family, and the crimes she brought to light, decades ago. A slick, smart, stylish – and *shocking* – thriller from one of the most exciting new voices in crime fiction.
Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

A Dish to Die For

Key West Food Critic mysteries
Burdette, Lucy
Peace and quiet are hard to find in bustling Key West, so Hayley Snow, food critic for *Key Zest* magazine, is taking the afternoon off for a tranquil lunch with a friend outside of town. As they are enjoying the wild beach and the lunch, she realises that her husband Nathan's dog, Ziggy, has disappeared. She follows his barking, to find him furiously digging at a shallow grave with a man's body in it. Davis Jager, a local birdwatcher, identifies him as GG Garcia, a rabble-rousing Key West local and developer. Garcia was famous for overdevelopment on the fragile Keys, womanising, and refusing to follow city rules – so, it's no wonder he had a few enemies. When Davis is attacked in the parking lot of a local restaurant after talking to Hayley and her dear friend, the octogenarian Miss Gloria, Hayley is slowly but surely drawn into the case. Hayley's mother, Janet, has been hired to cater GG's memorial service reception at the local Woman's Club, using recipes from their vintage Key West cookbook – and Hayley and Miss Gloria sign on to work with her, hoping to cook up some clues by observing the mourners. But the real clues appear when Hayley begins to study the old cookbook, as whispers of old secrets come to life, dragging the past into the present – with murderous results.
Mystery TP \$37.99

Flags on the Bayou **Burke, James Lee**

In the fall of 1863, the Union Army controls the Mississippi River and much of Louisiana, as the Civil War rolls on. Wade Lufkin is a man without a country or a cause – an idle spectator since New Orleans surrendered, he now paints at his uncle's plantation. That is, until he finds an intriguing new subject... Hannah Laveau is an enslaved woman who stands accused of everything from adultery to insurrection, from magic to murder. But all she wants is to find her missing son – and she will risk her life for it. When Hannah goes on the run, she must dodge the calculating and merciless local constable and the slavecatchers that prowl the bayou as she flees through Louisiana, from the cottonmouth snakes and tree-lined swamps to the dingy saloons of New Orleans. A powerful and deeply-moving Civil War thriller – a story of tragic acts of war, lost and desperate people, and love enduring through it all.
Historical thriller TP \$32.99

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Murder is a Piece of Cake

Baker Street mysteries

Burns, Valerie

With small town New Bison's Spring Festival just around the corner, the pressure is on Maddy to continue her late great-aunt Octavia's legacy. That means scoring the top prize and transforming Baby Cakes into Southwest Michigan's must-visit bakery, even though her inexperience in the kitchen brings nightmares of humiliating tagged photos and scathing reviews. There's another reason for lost beauty sleep. A second bakery is opening in town under the ownership of CJ Davenport, a shrewd investor with a reputation for sabotaging anyone who gets in his way. And savvy, flashy Maddy tops his list. It's a sticky spot to be in – more so, when Davenport turns up dead with a Baby Cakes' knife stuck in his back. Maddy's whole life just went from #thriving to barely surviving. Now, supported by the crafty Baker Street Irregulars and her new boyfriend, she must find the courage to face off against a killer who could very well get her name trending, for the first and last time...

Mystery TP \$35.00

Find Her Alive

Detective Karen Hart series

Butler, D S

Detective Karen Hart is finally getting her life back on track – enjoying her new relationship and dealing with the grief in her past. Then someone from her counselling group asks for help locating a missing friend, Phoebe Woodrow, who went out partying and never came home. Karen wonders if Phoebe's disappearance might be related to a recent spate of women having their drinks spiked. As she digs deeper, she finds out that Phoebe's work in medical research involved a shifty alliance with Quentin Chapman, a menacing local gangster – but it was also about to make her a fortune. Did Phoebe know too much? Or was it professional jealousy that put her life at risk? Chapman makes it very clear that he doesn't appreciate the police looking over his shoulder. As his threats start to hit close to home, Karen will need to face her worst fears – but can she really do that when her job has already cost her so much?

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

Peril in the Parish

Florence Norris mysteries

Cannell, Dorothy

1933, *Dovecote Hatch, England.*

Florence Norris knows she has found a good man in George 'Birdie' Bird, the landlord of the local pub, The Dog & Whistle. They are set to marry in the parish church of their beloved village of Dovecote Hatch. But when a mysterious stranger seeks out George, sharing family secrets and talks of an illegal burial years ago, an ominous dread falls over the happy couple. Meanwhile, Agnes Younger, a local recluse whose health is ailing, calls upon her cousin Sophie Dawson to come home. Sophie is relieved to be escaping a scandal, not of her making, but is soon in the thick of something far more dramatic! There may just be a link between Agnes' imminent demise and the poor soul who was buried illegally. As Florence and George are pulled reluctantly into this mystery, they uncover unpleasant truths and

dark entanglements in this idyllic English village. Not everyone is as they seem... Will Florence and George have the beautiful church wedding they long for, or will the truth stand in the way of their well-deserved happily ever after?

Historical mystery TP \$42.95

Queen High

Widowland series

Garey, C J

1955. *Britain, with the wrong queen.*

Britain remains a Protectorate of Germany. The assassination of the Leader on British soil provoked violent retribution and intensified repression of British citizens, particularly women. Now, more than ever, the Protectorate is a place of surveillance and isolation – a land of spies. The royal family has been usurped, and the widowed Queen Wallis reigns, in their place. Yet, some citizens hold out hope that Elizabeth may, one day, return. Rose Ransom marvels that she's even alive. A mere woman, her role in the Leader's death has been miraculously overlooked. Her work, now, focuses on the outlawed subject of Poetry, a form of writing that transmits subversive meanings. Therefore, all Poetry is banned, and Rose is appointed a Poet Hunter. President Eisenhower is to make a state visit to Britain and Rose is tasked with visiting Queen Wallis, to brief her. She finds Wallis in a state of paranoia, desperate to return to her American homeland. She claims she has a secret document, so explosive that it will blow the Protectorate apart – should she dare to reveal it. The sequel to *Widowland* (PBK, \$22.99), now in paperback.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Whisperer's Game

Mila Vasquez series

Garrisi, Donato

The phone call to the police arrives at dusk from an isolated farmhouse. A terrified woman's voice pleads for help. But a violent storm rages in the area, and the first available patrol only succeeds in reaching her hours later. It is too late. Something terrible has happened, something which leaves the investigators groping for clues. Just one person is able to reveal the message hidden behind this act of evil, but she left her work as a missing persons investigator to live a life of isolation; her daughter, Alice, her only companion. Even so, when she is called upon to help with this case, Mila Vasquez cannot shirk her duty. The investigation involves her even more closely than she realises. It is a game, and it has only just started. Because he is always a step ahead.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

Kill for Me Kill for You

Gavanagh, Steve

She will kill your worst enemy. All you have to do is kill hers. One dark evening, in New York City, two strangers meet by chance. Over drinks, Amanda and Wendy realise they have so much in common. They both feel alone. They both drink alone. And they both desperately want revenge against the two men who destroyed their families. Together, they have the perfect plan. If you kill for me, I'll kill for you...

Thriller TP \$32.99

Pet

Chidgey, Catherine

Like every other girl in her class, 12-year-old Justine is drawn to her glamorous, charismatic new teacher and longs to be her pet. However, when a thief begins to target the school, Justine's sense that something isn't quite right grows ever stronger. With each twist of the plot, this gripping story of deception and the corrosive power of guilt takes a yet darker turn. Young, as she is, Justine must decide where her loyalties lie. Set in New Zealand in the 1980s, probing themes of racism, misogyny, and the oppressive reaches of Catholicism.

Thriller TP \$32.99

A Dark and Stormy Tea

Tea Shop mysteries

Chids, Laura

It was a dark and stormy night, but that was the least of Theodosia Browning's troubles. As she approaches St Philips Graveyard, Theodosia sees two figures locked in a strange embrace. Wiping rain from her eyes, Theodosia realises she has just witnessed a brutal murder and sees a dark-hooded figure slip away into the fog. In the throes of alerting police, Theodosia recognises the victim – it is the daughter of her friend, Lois, who owns the Antiquarian Bookshop next door to her own Indigo Tea Shop. Even though this appears to be the work of a serial killer who is stalking the back alleys of Charleston, Lois begs Theodosia for help. Against the advice of her boyfriend, Detective Pete Riley, and the sage words of Drayton, her tea sommelier, amateur-sleuth Theodosia launches her own shadow investigation. And quickly discovers that suspects abound with the dead girl's boyfriend, nefarious real estate developer, private-security man, bumbling reporter, and her own neighbour who is writing a true-crime book and searching for a big ending.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

Marple: 12 New Stories

anthology

Christie, Agatha

A brand-new collection of short stories featuring the Queen of Crime's legendary detective Jane Marple, penned by 12 remarkable bestselling and acclaimed authors. Miss Marple was first introduced to readers in a story Christie wrote for *The Royal Magazine* in 1927 and made her first appearance in a full-length novel in 1930's *The Murder at the Vicarage*. It has been 45 years since Agatha Christie's last Marple novel, *Sleeping Murder*, was published posthumously in 1976; and this collection of ingenious new stories, by 12 Christie devotees, is a timely reminder why Jane Marple remains the most famous fictional female detective of all time. Each author reimagines Agatha Christie's Marple, through their own unique perspective, while staying true to the hallmarks of a traditional mystery. Contains stories by: Naomi Alderman, Leigh Bardugo, Alyssa Cole, Lucy Foley, Elly Griffiths, Natalie Haynes, Jean Kwok, Val McDermid, Karen M McManus, Dreda Say Mitchell, Kate Mosse, and Ruth Ware. Now in paperback.

Christie PBK \$22.99

Dark Waters Rising

Hildegard of Meaux Medieval mysteries

Clark, Cassandra

Autumn, 1394. All is not well at Swyne Priory. Dissension has arisen amongst the nuns. The new novices whisper in corners, spreading malicious rumours and sharing dark secrets. The Prioress gives Hildegard an order: search out the cause of this unrest, and put a stop to it. But before Hildegard can investigate, she's forced to deal with a new problem: the arrival of a mysterious stranger in the middle of the night, claiming his life is in danger. Hildegard isn't sure whether to believe him, but when a body is discovered near the priory, she's soon plunged into a dark and dangerous puzzle where nothing is as it seems. All she knows for certain is that a storm is coming, threatening to cut the priory off from the outside world and trap them with a killer...

Historical mystery TP \$42.95

Penance

Clark, Eliza

Do you know what happened already? Did you know her? Did you see it on the internet? Did you listen to a podcast? Did the hosts make jokes? Did you see the pictures of the body? Did you look for them? It's been years since the horrifying murder of 16-year-old Joan Wilson rocked Crow-on-Sea, and the events of that terrible night are, now, being published for the first time. That story is *Penance*, a dizzying feat of masterful storytelling, where Eliza Clark manoeuvres us through accounts from the inhabitants of this small seaside town. Placing us in the capable hands of journalist Alec Z Carelli, Clark allows him to construct what he claims is the 'definitive account' of the murder – and what led up to it. Built on hours of interviews with witnesses and family members, painstaking historical research, and most notably, correspondence with the killers, themselves, the result is a riveting snapshot of lives rocked by tragedy, and a town left in turmoil. The only question is: how much of it is true?

Mystery TP \$32.99

Bad Men

Cohen, Julie Mae

Saffy Huntley-Oliver is beautiful, charming, rich, and in her spare time she's a serial killer. For the past 15 years, she's been hunting down and killing bad men: rapists, murderers, domestic abusers. As a hobby, it's not as Instagrammable as baking. But, at least, it's better for your thighs. The problem is... that it's hard to sustain a healthy, balanced heterosexual relationship when you're expecting to have to kill your boyfriend at any moment. She's lost her faith in mankind. That's why she's decided to look for a good man instead, preferably one who shares her interests. Jon Desrosiers, with his campaigning podcast, perfect bone structure and adorably messy hair, could be just the guy for her. As the creator of a hugely popular true-crime podcast, he has to delve deep into the psyches of monsters, though he's always been on the side of justice. So begins a tale of obsession, as Saffy uses every trick in the book to get her man. Regardless of the cost to human life... Even serial killers want a happily ever after... A darkly-funny, ingenious, and outrageous thriller debut.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

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Mad Money

Nolan omnibus, Hard Case Crime

Gollins, Max Allan

Nolan must rob every store in a mall in one night – or his girlfriend dies. Nolan and Jon have put their lives of crime behind them – but when a cruel adversary from their past resurfaces, they're forced back into the heist game with a brutal ultimatum: pull off an insanely ambitious overnight robbery or Nolan's kidnapped lover won't live to see the morning. Appearing in print for the first time in 35 years, this is Nolan's biggest and deadliest job – this edition of *Mad Money* also features, for the first time ever in the same volume, the bonus full-length novel *Mourn the Living*, offering a look back at Nolan's early years as a professional thief.

Hardboiled PBK \$19.99

Desert Star

Ballard & Bosch series

Gonnelly, Michael

A year has passed, since LAPD detective Renée Ballard quit the force in the face of misogyny, demoralisation, and endless red tape. Yet, after the chief of police himself tells her she can write her ticket within the department, Ballard takes back her badge, leaving 'the Late Show' to rebuild the cold case unit at the elite Robbery-Homicide Division. For years, Harry Bosch has been working a case that haunts him but that he hasn't been able to crack – the murder of an entire family by a psychopath who still walks free. Ballard makes Bosch an offer: come work with her as a volunteer investigator in the new Open-Unsolved Unit, and he can pursue his 'white whale' with the resources of the LAPD behind him. The two must put aside old resentments to work together again, and close in on a dangerous killer.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

A Darkness More Than Night

Bosch series

Gonnelly, Michael

Harry Bosch is up to his neck in a case that has transfixed all of celebrity-mad Los Angeles: a movie director is charged with murdering an actress during sex, and then staging her death to make it look like a suicide. Bosch is both the arresting officer and the star witness in a trial that has brought the Hollywood media pack out in full-throated frenzy. Meanwhile, Terry McCaleb is enjoying an idyllic retirement on Catalina Island when a visit from an old colleague brings his former world rushing back. It's a murder, the unreadable kind of murder he specialised in solving back in his FBI days. The investigation has stalled, and the sheriff's office is asking McCaleb to take a quick look at the murder book to see if he turns up something they've missed. McCaleb's first reading of the crime scene leads him to look for a methodical killer with a taste for rituals and revenge. As his quick look accelerates into a full-sprint investigation, the two crimes – his murdered loner and Bosch's movie director – begin to overlap strangely. With one unsettling revelation after another, they merge, becoming one impossible, terrifying case, involving almost inconceivable calculation. McCaleb believes he has unmasked the most frightening killer ever to cross his sights. But his investigation

tangles with Bosch's lines, and the two men find themselves at odds in the most dangerous investigation of their lives. A reissue.

Thriller (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Wrong Side of Goodbye

Harry Bosch series

Gonnelly, Michael

Harry Bosch is LA's newest private investigator. He doesn't advertise, he doesn't have an office and he only has himself to answer to. Soon, he is hired by Whitney Vance, an ageing reclusive billionaire who is haunted by one regret. When he was young, he met his great love – but she disappeared just after revealing she was pregnant. Did she have the baby? And, if so, what happened to it? Vance wants to know the truth, and Bosch is the only person he trusts. But Bosch's instincts tell him this will be a dangerous job – not just for himself, but for the person he's looking for. A reissue.

Thriller (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Mystery in Provence

Miss Ashford Investigates

Gonroy, Vivian

Fresh from teaching at her prestigious Swiss boarding school, Miss Atalanta Ashford suddenly finds herself the most eligible young lady in society when she inherits her grandfather's substantial fortune. But with this fortune, and an elegant new Parisian home, comes a legacy passed down from grandfather to granddaughter... sleuthing discreetly for Europe's elite. This young lady isn't one to back down from a challenge and Miss Ashford must depend on her sharp wit and charm to solve her first case, which takes her to the lush lavender fields of Provence and a wedding at the mansion of the Comte de Surmonne. Now, as murder strikes twice, Atalanta will have to race to solve the case – but will she be able to stop the blushing bride from facing a fatal 'I do'? The first in a series, now in paperback.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Nine Lives and Alibis

Cat Café mysteries

Conte, Gate

It's October in Daybreak Harbor, which means everything Halloween. The town is going all out for the holiday, hoping to one up the festivities in neighbouring Salem, Massachusetts, and Maddie James is delighted to be part of the planning for the annual happenings. But trouble brews when Maddie's youngest sister, Sam, books a famous medium, Balfour Dempsey, to come to town for the celebrations and stay in the local haunted inn – along with his equally famous black cat. The town busybody books a secret reading with Balfour and doesn't want anyone to know why. Maddie's best friend Becky is hell-bent on getting Balfour to help her solve two 40-year-old mysteries – a murder and a missing maid. And the psychic has a stalker who's followed him here to the island, demanding he connect with her dead husband. When Balfour is pushed off the cliffs behind the inn to his death and his beloved cat goes missing, it throws the whole town into a frenzy. And Maddie and her family find themselves in the middle of a murder mystery straight out of a Halloween movie.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

One Puzzling Afternoon

Critchley, Emily

It is 1951, and at number six, Sycamore Street 15-year-old Edie Green is lonely. Living alone with her eccentric mother – who conducts séances for the local Ludthorpe community – she is desperate for something to shake her from her dull, isolated life. When the popular, pretty Lucy Theddle befriends Edie, she thinks all her troubles are over. But Lucy has a secret, one Edie is not certain she should keep... Then, Lucy goes missing. 2018. Edie is 82 and still living in Ludthorpe. When, one day, she glimpses Lucy Theddle, still looking the same as she did at 15, her family write it off as one of her many mix ups. There's a lot Edie gets confused about, these days. A lot she finds difficult to remember. But what she does know is this: she must find out what happened to Lucy, all those years ago...

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

All of Us are Broken

Gummins, Fiona

It's been a long time, since the Hardwicke family has been on holiday. But 13-year-old Galen has wanted to see the wild dolphins at Scotland's Chanonry Point for as long as she can remember, and her mother, Christine – a lone parent, since her beloved husband left – is determined she gets her wish. But their serene trip is about to be interrupted. When DC Saul Anguish is called to investigate the shooting of an ex-police officer in Midtown-on-Sea, Essex, he quickly discovers that this is the first in a string of killings by Missy and Fox, a damaged young couple hell-bent on infamy, their love story etched in blood. In pursuit, Saul follows their trail north. The paths of the Hardwicks' and the deadly couple are about to collide. When Saul and his forensic linguist partner, Blue, arrive on the scene, they witness the unthinkable: a mother forced to make an impossible choice. Saul must uncover the truth about the couple. But can he find the strength to lay the ghosts of his past to rest before they break him?

Mystery TP \$34.99

A House Divided

Harriet & Matthew Rowsley

Victorian mysteries

Gutler, Judith

May 1861, Victorian England.

When Matthew and Harriet Rowsley are invited to a house party at Clunston Park by Matthew's cousin, Colonel Barrington Rowsley and his wife Lady Hortensia, Harriet is nervous – surely the aristocratic guests will snub her? After all, they are but mere servants in their eyes! Her fears are realised on their first evening when the only person who deigns to speak to her is the spiteful Gräfin Weiser and confirmed when she commits a major *faux pas* at the cricket match, the following day. But there's no escape! The cricket match is abandoned, due to a storm, and flooding leaves the house guests stranded. Things worsen, when Gräfin Weiser is found murdered and the finger is quickly pointed at Clara, an 11-year-old maid as the culprit. Convinced that she cannot be guilty, Harriet and Matthew agree to investigate. The aristocratic façade begins to crumble under their scrutiny, and they start to unlock the secrets of Clunston Park.

Why does the Colonel allow his bullying friend Major Jameson so much leeway?

Is there more to the befuddled Lord Pidgeon than meets the eye? Harriet and Matthew must uncover the truth, before they find themselves in deadly danger...

Historical mystery TP \$42.95

A Deadly Web

Dorothy Martin mysteries

Dams, Jeanne M

Dorothy Martin is more than capable of dozing during a raging storm in her snug house in Sherebury, but the loud ping of an unexpected text on her husband Alan's phone quickly wakes her up. Alan's unofficial great-niece, Lucy Bowman, is coming over from the States for a conference. When Lucy arrives, she gushes about her fiancé, Iain. But Alan makes a disturbing discovery about Lucy's engagement ring, and no sooner has Iain set foot on UK soil when he's the victim of a mysterious hit and run. Was it an accident, or murder? Drawn into the police investigation, Dorothy learns that Iain was not all he seemed to be, and uncovers a shocking trail of deceit. Can she separate fact from fiction to untangle a deadly web of lies?

Mystery TP \$42.95

Murder Spills the Tea

Tea by the Sea mysteries

Delany, Vicki

The country's hottest TV cooking show is coming to Cape Cod. And against her better judgment, Lily Roberts is entering *America Bakes!* with her charming tearoom, Tea by the Sea. Filming is already proving disruptive, closing the tearoom during Lily's busiest season. But tensions really bubble over when infamous bad-boy chef and celebrity judge, Tommy Greene, loses his temper with Lily's staff, resulting in an on-camera blow up with Cheryl Wainwright. Just as Lily thinks the competition can't get bitter, Tommy is found dead in Tea by the Sea's kitchen... murdered with Lily's rolling pin. Suspicion immediately falls on Cheryl, but the temperamental star has racked up plenty of culinary clashes in the past, both on, and off, screen. And nearly anyone associated with Tommy or the show could be the killer: be it one of Lily's fierce competitors, a member of the beleaguered film crew, or even one of Tommy's fellow judges – struggling cookbook maven, Claudia D'Angelo or beauty contest winner, Scarlet McIntosh. Now, while she's baking up a storm for the show, Lily must also whip up an impromptu investigation... before the murderer rolls someone else away.

Mystery TP \$35.00

Day's End

Paul Hirschhausen series

Disher, Garry

Hirsch's rural beat is wide. Daybreak to day's end, dirt roads and dust. Every problem that besets small towns and isolated properties, from unlicensed driving to arson. In the time of the virus, Hirsch is seeing stresses heightened and social divisions cracking wide open. His own tolerance under strain; people getting close to the edge. Today, he's driving an international visitor around: Janne Van Sant, whose backpacker son went missing while the borders were closed. They're checking out his last photo site,

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his last employer. A feeling that the stories don't quite add up. Then, a call comes in: a roadside fire. Nothing much – a suitcase soaked in diesel and set alight. But two noteworthy facts emerge. Janne knows more than Hirsch about forensic evidence. And the body in the suitcase is not her son's. Disher's Hirsch series begins with *Bitter Wash Road* (PBK, \$22.99). Recommended.
Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

What's the Matter with Mary Jane?

Epitome Apartments mysteries
Dorsey, Candace Jane
When childhood friend Pris breezes back into her life begging for help with a dangerous stalker, our heroine is thrust suddenly into the world of the Canadian uber-rich. When Pris' stalker is then murdered outside her book launch, the case is closed just as quickly as it started. But something still doesn't feel right, so our nameless heroine delves into her old friend's past, seeking the mastermind behind Pris' troubles. Bunnywit does his level best to warn them, but no one else speaks Cat, so background peril soon becomes foreground betrayal and murder. Our detective walks a dangerous path in a world where money is no object and the stakes are higher, and more personal, than ever before. A follow-up to the intriguing *The Adventures of Isabel* (PBK, \$22.99).
Mystery PBK \$22.99

Mole Creek Dunbar, James

In the tiny Tasmanian town of Mole Creek, retired Australian cop and Vietnam veteran Pete McAuslan has retreated to his fishing cabin to write his memoirs. In Sydney, his grandson, journalist and trashy true crime author Xander, learns that Pete has taken his own life, begging forgiveness in a suicide note. Arriving in Mole Creek, in the aftermath of Pete's death, Xander discovers that his grandfather's laptop is missing. He begins to suspect that something is wrong, refusing to accept the facts as presented. With the local police not interested in investigating an apparently open-and-shut suicide, Xander sets about uncovering the truth of what happened to his grandfather. In the process, he discovers long-buried secrets from Pete's time serving in the Vietnam war: secrets that Pete has withheld from him and everyone else for 50 years; secrets that powerful people would prefer to stay buried. Ensnared in a web of betrayals that began a generation before, Xander finds himself on the hit list of a clinically-violent assassin. Now, he must race to identify the connection between the seemingly unremarkable death of an old Australian soldier and the imminent reactivation of the most powerful and potentially destructive 'sleeper' in the history of espionage – before the truth catches up with him.
Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Warlock Effect
Dyson, Jeremy & Nyman, Andy
Meet Louis Warlock. Man about town, denizen of Soho's nightclubs and cabaret bars – and the most skilled magician of his time... As a boy, Ludvik Weinschenk fled Nazi Germany to England, with a pack of playing cards and three tricks to his name.

Twelve years later, in 1950s' London, having risen through the ranks of concert parties, night clubs and variety theatres, Ludvik – or Louis Warlock as he is now known – is the most famous magician in Britain. But after his talent for deception attracts the attention of the British secret service, Louis is thrown into the perilous world of espionage and finds himself sent across Europe with a dangerous mission to fulfil. When he comes face to face with a nemesis, whose cunning rivals his own, Louis will need to use every trick in the book – or risk the most terrible consequences, both for the country, and for himself. A highly-entertaining, fiendishly-clever thriller, *The Warlock Effect* offers a twist-filled, rollicking adventure – and a glimpse into the phenomenal mind of an extraordinary magician.
Suspense TP \$34.99

Death Comes to the Costa Del Sol

Astrid Swift mysteries
Eccleston, M H
The sunniest days, the deadliest nights. Amidst the sun and sangria, something sinister is lurking on the Spanish coast. Usually a sleepy seaside enclave, Estopena has, instead, found itself rattled by a poison-pen campaign that is teasing out its residents' secrets on social media. Astrid Swift sailed to the sunny beaches with the intention of reconnecting with her estranged father. Instead of an emotional reunion, though, she's been tasked with catching who's been threatening his new wife. Soon, Astrid is entwined in the lives of these expats, from the boozy local heckler to the socially awkward beachcomber. But can she find the internet troll before it's too late for the town? Or will each revealed secret tear this cosy community – including Astrid and her father – even further apart? The Astrid Swift mysteries begin with *The Trust* (PBK, \$19.99).
Mystery TP \$32.99

Over My Dead Body

Evans, Maz
Dr Miriam Price has been murdered. And she's absolutely furious about it. *Hello? Can you hear me? Probably not. I'm Dr Miriam Price... and I'm dead.* The local police, who couldn't investigate their own nostrils, think I drank myself into an early grave. The nerve! I was murdered. I was just too plastered to know whodunit, that's all. Unless I prove to my inquest, this week, that my death was no 'misadventure', I'm condemned to 50 years in Limbo. I have to find my killer – but I can't communicate with any living human. Well, there's one, but she barely qualifies... Winnie – my neighbour and nemesis. It seems the dying can interact with the dead, which is helpful news for me, if not stellar for Winnie. Oh, well. She'll live. Maybe. Suspects? How long have you got? My saintly husband, who'd reached his limit? My best friend, who was anything but? My secret lover, or his wife? My disgruntled colleague? The mother who wrongly holds me responsible for her child's death? Professor Plum? Your guess is as good as mine. So, Winnie – slap on your deerstalker, and strap on your granny pants. Let's catch a killer! Assuming we don't kill each other first... An utterly original,

hilarious, and heart-warming novel about a murdered woman investigating her own death – perfect for fans of Richard Osman, Janice Hallett, and S J Bennett.
Mystery TP \$32.99

Oath of Loyalty

Mitch Rapp series
Flynn, Vince
With President Anthony Cook convinced that Mitch Rapp poses a mortal threat to him, CIA Director Irene Kennedy is forced to construct a truce between the two men. The terms are simple: Rapp agrees to leave the country and stay in plain sight for as long as Cook controls the White House. In exchange, the administration agrees not to make any moves against him. This fragile détente holds until Cook's power-hungry security adviser convinces him that Rapp has no intention of honouring their agreement. In an effort to put him on the defensive, they leak the true identity of his partner, Claudia Gould. As Rapp races to neutralise the enemies organising against her, he discovers that a new generation of assassins is on her trail. A killer known to intelligence agencies only as Legion. The shadowy group has created a business model based on double-blind secrecy. Neither the killer nor the client knows the other's identity. Because of this, Legion can't be called off nor can they afford to fail. No matter how long it takes – weeks, months, years – they won't stand down until their target is dead. Faced with the seemingly impossible task of finding and stopping Legion, Rapp and his people must close ranks against a world that has turned on them.
Thriller PBK \$22.99

American Assassin

Mitch Rapp series
Flynn, Vince
Mitch Rapp was a gifted college athlete without a care in the world... and then tragedy struck. Terrorists attacked innocent American citizens, and Rapp's girlfriend was among the murdered. Two hundred and seventy souls perished, on that cold December night; and thousands of family and friends were left, searching for comfort. But Mitch Rapp is not interested in comfort. Instead, he wants retribution. Six months of intense training with a clandestine CIA group prepare him to take the war to the enemy's doorstep, and he does so with brutal efficiency. Rapp starts in Istanbul and then moves on to Hamburg with his team and across Europe, leaving a trail of bodies. All roads lead to Beirut, though, and what Rapp doesn't know is that the enemy is aware of his existence and has prepared a trap. The hunter is about to become the hunted, and Rapp will need every ounce of skill and cunning he possesses if he is to survive. Behind the steely gaze of the nation's newest hero is a young man primed to become an American assassin. A reissue of the first in the series; now a major motion picture.
Thriller (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Booth Fowler, Karen Joy

Six brothers and sisters. One injustice that will shatter their bond forever. Junius is the patriarch, a celebrated Shakespearean actor who fled bigamy charges in England, both a mesmerising talent and a man of terrifying

instability. As his children grow up in a remote farmstead in 1830s' rural Baltimore, the country draws ever closer to the boiling point of secession and civil war. Of the six Booth siblings who survive to adulthood, each has their own dreams they must fight to realise – but it is Johnny, who makes the terrible decision that will change the course of history – the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. *Booth* is an epic and riveting novel focused on the very things that bind, and break, a family.
Historical thriller PBK \$22.99

Murder in the Pacific: Ifira Point Francis, Matt

Esther Paul is 12 years old. She is reported missing on Vanuatu local radio. Two days later, her body is found floating in the sea. Senior Constable George Wong of the Vanuatu National Police Force drops his current case to investigate her disappearance and tragic death. Limited forensics, in Vanuatu, means George and Probationary Constable Jayline Oli do not know if they are looking at a murder, or an accident. The wound to Esther's head suggests the latter. Given the precarious state of the Vanuatu Police Force George and Jayline have their work cut out, being transported in Port Vila's most decrepit and unsafe taxi van driven by Jayline's aspiring boyfriend. George's own unrequited love for a Vanuatu radio newsreader also impacts the investigation. From Mele Beach at one end of Port Vila, to Pango at the other, George and Jayline experience Vanuatu's broken roads, empty restaurants, confusing cultural norms – as well as the extravagances and corruption of foreign aid – as they attempt to solve the mysterious death.
Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Uncle Paul Fremlin, Celia

Another face, cool and smiling, framed against another rose arch, 15 years ago. Cool, in spite of the summer heat; smiling for the last time before the fearful discovery was made... The holidays have begun. In a seaside caravan resort, Isabel and her sister Meg build sandcastles with the children, navigate deckchair politics, explore the pier's delights, and gorge ice cream in the sun. But their half-sister Mildred has returned to a nearby coastal cottage, where her husband – the mysterious Uncle Paul – was arrested for his first wife's attempted murder: and family skeletons emerge. Now, on his release from prison, is he returning for revenge, seeking who betrayed him? Or are all three women letting their nerves get the better of them? Though, who really is Meg's new lover? And whose are those footsteps...?
Classic mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Slashing Through the Snow

Christmas Tree Farm mysteries
Frost, Jacqueline
Reindeer Games Christmas Tree Farm is going into the B&B business, and Holly White is looking forward to her new role as innkeeper. Even better, Mistletoe, Maine's sheriff, Evan Gray, has deputised his little sister Libby to help Holly wrap presents for Mistletoe's toy drive. But a cold wind

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ruffles the cheery holiday decorations when a new guest checks in: Karen, a vicious B&B critic, who could make or break the new inn. And the short December days turn even darker when Evan and Libby find Karen's dead body in the gift-wrapped toy donation box. The suspect list is longer than Santa's naughty list, and local resident Cookie is on it, since her fingerprints are all over the murder weapon, a metal nutcracker that she gave to Holly. So is Libby, who recently moved to town from Boston in less-than-savoury circumstances. But cranky Karen was an oh-holy-nightmare to lots of the townsfolk, such as Evan's reporter friend Ray; Christopher, the inn's former contractor; and confectioner Bonnie, whose Gum Drop Shop was a direct target of Karen's scathing prose. To figure out the killer's identity and clear Cookie's name, Holly and her friends brainstorm at The Hearth, the farm's café, while her mother keeps them fuelled with Christmas goodies fresh from the oven. But if they can't put the culprit on ice, Holly may never see another Christmas.

Mystery TP \$43.95

Web of Lies

DCI Warren Jones mysteries

Gitsham, Paul

When mother-of-two Louisa doesn't return home from work one night, her husband raises the alarm. Investigating the workshop where she ran her mail-order business reveals signs she was taken by force – and DCI Warren Jones is put on the case. As Warren and his team begin to dig into the missing woman's life, a complex network of relationships emerges. Who is Louisa's husband talking to on his second, secret phone? What's the truth about her relationship with the convicted criminal who works next door? And what happened to Louisa's university housemate, a decade ago? Can the team break through the lies and get to the truth?

Mystery PBK \$22.99

The Fine Art of Uncanny Prediction

Goddard, Robert

Umiko Wada never set out to be private detective, let alone become the one-woman operation behind the Kodaka Detective Agency. And with her former boss recently deceased in mysterious circumstances, Wada is careful to choose the cases she takes very carefully. But her interest is gripped by a mysterious businessman who wants her to track down his estranged son. But she should have known that the simplest cases are never what they seem. Soon, she finds herself pulled into a labyrinthine conspiracy with links to a 20-year-old investigation and to the chaos and trauma of the dying days of the Second World War. As Wada uncovers a dizzying web of links between then and now, it becomes clear that someone has gone to extraordinary lengths to keep the past buried. And the deeper Wada digs, the more danger she finds herself. Soon, those she loves most will be sucked into the orbit of one of the most powerful men in Tokyo. And he will do whatever it takes to hold on to that power... Another tour de force from the cunning mind of master storyteller Robert Goddard. Spanning 70 years, it takes the reader on a

head-spinning journey of twist and counter-twist which keep you guessing until the final pages. A loose sequel to *The Fine Art of Invisible Detection* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery TP \$32.99

The Honeymoon

Gray, Kate

Two happy couples. One dead body. A whole load of secrets. Married life wasn't meant to start like this. On honeymoon in Bali, you hit it off with another newlywed couple and celebrate your last night at a fancy cliff-side restaurant. No one predicted the evening would end with a dead body. But it was an accident, right? A tragic accident. The honeymoon may be over but it soon becomes clear that there's another side to this story... and your life depends on uncovering it. Many marriages can survive anything – but when it starts on a lie, is it really 'til death do us part?

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Fyneshade

Griffin, Kate

On the day of her beloved grandmother's funeral, Marta discovers that she is to become governess to the young daughter of Sir William Pritchard. Separated from her lover and discarded by her family, Marta has no choice but to journey to Pritchard's ancient and crumbling house, Fyneshade, in the wilds of Derbyshire. All is not well at Fyneshade. Marta's pupil, little Grace, can be taught nothing, and Marta takes no comfort from the silent servants who will not meet her eye. More intriguing is that Sir William is mysteriously absent, and his son and heir, Vaughan, is forbidden to enter the house. Marta finds herself drawn to Vaughan, despite the warnings of the housekeeper that he is a danger to all around him. But Marta is no innocent to be preyed upon. Guided by the dark gift taught to her by her grandmother, she has made her own plans. And it will take more than a family, riven by murderous secrets, to stop her...

Gothic mystery TP \$32.99

Bleeding Heart Yard

Harbinder Kaur mysteries

Griffiths, Elly

A murderer hides in plain sight – in the police. DS Cassie Fitzherbert has a secret. When she was at school, she and her friends were responsible for the death of a fellow pupil. Decades later, Cassie is happily married and loves her job as a police officer. Her husband persuades her to go to a school reunion and another ex-pupil, Garfield Rice, is found dead, supposedly from a drug overdose. As Garfield was an eminent MP and the investigation is high profile, it's headed by Cassie's new boss, DI Harbinder Kaur. Trouble is, Cassie can't shake the feeling that one of her old friends is behind it. Is Cassie right, or was Garfield murdered by one of his political cronies? It's in Cassie's interest to skew the investigation so that it looks like the latter and she seems to be succeeding. Until someone else is killed... The latest in Griffiths' newest series, now in paperback. 'Elly Griffiths writes with a sharp, smart eye and great elegance' – Peter James. Always recommended, at Pulp!

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Last Remains

Ruth Galloway mysteries

Griffiths, Elly

When builders renovating a café in King's Lynn unearth a human skeleton, they call for DCI Harry Nelson and Dr Ruth Galloway, Head of Archaeology at the University of North Norfolk. Ruth is preoccupied with the threatened closure of her department and by her ever-complicated relationship with Nelson. The bones are identified as those of Emily Pickering, an archaeology student who went missing in the 1990s. Emily attended a course run by her Cambridge tutor. Suspicion falls on him and on another course member – Ruth's friend Cathbad, who is still frail following his near death from COVID. As they investigate, Nelson and his team uncover a tangled web of relationships within the student group and the adults leading them. Then, just when the team seem to be making progress, Cathbad disappears. The trail leads Ruth and Nelson to the Neolithic flint mines in Grime's Graves. The race is on, first to find Cathbad and then to exonerate him, but will Ruth and Nelson uncover the truth in time to save their friend? The unmissable new book in the Dr Ruth Galloway mysteries, now in paperback. 'Elly Griffiths writes with a sharp, smart eye and great elegance' – Peter James. Always recommended, at Pulp!

Mystery PBK \$22.99

The Chasm

Hall, Bronwyn

Every town needs somewhere to hide their secrets. Andy King knew she should never return to Stonefield. Ten years ago, her boyfriend Will Hoffman disappeared without a trace and most people in the town thought she was to blame. But a decade is a long time to be homesick, and she isn't technically going back there. Only to Taplin, a small town in the neighbouring valley, far enough away from Stonefield she can stay under the radar, but close enough to the mountains that she can feel their pulse and breathe their special brand of oxygen. And it's only for four weeks, after all. But Andy didn't bargain on running into those who are still looking for Will, the ones who have the most to lose if he is ever found. Andy will go to her grave before she reveals what had happened back then, but when she realises that those same people have other secrets hidden in the mountains, it's clear she's once again in their way. And this time sending her to her grave is exactly their intention. Atmospheric, thrilling, and twisty – a white-knuckled mystery set among Victoria's most rugged mountains, from an exciting new voice in Australian noir.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

What Never Happened

Hall, Rachel Howzell

Colette 'Coco' Weber has relocated to her Catalina Island home, where, 20 years before, she was the sole survivor of a deadly home invasion. All Coco wants is to see her aunt Gwen, get as far away from her ex as possible, and get back to her craft – writing obituaries. Thankfully, her college best friend, Maddy, owns the local paper and has a job sure to keep Coco busy, considering the number of elderly folks who are dying on the island. But as Coco learns more

about these deaths, she quickly realises that the circumstances surrounding them are remarkably similar, and not natural. Then Coco receives a sinister threat in the mail: her own obituary. As Coco begins to draw connections between a serial killer's crimes and her own family tragedy, she fears that the secrets on Catalina Island might be too deep to survive. Because whoever is watching her is hell-bent on finally putting her past to rest.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

The Collector

Kaldan & Schafer mysteries

Hancock, Anne Mette

A boy has disappeared from his school. Heloise Kaldan heads over there to look into it. At the schoolyard she runs into her close friend Erik Schafer, the outspoken investigator on this case. The boy, Lukas, doesn't show up, but his phone does. It reveals that Lukas is obsessed with pareidolia: the psychological phenomenon that makes us see faces in random things. One particular photo of a barn door that looks like a face catches their attention. Is this where Lukas is? Heloise is ordered to drop her current article, a controversial investigation into soldiers with PTSD, to cover the story of the missing boy. But when things that point to the traumatised soldiers appear in Lukas' case, Schafer will need Heloise's help making heads or tails of this enormous jumble of clues... The sequel to *The Corpse Flower* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Exiles

Aaron Falk mysteries

Harper, Jane

At a busy festival site on a warm spring night, a baby lies alone in her pram, her mother vanishing into the crowds. A year on, Kim Gillespie's absence casts a long shadow as her friends and loved ones gather deep in the heart of South Australian wine country to welcome a new addition to the family. Joining the celebrations is federal investigator Aaron Falk. But as he soaks up life in the lush valley, he begins to suspect this tight-knit group may be more fractured than it seems. Between Falk's closest friend, a missing mother, and a woman he's drawn to, dark questions linger as long-ago truths begin to emerge. The next in the bestselling series featuring Australian Federal policeman, Aaron Falk.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Soulmate

Hepworth, Sally

He said she jumped. He wouldn't lie. Before the woman went over the cliff, Pippa and Gabe were happy. They had the kind of marriage that everyone envies, as well as two sweet young daughters, a supportive family, and a picturesque cliff-side home – which would have been idyllic had the tall beachside cliffs not become so popular among those wishing to end their lives. Gabe has become somewhat of a local hero since they moved to the cliff house, talking seven people down from stepping off the edge. But when Gabe fails to save the eighth, a sordid web of secrets begins to unravel, pushing bonds of loyalty and love to the brink. What wouldn't you do for your soulmate?

Thriller PBK \$22.99

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The Missing Wife and the Stone Fen Siamese High, Kate

Driving home from a ceramics evening class, Clarice Beech reflects on the absence of one of her students, Colin Compton-Smythe. Later, Emily, Colin's daughter, telephones to say her father has died during routine surgery. Distraught, Emily opens up to Clarice about his wretched childhood and the day five-year-old Colin returned home to discover Avril, his mother, gone. Colin never believed she would have left without him and had been trying to find out more about Avril's disappearance, all those years ago. Clarice readily agrees to accompany Emily to Colin's funeral. On arriving at the stunning Victorian Gothic manor house, with Bellatrix, the majestic stone Siamese cat reposing at its entrance, Clarice soon becomes drawn into the fractious world of the Compton-Smythe family: Colin's argumentative father Ralph and his equally combative partner Tessa, their daughter, Dawn, being stalked by an ex-lover and, most unsettling of all, Ernestine, Ralph's emotionally unpredictable sister. And then there's Johnson, Ralph's menacing manservant. Clarice discovers the nearer she gets to the truth, the greater she is in danger as somebody is intent that the mystery of the missing wife should never be resolved.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

The Twist of a Knife

Hawthorne mysteries

Horowitz, Anthony

'I've written three books and our deal is over.' That's what reluctant author Anthony Horowitz tells ex-detective Daniel Hawthorne in an awkward meeting. The truth is that Anthony has got other things on his mind. His new play, a thriller called *Mindgame*, is about to open at the famous Vaudeville theatre in Shoreditch. Not surprisingly, Hawthorne declines a ticket to the opening night. The play is not enjoyed by the critics. In particular, *Sunday Times* critic Harriet Throsby gives it a savage review, focusing particularly on the writing. The next day, Throsby is stabbed in the heart with an ornamental dagger which, it turns out, belongs to Anthony, and which has his fingerprints all over it. Anthony is arrested by an old enemy... Detective Inspector Cara Grunshaw. She's still smarting from her failure to solve the case described in the second Hawthorne adventure: *The Sentence is Death*. She blames Anthony for her failure. And now she's out for revenge. Thrown into prison and brutally interrogated, Anthony is the prime suspect in Throsby's murder and as a second theatre critic is found to have died in mysterious circumstances, the net closes in. Ever more desperate, he realises that only one man can help him. But will Hawthorne take the call?

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Lost Women

Inspector Low mysteries

Humphreys, Neil

Detective Inspector Stanley Low. Belligerent, bipolar and brilliant. A Chinese-Singaporean, educated in London with a foot in both cities, his mission to eradicate violent crime wherever he finds it. Twelve women are found in the back of a truck, dumped in the Essex

marshlands. They all have knives, but have nothing to say, except Grace. She will only speak to DI Stanley Low. Brought in to assist with the case, Low finds himself dealing with a global trafficking ring and a high-profile billionaire. As one by one his witnesses are killed off, he has no choice but to return to Singapore to examine the darkest corners of the Asian city in his hunt for the traffickers. He must hurry. Another truck is being prepared. Another 12, vulnerable women are being groomed. Low can only find them, if he uncovers the ugliest of truths. The first in Inspector Low's adventures is *Marina Bay Sins* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Dead Man's Grip

Roy Grace mysteries

James, Peter

Carly Chase is traumatised 10 days after being in a fatal traffic accident which kills a teenage student from Brighton University. Then she receives news that turns her entire world into a living nightmare. The drivers of the other two vehicles involved have been found tortured and murdered. Now, Detective Superintendent Roy Grace of the Sussex Police force issues a stark and urgent warning to Carly: She could be next. A reissue.

Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$24.99

Not Dead Yet

Roy Grace mysteries

James, Peter

For LA producer Larry Brooker, this is the movie that could bring the fortune that has so long eluded him... For rock superstar, Gaia, desperate to be taken seriously as an actor, this is the role that could get her an Oscar nomination... For the City of Brighton and Hove, the publicity value of a major Hollywood movie being filmed on location, about the city's greatest love story – between King George IV and Maria Fitzherbert – is incalculable. For Detective Superintendent Roy Grace of Sussex CID, it is a nightmare unfolding in front of his eyes. An obsessed stalker is after Gaia. One attempt on her life is made days before she leaves her Bel Air home to fly to Brighton. Now, he has been warned, the stalker may be at large in his city, waiting, watching, planning. A reissue.

Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$24.99

Dead Like You

Roy Grace mysteries

James, Peter

The Metropole Hotel, Brighton. After a heady New Year's Eve ball, a woman is brutally raped as she returns to her room. A week later, another woman is attacked. Both victims' shoes are taken by the offender... Detective Superintendent Roy Grace soon realises that these new cases bear remarkable similarities to an unsolved series of crimes in the city, back in 1997. The perpetrator had been dubbed 'Shoe Man' and was believed to have raped five women before murdering his sixth victim and vanishing. Could this be a copycat, or has Shoe Man resurfaced? When more women are assaulted, Grace becomes increasingly certain that they are dealing with the same man. And that by delving back into the past – a time in which we see Grace and his missing wife Sandy still apparently happy together –

he may find the key to unlocking the current mystery. Soon Grace and his team will find themselves in a desperate race against the clock to identify and save the life of the new sixth victim... A reissue.

Mystery/suspense (reissue) PBK \$24.99

Reykjavík

Jónasson, Ragnar & Jakobsdóttir, Katrín

Iceland, 1956. What happened to Lara?

Fourteen-year-old Lara spends the summer on the small island of Videy, just off the coast of Reykjavík. In early August, the girl disappears, without a trace. The mystery becomes Iceland's greatest unsolved case. What happened to the young girl? Is she still alive? Did she leave the island, or did something happen to her there? Thirty years later, journalist Valur Robertsson begins his own investigation into Lara's case. But as he draws closer to discovering the secret, it's soon clear that this is a mystery someone will stop at nothing to keep unsolved... An ice-cold mystery haunts Reykjavík, in 1986, in this heart-stopping new crime novel, co-written by the Icelandic Prime Minister Katrín Jakobsdóttir.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Get

Kalteis, Dietrich

Lenny Ovitz has plenty of secrets, and his wife, Paulina, has become a liability. His life would be so much better without her in it. It's the mid-'60s in Toronto, and Lenny works for a ruthless gangster whose travel agency is a front for a collections racket in the Kensington Market area. Lenny's days are spent with his partner, Gabe, terrorising the locals into paying protection on their shops and their lives. On the side, Lenny and Gabe co-own a tenement block that they bought with dirty money borrowed from shady individuals. Overextended, Lenny plans to pay them back with more borrowed money from other loans and by re-mortgaging his house, without the knowledge of his wife. Tired of his lies and scheming, Paulina demands a divorce. Lenny is certain she's going to take him for everything, leaving him unable to pay the debt on the tenement block. And that's likely to get him pitched off one of his own rooftops. Lenny would rather get than be gotten, so he comes up with a sure-fire way to end both his marital and money problems – Paulina's going to have to get whacked.

Caper TP \$34.99

The Coldest Blood

Philip Dryden mysteries

Kelly, Jim

As midwinter temperatures grip the cathedral city of Ely, a man is found frozen to death in his high-rise flat. The police may think that Declan McIlroy killed himself, but journalist Philip Dryden is not convinced, and he begins digging for the truth. All too soon, there's another frozen corpse to consider – that of Declan's best friend. And, suddenly, a routine suicide gives way to a chilling trail of cruelty and betrayal stretching back 30 years, towards a mystery from Dryden's own childhood. A reissue.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

The Skeleton Man

Philip Dryden mysteries

Kelly, Jim

For 17 years, the Cambridgeshire hamlet of Jude's Ferry has lain abandoned, requisitioned by the Government for military training. In its 1,000-year-old history, it had been famous for one thing, never having recorded a single crime. But when local reporter Philip Dryden joins the Territorial Army on exercise in the empty village, its spotless history is literally blown apart. For the Territorial Army's shells reveal a hidden cellar beneath the old pub. And, inside the cellar, hangs a skeleton, a noose around its neck... A reissue.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Death of a Lesser God

Inspector Wadia mysteries

Khan, Vaseem

Bombay, 1950. Can a white man receive justice in post-colonial India? James Whitby, sentenced to death for the murder of prominent lawyer and former Quit India activist Fareed Mazumdar, is less than two weeks from a date with the gallows. In a last-ditch attempt to save his son, Whitby's father, arch-colonialist, Charles Whitby, forces a new investigation into the killing. The investigation leads Inspector Persis Wadia of the Bombay Police to the old colonial capital of Calcutta, where, with the help of Scotland Yard criminalist Archie Blackfinch, she uncovers a possible link to a second case, the brutal murder of an African-American GI, during the Calcutta Killings of 1946. How are the cases connected? If Whitby didn't murder Mazumdar, then who did? And why?

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

Murder in Berlin

Blind Detective mysteries

Koning, Christina

Berlin, 1933. The Nazi regime is gaining devastating power as Hitler is appointed Chancellor and stark oppression begins to unfold in Germany, blind war veteran Frederick Rowlands takes on the most challenging investigation of his life. A glamorous film star has been murdered and the menacing political undercurrents drag Rowlands into the heart of the German film industry. Rowlands discovers that he is closer to the action than he originally thought as his young nephew, Billy, was the last one to see the movie star alive. As the violence in Berlin escalates, Rowlands must race to find Billy before someone else does. Someone desperate to conceal the identity of the killer. Originally published as *Out of Shot*, under the pseudonym, A C Koning.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Murder at

Hendon Aerodrome

Blind Detective mysteries

Koning, Christina

May 1931. For blind First World War veteran, Frederick Rowlands, the craze for flying holds little interest – after all, he is unlikely ever to set foot in an aeroplane, himself. However, a chance meeting with a famous flier draws Rowlands into the glamorous, and dangerous, world of aviation. When a

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body is discovered in one of the hangars at Hendon aerodrome, he finds himself buffeted by a turbulent mix of jealousy, betrayal, and murder. Originally published as *Time of Flight*, under the pseudonym, A C Koning. Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Taste of Blood

Tennison series

la Plante, Lynda

Detective Jane Tennison made a bad choice. She was the one who put in a transfer to the quiet, local police station in Bromley, keen to escape the relentless pressure of her former West End department. Now, she regrets her decision. The tedium of petty crime investigations even makes her question remaining in the force. But then a complicated domestic assault case lands on her desk – one that might still result in a murder charge if the victim dies of his injuries. The warring neighbours who witnessed the assault intrigue Jane. The case has a sinister underbelly, she can sense it. And when Jane discovers a handsome young boy had recently disappeared after the tragic death of his girlfriend, every family in the private close becomes a suspect. As Tennison hunts for the link between the crimes, she uncovers a truth more shocking than she could have contemplated. One that will either make her career – or break it.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Viper's Dream

LaMar, Jake

A turbulent love story, with a climax bearing an element of Greek tragedy. For the better part of 20 years, Clyde 'The Viper' Morton has been in love with Yolanda 'Yo-Yo' DeVray, a singer of immense talent but a woman consumed by demons. By turns ambitious and self-destructive, conniving, and naïve, Yo-Yo is a classic *femme fatale*. She is a bright star in a constellation of compelling characters including the chauffeur-turned-gangster Peewee Robinson, the Jewish kingpin Abraham 'Mr O' Orlinsky, the heroin dealer West Indian Charlie, the corrupt cop Red Carney, the wife-beating singer Pretty Paul Baxter, the pimp Buttercup Jones and the brutal enforcer Randall Country Johnson. A hardboiled crime novel set in the jazz world of Harlem between 1936 and 1961, *Viper's Dream* combines elements of the epic *Godfather* films, and the detective novels of Chester Himes – to tell the story of one of the most respected and feared Black gangsters in America. But it has a fast-paced vibe all its own, a story charged with suspense, intrigue and plot twists and spiced with violence and humour. It is also steeped in music; the story is intertwined with the history of jazz, over a quarter century.

Hardboiled PBK \$22.99

The Cornish Wedding Murder

Nosey Parker mysteries

Leitch, Fiona

Still spinning from the hustle and bustle of city life, Jodie 'Nosey' Parker is glad to be back in the Cornish village she calls home. Having quit the Met Police, in search of something less dangerous, the change of

pace means she can finally start her dream catering company and raise her daughter, Daisy, somewhere safer. But there's nothing quite like having your first job, back at home, be catering an ex-boyfriend's wedding to remind you of just how small your village is. And when the bride vanishes, Jodie is drawn into the investigation, realising that life in the countryside might not be as quaint as she remembers. With a missing bride on their hands, murder and mayhem lurks around every corner... But, surely, saving the day will be a piece of cake for this not-so-amateur sleuth? This first in a series was previously published as *Murder on the Menu*.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

The Birthday Murder

American Mystery Classic

Lewis, Lange

A successful writer and a B-movie director seem like the perfect match in the Hollywood hills, and with him working to produce her novel for an upcoming film, the pair's recent marriage isn't the only way that they're connected. But when the husband is found murdered on the wife's birthday, using a method of poisoning that was described in one of her books, Victoria suddenly becomes the main suspect as her new happy life comes crashing down around her. The case appears straightforward from the outside, but the LAPD investigator on the scene finds the truth to be anything but. Though all the signs point to Victoria, there's no motive to be found. Now, to solve the mystery of whodunnit, he'll have to dig beneath the veneer of the household and reveal its inner workings, and to understand the deadly drama that unfolded just beneath the surface. Reprinted for the first time in over half a century, *The Birthday Murder* is a beautifully written and psychologically astute Golden Age mystery set in old Los Angeles. It will appeal to fans of vintage whodunnits and of standout domestic suspense authors from the era such as Dorothy B Hughes, Charlotte Armstrong, and Margaret Millar. Lange Lewis was the pseudonym of Los Angeles-based writer Jane Lewis Brandt (1915–2003). She also wrote as Jane Beynon, and under her own name.

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

A Murder of Aspic Proportions

Sunflower Café mysteries

Lillard, Amy

Twenty-something Sissy Yoder never imagined herself running her Aunt Bethel's café, but her help is needed, so she's making a go of it. And she must admit that life, in tiny Yoder, has been anything but dull – she's already solved one homicide – after being named the prime suspect in the case! Enjoying a peaceful respite after all that excitement, Sissy just wants to write her advice column, hang out with her loyal Yorkie, Duke, and procure some of local farmer Walt Summers' scrumptious 'To Die For' tomatoes for the Sunshine Café's menu. But when the unsavoury Summers – resented by just about everyone in town – turns up murdered in his garden shed, it's up to Sissy to roll up her sleeves, dig for some clues, and weed out the culprit...

Mystery PBK \$24.99

London in Black

Lutz, Jack

DI Lucy Stone's life was changed forever when terrorists deployed a lethal nerve gas at Waterloo Station, killing 10% of London's population. Lucy should have died – but she didn't. When London's most important scientist is brutally murdered, Lucy discovers he may have been working on an antidote to the chemical weapon. But time is running out. Will Lucy find the antidote – and catch the killer – before it's too late?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

All I Said was True

Mahmood, Imran

When Amy Blahn died on a London rooftop, Layla Mahoney was there. Layla was holding her. But all she can say when she's arrested is that: 'It was Michael. Find Michael and you'll find out everything you need to know.' The problem is... the police can't find him – they aren't even sure he exists. Layla knows she only has 48 hours to convince the police that bringing in the man she knows only as 'Michael' will clear her name and reveal a dangerous game affecting not just Amy and Layla, but her husband Russell and countless others. But as the detectives begin to uncover the whole truth about what happened to Amy, Layla will soon have to decide: how much of that truth can she really risk being exposed?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Keeper of Hidden Books

Martin, Madeline

All her life, Zofia has found comfort in two things: books and her best friend, Janina. But no one could have imagined the horrors of the Nazi occupation, in Warsaw. As the bombs rain down and Hitler's forces loot and destroy the city, Zofia finds that, now, books are also in need of saving.

Historical mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Tokyo Express

Penguin Modern Classics

Matsumoto, Seicho

A perfectly-plotted, cosy detective story from Seicho Matsumoto, Japan's master of mystery. In a rocky cove in the bay of Hakata, the bodies of a young and beautiful couple are discovered. Standing in the coast's wind and cold, the police see nothing to investigate: the flush of the couple's cheeks speaks clearly of cyanide, of a lovers' suicide. But in the eyes of two men, Torigai Jutaro, a senior detective, and Kiichi Mihara, a young gun from Tokyo, something is not quite right. Together, they begin to pick at the knot of a unique and calculated crime... Now, widely available in English for the first time, *Tokyo Express* is celebrated around the world as Seicho Matsumoto's masterpiece – and as one of the most fiendish puzzles ever written.

Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

A Winter Grave

May, Peter

A young meteorologist checking a mountaintop weather station in Kinlochleven discovers the body of a missing man entombed in ice. Cameron Brodie, a Glasgow detective, sets out on a hazardous journey to the isolated and ice-bound village. He has his own reasons for wanting to investigate a murder case so far from his beat. Brodie must

face up to the ghosts of his past and to a killer determined to bury forever the chilling secret that his investigation threatens to expose. Set against a backdrop of a frighteningly plausible near future, in the isolated Scottish Highlands, this is Peter May at his page-turning, passionate, and provocative best.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Housemaid's Secret

Housemaid series

McFadden, Freida

It's hard to find an employer, who doesn't ask too many questions about my past. So, I thank my lucky stars that the Garricks miraculously give me a job cleaning their stunning penthouse with views across the city, and preparing fancy meals in their shiny kitchen. I can work here for a while, stay quiet until I get what I want. It's almost perfect. But I haven't seen the inside of the guest bedroom, which I'm forbidden to enter. And I still haven't met Mrs Garrick. I'm sure I hear her crying. I notice spots of blood around the neck of her white nightgowns when I'm doing laundry. One day, I can't help but knock on the door. When it gently swings open, what I see inside changes *everything*... That's when I make a promise. After all, I've done this before. I can protect Mrs Garrick while keeping my own secrets locked up safe. Douglas Garrick has done wrong. He is going to pay. It's simply a question of how far I'm willing to go... The sequel to the twisty *The Housemaid* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Last Masterpiece

Morelli, Laura

In the summer of 1943, Eva Brunner is taking photographs of Nazi-looted art hidden in the salt mines of the Austrian hinterland. Across the ocean in Connecticut, Josephine Evans is working as a humble typist at the Yale Art Gallery. When both women are called to Italy to contribute to the war effort, neither imagines she will hold the fate of some of the world's greatest masterpieces torn from the Uffizi Galleries and other Florentine art collections in her hands. But, as Italy turns from ally to enemy and Hitler's plan to destroy irreplaceable monuments and works of art becomes frighteningly clear, each woman's race against the clock – and against one another – might demand more than they were prepared to give. Inspired by the incredible true story of the Monuments Women, the Fifth Army WACs, and the looted Florentine art collections during World War II; this is a heart-pumping adventure up the Italian peninsula, where nothing is as it seems and some of the greatest works of art and human achievement are at stake. Who might steal, and who might save, a work of art – and at what cost?

Historical suspense TP \$42.95

Murder Under a Red Moon

Bangalore Detectives mysteries

Nagendra, Harini

When new bride Kaveri Murthy reluctantly agrees to investigate a minor crime during the blood moon eclipse to please her domineering mother-in-law, she doesn't expect to stumble upon a murder – again. With anti-British sentiments on the rise, a charismatic religious

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leader growing in influence, and the fight for women's suffrage gaining steam, Bangalore is turning out to be a far more dangerous place than Kaveri ever imagined, and everyone's motives are suspect. Together, with the Bangalore Detectives Club – a mixed bag of people including street urchins, nosy neighbours, an ex-prostitute, and a policeman's wife – Kaveri once again sleuths in her sari and hunts for clues in her beloved 1920s' Ford. But when Kaveri's life is suddenly put in danger, she realises that she might be getting uncomfortably close to the truth. So, she must now draw on her wits and find the killer – before they find her...

The next in the charming, joyful cosy crime series set in 1920s' Bangalore, featuring sari-wearing detective Kaveri and her husband Ramu; following *The Bangalore Detectives Club* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery PBK \$24.99

The Berlin Gambit O'Donnell, David

1941, Berlin. After Police Chief Investigator Rolf Schneider is summoned to a meeting with Himmler and tasked with investigating the assassination of Heydrich, he exposes a web of corruption and secrecy involving the highest-ranking figures in the Reich. Schneider is faced with an agonising dilemma, for the secret he discovers is both the only thing that can save his life and what will mark him down for certain death. His choice will propel him into a desperate race against the clock, one in which he literally has to travel to the very heart of darkness to realise his goal.

Suspense PBK \$19.99

The Final Round

Garibaldi mysteries

O'Keefe, Bernard

Introducing Detective DI Garibaldi, a country-music loving, self-educated detective, and the only cop in the Metropolitan Police who can't drive a car. On the morning after Boat Race Day, a man's body is found in a nature reserve beside the Thames. He has been viciously stabbed, his tongue cut out, and an Oxford college scarf stuffed in his mouth. The body is identified as that of Nick Bellamy, last seen at the charity quiz organised by his Oxford contemporary, the popular newsreader Melissa Matthews. Enter DI Garibaldi, whose first task is to look into Bellamy's contemporaries from Balfour College. In particular, the surprise 'final round' of questions at this year's charity quiz in which guests were invited to guess whether allegations about Melissa Matthews and her Oxford friends are true. These allegations range from plagiarism and shoplifting to sextortion and murder... The first in a series

Mystery PBK \$19.99

Private Lessons

Garibaldi mysteries

O'Keefe, Bernard

Private tutoring is booming and someone's making a killing. An Autumnal Sunday morning, a hungover jogger stumbles across a dead body covered in blood, in Barnes Old Common Cemetery, a long-abandoned Gothic graveyard frequented by druggies and drunkards. The victim has spent the summer working in Italy for the wealthy Rivetti

family, who appear have something to hide, as too do his bosses at the high-end Forum Tutorial Agency. And why are his old friends, who he'd been partying with, the night before, quite so reticent when questioned? Enter DI Garibaldi, the Met's only non-driving, country music-loving detective. His first step, to unravel the complex workings of the private tuition company, the Forum Agency. A sequel to *The Final Round* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery HC \$34.99

Zero Sum

collection

Oates, Joyce Carol

Zero-sum games are played for lethal stakes in these arresting stories by one of America's most acclaimed writers. A brilliant young philosophy student bent on seducing her famous philosopher-mentor finds herself outmanoeuvred; diabolically clever high school girls wreak a particularly apt sort of vengeance on sexual predators in their community; a woman stalked by a would-be killer may be confiding in the wrong former lover; a young woman is morbidly obsessed by her unfamiliar new role as 'mother'. In the collection's longest story, a much-praised cutting-edge writer cruelly experiments with 'drafts' of his own suicide. In these powerfully wrought stories that hold a mirror up to our time, Joyce Carol Oates has created a world of erotic obsession, thwarted idealism, and ever-shifting identities. Provocative and stunning, *Zero Sum* reinforces Oates' standing as a literary treasure and an artist of the mysterious interior life.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

A Quiet Teacher Oyebanji, Adam

Greg Abimbola is a language teacher at the prestigious Calderhill Academy in Pittsburgh. Only that's not his real name... or the only secret he's hiding. Greg has a closetful. When the murder of a wealthy parent on school premises shines an unwanted spotlight on Calderhill Academy, Greg is determined to avoid attention. That is until the closest person to a true friend Greg has is arrested for the murder. To prove her innocence, Greg will reluctantly emerge from the shadows. But doing so will put him in danger. His past is determined to find him... and his past is full of bad things.

Mystery TP \$42.95

The Pit

DS George Manolis series

Papathanasiou, Peter

With DS Manolis on leave in Greece, Senior Constable Sparrow receives a phone call, from a man who wants to turn himself in. Bob is 65 years old, confined to a Perth nursing home. But 30 years ago, he killed a man in the remote northern Kimberley mining region. He offers to show Sparrow where the body is, but there's a catch: Sparrow must travel north with him, under the guise of being his carer. They are accompanied on the drive by another nursing home resident: Luke, 30 years old, paralysed in a motorbike accident. As they embark on their road trip through the guts of Western Australia, pursued by outback police and

adrenaline-soaked miners, Sparrow begins to suspect that Bob's desire to head north may have sinister motivations. Is Luke being held against his will? And what lies in store for them when they reach their goal? This popular outback noir series begins with *The Stoning* (TP, \$29.99).

Noir TP \$32.99

To Die in June

Harry McCoy series

Parks, Alan

A woman enters a Glasgow police station to report her son missing, but no record can be found of the boy. When Detective Harry McCoy, seconded from the cop shop across town, discovers the family is part of the cultish Church of Christ's Suffering, he suspects there is more to Michael's disappearance than meets the eye. Meanwhile, reports arrive of a string of poisonings of down-and-outs across the city. The dead are men who few barely notice, let alone care about – but, as McCoy is painfully aware, among this desperate community is his own father. Even as McCoy searches for the missing boy, he must conceal from his colleagues the real reason for his presence – to investigate corruption in the station. Some folk pray for justice. Detective Harry McCoy hasn't got time to wait.

Noir HC \$34.99

James Patterson

by James Patterson

The Stories of My Life

Patterson, James

His best stories are the stories of his life...

His father grew up in a New York poorhouse called the 'Pogie'. He worked at a psychiatric hospital where he met the singer James Taylor and the poet Robert Lowell. Both were patients. He was at Woodstock and was also an usher at the Fillmore East. He was CEO of advertising agency J Walter Thompson North America when he was 37. He wrote the ad jingle, 'I'm a Toys 'R' Us Kid'. He once watched Norman Mailer and James Baldwin square off to fight. He's played golf with three US presidents, and has nine holes in one. Dolly Parton sang 'Happy Birthday' to him over the phone. She calls him Jimmy James. James says, 'I always wanted to write the kind of novel that is read and reread so many times the binding breaks, and the book literally falls apart, pages scattered in the wind. I'm still working on that one.'

Autobiography PBK \$24.99

Two Nights in Lisbon

Pavone, Chris

Ariel Pryce wakes up in Lisbon, alone. Her husband is gone – no warning, no note, not answering his phone. Something is wrong. She starts with hotel security, then the police, then the American embassy, each time confronting questions she can't fully answer: What exactly is John doing in Lisbon? Why would he drag her along on his business trip? Who would want to harm him? And why does Ariel know so little about her new – and much younger – husband? The clock is ticking. Ariel is increasingly frustrated and desperate, running out of time, and the one person in the world who can help is the person she least wants to ask.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Gone Tonight

Pekkanen, Sarah

Catherine Sterling thinks she knows her mother. Ruth Sterling is quiet, hardworking, and lives for her daughter. All her life, it's been just the two of them against the world. But now, Catherine is ready to spread her wings, move from home, and begin a new career. And Ruth Sterling will do anything to prevent that from happening. Ruth Sterling thinks she knows her daughter. Catherine would never rebel, would never question anything about her mother's past or background. But when Ruth's desperate quest to keep her daughter by her side begins to reveal cracks in Ruth's carefully-constructed world, both mother and daughter begin a dance of deception. No one can know Ruth's history. There is a reason why Ruth kept them moving, every few years, and why she was ready – in a moment's notice – to be gone in the night. But danger is closing in. Is it coming from the outside, from Ruth's past? Is Ruth reaching a breaking point? Or is the danger coming from the darkness that may live in Catherine, herself?

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Golden Age Bibliomysteries

American Mystery Classic

Penzler, Otto (editor)

In these classic mystery tales, literature is a matter of life or death... Of crime fiction's many subgenres, none is so reflexive and so intriguing as the 'bibliomystery'. These are stories that involve crimes set, somehow, in the world of books – stories that feature a book scout as a sleuth, for example, or that find a literary heir killing to preserve an estate. Perhaps, because it deals with a subject that authors know well, this type of plot comes up throughout the history of the genre. This volume collects the finest of such stories written by American authors, during the Golden Age of mystery – the decades between the two World Wars. It includes works by household names such as Cornell Woolrich and John Dickson Carr, and less-remembered writers such as James Gould Cozzens and Lawrence Sanders.

Classic mystery TP/HC \$32.99/\$55.00

The Left-Handed Twin

Jane Whitefield series

Perry, Thomas

Jane Whitefield helps people disappear. Fearing for their lives, fleeing dangerous situations, her clients come to her when they need to vanish completely – to assume a new identity and establish a new life somewhere they won't be found. And when people are desperate enough to need her services, they come to the old house in rural western New York where Jane was raised to begin their escape. It's there that, one spring night, Jane finds a young woman fresh from LA with a whole lot of trouble behind her. After she cheated on her boyfriend, he dragged her to the home of the offending man and made her watch as he killed him. She testified against the boyfriend, but a bribed jury acquitted him, and now he's free and trying to find and kill her. Jane agrees to help, and it soon becomes clear that outsmarting the murderous boyfriend is not beyond Jane's skills. But the boyfriend has some new friends: members of a Russian organised

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crime brotherhood. When they learn that Sara is travelling with a tall, dark-haired woman who disappears people, the Russians become increasingly interested in helping the boyfriend find the duo. They've heard rumours that such a woman existed – and believe that, if forcibly extracted, the knowledge she has of past clients could be worth millions. Thus begins a bloodthirsty chase that winds through the cities of the northeast before finally plunging into Maine's Hundred Mile Wilderness. But in a pursuit where nothing can be trusted, one thing is certain: only one party – Jane or her pursuers – will emerge alive.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$19.99

Edith and Kim Philby, Charlotte

To betray, you must first belong...

In June 1934, Kim Philby met his Soviet handler, the spy Arnold Deutsch. The woman who introduced them was called Edith Tudor-Hart. She changed the course of 20th century history. Then she was written out of it. Drawing on the Secret Intelligence Files on Edith Tudor-Hart, along with the private archive letters of Kim Philby, this finely worked, evocative and beautifully tense novel – by the granddaughter of Kim Philby – tells the story of the woman, behind the Third Man.

Historical suspense PBK \$22.99

Magic, Lies, and Deadly Pies

Pies Before Guys mysteries

Popp, Misha

The first time Daisy Ellery killed a man with a pie, it was an accident. Now, it's her calling. Daisy bakes sweet vengeance into her pastries, which she and her dog Zoe deliver to the men who've done dirty deeds to the town's women. But if she can't solve the one crime that's not of her own baking, she'll be out of the pie pan and into the oven. Parking her Pies Before Guys mobile bakery van, outside the local diner, Daisy is informed by Frank – the crusty diner owner – that someone's been prowling around the van... and not just to inhale the delectable aroma. Already on thin icing with Frank, she finds a letter on her door, threatening to reveal her unsavoury secret sideline of pie à la murder. Blackmail? But who whipped up this half-baked plot, to cut a slice out of Daisy's business? Purple-haired campus do-gooder Melly? Noel, the tender – if flaky – farm boy? Or one of the abusive men who prefer their pie without a deadly scoop of payback? The upcoming, statewide pie contest could be Daisy's big chance to help wronged women everywhere... if she doesn't meet a sticky end first. Because Daisy knows the blackmailer won't stop until her business is in crumbles. The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$43.95

Flight Risk

Booking Agents series

Priest, Cherie

When psychic travel agent Leda Foley is approached by a man searching for his sister, she quickly agrees to help. The missing woman disappeared with a vintage orange car, a fat sack of her employer's cash, and a grudge against her philandering husband – a man who never even reported her missing. Meanwhile, Seattle PD detective Grady

Merritt has temporarily misplaced his dog. While he's passing out bright pink 'Lost' flyers at the Mount Rainier visitor's centre, the wayward pooch appears – with a human leg in his mouth. Thanks to DNA matching, Grady learns that the leg has something to do with Leda's new client; and, soon, the two cases are tangled. Themes abound, but law enforcement is low on leads. Lucky for Grady, Leda has a few ideas that might just be crazy enough to work. They'll need one yellow dog, a fair share of teamwork... and, perhaps, a bit of Klairvoyant Karaoke to piece the clues together.

Mystery TP \$39.95

The Monster of the Mere

Sherlock Holmes

Purser-Hallard, Philip

When Watson's holiday in the Lake District takes a sinister twist, he and Holmes must uncover the truth hidden by superstitious locals, folklore, and rumours of prehistorical monsters far away from the familiar streets of London... A serene walking holiday in the Lake District becomes a far more sinister excursion for Dr Watson – when disappearances and murders start occurring in the small town of Wermeholt. Local legends, rumours of large slithering reptiles, and spooked palaeontologists have the denizens paranoid and terrified, so it is up to Watson and his inbound companion Sherlock Holmes to uncover the truth and discover what is really lurking in the lake...

Sherlockiana PBK \$19.99

Blood Sisters

Quinn, Gate

Some women just can't take a joke. At least, that's what locals tell the police when a man is found gruesomely murdered at the pub, in a tiny outback town. All fingers point to the backpackers working behind the bar that night – sorority sisters Beth and Lauren, who skipped town, before the body was discovered. Despite all the evidence against them, rookie cop Tara Harrison knows there must be more to this case. But even as she tries to prove their innocence, Tara discovers that Beth and Lauren have dark secrets of their own – secrets they've sworn to take to the grave... Now in paperback – sun-drenched, suspenseful, and addictive, with a cast of fierce, unforgettable women, *Blood Sisters* is the irresistible must-read of 2023.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

A Day of Fire

a novel of Pompeii

Quinn, Kate; et al

Pompeii was a lively resort, flourishing in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius at the height of the Roman Empire. When Vesuvius erupted in an explosion of flame and ash, the entire town would be destroyed. Some of its citizens died in the chaos, some escaped the mountain's wrath... and these are their stories: A boy loses his innocence in Pompeii's flourishing streets. An heiress dreads her wedding day, not knowing it will be swallowed by fire. An ex-legionary stakes his entire future on a gladiator bout, destined never to be finished. A crippled senator welcomes death, until a tomboy on horseback comes to his rescue. A young mother faces an impossible choice for her unborn child, as the ash falls. A priestess and a prostitute seek

redemption and resurrection, as the town is buried. Six authors bring to life overlapping stories of patricians and slaves, warriors and politicians, villains and heroes who cross each other's paths during Pompeii's fiery end. But who will escape, and who will be buried for eternity?

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Mrs Plansky's Revenge

Quinn, Spencer

Mrs Loretta Plansky, a recent widow in her 70s, is settling into retirement in Florida while dealing with her 98-year-old father and fielding requests for money from her beloved children and grandchildren. Thankfully, her new hip hasn't changed her killer tennis game, one bit. One night, Mrs Plansky is startled awake by a phone call from a voice claiming to be her grandson, Will – who desperately needs \$10,000 to get out of a jam. Of course, Loretta obliges – after all, what are grandmothers for... even grandmothers, who still haven't gotten a simple 'thank you' for a gift, sent weeks ago. Not that she's counting. By morning, Mrs Plansky has lost everything. Law enforcement announces that Loretta's life savings have vanished, and that it's hopeless to find the scammers behind the heist. First humiliated, then furious, Loretta Plansky refuses to be just another victim. In a courageous bid for justice, Mrs Plansky follows her only clue on a whirlwind adventure to a small village in Romania, to get her money and her dignity back – and, perhaps, find a new lease on life, too. The latest novel from the author of the beloved Chet & Bernie mysteries.

Mystery TP \$34.99

A Shadow in Moscow

Reay, Katherine

Vienna, 1954. After losing everyone she loves in the final days of World War II, Ingrid Bauer agrees to a hasty marriage with a gentle Soviet embassy worker and follows him home to Moscow. But nothing within the Soviet Union's totalitarian regime is what it seems, including her new husband, whom Ingrid suspects works for the KGB. Inspired by her daughter's birth, Ingrid risks everything and reaches out in hope to the one country she understands and trusts – Britain, the country of her mother's birth. She begins passing intelligence to MI6, navigating a world of secrets and lies, light and shadow. *Moscow, 1980.* A student in the Foreign Studies Initiative, Anya Kadinova finishes her degree at Georgetown University and boards a flight home to Moscow, leaving behind the man she loves and a country she's grown to respect. Though, raised by dedicated and loyal Soviet parents, Anya soon questions an increasingly oppressive and paranoid regime at the height of the Cold War. Then the KGB murders her best friend and Anya chooses her side. Working in a military research lab, she relays Soviet plans and schematics to the CIA in an effort to end the 1980s' arms race. The past catches up to the present when an unprecedented act of treachery threatens all agents operating within Eastern Europe, and both Ingrid and Anya find themselves in a race for their lives against time and the KGB.

Historical suspense TP \$29.99

The Bone Hacker

Temperance Brennan series

Reichs, Kathy

Called in to examine what is left of a body, struck by lightning, Tempe traces an unusual tattoo to its source and is, soon, embroiled in a much larger case. Young men – tourists – have been disappearing on the islands of Turks and Caicos for years. Seven years ago, the first victim was found in a strange location with both hands cut off; the other visitors vanished without a trace. But, recently, tantalising leads have emerged and only Tempe can unravel them. Maddeningly, the victims seem to have nothing in common – other than the strange locations where their bodies are eventually found, and the fact that the young men all seem to be the least likely to be involved in foul play. Do these attacks have something to do with the islands' seething culture of gang violence? Tempe isn't so sure. And then she turns up disturbing clues that what's at stake may actually have global significance. It isn't long before the sound of a ticking clock grows menacingly loud, and then Tempe, herself, becomes a target.

Thriller TP \$34.99

The Brutal Tide

Isles of Scilly mysteries

Rhodes, Kate

DI Ben Kitto made many enemies in his time working as an undercover officer for the Met police, none more ruthless and calculating than gang leader Craig Travis. Travis has longed to make Kitto pay for his role in getting him convicted – and that day has finally arrived. Now, a dark and twisted killer is heading for the Scilly Isles, one who has waited a long time for revenge. With Kitto busy investigating the discovery of a body on the islands and distracted by the imminent arrival of his first child, his defences are down. He has so much to lose. And Travis will stop at nothing to take it all from him. The first in this series is *Hell Bay* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Devil's Bargain

Rimington, Stella

One lie put the nation at risk. Another might save it. Harry Bristow: policeman, father, chauffeur, fraud. In 1988, Harry made one mistake: he took a bribe, letting a man, he knew as Igor, into Britain – and he's regretted it, ever since. So, when he recognises Igor, many years later, as his newly-elected MP, he knows he has to come clean. But the MP recognises him too – and Harry fears what he might do next. Peter Robinson MP: salesman, politician, bachelor, spy. It was easy to get into Britain in 1988 as an illegal, working deep undercover, but the break up of the Soviet Union cut Robinson off from his homeland. He's inching closer to Britain's levers of power – but now the one man who knows his secret has reappeared. With no way to contact Moscow, he must act fast, to preserve his position and reap its rewards – at any cost. Manon Tyler, CIA analyst, has just boarded a plane to London – with a report on Russian illegals to read.

Suspense PBK \$22.99

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Lying Beside You

Cyrus Haven mysteries

Robotham, Michael

Twenty years ago, Cyrus Haven's family was murdered. Only he and his brother survived. Cyrus, because he hid. Elias, because he was the killer. Now, Elias is being released from a secure psychiatric hospital; Cyrus, a forensic psychologist, must decide if he can forgive the man who destroyed his childhood. As he prepares for the homecoming, Cyrus is called to a crime scene in Nottingham. A man is dead and his daughter, Maya, is missing. Then a second woman is abducted... The only witness is Evie Cormac, a troubled teenager with an incredible gift: she can tell when you are lying. Both missing women have dark secrets that Cyrus must unravel to find them – and he and Evie know better than anybody how the past can come back to haunt you...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Hidden Beneath

Maine Clambake mysteries

Ross, Barbara

Julia and her mother, Jacqueline, have come to the exclusive summer colony of Chipmunk Island to attend a memorial service for Jacqueline's old friend Ginny, who's been officially declared dead half a decade after she went out for her daily swim in the harbor and was never seen again. But something seems fishy at the service – especially with the ladies of the Wednesday Club. As Julia and Jacqueline begin looking into Ginny's cold case, a present-day murder stirs the pot, and mother and daughter must dive into the deep end to get to the bottom of both mysteries...

Mystery PBK \$24.99

Scaredy Cat

Second Chance Cat mysteries

Ryan, Sofie

After a long, cold, and snowy winter, it seems as though spring may be arriving early in Maine. Sarah Grayson is busy at her store, Second Chance, and she's looking forward to an afternoon break from the hustle and bustle, tagging along to the North Harbor Spring House Tour with her friend Detective Michelle Andrews. But it turns out one of the houses has a haunted history, and when a ghost hunter is found dead on the premises, Sarah knows the best way to uncover the killer to solve the mystery is by investigating the not-so-dearly departed. With help from Elvis and Charlotte's Angels, the crew of senior citizen private detectives who work out of the store, she'll close the case on this creepy crime.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

The Cop Who Fell to Earth **Semple, Craig**

This raw and true account of the life of a tough cop has all the twists and turns and drama of a rattlingly-good thriller. When a young, 18-year-old Craig Semple joined the New South Wales Police Force in 1988, he generally preferred to steer clear of trouble rather than turn and face it. But like so many young police officers, through a process of intentionally and selflessly turning towards danger, he gradually built resilience to fear. By the time he started locking horns with some of the most feared members of

Australia's outlaw motorcycle gangs, Craig thought himself completely bulletproof and fearless. During a career spanning a quarter of a century, Craig Semple saw just about everything: murder, drug addiction, suicide, fatal accidents, armed robbery, organised crime, and much more. Trained and shaped during a pre-Royal Commission era of alcohol abuse and loose culture within the force, he then survived a post-Royal Commission purge – when those tasked with cleaning up corruption themselves became corrupted. Craig's life and natural career progression suddenly jumped the tracks when his brother, a rookie police officer, was near-fatally stabbed by a drug dealer on the streets of Sydney. Now driven by a deeply personal motivation, Craig's obsession with fighting drug crime took him to the brink of personal, professional and marital destruction.

Attempting to give his family and career a new start, Craig moved to the New South Wales north coast, where he soon became the victim of violent crime at the hands of outlaw bikies. This was the catalyst for a 10-year personal battle between one regional detective and several outlaw motorcycle gangs. *The Cop Who Fell to Earth* gives rare insight into the difficulties and dynamics of criminal investigation. Crime scenes described in vivid detail provide a front-row seat to the challenges of trauma. Detailed accounts of investigations into crimes including child abuse and homicide highlight the impact on victims. Gripping narratives of covert, often dangerous, investigations into drug and organised crime shine a light on the shadows cast by despair, greed and power at all levels of society. From the rolling hills of the Riverina to the sugar cane fields of the Northern Rivers, Craig shares his journey in law enforcement right across the state of New South Wales. *The Cop Who Fell to Earth* is Craig's story of transformation and profound personal growth through exposure to extreme life events. Ultimately, it is a story of how human endurance, tenacity, sacrifice and belief in something beyond the self ultimately lead to the triumph of good over evil.

True crime TP \$34.99

Charlotte Illes is Not a Detective

Not a Detective mysteries

Siegel, Katie

The downside of being a famous child detective is that, sooner or later, you have to grow up... As a kid, Charlotte Illes' uncanny sleuthing abilities made her a minor celebrity. But in high school, she hung up her detective's hat and stashed away the signature blue landline in her 'office' – aka garage – convinced that finding her adult purpose would be as easy as tracking down missing pudding cups, or locating stolen diamonds. Now 25, Charlotte has a nagging fear that she hit her peak in middle school. She's living with her mom, scrolling through job listings, and her love life consists mostly of first dates. When it comes to knowing what to do next, Charlotte hasn't got a clue. And then, her old blue phone rings... Reluctantly, Charlotte is pulled back into the mystery-solving world she knew – just one more time. But that world is a whole lot more complicated for an adult. As a kid, she was able to crack the case and still get her homework done on time. Now, she's dealing with dead bodies, missing

persons, and villains who actually see her as a viable threat. And the detective skills she was once so eager to never use again are the only things that can stop a killer ready to make sure her next retirement is permanent... The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$35.00

The Collector

Gabriel Allon series

Silva, Daniel

Legendary art restorer and spy Gabriel Allon joins forces with a brilliant and beautiful master-thief, to track down the world's most valuable missing painting; but, soon, finds himself in a desperate race to prevent an unthinkable conflict between Russia and the West.

Suspense TP \$34.99

The Exquisite Art of Getting Even

collection

Smith, Alexander McCall

The characters in this delicious book are pushed to the point of no return, and seek retribution. But how we get even is not always the best road to redemption. On the island of Mull, it takes an incomer to make the locals realise that they need to take matters into their own hands to maintain the community's reputation. In 'The Principles of Soap' the value of friendship overcomes adversity and opportunistic nepotism. In suburban Edinburgh, opposing neighbours find out, the hard way, that the best method of dealing with a canine disturbance is not to bury one's head in the sand. And, in the final tale, we meet an author on the brink of public ruin who sees the error of his ways after an act of kindness saves the day. These four tales show that the exquisite art of getting even is a skill that sees kindness win over malice. Tantalising and amusing, these stories show off a darker side but carry with them the author's trademark warmth and humour. 'The stories all have McCall Smith's characteristic charm, and make for easy and very pleasant reading' – *Allan Massie, The Scotsman*.

Myth retold PBK \$19.99

A Song of Comfortable Chairs

No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series

Smith, Alexander McCall

Grace Makutsi's husband, Phuti, is in a bind. An international firm is attempting to undercut his prices in the office furniture market. Phuti has always been concerned with quality and comfort, but this new firm seems interested only in profits. To make matters worse, they have a slick new advertising campaign that seems hard to beat. Nonetheless with Mma Ramotswa's help, Phuti comes up with a campaign that may just do the trick. Meanwhile, Mma Makutsi is approached by an old friend who has a troubled son. Grace and Phuti agree to lend a hand, but the boy proves difficult to reach, and the situation is more than they can handle on their own. It will require not only, all of their patience and dedication, but also the help of Mma Ramotswa and the formidable Mma Potokwani in order to help the child. Faced with more than her fair share of domestic problems, Mma Makutsi deals with it all with her usual grace. That, along with the kindness, generosity, and good sense that

the No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency is known for, assure us that in the end, all these matters will be set right.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Teen Killers Club **Sparks, Lily**

Seventeen-year-old Signal Deere has raised eyebrows for years, as an unhappy Goth misfit from the trailer park. When she's convicted of her best friend Rose's brutal murder, she's designated a Class A – the most dangerous and manipulative criminal profile. To avoid prison, Signal signs on for a secret program, for 18-and-under Class As and is whisked off to an abandoned sleep-away camp, where she and seven bunkmates will train as assassins. Yet, even in the Teen Killers Club, Signal doesn't fit in. She's squeamish around blood. She's kind and empathetic. And her optimistic attitude is threatening to turn a group of ragtag maniacs into a team of close-knit friends. Maybe, that's because Signal's not really a killer. She was framed for Rose's murder and only joined the program to escape, track down Rose's real killer, and clear her name. But Signal never planned on the sinister technologies that keep the campers confined. She never planned on the mysterious man in the woods, determined to pick them off, one by one. And she certainly never planned on falling in love. Signal's strategy is coming apart at the seams, as the true killer prepares to strike again...

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

Dig Two Graves

Mike Hammer series

Spillane, Mickey & Collins, Max Allan

Winter, 1964. After a hit-and-run accident nearly kills her mother, Mike Hammer's partner (both in life and the PI business), Velda Sterling, learns her father is not who she thought he is. Seeking to uncover her true, troubling heritage, Velda and Mike travel to Phoenix, Arizona – and sunny Dreamland Park, where retired law enforcement officers protect and corral notorious criminals held under Witness Protection. Mike and Velda find themselves swept up in escalating violence, fuelled by the missing millions from an armoured-car robbery, which leads them to a deadly midnight confrontation in a cemetery – where secrets are buried and open graves await. Mike Hammer, the iconic PI created by the master of noir Mickey Spillane, takes on the mob in the first of two gripping final novels for the deadly private eye. *We expect to have this edition of Dig Two Graves from its Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*

Noir HC \$55.00

Not the Ones Dead

Kate Shugak mysteries

Stabenow, Dana

What seems a tragic accident, soon becomes a murder investigation as Kate is drawn into a case of political intrigue. A mid-air collision in the Alaskan wilderness between two small aircraft leaves 10 people dead. Was it a bird strike, pilot error... or premeditated murder? Then an 11th body is found in the wreckage: a man shot gangland style, twice in the chest and once in the head. In an investigation that

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reaches to the highest levels of government, justice may not be served, but Kate Shugak is determined that the truth will out, even at the risk of her life and the lives of those she loves most.

Mystery TP \$32.99

With Love, from Gold World **Thompson, Alicia**

Lauren Fox is the bookkeeper for Cold World, a tourist destination that's always a winter wonderland despite being located in humid Orlando, Florida. Sure, it's ranked way below any of the trademarked amusement parks and maybe foot traffic could be better. But it's a fun place to work, even if 'fun' isn't exactly Lauren's middle name. Her co-worker Asa Williamson, on the other hand, is all about finding ways to enliven his days at Cold World – whether that means organising the Secret Santa, or teasing Lauren. When the owner asks Lauren and Asa to propose something (anything, really) to raise more revenue, their rivalry heats up as they compete to come up with the best idea. But the situation is more dire than they thought, and it might take these polar opposites working together to save the day. If Asa thought Lauren didn't know how to enjoy herself, he's surprised by how much he enjoys spending time together. And if Lauren thought Asa wasn't serious about anything, she's surprised by how seriously he seems to take her. As Lauren and Asa work to save their beloved wintry spot, they realise the real attraction might be the heat generating between them.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

A Fatal Affair **Torre, A R**

Actress Nora Kemp loves two men. One is Hugh Iverson, a philanthropic movie star who gives Nora security and respectability. The other is Hugh's twin brother, Trent, a Hollywood bad boy who brings out Nora's wild side. When Trent and an unidentified woman are found dead on the Iversons' Beverly Hills property, more than Nora's and Hugh's reputations are at stake. An investigation suggests murder-suicide. But there's more to the crime than first meets the eye: suspicions of a serial killer with a bizarre motive, Hugh's unnerved and cautious staff, and a missing mother and son. As two LA detectives sift through the deceptions of the innocent and the guilty – some living and some dead – solving the case becomes a cunning cat-and-mouse game. Because in a city of illusions, the truth – no matter, how dangerous – is so easy to hide.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

Madwoman **Treger, Louisa**

In 1887, young Nellie Bly sets out for New York and a career in journalism, determined to make her way as a serious reporter, whatever that may take. But life in the city is tougher than she imagined. Down to her last dime and desperate to prove her worth, she comes up with a dangerous plan: to fake insanity and have herself committed to the asylum that looms on Blackwell's Island. There, she will work undercover to document – and expose – the wretched conditions faced by the patients. But when the asylum door swings shut behind her, she finds herself in

a place of horrors, governed by a harshness and cruelty she could never have imagined. Cold, isolated and starving, her days of terror reawaken the traumatic events of her childhood. She entered the asylum of her own free will – but will she ever get out? An extraordinary portrait of a woman way ahead of her time, *Madwoman* is the story of a quest for the truth that changed the world.

Historical mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Delicate Condition **Valentine, Danielle**

Anna Alcott is desperate to have a family. But as she tries to balance her increasingly public life as an indie actress with a gruelling IVF regime, she starts to suspect that someone is going to great lengths to make sure that never happens. Crucial medicines are lost. Appointments are moved, without her knowledge. She's sure she's being followed. And when she, finally, does get pregnant, someone breaks into her house and steals the ultrasound photograph of her baby. But despite everything she's gone through, not even her husband is willing to believe that someone is playing twisted games with her. Then her doctors tell her she's lost the baby. Despite her grief, Anna ignores the grave-faced men lecturing her – because she can still feel the baby moving, can see the toil it's taking on her weakened body. Isolated in a remote, snowbound town, Anna is sure that whoever has been following her is closing in. And as her symptoms become more terrifying, she can't help but wonder what exactly is growing inside her... and why no one will listen, when she says that something is horribly wrong. This spellbindingly dark thriller explores visceral themes of loss, medical misogyny and female power. 'The feminist update to *Rosemary's Baby* we all needed' – *Andrea Bartz*.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Guilt collection

von Schirach, Ferdinand
A group of respectable family men are charged with the brutal murder of a teenager. A promising student gets caught up in a sadistic schoolboy gang. A couple are bound together by the events of one bloody night. Where do you draw the line between good and evil? People commit violent, extraordinary acts; some are convicted in a court of law, others are not. But our narrator, a nameless lawyer, knows that this is never the whole story. Drawn from Ferdinand von Schirach's eminent career as a criminal defence lawyer, the stories in *Guilt* blur fiction and truth, compelling us to question the difference between guilt and justice, innocence and complicity. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Crime collection

von Schirach, Ferdinand
A retired small-town doctor takes a garden axe to his cruel wife. A woman laces her brother's food with barbiturates. Two men steal a priceless Japanese tea bowl with brutal consequences. What drives a person to commit a crime? Our narrator knows that behind every misdeed is a story waiting to be told. In this collection of chilling cases, a nameless lawyer recounts the love, obsession,

selfishness, and despair that influenced his clients' irrevocable choices. Drawn from Ferdinand von Schirach's eminent career as a criminal defence lawyer, *Crime* blends fiction with real life, each story a revealing, unsettling insight into what may compel a person to act beyond the law. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Punishment collection

von Schirach, Ferdinand
A young lawyer puts aside her sense of justice to succeed at her new firm. A man who values silence is driven to murder by his noisy neighbours. A cheated wife seeks revenge. How do you decide what punishment fits the crime? Our narrator is a man you'd never want to meet, unless you really needed him. A nameless lawyer, he coolly recounts the fates of 12 characters who cross his path, uncovering the loneliness and alienation, desire and desperation which drive their choices and shape the consequences they face. Drawn from Ferdinand von Schirach's eminent career as a criminal defence lawyer, each story in *Punishment* crackles with suspense, masterfully treading the line between fiction and truth. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

Coffee and Cigarettes Scenes from a Writer's Life

von Schirach, Ferdinand
Germany's bestselling author Ferdinand von Schirach delivers an intimate, eye-opening collection of observations, short stories and autobiographical recollections which examine what it means to be alive. How does the legacy of a family past shape who we are? Ferdinand von Schirach is one of Germany's most eminent criminal defence lawyers, and an internationally bestselling crime writer. He is also the grandson of Baldur von Schirach, leader of the Hitler Youth movement. In *Coffee and Cigarettes*, his most personal book, von Schirach confronts his family history, through autobiographical vignettes and short stories drawn from his life and career. From conversations with imprisoned clients, great writers, and supreme court judges; meditations on art, film, writing and smoking; to reflections on Germany's heavy history, *Coffee and Cigarettes* is a portrait of the author, and our modern world, depicted in von Schirach's signature cool and incisive prose. Revealing, revelatory and thought-provoking, these essays confirm von Schirach as one of the most inimitable writers in Europe, today.

Memoir HC \$34.99

To Kill a Troubadour **Walker, Martin**

It is summer in St Denis, and Bruno is busy organising the annual village concert. He's hired a local Perigord folk group, Les Troubadours, to perform their latest hit 'A Song for Catalonia'. But when the song unexpectedly goes viral, the Spanish government, clamping down on the Catalanian bid for independence, bans Les Troubadours from performing it. The timing couldn't be worse, and Bruno finds himself under yet more pressure, when a specialist sniper's bullet is found in

a wrecked car near Bergerac. The car was reportedly stolen on the Spanish frontier and the Spanish government sends warning that a group of nationalist extremists may be planning an assassination in France. Bruno immediately suspects that Les Troubadours and their audience might be in danger. Bruno must organise security and ensure that his beloved town and its people are safe – the stakes are high, for France's favourite policeman. Set in the beautiful Perigord region, these mysteries are the perfect combination of mystery and escapism. Now in paperback. As always, highly recommended.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Nothing Left to Fear from Hell

Darkland Tales
Warner, Alan
A battle lost. A daring escape. A long walk into obscurity. The ultimate failure...
In the aftermath of the disastrous Battle of Culloden, a lonely figure takes flight with a small band of companions through the islands and mountains of the Hebrides. His name is Charles Edward Stuart: better known today as Bonnie Prince Charlie. He had come to the country to take the throne. Now, he is leaving in exile, and abject defeat. In prose that is, by turns, poetic, comic, macabre, haunting, and humane, multi-award-winning author Alan Warner traces the frantic last journey through Scotland of a man who history will come to define for his failure.

Historical thriller HC \$24.99

The Key to Deceit Electra McDonnell mysteries

Weaver, Ashley
London, 1940. After years of stealing from the rich and giving to the poor – well, to themselves, anyway – Ellie McDonnell and her family have turned over a new leaf as they help the government's war effort. It's true that the strait-laced Major Ramsey didn't give them much choice, but still, Ellie must admit she doesn't miss breaking and entering as much as she might have thought. What she does miss is the challenge of unlocking an impossible code and the adrenaline rush that comes from being somewhere she shouldn't. So, when Major Ramsey turns up unannounced with another job, she can't say no. A woman's body has been found floating in the Thames, with a bracelet locked onto her wrist, and a cameo locket attached to it. It's clear this woman was involved in espionage, but whose side was she on? Who was she reporting to? And who wanted her dead? Ashley Weaver's newest series begins with *A Peculiar Combination* (TP, \$26.99).

Historical mystery TP \$34.99

Beat the Devils **Weiss, Josh**

USA, 1958. President Joseph McCarthy sits in the White House, elected on a wave of populist xenophobia and barely-concealed anti-Semitism. The country is in the firm grip of McCarthy's Hueys, a secret police force evolved from the House Un-American Activities Committee. Hollywood's sparkling vision of the American dream has been suppressed; its remaining talents forced to turn out endless anti-communist propaganda.

Pulp Fiction

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LAPD detective Morris Baker – a Holocaust survivor who drowns his fractured memories of the unspeakable in schnapps and work – is called to the scene of a horrific double homicide. The victims are John Huston, a once-promising but now forgotten film director, and an up-and-coming young journalist, named Walter Cronkite.

Clutched in the hand, of one of the dead men, is a cryptic note containing the phrase 'beat the devils' followed by a single name: Baker. Did the two men die in an attack fuelled by better-dead-than-red sentiment, as the Hueys are quick to conclude; or were they murdered in a cover up, designed to protect – or even set in motion – a secret plot connected to Baker's past? In a country, where terror grows stronger by the day, and paranoia rises unchecked, Baker is determined to find justice for two men who raised their voices in a time when free speech comes at the ultimate cost. In the course of his investigation, Baker stumbles into a conspiracy that reaches deep into the halls of power and uncovers a secret that could destroy the City of Angels – and the American ideal, itself.

Noir TP \$29.99

Far North

TV tie-in

White, David & Gillies, Angus

A saga of screw ups, as everyday people strive to foil an international drug cartel's largest-ever drug deal in the Pacific; the cops trip themselves up; and gangsters chase a payday with zero discretion – leaving a trail of wreckage you can see from space. The worst part: all of this – and so much more – actually happened.

True crime TP \$34.99

Red Dirt Road

White, S R

One outback town. Two puzzling murders. Fifty suspects. In Unamurra, a drought-scarred, one-pub town deep in the outback, two men are savagely murdered a month apart – their bodies elaborately arranged like angels. With no witnesses, no obvious motives, and no apparent connections between the killings, how can lone police officer Detective Dana Russo – flown in, from hundreds of kilometres away – possibly solve such a baffling, brutal case? Met with silence and suspicion from locals who live by their own set of rules, Dana must take over a stalled investigation with only a week to

make progress. But with a murderer hiding in plain sight, and the parched days rapidly passing, Dana is determined to uncover the shocking secrets of this forgotten town – a place where anyone could be a killer. A stunning new Australian crime novel, now in paperback, perfect for fans of Jane Harper, Chris Hammer, Garry Disher, and Peter Papathanasiou.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Crook Manifesto

Ray Carney series

Whitehead, Colson

1971... Trash is piled on the streets, crime is at a record high, and the city is careening towards bankruptcy. A shooting war has broken out between the NYPD and the Black Liberation Army. Ray Carney – furniture-store owner and ex-fence – is trying to keep his head down, his business up, and his life on the straight and narrow. His only immediate need is Jackson 5 tickets for his daughter May... so, what harm could it do to hit up Munson, his old police contact and fixer extraordinaire? And, suddenly, staying out of the game becomes more complicated – and deadly. When one of Ray's tenants is badly injured in a fire, he

enlists the enduringly violent Pepper to look into how it started, leading the duo to battle their way through a crumbling metropolis run by the shady, the violent and the utterly corrupt. In scalpel-sharp prose, and with unnerving clarity and wit, Colson Whitehead writes about a city that runs on cronyism, threats, ego, ambition, incompetence and even, sometimes, pride. *Crook Manifesto* is a kaleidoscopic portrait of Harlem, and a searching portrait of how families work in the face of indifference, chaos and hostility. A thrilling and entertaining sequel to Harlem Shuffle (PBK, \$22.99).

Caper TP \$32.99

The Maw of the Beast Wilkinson, Rick

Disillusioned crime reporter George 'Jogger' Jensen has quit his job at a major newspaper in Melbourne, and sought refuge in his childhood seaside hometown of Portarlington on the Bellarine Peninsula to contemplate his future. Within a week, he comes face to face with the last thing he thought he'd see, in the sleepy seaside town: the body of a young unidentified woman, being fished out of the sea.

Mystery TP \$26.99