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

Antiques Liquidation

Trash 'n' Treasures mysteries

Allan, Barbara

Two o'clock in the morning is the perfect time to be asleep. So, when long-suffering Brandy Borne is rudely awoken by her eccentric mother, Vivian, and invited on a surreptitious shopping trip, the idea is less than tempting. But, if Vivian – Serenity's true-crime writing, septuagenarian super-sleuth – has a nose for sniffing out antiques, Brandy's sense of smell is just as good... and trouble's on the wind. A little light blackmail and one run-in with the police later, and Brandy and Vivian are the 'proud' owners of a selection of dead stock, liberated ahead of an upcoming warehouse sale from unsavoury auctioneer Conrad Norris. Brandy's not convinced there's a fortune to be made in vintage toys, retro plates, and pearl buttons – there's more mileage in their shop's new Halloween display, even though it's only August – but she supposes it could be worse. It soon is. After the auction's taken place, Vivian and Brandy make an unnerving discovery. It's not just the stock that's dead – so, is the auctioneer...

Mystery TP \$42.95

Fatal Fudge Swirl

Ice Cream Shop mysteries

Allen, Meri

Former CIA librarian and amateur sleuth Riley Rhodes is loving her fresh start as the manager of the Udderly Delicious Ice Cream Shop. The leaves are turning, tourists are leaf-peeping, and Penniman, Connecticut is putting finishing touches on the weekend long Halloween Happening. But the village is also buzzing. Former child star Cooper Collins is overseeing the production of a romantic comedy that's filming on the town green and his domineering socialite mother, Diantha, is planning her lavish Halloween themed wedding at her Inn on the Green. Her fiancé has run the Inn's kitchen for years, ably aided by his recent ex-wife, chef Mary Ann Dumas. An old friend of Riley's, Mary Ann turns to her when the bride requests a spooky ice cream wedding cake. But the weekend takes a frightful turn when Diantha is found dead and suspicion falls on Mary Ann. The cast of potential suspects is long – each wedding guest had a chilling motive to kill the vicious heiress. Can Riley unmask the murderer before another guest ends up on ice?

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Killer Traitor Spy

John Bailey series

Ayliffe, Tim

Someone wants Russian millionaire Dmitry Lebedev dead. After years flying under the radar in Sydney, he's just had a sex worker poisoned in his hotel room. In desperation he contacts his former CIA case officer, Ronnie Johnson, offering to expose a traitor inside the Australian government in

return for protection. John Bailey has spent decades risking his life to break news stories. Along the way, he's made some interesting friends, including Ronnie – who saved his life in Iraq – and Scarlett Merriman, whose night with Lebedev left her in a coma. And, now, they both need Bailey's help. While Bailey investigates what happened to Scarlett, Ronnie Johnson is calling in an old debt. Because the same people going after Lebedev have framed Ronnie for murder. John Bailey makes his first appearance in *The Greater Good* (PBK, \$22.99).

Suspense TP \$32.99

Long Shadows

Amos Decker series

Baldacci, David

Things are changing for Decker. He is in crisis, following the suicide of a close friend and receipt of a letter concerning a personal issue which could change his life forever. Together with the prospect of working with a new partner, Frederica White, Amos Decker knows that this case will take all of his special skills to solve. Judge Julia Cummins seemingly had no enemies and there was no forced entry to her property. Close friends and neighbours in the community apparently heard nothing, and Cummins' distraught ex-husband, Barry, and teenage son, Tyler, both have strong alibis. Decker must first find the answer to why the judge felt the need for a bodyguard, and the meaning behind the strange calling card left by the killer. As the investigation deepens, the body count rises, and Decker and White discover a trail which leads back to a past presidential campaign and an unsolved crime surrounding those in power at the very highest level. Greed, deceit, deception, and corruption at the very heart of power.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Clause of Death

Booktown mysteries

Barrett, Lorna

Tricia Miles and her sister, Angelica, are the co-presidents of the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce. Things are changing in the booktown, and some merchants would say not for the better. They grumble that too many non-book-related stores are moving into the village, taking up the most visible storefronts on Main Street, diluting the 'Booktown' moniker. Of course, the members with other businesses, like the latest, The Bee's Knees, are fine with other businesses moving in. No matter what side of the argument they're on, all the business owners agree on one thing: Tricia and Angelica are to blame. Still, it's a pretty typical day in the life of a small-town Chamber of Commerce until one of the disgruntled bookstore owners is killed – Eli Meier from The Inner Light Bookstore, the most vocal of the Chamber complainers. He sold religious and other spiritual books, but also stocked books on wild conspiracy

theories and sold incense, crystals, etc. Eli had never been a member of the Chamber until Angelica recently convinced him to join. He hit on her and she, having good taste, turned him down. He hounded (but not stalked) her, and some might think that was a motive for murder. Stoneham's new police chief is an old friend of Tricia's, but that doesn't mean he's going to go easy on her sister. One might even say that he's going to throw the book at her.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

Local Gone Missing

Barton, Fiona

Elise King is a successful and ambitious detective – or she was before a medical leave left her unsure if she'd ever return to work. She now spends most days watching the growing tensions in her small seaside town of Ebbing – the weekenders renovating old bungalows into luxury homes, and the locals resentful of the changes. Elise can only guess what really happens behind closed doors. But Dee Eastwood, her house cleaner, often knows. She's an invisible presence in many of the houses in town, but she sees and hears everything. The conflicts boil over when a newcomer who wants to put the town on the map throws a giant music festival. After a man disappears the first night of the festival, Elise is drawn back into her detective work and starts digging for answers. Ebbing is a small town, but it's full of secrets and hidden connections that run deeper and darker than Elise could have ever imagined.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Dice

Baylis, Claire

Four teenage boys invent a sex game based on the toss of a dice. The police charge them with multiple sexual offences against three teenage girls. Twelve jurors must work out what actually happened. *How does the jury find?* A stunning courtroom drama told from the perspective of a diverse group of ordinary people – the jury. How will 12 women and men of different ages, backgrounds, and beliefs decide whether consent was given, or crimes were committed?

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

Devil's Delight

Agatha Raisin mysteries

Beaton, M G & Green, R W

Agatha and her assistant, Toni, are driving to their friend Bill Wong's wedding, thinking of nothing more than what the beautiful bride will be wearing, when a terrified young man comes running down the country lane towards them wearing... nothing at all. The encounter leads them to become embroiled with a naturalist group, a disappearing corpse, fantasy games, witchcraft, an ice cream empire, intrigue, and murder. In the meantime, Agatha's hectic life swirls along at dizzying pace,

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her private detective agency as busy as ever and her private affairs in turmoil – old loves to contend with and a new suitor on the scene. Then she finds herself in deadly danger, when she begins to close in on a suspected murderer and the sinister nature of the ice cream business leads her to a chilling conclusion.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Grave Expectations Bell, Alice

Claire and Sophie aren't your typical murder investigators... When 30-something freelance medium Claire Hendricks is invited to an old university friend's country pile to provide entertainment for a family party, her best friend Sophie tags along. In fact, Sophie rarely leaves Claire's side, because she's been haunting her, ever since she was murdered at the age of 17. On arrival at The Cloisters it quickly becomes clear that this family is hiding more than just the good china, as Claire learns someone has recently met an untimely end at the house. Teaming up with the least unbearable members of the Wellington-Forge family – depressive ex-cop Basher and teenage radical Alex – Claire and Sophie determine to figure out not just whodunit, but who they killed, why and when. Together, they must race against incompetence to find the murderer – before the murderer finds them... in this funny, modern, media-literate mystery for the *My Favourite Murder* generation.

Mystery TP \$32.99

Murder in Merrywell

Violet Brewster mysteries

Bettany, Jane

Welcome to Merrywell. Population: small. Secrets: aplenty. Ex-journalist Violet Brewster is keen to make a good first impression in her new community, having just moved to the small village of Merrywell. When Violet hears about the mystery of Helen Slingsby, who disappeared from the village 40 years earlier, she decides to help uncover what happened. But despite Violet's best efforts, she can find no trace of the missing woman. As Violet talks to the other residents, it becomes apparent that something sinister is lurking beneath the village's idyllic exterior. When a villager is found dead in their home, Violet becomes convinced that the murder is connected to Helen. Did Helen ever really leave Merrywell? Who in the village is hiding something? And can Violet finally solve this 40-year-old mystery, before someone else gets hurt? The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

The Lava Witch

Dark Paradise mysteries

Bokur, Debra

In a remote, mountainous area of a Maui forest, near Haleakala volcano, the naked body of a young woman is found hanging from a tree. The nostrils, mouth, and lungs are packed with lava sand. Her hands are bound in twine. Her feet are charred and blackened, suggesting a fire-walking ceremony. For Detective Kali Māhōe, all signs point toward ritual torture and murder. But Kali's investigation leads her down a winding trail of seemingly unconnected clues – from the hanging tree itself, a rare rainbow

eucalyptus, to rumours of a witch haunting the high areas of the forest, to the legend of the ancient Hawaiian sorceress Pāhulu, goddess of nightmares. Casting a shadow over it all – the possibility of a Sitting God, a spirit said to invade and possess the soul. Aided by her uncle Police Captain Walter Alaka'i, Officer David Hara, and the victim's brother, Kali embarks down the darkest road of all. One that is leading to the truth of the mountain's deadly core and a dark side of the island for which even Kali is unprepared.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

Death Message

DI Nick Dixon Crime series

Boyd, Damien

A routine missing person enquiry takes a grisly turn when a young couple drag a box containing human remains out of a Somerset river. The victim was a surveillance expert investigating an exaggerated injury claim – a murder with an obvious motive, until a police officer is implicated and suspended. Still brooding after his recent brush with police Professional Standards, Detective Chief Inspector Nick Dixon is on extended leave, helping his pregnant fiancée, Detective Sergeant Jane Winter, fight for her place on the major investigation team. Convinced that the death of an art student is connected, Dixon returns to duty, and when graffiti depicting the murders starts to appear, the race is on to find the artist and the murderer. But, why the paintings? Could an infamous street artist be involved? With colleagues questioning his every move, Dixon must stop a sadistic killer before another life is taken. Then a second art student is reported missing...

Mystery/suspense TP \$37.95

The Science of Sherlock

the Forensic Facts Behind the Fiction

Brake, Mark

An essential read for the legions of Sherlockians about the globe. Sherlock Holmes is the world's greatest-ever consulting detective. The huge popularity of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's fictional creation, and his 60 stories, made Holmes one of the most famous characters of Victorian London. All evidence suggests Holmes' fan adoration has lasted almost one and a half centuries through many adaptations. There is Sherlock fan fiction in China, Sherlock manga in Japan, and tribute pop songs in Korea. Guinness World Records awarded Sherlock Holmes the title of most portrayed literary human character in film and television thanks to the popular Sherlock Holmes movies starring Robert Downey Jr, series like *Elementary* starring Lucy Liu, *Sherlock* starring Benedict Cumberbatch, and so many more. Holmes' enduring appeal shows that his detective talents are as compelling today as they were in the days of Conan Doyle. *The Science of Sherlock* gives you an in-depth look at the science behind the cases Sherlock cracked, in those Ripper streets of old.

Sherlockiana TP \$24.99

Southern Aurora

Brandi, Mark

'We always listen out for the train when we're down in the cutting because sometimes they

come quicker than you expect. There aren't as many trains as there used to be. Mostly just the freight ones, like the one that nearly killed us on the bus... The best train is the Southern Aurora. It goes all the way from Melbourne to Sydney, and from Sydney to Melbourne. It stops in Mittagunda because we're pretty much exactly halfway between.' Jimmy is a kid growing up fast on the poorest street in town. He tries to do everything right and look out for his mum and his younger brother. His older brother is in jail, so it's up to Jimmy to hold things together. But small-town life is unforgiving if you're from the other side of the tracks. If only his mum didn't drink so much. If only he could win the school billycart race. If only his best friend understood. If only he could stop his mum's boyfriend from getting angry. If only he was there. Jimmy soon learns that even when you get things right, everything can still go wrong.

Noir TP \$32.99

Hotel California

Music and Murder Mystery anthology

Bruns, Don (editor)

A dangerous drifter, a hired gun, a grisly corpse – you never know who you'll run into at the Hotel California. Eight deliciously talented mystery authors have lent their skills of crafting murder and suspense to this collection of gripping short stories; designed to entertain and mystify – and, maybe, even chill you to your core. Get lost in the wild imaginations of such bestselling writers as Andrew Child, Heather Graham, Reed Farrel Coleman, and John Gilstrap, plus authors Rick Bleiweiss, Jennifer Graeser Dornbush, Amanda Flower, and Don Bruns. From the titular tale 'Hotel California' to a new, original Jack Reacher adventure, these stories have a little something for every mystery lover. Go ahead. Check in, enjoy some room service, and stay until the very last tantalising page. Just don't forget to search the closet, or behind the curtains.

Mystery TP \$37.95

Between a Wok and a Dead Place

Budewitz, Leslie

Pepper Reece, owner of the Spice Shop in Seattle's Pike Place Market, loves a good festival, especially one serving up tasty treats. So, what could be more fun than a food walk in the city's Chinatown – International District, celebrating the Year of the Rabbit? But when her friend Roxanne stumbles across a man's body in the Gold Rush, a long-closed residential hotel, questions leap out. Who was he? What was he doing in the dust-encrusted herbal pharmacy in the hotel's basement? Why was the pharmacy closed up – and why are the owners so reluctant to talk? With each new discovery, Pepper finds herself asking new questions and facing more brick walls. Then questions arise about Roxanne and her relationship to Pepper's boyfriend Nate, away fishing in Alaska. Between her worries and her struggle to hire staff at the Spice Shop, Pepper has her hands and her heart full. Still, she can't resist the lure of the Gold Rush and its tangled history of secrets and lies stretching back nearly a century. But the killer is on her tail, driven by hidden demons and desires. As Pepper begins to expose

the long-concealed truth, a bigger question emerges: Can she uncover the secrets of the Gold Rush Hotel without being pushed from the wok into the fire?

Mystery TP \$39.95

Dressed to Drill

Fixer-Upper mysteries

Carlisle, Kate

While Shannon Hammer is thrilled to attend the premiere of the movie based on her boyfriend Mac's latest book, she can't wait to trade her killer heels for work boots and start her next renovation project in Lighthouse Cove: a quaint Victorian church that has seen better days. And will see them again – as a museum – if Shannon, her talented crew, and her sister Chloe have anything to say about it. But on the first day of demolition, work comes to a screeching halt when they stumble on the body of a beautiful young woman in one of the chapels. Who killed the assistant art director? Suspects crawl out of the woodwork as fast as Shannon can restore it. The church is hiding a century of secrets, from the days when smugglers wreaked havoc on the California coast. But it's a more recent secret that someone killed to protect. Shannon and Mac will use every tool in their toolbox to nail down the truth before any more lives are sacrificed. A cosy recommendation.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

Prey for the Shadow

Terra Alta Investigations

Gercas, Javier

The mayor of Barcelona is being blackmailed. A sex tape, from her student days – one she never knew existed. The price: €300,000 and her immediate resignation. A political chameleon who swept to power on a populist wave, she has her enemies. Nor can she trust those closest to her. Both her ex-husband and her deputy would profit from her fall. Melchor Marin, living a quiet life in Terra Alta, is tempted back to Barcelona to work the case. But what seemed a simple matter has its roots in far more serious and disturbing crimes. With the mayor on the verge of capitulation, a shock revelation changes everything – not least the course of Melchor's life. At long last, his heart's dark desire is in his grasp. The follow-up to *Even the Darkest Night* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery TP \$32.99

Misfortune Cookie

Noodle Shop mysteries

Chien, Vivien

They say fortune favours the bold, and Lana Lee is determined to prove that true. Lana, now officially manager of her family's restaurant, the Ho-Lee Noodle House, is headed to sunny Irvine, California to attend a restaurant convention with her sister, Anna May, along for the ride. The girls' very Americanised Aunt Grace has asked them to stay in her posh rental, and as the trip begins, it seems to be just what they both needed. Even the restaurant convention proves to be worthwhile and entertaining, especially when Lana witnesses a dramatic cat fight between a fortune cookie vendor and a journalist. Lana and Anna May can't imagine things getting any better until they learn their aunt has yet another surprise in

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store for them – a swanky cocktail party hosted for the freelancers of Southern California. But on the night of the party, things go south when a close journalist friend of Grace's mysteriously plunges from the roof top of the hotel. Even more suspicious is the fact that Aunt Grace's friend is the same journalist Lana saw getting into a screaming match with the fortune cookie vendor at the convention. The police rule the death a gruesome accident, but Aunt Grace refuses to accept that explanation and begs Lana for her help uncovering the truth. Lana, Anna May, Aunt Grace attempt to keep up appearances as they search for answers, but unwanted attention from suspicious colleagues and convention attendees starts to surface, causing Lana to wonder if they'll find the killer in time... or if they'll be the next ones pushed over the edge.

Mystery PBK \$24.95

Hot Pot Murder

LA Night Market series

Chow, Jennifer J

Yale and Celine Yee's food stall business is going so well that they've been invited to join an exclusive dinner with the local restaurant owners' association. The members gather together, for a relaxing hot pot feast... until Jeffery Vue, president of the group, receives a literal shock to his system and dies. Everyone at the meal is a suspect, but the authorities are homing in on family friend Ai Ho, owner of the restaurant where Jeffery was killed – and Yale's dad is a close second on their list. Yale and Celine step up to the plate and investigate the dinner attendees: the association's ambitious VP, a familiar frenemy, a ramen king, a snacks shopkeeper, and a second-generation restaurateur. It's up to the detecting duo to figure out what really happened before their friends and family have to close their businesses for good.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

Sinister Spring

collection, special edition

Christie, Agatha

With spring comes April showers and blossoming fields – but wickedness is never far from the surface. With the turning of the year, Hercule Poirot, Jane Marple, Tommy and Tuppence, and many more of Agatha Christie's unforgettable creations tangle with a season of sinister schemes and perilous crimes. An all-new collection of spring-themed mysteries from the master of the genre.

Christie HC \$32.99

Mother Howl

Clevenger, Craig

Sixteen-year-old Lyle Edison recognises the face of a murder victim on the nightly news – the waitress at his local diner. A place he often frequented with his dad. The following day his father is arrested and charged with her murder. And then eight further bodies are discovered. Following the revelation that his dad is in fact a serial killer, Lyle is outcast and shunned. Forced to abandon his family, illegally obtaining a new identity, he moves away to start all over again. Some years later, Lyle thinks he has finally moved on. But after several brushes with the law, Lyle's past eventually catches up to him when a

mysterious stranger known only as Icarus shows up and seems to know Lyle's secret...
Literary mystery TP \$35.00

Give Fudge a Chance

Candy-Coated mysteries

Goco, Nancy

The Mackinac County fair is in full swing, and the air is rich with the scent of funnel cakes and the sound of carnival rides. Allie is focused on the fudge competition – another win would really put her hotel and fudge shop on the map. But she's willing to take a little break and walk through the haunted house attraction with her friend Jenn. When they come across a body, though, it turns out not to be a prop. Soon Allie's cop boyfriend is on the scene, and the sleuthing confectioner is hunting for clues. Danger strikes too close to home when the hotel becomes the scene of a suspicious fatal accident, and Allie suspects the two deaths are connected. The case is turning into a real rollercoaster. Allie will need to hold on tight...

Mystery PBK \$24.99

Murder Before Evensong

Canon Clement mysteries

Coles, Richard

Canon Daniel Clement is Rector of Champton, where he lives alongside his widowed mother – opinionated, fearless, ever-so-slightly annoying Audrey – and his two dachshunds, Cosmo and Hilda. When Daniel announces a plan to install a lavatory in the church, the parish is suddenly (and unexpectedly) divided: as lines are drawn, long-buried secrets come dangerously close to destroying the apparent calm of the village. And then Anthony Bowness – cousin to Bernard de Floures, patron of Champton – is found dead at the back of the church. As the police moves in and the bodies start piling up, Daniel is the only one who can try and keep his community together... and catch a killer. 'I've been waiting for a novel with vicars, rude old ladies, murder, and sausage dogs... *et voilà!*' – Dawn French. The first novel in the Rev Richard Coles' Canon Clement mysteries.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

A Spinster's Guide to Danger and Dukes

Lady's Guides

Collins, Manda

It is a truth universally acknowledged that a lady in danger must be in need of rescue, but whether she wants to be rescued is up for debate... *England, 1867*: Miss Poppy Delamare is living a lie. To escape an odious betrothal, she fled to London where she's been hiding as the unassuming secretary Flora Deaver. However, when her beloved sister is accused of murder, Poppy cannot leave her to the wolves. Only a most unexpected – and unwelcome – collision interrupts her journey home... Despite a rather dismal first meeting, Joshua Fielding, the Duke of Langham, has no intention of abandoning a lady in need. But he's not above asking a favour. A fake betrothal will give Poppy and her sister the power of the dukedom and protect Langham from the society misses intent on becoming his duchess. Yet, the longer the ruse goes on, the more Poppy and Langham realise how false

their first impressions were – and the less pretend their engagement feels. But before Langham can propose in truth, their search reveals a tangled web of lies and betrayals. With time running out, can Poppy and Langham find the real culprit? Before Poppy becomes the next victim?

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

Last Seen in Santorini

Miss Ashford Investigates

Gonroy, Vivian

A gorgeous Greek island... A stranger in a veil... And a fatal fall from the cliffs... Miss Atalanta Ashford is sightseeing near Venice when a mysterious veiled lady approaches her with the urgent request to look into her daughter's mysterious death on the idyllic Greek island of Santorini. While working as a companion for the eminent Bucardi family, the unfortunate girl took a plunge from the dramatic cliffs during a walk alone. But is all as it seems? Sailing to Santorini and going undercover as the new companion, Miss Ashford soon discovers that her client hasn't told her the full truth. Someone is watching her. Now, she must unravel the mystery and prevent the breathtaking azure sea views from becoming the last she too will ever see... A sequel to *Mystery in Provence* (TP, \$29.99).

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

Livid

Kay Scarpetta series

Cornwell, Patricia

Murder and mayhem. Scarpetta is back, and she's racing against the clock...

Chief medical examiner Kay Scarpetta is the reluctant star witness in a sensational murder trial when she receives shocking news. The judge's sister has been found dead. At first, glance, it appears to be a home invasion, but then why was nothing stolen, and why is the garden strewn with dead plants and insects? Although there is no apparent cause of death, Scarpetta recognises tell-tale signs of the unthinkable, and she knows the worst is yet to come. The forensic pathologist finds herself pitted against a powerful force that returns her to the past, and her time to catch the killer is running out...

Thriller PBK \$22.99

The Ghost Goes to the Dogs

Haunted Bookshop mysteries

Goyle, Cleo

Pet Mystery Week brings brisk business to Penelope's Rhode Island bookshop, but a real mystery comes barking at her door when a lost dog turns up in a panic. Pen and her son Spencer follow the furry fugitive to a wooded area where the dog's owner lies unconscious. Mrs Cunningham is a warm-hearted widow who volunteers at the animal shelter and runs Buy the Book's pet lovers' book club. Why would anyone shoot such a sweet soul? The police believe it's an accident, a shot by a careless deer hunter, but Pen remains sceptical. To straighten out this doggone mess, she whistles for the ghost of PI Jack Shepard, an expert in hounding as well as haunting. Jack has a dog story of his own, a case from the 1940s that may help Pen sniff out clues to her present predicament. Yet, even with Jack's hardboiled help, Pen

may not be able to stop the killer from striking again or letting this whole case go to the dogs...

Mystery PBK \$24.99

The Translator

Grawley, Harriet

Clive Franklin, a Russian language expert in the Foreign Office, is summoned unexpectedly to Moscow to act as translator for the British Prime Minister. His life is turned on its head when, after more than a decade, he discovers that his former lover, Marina Volina, is now the interpreter to the Russian President. At the embassy, Clive learns of a Russian plot to cut the undersea cables linking the US to the UK which would paralyse communications and collapse the Western economy. Marina stuns Clive with the news that she's ready to help stop the attack, betraying her country for a new identity and a new life. Clive becomes the go-between, relaying Marina's intelligence to MI6 back in London. What are the odds that two lovers, running the Moscow marathon with the FSB on their backs, can save the UK and Western Europe from economic meltdown?

Suspense HC \$39.99

To Have and to Heist

Desai, Sara

Simi Chopra is on a bad-luck streak. She's lost yet another job, her student loan debt won't stop growing, her basement apartment is a certifiable flood zone; and, now, her best friend has been accused of stealing a multimillion-dollar diamond necklace. To put it lightly, she's desperate for a break – that's right when Jack waltzes out of the bushes and into her life. Jack is just as charming as he is mysterious. When he offers to help her find the missing necklace and steal it back, Simi jumps at the chance to clear her friend's name and collect the substantial reward. But every good heist needs a crew. All she needs to do is transform a ragtag group of strangers into an elite heist crew, infiltrate a high-society wedding and steal the necklace from a dangerous criminal before the happy couple say, 'I do'. Meanwhile, the bride is keeping secrets, a detective with a slow-burn smile keeps showing up at her door, and the ultimate robbery might not be the wedding con, but the way Jack is stealing her heart.

Mystery TP \$27.99

No Life for a Lady

Dolby, Hannah

Violet Hamilton is a woman who knows her own mind. Which, in 1896, can make things a little complicated... At 28, Violet's father is beginning to worry she will never find a husband. But every suitor he presents, Violet finds a new and inventive means of rebuffing. Because Violet does not want to marry. She wants to work, and make her own way in the world. But more than anything, she wants to find her mother Lily, who disappeared from Hastings Pier, 10 years earlier. Finding the missing is no job for a lady, but when Violet hires a seaside detective to help, she sets off a chain of events that will put more than just her reputation at risk. Can Violet solve the mystery of Lily Hamilton's vanishing, before it's too late? Read the most uplifting historical debut of 2023!

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

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Death on the Isle

Astrid Swift mysteries

Eccleston, M H

It's summer in the Isle of Wight, and the islanders have little more to do than munch crab sandwiches, sip pints of Wight Squirrel, and complain about the hordes of tourists arriving for the world-famous Cowes Week regatta. But when the local busybody drowns in the harbour, what was set to be a relaxing sailing festival starts to turn deadly. Art restorer Astrid Swift realises she has stumbled on a fresh case that only she and her new art-club friends can solve. Soon, she is embroiled in an investigation involving a grand seafront mansion, a dead billionaire's nautical paintings, and a sailing prodigy who mysteriously went missing at sea three years ago. As the deaths stack up, and Astrid confronts ever more dangerous suspects, the Isle of Wight's reputation for being England's friendliest island is put to the test...

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Serpent's Point

DI Wesley Peterson mysteries

Ellis, Kate

Serpent's Point in South Devon is the focus of local legends. The large house on the headland is shrouded in an ancient tale of evil, and when a woman is found strangled on the coastal path, DI Wesley Peterson is called to investigate. The woman had been house-sitting at Serpent's Point and Wesley is surprised to discover that she was conducting an investigation into unsolved missing person cases. Could these enquires have led to her murder? While the case takes Wesley to Yorkshire and the Cotswolds, archaeologist Neil Watson is making a dramatic discovery of his own in the fields near the house. When a skeleton is uncovered, the pressure rises to find a killer, and Wesley and Neil realise that Serpent's Point holds more secrets than anyone could have imagined.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

Going Rogue:

Rise and Shine Twenty-Nine

Stephanie Plum mysteries

Evanovich, Janet

Monday mornings aren't supposed to be fun, but they should be predictable. However, on this particular Monday, Stephanie Plum knows that something is amiss when she turns up for work at Vinnie's Bail Bonds to find that long-time office manager Connie Rosolli, who is as reliable as the tides in Atlantic City, hasn't shown up. Stephanie's worst fears are confirmed when she gets a call from Connie's abductor. He says he will only release her, in exchange for a mysterious coin that a recently-murdered man left as collateral for his bail. Unfortunately, this coin, which should be in the office – just like Connie – is nowhere to be found. The quest to discover the coin, learn its value, and save Connie will require the help of Stephanie's Grandma Mazur, her best pal Lula, her boyfriend Morelli, and hunky security expert Ranger. As they get closer to unravelling the reasons behind Connie's kidnapping, Connie's captor grows more threatening, and soon Stephanie has no choice but to throw caution to the wind, follow her instincts, and go rogue. She is more shocked by the results than anyone.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Good Night, Forever

Sam Carver series

Fleishman, Jeffrey

She got away once, but will LA detective Sam Carver let killer Dylan Cross escape again? Los Angeles is not itself. Rain falls hard every day. Homeless men are set on fire in their tents. Detective Sam Carver chases leads into a maze of militias and neo-Nazis. But before he gets too deep into the case, a past that has haunted him, for years, returns in the name of Dylan Cross. The killer who got away. Carver knows she has murdered again, but no one believes him. She leaves him clues, writes him notes, tempts him. She wants him to betray everything he is. He is drawn to her by the damage and demons they both carry. But he is certain that when they meet again, only one will survive. This is a love story of delusion and obsession, and how the dark things we desire reveal the truths that made us.

Noir TP \$37.95

Blueberry Blunder

Amish Candy Shop mysteries

Flower, Amanda

Bailey King, star of TV's *Bailey's Amish Sweets*, is building her dream candy factory in Harvest, Ohio. But no sooner is the frame of the new building up than she finds the dead body of a surly contractor who has a long list of enemies – including people in the Amish community. To add to the drama, Bailey is being filmed by a crew for her upcoming show... When Bailey's TV producer pitched a reality show about building the factory, Bailey was shocked that the network picked it up. She's not shocked that many of the Amish working on the jobsite refuse to be on camera. However, local community organiser Margot Rawlings is ecstatic – because the filming coincides with Harvest's First Annual Blueberry Bash. Margot believes the media attention will make Harvest the most popular destination in Holmes County. But, now, the county may become known for all the wrong reasons... Bailey will have to sift through a crowd of angry villagers and thousands of blueberries to solve the murder, save her new venture, and protect her Amish friends. At the same time, she and her longtime boyfriend, Aiden Brody, are making big decisions about their future together – a future that may be in jeopardy if Bailey is the next pick on a killer's list...

Mystery PBK \$24.99

The Killer's Wife

Furlong, Susan

When a severed finger was found in her car, four years ago, Kerry Grey was arrested as an accomplice to the brutal slayings of three young women. Unbeknownst to Kerry, her husband Lucas was not only missing, but a deranged serial killer. Finally out on parole, she is ready to start anew and reunite with her young son. However, when a vigilante group inflamed by fear and motivated by reward money sparks a fevered hunt for Lucas, the nightmares of her past return. Only one person can help Kerry evade the hysteria of the media – her parole officer, Adam Nash. But can she trust him? Was his move to the backwoods town of Joy, Montana coincidental, or does Nash have his own obsessive hidden agenda involving the Hatchet Killer mystery, her husband and

sweet justice? It is not long before Kerry's new life turns dark when she discovers that Lucas has been secretly giving their son carvings made of bone. And when a freshly dismembered victim is uncovered in the forest, the law is after her once again. Left with nowhere else to run, Kerry escapes up a mountainous trail to find Lucas and, one way or another, put an end to the real-life nightmare. In a final twist of lies and betrayal, Kerry finds Lucas and the truth that will change everything.

Thriller TP \$39.95

The Ink Black Heart

Cormoran Strike series

Galbraith, Robert

When frantic, dishevelled Edie Ledwell appears in the office begging to speak to her, private detective Robin Ellacott doesn't know quite what to make of the situation. The co-creator of a popular cartoon, *The Ink Black Heart*, Edie is being persecuted by a mysterious online figure who goes by the pseudonym of Anomie. Edie is desperate to uncover Anomie's true identity. Robin decides that the agency can't help with this – and thinks nothing more of it until a few days later, when she reads the shocking news that Edie has been tasered and then murdered in Highgate Cemetery, the location of *The Ink Black Heart*. Robin and her business partner Cormoran Strike become drawn into the quest to uncover Anomie's true identity. But with a complex web of online aliases, business interests and family conflicts to navigate, Strike and Robin find themselves embroiled in a case that stretches their powers of deduction to the limits – and which threatens them in new and horrifying ways...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$24.99

Four Dogs Missing

Gard, Rhys

While estranged twins Oliver and Theo Wingfield are identical in appearance, they couldn't be more different. Theo, an extrovert verging on arrogant, was always a drifter, a nomad, operating on the fringes of the law. Oliver, intense, creative, and introspective, was destined to become a winemaker. Each vintage, every bottle from Oliver's Mudgee-based label, *Four Dogs Missing*, sells out. And, now, after 15 years without contact, Theo unexpectedly turns up at his brother's vineyard, bearing an invitation that his twin knows nothing about. The quiet and fulfilling life that the winemaker has built for himself is about to change overnight: Theo's arrival is the catalyst for a series of murders involving those closest to Oliver. Finding himself the main suspect, Oliver soon discovers that not everyone in Mudgee supports a reclusive and unorthodox *vigneron*, who's shielded away from the community that helped him succeed. Oliver is inexorably drawn into a sinister world, where poisoned liquor and stolen art leave a deadly trail. Abandoning his grapevines, he sets out to solve the crimes – and confront his damaged past – before someone else he loves is found dead... beside a bottle of his own wine. Art theft, revenge and murder play out against the vineyards of the Mudgee wine region in this 'edge of your seat' thriller.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Wayward Prince

Daughter of Sherlock Holmes mysteries

Goldberg, Leonard

During the height of the Great War, playboy Prince Harry, the third in line to the British throne, vanishes in thin air while horseback riding in Hyde Park. The strikingly handsome playboy prince is initially believed to have arranged his disappearance, so he can enjoy a brief rendezvous with one of his secret lovers. But when his absence continues on, for days, the royal family grows concerned and summons Scotland Yard, who can only recover scant, unrevealing clues. The concern deepens when MI5 decodes a recent message from German spies in London which speaks of a captured asset that will bring great embarrassment to the Crown. There is a strong belief within the Intelligence agency that plans are underway to transport the captive prince to Berlin without delay. Despite an intensive search, no trace of the royal can be detected. With Scotland Yard and MI5 baffled, Joanna and the Watsons are called in, and they soon find themselves entangled in a web of abortion, murder, treason, and spies, all of which is seemingly being orchestrated by an archenemy of the long-dead Sherlock Holmes. In their race to rescue Prince Harry, it becomes clear that the mastermind behind the maze of crimes has a singular motive in mind. He desires overdue revenge in the form of Joanna's death.

Sherlockiana HC \$62.95

The Shell House Detectives

Shell House Detectives mysteries

Hall, Emylia

Late one night, a distraught young man knocks on the door of retired and recently widowed Ally Bright's remote home on the Cornish coast. But before she can make sense of his confused words, he's gone – not to be seen again, until he's found the next morning at the foot of the nearby cliffs. In an instant, the peace of Ally's beachcombing life is shattered. Feeling responsible for the young man's fate, she wants to help find answers – as does ex-cop Jayden Weston, whom Ally meets at the scene. He shares her certainty that there's more to the story than attempted suicide. When it emerges that the man is newly released ex-offender Lewis Pascoe, and that Helena, the wealthy new owner of his grandmother's home, has subsequently disappeared, the tight-knit community of Porthpella is thrown into turmoil. Driven by their need to know more, the duo decide to investigate the mystery, together. Is there a connection between the Pascoe family's tragic history and Helena's disappearance? And if there is a killer stalking Porthpella, do Ally and Jayden have what it takes to catch them? The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$29.99

The Other Side of Night

Hamdy, Adam

David Asha wants to tell you a story about three people: Elliott Asha, his son, broken by a loss that will redeem him. Ben Elmys, a surrogate father and David's trusted friend, a man who might also be a murderer. Harriet Kealty, a retired detective searching for answers to three mysterious deaths, while also investigating a man who might turn out to be the love of her life. Every word David tells you is true, but you will think it fiction...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

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The Berlin Traitor

Auguste Duchene mysteries

Hammond, A W

July 1945. The war in Europe is finally over. But Auguste Duchene, who survived occupied Paris at great personal cost, cannot escape his past. He finds himself helping the Allies to pursue a Gestapo war criminal through the ravaged and dangerous streets of Berlin. Duchene soon learns, however, that, although one global conflict may have ended, another is beginning, and he is in a deadly race against the Russians as they hunt the same man. And, once again, at the heart of all he does, are his extraordinary wife Sabine and his beloved daughter Marianne. This riveting page-turner is a sequel to *The Paris Collaborator* (PBK, \$22.99).
Historical mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Paris Collaborator

Auguste Duchene mysteries

Hammond, A W

August 1944. In German-occupied Paris, former schoolteacher Auguste Duchene has stumbled upon an unusual way to survive: he finds missing people. When he's approached by the French Resistance to locate a missing priest – and a cache of stolen weapons – Duchene initially refuses. But the Resistance offer him no choice. Within hours, he's also blackmailed by a powerful Nazi into searching for a German soldier who's suspected of deserting. To fail at either task will have deadly consequences for Duchene – and for his daughter Marianne. So begins a frantic race against time. As forces close in on Paris, Duchene has only 48 hours to locate the missing priest and soldier, or lose the only person he loves... The first in a series, followed by *The Berlin Traitor* (TP, \$32.99).
Historical mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Medici Murders

Venetian mysteries

Hewson, David

Venice is a city full of secrets. For hundreds of years, it has been the scene of scandal, intrigue and murderous rivalries. And it remains so, today. *1548*, Lorenzino de Medici, himself a murderer and a man few will miss, is assassinated by two hired killers. Today, Marmaduke Godolphin, British TV historian and a man even fewer will miss, is stabbed by a stiletto blade on the exact same spot, his body dropping into the canal. Can the story of the first murder explain the attack on Godolphin? The *Carabinieri* certainly think so. They recruit retired archivist Arnold Clover to unpick the mystery and to help solve the case. But the conspiracy against Godolphin runs deeper than anyone imagined. Master storyteller David Hewson launches a major new series, featuring retired archivist Arnold Clover.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

The Camden Murder

Blitz Detective mysteries

Hollow, Mike

As dawn breaks on a chilly morning in November 1940, a car is found ablaze in an abandoned builder's yard, a stone's throw from the Regent's Canal in Camden Town, north London. In the burnt-out vehicle police find the charred remains of a body.

The victim is Les Latham, a commercial traveller for the Barings confectionery company. He liked to be known as Lucky Les, but it seems his luck has finally run out. DI John Jago discovers among Latham's belongings a mysterious photograph and some suspicious-looking petrol ration books that set Jago off on a murky trail of deceit, corruption, and murder.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

With a Mind to Kill

James Bond series

Horowitz, Anthony

It is M's funeral. One man is missing from the graveside: the traitor who pulled the trigger and who is now in custody, accused of M's murder – James Bond. Behind the Iron Curtain, a group of former Smersh agents want to use the British spy in an operation that will change the balance of world power. Bond is smuggled into the lion's den – but whose orders is he following, and will he obey them when the moment of truth arrives? In a mission, where treachery is all around and one false move means death, Bond must grapple with the darkest questions about himself. But not even he knows what has happened to the man he used to be.

James Bond PBK \$22.99

A Fatal Illusion

Lady Darby mysteries 11

Huber, Anna Lee

Yorkshire, England. August 1832.

Relations between Sebastian Gage and his father have never been easy, especially since the discovery that Lord Gage has been concealing the existence of an illegitimate son. But when Lord Gage is nearly fatally attacked on a journey to Scotland, Sebastian and Kiera race to his side. Given the tumult over the recent passage of the Reform Bill and the Anatomy Act, in which Lord Gage played a part, Sebastian wonders if the attack could be politically motivated. But something suspicious is afoot in the sleepy village where Lord Gage is being cared for. The townspeople treat Sebastian and Kiera with hostility when it becomes clear they intend to investigate, and rumours of mysterious disappearances and highway robberies plague the area. Lord Gage's survival is far from assured, and Sebastian and Kiera must scramble to make the pieces fit before a second attempt at murder is more successful than the first.

Historical mystery TP \$35.00

Killing Jericho

Hussey, William

When the fair comes to town, a killer's game begins... Scott Jericho thought he'd worked his last case. Fresh out of jail, the disgraced former detective is forced to seek refuge with the fairground family he once rejected. Then a series of bizarre murders comes to light – deaths that echo a century-old fairground legend. The police can't connect the victims. But Jericho knows how the legend goes; that more murders are certain to follow. As Jericho unpicks the deadly mystery, a terrifying question haunts him. As a direct descendant of one of the victims in the legend, is Jericho next on the killer's list? The gothic, helter-skelter debut that

introduces crime fiction's first ever Traveller detective, Scott Jericho. 'A detective who breaks every mould... A must-read series' – *Janice Hallett*.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

What the Cat Dragged in

Cat in the Stacks mysteries

James, Miranda

Charlie has always believed that his grandfather had sold his house to his long-time tenant, Martin Hale. So, when Martin dies, Charlie is surprised to discover the house was not left to Martin, but instead belongs to Charlie. As he and Diesel check out the house he remembers fondly from his childhood, he is pleasantly surprised that it is in better condition than expected. That is, until they find a literal skeleton in a closet. While the sheriff's department investigates the mysterious remains, Charlie digs deeper into the past for clues to the identity of the bones and why they are there. But the cold case heats up quickly when Martin's grandson is found dead on the farm. As Charlie delves into his own family history, he encounters many people who might have been motivated to take a life. But Charlie and Diesel know that things are not always what they seem, and that secrets seemingly lost to time have a way of finding their way back to haunt the present. A cosy recommendation.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

The Merchant Murderers

Bloody Mary mysteries

Jecks, Michael

August 1556. Jack Blackjack is on a simple mission: make it back home to his beloved London. It should be simple, right? Wrong. He's made it as far as Exeter, but before he can secure a fresh steed in that hellish city, he's faced with a dead priest, ruthless thieves, and a devious Dean who's determined to see the back of Jack. That suits Jack just fine – he wants to leave! So, when wealthy merchant Wolfe, offers passage to London via sea, Jack jumps at the chance... and unwittingly into further danger! With thieves, pirates and potential murderers at every turn who can Jack trust? Will he uncover the truth behind the dead priest and missing merchant ships? But more importantly, will he ever make it home to London with his purse strings and limbs intact?

Historical mystery TP \$42.95

Snowstorm in August

Karp, Marshall

The most powerful drug lord on the planet, Joaquín Alboroto, has a gift for New York City – 4,000 pounds of uncut cocaine burying Central Park, and raining death upon hundreds of innocent people enjoying a summer afternoon. The only NYPD unit trained to go up against this level of terrorism has been disbanded, so the task falls to former NYPD captain Danny Corcoran. In this heart-stopping, unflinching, and highly entertaining thriller of life and death, drugs and heroism, Corcoran leads a team of retired top cops, funded by four anonymous billionaires, on a mission to stop Alboroto, before it's too late.

Thriller TP \$37.95

Tremors in the Blood

Murder, Obsession, and the Birth of the Lie Detector

Katwala, Amit

Henry Wilkens burst through the doors of the emergency room covered in his wife's blood. But was he a grieving husband, or a ruthless killer who'd conspired with bandits to have her murdered? To find out, the San Francisco police turned to technology, and a new machine that had just been invented in Berkeley by a rookie detective, a visionary police chief, and a teenage magician with a showman's touch. John Larson, Gus Vollmer and Leonarde Keeler hoped the lie detector would make the justice system fairer – but the flawed device soon grew too powerful for them to control. It poisoned their lives, turned fast friends into bitter enemies, and as it conquered America and the world, it transformed our relationship with the truth in ways that are still being felt. As new forms of lie detection gain momentum in the present day, *Tremors in the Blood* reveals the incredible truth behind the creation of the polygraph, through gripping true crime cases featuring explosive gunfights, shocking twists, and high-stakes courtroom drama. Touching on psychology, technology, and the science of the truth, *Tremors in the Blood* is a vibrant, atmospheric thriller, and a warning from history: be careful what you believe.

True crime/History PBK \$22.99

Blind Man's Bluff

American Mystery Classic,

Duncan Maclain mysteries

Kendrick, Baynard

Following the loss of his sight in World War I, ex-intelligence officer Duncan Maclain honed his other senses and, with the help of his two German Shepherds, became one of the most successful and well-known private investigators in New York City, picking up on the unseen clues that often slip beneath the visual surface. The Miners Title and Trust is typically dead quiet, having gone bankrupt. Then, late one evening, the bank's blind president, Blake Hadfield, plummets eight storeys to his death in the building's lobby. The only witnesses are the security guard and Blake's estranged wife, who were both on the first floor. Blake's son, Seth, is found drunk and dazed on the eighth floor, making him the prime suspect in what the police believe to be murder. That's when Harold Lawson and Sybella Ford call upon Captain Maclain for help. Maclain doesn't think the banker's death was a suicide, or an accident. He believes someone else was in the building – and when more murders follow, he suspects the villain is still at large. Now, Maclain will push his powers of deduction to their limits to solve one of the strangest cases of his career...

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

Lost Man of Bombay

Inspector Wadia mysteries

Khan, Vaseem

Bombay, 1950. When the body of a white man is found frozen in the Himalayan foothills near Dehra Dun, he is christened the Ice Man by the national media. *Who is he? How long has he been there? Why was he killed?*

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As Inspector Persis Wadia and Metropolitan Police criminalist Archie Blackfinch investigate the case in Bombay, they uncover a trail left behind by the enigmatic Ice Man – a trail leading directly into the dark heart of conspiracy. Meanwhile, two new murders grip the city. Is there a serial killer on the loose, targeting Europeans? The newest instalment in the CWA Historical Dagger-winning series pits Persis against a mystery from beyond the grave, unfolding against the backdrop of a turbulent post-colonial India, a nation struggling to redefine itself, in the shadow of the Raj. The first is *Midnight at Malabar House* (PBK, \$22.99).
Historical mystery/suspense PBK \$24.99

The Blood Tide

DS Max Craigie series

Lancaster, Neil

In a remote sea loch on the west coast of Scotland, a fisherman vanishes without trace. His remains are never found. A young man jumps from a bridge in Glasgow and falls to his death in the water below. DS Max Craigie uncovers evidence that links both victims. But if he can't find out what cost them their lives, it won't be long before more bodies turn up at the morgue... Soon, cracks start to appear in the investigation, and Max's past hurls back to haunt him. When his loved ones are threatened, he faces a terrifying choice: let the only man he ever feared walk free, or watch his closest friend die...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

The Drowning Girls

Lando, Veronica

Cast a stone. Aim true. Let her sink.

Nate can't believe he's dragged himself up to this backwater town. Port Flinders would have fallen off the map, years ago, except for one thing. Tourists flock to its mangrove-lined shores for the annual Drowning Girl festival: sacrifice a girl at sea, and the fishing hauls that keep the town afloat will prosper. Or don't, and the whole town will sink. But it's just a legend, a gimmick. Everybody knows that. As fireworks light up the night sky, a woman's body is pulled from the inky waters of the gulf. Shock waves threaten to tear Port Flinders apart, when she's identified as Kelsey Webb: a local teenager, thought dead for 25 years. As Nate tries to find the truth about what happened to Kelsey, he uncovers a string of deadly accidents over the decades. All women. All drowned. And always during the festival.

Noir TP \$32.99

Moscow Exile

Joe Wilderness series

Lawton, John

Charlotte is a British expatriate who has recently settled in Washington, DC with her second husband, but enviable dinner parties aren't the only thing she is planning. Meanwhile, Charlie Leigh-Hunt has been posted to Washington as a replacement for Guy Burgess, last seen disappearing around the corner and into the Soviet Union. Charlie is surprised to cross paths with Charlotte, an old flame of his – who, thanks to her gossipy parties, has a packed pocketbook full of secrets she is eager to share. Two decades later, in 1969, Joe Wilderness is stuck on the wrong side of the Iron Curtain, held captive by the

KGB, a chip in a game way above his pay grade – but his old friends Frank and Eddie are going to try to spring him out of the toughest prison in the world. All roads lead back to Berlin, and to the famous Bridge of Spies... Featuring crackling dialogue and brilliantly plotted Cold War intrigue, *Moscow Exile* is a gripping thriller populated by larger-than-life personalities in a Cold War plot that feels strangely in tune with our present. John Lawton is always, *always* recommended at Pulp.

Suspense TP \$32.99

The Watchful Wife

Leal, Suzanne

Raised by her severe parents in a punitive and authoritarian church, Ellen's narrow world is upended when she meets Gordon, a fellow teacher. Responding to his interest with curiosity and, before long, pleasure, Ellen is both transformed and beguiled by the connection, love, and laughter he brings into her life. Three years later, a knock on the door changes everything. Two police officers have come to accuse Gordon of a shocking crime. Abandoned and reviled by those around her, Ellen steadfastly refuses to believe Gordon has done anything wrong. In a world of swirling suspicion, however, she will have to fight to protect him. But what will that cost her? And what will she discover about him along the way? 'Leal's unusual perspective on the destructive force of an allegation gives this book real moral complexity... Nuanced, troubling and convincing.' – *Jock Serong*.

Thriller TP \$32.99

Portrait of a Thief

Li, Grace D

History is told by the conquerors. Across the Western world, museums display the spoils of war, of conquest, of colonialism: priceless pieces of art looted from other countries, kept even now. Will Chen plans to steal them back. A senior at Harvard, Will fits comfortably in his carefully curated roles: a perfect student, an art history major and sometimes artist, the eldest son who has always been his parents' American Dream. But when a mysterious Chinese benefactor reaches out with an impossible – and illegal – job offer. Will finds himself something else as well: the leader of a heist to steal back five priceless Chinese sculptures, looted from Beijing, centuries ago. His crew is every heist archetype one can imagine – or, at least, the closest he can get. A con artist: Irene Chen, a public policy major at Duke who can talk her way out of anything. A thief: Daniel Liang, a pre-med student with steady hands just as capable of lockpicking as suturing. A getaway driver: Lily Wu, an engineering major who races cars in her free time. A hacker: Alex Huang, an MIT dropout turned Silicon Valley software engineer. Each member of his crew has their own complicated relationship with China and the identity they've cultivated as Chinese Americans, but when Will asks, none of them can turn him down. Because... if they succeed? They earn \$50 million – and a chance to make history. But if they fail, it will mean not just the loss of everything they've dreamed for themselves, but yet another thwarted attempt to take back what colonialism has stolen. A lush, lyrical heist novel inspired by the true story of Chinese

art vanishing from Western museums; about diaspora, the colonisation of art, and the complexity of the Chinese American identity.
Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

Death Doesn't Forget

Taipei Night Market series

Lin, Ed

Taipei is rocked by the back-to-back murders of a recent lottery winner and a police captain just as the city is preparing to host the big Austronesian Cultural Festival, which has brought in indigenous performers from all around the Pacific Rim to the island nation of Taiwan. Jing-nan, the proprietor of Unknown Pleasures, a popular food stand at Taipei's largest night market, is thrown into the intrigue. Is he being set up to take the rap, or will he be the next victim? The fallout could jeopardise Jing-nan's relationship with his girlfriend, Nancy, who is herself soon caught up in the drama, and is increasingly annoyed at Jing-nan's failure to propose to her. Jing-nan also has to be careful not to alienate his trusty workers Dwayne and Frankie the Cat, who are facing their own personal trials. Dwayne struggles to reconnect with his roots as a person of aboriginal descent, while septuagenarian Frankie helps a fellow veteran with dementia, intertwining stories that illuminate decades of Taiwanese history. Jing-nan, meanwhile, has to untangle the mystery of the killings while keeping his food stall afloat against hip new competition. Both his life, and his Instagram follower count, hang in the balance.

Mystery TP \$35.99

Paris Requiem

Detective Eddie Giral mysteries

Lloyd, Chris

Paris, 1940. As the city adjusts to life under Nazi occupation, Detective Eddie Giral struggles to reconcile his job as a policeman, with his new role enforcing a regime he cannot believe in but must work under. He's sacrificed so much in order to survive in this new world, but the past is not so easily forgotten. When an old friend and an old flame reappear, begging for his help, Eddie must decide how far he will go to help those he loves. He can remain a good man and do nothing, or risk it all in a desperate act of resistance... The follow-up to the wonderful *The Unwanted Dead* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical mystery/suspense TP \$34.99

Crook o' Lune:

a Lancashire Mystery

British Library Crime Classics

Lorac, E C R

'I'm minded of the way a fire spreads in dry bracken when we burn it off the fellside: tongues of flame this way and that – 'tis human tongues and words that's creeping like flames in brushwood.' It all began up at High Gimmedale with the sheep-stealing, a hateful act in the shepherding lands around the bend in the Lune river – the Crook o' Lune. Then came the fire at Aikengill house and with the leaping of the flames, death, disorder, and dangerous gossip came to the quiet moorlands. Visiting his friends, the Hoggetts, while searching for some farmland to buy up ahead of his retirement, Chief Inspector Robert Macdonald's trip becomes a busman's

holiday when he is drawn to investigate the deadly blaze and the deep-rooted motives behind the rising spate of crimes. Renowned for its authentic characters and settings based partly on the author's own experiences of life in the Lune valley, E C R Lorac's classic rural mystery returns to print, for the first time since 1953.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

The Bequest

Margaret, Joanna

Fleeing a disastrous affair with a colleague in Boston, Isabel Henley moves to Scotland to begin a PhD with a renowned feminist professor – only to learn, upon arrival, that her advisor has suffered a deadly fall. Soon after, Isabel is informed that another scholar at the university is about to publish a book on her dissertation topic, leaving her disconcerted and in search of a new subject, all while struggling to acclimate to her new home abroad. Isabel needs a good friend during such a rocky start, and finds one when she reconnects with Rose Brewster, her charismatic classmate from undergrad. But when Rose confides to Isabel that she is in trouble, and then goes missing, Isabel's already-unsteady life is sent into a tailspin. A suicide note surfaces, followed by a coded message: Rose is alive but, unless Isabel can complete the research begun before her friend's disappearance, both women will be killed by her captors. As Isabel follows the Rose's paper trail from Genoa to Florence and, finally, to Paris, she uncovers family secrets, the legend of an enormous, cursed emerald, and a chain of betrayal and treason which parallels her own perilous present. If she can put the pieces together soon, she could solve a 400-year-old mystery – and save her and her friend's lives in the process.

Gothic thriller TP \$32.99

Blind Justice

DS McAvoy mysteries

Mark, David

The call comes in before DS Aector McAvoy has had time for breakfast. The news is bad: A body. Found in the woods out at Brantingham. The reality is even worse. The young man's mutilated corpse lies tangled in the roots of a newly fallen tree, two silver Roman coins nailed through his sightless eyes. Who would torture their victim in such a brutal manner – and why? DS McAvoy makes the victim a promise: *I will find answers. You will know justice.* But justice always comes at a cost, and this time it may be McAvoy's own family who pay the price.

Mystery TP \$42.95

The Mistress of Bhatia House

Perveen Mistry mysteries

Massey, Sujata

India, 1922: Perveen Mistry is the only female lawyer in Bombay, a city where child mortality is high, birth control is unavailable, and very few women have ever seen a doctor. Perveen is attending a lavish fundraiser for a new women's hospital specialising in maternal health issues, when she witnesses an accident. The grandson of an influential Gujarati businessman catches fire – but a servant, his young ayah, Sunanda, rushes to save him, selflessly

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putting herself in harm's way. Later, Perveen learns that Sunanda, who's still ailing from her burns, has been arrested on trumped-up charges made by a man who doesn't seem to exist. Perveen cannot stand by while Sunanda languishes in jail with no hope of justice. She takes Sunanda as a client, even inviting her to live at the Mistry home in Bombay's Dadar Parsi colony. But the joint family household is already full of tension. Perveen's father worries about their law firm taking so much personal responsibility for a client, and her brother and sister-in-law are struggling to cope with their new baby. Perveen herself is going through personal turmoil as she navigates a taboo relationship with a handsome former civil service officer. When the hospital's chief donor dies suddenly, Miriam Penkar, a Jewish-Indian obstetrician, and Sunanda become suspects. Perveen's original case spirals into a complex investigation taking her into the Gujarati strongholds of Kalbadevi and Ghatkopar, and up the coast to Juhu Beach, where a decadent nawab lives with his Australian trophy wife. Then a second fire erupts, and Perveen realises how much is at stake. Has someone powerful framed Sunanda to cover up another crime? Will Perveen be able to prove Sunanda's innocence without endangering her own family? *We expect to have the local trade paperback edition of **The Mistress of Bhatia House**, later in the year, at a lower price.* The first of these wonderful historical mysteries is *A Murder at Malabar Hill* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery HC \$62.95

Bloodwood Creek **McGinnis, Kerry**

When Emily's beautiful cousin Aspen goes missing, somewhere in the outback, no one seems to take it seriously, not even the police. After all, Aspen has a history of drug use and a string of broken relationships to her name. Emily knows that her disappearance is totally out of character, even for the family's wild child – so, she books a flight to the Northern Territory to find her. Emily's search takes her south of Darwin to every road stop and tourist trap she can find, but the only person who turns up is the last person she expected to see, her ex-husband Ben. But there is a violent killer on the loose, a man the media have dubbed 'The Outback Killer' – and after two brazen attempts on Emily's life, it soon becomes clear that someone wants Emily gone too, someone who is willing to do anything to stop her following Aspen's tracks. Set in the bustling streets of Darwin and in an alternative-lifestyle commune outside of Tennant Creek, this is a gripping tale of the danger and lawlessness of Australia's wild and remote places.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Dark Flood

Benny Griessel series

Meyer, Deon

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

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

Thriller PBK \$24.99

The Second Murderer

Philip Marlowe

Mina, Denise

It's mid-September, a heatwave has descended on the parched hills of LA. Private Detective Philip Marlowe is called to the Montgomery estate, an almost mythic place sitting high on top of Beverly Hills. Wealthy 22-year-old Chrissie Montgomery, set to inherit an enormous fortune, is missing. She's a walking target, ripe for someone to get their claws into. Her dying father, along with his sultry, bottle-blonde girlfriend, wants her found before that happens. They've hired Anna Riorden, Marlowe's nemesis, too. The search takes them to the roughest neighbourhoods of LA through dive bars and Skid Row. And that's before he finds the body at The Brody Hotel. Who will get to her first, Marlowe, Anne, or the man chasing her fortune? And does she want to be found? Denise Mina reimagines Raymond Chandler's famed and troubled detective, Philip Marlowe, in this gritty thriller set in 1950s' Los Angeles.

Hardboiled TP \$34.99

Black Lake Manor **Morpuss, Guy**

In the former mining town of Black Lake on the west coast of Canada, there is a story about a shipwreck. All those aboard died, except an unnamed man who staggered ashore. His descendants have a unique ability: once in their lives – and only once – they can unwind the events of the previous six hours. More than 200 years later, Ella Manning, marine biologist and part-time police constable, is attending a party at Black Lake Manor, the cliff-top mansion of the town's divisive local billionaire. With a raging storm coming in from the Pacific, she and several other guests find themselves trapped. And when their host is discovered brutally murdered in a locked room, they turn to her to solve the crime. Against the odds, Ella is sure she has identified the killer... but then time is unwound. With no memory of what she discovered before, her investigation begins again, with very different results. Someone is willing to use their gift to protect a killer, and everyone is a suspect...

Thriller PBK \$22.99

Operation Moonlight **Morrish, Louise**

Wartime France, 1944. Trust absolutely no one. This is the only advice newly-recruited SOE agent Elisabeth Shepherd is given,

when faced with the impossible. Her mission: to enter Nazi-occupied France and monitor the Germans' deadly long-range missiles. *Guildford, 2018.* Betty is celebrating her 100th birthday when she receives an invite from the Century Society to reminisce on the past. She remains mysteriously tight-lipped about her past, however. And then her carer, Tali, discovers a box full of maps, letters, and a gun...

Historical suspense PBK \$22.99

Every Man a King

King Oliver series

Mosley, Walter

Joe King Oliver is entangled in a dangerous case, when he's asked to investigate whether a white nationalist is being unjustly set up... When friend of the family and multimillionaire Roger Ferris comes to Joe with an assignment, he's got no choice but to accept, even if the case is a tough one to stomach. White nationalist Alfred Xavier Quiller has been accused of murder and the sale of sensitive information to the Russians. Ferris has reason to believe Quiller's been set up and he needs King to see if the charges hold. This linear assignment becomes a winding quest to uncover the extent of Quiller's dealings, to understand Ferris' skin in the game, and to get to the bottom of who is working for whom. Even with the help of bodyguard and mercenary Oliya Ruez – no regular girl Friday – the machine King's up against proves relentless and unsparring. As King gets closer to exposing the truth, he and his loved ones barrel towards grave danger. A sequel to the award-winning *Down the River Unto the Sea* (PBK, \$24.99).

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

An Honest Living **Murphy, Dwyer**

After leaving behind the comforts and the shackles of a prestigious law firm, a restless attorney makes ends meet in mid-2000s' Brooklyn by picking up odd jobs from a colourful assortment of clients. When a mysterious woman named Anna Reddick turns up at his apartment with \$10,000 in cash, and asks him to track down her missing husband Newton – an antiquarian bookseller who she believes has been pilfering rare true crime volumes from her collection – he trusts it will be a quick and easy case. But when the real Anna Reddick – a magnetic but unpredictable literary prodigy – lands on his doorstep with a few bones to pick, he finds himself out of his depth, drawn into a series of deceptions involving Joseph Conrad novels, unscrupulous booksellers, aspiring flâneurs, and seedy real estate developers. Set against the backdrop of New York at the tail end of the analogue era and immersed in the worlds of literature and bookselling, *An Honest Living* is a gripping story of artistic ambition, obsession, and the small crimes we commit against one another every day.

Noir TP \$37.95

The Stranger in the Seine **Musso, Guillaume**

A nameless woman found in the waters of the Seine. A celebrated musician seemingly back from the dead. An impossible case. Paris, a misty night a few days before Christmas: a young woman is saved from

the waters of the Seine. She is naked, doesn't remember her name or how she ended up in the river, but is still alive. The mysterious woman is taken to the hospital – and then disappears in thin air. DNA testing reveals her to be celebrated concert pianist Milena Bergman – but that cannot be: Milena died in a plane crash, more than a year before. As police captain Roxane begins to investigate, her fate becomes intertwined with that of writer Raphael Bataille, Milena's former boyfriend, and the two are plunged deep into an impossible enigma: is it possible to be alive and dead at the same time?

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

48 Clues into the Disappearance of My Sister Oates, Joyce Carol

When a woman mysteriously vanishes, her sister must tally up the clues to discover her fate. Marguerite, a beautiful woman, has disappeared from her small town in Upstate New York. But is foul play involved? Or did she merely take an opportunity to get away for fun, or finally make the decision to leave behind her claustrophobic life of limited opportunities? Her younger sister Gigi wonders if the flimsy, silk Dior dress, so casually abandoned on the floor, is a clue to Marguerite's having seemingly vanished. The police examine the footprints made by her Ferragamo boots leaving the house, ending abruptly, and puzzle over how that can help lead to her. Gigi, not so pretty as her sister, slowly reveals her hatred for the perfect, much-loved, Marguerite. Bit by bit, like ripping the petals off a flower blossom, revelations about both sisters are uncovered.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Invisible

DS George Manolis series

Papathanasiou, Peter

Burnt-out from policework, Detective Sergeant George Manolis flies from Australia to Greece for a holiday. Recently divorced and mourning the death of his father, who emigrated from the turbulent Prespes region – which straddles the borders of Greece, Albania and North Macedonia – Manolis hopes to reconnect with his roots and heritage. On arrival, Manolis learns of the disappearance of an 'invisible' – a local man who lives without a scrap of paperwork. The police and some locals believe the man's disappearance was pre-planned, while others suspect foul play. Reluctantly, Manolis agrees to work undercover to find the invisible, and must navigate the complicated relationships of a tiny village where grudges run deep. It soon becomes clear to Manolis that he may never locate a man who, for all intents and purposes, doesn't exist. And with the clock ticking, the ghosts of the past continue to haunt the events of today as Manolis' investigation leads him to uncover a dark and long-forgotten practice. 'Outback noir has a new star' – *The Times*. The sequel to the first, *The Stoning* (TP, \$29.99), in this popular outback noir series.

Noir PBK \$22.99

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The Last Witch of Scotland **Paris, Philip**

Being a woman was her only crime. *Scottish Highlands, 1727*. In the aftermath of a tragic fire that kills her father, Aila and her mother, Janet, move to the remote village of Loth. Aila, who was badly burned in the fire, attracts the eye of suspicious and superstitious villagers, especially the new Reverend McNeil, a man determined to cleanse the village from evil. Then arrives a motley troupe of travelling entertainers from Edinburgh, led by the charismatic but mysterious Jack, further unsettling peace in the village and stoking something new in Aila – a kind of hope she hasn't known since her father's death. Trouble is brewing, and if Aila and Janet aren't careful, everything may yet end in flames. Inspired by the true story of the last person to be tried and executed as a witch in Britain, *The Last Witch of Scotland* is a harrowing tale shedding light on one of the country's darkest periods in history.

Historical mystery/suspense HC \$32.99

May God Forgive

Detective Harry McCoy series

Parks, Alan

Glasgow is a city in mourning. An arson attack has left five dead. Tempers are frayed and sentiments running high. When three youths are charged the city goes wild. A crowd gathers outside the courthouse but as the police drive the young men to prison, their van is rammed by a truck, and the men are grabbed and bundled into a car. The next day, the body of one of them is dumped in the city centre. A note has been sent to the newspapers: one down, two to go. Detective Harry McCoy has 24 hours to find the kidnapped boys before they all turn up dead, and it is going to mean taking down some of Glasgow's most powerful to do it...

Noir PBK \$22.99

Obsessed

Michael Bennett series

Patterson, James

A serial killer with a dangerous infatuation... Detective Michael Bennett and the NYPD are aboard a police boat in the Hudson River searching for a murder victim – a young college student. They find her tossed in the dark waves, dressed for a night out. The gruesome sight fills Bennett with dread only a father could fathom. As the obsessive killer extends his spree, a pattern emerges. One that Bennett's eldest daughter fits to a harrowing degree. Now, NYPD's top detective must lure the murderer into the light of day before the next deadly strike lands closer to home than Bennett could ever bear – as a parent and a protector.

Thriller TP \$32.99

The Fourth Enemy

Daniel Pitt mysteries

Perry, Anne

When a heart attack forces Marcus fford Croft to retire from his chambers, his daughter Miriam and son-in-law Daniel are relieved that he is stepping down and handing over to Toby Kitteridge. But Daniel and Toby are concerned that their new recruit, Gideon Hunter KC, who is a brilliant barrister with a penchant for taking risks, could jeopardise their chambers' hard-won reputation... Daniel's old friend Inspector

Ian Frobisher then alerts him to the fact that one of England's most influential newspaper tycoons, Malcolm Vayne, is about to be arrested for fraud. Hunter jumps at the chance to prosecute in such a high-profile and controversial case, and Daniel soon finds himself assisting with a chilling criminal exploration into a murky world of power, greed and pure evil that endangers Miriam's life...

Historical mystery PBK \$24.99

The Half Life of Valery K **Pulley, Natasha**

The truth must come out. In 1963, in a Siberian gulag, former nuclear specialist Valery Kolkhanov has mastered what it takes to survive: the right connections to the guards for access to food and cigarettes, the right pair of warm boots to avoid frostbite, and the right attitude toward the small pleasures of life. But on one ordinary day, all that changes: Valery's university mentor steps in and sweeps Valery from the frozen prison camp to a mysterious unnamed town hidden within a forest so damaged it looks like the trees have rusted from within. Here, Valery is Dr Kolkhanov, once more, and he's expected to serve out his prison term studying the effect of radiation on local animals. But as Valery begins his work, he is struck by the questions his research raises: what, exactly, is being hidden from the thousands who live in the town? And, if he keeps looking for answers, will he live to serve out his sentence? Based on real events, in a surreal Soviet city, and told with bestselling author Natasha Pulley's inimitable style, *The Half Life of Valery K* is a sweeping historical adventure.

Suspense PBK \$22.99

Red Warning

Quirk, Matthew

CIA agent Sam Hudson has been hunting Konstantin, a deadly Russian deep cover operative, for years – and he's finally picked up the killer's trail in Geneva. But Sam's source is ambushed, and Sam barely makes it back to the US, alive. Back in Washington, the higher-ups want Sam to drop his obsession with Konstantin, but he can't let a man who's killed so many slip away again. When a mysterious caller taunts him right before an attack in DC, Sam realises Konstantin has followed him to American soil. Teaming up with fellow agent Emily Pierce, Sam sets out to neutralise his old enemy. But every way he turns there are obstacles, and he begins to wonder if there is someone in US intelligence sharing crucial secrets. With the threat looming ever larger, Sam must use all his training and nerve to bring Konstantin down – before Konstantin brings down the nation's capital.

Suspense PBK \$22.99

Barren Grounds

Radburn, B Michael

In 1960s' Sydney, a killer stalks the streets – and one cop will risk everything to stop him. The calling card of the killer known as 'The Jeweller' is as elegant as it is gruesome: a pair of ring fingers, separated from their owners, encircled by a band of wire, delivered directly to Senior Detective Joe Capello. When the Jeweller taunts Joe and his team into meeting him in the diseased grounds

of Barren Park, the consequences of that evening will have permanent repercussions for everyone involved. And, for Joe, it gets personal. Two years later, Joe is off the force, but no less obsessed with the Jeweller and his horrific crimes. When a new parcel arrives at his home, Joe is invited back onto the task force and given the opportunity to redeem himself. But vindication relies on Joe finally capturing The Jeweller and, now, he has to decide if he's willing to do what it takes – whatever it takes – to finally bring this case to a close. For fans of Greg Woodland, Matt Nable, and Chris Hammer, comes a twisting thriller about the past, the present, and the hope of a future.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

The Paris Agent

Rimmer, Kelly

Twenty-five years after the end of the war, ageing British SOE operative Noah Ainsworth is reflecting on the secret agent who saved his life when a mission went wrong during his perilous, exhilarating years in occupied France. He never knew her real name, nor whether she survived the war. His daughter Charlotte begins a search for answers. What follows is the story of Fleur and Chloe, two otherwise ordinary women who in 1943 are called up by the SOE for deployment in France. Taking enormous risks with very little information or resources, the women have no idea they're at the mercy of a double agent within their ranks who's causing chaos. As Charlotte's search for answers continues, new suspicions are raised about the identity of the double agent, with unsettling clues pointing to her father.

Historical suspense TP \$32.99

Mr Champion's Mosaic

Albert Champion mysteries

Ripley, Mike

London, 1972. The Evadne Childe Society has gathered, in honour of what would have been the author's 82nd birthday; and Albert Champion is there as a reluctant guest speaker and ceremonial birthday cake cutter. But Champion's oratory skills aren't the only thing in demand. A TV remake of a 20-year-old film adaptation of one of Evadne's classic novels, *The Moving Mosaic*, has been derailed by someone attempting to murder the leading man – the latest in a series of increasingly disturbing incidents – and the society wants Champion to investigate. Who is determined to sabotage the production at any cost, and why? Travelling to the picturesque village of Kingswaller Manor in Dorset, where filming is due to start, Champion soon stumbles upon dark secrets, ghosthunters, an impressive mosaic, and murder.

Historical mystery TP \$42.95

A Fox in the Fold

Owen Archer mysteries

Robb, Gandace

October 1376. Owen Archer is summoned by sheriff Sir Ralph Hastings regarding a stripped and bloodied body discovered on the road north to York. Could it be connected to an attack on a carter and his labourers who were transporting stone destined for St Clement's Priory? The carter fled, but his men stayed to fight and are now missing. Is the victim one of them? At first, Owen believes the catalyst for murder and menace

in York is the arrival of the political pariah William Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester. But he soon suspects that a formidable and skilful adversary from his past has arrived in the city, thrusting him and his family into grave danger, and his investigation becomes a race to uncover the truth before his old nemesis destroys all he holds dear.

Historical mystery TP \$42.95

The Purgatory Poisoning **Rogers, Rebecca**

How do you solve your own murder when you're already dead?

Purgatory (noun): 1. Where the dead are sent to atone. 2. A place of suffering or torment. 3. A youth hostel where the occupants play Scrabble, and the mattresses are paper thin.

When Dave wakes up in his own personal purgatory (St Ives Youth Hostel, circa 1992), he's shocked to discover he's dead. And worse – he was murdered. Heaven doesn't know who did it, so with the help of two rogue angels, Dave must uncover the truth. As divine forces from both sides start to play the game, can Dave get out of this alive? Or at the very least, with his soul intact?

Mystery PBK \$22.99

The Sleep of Reason

Rowley, Mark

& Derbyshire, David

A brutal massacre at a theme park leaves eight dead and triggers a wave of extremist violence across Britain. On the trail of the killer is Detective Superintendent Sophie Gabriel, who must confront her past, as she races to stop rival Islamist and neo-Nazi terror groups bringing a deadly campaign of violence to Britain's streets. As community tensions rise, the coalition government appears to be exploiting the crisis for its own ends. In the midst of a political and media whirlwind, Gabriel and her team must stop a ruthless terrorist attack that could leave hundreds dead. Co-written by one of the UK's leading counter-terrorism experts, *The Sleep of Reason* is a tense and compelling thriller about toxic politics and the radicalisation of young men.

Mystery/suspense TP \$27.99

The Only One Left

Sager, Riley

Everyone believes that Lenora Hope is a mass murderer. When the Hope family was massacred decades ago, she was the only one left after that tragic night. Mute, paralysed and confined to a wheelchair, Lenora has never been able to tell her side of the story. Until her new live-in caregiver Kit brings her a typewriter. And with one working finger, Lenora begins to type: *I want to tell you everything.*

Gothic thriller TP \$32.99

Witch Upon a Star

Witch Way Librarian mysteries

Sanders, Angela M

Josie is eager to show off Wilfred's delights to her visiting sister, Jean – even though Josie must conceal her magic from her. In any case, Jean is excited to attend Cookie Masterson's trademark 'Ready-Set-Go!' workshop on becoming a life coach. Then there's the grand reopening of Darla's Café, where the doors are thrown open to reveal... a dead man, stabbed in the back. That was

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definitely not on the revamped menu... Even more worrisome, the sheriff receives a report of a fresh corpse at the retreat centre. Maybe, murder isn't so uncommon in Wilfred, anymore, but two unfamiliar bodies within an hour certainly is! Josie's willing to let law enforcement take the lead – after all, she's gotten into some trouble from the hints the library's spellbound books keep feeding her about the patrons. But when her sister receives the killer's chilling calling card, she'll use everything within her otherworldly powers to divine just who in town has homicide as his new slogan...

Mystery PBK \$24.99

Six Ostriches

Dr Bannerman Vet mysteries

Schott, Philipp

Veterinarian Dr Peter Bannerman and his sniffer dog, Pippin, are back to solve a mystery involving a series of animal mutilations, a Viking artefact, and a shadowy group in the small town of New Selfoss. It's springtime in rural Manitoba, and the snow has finally left the exotic animal farm when an ostrich finds and swallows a shiny object. (Because this is what ostriches do.) Cue veterinarian and amateur sleuth Dr Peter Bannerman, who surgically removes the object, which looks like an ancient Viking artefact. Soon after, people around are horrified by a series of animal mutilations. This sets Peter, and his talented sniffer dog, Pippin, on the hunt for answers. Peter begins to suspect a link between the Viking artefact, the mutilations, and a shadowy group of white supremacists on the internet. Before long, Peter and Pippin are in over their heads, and the only way for them to get out alive will be to unmask the mastermind before they end up among their victims. A follow-up to *Fifty-Four Pigs* (TP, \$29.99).

Mystery TP \$29.99

Sinners of Starlight City

Scott, Anika

Vengeance is in the family, and the family is a bond like no other... It's the worst year of the Great Depression, and America needs all the hope it can get. The Chicago World's Fair, a glittery city-within-a-city, becomes a symbol of the good that's yet to come. But every utopia has a seedy side – and that's Rosa Mancuso's world. As the mysterious Madame Mystique she mixes magic with a dose of bare skin burlesque, bringing customers to the home of the Fair's carnival rides and spectacles. Rosa doesn't perform for fame, though. She has come from Mussolini's Italy to America, where she's plotting her revenge for the murders of her family. The perpetrator will soon arrive at the World's Fair, via a celebrated Italian air fleet, and Rosa is determined to be prepared. But when her estranged cousin, Mina, comes to her desperate for help, with a dangerous mobster close on her heels, Rosa agrees to protect Mina and her new baby, born across the colour line. With the clock ticking, Rosa decides the only way to survive is to make vengeance a family affair and prompt everyone to, at last, confront the sins from their pasts.

Historical mystery/suspense TP \$42.95

Murder at the Jubilee Rally

Samuel Craddock mysteries

Shames, Terry

With the annual Jubilee Motorcycle Rally approaching, Jarrett Creek residents are divided. Some despise the rowdy, unsavoury behaviour of the bikers, but they bring welcome money to local merchants. What's to be done? At a town meeting to find a solution, temperatures flare as Amber Johnson and Lily Deverell – family women on opposing sides of the debate – throw accusations at each other. Attempting to appease both camps, Chief of Police Samuel Craddock enacts a curfew to dissuade late-night revellers. Nevertheless, trouble strikes. With the rally in full swing, Amber is found murdered at the event. Why did Amber leave her home, that night? What secrets was she hiding from her family? Craddock quickly faces more challenges as he offers to take in his rebellious teenaged niece, Hailey, whose parents are at their wits' end. He soon understands their pain. Can Craddock keep Hailey under control, or will dealing with her allow a murderer to escape justice?

Mystery TP \$42.95

Should I Fall

Shepherd, Scott

When John Frankel's ex-wife is discovered dead on the floor of his Manhattan studio apartment, the NYPD detective instantly becomes the prime suspect in her murder. Then more information surfaces, linking his gun to the fatal bullet, a motive is discovered, and Frankel flees the city, all of which further convinces his colleagues of his guilt. In spite of the mounting evidence, Frankel's bride-to-be, Rachel Grant, and her father, Austin Grant, formerly of Scotland Yard, are certain of his innocence. But with the police under orders to use whatever force necessary to stop what they view as a dangerous criminal, the duo will have to act fast, before the manhunt goes violently wrong. The investigation and relentless chase after Frankel takes them across the country, from the tropical shores of Hawaii to a deadly midnight rendezvous in a cemetery in northern Maine. And as that game of cat-and-mouse unfurls, so too does a complex murder plot with multiple victims – the ultimate solution of which will keep readers baffled and breathless until the very end.

Mystery TP \$32.99

The Square of Sevens

Shepherd-Robinson, Laura

A girl known only as Red, the daughter of a Cornish fortune-teller, travels with her father making a living predicting fortunes using the ancient method: the Square of Sevens. When her father suddenly dies, Red becomes the ward of a gentleman scholar. Now, raised as a lady amidst the Georgian splendour of Bath, her fortune-telling is a delight to high society. But she cannot ignore the questions that gnaw at her soul: who was her mother? How did she die? And who are the mysterious enemies her father was always terrified would find him? The pursuit of these mysteries takes her from Cornwall and Bath to London and Devon, from the rough ribaldry of the Bartholemew Fair to the grand houses of two of the most powerful families in England. And while

Red's quest brings her the possibility of great reward, it also leads into her grave danger...

Historical mystery TP \$34.99

Double or Nothing

Double O series

Sherwood, Kim

James Bond is missing. 007 has been captured, perhaps even killed, by a sinister private military company. His whereabouts are unknown. Johanna Harwood, 003. Joseph Dryden, 004. Sid Bashir, 009. Together, they represent the very best and brightest of MI6. Skilled, determined and with a licence to kill, they will do anything to protect their country. The fate of the world rests in their hands... Tech billionaire Sir Bertram Paradise claims he can reverse the climate crisis, and save the planet. But can he really? The new spies must uncover the truth, because the future of humanity hangs in the balance. Time is running out. The first in a brand-new trilogy, following MI6's agents with a licence to kill, that blows the world of James Bond wide open!

Suspense PBK \$22.99

Portrait of an Unknown Woman

Gabriel Allon series

Silva, Daniel

Legendary spy and art restorer Gabriel Allon has at long last severed ties with Israeli intelligence and settled quietly in Venice, the only place where he has ever truly known peace. His beautiful wife, Chiara, has taken over the day-to-day management of the Tiepolo Restoration Company, and their two young children are discreetly enrolled in a neighbourhood *scuola elementare*. For his part, Gabriel spends his days wandering the streets and canals of the watery city, bidding farewell to the demons of his tragic, violent past. But when the eccentric London art dealer Julian Isherwood asks Gabriel to investigate the circumstances surrounding the rediscovery and lucrative sale of a centuries-old painting, he is drawn into a deadly game of cat and mouse where nothing is as it seems. Gabriel soon discovers that the work in question, a portrait of an unidentified woman attributed to Sir Anthony van Dyck, is almost certainly a fiendishly clever fake. To find the mysterious figure who painted it – and uncover a multibillion-dollar fraud at the pinnacle of the art world – Gabriel conceives one of the most elaborate deceptions of his career. If it is to succeed, he must become the very mirror image of the man he seeks: the greatest art forger the world has ever known.

Thriller PBK \$19.99

Transgression

Halifax series

Simpson, Roger

Four unsolved murders. A killer with no motive. Only one woman can stop them. The first murder is brazen, violent, and ritualistic. Committed in the victim's home, the killer leaves few clues as to their motive or their identity. All the police know is that the perpetrator entered the house, impaled the art collector on one of his own priceless sculptures, before melting away into the night. Inspector Eric Ringer is desperate for Dr Jane Halifax to profile the killer, but Jane is cautious. She and Eric have a

past... plus, she hates these kinds of cases; a psychopath is a psychopath, any way you slice it. But there's something about this killer that intrigues Jane. And as the bodies pile up, Jane must use all her knowledge and intuition to enter the mind of the murderer before they strike again. Join Jane Halifax as she embarks on the most challenging – and chilling – case of her career. The first in a series.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

After That Night

Will Trent series

Slaughter, Karin

After that night, nothing was ever the same again... Fifteen years ago, Sara Linton's life changed forever when a celebratory night out ended in a violent attack that tore her world apart. Since then, Sara has remade her life. A successful doctor, engaged to a man she loves, she has finally managed to leave the past behind her. Until one evening, on call in the ER, everything changes. Sara battles to save a broken young woman who's been brutally attacked. But as the investigation progresses, led by GBI Special Agent Will Trent, it becomes clear that Dani Cooper's assault is uncannily linked to Sara's. And it seems the past isn't going to stay buried forever...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Enigma of Garlic

44 Scotland Street series

Smith, Alexander McCall

It's the most anticipated event of the decade: Big Lou and Fat Bob's wedding and everyone is invited! After a wonderful day, Big Lou crashes back down to earth and finds that she is a victim of her own success. The lure of those famous bacon rolls is preventing her from leaving hungry customers without their daily dose of deliciousness – even to go for a long-awaited honeymoon. Will Big Lou find the happiness she so richly deserves? Everyone in Scotland Street hopes so, but, as Burns warned, the best laid plans... The relative peace and tranquillity of 44 Scotland Street is about to be disrupted. Irene is to return for a two-month stay, consigning Bertie to a summer camp. Not satisfied with that, she, somehow, manages to come between the enigmatic nun, Sister Maria-Fiore dei Fiori di Montagna, and her friend, the hagiographer, Antonia Collie. Can a person really change, even after being struck by lightning? Bruce's metamorphosis and newfound outlook on life is put to the test as he prepares to leave his creature comforts, for the monastic simplicity of Pluscarden Abbey. His house sitter, meanwhile, gets a little too comfortable in his new life and discovers that the talented Bruce Anderson's shoes are all too easy to slip into. With great taste comes great responsibility. Join the delightful denizens of Edinburgh's most famous address in the latest instalment of the much-loved 44 Scotland Street series.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

Murder with Earl Grey Tea

Daisy's Tea Garden mysteries

Smith, Karen Rose

Even though spring in Lancaster County is still a bit far off, Daisy Swanson has much to look forward to: setting a date with her fiancé Jonas, a whimsical Alice in

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Wonderland tea event, and an anniversary celebration for her parents at a farm-to-table restaurant in Willow Creek. But a grim discovery turns her thoughts to the troubled present. Meeting up for a hike with her friend, Daisy and her fiancé's dog Felix find the woman dead on a trail, a victim of an apparent hit and run. The tyre tracks clearly indicate this was no accident; and, now, Daisy must follow a twisted trail of clues to uncover what drove someone to murder...

Mystery PBK \$24.99

Breakup

Kate Shugak Investigations

Stabenow, Dana

The first day of Spring: a bad day to be in Alaska. Breakup: the time of year when Alaska awakens from its Arctic slumber. Snows melt. Rivers flood. Winter's secrets emerge. This spring, the retreating ice reveals a corpse, and a starving she-bear mauls a woman to death. The corpse matches the description of a man missing since last year, the woman has been so badly mutilated she's barely recognisable. Investigator Kate Shugak will dodge bullets, bears, and a plane crash before she realises that, somehow, there is a connection between the two deaths. A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Hunter's Moon

Kate Shugak Investigations

Stabenow, Dana

It's autumn in Alaska: hunting season. Kate Shugak is acting guide to 10 big game hunters carrying an arsenal of expensive weaponry. Unfortunately, not one of them seems to know one end of a shotgun from the other, and all are a danger to themselves and anyone else in range. So, when one of the men is killed, his death is dismissed as a tragic accidental shooting. But when the weather worsens and Kate finds herself stranded in the wilderness with the hunting party, she begins to have her doubts about the group. And when she discovers another body in gruesome circumstances, Kate realises that someone is after more than just four-legged trophies... A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

Killing Grounds

Kate Shugak Investigations

Stabenow, Dana

Cal Meany is a cheat, a poacher, an abusive father, and an adulterous husband. So, nobody is that surprised when Kate Shugak finds his body floating in the bay. What is surprising is that the corpse has been beaten, stabbed, strangled, and drowned. Meany's happily bereaved wife and children are prime suspects. Then again, so are most of his neighbours. But when Meany's daughter is murdered, and her lover disappears, Kate begins to think that this unusual crime may not be so readily solved... A reissue.

Mystery (reissue) PBK \$19.99

The Stranger Vanishes

Lily Dale mysteries

Staub, Wendy Corsi

In the quirky, picturesque lakeside community of Lily Dale, where the residents can talk to the dead, young widow Bella Jordan is the lone sceptic among believers. She doesn't believe in ghosts... but after a year in the village, she would admit that her new friends *do* sometimes seem to know impossible things. Still, when a Black stranger dressed in old-fashioned clothing arrives unexpectedly at Bella's guesthouse at midnight on Juneteenth, only to vanish the next day as if he'd never existed, Bella's sure there has to be a logical explanation. One that has nothing to do with the strange warning Odelia, the medium next door, delivers from the Spirits: Beware of... Barry?! Bella doesn't know a Barry, and she has enough people in her life already, what with her young son Max and their two kitties, handsome vet Drew, a plethora of kind but nosy neighbours and a full house of summer guests. But as the mystery of the missing stranger deepens, she starts to wonder: did the Spirits really mean Barry? Or did they mean *bury*...

Mystery TP \$42.95

The Resting Place

Sten, Camilla

The medical term is prosopagnosia. The average person calls it face blindness – the inability to recognise a familiar person's face, even the faces of those closest to you. When Eleanor walked in on the scene of her capriciously cruel grandmother, Vivianne's, murder, she came face to face with the killer – a maddening expression that means nothing to someone like her. With each passing day, her anxiety mounts. The dark feelings of having brushed by a killer, yet not know who could do this – or if they'd be back – overtakes both her dreams and her waking moments, thwarting her perception of reality. Then, a lawyer calls. Vivianne has left her a house – a looming estate tucked away in the Swedish woods. The place her grandfather died, suddenly. A place that has housed a dark past for over 50 years. Eleanor. Her steadfast boyfriend, Sebastian. Her reckless aunt, Veronika. The lawyer. All will go to this house of secrets, looking for answers. But as they get closer to bringing the truth to light, they'll wish they had never come to disturb what rests there.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

The Man in the Queue

Inspector Alan Grant mysteries

Tey, Josephine

A clever mystery classic from one of Britain's greatest and most original crime writers, the author of *The Daughter of Time* (PBK, \$22.99) – introducing Inspector Alan Grant. In 1920s' London, the packed queue for the city's most popular musical comedy is growing impatient. When the theatre doors open at last and the crowd surges forward,

a man falls to the ground, dead-silently stabbed with a stiletto. Who killed him, before melting away unseen into the night?

As Inspector Alan Grant investigates, the mystery turns into a breathless manhunt leading from London, all the way to the Scottish highlands, and back – before, at last, a truth is revealed that shocks even the canny detective, himself. This is an unforgettable classic from crime writing's golden age.

Classic mystery PBK \$19.99

Death of a Heretic

Sister Fidelma mysteries

Tremayne, Peter

Ireland, AD 672. The abbey of Muman at Imleach Iubhair is being renovated when its guests' hostel burns to the ground. There is one fatality: Bishop Brodulf of Luxovium, a distinguished visitor and cousin to the King of Franks. Sister Fidelma is asked by Abbot Cuan to investigate the unfortunate incident and soon finds that the bishop had been stabbed to death before the fire had even started. Thrown into a world of treachery and jealousy, where religious beliefs are vehemently disputed, Fidelma and her companions, Eadulf and Enda, face a barrier of deceit. The abbey, a leading ecclesiastical teaching institution as well as a *conhospitae*, housing both men and women, is divided into factions. Can Abbot Cuan trust Prioress Suanach, who is in charge of the sisterhood? Can the professors trust each other as well as their students? Moreover, can suspicion be levelled at the builders working on the abbey under their dominant Master Builder, Sitae? As more deaths follow, Fidelma must use her wit and ingenuity to unravel the complexities of this intricate mystery.

Historical mystery PBK \$24.99

Four Thousand Days

Margaret Murray mysteries

Trow, M J

October 1900. University College, London.

When the spreadeagled body of one of her students is discovered in her rented room shortly after attending one of her lectures, Dr Margaret Murray is disinclined to accept the official verdict of suicide and determines to find out how and why the girl really died. As an archaeologist, Dr Murray is used to examining ancient remains, but she's never before had to investigate the circumstances surrounding a newly-dead corpse. However, of one thing Margaret is certain: if you want to know how and why a person died, you need to understand how they lived. And it soon becomes clear that the dead girl had been keeping a number of secrets. As Margaret uncovers evidence that Helen Richardson had knowledge of a truly extraordinary archaeological find, the body of a second young woman is discovered on a windswept Kent beach – and the case takes a disturbing new twist. Introducing turn-of-the-century archaeologist-sleuth Margaret Murray, in the first of a brilliant new historical mystery series.

Historical mystery TP \$42.95

Of Judgement Fallen

Anthony Blanke Tudor mysteries

Veerapen, Steven

Spring, 1523. Henry VIII readies England for war with France. The King's chief minister, Cardinal Wolsey, prepares to open Parliament at Blackfriars. The eyes of the country turn towards London. But all is not well in Wolsey's household. A visiting critic of the Cardinal is found brutally slain, while awaiting an audience at Richmond Palace. He will not be the last to die. Anthony Blanke, trumpeter and groom, is once again called upon to unmask a murderer. Joining forces with Sir Thomas More, he is forced to confront the unpopularity of his master's rule. As the bodies of the Cardinal's enemies mount up around him, Anthony finds himself under suspicion. Journeying through the opulence of More's home, the magnificence of Wolsey's York Place, and the dank dungeons of London's gaols, he must discover whether the murderer of the Cardinal's critics is friend or foe. With time running out before Parliament sits, Anthony must clear his name and catch the killer before the King's justice falls blindly upon him. A follow-up to *Of Blood Descended* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical mystery PBK \$19.99

Zero Days

Ware, Ruth

Her husband has been murdered and she's the only suspect. What should she do? Hired by companies to break into buildings and hack security systems, Jack and her husband Gabe are the best penetration specialists in the business. But after a routine assignment goes horribly wrong, Jack arrives home to find her husband dead. It soon becomes clear that the police have only one suspect in mind – her. Jack must go on the run to try and clear her name and to find her husband's real killer. But who can she trust when everyone she knows could be a suspect? And with the police and the killer after her, can Jack get to the truth before her time runs out?

Thriller TP \$32.99

A Very Lively Murder

Dahlia Lively mysteries

Watson, Katy

One murder mystery movie. Three Dahlias. And a whole cast of suspects... Ex child star Posy Starling is finally filming her dream role – Dahlia Lively in *The Lady Detective* movie. But things take a nightmare turn when a prop weapon is replaced with the real thing – with almost fatal consequences for her fellow Dahlia, Rosalind King. There's something very wrong on the set of *The Lady Detective* – which means it's time to call in Caro Hooper, so the three Dahlias can investigate. In between filming scenes, signing autographs for locals, photoshoots on set and jetting off to France for an impromptu party, the three Dahlias do what they do best – surreptitiously sleuth. And very soon

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the evidence starts to point towards one particular co-star... But before they can prove it, a murder rocks the production. And this time, with a storm raging, the river flooded, and the bridge washed out, there are no police to rely on – so, it's up to the three Dahlias to stop a murderer in their tracks... before another victim is claimed.

Mystery TP \$32.99

Games for Dead Girls

Williams, Jen

Hithechurch, a peaceful, out-of-the-way seaside town in Kent. When Charlie was young, she would visit with her family, making friends and playing down by the beach. Their favourite was telling scary stories; silly games of make-believe that would twist and weave old wife's tales to scare each other. They would laugh and try to shake off the shiver that ran down their backs and made the hair on their necks stand on end. But what if it wasn't all make-believe? Years later, Charlie returns to Hithechurch with her niece, researching a book on folklore. As she delves deeper into the history of the area, she finds something disturbing: a decades-long history of women going missing. Could the stories be true? Charlie is about to find out some games are deadlier than others.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99