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Ron and Leanne

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

### Agatha Christie

#### Poirot Calendar 2024

For the first time, Hercule Poirot – 'probably the greatest detective in the world' – is celebrated in the official Agatha Christie Calendar, comprising 14 brand new cover designs from the bestselling books and (as it's a leap year) 366 little grey cells in which to write your daily appointments! Hercule Poirot made his debut in Agatha Christie's very first novel, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, serialised in *The Times* in 1920. With appearances in 33 novels and more than 50 short stories, plus stage plays, comic strips, interactive games, and multiple TV and film adaptations stretching back over a century, the little Belgian detective with the egg-shaped head finally makes his wall calendar debut in the official 2024 *Agatha Christie Calendar*.

Christie Calendar \$22.99

### Secrets of the Nile

Lady Emily mysteries

#### Alexander, Tasha

Lady Emily and her husband, Colin Hargreaves, have joined his formidable mother on a holiday to visit the exotic treasures of Egypt. Their host, Lord Bertram Deeley, is a renowned amateur British collector of antiquities, who has invited his closest friends on a lavish cruise up the Nile to his home at Luxor. But on the first night of their journey, he collapses suddenly after offering a welcome toast, a victim of the lethal poison cyanide. Who amongst this group of his nearest and dearest would want to kill their generous host? Emily and Colin's investigation soon reveals that even his closest friends had reasons to want him dead: was it the archaeologist whose dig Deeley was poised to fund until he suddenly withdrew support? The powerful politician whose career Deeley had secretly destroyed? The dyspeptic aristocratic English spinster whose hired travelling companion seems determined to protect her employer? Or could it be Mrs Hargreaves herself, who may have spurned the advances of Lord Deeley when they were both younger? A key clue may lie with several ancient *ushabtis*, exquisite 3,000-year-old sculptures that played a role in a hidden story from the time of Ancient Egypt, one of a sister's unshakeable loyalty to her brother, a tale of betrayal and revenge. In an unforgettable finale, Emily and Colin gather their fellow travellers together to unmask a killer whose motive is as shocking, as it is brilliant.

Historical mystery TP \$39.95

### You Will Never Be Found

#### Alsterdal, Tove

He was locked inside an abandoned house. But he's not the only one... When a dead man is found locked in the basement of an abandoned house, deep in the woods, there is no evidence of what happened beyond

his name – scratched into the wall before he died. The regional police can't find anyone who knew him. But no one knows the locals like Detective Eira Sjödin. When her expert knowledge of her hometown is again called in, she knows one of them must have seen something. Before she can uncover the truth, though, someone shockingly close to her disappears. Has he fallen victim to the same criminal they've been chasing? And can Eira put the pieces together in time to save him?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### Dashing Through the Snowbirds

Meg Langslow mysteries

#### Andrews, Donna

Christmas in Caerphilly is wonderful! Unless you're a Canadian, whose inconsiderate boss is forcing you to spend the holiday there – far from family and friends – with only a slim chance of a white Christmas. Meg already has her hands full, trying to make the season festive for the dozen programmers who are staying with her and Michael while working on a rush project with her brother's software company. At least, it's an interesting project, since the Canadian company is doing forensic genealogy and DNA analysis. When the inconsiderate boss is found murdered, there are too many suspects. Even before their Christmas in exile, his own employees had plenty of motives, and the growing number of people suing the company for faulty DNA analysis and invasion of their genetic privacy include at least one notorious murderer. Can Meg crack the case in time to keep the Yuletide bright? Now in paperback.

Mystery PBK \$26.95

### Let It Grow! Let It Grow!

#### Let It Grow!

Meg Langslow mysteries

#### Andrews, Donna

Meg has been roped into participating in a weapon-smithing competition, a Forged in Fire wannabe organised by a blacksmith friend. Meg originally turned down an invitation to participate – but, the night before the filming starts, someone attacks Faulk, her blacksmithing mentor, breaking his arm and eliminating him from the contest before it begins. Meg agrees to step in as his replacement to keep the project from failing. She's not thrilled that the filming will take place during December – Christmas is already a crazy time for her. Since the competition is taking place on Ragnarshjem, the picturesque estate that her friend Ragnar, the retired heavy metal drummer, is turning into a Goth castle, Meg won't have to spend Christmas alone, and gets to bring Michael and her twin sons with her. So, Meg joins the cast, to the dismay of several old-school blacksmiths who think women have no place in the profession anyway. And if the show's producers were hoping for drama, they're in

luck. The blacksmithing world is a small one, and some of the contestants arrived already laden with grudges and feuds. It's a high-stakes, cutthroat competition between people who wield large hammers and make swords, and have forges full of fire at their disposal. What could possibly go wrong?

Mystery HC \$57.95

### Geneva

#### Armitage, Richard

Nobel Prize-winning scientist Sarah Collier has started to show the same tell-tale signs of Alzheimer's disease as her father: memory loss, even blackouts. So, she is reluctant to accept the invitation to be the guest of honour at a prestigious biotech conference – until her husband Daniel, also a neuroscientist, persuades her that the publicity storm will be worth it. The technology being unveiled at this conference could revolutionise medicine forever. More than that, it could save Sarah's life. In Geneva, the couple are fêted, as stars – at least, Sarah is. But behind the five-star luxury, investors are circling, controversial blogger Terri Landau is all over the story, and Sarah's symptoms are getting worse. As events begin to spiral out of control, Sarah can't be sure who to trust – including herself. A spectacular destination thriller with heart, the actor Richard Armitage's debut is 'atmospheric, icily tense' – *The Telegraph*.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Proud Sorrows

Billy Boyle WWII mysteries

#### Benn, James R

*Norfolk, England, November 1944:*

After a series of dangerous missions in the South of France, US Army Captain Billy Boyle is finally on leave, and is settling into a peaceful rest at the country estate of Sir Richard Seaton, the father of Billy's British lover, Diana. Seaton Manor is a comfortable home, and Billy is eager to spend a few precious days in Diana's company, pretending the war is far away. Unfortunately, Billy's leave is cut short when a crashed German bomber resurfaces off the coast with the corpse of a British officer in the pilot seat. The nearby village of Slewford hosts a top-secret military intelligence operation, home to high-ranking German POWs; and, so, the crash is a matter of national security. Billy is assigned by the commander of the POW facility to investigate. After the plane is discovered, a local villager is murdered – and suddenly what had appeared to be a failed enemy military operation takes on an even more sinister aspect. All Billy's ex-Boston cop instincts are put to the test – as he interviews the grieving, angry, and conniving citizens of this idyllic English country village in search of the truth.

Historical mystery/suspense HC \$59.99

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### Dark Ride Berney, Lou

Twenty-one-year-old Hardy 'Hardly' Reed – good natured, easy going, usually stoned – is drifting through life. A minimum-wage scare actor at an amusement park, he avoids unnecessary effort and unrealistic ambitions. Then, one day, he notices two children, around six or seven, sitting all alone on a bench. Hardly checks if they're okay and sees injuries on both children. Someone is hurting these kids. He reports the incident to Child Protective Service. That should be the end of it. After all, Hardly's not even good at looking out for himself so the last thing he wants to do is look out for anyone else. But he's haunted by the two kids, his heart breaking for them. And the more research he does, the less he trusts that Child Protective Services – understaffed and overworked – will do anything about it. That leaves... Hardly. He is probably the last person you'd ever want to count on. But those two kids have nobody else but him. Hardly has to do what's right and help them. Gradually, with assistance from unexpected allies, he develops investigative skills, and discovers he's smarter and more capable than he ever imagined. But Hardly also discovers that the situation is more dangerous than he ever expected. The abusive father who has been hurting these children isn't just a lawyer – he also runs a violent drug-dealing operation. The mother claims she wants to escape, with the kids – but Hardly isn't sure he can trust her. Faced with a different version of himself that he has ever known, Hardly refuses to give up. But his commitment to saving these kids from further harm might end up getting the kids, and Hardly himself, killed.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Crowned and Dangerous

Royal Spyness mysteries

#### Bowen, Rhys

As Lady Georgiana's beloved Darcy drives her out of London, she soon discovers that he isn't planning to introduce her to the pleasures of sinning in secret – as she had hoped – but to make her his wife! Of course, she'll need special permission from the king to marry a Roman Catholic. Though, he will inherit a title, Darcy is as broke as Georgie. Even his family's Irish castle has been sold to a rich American who now employs his father. Nothing will deter them from their mission – except perhaps the news that Georgie's future father-in-law has just been arrested for murdering the rich American. With the elopement postponed, they head for Ireland, where the suspect insists he's innocent, and it's up to them to prove it – for better or worse. A reissue.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$24.99

### On Her Majesty's Frightfully Secret Service

Royal Spyness mysteries

#### Bowen, Rhys

When royal sleuth Georgie Rannoch receives a letter from her dearest friend Belinda, who's in an Italian villa awaiting the birth of her illegitimate baby, she yearns to run to her side. If only she could find a way to get there! But then opportunity presents itself in a most unexpected way – her cousin the queen asks her to attend a house party in the Italian

Lake Country. The Prince of Wales and the dreadful Mrs Simpson have been invited, and Her Majesty is anxious to thwart a possible secret wedding. What luck! A chance to see Belinda, even if it is under the guise of stopping unwanted nuptials. Only, that's as far as Georgie's fortune takes her. She soon discovers that she attended finishing school with the hostess of the party – and the hatred they had for each other then has barely dimmed. Plus, she needs to hide Belinda's delicate condition from the other guests. And her dashing beau, Darcy's (naturally) working undercover on a dangerous mission. Then her actress mother shows up, with a not-so-little task to perform. With all this subterfuge, it seems something is bound to go horribly wrong – and Georgie will no doubt be left to pick up the pieces when it does. A reissue.

Historical mystery (reissue) PBK \$24.99

### Mugshots of Manhattan

Snapshot of NYC mysteries

#### Brecher, Christin

Liv Spyers hits the big time when she lands a photography assignment with Grammy Award-winning pop star, the one and only Bisa. A huge fan, Liv is extra thrilled that her new boyfriend, Harry, will join her at the glamorous premiere of Bisa's debut movie. But when the music icon's estranged sister, Anna, threatens to turn photo ops into PR disasters during Bisa's parties and pop-up concerts, Liv finds that the star-studded world she's joined is filled with images she'd rather delete – especially, when Anna winds up dead... Bisa's inner circle has secrets Liv must expose, before she can bring the right mugshot to the police. And while Harry has a mystery of his own to solve, the two must navigate glossy stories that can be cancelled in a snap – before the killer strikes again...

Mystery TP \$35.00

### Waste of a Life

Decluttering mysteries

#### Brett, Simon

Declutterer Ellen Curtis has been working to bring order into the life of Cedric Waites, a recluse in his 80s – who hasn't left his house or let anyone inside it, since his wife died. On one of her regular visits, Ellen finds the old man dead. Sad but, given his age, perhaps not unexpected. Nothing to get worked up about... until the police raise the suspicion that Cedric might have been poisoned! The cause seems to be something he ate, and as Ellen cleared away the old man's food containers, she is under suspicion.

As is Dodge, who works for Ellen and has unhelpfully done a runner... Meanwhile, a rival declutterer is out to sabotage Ellen's reputable business, her two grown-up children are back home and in crisis, and she has a potential love interest. Ellen's life has taken on a chaotic turn of its own! Can she uncover the killer and bring order back to her own life?

Mystery TP \$42.95

### The Cliff House Brookmyre, Chris

One hen weekend, seven secrets... but only one worth killing for. Jen's hen party is going to be out of control...

She's rented a luxury getaway on its own

private island. The helicopter won't be back for 72 hours. They are alone. They think. As well as Jen, there's the pop diva and the estranged ex-bandmate, the tennis pro and the fashion guru, the embittered ex-sister-in-law and the mouthy, future sister-in-law. It's a combustible cocktail, one that takes little time to ignite – and, in the midst of the drunken chaos, one of them disappears. Then a message tells them that unless someone confesses her terrible secret to the others, their missing friend will be killed. Problem is, everybody has a secret. And nobody wants to tell.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$24.99

### A Trace of Poison

Phyllida Bright mysteries 02

#### Cambridge, Colleen

In England's stately manor houses, murder is not generally a topic for polite conversation. Mallowan Hall, home to Agatha Christie and her husband, Max, is the exception. And housekeeper Phyllida Bright delights in discussing gory plot details with her friend and employer... The neighbouring village of Listleigh has also become a hub of grisly goings on, thanks to a Murder Fête organised to benefit a local orphanage. Members of the Detection Club – a group of celebrated authors such as G K Chesterton, Dorothy L Sayers, and Agatha, herself – will congregate for charitable events, including a writing contest for aspiring authors. The winner gets an international publishing contract, and entrants have gathered for a cocktail party – managed by the inimitable Phyllida – when murder strikes too close even for her comfort. It seems the victim imbibed a poisoned cocktail intended for Alastair Whittlesby, president of the local writers' club. The insufferable Whittlesby is thought to be a shoo-in for the prize, and ambition is certainly a worthy motive. But narrowing down these suspects could leave even Phyllida's favourite fictional detective, M Poirot, twirling his moustache in frustration. It's a mystery too intriguing for Phyllida to resist, but one fraught with duplicity and danger, for every guest is an expert in murder – and how to get away with it... 'Dame Agatha would be proud.' – *Publishers Weekly*. Phyllida Bright makes her first appearance in *Murder at Mallowan Hall* (TP, \$35.00).

Historical mystery TP \$35.00

### The Paper Gaper

Bibliophile mysteries 16

#### Carlisle, Kate

Brooklyn is excited to be included in the Covington Library's first annual Mark Twain Festival. She'll rebind a rare first edition of *The Prince and the Pauper* before an enthusiastic audience of book nerds – her favourite people. The festival is the passion project of wealthy media mogul, book lover, and newspaper owner Joseph Cabot, who considers himself Twain's biggest fan. Brooklyn's hunky husband, Derek, and his security team once rescued Joseph from a corporate kidnapping attempt. Now, Derek and his agents are charged with keeping Joseph and his beautiful young wife safe during the festivities taking place all over town. The centrepiece of the festival is a citywide contest based on *The Prince and the*

*Pauper* one lucky look-alike will trade places with Joseph for a few days – with access to all the money and power that Joseph commands. Brooklyn and Derek worry that the contest might be generating some dangerous attention. And when someone is mysteriously poisoned, right before Brooklyn's eyes, she's not convinced that the victim was the intended target. Now, she and Derek must frantically chase clues and suspects through the streets of San Francisco before another murder becomes front-page news...

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### Date with Evil

Dales Detective mysteries

#### Chapman, Julia

Evil is stalking the streets of Bruncliffe... From stolen washing to inheritance investigations, Bruncliffe's Dales Detective Agency is being inundated with cases. But with Samson O'Brien still in London helping the Met Police clear his name, and the newly appointed member of the investigations team, Ida Capstick, distracted by her brother George's insistence that their farm is haunted, Delilah Metcalfe is struggling to meet the mounting demands for the agency's services. So, when the mother of a local estate agent arrives at the offices insisting her son is missing, Delilah is relieved to have Samson return to help. Little do the detective duo know that several of their cases are about to collide, as what appears to be a simple matter of identifying the whereabouts of the missing man becomes something far more sinister. Something that will finally expose the network of evil which has been infiltrating the Dales town over the past decade; and, in doing so, place Delilah in the utmost danger. Following on from *Date with Betrayal* (PBK, \$22.99), this next Dales Detective mystery delights with its combination of beguiling charm and witty ingenuity. We have regulars champing at the bit, for this next instalment. Recommended!

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Secret

Jack Reacher series

#### Child, Lee & Andrew

1992. Eight respectable, upstanding people have been found dead across the US. These deaths look like accidents and don't appear to be connected. Until one body – the victim of a fatal fall from a hospital window – generates some unexpected attention. That attention comes from the Secretary of Defence, who promptly calls for an interagency task force to investigate. Jack Reacher is assigned as the Army's representative. Reacher may be an exceptional soldier, but sweeping other people's secrets under the carpet isn't part of his skill set. As he races to discover the link between these victims, and who killed them, he must navigate around the ulterior motives of his new 'partners'. And all while moving into the sight line of some of the most dangerous people he has ever encountered. His mission is to uncover the truth. The question is: will Reacher bring the bad guys to justice the official way... or his way?

Thriller TP \$32.99

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### Five Little Pigs

special edition

#### Christie, Agatha

Beautiful Caroline Crale was convicted of poisoning her husband, yet there were five other suspects: Philip Blake (the stockbroker) who went to market; Meredith Blake (the amateur herbalist) who stayed at home; Elsa Greer (the three-time divorcée) who had roast beef; Cecilia Williams (the devoted governess) who had none; and Angela Warren (the disfigured sister) who cried 'wee, wee, wee' all the way home. It is 16 years later, but Hercule Poirot just can't get that nursery rhyme out of his mind... Agatha Christie's classic murder mystery, now presented as a sumptuous special edition hardback.

Christie HC \$32.99

### Dead Man's Folly

special edition

#### Christie, Agatha

Sir George and Lady Stubbs, the hosts of a village fête, hit upon the novel idea of staging a mock murder mystery. In good faith, Ariadne Oliver, the well-known crime writer, agrees to organise their murder hunt. Despite weeks of meticulous planning, at the last minute Ariadne calls her friend Hercule Poirot for his expert assistance. Instinctively, she senses that something sinister is about to happen... Beware – nobody is quite what they seem! Agatha Christie's classic murder mystery, now presented as a sumptuous special edition hardback.

Christie HC \$32.99

### The World of Hercule Poirot

1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle

#### Christie, Agatha; et al

Put your little grey cells to the test, as you piece together Hercule Poirot's most famous cases. You'll need to use order and method to spot all of the clues, crimes and culprits hidden in this intricate jigsaw, which references all 33 of Agatha Christie's beloved Poirot novels. A 1,000-piece puzzle that measures 48.5 x 68 cm (19 x 27 in) when completed. *The World of Agatha Christie* jigsaw puzzle (\$39.99), *Agatha Christie Bingo* (\$49.99), and *Agatha Christie Playing Cards* (\$24.99) are all also still available.

Christie PUZ \$39.99

### Board to Death

Board Game Shop mysteries

#### Connor, G J

Back in his hometown of Sugar House running his family's board game shop and café, Ben Rosencrantz just can't seem to get his life to pass go, much less collect \$200. Once, he was a happily-married English professor in Seattle. Now, he's a divorced caregiver, looking after his ill father, and a Chihuahua named Beans... while still figuring out the rules of retail management. At least, the town has become more LGBTQ+ friendly, than when Ben was a teenager – and that flower shop owner, Ezra McCaslin, enjoys flirting with him. But, despite his usual clientele of gamers, Ben is barely earning enough to keep the store running and stay on top of his father's medical bills. Then a local toy and game collector named Clive offers him a winning

strategy – to purchase a turn-of-the-20th-century edition of *The Landlord's Game*, the realty and taxation game that inspired *Monopoly*, at a tenth of the rare edition's true value. Suspicious of Clive's shady, low-priced deal, Ben turns the offer down. Then, Clive turns up dead at the front door of Ben's; and a backpack full of \$100 bills appears on his doorstep. Now, Ben is the Number One suspect in Clive's death, and unless he and Ezra can prove his innocence and find the real killer, he'll go to jail for murder – and no amount of double dice rolls will set him free... The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$35.00

### The Butterfly Collector

#### Cooper, Tea

1868, *Morpeth*. Theodora Breckenridge, still in mourning after the loss of her parents and brother at sea, is more interested in working quietly on her art at the family's country estate than she is finding a husband in Sydney society, even if her elder sister Florence has other ideas. Theodora seeks to emulate prestigious nature illustrators, the Scott sisters, who lived nearby, so she cannot believe her luck when she discovers a butterfly, never before sighted in Australia. With the help of Clarrie, her maid, and her beautiful illustrations, she is poised to make a natural science discovery that will put her name on the map. Then Clarrie's newborn son goes missing and everything changes. 1922, *Sydney*. When would-be correspondent Verity Binks is sent an anonymous parcel containing a spectacular butterfly costume and an invitation to the Sydney Artists Masquerade Ball, on the same day she loses her job at *The Arrow*, she is both baffled and determined to go. Her late grandfather Sid, an esteemed newspaperman, would expect no less of her. At the ball, she lands a juicy commission to write the history of the Treadwell Foundation – an institution that supports disgraced young women and their babies. But as she begins to dig, her investigation quickly leads her to an increasingly dark and complex mystery, a mystery 50 years in the making. Can she solve it? And will anyone believe her if she does?

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### Racing the Light

Elvis Cole & Joe Pike series

#### Crais, Robert

Adele Schumacher isn't a typical worried mum. When she hires Elvis to find her missing son, a controversial podcaster, named Josh Shoe, she brings a bag filled with cash, paranoid tales of government conspiracies, and a squad of mysterious bodyguards. Finding Josh should be simple, but Elvis quickly learns he isn't alone in the hunt – a team of deadly strangers are determined to find Josh first. With dangerous secrets lurking behind every lead, Elvis needs his friend Joe Pike more than ever to uncover the truth about Josh, corrupt politicians, and the murderous business cartels rotting the heart of Los Angeles. And when his estranged ex-girlfriend Lucy Chenier and her son return to the city, Elvis realises just how much he has, to lose... if he survives.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### One Puzzling Afternoon

#### Critchley, Emily

*A mystery she can't remember.*

*A friend she can't forget.*

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

Mystery TP \$32.99

### Voices of Rome

collection of four stories of Ancient Rome

#### Davis, Lindsey

Lindsey Davis has received the Crime Writer's Association Lifetime Achievement Award for her two immortal series of detective novels featuring Marcus Didius Falco and his adopted daughter, Flavia Albia. She is regarded as the finest living novelist of Ancient Rome. Here, for the first time in book form, are four novella-length stories written to illuminate her unparalleled output of the last 30 years. *The Bride from Bithynia* tells the story of Aelia Camilla who travels 1,000 miles to Britain to marry Gaius Flavius, a Roman officer. But their relationship struggles, then the province explodes in the Boudican Revolt. Now, it will be up to Aelia to save herself from the conflagration.

*The Spook Who Spoke Again*: Marcus Didius Alexander Postumus is an odd boy who has known two families. That of Marcus Didius, himself, and his actual birth mother, Thalia the Snake Dancer. Things begin to unravel quickly, when he decides to emulate his adopted father and investigate a death in Thalia's troupe of exotic performers.

*Vesuvius by Night*: Two men share a room, but seldom meet. Nonius is a pimp and part time thief who operates at night, Larius is a fresco painter who dreams of artistic greatness by day. When the volcano erupts, one will begin looting hastily-abandoned villas, the other will do anything he can to save himself and his family.

*Invitation to Die*: When the Emperor Domitian invites the entire senatorial class to a banquet, to honour the recent war dead; many think he intends to take revenge on his enemies. When the Camillus brothers enter the black-painted hall where the feast is being held and see their names engraved on monumental stones, they fear they will not survive the night...

Four pivotal events, fact, and fiction. Four stories which allow Davis' much-loved characters new space and the opportunity to take personal roles in tense situations, with moving results. They face villainy, tragedy,

accident, confusion, and fear – but each story is told with wry humour, and underpinned by human wisdom, courage, and love.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

### My Mother's Eyes

#### Dawson, Shanelle

Lyn Dawson's disappearance captured the world's attention in the podcast *The Teacher's Pet*. Now, her daughter reclaims her mother's story and shares her own in this powerful memoir detailing a father's betrayal and a missing woman's legacy. Imagine living with the knowledge that your father had murdered your mother and lied to you your whole life, telling you she left because she didn't love you anymore. How could a father do this to his children? How could a husband do this to a woman he at one time loved? When she was four years old, Shanelle Dawson's mother, Lynette, disappeared. On 8 January 1982, the woman who had been a loving, constant presence vanished without a trace.

Four year olds might not be able to articulate questions or understand a lot, but the ache of absence is very real. Year after year, that ache persisted. Shanelle's father, Chris Dawson, claimed that his wife just needed to get away. This is what he told Lyn's parents and siblings. This is what he told his daughters. But Lyn never returned home. Her side of the bed was immediately filled by Shanelle's teenage babysitter, a former student of her father's. After 36 years of her father's lies, a podcast called *The Teacher's Pet* investigated her mother's case. Sordid details about the father she loved became public. Whispers that he had murdered Lynette grew louder. The police refocused on the cold case. Then, Chris Dawson faced court. Forty years after she went missing, he was sentenced to 24 years in prison, for the murder of Lynette. Now, in this brave, emotionally-powerful memoir, Shanelle reclaims her mother's story and finds a channel for her own voice. It is an unforgettable insight into the ripples of trauma and loss that family violence brings and shows how Shanelle found the strength to confront her father and can now create a new life after unimaginable deception. This is Shanelle's story.

True crime TP \$34.99

### Murder at a Cape Bookstore

Cozy Capers Book Group mysteries

#### Day, Maddie

Everyone loves a festival, though Mac has a few concerns about the Spring equinox event organised by the new Chamber of Commerce director, Wagner Lavoie. After all, March weather is unpredictable. Still, there's plenty to enjoy, between flower-shaped candies at Salty Taffy's, spring rolls at the Rusty Anchor, and a parade of decorated bicycles. But the festivities soon take a stormy turn... Mac glimpses conflict between Wagner and other locals during the festival, but it's a shock when he's found dead in the Book Nook, pinned beneath a toppled bookshelf. It's an irresistible case for Mac's book group. She and the rest of the Cozy Capers will have to use all their sleuthing skills to bring the killer's story to an end...

Mystery PBK \$24.99



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### Death in the Red Light District

Lotte Meerman mysteries

#### de Jager, Anja

*Amsterdam, 1980.* A city in turmoil: rife with drug abuse, riots, and terror threats in the run up to the coronation of Queen Beatrix. As Amsterdam's police force is overwhelmed by the civil war between law enforcement and squatters, local neighbourhood policeman Piet Huizen is seconded from his hometown, Alkmaar, to this cauldron. It should be daunting, but he feels strangely liberated from the responsibilities of home and everyday work. Together with his three colleagues from across the country, he's only there, temporarily, and can even laugh at his own provincial outlook. Until a student goes missing.

*Amsterdam, now.* Detective Lotte Meerman doesn't want to hear about her father Piet Huizen's past, because his month in Amsterdam, in 1980, led directly to her parent's divorce. The less she knows, the better it is. Then two men die. Their deaths are not treated as suspicious but Lotte realises there is something that links the deceased men: they were both children of her father's former team-mates. And the more she investigates the circumstances of their deaths, the more Lotte comes to realise that she could be next on the list...

Mystery/suspense TP \$34.99

### Wolf Pack

Tuva Moodyson series

#### Dean, Will

*Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves...*

Rose Farm is home to a group of survivalists living with no contact to the outside world. The body of a woman is found on the perimeter of the farm. As Tuva attempts to unmask the killer, she gains unique access to the residents. Soon, she finds herself in danger of becoming part of the pack.

Noir PBK \$22.99

### Moorewood Family Rules Dimon, HelenKay

One day a con man met an heiress, wooed her, married her, had two kids... and kept on conning. Jillian Moorewood is the oldest child from that meet-cute-gone-wrong marriage. The stable one. The sensible and dependable one. The one who protects and fixes. The one who went to prison to save their sorry butts. Now, 39 months later, she's out and she's more than a little pissed. Finally home, she finds the scheming clan in full family fleecing mode. They all claim they didn't *really* agree to Jillian's previous go-legit-or-else ultimatum before she went away. They viewed it as a 'suggestion' then ignored it. So, business as usual. But Jillian is done with the lies and fakery. She demands the whole messed-up crew clean up its act, and this time she's not kidding – she has the leverage to make it happen. Problem is, *her* life is in shambles, but with the help of a great aunt (crooked but loveable), a bodyguard (who is a nice surprise after three years in prison), and a few allies (all working undercover), Jillian starts to put her life back together. She kicks out a few mooching relatives living under her roof, sets limits

on everyone's access to the money, ducks from their various attacks, and sees if that bodyguard is maybe interested in sticking around for a while. For the first time, she's Jillian Moorewood, her own woman, and she's ready to figure out who she is.

Mystery TP \$36.99

### Rumors of Her Death Donellan, J M

*The most dangerous lies are the ones we tell ourselves.* When the man, calling himself Archie Leach, begins spilling his dead lover at random locations around the city, he must finally stop running and face the truth – which may not be quite as he's remembered it all these years. An American living in Australia, Archie's had so many aliases that when he wakes up handcuffed to a hospital bed, he almost forgets which one he's supposed to use. With his delivery job derailed by a brief and inconvenient death, he's earned the wrath of his underworld boss, landing him an exorbitant repayment plan and the commandeering of his apartment for everything from corpse storage to Tuesday night yoga class. While recovering from his injuries, Archie is roped into dog-sitting for his new neighbour, Nisha, and a reluctant friendship ensues. She introduces Archie to the strange world of the Orrery, a nine-storey mecca of surreal hedonism whose ninth level promises to hold the answers they're both seeking. But Nisha has spun plenty of her own deceptions, as Archie realises, too late. At this rate, they may both end up dead without ever knowing who's been fooling whom.

Thriller TP \$27.99

### Last One Alive

Coroner's Daughter mysteries

#### Dornbush, Jennifer Graeser

Dr Emily Hartford is back in Chicago, ready to move forward and leave the past behind, until an unexpected request for help sends her deep into an investigation – and into the path of a killer. Seventeen months after the Parkman case, Dr Hartford has returned to Chicago to finish her surgical residency. But when she is contacted out of the blue by Solange McClelland, the only survivor of a decade-old triple homicide, Emily is compelled to dig deeper. She doesn't know the details of the event but remembers it as one of the few cases her deceased father never solved. On her 30th birthday, Solange opens a long-forgotten safe-deposit box and is entirely baffled by what she finds. Inside are not only painful reminders of a once-happy youth, but almost \$4 million – enough to pursue and finally solve the mystery of who brutally murdered her family. It's been over 10 years, and Solange has built a new life in Detroit with her husband, Joseph. But there are certain disturbing questions about her past that she is determined to answer. So, she reaches out to the only one who might know something about her family's deaths and their possibly erroneous death certificates – Dr Hartford, the daughter of Freeport's former medical examiner. Finding it impossible to believe that her scrupulous father made a mistake, Emily joins Solange's pursuit of the truth, and as subzero temperatures blanket snow-covered Michigan, the two women pursue justice in

two very different ways. But lurking nearby in the frigid cold is a crafty, unrepentant killer, determined to finish what he started long ago.

Mystery TP \$37.95

### The Recruit Drew, Alan

A small town. A deadly secret.

A race against an invisible killer... *Southern California, 1987.* Rancho Santa Elena might look like paradise, but a series of violent hate crimes are disturbing the peace. When Detective Benjamin Wade starts investigating, it becomes clear that the locals are hiding a secret – one they'll die to protect. With forensic expert Natasha Betencourt at his side, Ben uncovers a mysterious gang of youths involved in the town's growing white power movement. What he doesn't know is that they are part of something much bigger – a silent organisation of terror who are luring young men in using new technology. Ben zeroes in on the gang's freshest young recruit, hoping he will lead him to the mastermind of the operation. But as he digs deeper, he is forced to confront uncomfortable truths about himself and his community. And as Ben comes closer to discovering the truth, the killer is drawing closer to Ben...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### A Death of a Dead Man

Euphemia Martin mysteries

#### Dunford, Caroline

When Fitzroy saved his valet, Griffin, from the hangman's noose after the death of his wife, the facts behind those events were known only to the two of them. Now, years later, the body of a dead woman has been discovered, mutilated in exactly the same way as Griffin's wife, and troubling secrets from the past cast a deadly shadow over those involved. As the war intensifies, Fitzroy is sent on an overseas mission, Griffin is arrested, and a recovering Euphemia Martins is left to get to the bottom of the situation. With her brother-in-law, Hans, and Fitzroy's dog, Jack, in tow, she journeys to the University of Edinburgh's medical school, where Griffin studied many years ago, to uncover the shocking truth behind his wife's murder...

Historical mystery PBK \$24.99

### Blackstone Fell

Rachel Savernake Golden Age mysteries

#### Edwards, Martin

*1930.* Nell Fagan is a journalist on the trail of an intriguing and bizarre mystery: in 1606, a man vanished from a locked gathouse in a remote Yorkshire village; and, 300 years later, it happened again. Nell confides in the best sleuth she knows, judge's daughter Rachel Savernake. Thank goodness, she did – because, barely a week later, Nell disappears, and Rachel is left to put together the pieces of the puzzle. Looking for answers, Rachel travels to lonely Blackstone Fell in Yorkshire, with its eerie moor and sinister tower. With help from her friend, Jacob Flint – who's determined to expose a fraudulent clairvoyant – Rachel will risk her life to bring an end to the disappearances and bring the truth to light. Peopled by clerics and medics; journalists and judges, *Blackstone*

*Fell* explores the shadowy borderlands between spiritual and scientific; between sanity and madness; and between virtue and deadly sin. Rachel Savernake makes her first appearance in the wonderful *Gallows Court* (PBK, \$19.99). Recommended.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### Sepulchre Street

Rachel Savernake Golden Age mysteries

#### Edwards, Martin

*'This is my challenge for you, Miss Savernake,' the woman in white said. 'I want you to solve my murder.'*

Rachel Savernake has been invited to a private view of an exhibition at a gallery in London. The artist, Damaris Gethin, known as 'the Queen of Surrealism', is debuting a show featuring live models pretending to be waxworks of famous killers. Before her welcoming speech, Damaris asks a haunting favour of the amateur sleuth: she wants Rachel to solve her murder. As Damaris takes to a stage set with a guillotine, the lights go out. There is a cry and the blade falls. Damaris has executed herself. While Rachel questions why Damaris would take her own life – and just what she meant by 'solve my murder' – fellow party guest Jacob Flint is chasing a lead on a glamorous socialite with a sordid background. As their paths merge, this case of false identities, blackmail, and fedora-adorned doppelgängers, will descend upon a grand home on Sepulchre Street, where nothing – and no one – is quite what it seems. Rachel Savernake faces her most puzzling murder, yet, in this glamorous gothic mystery from the winner of the CWA Diamond Dagger. This series is highly recommended – the first is *Gallows Court* (PBK, \$19.99).

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

### Final Acts:

#### Theatrical Mysteries

British Library Crime Classics

#### Edwards, Martin (editor)

The most dramatic anthology yet from expert Martin Edwards, featuring a selection of big names and lesser-known rare stories, with tales from the theatre, from dancing halls, the opera and backstage.

*'... and what a motive! Murder to save one's artistic soul... who'd believe that?'*

Behind the stage lights and word-perfect soliloquies, sinister secrets are lurking in the wings. The mysteries in this collection reveal the dark side to theatre and performing arts: a world of backstage dealings, where unscrupulous actors risk everything to land a starring role, costumed figures lead to mistaken identities, and on-stage deaths begin to look a little too convincing... This expertly-curated thespian anthology features 14 stories from giants of the classic crime genre such as Dorothy L Sayers, Julian Symons, and Ngaio Marsh, as well as firm favourites from the British Library Crime Classics series: Anthony Wynne, Christianna Brand, Bernard J Farmer, and many more. Mysteries abound, when a player's fate hangs on a single performance, and opening night may very well be their last.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

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### The Enchanters

Freddy Otash series

#### Elroy, James

*Los Angeles, August 4, 1962.* The city broils through a midsummer heat wave. Marilyn Monroe ODs. A B-movie starlet is kidnapped. The overhyped LAPD overreacts. Chief Bill Parker's looking for some getback. The Monroe deal looks like a moneymaker. He calls in Freddy Otash. The freewheeling Freddy O: tainted ex-cop, defrocked private eye, dope fiend, and freelance extortionist. A man who lives by the maxim 'Opportunity is love'. Freddy gets to work. He dimly perceives Marilyn Monroe's death and the kidnapped starlet to be a poisonous riddle that only he has the guts and the brains to untangle. We are with him as he tears through all those who block his path to the truth. We are with him as he penetrates the faux-sunshine of Jack and Bobby Kennedy and the shuck of Camelot. We are with him as he falters, and grasps for love beyond opportunity. We are with him, as he tracks Marilyn Monroe's horrific last charade through a nightmare LA that he served to create – and as he confronts his complicity and his own raging madness. It's the Summer of '62, baby. Freddy O's got a hot date with history. The savage Sixties are ready to pop. It's just a shot away.

Noir TP \$32.99

### The Undead Gypsy

#### Fielding, Kit

Now, if you were a poor Gypsy mush, who'd had a run of bad luck and whose ever-loving was done with managing on thin air, and someone was to offer you a lucrative run of work, what would you do? Okay, so it's not legit, but sometimes it's got to be worth the risk. You could buy your lovely Zilla all that her heart desires, you could stand your rounds at the *kitcheema* without counting the money in your pocket, update your van, put a deposit on a bit of ground to call your own. So, you do it, you take the work and you take the risk, but then it all blows up in your face and you've pulled your loved ones into danger. Well worse than danger. And, now, you're going to have to take yourself away, disappear from sight. Be the undead playing at being dead. Small-time criminal Jimmy Penfold finds himself mixed up with an organised crime gang, threatening all he holds dear.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### Code Red

Mitch Rapp series

#### Flynn, Vince & Mills, Kyle

Mitch Rapp hates owing anyone a favour – especially when it's the world's most powerful crime lord. But when Damian Losa calls, Mitch is honour-bound to answer. The Syrian government appears to have created a highly addictive new narcotic that it plans to distribute throughout Europe. It's a major threat to Losa's business and he's determined to send someone to keep him on top by any means necessary. Rapp is the perfect choice for the mission. Not only does he have extensive experience operating in the Middle East, but he's also entirely expendable. As he crosses into war-torn Syria, Rapp quickly discovers a shocking truth. The new drug isn't being produced by Damascus to prop up the government's

collapsing finances. Instead, it was created by Russia's asymmetrical warfare unit, not for profit but as a weapon against the West. With far more than Damian Losa's interests at stake, Rapp devises a desperate plan that forces him and his team onto a battlefield where the United States is virtually powerless, and allegiances shift almost hourly. Further, if Russia uncovers their plot, it will set off a confrontation between the two countries that could change the course of human history.

Thriller TP \$34.99

### The Launch Party

#### Forry, Lauren

*The trip of a lifetime. You'd die to be there.*

Ten lucky people have won a place at the most exclusive launch event of the century: the grand opening of the Hotel Artemis, the first hotel on the moon. It's an invitation to die for. As their transport departs for its return to Earth and the doors seal shut behind them, the guests take the next leap for mankind. However, they soon discover that all is not as it seems. The champagne may be flowing, but there is no one to pour it. Room service is available, but there is no one to deliver it. Besides the 10 of them, they are completely alone. When one of the guests is found murdered, fear spreads through the group. But that death is only the beginning. Being three days' journey from home and with no way to contact the outside, can any of the guests survive their stay? Agatha Christie meets Andy Weir in the ultimate locked room mystery set in the first hotel on the moon. *And Then There Were None* meets *Black Mirror*. Lauren Forry's moon-based murder mystery is heaps of fun. I had a blast! – Tom Hindle, author of *A Fatal Crossing*.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### Hands Down

Dick Francis novels

#### Francis, Felix

Sid Halley, a private investigator, has a new left hand, having had a transplant since his last appearance in *Refusal*. After receiving death threats, an ex-jockey trainer friend calls Sid to ask for his help, but Sid has his own problems to deal with; like recovering from surgery and saving his crumbling marriage. When his friend's stable yard is torched, horses killed, and the friend is found dead, Sid can only blame himself for not helping sooner. The police think it's suicide, but Sid is not convinced after his friend's terrified phone calls. Heavy with a guilty heart, Sid starts to investigate and soon finds himself embroiled in a conspiracy that cuts to the very heart of the integrity of British horse racing. Can Sid figure out what happened to his friend, or will he be the next one that the killer targets?

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### No Reserve

Dick Francis novels

#### Francis, Felix

Theo Jennings is a young auctioneer at the Thoroughbred sales ring in Newmarket. The October yearling sales are where the big money exchanges hands in frenzied auctions: millions of Guineas paid for horses that are as yet unnamed, untested, and have never taken a step on the track. It's the greatest

gamble in all of horseracing, and one that can end in ruin. Theo has just made the biggest sale of his life, when he overhears a secret conversation between the two bidders – can they really have colluded to fix the price of his big sale? When that same horse is found dead the next morning, he has no choice but to investigate, even against the wishes of his boss. But the more he uncovers, the less he can trust the people around him. The higher the stakes, the greater the risk. And in the bloodstock game, the ultimate price can be murder.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### The Running Grave

Cormoran Strike series

#### Galbraith, Robert

Private Detective Cormoran Strike is contacted by a worried father whose son, Will, has gone to join a religious cult in the depths of the Norfolk countryside. The Universal Humanitarian Church is, on the surface, a peaceable organisation that campaigns for a better world. Yet, Strike discovers that beneath the surface there are deeply sinister undertones, and unexplained deaths. In order to try to rescue Will, Strike's business partner Robin Ellacott decides to infiltrate the cult and she travels to Norfolk to live incognito amongst them. But in doing so, she is unprepared for the dangers that await her there or for the toll it will take on her... Utterly page-turning, *The Running Grave* moves Strike and Robin's story forward in the epic, unforgettable seventh instalment of the series. The series begins with *The Cuckoo's Calling* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery/suspense TP \$34.99

### A Game of Deceit

Richard Knox Spy series

#### Glister, Tim

MI5 faces a deadly threat, one only Richard Knox can avert. But he only has six days, and the clock is ticking fast... *How long can you survive in the shadows?* Richard Knox, freshly returned to active duty, after a year out of the field, is ordered to uncover the invisible enemy that's infiltrated the Service in his absence. His quest takes him to Hong Kong, a city on the brink of chaos, where he discovers the lines between friend and foe have never been more blurred. Who is behind the assault on MI5? How long have they been operating in the shadows? And what is their endgame? The first of these crackerjack Cold War spy novels is *Red Corona* (PBK, \$19.99).

Suspense PBK \$22.99

### The Late Mrs Willoughby

Mr Darcy & Miss Tilney mysteries

#### Gray, Claudia

Catherine and Henry Tilney of Northanger Abbey are not entirely pleased to be sending their eligible young daughter Juliet out into the world, again: the last house party she attended, at the home of the Knightleys, involved a murder – which Juliet helped solve. Particularly concerning, is that she intends to visit her new friend Marianne Brandon, who's returned home to Devonshire shrouded in fresh scandal – made more potent by the news that her former suitor, the rakish Mr Willoughby, intends to take up residence at his local estate with his new bride. Elizabeth and Fitzwilliam Darcy of *Pemberley* are thrilled that their eldest

son, Jonathan – who, like his father, has not always been the most socially adept – has been invited to stay with his former schoolmate, John Willoughby. Jonathan, himself, is decidedly less taken with the notion of having to spend extended time under the roof of his old bully; but that all changes when he finds himself reunited with his fellow amateur sleuth, the radiant Miss Tilney. And when, shortly thereafter, Willoughby's new wife – whom he married for her fortune – dies horribly... at the party meant to welcome her to town. With rumours flying, and Marianne – known to be both unstable and previously jilted by the dead woman's newly-made widower – under increased suspicion, Jonathan and Juliet must team up, once more, to uncover the murderer. But as they collect clues and close in on suspects, eerie incidents suggest that the killer may strike again, and that the pair are in far graver danger than they or their families could imagine. The suspenseful sequel to *The Murder of Mr Wickham*, (TP, \$27.99), which sees Jonathan Darcy and Juliet Tilney reunited, and with another mystery to solve.

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

### The Exchange

#### Grisham, John

What became of Mitch and Abby McDeere, after they exposed the crimes of Memphis law firm Bendini, Lambert and Locke and fled the country? The answer is in *The Exchange* – the riveting sequel to *The Firm* (PBK, \$22.99), the blockbuster thriller that launched the career of the world's bestselling author. It is now 15 years later, and Mitch and Abby are living in Manhattan, where Mitch is a partner at the largest law firm in the world. When a mentor in Rome asks him for a favour that will take him far from home, Mitch finds himself at the centre of a sinister plot that has worldwide implications – and, once again, endangers his colleagues, friends, and family.

Thriller TP \$34.99

### The Defector

Apollo Murders series

#### Hadfield, Chris

*Israel, late 1973.* As the Yom Kippur War flares into life, a state-of-the-art Soviet MiG fighter is racing at breakneck speed over the arid scrublands below... and promptly disappears. NASA Flight Controller and former US Navy test pilot Kaz Zemeckis watches the scene from the ground – and is quickly pulled into a dizzying, high-stakes game of spies, lies and a possible high-level defection that plays out across three continents. The prize is beyond value: the secrets of the Soviets' mythical 'Foxbat' MiG-25, the fastest, highest-flying fighter plane in the world and the key to Cold War air supremacy. But every defection is double-edged with risk, and Kaz must tread a careful line between trust and suspicion. Ultimately, he must invite the fox into the henhouse – bringing the defector into the heart of the United States' most secret test site – and hope that, with skill and cunning, the game plays out his way. For Chris Hadfield's second heart-stopping thriller, we move from space to another rich and exciting part of Chris' CV: his time as a top test pilot in both the US Air Force and the US Navy,

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and as an RCAF fighter pilot intercepting armed Soviet bombers in North American airspace. Full of insider detail, excitement and political intrigue drawn from real events, *The Defector* brings us the nerve-shredding rush of aerial combat, as told by one of the world's best fighter pilots. The follow-up to the hugely-popular, space-set *The Apollo Murders* (PBK, \$22.99).  
Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### The Seven Hammer, Chris

Yuwonderie's seven founding families have lorded it over their district for a century, growing ever more rich and powerful. But, now – in startling circumstances – one of their own is found dead in a ditch and homicide detectives Ivan Lucic and Nell Buchanan are sent to investigate. Could the murder be connected to the execution of the victim's friend 30 years ago – another member of The Seven – or even to the long-forgotten story of a servant girl on the brink of the Great War? What are the secrets The Seven are so desperate to keep hidden? With the killer still on the loose and events spiralling out of control, the closer Ivan and Nell get to discovering the truth, the more dangerous their investigation becomes. Can they crack the case before more people die? *The Seven* is a compelling thriller filled with intrigue, emotional depth and an evocative sense of place – where nothing is ever quite what it seems.  
Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Silent Night

new Hercule Poirot mysteries

#### Hannah, Sophie

Can Hercule Poirot solve a baffling murder mystery, in time for Christmas? It's 19 December 1931. Hercule Poirot and Inspector Edward Catchpool are called to investigate the murder of a man in the apparent safe haven of a Norfolk hospital ward. Catchpool's mother, the irrepressible Cynthia, insists that Poirot stays in a crumbling mansion by the coast, so that they can all be together for the festive period – while Poirot solves the case. Cynthia's friend Arnold is soon to be admitted to that same hospital and his wife is convinced he will be the killer's next victim, though she refuses to explain why. Poirot has less than a week to solve the crime and prevent more murders, if he is to escape from this nightmare scenario, and get home in time for Christmas. Meanwhile, someone else – someone, utterly ruthless – also has ideas about what ought to happen to Hercule Poirot... The world's greatest detective, Hercule Poirot – Agatha Christie's legendary star – puts his little grey cells to work, solving a baffling Christmas mystery.  
Christie TP \$32.99

### The Sanctuary Haughton, Emma

*Very few people get the opportunity to stay here. And some don't get to leave...* Zoey doesn't remember anything about last night. But she knows something went badly wrong. For she is no longer in New York. She's woken up in the desert, in a white building she doesn't recognise, and she's alone. When she discovers she's been admitted to The Sanctuary, a discreet, mysterious, isolated refuge from normal life,

to avoid jail, she is stunned. She knows she has secrets, troubles, but she thought she had everything under control. But as she spends more time with other residents, she begins to open up about what she's running from. Until she realises that not everyone, in The Sanctuary, has her best interests at heart, and someone might even be a killer...  
Thriller PBK \$22.99

### The Cloisters

#### Hays, Katy

Ann Stilwell arrives in New York City, hoping to spend her summer working at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Instead, she is assigned to The Cloisters, a gothic museum and garden renowned for its collection of medieval and Renaissance art. There, she is drawn into a small circle of charismatic but enigmatic researchers, each with their own secrets and desires, including the museum's curator, Patrick Roland, who is convinced that the history of Tarot holds the key to unlocking contemporary fortune telling. Relieved to have left her troubled past behind and eager for the approval of her new colleagues, Ann is only too happy to indulge some of Patrick's more outlandish theories. But when Ann discovers a mysterious, once-thought-lost deck of 15th-century Italian tarot cards she suddenly finds herself at the centre of a dangerous game of power, toxic friendship and ambition. And as the game being played within the Cloisters spirals out of control, Ann must decide whether she is truly able to defy the cards and shape her own future... Bringing together the modern and the arcane, *The Cloisters* is a rich, thrillingly told tale of obsession and the ruthless pursuit of power. Now in paperback.  
Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### Darling Girls Hepworth, Sally

It's not just secrets buried at Wild Meadows. For as long as they can remember, Jessica, Norah, and Alicia have been told how lucky they are. Rescued from family tragedies and raised by a loving foster mother on an idyllic farming estate, they were given an elusive second chance of a happy family life. But their childhood wasn't the fairy tale everyone thinks it was. And when a body is discovered under the home they grew up in, the foster sisters find themselves thrust into the spotlight as key witnesses. Or are they prime suspects?  
Thriller TP \$34.99

### Vertigo

#### Herbert, Karen

There's something rotten going on in state politics, and an unlikely spreadsheet-wielding hero will need to step up, to uncover the truth and protect the disadvantaged – but at what cost? Frances, a public servant, is struggling to come to terms with the disappearance of her colleague Eric, and the death of her brother. Asked to review Eric's last work file, Frances becomes an accidental sleuth, analysing spreadsheets and reports for clues that may help solve Eric's mysterious disappearance. As Frances uncovers a trail of corruption that leads to the highest levels of government, she must use her wits and resourcefulness to stay one step ahead of those who want to keep the truth hidden. But will her personal vendetta lead her straight into danger?  
Mystery/suspense TP \$34.99

### A Death in Tokyo

Kyoichiro Kaga mysteries

#### Higashino, Keigo

On the Nihonbashi Bridge in Tokyo stands the statue of a mythic beast – a *kirin*. One evening, a man staggers onto the bridge and collapses beneath the winged creature. The patrolman on watch goes to rouse the man, who he presumes to be drunk – only to discover that the man had been stabbed in the chest. He is dead. Meanwhile, a young man named Yashima is injured in a car accident nearby while trying to flee from the police. Found on him is the wallet of the murdered man. But is he actually responsible for the crime? What is his connection to the victim? And why did the dying man drag himself from the crime scene to the Nihonbashi Bridge? Tokyo Police Detective Kyoichiro Kaga must piece together the answers to all of these questions in order to find the killer, but each answer he finds seems to throw up more questions... Taking us deep into the heart of Tokyo, and reintroducing the charming and ingenious Detective Kyoichiro Kaga, this is another mind-bending and hugely satisfying murder mystery from the modern master of classic crime.  
Mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Murder Game Hindle, Tom

*One house. Nine guests. Endless motives for murder...* Guests assemble at Hamlet Hall, for a New Year's Eve party to remember. They are to take part in a murder mystery game with a 1920s' twist, and everyone has their own part to play. But the evening has barely begun when one guest is found dead – killed by an injury to the head. Someone is playing by their own rules. And in a close-knit community, old rivalries run deep... A gripping locked-room mystery set around a murder mystery party in a crumbling country house. This is Tom Hindle's fiendish follow-up to *A Fatal Crossing* (PBK, \$22.99).  
Mystery PBK \$22.99

### Seams Like Murder

Sewing Studio mysteries

#### Howell, Dorothy

Abbey Chandler needs a new start and a place to escape, so Hideaway Grove, where she spent her childhood summers, seems like a perfect choice. Once there, she takes up a rewarding new hobby – but also gets tangled up in a hit-and-run homicide... Abbey has barely arrived in the quaint, quiet town of Hideaway Grove before things turn from blissful to bloody – as the new librarian is mowed down by a car. The only witness on the scene isn't much help, aside from handing Abbey the bag of books dropped by the victim. Even worse, the sheriff's office seizes Abbey's car because of a suspicious dent in the right front fender. While she waits for the problem to be sorted out, Abbey is drawn into a charity sewing project – even though she can't tell a bobbin from a seam ripper. Before she knows it, she's graduating from pillowcase dresses to aprons, setting up a studio in a back room of her aunt's bakery, and making plans to participate in the upcoming craft fair. But through it all, she keeps looking for patterns and possible conflicts in the late librarian's personal, professional, and romantic life. Then, a shocking discovery sends her in a new direction, and as the truth begins to unspool,

she's got a notion about who's guilty... The first in a series.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### Black Is the Night

Stories Inspired by Cornell Woolrich, anthology  
**Jakubowski, Maxim (editor)**  
An anthology of 28 exclusive new short stories in tribute to the master of pulp era crime writing, Cornell Woolrich. Woolrich – also published as William Irish and George Hopley – stands with Raymond Chandler, Erle Stanley Gardner, and Dashiell Hammett as a legend in the genre. He is a hugely influential figure for crime writers, and is also remembered through the 50+ films made from his novels and stories, including Alfred Hitchcock's *Rear Window*, *The Bride Wore Black*, *I Married a Dead Man*, *Phantom Lady*, Truffaut's *La Sirene du Mississippi*, and *Black Alibi*. Collected and edited by one of the most experienced editors in the field, Maxim Jakubowski, features original work from: Neil Gaiman, Joel Lane, Joe R Lansdale, Vaseem Khan, Brandon Barrows, Tara Moss, Kim Newman, Nick Mamatas, Mason Cross, Martin Edwards, Donna Moore, James Grady, Lavie Tidhar, James Sallis, A K Benedict, Warren Moore, Max Decharne, Paul Di Filippo, M W Craven, Charles Arday, Susi Holliday, Bill Pronzini, Kristine Kathryn Rusch, Maxim Jakubowski, Joseph S Walker, Samantha Lee Howe, O'Neil De Noux, David Quantick, Ana Teresa Pereira, and William Boyle. *We expect to have this edition of Black Is the Night from its Australian distributors later in the year, at a lower price.*  
Classic mystery-inspired PBK \$37.95

### Stop Them Dead

Roy Grace mysteries

#### James, Peter

*A ruthless crime. A race against time.* When a young farmer confronts intruders in the middle of the night, he has no idea that just minutes later he will be left dying in a pool of blood. What's more chilling is what the perpetrators were willing to kill for. At the scene of the crime, Detective Superintendent Roy Grace soon realises this is no isolated robbery gone wrong, but the tip of the iceberg of a nationwide crime wave in which ruthless organised gangs are making more money from the illegal trade in dogs than they do in drugs. It's a trade that pits him against some ruthless people who will kill anyone who gets in their way, because where there is greed, there is murder.  
Mystery TP \$34.99

### The Kamogawa Food Detectives Kashiwai, Hisashi

Down a quiet backstreet, in Kyoto, exists a very special restaurant called the Kamogawa Diner – run by Koishi Kamogawa and her father, Nagare. Customers who can find the hidden diner are treated to an extravagant meal, but it's not the main reason for visiting... The father-daughter duo has started advertising their services as 'food detectives', capable of recreating a dish from their customers' pasts that may well hold the key to forgotten memories and ongoing happiness. From the widower looking for a specific noodle dish that his wife used to cook to a first love's beef stew, the restaurant of lost



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recipes provides a link to the past and a way to a more contented future. A bestseller in Japan, this is a celebration of good company, and the power of a delicious meal.

Mystery PBK \$19.99

### **Snow Place for Murder**

Mountain Lodge mysteries

**Kelly, Diane**

International resort developer Nigel Goodwin has travelled all the way from London, England to Misty Murphy's little corner of North Carolina and bought out the Mountaintop Lodge for the week prior to Christmas. Their intention? To pitch an exclusive new resort concept to wealthy American investors. But locals are at odds over the idea, and when a group comes to the lodge to express their worries to Mr Goodwin and the potential investors, a blizzard hits Beech Mountain. Like the weather outside, things quickly get frosty, and Misty has to call local police to intervene. Handyman Rocky Crowder ploughs the lodge's drive and, in an attempt to regain a jovial holiday atmosphere, smooths the snow pile into a makeshift sledding hill for the guests to enjoy. Misty's boys have finished their exams and are 'home' from college for the winter break, planning to spend most of their time snowboarding at the ski resort. While taking a few runs down Rocky's sledding hill, they discover a funny-looking, nose-shaped rock. Only it's not a rock. It's the frozen nose of Nigel Goodwin, who's found dead and buried under the mound of snow. Who put the developer on ice and why?

Mystery PBK \$26.95

### **Whiskers and Lies**

Second Chance Cat mysteries

**Kelly, Sofie**

Baker Georgia Tepper has been hired to provide delicious and spooky cupcakes for the Reading Buddies Halloween Party at the library, and she and Kathleen are meeting to finalise the menu of festive confections. Unfortunately, once Georgia's former mother-in-law ambushes her at the library and threatens Georgia with legal action, the afternoon of fun is soured. When Georgia's litigious in-law is later found dead and the friendly baker is implicated, Kathleen is eager to help prove her innocence. Luckily, Kathleen and her intrepid magical cats, Hercules and Owen, have solved their fair share of mysteries. As a result, she knows that in life as well as crime solving, it is all relative, but with hard work, she can make sure the right criminal is booked.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### **Murder Investigation Team:**

#### **Jack the Ripper**

a 21st century investigation

**Keogh, Steven**

A fresh, new assessment of the unsolved Whitechapel murders, from a modern-day police expert.

True crime/History PBK \$24.99

### **A Strange Habit of Mind**

Cameron Winter mysteries

**Klavan, Andrew**

The world of Big Tech is full of eccentric characters, but shamanic billionaire Gerald Byrne may be the strangest of the bunch. The founder of Byrner, a global

social media platform, Byrne is known for speaking with vague profundity and for dabbling in esoteric spiritual practices; he wears his hair in a long black ponytail to reveal a large flower tattooed on his neck; he's universally admired as a visionary, a philanthropist, and a devoted husband and father. And every person who gets in the way of his good work seems to die. When a former student commits suicide, English professor and ex-spy Cameron Winter takes it upon himself to understand why. The young man was expelled from the university in an unfortunate episode that left Winter sympathetic to his plight; after a prolonged silence, he reached out to his teacher with two words just before taking the fatal plunge from the roof of his San Francisco apartment: 'Help me'. Winter has what he calls 'a strange habit of mind' – the ability to imagine himself into a crime scene, to reconstruct it mentally and play through various possible causes and outcomes to understand exactly what took place. When he applies this exercise to Adam Kemp's desperate final moments, he discovers a troubling inconsistency. And when he learns that Kemp was in a tumultuous relationship with Gerald Byrne's niece, he begins to suspect that the suicide was the result of a carefully-engineered plot, put in motion by the powerful businessman.

Mystery/suspense TP \$39.95

### **Bright Young Women**

**Knoll, Jessica**  
*January 1978.* A serial killer has terrorised women across the Pacific Northwest, but his existence couldn't be further from the minds of the young women at the top sorority on Florida State University's campus in Tallahassee. Tonight is a night of promise, excitement, and desire, but Pamela Schumacher, president of the sorority, makes the unpopular decision to stay home, a decision that unwittingly saves her life. Startled awake at 3 am by a strange sound, she makes the fateful decision to investigate. What she finds, behind the door, is a scene of implausible violence – two of her sisters dead; two others, maimed. Over the next few days, Pamela is thrust into a terrifying mystery inspired by the crime that's captivated public interest for more than four decades. On the other side of the country, Tina Cannon has found peace in Seattle after years of hardship. A chance encounter brings 25-year-old Ruth Wachowsky into her life, a young woman with painful secrets of her own, and the two form an instant connection. When Ruth goes missing from Lake Sammamish State Park in broad daylight, surrounded by thousands of beachgoers on a beautiful summer day, Tina devotes herself to finding out what happened to her. When she hears about the tragedy in Tallahassee, she knows it's the man the papers refer to as the All-American Sex Killer. Determined to make him answer for what he did to Ruth, she travels to Florida on a collision course with Pamela, and one last impending tragedy.

Thriller TP \$34.99

### **The Night Watch**

DS Max Craigie mysteries

**Lancaster, Neil**

A lawyer is found dead at sunrise on a lonely cliff-top at Dunnet Head on the northernmost tip of Scotland. It was supposed to be his

honeymoon, but now his wife will never see him again. The case is linked to several mysterious deaths, including the murder of the lawyer's last client – Scotland's most notorious criminal... who had just walked free. DS Max Craigie knows this can only mean one thing: they have a vigilante serial killer on their hands. But, this time, the killer isn't on the run; he's on the investigation team. And the rules are different when the murderer is this close to home. He knows their weaknesses, knows how to stay hidden, and he thinks he's above the law... Max, Janie, and Ross return in the latest in this explosive Scottish crime series – perfect for fans of Ian Rankin and Stuart MacBride.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### **The Graveyard Shift**

**Lewis, Maria**  
Tinsel Munroe has busted her guts to get where she is. Yet, her dream of working in radio hasn't turned out to be everything she hoped it would. Sure, she has her own show – aptly titled *The Graveyard Shift* – where she celebrates the sounds of cult cinema, but the wage is barely enough to cover her rent and the midnight hours are putting a strain on her relationship with her boyfriend. Even after three years at Melbourne's coolest station, she's seemingly no closer to a primetime slot. That is, until someone is murdered live on air. Mistaking it for a Halloween prank, a visit from police informs Tinsel that the hysterical call was – in fact – the real deal. She's freaked out, but her true-crime-obsessed sister, Pandora, is fascinated. While detectives assure them the killer will soon be caught, the bodies continue to drop with the killer striking in increasingly gruesome ways. With a growing, macabre audience to her radio show, that potentially includes the killer, Tinsel begins receiving strange messages over the text-in lines. Her workplace, and even her home, are suddenly not the sanctuaries she once thought. Tinsel and her sister are left with no choice, but to team up with Detective James as they race to find the connection between her and the culprit. The people she thought she could trust are now those she should fear the most. In order to survive, Tinsel is going to have to listen to more than just the airwaves... A fast-paced, thrilling murder mystery novel, paying homage to slasher films of the '90s, *The Graveyard Shift* is the perfect Halloween read for fans of Riley Sager and Grady Hendrix.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### **Inside the Mind of Sherlock Holmes**

graphic novel

**Lieron, Cyril**

An award-winning original graphic novel featuring the world's greatest detective: Sherlock Holmes! See into Sherlock's mind like never before, as Cyril Lieron depicts an intricate visual representation of his mind palace! Sherlock Holmes fans can sink their teeth into this brand new original tale, which uniquely portrays the inner workings of the greatest detective's mind as he works to solve the case! A visually-stunning treat, every thought and clue that flows through Sherlock's mind is thoroughly explored and displayed in the art for readers to latch onto. Put on your deerstalker and

pull out your magnifying glass, there's a mystery to be solved! Set in the Victorian era, the discovery of a mysterious powder on some clothing and a very special show ticket leads Sherlock Holmes to believe a patient isn't the only victim of a grand conspiracy. Indeed, it seems the strange disappearance of Londoners can be explained by the performances of a Chinese magician. When other tickets are found, the detective's suspicions are confirmed...

Sherlockiana HC \$45.00

### **Prom Mom**

**Lippman, Laura**  
*'When I was 17, I gave birth to a baby in a hotel bathroom while attending the prom...'* Two decades ago, Amber Glass' life changed forever. No one had even known she was pregnant – including Joe, her date. Afterwards, she left town for good – and hasn't seen Joe since. But she knows he hasn't left, that he's working for his father's real estate company, married to a cosmetic surgeon. Child free. Now, Amber is back, and as the two of them tentatively start to renew their once-unlikely relationship, will their secrets and motivations finally destroy everyone around them? Inspired by a true story, this guessing game of a novel explodes with feeling and menace.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### **The Poison Machine**

Hunt & Hooke series

**Lloyd, Robert J**

*London, 1679* – A year has passed since the sensational attempt to murder King Charles II, but London is still a viper's nest of rumoured Catholic conspiracies, and of plots against them in turn. When Harry Hunt – estranged from his mentor Robert Hooke – is summoned to the remote and windswept marshes of Norfolk, he is at first relieved to get away from the place. But in Norfolk, he finds that some Royal workers shoring up a riverbank have made a grim discovery – the skeleton of a dwarf. Harry is able to confirm that the skeleton is that of Captain Jeffrey Hudson, a prominent member of the court once famously given to the Queen in a pie. Except, no one knew Hudson was dead, because another man had been impersonating him. The hunt for the impersonator, clearly working as a spy, will take Harry to Paris, another city bedevilled by conspiracies and intrigues, and back, with encounters along the way with a flying man and a cross-dressing swordswoman – and to the uncovering of a plot to kill the Queen, and all the Catholic members of her court. But where? When? A thrilling sequel to *The Bloodless Boy* (PBK, \$22.99), combining the colour and adventure of Alexandre Dumas with the thrills of Frederick Forsyth.

Historical thriller TP \$34.99

### **The Worlds of Sherlock Holmes**

The Inspiration Behind the World's Greatest Detective

**Lycett, Andrew**

Questing was Sherlock Holmes' business. He famously adopted the latest forensic techniques, channelled the Victorian passion for enquiry, kept abreast of the key scientific breakthroughs of his age, and conducted his

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investigations in an enigmatic and stylised manner. And the brains behind it all was, of course, the great Arthur Conan Doyle. In this deep dive into the contemporary world of Holmes and Conan Doyle, biographer Andrew Lycett explores all that encompasses the world of the great detective – tracing the infamous character's own interests, personality, and mythologised biography alongside that of his creator's. From the Victorian crazes for detection and séance, to contemporary developments in science and psychology, Lycett weaves together everything that inspired Conan Doyle in creating the world's most famous detective and one of fiction's most enduring, enigmatic, and recognisable characters.

Sherlockiana HC \$49.99

### Past Lying

Karen Pirie series

#### McDermid, Val

Edinburgh, haunted by the ghosts of its many writers, is also the cold case beat of DCI Karen Pirie. So, she shouldn't be surprised when an author's manuscript appears to be a blueprint for an actual crime. Karen can't ignore the plot's chilling similarities to the unsolved case of an Edinburgh University student who vanished from her own doorstep. The manuscript seems to be the key to unlocking what happened to Lara Hardie, but there's a problem: the author died before he finished it. As Karen digs deeper, she uncovers a spiralling game of betrayal and revenge, where lies are indistinguishable from the truth and with more than one unexpected twist...

Thriller TP \$32.99

### West Heart Kill

#### McDorman, Dann

*'Any respectable practitioner must follow the rules in making the truth – however skilfully camouflaged by lies – accessible to all...'*

It's the Fourth of July weekend at the prestigious West Heart country club. Gathered for cocktails on the first evening are just some of the guests: the club president, the treasurer and his pregnant wife, the snooping school boy, the bereaved father, the taciturn caretaker, the prospective member, the private detective... And there will also be a body. And a fiendish mystery to solve. But everything else is all to play for. And you are about to find out that *you* have a role to play in this mystery too... *West Heart Kill* is an outrageously original and imaginative murder mystery that is both a love letter to the greats of classic crime fiction and a fiendishly-brilliant puzzle the likes of which, you will never have read before.

Mystery TP \$32.99

### A Deadly Likeness

Dr Jo McCready mysteries

#### McEvoy, Lesley

Jacob Malecki killed 15 people over a 13-year period. At the height of the murders, Dr Jo McCready was at university and compiled a profile of Malecki, which broke open the case and helped send him down for life. Twenty-five years later, a copycat killer is re-creating Malecki's murders. As the bodies pile up, Malecki makes the police an extraordinary offer: to help catch the killer from his own prison cell. Malecki claims he's repenting for his crimes. Jo doubts it, but as the body

count rises, she can't ignore the killer's offer. What does Malecki really want – and can Jo find out before anyone else dies?

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### Murder Most Grave

Granny Reid mysteries

#### McKevett, G A

With a new grandbaby to care for at home, Stella has little time to spare. Her hands are especially full since Savannah, her teenage granddaughter, developed a crush on a boy guaranteed to break her heart. Gallivanting around with her best pal, Sheriff Manny Goldford, simply isn't an option – until a freshly-murdered body is discovered... When a gravedigger finds a local sprawled across the steps of a crypt, Stella and Manny launch into action to investigate who had motive to kill him. But as the pieces start falling together, everything else becomes less certain. Manny soon realises he could lose his position as sheriff, and there's the case of yet another shocking death. Now, Stella must protect those closest to her while unearthing the dangerous culprit and putting a real grave affair to rest.

Mystery TP \$35.00

### In Place of Fear

#### McPherson, Gatriona

*Edinburgh, 1948.* Helen Crowther leaves a crowded tenement home, for her very own office in a doctor's surgery. Upstart, ungrateful, out of your depth – the words of disapproval come at her from everywhere but she's determined to take her chance and play her part. She's barely begun when she stumbles over a murder and learns that, in this most respectable of cities, no one will fight for justice at the risk of scandal. As Helen resolves to find a killer, she's propelled into a darker world than she knew existed, hardscrabble as her own can be. Disapproval is the least of her worries, now. A gripping new historical crime novel that is both enthralling and entertaining.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### Murder and Mamon

Tita Rosie's Kitchen mysteries

#### Manansala, Mia P

Lila Macapagal's godmothers April, Mae, and June – aka the Calendar Crew – are celebrating the opening of their latest joint business venture – a new laundromat – to much fanfare (and controversy). However, what should've been a joyous occasion quickly turns into a tragedy when they discover the building has been vandalised – and the body of Ninang April's niece, recently arrived from the Philippines, next to a chilling message painted on the floor. The question is, was the message aimed at the victim or Lila's gossipy godmothers, who have not-so-squeaky-clean reputations? With Ninang April falling apart from grief and little progress from the Shady Palms Police Department in this slippery case, it's up to Lila and her network to find justice for the young woman. The Calendar Crew have stuck their noses into everybody's business for years, but now the tables are turned as Lila must pry into the Calendar Crew's lives to figure out who has a vendetta against the (extremely opinionated yet loving) aunts and stop them, before they strike again.

Mystery TP \$35.00

### Murder at the Arizona Biltmore

Merlin Richards mysteries

#### Marston, Edward

Chasing his dream of a glittering architectural career, Merlin Richards has left the Welsh valleys for the Arizona desert, propelled by a handwritten note from the legendary Frank Lloyd Wright. Richards arrives at the Arizona Biltmore hotel, where he meets a beautiful young designer named Rosa Lustig. Like every man in her circle, Merlin is captivated by Rosa but soon finds himself the prime suspect in her murder. Jealous suitors, envious workers, and the cynical police are all convinced that Richards is the killer. As he begins to put the pieces of the puzzle together, what he builds is not the impressive edifice he came to learn about, but a defence that will imprison a murderer. This first in a series was originally published as *Murder in Perspective*, under the pseudonym Keith Miles.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### Homicide in Chicago

Merlin Richards mysteries

#### Marston, Edward

*Chicago, 1931.* While the Great Depression has tightened its grip on the world, there are still some who have the means to make their dreams a reality. One of these men is Hobart St John, who wants a mansion in the suburb of Oak Park. For young Welsh architect Merlin Richards, the opportunity to work on the house is an answer to his prayer. But Richards' elation soon turns to confusion and fear. A body has been found on site hanging from a rafter. The authorities dismiss it as suicide but how can that be the case when his hands were tied behind his back? Richards' dream assignment is fast becoming a nightmare, and he realises that the answers he wants might cost him his life. Originally published as *Saint's Rest*, under the pseudonym Keith Miles.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### Hokey Pokey

#### Mascarenhas, Kate

*February 1929.* The Regent Hotel in Birmingham is a place of deception and glamour. Behind its six-storeyed façade, guests sip absinthe cocktails on velvet banquettes, while the hotel's red-jacketed staff scurry through its lavish corridors to ensure the finest service is always at hand. In the early evening, a psychoanalyst checks in under a pseudonym: Nora Dickinson. Nora is young, diligent, and ambitious. Though she doesn't see herself as a liar, she is travelling with an agenda. Having followed the famous opera singer, Berenice Oxbow, from Zurich to Birmingham, she's determined not to let her out of her sight. But when a terrible snowstorm isolates the hotel – and its guests – from the outside world, the lines between nightmare and reality begin to blur... A glamorous, thrilling ride through murder, madness, and the darkest recesses of the mind.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

### Undue Influence

Florence Shaw mysteries

#### Masters, Priscilla

Nurse Florence Shaw is worried about her patient and friend, elderly widow Nora

Selleck. When she encounters Nora in the market town of Stone seeming confused, Florence decides to pay her a visit in more familiar surroundings. But, at Nora's house, she meets Ben Evans, a mysterious young stranger who has befriended Nora. Who is Ben, and why is he encouraging Nora to miss her surgery appointments? Florence doesn't trust Ben. She's sure he doesn't have Nora's best interests at heart and is a threat to her vulnerable patient. But no one else, not even Nora's doctor, shares her concern. Until, one day, Nora suddenly disappears...

Mystery TP \$42.95

### Bodies from the Library 05

anthology

#### Medawar, Tony

Classic crime fiction's 'Indiana Jones' Tony Medawar unearths more unpublished and uncollected stories from the Golden Age of suspense, including John Bude, John Dickson Carr, Dorothy L Sayers, and Julian Symons. Complete with fascinating biographies by Tony Medawar of all the featured authors, this latest volume in the annual *Bodies from the Library* series, once again, brings into the daylight the forgotten, the lost and the unknown, and is an indispensable collection for any bookshelf.

Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

### Prima Facie

#### Miller, Suzie

Tessa is a thoroughbred. A young, brilliant barrister from a working-class background, now at the top of her game: defending, cross examining, and lighting up the shadows of doubt in any case. The law is a game, and she is its most talented player. One sickening night, though, Tessa finds herself in a position, countless women – one in three – have been in before her. And she's faced with a gut-wrenching, life-changing decision. Will she take the stand to testify about her rape, with the full awareness that the system has not been built to protect her? Drawn from the internationally-acclaimed play, *Prima Facie* is a propulsive, raw look at the price victims pay for speaking out and the system that sets them up to fail. With breakneck prose and a devastating emotional intensity, this is a novel for our times, by one of Australia's most impressive writers.

Thriller TP \$34.99

### The Murderous Type

Bookstore mysteries

#### Minix, Sue

*I used to just write murder mysteries.*

*Now, I investigate them...*

Crime writer turned amateur sleuth, Jen, has taken over the running of the local bookstore in her hometown of Riddleton. But balancing the books at Ravenous Readers is nothing compared to meeting the deadline for her new novel. However, dodging phone calls from her editor takes a back seat when the local police chief dies in a suspected poisoning. To solve the murder, Jen must dust off her detective hat, once more. With everyone in town seemingly a suspect, and evidence planted to incriminate local police officer and close friend Eric, Jen is working against the clock. Can she find the killer and beat her own writer's block before it's too late?

Mystery PBK \$22.99



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### **Murder at Maybridge Castle** Christmas mysteries

#### **Moncrieff, Ada**

It's Christmas 1937, and an eclectic list of guests and staff have gathered for the grand reopening of Maybridge castle, a newly-renovated, yet still crumbling, hotel deep in the Cumbrian countryside. They are: the ex-socialite owner... the doctor and his new wife... the stylish journalist... the know-all housekeepers... the still-grieving widower and his son... the tarot readers... the passionate academic... the persistent investigative reporter... the elder amateur sleuth, and her cat. An innocent game of Murder in the Dark will turn into a real game of life and death. And, by the time the first sherris have been drunk, one of these people will be dead – and one of them the killer. Someone has changed the rules, but who? The brand-new, festive, murder mystery, from 'modern rival to Agatha Christie' Ada Moncrieff. The series begins with *Murder Most Festive* (PBK, \$29.99). Recommended!  
Historical Mystery PBK \$22.99

### **Deliberate Cruelty**

Truman Capote, the Millionaire's Wife, and the Murder of the Century

#### **Montillo, Roseanne**

This glittering, story explores the darkly-intertwined fates of infamous socialite Ann Woodward and literary icon Truman Capote, sweeping us to the upper echelons of Manhattan's high society – where falls from grace are all the more shocking. When Ann Woodward shot her husband, banking heir Billy Woodward, in the middle of the night in 1955, her life changed forever. Though she claimed she thought he was a prowler, few believed the woman who had risen from charismatic showgirl to popular socialite. Everyone had something to say about the scorching scandal afflicting one of the richest and most famous families of New York City, but no one was more obsessed with the tale than Truman Capote. Acclaimed for his bestselling, nonfiction book *In Cold Blood*, Capote was looking for new material and followed the scandal from beginning to end. Like Ann, he too had ascended from nobody to toast of the town, but he always felt like an outsider, even among the exclusive coterie of high society women who adored him. He decided the story of Ann's turbulent marriage would be the basis of his masterpiece – a novel about the dysfunction and sordid secrets revealed to him by his high society 'swans' – never thinking that it would eventually lead to Ann's suicide, and his own scandalous downfall.  
History/True crime TP \$32.99

### **Meat Thy Maker**

Pennsylvania-Dutch mysteries

#### **Myers, Tamar**

Schmucker Brothers' Sausages are the talk of the town. The good folk of Hernia are obsessed with the delectable meaty treats, and the prospect of going into partnership with the brothers is proving equally irresistible to investors far and wide, including Magdalena Yoder's current guests at the Penn-Dutch Inn – grocery store chain CEOs Christine Landis and Kathleen Dooley, restaurant owner Terry Tazewell, and Mr Duckworth Limehouse. All four

are in town to pitch a business deal to the Schmuckers. But after a visit to the brothers' pork factory, one of the would-be investors is found slaughtered back at the inn, and Mags must catch a murderer intent on turning her guests' juicy pork dreams to rashers! Could there be more to the Schmuckers' sausages, than meets the eye?

Mystery TP \$42.95

### **The Night House**

#### **Nesbo, Jo**

*When the voices call, don't answer...*

In the wake of his parents' tragic deaths, 14-year-old Richard Elauved has been sent to live with his aunt and uncle in the remote town of Ballantyne. Richard quickly earns a reputation as an outcast; and, when a classmate named Tom goes missing, everyone suspects the new, angry boy is responsible. No one believes him when he says the telephone booth out by the edge of the woods sucked Tom into the receiver like something out of a horror movie.

No one, that is, except Karen – a beguiling, fellow outsider who encourages Richard to pursue clues the police refuse to investigate. He traces the number that Tom prank called from the phone booth to an abandoned house in the woods. There he catches a glimpse of a terrifying face in the window. And then the voices start... When another classmate disappears, Richard must find a way to prove his innocence, as he grapples with the dark magic that is possessing Ballantyne. Then again, Richard may not be the most reliable narrator of his own story. From the internationally-bestselling author comes a twisted, multilayered spin on the classic horror novel, for fans of *Stranger Things* and *It*.

Horror TP \$32.99

### **The Resemblance**

#### **Nossett, Lauren**

On a November morning at the University of Georgia, a fraternity brother steps into a busy crosswalk and is struck dead by an oncoming car. More than a dozen witnesses all agree on two things: the driver looked identical to the victim, and he was smiling. Detective Marlitt Kaplan is first on the scene. A local and the daughter of a professor at the university, she knows all its shameful history. But, in the course of investigating this hit-and-run, she will uncover more chilling secrets in the sprawling, interconnected system of fraternities and sororities that empower the university's most elite students. The lines between Marlitt's police work and her own past begin to blur as she seeks to bring to justice an institution that took something precious from her many years ago. When threats against her escalate, Marlitt must question whether the corruption in her hometown has run off campus and into the police force, and how far these brotherhoods will go to protect their own.

Mystery/suspense TP \$34.99

### **The Enemy at Home** **O'Brien, Kevin**

*1943, Seattle*. While raging war reshapes the landscape of Europe, its impact is felt thousands of miles away too. Before the war, Nora Kinney was one of countless housewives and mothers in her comfortable

Capitol Hill neighbourhood. Now, with her doctor husband stationed in North Africa, Nora feels compelled to do more than tend her victory garden, or help with scrap metal drives... At the Boeing B-17 plant, Nora learns to wield a heavy riveting gun amid the deafening noise of the assembly line – a real-life counterpart to 'Rosie the Riveter' in the recruitment posters. Yet, while the country desperately needs their help, not everyone is happy about 'all these women' taking over men's jobs. Nora worries that she is neglecting her children, especially her withdrawn teenage son. But amid this turmoil, a sinister tragedy occurs: one of Nora's co-workers is found strangled in her apartment, dressed in an apron, with a lipstick smile smeared on her face. It's the beginning of a terrifying pattern, as women war-plant workers like Nora are targeted throughout Seattle and murdered in the same ritualistic manner. And eclipsing Nora's fear for her safety is her secret, growing conviction that she and the killer are connected – and that the haven that was her home has become her own personal battlefield...  
Mystery/suspense TP \$35.00

### **No Strangers Here**

County Kerry mysteries

#### **O'Connor, Carlene**

On a rocky beach in the southwest of Ireland, the body of a wealthy racehorse owner Johnny O'Reilly has been discovered. In a town like Dingle, everyone knows a little something about everyone else. But dig a bit deeper, and there's always much more to find. And when Detective Inspector Cormac O'Brien is dispatched out of Killarney to lead the murder inquiry, he's determined to unearth every last buried secret. Dimpna Wilde hasn't been home in years. But faced with a triple bombshell – her mother is rumoured to have been in a relationship with Johnny, her father's dementia is escalating, and her brother is avoiding her calls – Dimpna moves back to Dingle to clear her family of suspicion. And as she takes over the family practice, she finds herself in a race with the detective inspector to uncover the dark, twisting truth behind murder, no matter how close to home it strikes... The first in a new series.

Mystery TP \$35.00

### **Spies in Canaan**

#### **Park, David**

Michael has travelled a long way from his boyhood under the endless skies of the Midwest. His retirement is peaceful, if solitary. But one day there is a visitation: a mysterious car on the seafloor, and a package delivered. From its contents, Michael understands that he has been commissioned to undertake a final journey. As Michael makes his way deep into a distant desert – a strange and liminal landscape that lies between hell and redemption – he undertakes another journey, into long-suppressed memories: of Vietnam and the dying days of war, and to face a final accounting for what was done. Taut, atmospheric and moving, *Spies in Canaan* is a powerful elegy to the pain of love, the guilt of old age, and the grace of atonement.  
Suspense PBK \$22.99

### **The Retreat** **Pearse, Sarah**

An idyllic wellness retreat has opened on an island off the coast of Devon, promising rest and relaxation – but the island itself, known locally as Reaper's Rock, has a dark past. Once the playground of a serial killer, it's rumoured to be cursed. A woman is found dead below the yoga pavilion in what seems to be a tragic fall. But DS Elin Warner soon learns that the victim wasn't a guest – she wasn't meant to be on the island, at all. The longer Elin stays, the more secrets she uncovers. And when someone else drowns in a diving incident, Elin begins to suspect that the old stories about the island are true. Because history seems to be repeating itself – and the guests might not make it home alive...  
Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### **The Fatal Folio**

Cambridge Bookshop mysteries

#### **Penney, Elizabeth**

After moving to Cambridge, England, Molly Kimball has found a lot to love, including – of course – her family's ancestral bookshop, Thomas Marlowe – Manuscripts and Foliots. And though she's not quite ready to use the 'L' word, when it comes to her boyfriend Kieran, she's definitely fallen for his intimidating family's library. His family is paying her handsomely for an updated catalogue, when Molly discovers the original manuscript of a Gothic novel, *A Fatal Folio* by the pseudonymous Selwyn Scott. Kieran's cousin Oliver, a professor specialising in Gothic literature, is eager to publish a paper on the mystery – especially because a troublesome student, Thad, is threatening to file a complaint against him and prevent his long-awaited promotion. On Guy Fawkes Night, Molly, Kieran, and her friends set out to enjoy the costumes, fireworks, and fun – at least, until a stray firework starts a panic, and the group stumbles upon a prone body, their face covered by a mask. It's Thad, and he's been stabbed to death. It soon becomes clear, Oliver isn't the only one with a motive, and Molly must, once again, put on a few masks of her own to sleuth out Thad's killer, prove Oliver's innocence, and discover what Selwyn's novel might have to do with this most atmospheric mystery...  
Mystery PBK \$26.95

### **Murder at the Serpentine Bridge**

Wrexford & Sloane mysteries 06

#### **Penrose, Andrea**

Charlotte, now the Countess of Wrexford, would like nothing more than a summer of peace and quiet with her new husband and their unconventional family and friends. Still, some social obligations must be honoured, especially with the grand Peace Celebrations unfolding throughout London to honour victory over Napoleon. But when Wrexford and their two young wards, Raven and Hawk, discover a body floating in Hyde Park's famous lake, that newfound peace looks to be at risk. The late Jeremiah Willis was the engineering genius behind a new design for a top-secret weapon, and the prototype is missing from the Royal Army's laboratory. Wrexford is tasked with retrieving it before it falls into the

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wrong hands. But there are unsettling complications to the case – including a family connection. Soon, old secrets are tangling with new betrayals, and as Charlotte and Wrexford spin through a web of international intrigue and sumptuous parties, they must race against time to save their loved ones from harm – and keep the weapon from igniting a new war...

Historical mystery TP \$35.00

### Die Around Sundown

Henri Lefort mysteries 01

#### Pryor, Mark

*Summer, 1940:* In German-occupied Paris, Inspector Henri Lefort has been given just five days to solve the murder of a German major that took place in the Louvre Museum. Blocked from the crime scene but given a list of suspects, Henri encounters a group of artists, including Pablo Picasso, who know more than they're willing to share. With the clock ticking, Henri must uncover a web of lies while overcoming impossible odds to save his own life and prove his loyalty to his country. Will he rise to the task or become another tragic story of a tragic time? Five days. One murder. A masterpiece of a mystery. The first entry in an exciting mystery series set in Paris during World War II, where a detective is forced to solve a murder while protecting his own secrets. The first in a new series from the author of *The Bookseller* (TP, \$42.95).

Historical mystery TP \$34.99

### The Adventures

#### of Ellery Queen

American Mystery Classic

#### Queen, Ellery

For Ellery Queen, there is no puzzle that reason cannot solve. In his time, he has faced down killers, thugs, and thieves, protected only by the might of his brain – and the odd bit of timely intervention by his father, a burly New York police inspector. But when a university professor asks Queen to teach a class, the detective finds there are people whom reason cannot touch: college students. Queen's adventure on campus is only the first of this incomparable collection of short mysteries. In the tales that follow, he tangles with a violent book thief, an assassin of acrobats, and New York's only cleanly-shaven, bearded lady. And the only thing more dazzling than the mysterious murders he confronts are his brilliant solutions at the end. Ellery Queen was a master of the short mystery, so closely associated with the form that the longest-running magazine for such tales bears his name; the excellent stories in this volume show why he continues to be considered one of the greatest American practitioners of the Golden Age whodunit.

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

### Sinister Graves

Cash Blackbear mysteries

#### Rendon, Marcie R

A snowmelt has sent floodwaters down to the fields of the Red River Valley, dragging the body of an unidentified Native woman into the town of Ada. The only evidence, the medical examiner recovers, is a torn piece of paper inside her bra: a hymn written in English and Ojibwe. Cash Blackbear, a 19-year-old, tough-as-nails Ojibwe woman, sometimes uses her special abilities to help

Sheriff Wheaton, her guardian, with his investigations. When Cash sees the hymn, she knows her search for justice for this anonymous victim will lead her somewhere she hasn't been in over a decade: the White Earth Reservation, a place she once called home. When Cash happens upon two small graves in the yard of a rural, 'speak-in-tongues kinda church', she is pulled into the lives of the pastor and his wife – while yet another Native woman turns up dead, and her newborn is nowhere to be found. This 1970s, Minnesota-set series begins with *Murder on the Red River* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery TP \$35.99

### Calypso, Corpses, and Cooking

Caribbean Kitchen mysteries

#### Reyes, Raquel V

Fall festivities are underway in Coral Shores, Miami. Cuban-American cooking show star Miriam Quiñones-Smith wakes up to find a corpse in her front yard. The body by the fake tombstone is the woman that was kicked out of the school's Fall Festival the day before. Miriam's luck does not improve. Her passive-aggressive mother-in-law puts her in charge of the Women's Club annual gala. But, this year, it's not canapes and waltzes. Miriam and her girlfriends-squad opt for fun and flavour. They want to spice it up with Caribbean food trucks and a calypso band. While making plans at the country club, they hear a volatile argument between the new head chef and the club's manager. Not long after, the chef swan dives to his death at the bottom of the grand staircase. Was it an accident? Or was it Beverly, the *sous* chef, who is furious after being passed over for the job? Or maybe it was his ex-girlfriend, Anastasia? Add two possible poisonings to the mix and Miriam is worried the food truck fun is going to be a major crash. As the clock ticks down and the body count goes up, Miriam's life is put in jeopardy. Will she connect the dots, or die in the deep freeze?

Mystery TP \$43.95

### The Trial

#### Rinder, Rob

*One murder. One impossible case. Who is guilty?* When hero policeman Grant Cliveden dies from a poisoning in the Old Bailey, it threatens to shake the country to its core. The evidence points to one man. Jimmy Knight has been convicted of multiple offences before and defending him will be no easy task. Not least, because this is trainee barrister Adam Green's first case. But it will quickly become clear that Jimmy Knight is not the only person in Cliveden's past with an axe to grind. The only thing that's certain is that this is a trial which will push Adam – and the justice system itself – to the limit... A gripping whodunit by Britain's best-known criminal barrister.

Mystery TP \$32.99

### Urgent Matters

#### Rodríguez, Paula

A devastating train crash in the suburbs of Buenos Aires leaves 43 people dead, but not Hugo Lamadrid, a criminal wanted for murder. He seizes his chance to disappear, abandoning his possessions – and, he hopes, his identity – among bodies mangled beyond all recognition. As the police descend of the

scene, only grizzled Detective Dominguez sees a link between the crash and his murder case. Soon, he's on Hugo's tail. But he hasn't banked on everything, from the media to Hugo's mother-in-law, getting in his way. This crackling, pacy noir shines a light on urgent social issues.

Noir PBK \$22.99

### Barking Mad

Poppy mystery tales

#### Russell, Leigh

Emily has settled in the picturesque village of Ashton Mead, where she lives with her puppy, Poppy. Life is finally going well for Emily. She has a cottage of her own, a job she likes and friends. Then she stumbles on the body of a woman who apparently drowned in the river. The other villagers suspect foul play and are quick to blame Richard, Emily's next-door neighbour and a newcomer to the village. Emily finds it hard to believe her friendly neighbour could be a cold-hearted murderer. When she meets his attractive son, Adam, her feelings become more complicated. Determined to find out the truth behind the death in the village, Emily travels to London to track down the man with whom Richard's wife was having an affair. Unfortunately for Emily, her visit does not go as planned. Instead of helping clear Richard's name, she finds her own life is in danger...

A follow-up to the first Poppy Mystery Tale,

*Barking Up the Right Tree* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### Immortality: A Love Story

Anatomy 02

#### Schwartz, Dana

Hazel Sinnett is alone and half-convinced the events of the year before – the immortality, Becham's vial – were a figment of her imagination. She doesn't even know if Jack is alive or dead. All she can really do, now, is treat patients and maintain Hawthornden Castle as it starts to decay around her. When saving a life leads to her arrest, Hazel seems doomed to rot in prison – until a message intervenes: Hazel has been specifically requested to be the personal physician of Princess Charlotte, the sickly granddaughter of King George III. Soon Hazel is dragged into the glamour and romance of a court where everyone has something to hide, especially the enigmatic, brilliant members of a social club known as the Companions to the Death. As Hazel's work entangles her more and more with the British court, she realises that her own future as a surgeon isn't the only thing at stake for her. Malicious forces are at work in the monarchy, and Hazel may be the only one capable of setting things right. The eagerly-anticipated sequel to the bestselling gothic romance, *Anatomy: A Love Story* (PBK, \$19.99). Now in paperback.

Gothic mystery PBK \$19.99

### Ian Fleming

The Complete Man

#### Shakespeare, Nicholas

A fresh portrait of the man behind James Bond, and his enduring impact, by an award-winning biographer and novelist who has unprecedented access to the Fleming Archive. Ian Fleming's greatest creation, James Bond, has had an enormous and ongoing impact on our culture. What Bond

represents about ideas of masculinity, the British national psyche and global politics has shifted over time, as has the interpretation of the life of his author. But Fleming, himself, was more mysterious and subtle, than anything he wrote. Ian's childhood with his gifted brother Peter and his extraordinary mother set the pattern for his ambition to be 'the complete man', and he would strive for the means to achieve this 'completeness' all his life. Only a thriller writer for his last 12 years, his dramatic personal life and impressive career in Naval Intelligence put him at the heart of critical moments in world history, while also providing rich inspiration for his fiction. Exceptionally well connected, and widely travelled, from the United States and Soviet Russia to his beloved Jamaica, Ian had access to the most powerful political figures at a time of profound change. Nicholas Shakespeare is one of the most gifted biographers working today. His talent for uncovering material that casts new light on his subjects is fully evident in this masterful, definitive biography. His unprecedented access to the Fleming family papers and his nose for a story make this a fresh and eye-opening picture of a man whose life was overshadowed by his famous creation.

Biography TP \$42.99

### The Cat Who Caught a Killer

Conrad the Cat Detective mysteries

#### Shearer, I T

Meet Conrad. You've never met a cat like him before. Neither has Lulu Lewis when he walks into her life one summer's day. Mourning the recent death of her husband, the former police detective had expected a gentle retirement, quietly enjoying life on her new canal boat, *The Lark*, and visiting her mother-in-law Emily in a nearby care home. But when Emily dies suddenly in suspicious circumstances, Lulu senses foul play and resolves to find out what really happened. And a remarkable cat named Conrad will be with her every step of the way... The first in a series; now in paperback.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### Mother-Daughter

#### Murder Night

#### Simon, Nina

*Nothing brings a family together, like a murder next door.*

High-powered businesswoman Lana Rubicon has a lot to be proud of: her keen intelligence, impeccable taste, and the LA real estate empire she's built. But when she finds herself trapped, 300 miles north of the city, convalescing in a sleepy coastal town with her adult daughter Beth and teenage granddaughter Jack, Lana is stuck counting otters instead of square footage – and hoping that boredom won't kill her before the cancer does. Then Jack – tiny in stature, but fiercely independent – happens upon a dead body while kayaking near their bungalow. Jack quickly becomes a suspect in the homicide investigation, and the Rubicon women are thrown into chaos. Beth thinks Lana should focus on recovery, but Lana has a better idea. She'll pull on her wig, find the true murderer, protect her family, and prove she still has power. With Jack and Beth's help, Lana uncovers a web of lies, family vendettas, and land disputes lurking beneath

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the surface of a community populated by folksy conservationists and wealthy ranchers. But as their amateur snooping advances into ever-more dangerous territory, the headstrong Rubicon women must learn to do the one thing they've always resisted: depend on each other.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### The Secret Life of John le Carré Sisman, Adam

The extraordinary secret life of a great novelist, which his biographer could not publish while le Carré was alive. Secrecy came naturally to John le Carré, and there were some secrets that he fought fiercely to keep. Adam Sisman's definitive biography, published in 2015, provided a revealing portrait of this fascinating man; yet, some aspects of his subject remained hidden. Nowhere was this more so than in his private life. Apparently content in his marriage, the novelist conducted a string of love affairs over five decades. To these relationships he brought much of the tradecraft that he had learned as a spy – cover stories, cut outs, and dead letter boxes. These clandestine operations brought an element of danger to his life, but they also meant deceiving those closest to him. Small wonder that betrayal became a running theme in his work. In trying to manage his biography, the novelist engaged in a succession of skirmishes with his biographer. While he could control what Sisman wrote about him in his lifetime, he accepted that the truth would eventually become known. Following his death in 2020, what had been withheld can now be revealed. *The Secret Life of John le Carré* reveals a hitherto-hidden perspective on the life and work of the spy-turned-author and a fascinating meditation on the complex relationship between biographer and subject. 'Now that he is dead,' Sisman writes, 'we can know him better.'

Biography TP \$32.99

### Secrets Typed in Blood

Pentecost & Parker mysteries

#### Spotswood, Stephen

*New York City, 1947.* For years, Holly Quick has written gruesome tales of revenge for pulp detective magazines. Now, someone is bringing her stories to life and leaving a trail of blood behind. With the threat of another murder looming, and reluctant to go to the police, Holly turns to the renowned detective duo Willowjean 'Will' Parker and her boss Lillian Pentecost. Soon, they are diving into an underground world of people obsessed with murder. Can the killer be found in the Black Museum Club, run by a philanthropist whose collection of grim murder memorabilia may not be enough to satisfy him? Or, is it Holly's pair of editors aren't telling the full story? With victims seemingly chosen at random and a murderer who thrives on spectacle, Pentecost and Parker need to act fast. For Holly Quick has her own secret and it's about to bring death to their door... Pentecost and Parker, the most audacious and iconic detective duo in 1940s' Manhattan, are back. These entertaining historical mysteries begin with *Fortune Favours the Dead* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### American Demon

Eliot Ness and the Hunt for America's Jack the Ripper

#### Stashower, Daniel

*Boston had its Strangler. California had the Zodiac Killer. And in the depths of the Great Depression, Cleveland had the Mad Butcher of Kingsbury Run.* On September 5th, 1934, a young beachcomber made a gruesome discovery on the shores of Cleveland's Lake Erie: the lower half of a female torso, neatly severed at the waist. The victim, dubbed 'The Lady of the Lake', was only the first of a butcher's dozen. Over the next four years, 12 more bodies would be scattered across the city. The bodies were dismembered with surgical precision and drained of blood. Some were beheaded while still alive. Terror gripped the city. Amid the growing uproar, Cleveland's besieged mayor turned to his newly-appointed director of public safety: Eliot Ness. Ness had come to Cleveland fresh from his headline-grabbing exploits in Chicago, where he and his band of 'Untouchables' led the frontline assault on Al Capone's bootlegging empire. Now, he would confront a case that would redefine his storied career. Award-winning author Daniel Stashower shines a fresh light on one of the most notorious puzzles in the annals of crime, and uncovers the gripping story of Ness' hunt for a sadistic killer who was as brilliant as he was cool and composed, a mastermind who was able to hide in plain sight. *American Demon* reconstructs this ultimate battle of wits between a hero and a madman.

True crime/History TP \$43.95

### Everyone on this Train is a Suspect

Ernest Cunningham mysteries

#### Stevenson, Benjamin

When the Australian Mystery Writers' Society invited me to their crime-writing festival, aboard the Ghan – the famous train between Darwin and Adelaide – I was hoping for some inspiration for my second book. Fiction, this time: I needed a break from real people killing each other. Obviously, that didn't pan out. The program is a who's who of crime-writing royalty: the debut writer (me!); the forensic science writer; the blockbuster writer; the legal thriller writer; the literary writer; and the psychological suspense writer. But when one of us is murdered, six authors quickly turn into five detectives. Together, we should know how to solve a crime. Or commit one. How can you find a killer, when all the suspects know how to get away with murder? Ernest Cunningham returns in a deliciously witty locked room (train) mystery. The follow-up to the hilarious, ingenious *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone* (PBK, \$22.99). Recommended.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### A Death at the Party Stuart, Amy

Nadine Walsh is determined to make her summer garden party the event of the year. Everyone deserves a celebration after the year they've had. A chance to forget. As she prepares to welcome her guests, however, Nadine can't help but be distracted. Her husband is of little help to her. Her two grown children are consumed with their own concerns. But it's Nadine's own secrets that

threaten to destroy her perfect party. By the end of the night, Nadine will be standing over a dead body in the basement. But which of her guests will she have murdered? And why?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### I'm Not Done with You Yet Sutanto, Jesse

Jane is unhappy. She's a struggling writer, trapped in an underwhelming marriage with husband Ted, scraping by to pay for a mortgage for a house and a life that she's never really wanted. There's only ever been one person she cared about, one person who truly understood her: Thalia. Jane's best and only friend nearly a decade ago, during their time together at Oxford. But then the night of the formal which should have bound them together for good, drove them apart. Until now. Because after years of searching, Thalia is everywhere as she tops the *New York Times* bestseller list. And, now Jane has found Thalia, after all these years, she won't let her go...

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers Sutanto, Jesse

*Put the kettle on, there's a mystery brewing...* Tea-shop owner. Matchmaker. Detective? Sixty-year-old, self-proclaimed tea expert Vera Wong enjoys nothing more than sipping a good cup of Wulong and doing some healthy 'detective' work on the internet (*aka* checking up on her son, to see if he's dating anybody yet). But when Vera wakes up, one morning to find a dead man in the middle of her tea shop, it's going to take more than a strong Longjing to fix things. Knowing she'll do a better job than the police possibly could – because nobody sniffs out a wrongdoing, quite like a suspicious Chinese mother, with time on her hands – Vera decides it's down to her to catch the killer. Nobody spills the tea, like this amateur sleuth.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### Rim of the Pit

American Mystery Classic

#### Talbot, Hake

*I came here to make a dead man change his mind.* So begins a creepy and unusual mystery celebrated to this day as one of the greatest 'impossible crime' novels of all time. When a family's promise to protect the beloved pine grove of their dead father creates a financial strain, a seance is suggested to summon the ghost of the late logger and ask its permission. A mixed group of sceptics and believers convene at a snow-bound lodge to call the spirit with a group that includes a gambler, a businessman, a clairvoyant, a professor, and a refugee, among others. With so many diverse interests at the table, the tensions run high – but when one of the participants ends up dead, there is reason to suspect that a nefarious spirit is to blame. The body is discovered in a locked room, impenetrable from the outside – just one of many bizarre and inexplicable circumstances surrounding the scene of the crime. There is also the trail of footprints in the snow, beginning and ending amid a field of untouched powder; another on the roof, with the tracks leading for a short distance

before vanishing into nothingness; and, there are fingerprints on a gun suspended at an unreachable height... Supernatural undertones and eerie atmosphere clear away in the third act to present a logical conclusion to the case, teasing out the clues and murder methods that unscrupulous readers may have missed. With its offbeat exposition, puzzling plot, and exceptional prose, *Rim of the Pit* is a cult classic of the Golden Age era, deserving of a wide audience today.

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

### The Drowning Sea

Maggie D'arcy mysteries

#### Taylor, Sarah Stewart

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

Mystery TP \$29.99

### The Franchise Affair

Macmillan Collector's Library

#### Tey, Josephine

Fifteen-year-old Betty Kane has never put a foot wrong. Naturally, everyone is shocked and horrified to hear her story – that she was kidnapped, tortured, and held prisoner by Marion Sharpe and her elderly mother, owners of the mysterious old house, The Franchise. But are the two women really guilty of such a horrendous crime? Every page resonates with tension as the story unfolds – did they or didn't they take a young girl prisoner? And whose story can you trust? For fans of true crime and of classic crime fiction, *The Franchise Affair* by Josephine Tey is a gripping thriller, based on a true story – featuring detective Alan Grant – and a masterful exposé of the powerful connections between media, the establishment and what people choose to believe. A stunning, clothbound, pocket-sized classic with gold-foiled edges, and a ribbon marker.

Classic mystery HC \$22.99



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### The Daughter of Time

Macmillan Collector's Library

**Tey, Josephine**

Inspector Alan Grant is laid up in hospital with a spinal injury and he's bored. Renowned for his ability to read a face, he passes the time looking at old portraits and one which particularly grabs his attention is of Richard III, the supposed arch-villain who killed his own nephews, 'the princes in the tower'. But Grant doesn't accept the face in the portrait is the face of a villain; so, he sets out to investigate what really happened. An unusual premise for a crime novel, perhaps, but nevertheless an extremely clever and engrossing one, brilliantly plotted and written with enormous charm and erudition. Voted the top crime novel of all time by the UK Crime Writers' Association, *The Daughter of Time* is Josephine Tey's last and most successful book. A stunning, clothbound, pocket-sized classic with gold-foiled edges, and a ribbon marker.

Classic mystery HC \$22.99

### The Teacher's Pet

**Thomas, Hedley**

If you thought you knew the story of *The Teacher's Pet*, get ready to be shocked. Hedley Thomas takes you behind the scenes with a blow-by-blow account of one of the most intriguing and enduring murder mysteries of our time – the crime, the podcast investigation, the sexual exploitation of teenage students, the courtroom drama – and how justice was finally delivered. Lynette Simms disappeared from Sydney's idyllic northern beaches in 1982, and was never seen again. Lyn was a caring nurse, a loving mother, and devoted wife. Her husband, Chris Dawson, was a rugby league star, a popular teacher, and exceptionally close to his identical twin brother, Paul. This façade of domestic bliss shattered, as Chris became infatuated with the family's babysitter, his 16-year-old student, a girl he moved into Lyn's home, and bed – just two days after her disappearance. Thirty-six years later, investigative journalist Hedley Thomas revisited the story in a record-breaking podcast series that captured the unconditional support of friends, colleagues, neighbours, family, and an international audience. With fresh leads and old evidence resulting in a public groundswell for authorities to take action, Chris was arrested in late 2018; and, after a dramatic trial, was found guilty of murder in August 2022.

True crime TP \$36.99

### Death Comes to Marlow

Marlow Murder Club mysteries

**Thorogood, Robert**

It's been an enjoyable and *murder-free* time for Judith, Suzie, and Becks – aka the Marlow Murder Club – since the events of last year. The most exciting thing on the horizon is the upcoming wedding of Marlow grandee, Sir Peter Bailey, to his nurse, Jenny Page. Sir Peter is having a party at his grand mansion on the river Thames, the day before the wedding, and Judith and company are looking forward to a bit of free champagne. But during the soiree, there's a crash from inside the house, and when the Marlow Murder Club rush to investigate, they are shocked to find the groom-to-be crushed to death in his study. The study was locked from

the inside, so the police don't consider the death suspicious. But Judith disagrees. As far as she's concerned, Peter was murdered! And it's up to the Marlow Murder Club to find the killer, before he or she strikes again... The sequel to *The Marlow Murder Club* (PBK, \$22.99) from the author of *Death in Paradise* – as good as, or better, than the Thursday Murder Club mysteries! :)

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Hitman's Daughter

Mave Michael O1

**Topdjian, Carolyn**

The Château du Ciel was once the destination for the rich and famous to play, drink and ski – complete with a private railway to shuttle those desiring extra privacy – now, however, the guests are few and far between. The New Year's Eve party was supposed to hoist the rundown hotel back to its former status, until a massive blizzard hits, trapping the guests who've come to celebrate the grand hotel's last hurrah. The circumstances might even be romantic, if the hotel wasn't reputed to be haunted. When hotel employee Mave Michael finds the resident artist dead, and shortly thereafter hotel security finds Mave alone with the body, the reputation that Mave has fought long and hard to outrun comes back to haunt her. You see, her father is a notorious hitman who is serving multiple life sentences in prison. She has changed her name and location dozens of times, but he somehow manages to track her down – even sending her a postcard on the eve of her birthday, January 1st. She's the perfect choice to frame for murder, and now the number one suspect. Mave can no longer deny the lessons in survival her father taught her, and calls on that and her uncanny sixth sense, in 'finding' lost objects, to navigate the maze of the hotel. To save herself, she not only has to stop running from her own past, she must unearth the history of the hotel, its elite guests and buried secrets – one deadly sin at a time. An homage to classic gothic horror, that proves that the ghosts of family and classism are alive and well.

Gothic mystery TP \$32.99

### Case Sensitive

Cassie Raven O3

**Turner, A K**

When the dead are silent, she will be their voice... Goth-girl mortuary technician, Cassie Raven, has seen thousands of dead bodies but when a drowned man knocks against the hull of her canal boat, it's a bit too close to home. Cassie is grappling with the loss of her 'gift' – her conviction that she could sense the last thoughts of the dead – and, at first, the mystery man with the golden-green eyes isn't sharing his secrets. But the case gets under her skin and when Cassie joins forces with Detective Phyllida Flyte, together they start to dredge up secrets from the past... Yet, someone is watching, someone who's ready to kill to stop those secrets coming to the surface.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### Dear Little Corpses

Josephine Tey mysteries

**Upton, Nicola**

*1 September 1939*. As the mass evacuation takes place across Britain, thousands of children leave London for the safety of the countryside. But when a little girl

vanishes, it's clear that danger can lurk in the quietest village. In the chaos of war, crime novelist Josephine Tey arrives to help her friend DCI Penrose to investigate the girl's disappearance. When a cloud of mistrust falls across the small community she has come to love, events take a sinister turn.

Historical mysteries PBK \$22.99

### Beirut Station

Two Lives of a Spy

**Vidich, Paul**

*Lebanon, 2006*. The Israel-Hezbollah war is tearing Beirut apart: bombs are raining down, residents are scrambling to evacuate, and the country is on the brink of chaos. In the midst of this turmoil, the CIA and Mossad are targeting a reclusive Hezbollah terrorist, Najib Qassem. Najib is believed to be planning the assassination of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who is coming to Beirut in 10 days to broker a ceasefire. The spy agencies are running out of time to eliminate the threat. They turn to a young Lebanese-American CIA agent. Analise comes up with the perfect plan: she has befriended Qassem's grandson as his English tutor, and will use this friendship to locate the terrorist and take him out. As the plan is put into action, though, Analise begins to suspect that Mossad has a motive of its own: exploiting the war's chaos to eliminate a generation of Lebanese political leaders. She alerts the agency, but their response is for her to drop it. Analise is now the target and there is no one she can trust: not the CIA, not Mossad, and not the Lebanese government. And the one person she might have to trust – a reporter for the *New York Times* – might not be who he says he is...

Suspense HC \$62.95

### Lowdown Road

Hard Case Crime

**Von Doviak, Scott**

It's the summer of '74... Richard Nixon has resigned from office, CB radios are the hot new thing; and, in the great state of Texas, two cousins hatch a plan to drive \$1 million worth of stolen weed to Idaho, where some lunatic is gearing up to jump Snake River Canyon on a rocket-powered motorcycle. But with a vengeful sheriff on their tail and the revered and feared marijuana kingpin of Central Texas out to get his stash back, Chuck and Dean are in for the ride of their lives – if they can make it out alive... Join a heart-racing road trip across 1970s' America as two cousins make the heist of their lives and must avoid the cops and criminals hot on their tails.

Hardboiled PBK \$19.99

### The Tumbling Girl

Variety Palace mysteries

**Walsh, Bridget**

*1876, Victorian London*. Minnie Ward, a feisty scriptwriter for the Variety Palace Music Hall, is devastated when her best friend is found brutally murdered. She enlists the help of private detective Albert Easterbrook to help her find justice. Together, they navigate London, from its high-class clubs to its murky underbelly. But as the bodies pile up, they must rely on one another if they're going to track down the killer – and make it out alive... The first in a sharp, witty series of Victorian mysteries.

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

### Summer of Blood

**Warner, Dave**

Two Australian police officers travel to San Francisco and Los Angeles in the summer of 1967, in search of a missing young man, only to find themselves fully immersed in the world of music, free love, drugs, and hippie counterculture. They soon realise this isn't just any ordinary missing person investigation. A big gig is the perfect place to get away with murder, and their search becomes a thrilling journey through the seamy side of the 1960s' counterculture. This book is not to be missed for fans of gripping crime fiction and rock 'n' roll.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Courting Dragons

King's Fool mysteries

**Westerson, Jeri**

*1529, London*. Jester Will Somers enjoys an enviable position at the court of Henry VIII. As the king's entertainer, chief gossipmonger, spy, and loyal adviser, he knows all of the king's secrets – and almost everyone else's within the walls of Greenwich Palace. But when Will discovers the body of Spanish count Don Gonzalo while walking his trusted sidekick Nosewise in the courtyard gardens, and a blackmail note arrives soon after demanding information about the king, is one of his own closely guarded secrets about to be exposed? Trouble is afoot at the palace. Are the king's enemies plotting a move against him? Will must draw on all his wit and ingenuity to get to the bottom of the treacherous and deadly goings on at the court, before further tragedy strikes... The first in a new series.

Historical mystery TP \$42.95

### I Am Already Dead

**Whish-Wilson, David**

Trainee private investigator Lee Southern finds himself drawn into a web of danger and deceit as he investigates a series of bribery attempts targeting a wealthy entrepreneur. Under the expert tutelage of retiring PI Frank Swann, Lee uses all of his developing skills, instincts and cunning to get to the heart of a sordid mystery. As Lee delves deeper into the case and questions the intentions of those he's working for, he finds himself the target of increasingly ominous threats and several attempts on his life.

Noir TP \$34.99

### Mrs Morris and the Wolfman

Salem B&B mysteries

**Wilton, Traci**

Saturday night at the movies has some added flair now that Darren and Elise Shultz are reopening one of Salem's classic theatres. Charlene is delighted to help the couple with their venture, and Darren has lined up a cult classic double-header featuring Lon Chaney in *The Wolfman*. But things get hairier than expected, when Elise starts to choke on her popcorn, mid-movie – and once the lights go up, she's dead... When tests reveal Elise's popcorn was poisoned, Detective Sam Holden eyes her husband as the guilty party. Charlene doesn't believe Darren would hurt his wife – even if his company's specialty seasoned salts were sprinkled on the fatal snack. But who else had a motive to do something so unsavoury? With a little help from Jack, the handsome ghost who haunts

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her B&B, Charlene delves into the ill-fated couple's past. And the more she learns, the more Charlene wonders if this time, she's bitten off more than she can chew...

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### **Night Side of the River**

collection

#### **Winterson, Jeanette**

Our lives are digital, exposed, and always on. We track our friends and family, wherever they go. We have millennia of knowledge at our fingertips. We know everything about our world. But we know nothing about theirs. We have changed, but our ghosts have not. They've simply adapted and innovated, found new channels to reach us. They inhabit our apps and wander the metaverse just as they haunt our homes and our memories, always seeking new ways to connect. To live amongst us. To remind us. To tempt us. To take their revenge. These stories are not ours to tell. They are the stories of the dead – of those we've lost, loved, forgotten... and feared. Some are fiction. But some may not be. A genre-bending and masterful new collection of ghost stories from Jeanette Winterson.

Ghost stories TP \$32.99

### **The Partisan** **Worrall, Patrick**

*In the spy game, every move matters...*

It is the summer of 1961 and the brutal Cold War between East and West is becoming ever more perilous. Two young prodigies from either side of the Iron Curtain, Yulia and Michael, meet at a chess tournament in London. They don't know it, but they are about to compete in the deadliest game ever played. Shadowing them is Greta, a ruthless resistance fighter who grew up the hard way in the forests of Lithuania, but who is now hunting down some of the most dangerous men in the world. Men who are also on the radar of Vassily, perhaps, the Soviet Union's greatest spymaster. A man of cunning and influence, Vassily was Yulia's minder during her visit to the West, but even he could not foresee the consequences of her meeting Michael. When the world is accelerating towards an inevitable and catastrophic conflict, what can just four people do to prevent it? Epic in scope, *The Partisan* is a thrill ride like no other, taking you from the hallowed halls of Cambridge to the grimy depths of the Moscow underworld, from 1960s' London to the Eastern Front in the Second World War.

Historical suspense PBK \$22.99

### **Days at the** **Morisaki Bookshop** **Yagisawa, Satoshi**

Hidden in Jimbocho, Tokyo is a booklover's paradise. On a quiet corner in an old wooden building lies a shop filled with hundreds of second-hand books. Twenty-five-year-old Takako has never liked reading; although, the Morisaki bookshop has been in her family for three generations. It is the pride and joy of her uncle Satoru, who has devoted his life to the bookshop, since his wife Momoko left him five years earlier. When Takako's boyfriend reveals he's marrying someone else, she reluctantly accepts her eccentric uncle's offer to live, rent free, in the tiny room above the shop. Hoping to nurse her broken heart in peace, Takako is surprised to encounter new worlds within the stacks of books lining the Morisaki bookshop. As summer fades to autumn, Satoru and Takako discover they have more in common than they first thought. The Morisaki bookshop has something to teach them both about life, love, and the healing power of books. The moving international sensation about new beginnings, human connection, and the joy of reading.

Literary fiction PBK \$24.99

### **The North Light** **Yokoyama, Hideo**

Minoru Aose is an architect whose greatest achievement is to have designed the Yoshino house, a prize-winning and much discussed private residence built in the shadow of Mount Asama. Aose has never been able to replicate this triumph and his career seems to have hit a barrier, while his marriage has failed. He is shocked to learn that the Yoshino House is empty apart from a single chair, stood facing the north light of nearby Mount Asama. How can he live with the rejection of the work he had put his heart and soul into, the dream house he would have loved to own himself? Aose determines that he must discover the truth behind this cruel and inexplicable dismissal of the Yoshino house and in doing so will find out a truth that goes back to the core of who he is.

Mystery TP \$32.99