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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

### **The Unexpected Guest**

Dania Gorska mysteries

**Allen, Hania**

*It was a quiet day for the funeral.*

*Until the bomb went off...*

Midwinter in Poland, and Dania Gorska and her brother Marek are in Warsaw, attending the funeral of her old piano teacher, Jakub Frydman. At the graveside is rabbi Salomon Steinberg and several former pupils.

As the service draws to an end, a figure is glimpsed through the mist throwing a wreath into the open grave. And as the mourners file out of the cemetery, they hear an explosion: the grave of Jakub Frydman has been destroyed, and the perpetrator – the unexpected guest at the graveside – has made a clean getaway. But who was the intended victim? Was it an antisemitic attack – but against the old teacher, or the rabbi? Or was it drugs related... and Dania and her investigative journalist brother the targets?

Now, Dania has to trade Dundee for Warsaw to follow up leads on an international drugs syndicate – and find a resolution to this most unexpected and deadly of crimes. Our crime-loving regulars love this series. Recommended!

Mystery/suspense PBK \$24.99

### **Birder, She Wrote**

Meg Langslow mysteries

**Andrews, Donna**

Meg is relaxing in the hammock, taste-testing Michael's latest batch of Arnold Palmers, and watching the hummingbirds at their feeders, when her hopes for a relaxing early summer morning are dashed. First, her father recruits her to help him install a new batch of bees in the hive in her backyard. Then, Mayor Shiffley recruits her to placate the NIMBYs (*Not in my backyard*), as she calls them – a group of newcomers to Caerphilly who have built McMansions next door to working farms, and then do their best to make life miserable for the farmers. And, finally, Meg's grandmother, shows up, trailed by a nosy reporter who is writing a feature on her for a genteel Southern ladies' magazine. Cordelia drafts Meg to accompany her and Deacon Washington of the New Life Baptist Church – and the reporter, alas – in their search for a long-lost African-American cemetery. Unfortunately, what they discover is not an ancient cemetery but a fresh corpse. Can Meg protect her grandmother – and Caerphilly – from the reporter who seems to see the worst in everything... and help crack the case, before the killer finds another victim?

Mystery HC \$59.99

### **Retribution**

Lexi Winter series

**Barrie, Sarah**

Ace hacker, ex-prostitute, Jack Daniels drinker, and part-time vigilante Lexi Winter is now working with the police, with a new enemy in her sights and an old foe on her

mind. Most probationary constables would balk at chasing a drug dealer into a train tunnel in the dead of night – not Lexi. But when she emerges, injured but alive – to face the wrath of her boss – it's clear that while Lexi may now be in uniform, she has as much trouble with authority as ever. Just to prove it, Lexi is quietly using her hacking skills to investigate a notorious drug-dealing Sydney crime family with links to her old prey, the paedophile Damon Vaughn. As her colleague Detective Sergeant Finn Carson investigates a death on a Sydney building site that leads him to the picturesque Wondabyne train station on the Hawkesbury River, Inspector Rachael Langley oversees an enquiry that is becoming ever more complex as multiple lines of investigation seem to interweave. What they don't know is that Lexi is the only one who can unravel them – if only she'll toe the line.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### **Vendetta**

Lexi Winter series

**Barrie, Sarah**

Ace hacker, former sex worker, and vigilante Lexi Winter is now a cop and not keen to revisit her criminal past. But when old friends invoke the wrath of a local motorcycle club – the same club Lexi herself used to work for – she races to help them the only way she can: undercover. If Lexi is to save a child's life, she is going to have to go back – back to a life she thought she had outrun. Back to the person she used to be. But her timing isn't great. Former club president Arthur Cronin has finished his long prison sentence and is out for revenge for the death of his wife and child. As he launches a series of bomb attacks on the club members who set him up and the cops who took him down, Lexi is caught in the middle. Torn between old loyalties and new responsibilities, she must decide once and for all which side she's on, but even if she does decide to break free, are her old criminal friends ready to let her go?

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### **The Christmas Murder Game**

**Benedict, Alexa**

*Twelve clues. Twelve keys. Twelve days of Christmas. But who will survive until Twelfth Night?* Lily Armitage never intended to return to Endgame House – the grand, family home where her mother died, 21 Christmases ago. Until she receives a letter from her aunt, asking her to return to take part in an annual tradition: the Christmas Game. The challenge? Solve 12 clues, to find 12 keys. The prize? The deeds to the manor house. Lily has no desire to win the house. But her aunt makes one more promise: The clues will also reveal who really killed Lily's mother all those years ago. So, for the 12 days of Christmas, Lily must stay at Endgame House with her estranged cousins, and unravel the riddles that hold the key not just to the family home, but to its darkest

secrets. However, it soon becomes clear that her cousins all have their own reasons for wanting to win the house – and not all of them are playing fair. As a snowstorm cuts them off from the village, the game turns deadly. Soon, Lily realises that she is no longer fighting for an inheritance, but for her life. This Christmas is to die for... Let the game begin!

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### **A Furry Little Christmas**

Melanie Travis mysteries, omnibus

**Berenson, Laurien**

*Collecting Wagging Through the Snow and Here Comes Santa Paws.*

*Wagging Through the Snow:*

With a demanding teaching job and five poodles scampering around the house, Melanie Travis barely has energy for the upcoming Christmas rush. When an unexpected business venture leads to a dead body, Melanie must run through a flurry of likely suspects and muzzle a dogged murderer in time – or she'll be next on someone's deadly list.

*Here Comes Santa Paws:*

As Melanie attempts to deck the halls in a house overrun by pampered Poodles, her event planner friend, Claire, is busy playing Santa for the wealthiest clientele on Connecticut's Gold Coast. But when Claire's stylish stint uncovers a dead body, Melanie – and her nosy Aunt Peg – dash into a dizzying investigation, to rein in a sinister Kris Kringle before they're the next ones on someone's deadly wish list...

Mystery TP \$32.99

### **Three Card Murder**

**Blackhurst, J L**

*One sister is a cop. The other a con artist.*

*Both are suspects.* DI Tess Fox's first murder scene has two big problems. One, the victim was thrown from the balcony of a flat locked from the inside. Two, Tess knows him. But the biggest problem of all is Tess' half-sister, Sarah. She has links to the deceased and has the skills and criminal background to mastermind a locked-room murder.

But she's a con artist, not a killer. When two more bodies turn up, Tess now has three locked-room mysteries to solve, and even more reason to be suspicious of Sarah. Can she trust someone who breaks the law for a living, even if she is family?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### **Peril in Paris**

Royal Spyness mysteries

**Bowen, Rhys**

What a delight it is to finally be able to enjoy a simple meal again! I have been in the throes of morning sickness for the last few months as Darcy and I prepare to welcome a brand-new addition to our little family. Now that I am feeling better, I have realised I am dreadfully bored! Happily, it seems that Darcy has read my mind. When I receive

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a letter from my glamorous best friend, Belinda, Darcy suggests we take a trip to Paris to visit her. It seems he also has a spot of business to take care of, so I will be staying in Belinda's flat as she works feverishly on Coco Chanel's fall collection. I happen to know Coco from a disastrous encounter in Nice, years ago, and I am hoping this visit will go much more smoothly. But I soon learn that nothing about my time in Paris is going to be simple... or safe for that matter. Darcy has asked me to take on a small chore as a part of his latest assignment. I am to covertly retrieve something from an attendee of Coco's show. It seems easy enough, but I discover that this little errand could have terrifying consequences for a world on the brink of war. When things go horribly wrong, I am left to find a killer all while trying to fend off a French policeman who is certain that I am a criminal mastermind. But I have no plans to deliver my darling little one in a prison cell, and so I will muster every ounce of my courage to save the day... and, quite possibly, the world!

Historical mystery TP \$37.99

### The Drowning Brown, Bryan

The body of a local teenage boy is found on the beach of a sleepy northern New South Wales town. David went for an evening swim and got into trouble... at least, that's what it looks like. Three weeks before, Leila, a young backpacker, didn't turn up for her shift at the local cafe. Benny, the owner, isn't worried. It happens – backpackers are always on the move. There'll be another one. One of the locals, Adrian, has been a help to Benny. He's found him a nice little sideline. Not exactly legal. Is that all Adrian is arranging on the coast? He once was a cop, but has he gone bad? And in the backblocks outside town, a bikie gang is gearing up for a large consignment from South America. Murder, drugs, liaisons, and lies are stirring up this small coastal town. With Bryan Brown's characteristic laconic storytelling – humorous, tough, and suspenseful – the secrets of this seemingly idyllic town slowly come to the surface.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Hallowe'en Party

Poirot mysteries, special edition

#### Christie, Agatha

At a Halloween party, Joyce – a hostile 13-year-old – boasts that she once witnessed a murder. When no one believes her, she storms off home. But, within hours, her body is found, still in the house, drowned in an apple-bobbing tub. That night, Hercule Poirot is called in to find the 'evil presence'. But, first, he must establish whether he is looking for a murderer or a double-murderer... Inspiration for the major motion picture *A Haunting in Venice*, directed by and starring Kenneth Branagh!

Christie HC \$32.99

### Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Lord Connolly, Celeste

*London, 1815.* Lady Petra Forsyth, daughter of the Earl of Holbrook, has made a shocking proclamation. After losing her beloved fiancé in an accident three years earlier, she announces in front of London's loosest

lips that she will never marry. A woman of independent means – and rather independent ways – Petra sees no reason to cede her wealth and freedom to any man now that the love of her life is gone. Instead, she plans to continue enjoying the best of society without any expectations. But when ballroom gossip suggests that a longtime friend has died of a fit due to her 'melancholia', while in the care of a questionable physician, Petra vows to use her status to dig deeper – uncovering a private asylum where men pay to have their wives and daughters locked away, or worse. Just as Petra has reason to believe her friend is alive, a shocking murder proves more danger is afoot than she thought. And the more determined Lady Petra becomes in uncovering the truth, the more her own headstrong actions and desire for independence are used against her, putting her own freedom – and possibly her life – in jeopardy. The first in a series.

Historical mystery TP \$34.99

### Resurrection Walk

Lincoln Lawyer series

#### Connolly, Michael

Defence attorney Mickey Haller has agreed to represent a woman who is in prison for killing her husband, a sheriff's deputy, and Haller enlists his half-brother, retired LAPD Detective Harry Bosch, as investigator. Even after four years in prison, his new client maintains her innocence. Reviewing the case, Bosch sees something that doesn't add up and senses the sheriff's department close ranks as he pursues the truth. The path to true justice is, for both the lawyer and his investigator, fraught with danger from those who don't want the case reopened. And their opponents will stop at nothing to keep the Haller-Bosch dream team from uncovering what the deputy's killing was really about.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Ukulele of Death

Fran & Ken Stein mysteries

#### Gopperman, E J

After losing their parents when they were just babies, private investigators Fran and Ken Stein, now, specialise in helping adoptees find their birth parents. So, when a client asks them for help finding her father, with her only clue a rare ukulele, the case is a little weird, sure, but it's nothing they can't handle. But, soon, Fran and her brother are plunged into a world where nothing makes sense – and not just the fact that a very short (but very cute) NYPD detective keeps trying to take eternal singleton Fran out on dates. All Fran wants to do, is find the ukulele and collect their fee, but it's hard to keep your focus when you're stumbling over corpses and receiving messages that suggest your (dead) parents are very much alive. Ukuleles aside, it's becoming clear that someone knows something they shouldn't – that Fran and Ken Stein weren't so much born, as built... The first in a new series.

Mystery TP \$42.95

### Unnatural Death

Scarpetta series

#### Cornwell, Patricia

Chief medical examiner Dr Kay Scarpetta finds herself in a Northern Virginia wilderness examining the remains of two campers wanted by federal law enforcement. The victims have been savaged beyond

recognition, and other evidence is terrifying and baffling, including a larger-than-life footprint. After the most frightening body retrievals of her career, Scarpetta must discover who would commit murders this savage, and why.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### A Parfait Crime

Five-Ingredient mysteries

#### Corrigan, Maya

At the site of a fatal blaze, Val's boyfriend, a firefighter trainee, is shocked to learn the victim is known to him, a woman named Jane who belonged to the local Agatha Christie book club – and was rehearsing alongside Val's grandfather for an upcoming Christie play being staged for charity. Just as shocking are the skeletal remains of a man found in the freezer. Who is he and who put him on ice? After Val is chosen to replace Jane in the play, the cast gathers at their house to get to work – and enjoy Grandad's five-ingredient parfaits – but all anyone can focus on is the bizarre real-life mystery. When it's revealed that Jane's death was due to something other than smoke inhalation, Val and Grandad try to retrace her final days. As they dig into her past life, their inquiry leads them to a fancy new spa in town – where they discover that Jane wasn't the only one who had a skeleton in the cooler...

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### 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

### You Are Next

Det Sam Berger series

#### Dahl, Arne

Detective Inspector Sam Berger's life has been turned upside down. He is suspected of a murder and his partner, Secret Service agent, Molly Blom, is in a coma. Meanwhile, a terrorist attempt is threatening Stockholm and a wanted murderer is on the loose. Berger escapes to the Stockholm Archipelago while he waits for orders from the Swedish Security Service's chief executive. But is he the solution or is he part of the problem?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### Dangerous Women

Secret Lives mysteries

#### de Gastrique, Mark

A botched attack on two law clerks leaves one dead and the other in a coma. The ensuing

cover up leaves a string of bodies and too many players at cross purposes. It also leaves Chief Justice Clarissa Baxter with a target on her back. An off-the-grid hero is required, with friends in high places – enter retired FBI agent-turned-boarding-house landlady, Ethel Fiona Crestwater (legend) and her double-first-cousin-twice-removed Jesse Cooper (sidekick). Although in her mid-70s, Ethel is no bumbling amateur sleuth; she's a seasoned pro with razor-sharp instincts and Bond-worthy skills. College-aged Jesse brings tech savvy and boundless enthusiasm, along with an innate talent for intrigue. Together, the unlikely duo will face malicious back-stabbing political sycophants, conniving lobbyists, and a motivated assassin bent on removing the Chief Justice from the equation – along with Ethel, who stands defiantly between the hitman and his payday.

Mystery/suspense TP \$37.99

### The White Priory Murders: A Mystery for Christmas

British Library Crime Classics

#### Dickson, Carter

James Bennett has been invited to stay at White Priory for Christmas, among the retinue of the glamorous Hollywood actress Marcia Tait. Her producer, her lover, the playwright for her next hit and her agent are all here, soon to become so many suspects – when Tait is found murdered on a cold December morning, in the lakeside pavilion. Only the footprints of her discoverer disturb the snow which fell overnight – and which stopped just shortly after Marcia was last seen alive. How did the murderer get in and out of the pavilion without leaving a trace? When Bennett's uncle, the cantankerous amateur sleuth Sir Henry Merrivale arrives from London to make sense of this impossible crime, the reader is treated to a feast of the author's trademark twists, beguiling false answers and one of the most ingenious solutions in the history of the mystery genre. Another title from series favourite John Dickson Carr, writing under pseudonym Carter Dickson, first published in 1934. One of the top novels from one of the top writers of Golden Age mysteries, *The White Priory Murders* features an impossible puzzle and the Crime Classics series' first outing for one of Dickson/Carr's great series detectives, Sir Henry Merrivale. Set at Christmastime, snow is crucial to the impossible crime. 'Sir Henry is at his best in this baffling yarn, and so is Carter Dickson.' – *The New York Times*, 1934. Carter Dickson was the pseudonym used by the American author John Dickson Carr (1906–1977) for his novels starring Sir Henry Merrivale. Carr was a prolific writer of highly regarded mysteries, many featuring Merrivale or Dr Gideon Fell. He moved to Britain in 1932, and was admitted to the Detection Club in 1936.

Classic mystery TP \$33.95

### Dr Spilsbury and the Camden Town Killer

Douglas, D L

*London, 1920.* There's a killer on the streets of Camden Town, and no woman is safe. When a woman's body is dragged from the Regent's Canal on a freezing January night, eminent forensic pathologist and criminal sleuth Dr Bernard Spilsbury immediately

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detects foul play. And when a second woman washes up dead under similar circumstances, police realise they are looking for a dangerous predator. Is someone luring lonely spinsters to their deaths through a newspaper Lonely Hearts column? And can they be stopped before they strike again? With time against them, there's only one thing the police can do... Send for Dr Spilsbury! The first in an exciting new historical mystery series, featuring legendary forensic pathologist Sir Bernard Henry Spilsbury.

Historical mystery PBK \$24.99

### One Last Kill

Tracy Crosswhite series

#### Dugoni, Robert

Tracy Crosswhite is reopening the investigation into Seattle's Route 99 serial killer. After 13 victims, he stopped hunting and the trail went cold, stirring public outrage. Now, nearly three decades after his first kill, Tracy is expected to finally bring closure to the victims' families and redeem the Seattle PD's reputation. Even if it means working with her nemesis, Captain Johnny Nolasco. Lead detective of the original task force, Nolasco dares Tracy to do what he failed to: close the case. Forming an uneasy alliance, Tracy and Nolasco revisit old leads and pursue new evidence only to unearth high-level corruption and cover-ups as dangerous as the elusive killer himself. At the risk of being exposed, such deadly and powerful forces will go to extremes to stay in the shadows. That's just where Tracy and Nolasco are headed – to find the twisted truth behind a killer's motives, his disappearance, and his chilling comeback.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### Steeped in Secrets

Crystals & CuriosiTeas mysteries

#### Elliott, Lauren

Flat broke and divorced, intuitive gemmologist Shay Myers has changed since leaving her artsy hometown of coastal Bray Harbor, 16 years ago. But when she moves back under strange circumstances, old instincts may be the only key to spilling the tea on a deadly mystery. Even with her life in ruins in New Mexico, Shay feels uneasy about settling into the small seaside town where she grew up on California's Monterey Peninsula and taking over an estate bequeathed to her by Bridget Early, a woman she had barely known. Her heightened senses – an empathic gift she's had since childhood – go into overdrive upon touring Crystals & CuriosiTEAS, Bridget's eclectic tea and psychic shop brimming with Irish lore and Celtic symbols. They reach a boiling point when Shay looks up to discover a stranger's body sprawled across the shop's greenhouse roof... With her new business a crime scene and questions brewing over Bridget's so-called accidental death, Shay fears she's also inherited the attention of a killer. The terrifying realisation sets her on an impractical investigation for answers aided by her sister, an elusive pure-white German Shepherd, a strikingly handsome pub owner who speaks in a gentle brogue, and a misunderstood young woman with perceptive talents of her own. As Shay struggles to figure out her true purpose in Bray Harbor and the powerful connection

she has with the tea shop, she must trust her judgment above all else to identify a ruthless murderer and save herself from becoming victim number three.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### Death by

#### Peppermint Cappuccino

Bookstore Cafe mysteries

#### Erickson, Alex

Christmas has come to Pine Hills, and Krissy's blooming relationship with Officer Paul Dalton has her in an especially festive mood. The café's new seasonal signature drink is a hit too. But not everyone shares the same holiday spirit. There are some loud complaints about businesses profiting off the season and losing focus on what Christmas is really about. And as if on cue, a shop owner who'd been price-gouging his customers is found dead after receiving a mysterious gift... Krissy doesn't want to let the troubling events put a damper on the holiday, especially with her father and his girlfriend in town. But when other shop owners are targeted, she has no choice. She needs to wrap up this case quickly before one of her friends – or even Krissy, herself – ends up on a Grinchy killer's deadly gift list...

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### Dirty Thirty

Stephanie Plum mysteries

#### Evanovich, Janet

Stephanie Plum, Trenton's most underappreciated bounty hunter, is on the trail of a stolen cache of dirty diamonds. Stephanie's new assignment seems simple enough. A local jeweller wants her to locate his former security guard, who he is convinced has stolen a fortune in diamonds. Stephanie is also looking for another man arrested for robbing the same jewellery store on the same day. With her boyfriend Morelli away on police business, Stephanie is taking care of Morelli's giant orange dog, who will devour anything... including the upholstery in Stephanie's car. Morelli's absence means the inscrutable, irresistible security expert Ranger is front and centre in Stephanie's life, when things go sideways. And he seems determined to stay there. An overnight stakeout with Stephanie's mother and Grandma Mazur reveals three generations of women with nerves of steel and driving skills worthy of the most daring stock-car champions. As the body count rises and witnesses disappear, it's not easy for Stephanie to keep herself clean when everyone else is playing dirty. It's a good thing Stephanie isn't afraid of getting a little dirty, too.

Mystery TP \$32.99

### Mistletoe Malice

#### Farrell, Kathleen

The fire is on, sherry poured, presents wrapped, and claws are being sharpened. In a seaside cottage perched on a cliff, one family reunites for Christmas. While snow falls, a tyrannical, widowed matriarch presides over her unruly brood. Her niece tends to her whims, but fantasises about eloping; and as more guests arrive, each bringing their secret truths and dreams, the Christmas tree explodes, a brawl erupts,

an escape occurs – and their 'midwinter madness' climaxes... A dysfunctional family reunites for the Christmas holiday from hell, in this rediscovered festive classic with fangs for fans of Barbara Pym, Elizabeth Taylor, and Stella Gibbons.

Classic mystery (reissue) PBK \$22.99

### Last Stop on the Murder Express

Olga Pushkin mysteries

#### Farrington, G J

Literary fame beckons for Olga Pushkin, Railway Engineer (Second Class), when her self-help manual for hard-working women is published, at last. In the meantime, however, Olga still has a household to support, a hedgehog to feed, and railway tracks to maintain from her tiny Siberian village of Roslazny, which has just become the target for Russian Railways budget cuts. Worse still, her beloved sergeant of police, Vassily Marushkin, has reunited with his long-lost wife Rozalina. And soon Rozalina is forcing Vassily to consider moving away... Matters aren't helped when Olga's scheming superior, Boris Andreyev, forces her to babysit a special Romanov-themed murder mystery steam train doing the rounds of the local towns. Parked in a siding near Roslazny, the players deliver the first of several intended performances – only for a staged murder to become very real. Vassily starts a homicide investigation in conjunction with his boss, the mercurial Captain Zemsky, but both are baffled when another murder follows on the heels of the first. Old-school Zemsky bans Olga from joining the investigation – but she soon makes vital discoveries that point towards something deeper and more worrying than the murders alone. Further afield, a rival author emerges to steal Olga's crown, while back in Roslazny Olga begins to suspect that Vassily's wife Rozalina might be hiding secrets of her own. With chaos striking Roslazny, can Olga solve the murders, save her literary career, and settle Rozalina's identity before she loses Vassily forever? The first of the charming Olga Pushkin mysteries is *Death on the Trans-Siberian Express* (PBK, \$22.99). Recommended!

Mystery TP \$32.99

### The Mitford Secret

Mitford Murders

#### Fellowes, Jessica

It's 1941, and the Mitford household is splintered by the vicissitudes of war. To bring the clan together – maybe, for one, last time – Deborah invites them to Chatsworth for Christmas, along with a selection of society's most impressive and glamorous guests, as well as old family friend Louisa Cannon, a private detective. One night, a psychic arrives; and, to live things up, Deborah agrees she may host a séance. But entertainment turns to dark mystery as the psychic reveals that a maid was murdered in this very same house – and she can prove it. Louisa steps forward to try to solve the cold case. But with a house full of people who want nothing more than to bury their secrets, will she be able to unmask the murderer? And how deep does the truth lie?

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### Dating Can Be Deadly

Amish Matchmaker mysteries

#### Flower, Amanda

It's August in Holmes County, and that means it's time for the Holmes County Fair. It's the county's biggest annual event, drawing tourists and locals alike to see livestock, eat too much fried food, and watch the rodeo and speed racing contests. This year, Millie has entered the quilting competition – while her very not Amish best friend, Lois Henry, is distracted by her new dating app and her search for husband number five. In a place where quilting is a way of life, the competition is fierce – especially this year, when an anonymous donor doubles the winning cash prize. Amish and English women are up against each other, and some will do anything to win – even murder... When someone attacks the quilt barn by slashing the quilt display, it's unsettling enough. But when a quilting judge is found murdered, Millie knows it's time to for Lois to get off her app and help her hunt for a killer, instead – before the competition is wiped out for good...

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### Christmas Cupcake Murder

Hannah Swensen mysteries

#### Fluke, Joanne

While Hannah speeds through a lengthy holiday checklist, drama in town grows like Santa's waistline on Christmas Eve. Her sister Andrea wants to stave off the blues, by helping out at the Cookie Jar, Michelle's love life is becoming complicated, Lisa needs Hannah's advice, and Delores has a Christmas secret she's not willing to share. But nothing dampens the holiday mood more than the chilling mystery surrounding the man found near death in an abandoned storefront two doors down from Hannah's bakery... The befuddled John Doe can't recall a thing about himself – except for his unusual knowledge of restoring antique furniture. With a smattering of clues and barely enough time to frost Christmas cookies, Hannah must solve a deadly puzzle that could leave her dashing through the snow for her life!

Mystery TP \$35.00

### 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, 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

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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. Because if Russia uncovers their plot, it will set off a confrontation between the two countries that could change the course of human history.

Suspense TP \$34.99

### Baking Spirits Bright

True Confections mysteries

**Fox, Sarah**

Winter has arrived in Larch Haven, Vermont, bringing with it holiday cheer, lots of snow, and freezing temperatures. Becca Ransom is squeezing in time to skate on the frozen canals and drink hot chocolate by a roaring fire while also whipping up new creations for her family's chocolate shop and experimenting with holiday flavours like eggnog, gingerbread, and peppermint. At the same time, Becca is preparing for the Baking Spirits Bright holiday baking competition, a popular annual event. She's planning to enter an edible model of Larch Haven, with a mountain backdrop made of cake, gingerbread cottages, and chocolate gondolas on sugar-glass canals. Professional bakers and a local food blogger are also participating in the event, and they aren't about to go down without a fight. The competition quickly heats to a boiling point, with flaring tempers and mysterious happenings. When one of the entrants is found dead, stabbed with Becca's chocolate chipper, Becca tries to salvage the season by finding the killer. But the heat is on, and Becca is in danger of getting burned.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### Hands Down

Dick Francis novels

**Francis, Felix**

Sid Halley, former British jump racing champion and private detective, is not having a good time. His wife, Marina, has decided she needs some time out of their marriage to think about the future and Sid is devastated. But then Gary Bremner, an ex-jockey trainer, calls him to ask for his help – he is being threatened by someone in the racing world and he needs a friend he can trust. However, the very next morning, Gary's stable yard is torched, horses killed, and Gary has disappeared. Determined to uncover the truth and to help his friend, Sid starts to investigate. He soon finds himself embroiled in a conspiracy that cuts to the very heart of the integrity of British horse racing, and then danger comes closer to home than ever. Can Sid get to the bottom of what's going on before he too becomes a victim, while, at the same time, saving his marriage?

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### The Case of the Rolling Bones

American Mystery Classics, Perry Mason mysteries

**Gardner, Erle Stanley**

Perry Mason investigates a case of blackmail with a side of loaded dice. Years ago, Alden Leeds struck it rich when he discovered a vein of gold. Now, ageing and single, he finds himself surrounded by family waiting patiently to inherit his fortune. When he announces his engagement to a

much younger woman, it sends that family into a panic, fearing that it might threaten their future gains. They have him admitted into a sanatorium, claiming incompetence – and that's when lawyering super-sleuth Perry Mason gets involved, but the case is about to get much more complicated... Before all is said and done, Mason will tangle with a cheating gambler, a blackmailer, multiple aliases, multiple corpses, and enough red herrings to lead even the most astute reader astray. It will push the attorney's deductive powers to their very limits before all is revealed, finally, in his masterful courtroom cross-examination. A fast-paced yarn with a delightfully convoluted plot, *The Case of the Rolling Bones* is among the best of the long-running Perry Mason novels, which would go on to inspire multiple television series as well as adaptations for radio and film. The book exemplifies the masterful page-turning action for which its prolific author is remembered today.

Classic mystery TP/HC \$35.95/\$55.00

### Murder in a Heatwave

Classic Crime Mysteries for the Holidays

**Gayford, Cecily (editor)**

*Murder never takes a break...*

As the days get longer, escape your troubles and take a trip to the desperately hot towns where nightfall lingers, and a sun-drenched picnic can end in panic. No matter how murderously high the temperatures rise, these stories will chill you to the bone. So, grab a cool drink and step into the shade... if you dare. Featuring terrifying tales of summertime murder and mayhem from Dorothy L Sayers, Arthur Conan Doyle, Carter Dickson, Michael Innes, Baroness Orczy, Margery Allingham, Ian Rankin, Julian Symons, Ethel Lina White, and Rex Stout.

Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

### Black Ice

**Gerhardsen, Car**

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

Mystery/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).

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

### The Pudding Lane Plot

Thomas Chaloner Adventures

**Gregory, Susanna**

The people and businesses of London are quickly recovering from the ravages of the plague, none faster than the Court of Charles II where excess, corruption and debauchery has rebounded at a frenetic pace. In Westminster, in the haphazard corridors of White Hall Palace, plans are afoot for a grandiose ball in honour of a long-dead but English-born Pope. Meanwhile, the markets and coffee houses in the city are awash with rumours of war and portents of a coming disaster, inflamed by uncensored newsheets and the wagging tongues of dissatisfied citizens. Mysterious killings at both ends of the capital have been caused by the use of an unusually long, slender blade, and Thomas Chaloner is ordered to investigate. The only common thread is the victims' connection to the Worshipful Company of Poulterers, whose members are struggling to keep ahead of London's enormous demand for eggs. But this leads him into a tapestry of conspiracy, outlandish claims of the Second Coming, the reappearance of a number of regicides and ever more brazen killings. As the date of the great ball looms closer, Chaloner fears that there is a dangerously credible conspiracy against the throne, and he has very little time to prevent history from repeating itself...

Historical mystery PBK \$24.99

### The Great Deceiver

Stephens & Mephisto mysteries

**Griffiths, Elly**

Magician Max Mephisto, now divorced and living in London, is on his way to visit daughter Ruby and her newborn baby – when he is hailed by a voice from the past,

fellow performer Ted English, aka the Great Deceiver. Ted's assistant, Cherry, has been found dead in her Brighton boarding house and he's convinced that he'll be accused of her murder. Max agrees to talk to his friend, Superintendent Edgar Stephens, who is investigating the case. What Max doesn't know is that the girl's family have hired private detective duo Emma Holmes (aka Mrs Stephens) and Sam Collins to do some digging of their own. The inhabitants of the boarding house, most of whom are performing in an Old Time Music Hall show on Brighton pier, are a motley crew. The house is also connected to a sinister radio personality called Pal. When a second magician's assistant is killed, Edgar suspects a serial killer. He persuades Max to come out of semiretirement and take part in a summer show. But who can pose as his assistant? Edgar shocks the team by recommending someone close...

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

### The Christmas Appeal

Fairway Players mysteries

**Hallett, Janice**

*One dead Santa. A town full of suspects. Will you discover the truth?*

Christmas in Lower Lockwood, and the Fairway Players are busy rehearsing their festive pantomime, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, to raise money for the church roof appeal. But despite the season, goodwill is distinctly lacking amongst the amateur dramatics enthusiasts. Sarah-Jane is fending off threats to her new position as Chair, the fibreglass beanstalk might be full of asbestos, and someone is intent on ruining the panto, even before the curtain goes up. Of course, there's also the matter of the dead body. Who could possibly have had the victim on their naughty list? Join lawyers Femi and Charlotte as they read the round robins, examine the emails and pore over the police transcripts. Will the show go on? A delightful, festive murder mystery sequel to *The Appeal* (PBK, \$24.99).

Mystery HC \$26.99

### Harlem After Midnight

Canary Club mysteries

**Hare, Louise**

*Harlem, 1936:* Lena Aldridge grew up in a cramped corner of London, hearing stories of the bright lights of Broadway. She always imagined that when she finally went to New York City, she'd be there with her father. But now he's dead, and she's newly arrived and alone, chasing a dream that has quickly dried up. When Will Goodman – the handsome musician she met on the crossing from England – offers for her to stay with his friends in Harlem, she agrees. She has nowhere else to go, and this will give her a chance to get to know Will better, and see if she can find any trace of the family she might have remaining. Will's friends welcome her with open arms, but just as Lena discovers the stories her father once told her were missing giant pieces of information, she also starts to realise the man she's falling, too fast and too hard, for has secrets of his own. And they might just place a target on her back. Especially when she is drawn to the brightest stage in town. The first of the Canary Club mysteries is *Miss Aldridge Regrets* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical mystery TP \$32.99

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### Before I Sleep

Detective Inspector Slider mysteries  
**Harrod-Eagles, Cynthia**  
Felicity Holland is missing. She left her handsome West London house to go to her weekly pottery class and didn't come back. She's a mature, sensible woman with a stable home life and a happy marriage – no reason to abscond. Her distraught husband is convinced she must have been snatched. DCI Bill Slider and his team know that when a woman goes missing, you have to move fast if there's to be a hope of finding her alive. But with no evidence of foul play – nothing to go on at all – where do you even start looking? The clock is ticking. But as Slider tries to retrace the last known movements of Felicity Holland, he is led ever further down a dark and twisted path into the secret past of this beautiful, enigmatic woman.

Mystery TP \$42.95

### The Year of the Locust

Pilgrim series  
**Hayes, Terry**  
If, like Kane, you're a Denied Access Area spy for the CIA, then boundaries have no meaning. Your function is to go in, do whatever is required, and get out again – by whatever means necessary. You know when to run, when to hide – and when to shoot. But some places don't play by the rules. Some places are too dangerous, even for a man of Kane's experience. The badlands where the borders of Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan meet are such a place – a place where violence is the only way to survive. Kane travels there to exfiltrate a man with vital information for the safety of the West – but instead he meets an adversary who will take the world to the brink of extinction. A frightening, clever, vicious man with blood on his hands and vengeance in his heart... The follow-up to the bestselling *I Am Pilgrim* (PBK, \$22.99).

Thriller TP \$34.99

### Kill Your Brother

**Heath, Jack**  
*Would you kill your brother to save yourself?*  
After months of searching, disgraced athlete Elise Glyk has finally found her missing brother, Callum. He's being held in a backyard prison by Stephanie Hartnell, a former sheep farmer with an axe to grind. But before she can free Callum or call for help, Elise is captured and locked up alongside him. Stephanie Hartnell doesn't have room for two prisoners, and she has nothing against Elise. But she needs to make sure Elise can't go to the police. So, she offers her a deal: kill Callum, and you're free to go. Of course, Elise won't even consider the deal. No way. It's unthinkable. But she's running out of time to find another way out. And her brother may not have told her the whole truth...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### Murder for Profit

Ellie Quicke mysteries  
**Heley, Veronica**  
Ellie Quicke returns from Canada to find her home in chaos and her housing charity tearing itself apart. A student has fallen to his death from the top of one of the charity's properties, let through a reputable local estate agency. Accused of corruption, the

agency is the victim of a vicious social media campaign. Was the student's death really an accident or something more sinister? Does someone have a grudge against the agency, or are they being set up to ensure the truth never comes out? As Ellie fights to save her charity's reputation, it seems her troubles are only just beginning...

Mystery TP \$42.95

### Slough House Boxed Set

Slough House 01–8  
**Herron, Mick**  
Spooks are supposed to be stealthy... But those who make a noisy mess of their careers end up in Slough House. This is Jackson Lamb's kingdom: a dumping ground for spies who've screwed up. Once high fliers, they're now slow horses, condemned to a life of pushing paper as punishment for crimes of drugs and drunkenness, lechery and failure, politics and betrayal. In drab and mildewed offices, these highly trained spies moan and squabble, stare at the walls, and dream of better days – not one of them joined the Intelligence Service to be a slow horse, and the one thing they have in common is their desire to be back in the action. Housed together for the first time in a beautifully-crafted boxset, Mick Herron's Slough House thrillers have been described as 'the most exciting development in spy fiction since the Cold War' – *The Times*. Includes *Slow Horses*, *Dead Lions*, *Real Tigers*, *Spook Street*, *London Rules*, *Joe Country*, *Slough House*, and *Bad Actors*.

Suspense PBK \$160.00

### The Blood of Others

Spoils of War series  
**Hurley, Graham**  
*Summer, 1942*. Abwehr intelligence officer Wilhelm Schultz is baiting a trap to lure thousands of Allied troops to their deaths. George Hogan is a devout young Canadian journalist who has caught the eye of press baron Lord Beaverbrook. Now, he faces an assignment that will test his faith to breaking point. Jackie Wrenne, meanwhile, is working in Lord Louis Mountbatten's cloak-and-dagger Combined Operations headquarters and is privy to the boldest cross-Channel raid yet conceived. Three lives interlinked by a name and a date that no Canadian will ever forget: Dieppe, 19 August 1942. At dawn, over 6,000 men storm ashore on heavily-defended French beaches. Barely hours later, less than half will make it back alive...

Thriller TP \$32.99

### Mrs Claus and the Trouble with Turkeys

Mrs Claus mysteries  
**Ireland, Liz**  
At Castle Kringle, the elves are excitedly arranging their first-ever Thanksgiving Day feast. April's husband, Nick – the real Santa – has some misgivings, since it's tough to get ready for Christmas when everyone is obsessed with helium balloons and pie recipes. Chaos erupts when Gobbles, the live turkey imported for the castle feast, is bird-napped. That crime is quickly overshadowed at a pre-Thanksgiving potluck... when Nick's cousin, Elspeth, face plants into her mashed potatoes – dead. Someone poisoned Elspeth, and April believes Constable Crinkle is hauling the wrong suspect off to

jail. An ominous message, written in what seems to be blood and urging April to stop investigating, only convinces her more. But who's really to blame? Where is Gobbles the turkey? And can April solve a double helping of mystery, in time for everyone to sit down to a non-deadly dinner together?

Mystery TP \$35.00

### The Mantis

**Isaka, Kotaro**  
Kabuto is a highly skilled assassin eager to escape his dangerous profession and the hold his handler, the sinister Doctor, has over him. The Doctor, a real physician who hands over Kabuto's targets as 'prescriptions' in his regular appointments with him, doesn't want to lose Kabuto as a profitable asset, but he agrees to let him pay his way out of his employment with a few last jobs. Only the most lucrative jobs involve taking out other professional assassins, and Kabuto's final assignment puts him and his family – who have no idea about his double life – in danger. A propulsive new thriller from the internationally bestselling author of *Bullet Train* and *Three Assassins*, set in Tokyo's criminal underworld about the intrigue and tensions a family man faces as he tries to hide his secret life as a hitman.

Thriller TP \$34.99

### A Twist of the Knife

collection, reissue  
**James, Peter**  
With each twist of the knife, a chilling new journey begins... From a woman intent on bizarre revenge, to a restaurant critic with a morbid fear of the number 13; and from a man arranging a life-changing assignment, to a couple heading for a disaster-filled vacation... In Peter James' collection of short stories, we first come to meet Brighton's finest detective, Roy Grace, and read the tale that went on to inspire James' hugely-successful novel, *Dead Simple*. James exposes the Achilles heel of each of his characters, and makes us question how well we can trust ourselves, and one another. Each tale carries a twist that will haunt readers for days after they turn the final page... Combining every twisted tale from the ebook bestsellers *Short Shockers One* and *Short Shockers Two*, with a never-seen-before collection of new material, *A Twist of the Knife* shows Peter James as the undisputed grand master of storytellers with this sometimes funny, often haunting, but always shocking collection. A reissue.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### The Cage

Bob Skinner series  
**Jardine, Quintin**  
On a sunny seaside August morning, a woman on maternity leave spots a body wedged in rocks on a Scottish beach. Gavin Ayre's riding gear sparks the assumption that he had been thrown by a panicked horse... until an autopsy reveals this was no accident. Soon, it becomes clear that Ayre's life was as big a mystery as his death. Detective Superintendent Harold 'Sauce' Haddock heads an investigation that is running into the sand, until a link is revealed between the victim and another man in Spain, with a surprisingly similar name. Faced with the twin puzzle Sauce turns to his mentor, Bob Skinner, moved on from

the police service to head an international media group. Soon, the two friends are at the heart of a multi-layered conspiracy, as they search for the answer to the prime question... who killed Gavin Ayre?

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### The First 48 Hours

**Kernick, Simon**  
A cop needs to crack a deadly case. He's a detective, hunting cold-blooded killers, but does he know more than he admits? A mother has to save her daughter. She's a lawyer who must defend a murderer – but how far will she go to protect her only child? A couple will commit the perfect crime. They have a plan – but can they trust each other with their lives? Three stories. Two days. Does one secret connect them all? The first 48 hours... may also be their last.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### What July Knew

**Koch, Emily**  
*One death. Eighteen facts. What's the truth?*  
How do you solve the mystery of your mother's death, if no one wants to talk about her? Not even your family. Especially not them. July knows a lot about her mother. She knows that she loved dancing on tables. That she was covered in freckles. She also knows that she misses her. Her mother died in a car crash when July was little. Or, so, she's been told. July is determined to find out the truth. But it might be more painful than the lies she's been told all these years.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### Blood Runs Gold

DS Max Craigie series  
**Lancaster, Neil**  
She was taken against her will. On her 15th birthday, trafficking victim Affi Smith goes for a run and never returns. With a new identity and secure home in the Scottish Highlands, she was supposed to be safe... She escaped once. With personal ties to Affi's case, DS Max Craigie joins the investigation. When he discovers other trafficking victims have disappeared in exactly the same circumstances, he knows one thing for certain – there's a leak somewhere within law enforcement. She won't outrun them again. The clock is ticking... Max must catch Affi's kidnappers and expose the mole before anyone else goes missing. Even if it means turning suspicions onto his own team...

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### All That's Left Unsaid

**Lien, Tracey**  
*Just let him go.* These are the words Ky Tran will forever regret. The words she spoke when her parents called to ask if they should let her younger brother Denny out to celebrate his high school graduation with friends. That night, Denny – optimistic, guileless, brilliant Denny – is brutally murdered inside a busy restaurant in the Sydney suburb of Cabramatta, a refugee enclave facing violent crime, an indifferent police force, and the worst heroin epidemic in Australian history. Returning home to Cabramatta for the funeral, Ky learns that the police are stumped by Denny's case: a dozen people were at Lucky 8 restaurant when Denny died, but each of the bystanders claim to have seen nothing. Desperately hoping that understanding what happened might ease

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her suffocating guilt, Ky sets aside her grief and determines to track down the witnesses herself. With each encounter, she peels back another layer of the place that shaped her and Denny, exposing the seeds of violence that were planted well before that fateful celebration dinner: by colonialism, by the war in Vietnam, and by the choices they've all made to survive.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### Paris Requiem

Eddie Giral mysteries

#### Lloyd, Chris

Paris, 1940. As the city adjusts to life under Nazi occupation, Detective Eddie Giral struggles to reconcile his job as a policeman with his new role, enforcing a regime he cannot believe in but must work under. He's sacrificed so much in order to survive in this new world, but the past is not so easily forgotten. When an old friend and an old flame reappear, begging for his help, Eddie must decide how far he will go to help those he loves. He can remain a good man and do nothing, or risk it all in a desperate act of resistance... The sequel to *The Unwanted Dead* (PBK, \$24.99) – which our regulars loved.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$24.99

### The Continental Affair

Mangan, Christine

Meet Henri and Louise. Two strangers, travelling alone, on the train from Belgrade to Istanbul. Except this isn't the first time they have met. It's the 1960s and Louise is running. From her past in England, from the owners of the money she has stolen – and from Henri, the person who has been sent to collect it. Across the Continent – from Granada to Paris, from Belgrade to Istanbul – Henri follows, desperate to leave behind his own troubles. The memories of his past life as a gendarme in Algeria that keep resurfacing. His inability to reconcile the growing responsibilities of his current criminal path with this former self. But Henri, soon, realises that Louise is no ordinary mark. As the train hurtles toward its final destination, Henri and Louise must decide what the future will hold – and whether it involves one another.

Caper TP \$34.99

### Peril at the Exposition

Captain Jim & Lady Diana mysteries

#### March, Nev

1893: Newlyweds Captain Jim Agnihotri and Diana Framji are settling into their new home in Boston, Massachusetts, having fled the strict social rules of British Bombay. It's a different life than what they left behind, but theirs is no ordinary marriage: Jim, now a detective at the Dupree Agency, is teaching Diana the art of deduction he's learned from his idol, Sherlock Holmes. Everyone is talking about the preparations for the World's Fair in Chicago: the grandeur, the speculation, the trickery. Captain Jim will experience it, first hand: he's being sent to Chicago to investigate the murder of a man named Thomas Grewe. As Jim probes the underbelly of Chicago's docks, warehouses, and taverns, he discovers deep social unrest and some deadly ambitions. When Jim goes missing, young Diana must venture to Chicago's treacherous streets to learn what happened. But who can she trust,

when a single misstep could mean disaster?

The sequel to March's Edgar finalist debut, *Murder in Old Bombay* (TP, \$34.99).

Historical mystery TP \$34.99

### Death on a Winter Stroll

Merry Folger Nantucket mysteries

#### Mathews, Francine

Nantucket Police Chief Meredith Folger is acutely conscious of the stress COVID-19 has placed on the community she loves. Although the island has proved a refuge for many during the pandemic, the cost to Nantucket has been high. Merry hopes that the Christmas Stroll, one of Nantucket's favourite traditions, in which Main Street is transformed into a winter wonderland, will lift the island's spirits. But the arrival of a large-scale TV production, and the Secretary of State and her family, complicates matters significantly. The TV shoot is plagued with problems from within, as a shady, power-hungry producer clashes with strong-willed actors. Across Nantucket, the Secretary's troubled stepson keeps shaking off his security detail to visit a dilapidated house near conservation land, where an intriguing recluse guards secrets of her own. With all parties overly conscious of spending too much time in the public eye and secrets swirling around both camps, it is difficult to parse what behaviour is suspicious or not – until the bodies turn up. Now, it's up to Merry and Detective Howie Seitz to find a connection between two seemingly unconnected murders and catch the killer. But when everyone has a motive, and half of the suspects are politicians and actors, how can Merry and Howie tell fact from fiction?

Mystery TP \$34.99

### Blue Water

Laurence Jago mysteries

#### Natgrass, Leonora

This is the secret report of Laurence Jago. *Unwilling spy. Reluctant sailor. Accidental detective.* New Year 1795, and Laurence Jago is aboard the Tankerville mail ship, en route to Philadelphia. Laurence is travelling undercover, supposedly as a journalist's assistant. But his real mission is to protect a civil servant, en route to Congress with a vital treaty that will stop the Americans from joining the French in their war against Britain. When the civil servant meets an unfortunate – and apparently accidental – end, the treaty disappears, and Laurence realises that only he can keep the Americans out of the war. Trapped on the ship with a strange assortment of travellers including two penniless French aristocrats, an Irish actress and a dancing bear, Laurence must hunt down both the lost treaty and the murderer, before he has a tragic 'accident', himself... A sequel to *Black Drop* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### America Fantastica

O'Brien, Tim

At 11:34 am, one Saturday in August 2019, Boyd Halverson strode into Community National Bank in Northern California. 'How much is on hand, would you say?' he asked the teller. 'I'll want it all.' 'You're robbing me?' He revealed a Temptation .38 Special. The teller, a diminutive redhead named Angie Bing, collected \$81,000. Boyd stuffed the cash into a paper grocery bag. 'I'm sorry about this,'

he said, 'but I'll have to ask you to take a ride with me.' So begins the adventure of Boyd Halverson – star journalist turned notorious online disinformation troll turned J C Penney manager – and his irrepressible hostage, Angie Bing. Haunted by his past and weary of his present, Boyd has one goal, before the authorities catch up with him: settle a score with the man who destroyed his life. By Monday, the pair reach Mexico; by winter, they are in a lakefront mansion in Minnesota. On their trail are hitmen, jealous lovers, ex-cons, an heiress, a billionaire shipping tycoon, a three-tour veteran of Iraq, and the ghosts of Boyd's past. Everyone, it seems, except the police.

Caper TP \$32.99

### Christmas Scarf Murder

seasonal cozy omnibus

#### O'Connor, Carlene & Day, Maddie & Ehrhart, Peggy

Stocking stuffers like handknit scarves make the coziest of Christmas gifts – unless they're used as accessories for murder!

#### Christmas Scarf Murder by Carlene

*O'Connor*: When grinchy thefts steal the good cheer at a local nursing home, Siobhan O'Sullivan manages to identify one missing item before Kilbane, Ireland's Christmas tractor parade – a hideous shamrock scarf wrapped around a very dead body. Now, with her holiday farmhouse bash approaching, Siobhan must dash to stop a deadly Secret Santa from gifting another unwanted surprise.

#### Scarfed Down by Maddie Day

It's beginning to taste a lot like Christmas at Pans 'N' Pancakes, as 12 days of menu specials dazzle hungry locals. But the festivities go cold, the instant a diner dies while knitting a brilliant green scarf. With Aunt Adele tied into a murder investigation, it's all on Robbie Jordan to find out who's really been naughty or nice in South Lick, Indiana.

#### Death By Christmas Scarf by Peggy

*Ehrhart*: Suspects pile up faster than New Jersey snow when frosty-tempered Carys Walnutt is found strangled by a handmade scarf auctioned at Arborville's tree-lighting ceremony. Between a winning bidder hiding behind the alias 'S Claws' and a victim who deserved coal in her stocking, can Pamela Paterson and the crafty Knit and Nibble ladies freeze a killer's merry murder plot?

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### On Java Road

Osborne, Lawrence

After two decades as a journalist in Hong Kong, ex-pat Englishman Adrian Gyle has very little to show for it. Evenings are whiled away with soup dumplings and tea at Fung Shing, the restaurant downstairs from his home on Java Road, watching the city – once overflowing with wine dinners and private members' clubs – erupt in violence as pro-democracy demonstrations hit ever closer to home. Watching from the skyscrapers is Adrian's old friend Jimmy Tang, the scion of one of Hong Kong's wealthiest families. Just as Gyle prepares to turn his back on Hong Kong, he finds one last intrigue: the mysterious Rebecca, a student involved in the protests, and the latest of Jimmy's reckless dalliances. But when Rebecca goes missing and Jimmy hides, Gyle feels that old familiar urge to investigate. Piecing together

Rebecca's final days and hours, Gyle must tread carefully through a volatile world of friendship and betrayal where personal loyalties vanish like the city he once knew so well.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### Best Crime Stories of the Year

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#### Paretsky, Sara

International bestselling author Sara Paretsky selects the 20 best mystery short stories of the year, including tales by Michael Connelly, Jo Nesbo, Joyce Carol Oates, Colson Whitehead, and more in this crime connoisseur's collection. Under the auspices of New York City's legendary mystery fiction specialty bookstore, the Mysterious Bookshop, and aided by Edgar Award-winning anthologist Otto Penzler, international bestseller and MWA Grandmaster Sara Paretsky has selected the 20 most puzzling, most thrilling, and most mysterious short stories from the past year, collected now in one entertaining volume. The classic mystery tale will be familiar to aficionados and casual readers alike: it was invented by Edgar Allan Poe, popularised by Arthur Conan Doyle, and perfected by Agatha Christie. Within a few pages, a clue can be discovered, divulged, and its significance determined: all else is mere embellishment. Featuring stories by: Doug Allyn, Colin Barrett, Jerome Charyn, Michael Connelly, Susan Frith, Tom Larsen, Sean Marciniak, Stefon Mears, Keith Lee Morris, Gwen Mullins, Jo Nesbo, Joyce Carol Oates, Annie Reed, Kristine Kathryn Rusch, Anna Scotti, Ginny Swart, Ellen Tremitti, Joseph S Walker, Colson Whitehead, and Michael Wiley – plus a bonus vintage story from the annals of mystery fiction, written over a century in the past.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$24.99

### Alex Cross Must Die

Alex Cross series

#### Patterson, James

An airport killer targeting pilots expands his scope. *Alex Cross Must Die*. 'Drop whatever you're doing, Detective Cross, and head to Reagan Airport,' DC Metro Police dispatch says. 'A jet just crashed and exploded on the runway. The chief and the FBI want you and John Sampson there pronto.' Cross and Sampson race to the crash site. The plane didn't fail – it was shot down by a stolen Vietnam War-era machine gun. The list of experts who can operate the weapon is short. And time before another lethal strike runs even shorter. Especially for Detective Cross. *Alex Cross Must Die*.

Thriller TP \$32.99

### A World of Curiosities

Gamache mysteries

#### Penny, Louise

It's spring and Three Pines is re-emerging after the harsh winter. But not everything buried should come alive again. Not everything lying dormant should return. But something has. As the villagers prepare for a special celebration, Armand Gamache and Jean-Guy Beauvoir find themselves increasingly worried. A young man and woman have reappeared in the Sûreté du Québec investigators' lives after many years. The two were young children when their

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troubled mother was murdered, leaving them damaged, shattered. Now, they've arrived in the village of Three Pines. But to what end? Gamache and Beauvoir's memories of that tragic case, the one that first brought them together, come rushing back. Did their mother's murder hurt them beyond repair? Have those terrible wounds, buried for decades, festered and are now about to erupt? As Chief Inspector Gamache works to uncover answers, his alarm grows when a letter written by a long dead stone mason is discovered. In it the man describes his terror when bricking up an attic room somewhere in the village. Every word of the 150-year-old letter is filled with dread. When the room is found, the villagers decide to open it up. As the bricks are removed, Gamache, Beauvoir and the villagers discover a world of curiosities. But the head of homicide soon realises there's more in that room than meets the eye. There are puzzles within puzzles, and hidden messages warning of mayhem and revenge. In unsealing that room, an old enemy is released into their world. Into their lives. And into the very heart of Armand Gamache's home.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### Now You See It

Witch City mysteries

#### Perry, Carol J

Just married, Lee and her husband, Detective Sergeant Pete Mondello, are settling into their new home – when Lee is dubbed WICH-TV's new 'Historical Documentary Chief Executive'. Her first subject is the brand-new Salem International Museum, slated to be a location for travelling blockbuster exhibits, starting with 'Seafaring New England'. From research to collecting artifacts of Salem's long-ago days as a shipping capital, the project is a challenge – but when the driver of a truckload of antiques turns up dead under a pile of fall leaves, it's not quite the kind of challenge Lee expected... Soon, Lee and Pete are dredging up clues along with a hardy crew of helpers, including Lee's librarian aunt, Ibby, Lee's best friend and practicing witch, River North – and, of course, the clairvoyant cat, O'Ryan. But when a ship model in the exhibit's collection appears to be haunted, Lee will have to dive into her own treasure trove of psychic gifts before a killer comes to the surface to strike again...

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### Witnesses for the Dead: Stories

anthology

#### Phillips, Gary & Haywood, Gar Anthony (editors)

How does witnessing a crime change a person? This powerful collection of stories, by a star-studded roster of contributors, examines this very question, with proceeds benefitting the Alliance for Safe Traffic Stops. Inspired by recent true events, the all-original stories in *Witnesses for the Dead* are set in motion by the act of witnessing. The characters who populate these pages are not themselves the perpetrators of the crimes they see, but as they grapple with what to do – take action, or retreat into the shadows – their lives are indelibly changed. In 'Envy' by Christopher Chambers, a sweet, shy wallflower looks on as something

horrific happens in his neighbourhood – revealing something horrific about himself. Agatha Award-winner Richie Narvaez's 'The Gardener of Roses' sees a Puertorriqueña college student on the run from the FBI for her accidental involvement in a 'terrorist' plot. Anthony Award-winner Gary Phillips confronts police corruption in 'Spiders and Fly'. And the protagonist of 'A Family Matter' by IPPY Award-winner Sarah M Chen investigates the murder of a stranger, leading her to question the political structure of Taiwan entirely. Other stories feature a brothel, the film industry, immigrant detention centres at the Mexico-US border, World War II-torn France, and the COVID-19 pandemic. The stories are incisive, unflinching, wry, dark, and, in some cases, terrifying. You'll ask yourself: *If I saw what they saw, what would I do?* Edited by Anthony Award-winner Gary Phillips and Shamus Award-winner Gar Anthony Haywood, the collection includes contributions from NAACP Image Award-winner Pamela Samuels Young, bestsellers Cara Black and Tod Goldberg, Edgar Award-winner S J Rozan, Agatha Award-winner Richie Narvaez, and more.

Mystery/suspense TP \$34.99

### The Jazz Club Spy

#### Rich, Roberta

*New York City, 1938:* At the height of the Great Depression, a time when President Roosevelt is trying to keep America out of World War II, Giddy Brodsky is lucky to have a job as a cigarette girl at a Manhattan jazz club. Nevertheless, she dreams of establishing a cosmetics business and leaving the poverty-stricken Lower East Side tenements behind. She has lived there with her family ever since they fled Russia, forced to emigrate after a group of Cossacks burned down their village, and her memories continue to haunt her. Giddy tries to focus on the future until, during an evening streetcar ride, she thinks she recognises one of the Cossacks who changed her life forever. Determined to get answers, she enlists the help of Carter van der Zalm, the Chief Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island, who is hunting the same man. He suspects the Russian is involved in an assassination plot that will destroy American and Soviet relations, and he enlists Giddy to moonlight as a spy for him. But when she finally tracks down the man, they're both seeking, she finds herself in the middle of a shocking political conspiracy that changes everything she once held true.

Historical suspense TP \$39.95

### Murder in Westminster

Lady Worthing mysteries

#### Riley, Vanessa

Discovering a body on her property presents Lady Abigail Worthing with more than one pressing problem. The victim is Juliet, the wife of her neighbour, Stapleton Henderson. Although Abigail has little connection with the lady in question, she expects to be under suspicion. Abigail's skin colour and her mother's notorious past have earned her a certain reputation among the ton, and no amount of wealth or status will eclipse it. Abigail can't divulge that she was attending a secret pro-abolition meeting, at the time of the murder. To her surprise, Henderson

offers her an alibi. Though, he and Juliet were long estranged, and she had a string of lovers, he feels a certain loyalty to his late wife. Perhaps, together, he and Abigail can learn the truth. Abigail, whose marriage to Lord Worthing was not a love match, knows well how appearances can deceive. For all its surface elegance, London's high society can be treacherous. Yet, who in their circle would have killed Juliet, and why? Taking the reins of her life in a way she never has before, Abby intends to find out – but, in the process, she will uncover more danger than she ever imagined...

Historical mystery TP \$35.00

### Encore in Death

Eve Dallas series

#### Robb, J D

It was a glittering event full of A-listers, hosted by Eliza Lane and Brant Fitzhugh, the most glittering of all celebrity couples. Everyone had expected the party to be in the newspapers the next day but not because one of the hosts was murdered! As the crowd had gathered to watch Eliza sing, Fitzhugh had raised a final toast to his glamorous wife and fallen to the floor. Death by cyanide poisoning. It's time for Lt Eve Dallas to make her entrance. From all accounts, Fitzhugh wasn't the kind of star who made enemies. Eliza, on the other hand, had many rivals, and a few of them could class as enemies. Since the champagne cocktail that killed Brant was originally intended for Eliza, could it be that she was the real target? With so many people at the party, Eve has her work cut out determining who could commit murder in the middle of a crowd. As one who's not fond of the spotlight, she dreads the media circus surrounding a case like this. All she wants is to figure out who's truly innocent, and who's only acting that way...

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### The Turnglass

#### Rubin, Gareth

*1880s' England.* On the bleak island of Ray, off the Essex coast, an idealistic young doctor, Simeon Lee, is called from London to treat his cousin, Parson Oliver Hawes, who is dying. Parson Hawes, who lives in the only house on the island – Turnglass House – believes he is being poisoned. And he points the finger at his sister-in-law, Florence. Florence was declared insane after killing Oliver's brother in a jealous rage and is now kept in a glass-walled apartment in Oliver's library. And the secret to how she came to be there is found in Oliver's *tête-bêche* journal, where one side tells a very different story from the other. *1930s' California.* Celebrated author Oliver Tooke, the son of the state governor, is found dead in his writing hut off the coast of the family residence, Turnglass House. His friend Ken Kourian doesn't believe that Oliver would take his own life. His investigations lead him to the mysterious kidnapping of Oliver's brother when they were children, and the subsequent secret incarceration of his mother, Florence, in an asylum. But to discover the truth, Ken must decipher clues hidden in Oliver's final book, a *tête-bêche* novel – which is about a young doctor, called Simeon Lee...

Historical mystery TP \$34.99

### Judgement Prey

Prey series

#### Sandford, John

When federal judge Alex Sand and his two young sons are shot in cold blood at their family home, the brutality of the murders leaves their wealthy St Paul community reeling. There's no shortage of people with a vendetta against the judge, but the collapse of a major charitable donation he had planned complicates things further, leaving the money in limbo and all eyes on his grief-stricken widow. As public pressure mounts and both the local police force and the FBI hit one dead end after another, it isn't long before Lucas Davenport and Virgil Flowers are called in. The duo is determined to chase down every angle and every theory until they figure out who killed the Sands. But when they find themselves stonewalled by the most unlikely of forces, they begin to wonder if each misdirection might actually lead them closer to the truth...

Thriller TP \$34.99

### The Cat Who Solved Three Murders

Conrad the Cat Detective mysteries

#### Shearer, L T

Retired police detective Lulu Lewis' life changed forever when she met a street cat named Conrad. There's something very special about Conrad, but it's a secret she has to keep to herself. When Lulu takes her narrowboat to Oxford, she is planning nothing more stressful than attending a friend's birthday party. And drinking a few glasses of Chardonnay. But a brutal murder and a daring art theft means her plans are shattered – instead she and Conrad find themselves on the trail of a killer... A killer who may well strike again. This charming cosy crime read, perfect for fans of Richard Osman and S J Bennett, is the sequel to *The Cat Who Caught a Killer* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery TP \$34.99

### The Prey

#### Sigurdardottir, Yrsa

A box of photo albums is found in the attic of a house in Hofn, a small fishing village on the south coast of Iceland. The new owners return it to the man who sold them the house, along with a muddied child's shoe with a name written on the sole: *Salvor*. The man is baffled; they never knew anyone called that. Shortly after the phone rings – it's the nursing home where his mother, an Alzheimer's patient, lives. She's suffered a heart attack, and the doctors don't expect her to live much longer. The nurse asks him to let his sister, Salvor, know as well. Her mother has been asking for her. Johanna is a member of a search and rescue team in Hofn, and she's searching for two couples from Reykjavik. Their phones' last location has been pinpointed as the road leading up into the highlands. It's far from clear why these people would have made such a risky trip in the middle of the harsh winter, and they soon find the first dead body. More troubling, Johanna senses her team is being tracked out in the snow. Hjorvar works at the Stokksnes Radar Station in the highlands. He is alone when the phone connected to the gate rings. It's the first time it's done so since he began working there five months ago. He picks up the phone but can hear only interference and

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what sounds like a child's voice asking for her mother. How are these events connected? And what may be searching for its prey, out on the ice?

Noir TP \$32.99

### **A Dangerous Business** **Smiley, Jane**

*Monterey, 1851.* Ever since her husband was killed in a bar fight, Eliza Ripple has been working in a brothel. It seems like a better life, at least, at first. The madam, Mrs Parks, is kind, the men are (relatively) well behaved, and Eliza has attained what few women have: financial security. But when the dead bodies of young women start appearing outside of town, a darkness descends that she can't resist confronting. Side by side with her friend Jean, and inspired by her reading, especially by Edgar Allan Poe's detective Dupin, Eliza pieces together an array of clues to try to catch the killer, all the while juggling clients who begin to seem more and more suspicious. Eliza and Jean are determined not just to survive, but to find their way in a lawless town on the fringes of the Wild West – a bewitching combination of beauty and danger – as what will become the Civil War looms on the horizon. As Mrs Parks says, 'Everyone knows that this is a dangerous business, but between you and me, being a woman is a dangerous business, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise...'

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### **I Think of You** **and Other Poems**

**Smith, Alexander McCall**

In *I Think of You*, the reader travels through literary Edinburgh in summer, heartbreak in a rain-drenched glen in the Highlands, a voyage on the Argo in Ancient Greece, and from Dallas to Helsinki and home again. Throughout this collection, the author explores various themes of love, kindness, and friendship, as well as the philosophy of food, the idiosyncrasies of language and the importance of canonical hours. Each poem is a journey of the soul that interrogates what it is to love and to be alive. This new collection is a fascinating journey into the heart of each of us.

Poetry HC \$29.99

### **Theft of an Idol**

Eye of Isis mysteries

**Stabenow, Dana**

When Cleopatra's most beloved actress disappears, her new Eye of Isis must solve a case that will lead to the darkest corners of Alexandria. From the palaces of Alexandria reigns Cleopatra – seventh of her name, avatar of the goddess Isis, ruler of the Kingdom of Egypt – surrounded by riches untold. Through the streets of her great city bustle scholars and sailors, politicians and priests. For those with the means, it is a comfortable life. But not all are invited to share in the wealth of Egypt's first city. For the peasants and farmers, their lives lie in the hands of the gods and the harvest. Unless, that is, they can find other methods to feed their families. Other, less savoury methods. When Herminia, one of Alexandria's most beloved actresses, disappears on the eve of a great performance, Cleopatra sets Tetisheri, her Eye, to investigate. In her search for the

truth, Tetisheri will uncover a mystery that will take her to the city's darkest corners...

The first of these charming historical mysteries is *Death of an Eye* (PBK, \$22.99).  
Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### **The Hurricane Blonde** **Sutton, Halley**

*Hollywood loves a dead girl. She's always so photogenic.* Salma Lowe understands, better than anyone, how Hollywood chews up and spits out starlets. She is the offspring of Hollywood royalty, a former child-star turned guide on a true crime bus tour and sister to Tawney, dubbed the 'Hurricane Blonde', who was murdered in the mid-'90s. The case remains unsolved. Then, she discovers another dead woman with an uncanny resemblance to Tawney on the very property where her sister was killed. Salma has to face the fact that a killer has struck again and with the police investigation going nowhere, she needs to plunge herself back into Los Angeles' seductive allure to find the culprit. But the search for the truth will take her deep into the rotten heart of Hollywood past and present, and into her family's dark secrets.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### **The Sunset Years** **of Agnes Sharp** **Swann, Leonie**

One murder to solve, and another to cover up. It'll be tricky, but the OAP residents of Sunset Hall are going to give it their best shot. Sunset Hall is a house-share for the old and unruly, led by Agnes Sharp. It's an eventful day when this group of idiosyncratic geriatrics gets a visit from the police to inform them of some shocking news: a body has been discovered next door. Everyone puts on a long face, but they are secretly relieved that the body in question is not the one they're currently hiding in the shed (sorry about that, Lillith). Now, the answer to their little problem with Lillith may have fallen into their laps. All they have to do is find out who murdered their neighbour, so they can pin Lillith's death on them, thus killing two old birds with one stone. To investigate, the group (not forgetting Hettie the tortoise) will venture into the not-so-idyllic village of Duck End and tangle with sinister bakers, broken stair lifts, inept criminals and their own dark secrets. 'The *Sunset Years of Agnes Sharp* operates in its own skewed universe. Fans of the Thursday Murder Club books will find much to like here.' – *New York Times*.

Mystery HC \$39.99

### **Lady Joker: Volume 2** **Takamura, Kaoru**

Five men, who meet at a Tokyo racetrack, every week carry out a heist. They have kidnapped the CEO of Japan's largest beer company to extract blood money from the company's corrupt financiers. Known as Lady Joker, the men make their first attack on the beer company when their demands are not met. As the attacks escalate, the shady networks linking corporations to syndicates are exposed, the stakes rise, and bring into riveting focus the lives and motivations of the victims, the perpetrators, the heroes and the villains. Some will lose everything, even their lives. Inspired by the real-life Glico-Morinaga kidnapping, an unsolved case that

terrorised Japan for two years, *Lady Joker* reimagines this watershed episode in modern Japanese history. The second volume of *Lady Joker*, by Kaoru Takamura, the *Grand Dame* of Japanese crime fiction, concludes the breathtaking saga. *Lady Joker: Volume 1* (PBK, \$24.99) is still available.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$24.99

### **Murder on the Vine**

Tuscan mysteries 03

**Trinchieri, Camilla**

On a late October Sunday morning in Gravigna, local *maresciallo* Perillo is having breakfast with ex-NYPD detective Nico Doyle when he is called back to the station in Greve. Laura Benati, the young manager of Hotel Bella Vista, is worried – her bartender and good friend 80-year-old Cesare Costanzi has been missing for three days. The next morning, Jimmy, co-owner of Bar All'Angolo, Gravigna's local café, where Nico is a frequent patron, runs out of gas on his way back from Florence. When Nico meets him to help, Nico's dog, OneWag, reacts to the smell coming from Jimmy's trunk. Inside Nico finds a body wrapped in plastic: Cesare Costanzi, stabbed several times in the chest. Why would anyone kill Cesare, and how did he end up in Jimmy's car? That's for Nico to find out, as Perillo, once again, turns to Nico for help with the investigation.

Mystery TP \$32.99

### **Hollow Beasts**

Jodi Luna series

**Valdes, Alisa Lynn**

After a long stint in academia, Jodi Luna leaves Boston for the wilds of New Mexico to start a new life as a game warden. Jodi is no stranger to the wilderness; her family has lived here for generations. Determined to protect her homeland, she nabs a poacher in her first week on the job. But when he retaliates by stalking Jodi and her teenage daughter, a cat and mouse game leads Jodi to a white supremacist group deep in the mountains. She learns that new recruits are kidnapping women of colour to prove their mettle to the organisation's leader. When the local sheriff refuses to assist, Jodi joins up with young deputy Ashley Romero. Together, they set out to take down a terrorist network that will test not just their skills as investigators but also their knowledge of the land and commitment to its people. But will Jodi's fierce resolve to protect the voiceless put her loved ones in harm's way?

Thriller TP \$29.99

### **After the Lights Go Out** **Vercher, John**

*It's not a comeback. It's a fight for his life.*

Xavier 'Scarecrow' Wallace is a biracial Black MMA fighter on the wrong side of 30, who's been given a last-ditch chance to break into the big leagues. He is also losing his battle with pugilistic dementia, a struggle he is desperate to hide. In the nursing home of his father, a white man suffering from Alzheimer's, Xavier witnesses shocking episodes that expose ugly truths about his family and his past. As the big fight draws near, Xavier is faced with a dangerous dilemma: throw his match, or suffer the deadly consequences.

Noir PBK \$22.99

### **Bruno's Cookbook**

Recipes and Traditions from a French Country Kitchen  
**Walker, Martin & Watson, Julia**  
A sumptuous French cookbook that immerses readers in the incomparable cuisine of the Perigord region, by the bestselling author of the beloved Dordogne Mysteries series; co-authored with his wife, food writer and novelist, Julia Watson. Bruno Courreges, the protagonist of Martin Walker's internationally acclaimed mystery series, is not only the local police chief of the idyllic village of St Denis. Bruno also happens to be an impressive amateur chef, and in this delightful new cookbook, the culinary and cultural inspiration behind Bruno's fiction world comes to life. Featuring local recipes, charming anecdotes, and a history of its French setting, *Bruno's Cookbook* invites readers into the bucolic life of Walker and his wife, Julia, and showcases their passion for the region's rich cuisine. Brimming with truffles, pate, top quality fruit and vegetables, famed regional cheeses and wines, the Perigord is a gourmet's paradise. *Bruno's Cookbook* includes over 90 recipes, steeped in local flavours and prepared in Walker's large country kitchen, from Duck Breast Filets with Honey and Mustard, Red Onion Tarte Tatin, and a classic Beef Pot Roast, to Chard Gratin (Bruno's comfort meal), Hazelnut Meringue Cake, and Homemade Blackcurrant Liqueur. Centred on the splendid institution of the village market, the recipes are organised around the people who provide the food: the fisherman, the hunter, the cheesemaker, the forager, the baker, and the winemaker. A feast for the senses, *Bruno's Cookbook* transports readers to France's gastronomic heartland.

Bruno, Chief of Police HC \$59.99

### **Paradise**

DS Walker series

**Wolf, Patricia**

On a stunningly beautiful stretch of coastline, a young mother is brutally murdered. The only witness to the crime, her daughter Gabby, is left in a coma, fighting for her life... DS Lucas Walker has just arrived in Surfers Paradise for some much-needed recovery, after injuries sustained in his last investigation. But he is soon pulled into the dark twists and turns of this home invasion gone wrong, vowing to find the men responsible. As Walker digs deeper into the dark underbelly of this shimmering city by the ocean, a case from his own past resurfaces, with deadly consequences. And as eight-year-old Gabby wakes in her hospital bed, Walker is in a race against time to stop those responsible for her mother's murder before they return to silence her forever... The follow-up to the first DS Walker novel, *Outback* (TP, \$32.99).

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99



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