

# Pulp Fiction

## Crime & Mystery Catalogue February 2024

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

### **The Room with Eight Windows**

Henry Johnstone 1930s mysteries

#### **Adams, Jane A**

*December, 1930.* Henry Johnstone has retired from his role as detective chief inspector at London's Scotland Yard and is staying at the home of the late Sir Eamon Barry on the south coast, cataloguing and inventorying his extensive library. Until he, suddenly – and inexplicably – vanishes. Mickey Hitchens, Henry's old partner-in-crime, now an inspector himself, investigates the house with his colleague, Sergeant Tibbs. The room Henry was staying in had eight unusual, curved windows, and the pair quickly uncover disturbing signs of a struggle, along with a blotter that has the name of a man who was murdered five years ago written on it. Is there a link between that case and Henry's disappearance? Can Mickey find his friend and bring him home safely, or is it already too late?

Historical mystery TP \$42.95

### **Constable Country**

Sloan & Crosby mysteries

#### **Aird, Catherine**

When Mike Wakefield's business partner absconds with their printing firm's money, Detective Inspector Sloan is tasked with what appears to be a cut-and-dry case of embezzlement. However, unsettling events – tyres slashed, bricks through windows – make it clear that someone is really gunning for Mike. There is just one print job to put to bed in time for a lavish launch party at Ornum House. All goes according to plan until one of Mike's employees is found dead... And he wasn't the only casualty. DI Sloan and DC Crosby have a tangled set of motives and some devious chicanery to unpick to discover a killer.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### **Murder in the Age of Enlightenment**

Essential Stories

#### **Akutagawa, Ryunosuke**

These are short stories from an unparalleled icon of modern Japanese literature. Sublimely crafted and shot through with a fantastical sensibility, they offer dazzling glimpses into moments of madness, murder, and obsession. A talented and spiteful painter is given over to depravity in pursuit of artistic brilliance. In the depths of hell, a robber spies a single spider's thread being lowered towards him. When a body is found in an isolated bamboo grove, a kaleidoscopic account of violence and desire begins to unfold. This mesmerising collection brings together a series of essential works from the master of the Japanese short story. 'One never tires of reading and rereading his best works. Akutagawa was a born short-story writer' – *Haruki Murakami*.

Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

### **The House on Rye Lane**

Allott, Susan

They thought they'd found their dream home. They were wrong.

*2008.* The house Maxine and Seb have just bought was a bargain – a huge Georgian townhouse on the edge of Peckham Rye, it needs a lot of work, but Max couldn't resist it. Now, they are in, though, nothing seems to be going right – and as the problems mount up, Max starts to doubt her relationship as well as her decision. Is Seb all he seems to be? And why are the neighbours so evasive about the house's previous owner?

*1994.* Cookie and his parents have been forced by his dad's gambling debts to move into the attic room of a big old house, as lodgers. Tensions run high between them and their elderly landlady, and there's something odd about the place that Cookie can't quite put his finger on...

*1843.* Horatio built this house for his beloved wife, who then died in mysterious circumstances. After a second death on the premises, both his servants and the locals are starting to talk. Horatio's grief is tinged with shame and guilt. What is he hiding? And will the house ever be free of his legacy?

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### **The Mask of Dimitrios**

Penguin Green Crime Classics

#### **Ambler, Eric**

An English novelist uncovers a trail of crime in Istanbul – and all roads lead to the mysterious master criminal Dimitrios. English crime novelist Charles Latimer is travelling in Istanbul when he makes the acquaintance of Turkish police inspector Colonel Haki. It is from him that he first hears of the mysterious Dimitrios – an infamous master criminal, long wanted by the law, whose body has just been fished out of the Bosphorus. Fascinated by the story, Latimer decides to retrace Dimitrios' steps across Europe to gather material for a new book. But, as he gradually discovers more about his subject's shadowy history, fascination tips over into obsession. And, in entering Dimitrios' criminal underworld, Latimer realises that his own life may be on the line. Discover the new Penguin Crime and Espionage Classics series.

Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

### **Make Me Clean**

Baker, Tina

*She will leave your surfaces sparkling. But she may well leave you dead...*

Maria is a good woman and a good cleaner. She cleans for Elsie, the funny old bird who's losing her marbles, with the terrible husband. She cleans for Brian, the sweet man with the terrible boss. She cleans for the mysterious Mr Balogun with the terrible neighbours. But if you're thinking of hiring her, you should probably know that Maria may have killed the terrible husband, the terrible boss and the terrible neighbours. She may

also have murdered the man she loved. She didn't set out to kill anyone, of course, but her clients have hired her to clean up their lives, and she takes her job seriously – not to mention, how much happier they all are, now. The trouble is, murder can't be washed out. You can only sweep it under the carpet and pray no one looks too closely... Darkly funny and completely gripping from the first page to the last, *Make Me Clean* is one thriller you won't be able to scrub from your mind. Perfect for fans of *My Sister the Serial Killer* (PBK, \$22.99).

Noir PBK \$24.99

### **The Writing Retreat**

Bartz, Julia

Alex has all but given up on her dreams of becoming a published author when she receives a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity: attend an exclusive, month-long writing retreat at the estate of feminist horror writer Roza Vallo. Even the knowledge that Wren, her former best friend and current rival, is attending doesn't dampen her excitement. But when the attendees arrive, Roza drops a bombshell – they must all complete an entire novel from scratch during the next month, and the author of the best one will receive a life-changing seven-figure publishing deal. Determined to win this seemingly impossible contest, Alex buckles down and tries to ignore the strange happenings at the estate, including Roza's erratic behaviour, Wren's cruel mind games, and the alleged haunting of the mansion itself. But when one of the writers vanishes during a snowstorm, Alex realises that something very sinister is afoot. With the clock running out, she must discover the truth – or suffer the same fate.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### **Grave Expectations**

Bell, Alice

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

Mystery PBK \$22.99

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### Night Flight to Paris

Kate Rees WWII series

#### Black, Cara

*October 1942*: it's been two years since Kate Rees was sent to Paris on a British Secret Service mission to assassinate Hitler. Since then, she has left spycraft behind to take a training job as a sharpshooting instructor in the Scottish Highlands. But her quiet life is violently disrupted when Colonel Stepney, her former handler, drags her back into the fray for a risky three-pronged mission in Paris. Each task is more dangerous than the next: Deliver a package of forbidden biological material. Assassinate a high-ranking German operative whose knowledge of invasion plans could turn the tide of the war against the Allies. Rescue a British agent who once saved Kate's life – and get out. Kate will encounter sheiks and spies, poets and partisans, as she races to keep up with the constantly-shifting nature of her assignment, showing every ounce of her Oregonian grit in the process. A sequel to *Three Hours in Paris* (TP, \$27.99).

Historical suspense TP \$29.99

### Anna O

#### Blake, Matthew

*Anna O hasn't opened her eyes for four years...* Not since the night she was found in a deep sleep by the bodies of her best friends, suspected of a chilling double murder. For Doctor Benedict Prince, a forensic psychologist on London's Harley Street, waking Anna O could be career defining. As an expert in sleep, he knows all about the darkest chambers of the mind; the secrets that lie buried in the subconscious. As he begins Anna O's treatment – studying his patient's dreams, combing her memories, visiting the site where the horrors played out – he pulls on the thread of a much deeper, darker mystery. Awakening Anna O isn't the end of the story, it's just the beginning.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### The Bridge

Detective Louise Blackwell mysteries

#### Brolly, Matt

When the body of a young woman is discovered in a shipping container in Bristol, the police suspect she was an illegal immigrant whose death was a tragic accident. But their theory is shot down by two pieces of evidence: the container was due to ship out, not in; and, even more sinister, a video camera with a live feed was filming her from a hidden compartment. Someone watched her die. Slowly. DI Louise Blackwell is 10 weeks pregnant, a fact she has largely kept to herself, and between bouts of morning sickness she, now, has a murder to investigate. While the docks offer few other clues, the discovery of more live feeds convinces Blackwell that there are other trapped women... and that some of them are still alive. As she scours historic missing-persons cases looking for a pattern to the abductions, Blackwell finds herself in a race against time to uncover the voyeuristic killer's motive and stop any more women becoming caught in the cruel and deadly game. But with every step being closely monitored, can she outwit a murderer whose method means staying hidden?

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### The Net of Steel

Ursula Blanchard mysteries

#### Buckley, Fiona

*April, 1590*. Ursula Stannard, the queen's half-sister and occasional secret agent, has just left Sir Francis Walsingham's funeral, when she is summoned back to her childhood home, Faldene House, by her aunt. Uncle Herbert has died suddenly from natural causes, but Ursula's arrival in the Sussex Downs triggers a shocking sequence of death and devastation. Through her service to the queen, Ursula has made dangerous enemies. The formidable Mercer brothers are set on revenge, and their cruelty knows no limits. As a deadly net closes around Ursula and her loved ones, can she keep those closest to her safe and stop the Mercers before they strike again?

Historical mystery TP \$42.95

### Miss Austen Investigates

#### Bull, Jessica

*It is a truth universally acknowledged that every good mystery is in need of a brilliant sleuth...* Welcome to Hampshire, 1795, where a young Jane Austen has her sights set on securing a marriage proposal, from the dashing Tom Lefroy, at a local ball. But when a shocking discovery is made – a milliner's lifeless body tucked away in a linen closet – Jane finds herself embroiled in an unexpected murder mystery. As she races against the clock to clear her beloved brother Georgy's name, Jane uses her sharp wits to navigate the treacherous waters of society, unmasking secrets and unearthing hidden motives along the way. With every twist and turn, Jane's determination to solve the case deepens. Because if she fails, her brother will face the ultimate punishment – the hangman's noose... A Jane Austen-inspired murder mystery, perfect for fans of Richard Osman and Janice Hallett.

Historical mystery TP \$34.99

### Harbor Lights

collection

#### Burke, James Lee

A story collection from one of the most popular and widely acclaimed icons of American fiction, featuring a never-before-published novella. These eight stories move from the marshlands on the Gulf of Mexico to the sweeping plains of Colorado to prisons, saloons, and trailer parks across the South, weaving together love, friendship, violence, survival, and revenge. With his nuanced characters, lyrical prose, and ability to write shocking violence in the most evocative settings, James Lee Burke's singular skills are on display in this superb collection.

Mystery/suspense TP \$34.99

### Nonna Maria and the Case of the Stolen Necklace

Nonna Maria mysteries

#### Carcatera, Lorenzo

Nonna Maria has a lot on her plate – and it's not just fresh pasta. Two crimes have rocked the sun-drenched island of Ischia, and once again the island's denizens have called upon the espresso-brewing, sage-counsel-giving sleuth. A wealthy woman alleges that a valuable necklace has been stolen from her hotel room. She blames one of the young women working on the cleaning crew as the most likely suspect – a young woman who

turns out to be Nonna Maria's goddaughter. Loretta takes the heat, but privately she proclaims her innocence. Nearby, the body of a woman is found on a curved road near the borough of Barano. The woman is not known to anyone on the island. She has no purse, carries no identification. The one suspect is a young friend of Nonna Maria's who drove by the area that very night and thinks that he might have hit something – a pothole, or an animal, or maybe the woman in question. It turns out that this woman had a decades-old history on Ischia, but why did she return, and more important, who killed her? It's up to Nonna Maria to string together the clues – like the links of the beautiful missing necklace – and solve these two mysteries before death comes to Ischia, again.

Mystery TP \$37.95

### The Big Sleep

#### & Farewell, My Lovely

Penguin Green Crime Classics

#### Chandler, Raymond

Two great novels featuring hardboiled Californian detective Philip Marlowe. Raymond Chandler created the fast talking, trouble seeking Californian private eye Philip Marlowe for his first great novel *The Big Sleep* in 1939. Marlowe's entanglement with the Sternwood family – and an attendant cast of colourful underworld figures – is the background to a story reflecting all the tarnished glitter of the great American Dream. The hardboiled detective's iconic image burns just as brightly in *Farewell, My Lovely*, on the trail of a missing nightclub crooner. Discover the new Penguin Crime and Espionage Classics series.

Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

### Ravage and Son Charyn, Jerome

Abraham Cahan, editor of the *Jewish Daily Forward*, serves as the conscience of the Jewish ghetto teeming with rogue cops and swindlers. He rescues Ben Ravage, an orphan, from a trade school and sends him off to Harvard, to earn a law degree. But upon his return, Ben rejects the chance to escape his gritty origins and instead becomes a detective for the Kehilla – a quixotic gang, backed by wealthy uptown patrons, to help the police rid the Lower East Side of criminals. Charged with rooting out the Jewish 'Mr Hyde', a half-mad villain who attacks the prostitutes of Allen Street, Ben discovers that his fate is irrevocably tied to that of this violent, sinister man. A lurid tale of revenge, this wildly-evocative, suspenseful noir is vintage Jerome Charyn; *Ravage & Son* reflects the lost world of Manhattan's Lower East Side – the cradle of Jewish immigration during the first years of the 20th century – in a dark mirror.

Historical noir PBK \$22.99

### Fox Wife

#### Ghoo, Yangsze

Some people think foxes go around collecting qi, or life force, but nothing could be further from the truth. We are living creatures, just like you, only usually better looking... *Manchuria, 1908*: A young woman is found frozen in the snow. Her death is clouded by rumours of foxes, believed to lure people into peril by transforming into beautiful women and men. Bao, a detective with a reputation

for sniffing out the truth, is hired to uncover the dead woman's identity. Since childhood, Bao has been intrigued by the fox gods, yet they've remained tantalisingly out of reach. Until, perhaps, now. Snow is a creature of many secrets, but most of all, she's a mother seeking vengeance. Hunting a murderer, the trail will take her from northern China to Japan, with Bao following doggedly behind. And as their paths draw ever closer together, both Snow and Bao will encounter old friends and new foes, even as more deaths occur.

Historical mystery TP \$34.99

### Ill-Fated Fortune

Magical Fortune Cookie mysteries

#### Ghoo, Jennifer J

Felicity Jin grew up literally hanging onto Mom's apron strings in their magical bakery in the quaint town of Pixie, California. Her mother's enchanted baked goods, including puffin pineapple buns and creamy egg tarts, bring instant joy to all who consume them. Felicity has always been hesitant in the kitchen herself after many failed attempts, but a takeout meal gone wrong inspires her to craft some homemade fortune cookies. They become so popular that Felicity runs out of generic fortunes and starts making her own personalised predictions. When one customer's ill-fated fortune results in his murder, Felicity's suspiciously specific fortune has the police focusing on her as the main culprit. Now, Felicity must find a way to turn her luck around and get cleared from suspicion. The first in a new series.

Mystery PBK \$26.95

### Hallowe'en Party

Poirot mysteries, special edition

#### Christie, Agatha

When a Hallowe'en party turns deadly, it falls to Hercule Poirot to unmask a murderer... During a night of party games, Joyce Reynolds boasts that she once witnessed a murder. No one believes her, but then she is found drowned, face down in an apple-bobbing tub. Set against a night of trickery and the occult, Hercule Poirot and Ariadne Oliver must race to uncover the real evil responsible for this ghastly murder. The inspiration for *A Haunting in Venice* – now a major motion picture, *Hallowe'en Party* is the sensational Agatha Christie novel that inspired the brand-new feature film, directed by and starring Kenneth Branagh. This special edition is introduced by its screenwriter, Michael Green.

Christie HC \$32.99

### Glenrock

#### Christine, Lee

When Justice Maurice Tempest is murdered in the Glenrock State Conservation Area in Newcastle, local detective Senior Sergeant Callan O'Connor is the first on the scene. News of a second body, found in the same location days later, makes what had looked like a revenge killing into so much more. Angela Avery, formerly a political journalist, is spending a lot of time at the Hunter Valley Prison interviewing a soon-to-be-released forger, Benjamin Reid. When O'Connor's investigation reveals an interest in Ben, Angela is determined to protect both her source and her fledgling relationship with O'Connor. Meanwhile, two young, female

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lawyers have disappeared after making a devastating discovery in an upcoming case. Can O'Connor unravel the connections before the body count rises further? And, how much does Angela Avery really know?

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Too Many Bullets

Hard Case Crime

**Collins, Max Allan**

It began with John F Kennedy, in 1963. Then Malcolm X, in 1965. Martin Luther King, in April 1968. And then, in June of the same year, President Kennedy's brother Robert fell before an assassin's bullets at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. But how many shooters were there, really? And who sent them? In this astonishing, meticulously-researched novel, bestselling author Max Allan Collins – Mystery Writers of America Grand Master – takes Nathan Heller, 'Private Eye to the Stars', from the scene of the crime to Hollywood's seediest haunts, from striptease joints to Washington DC's corridors of power to a deadly desert showdown outside Las Vegas, all in pursuit of the truth about a conspiracy that may have put the wrong man in jail, let the real killers go free, and snuffed out the life of a man poised to become the next president of the United States.

Hardboiled HC \$39.99

### Radiant Heat

**Collins, Sarah-Jane**

When a catastrophic wildfire suddenly rips through a woman's hometown, she thinks she is lucky to have survived... until she finds a dead woman in her driveway, clutching a piece of paper with her name on it...

The blaze came out of nowhere, one summer afternoon, a wall of fire fed by blustering wind. Yet, somehow, Alison is alive. She rode out the fire on the damp tiles of her bathroom, her entire body swaddled in a wet woollen blanket. As flames crackled around her, the bitter char of eucalyptus settled in the back of her throat, each breath more desperate than the last. The wildfire that devastated the Victoria countryside Alison calls home sets in motion a chain of events that threatens to obliterate the carefully constructed life she is living. When Alison emerges from her sheltering place, she spots a soot-covered cherry red car in her driveway, and in it, a dead woman. Alison has never met Simone Arnold in her life... or so she thinks. So, what is she doing here? As Alison searches for answers across Australia's scorched bushlands, she soon learns that the fire isn't the only threat she's facing... The debut novel of a Brisbane-born, New York-based author.

Mystery TP \$34.99

### Once Upon A Crime

Def Roger LeCarre series

**Craig, Fergus**

Exeter: a city in decline, East Devon's capital of crime. Detective Roger LeCarre: a man on a quest to rid the world of crime (starting with Devon and Cornwall and then working outwards), so he can concentrate on his watercolours. LeCarre runs 10km a day, but probably burns more calories shaking his head at what has become of his city. Now, Exeter is set to become the UK Capital

of Culture and the ambitious Lord Mayor wants to turn things around. But when a young man's (dead) body is found in the centre of town, things get murky. Detective Roger LeCarre is a character never seen before in modern fiction – a tough but troubled detective with a drink problem, and a marriage in trouble. Can he find out who killed the young man, save the city, and change his energy provider before the new more expensive tariff kicks in? Filled with drama, eroticism, and very specific Wikipedia-sourced information on Devon, *Once Upon A Crime* is a thriller that takes itself very seriously and that should not, on any account, actually be taken seriously.

Mystery parody PBK \$24.99

### Ozark Dogs

**Granor, Eli**

After his son is convicted of murder, Vietnam War veteran Jeremiah Fitzjurls takes over the care of his granddaughter, Joanna, raising her with as much warmth as can be found, in an Ozark junkyard, outfitted to be an armoury. He teaches her how to shoot and fight, but there is not enough training in the world to protect her when the dreaded Ledfords, notorious meth dealers and fanatical white supremacists, come to collect on Joanna as payment for a long-overdue blood debt. Headed by rancorous patriarch Bunn and smooth-talking, erudite Evail, the Ledfords have never forgotten what the Fitzjurls family did to them, and they will not be satisfied until they have taken an eye for an eye. As they seek revenge, and as Jeremiah desperately searches for his granddaughter, their narratives collide in this immersive story about family and how far some will go to honour, defend – or, in some cases, destroy it.

Noir PBK \$22.99

### A Killing of Innocents

Duncan Kincaid/Gemma James mysteries

**Grombie, Deborah**

On a rainy November evening, trainee doctor Sasha Johnson hurries through the evening crowd in London's historic Russell Square. Out of the darkness, someone jostles her as they brush past. A moment later, Sasha stumbles, then collapses. When Detective Superintendent Duncan Kincaid and his sergeant, Doug Cullen, are called to the scene, they discover that she's been stabbed. Kincaid immediately calls in his detective wife, Gemma James, who has recently been assigned to a task force on knife crimes which are on the rise. Along with her partner, detective sergeant Melody Talbot, Gemma aids the investigation. But Sasha Johnson doesn't fit the profile of the task force's typical knife crime victim. Single, successful, career-driven, she has no history of abusive relationships or any connection to gangs. Sasha had her secrets, though, and some of them lead the detectives uncomfortably close to home. As the team unravels the victim's tangled connections, another murder raises the stakes. Kincaid, Gemma, and their colleagues must put even friendships on the line to find the killer stalking the dark streets of Bloomsbury.

Mystery TP \$42.95

### Blow Up

Sophie Medina mysteries

**Grosby, Ellen**

International photojournalist Sophie Medina and her old school friend Father Jack O'Hara are out for a run on Capitol Hill when they find the body of Associate Supreme Court Justice Everett Townsend lying in an alley, barely alive. Townsend, a diabetic, later dies in the ER from complications due to hypoglycaemia. His tragic death has unexpected repercussions for Sophie when Javi, a young homeless man of Sophie's acquaintance, is murdered. Before he died, Javi told her a shocking story about Townsend that could have a devastating impact on the nation's highest court – and on the American justice system – if word got out. Unable to persuade anyone that what she learned is true and on the run from whoever is protecting Townsend's dark secret, Sophie searches a collection of her photographs of Washington DC's homeless community, looking for evidence before everything blows up in her face...

Mystery/suspense TP \$42.95

### The Dog Across the Lake

Paws & Claws mysteries

**Davis, Krista**

Holly Miller is looking forward to finally taking a few days to relax. Enjoying an early morning on her terrace, she spots an unfamiliar reddish-gold pooch across the lake. She's intrigued, but never expects to find the very same dog smiling at her in bed when she wakes up, the next morning! Trixie and Twinkletoes appear to accept this cute stranger, but Holly doesn't know to whom he belongs. Oma thinks the dog looks familiar, and it turns out the wayward pooch belongs to Holly's cousin Josh. Holly knew her cousin well as a child, but she hasn't seen him in over a decade. He's camping with his girlfriend across the lake. Holly returns the cute dog to Josh's campsite twice, but the second time, Josh and his girlfriend are nowhere to be found. Instead, a guest of the Sugar Maple Inn is dead in their tent. Now, it's up to Holly and Trixie to suss out a sneaky killer.

Mystery PBK \$26.95

### Dagger of Death at

**Honeychurch Hall**

Honeychurch Hall mysteries

**Dennison, Hannah**

At last, St Mary's church is going to have its own vicar! Not only that, the gorgeous Reverend Pritchard is 60, single... and in need of a wife. But when he spearheads a campaign to restore a derelict chapel – rumoured to be haunted by a German Luftwaffe pilot – in a far-flung corner of the Honeychurch estate, the Dowager Countess puts her foot down. But nobody quite understands why... Meanwhile, a fierce bidding war at an auction of military memorabilia ends in Kat's female adversary being murdered and Kat being held as the prime suspect. And then it turns out that several of the auctioned items are connected to Operation Tiger, a doomed rehearsal for the D-Day landings that took place in nearby

Slapton Sands all those years ago. And Kat begins to realise that the vicar, the Luftwaffe ghost and all the World War II weaponry may all somehow be related...

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### Burnt Offerings

**Devlin, Danielle**

How far would you go to save yourself when the truth can't set you free? *Scotland, 1589*. Besse Craw is a young mother whose husband has mysteriously vanished. And in a time when women were powerless, she is accused of witchcraft, abused by her employer, and destined to lose her daughter, her freedom, and her life. Set during the infamous North Berwick Witch Trials, that saw many persecuted, tortured and killed, Besse uncovers long-held secrets as she fights for justice and truth in a world of suspicion and lies.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### Broadway Butterfly

**Divello, Sara**

*Manhattan, 1923*. Scandalous flapper Dot King is found dead in her Midtown apartment, a bottle of chloroform beside her and a fortune in jewels missing. Dot's headline-making murder grips the city. It also draws a clutch of lovers, parasites, and justice seekers into one of the city's most mesmerising mysteries. Among them: *Daily News* crime reporter Julia Harpman, chasing the story while navigating a male-dominated industry; righteous NYPD detective John D Coughlin, struggling against city corruption; and Ella Bradford, Trixie's Harlem maid, closest confidante, and keeper of secrets. Adding fuel to the already volatile crime: a politically connected Philadelphia socialite, an Atlantic City bootlegger, Dot's dicey gigolo lover, a sultry Broadway dancer, and a cagey, sugar daddy guarding secrets of his own. From Broadway's glittering lights to its sordid underbelly to the machinations of the country's most powerful men, Julia embarks on a quest for justice. What she discovers – twist after breathtaking twist – might be even more nefarious, than murder.

Historical mystery TP \$29.99

### The Busy Body

Ghostwriter mysteries

**Donovan, Kemper**

Meet our narrator: witty, nosy, professional weaver of lies – aka ghostwriter for the rich and famous – and now, lander of the Dream Assignment (that is, a politician's tell-all memoir). Enter Dorothy Gibson: recently-topped Presidential Candidate, aka that woman, the most talked-about person in the country, right now (for the wrong reasons). Add: an invitation to the middle of nowhere, one well-heeled neighbour dying under Suspicious Circumstances, a secret investigation, and an unreasonably beautiful man. This is a story, even our ghostwriter wasn't expecting. And, for once, it's all hers. *Veep* meets Agatha Christie in this wickedly-funny murder mystery for fans of Richard Osman and Nita Prose.

Mystery TP \$32.99

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### Union Station

John Russell WWII Spy

#### Downing, David

John Russell, an English journalist, who specialises in human-interest pieces, had always been a reluctant spy. It's a dangerous life – especially when you are tasked with being a double agent for Soviet and American intelligence, in a city as fraught with hazard as Nazi-occupied Berlin. But it's been years, now, since Russell was finally able to extricate himself from his life of espionage – through a shady deal with a high-ranking Soviet official. Now, it's 1953, and Russell and his family – his long-time partner, Effi Koenen, a burgeoning star on an American sitcom, and their daughter, Rosa, a young artist on the cusp of adulthood – live a life of relative comfort in Los Angeles. Feeling somewhat adrift, Russell has just begun work on a book investigating American firms that continued doing business with Germany during Nazi occupation. Then he notices someone is tailing him around Los Angeles. Has someone not taken kindly to his research? Or could it be that the deal Russell struck, all those years ago, has left him with unfinished business? The answer may lie in Berlin, where John and Effi decide to return for the Third Annual Berlin International Film Festival. Braving the political disorder of a city that was once their home, the two are thrust into a perilous mission to protect the life – and safety – they worked so hard to build. The first in the excellent John Russell series is *Zoo Station* (TP, \$26.95).

Historical suspense HC \$62.95

### Murder at the Louvre

Museum mysteries

#### Eldridge, Jim

*Paris, 1899*. Abigail Wilson has received an invitation from Professor Alphonse Flamand, a prominent French Professor of Archaeology, to join him on a dig in Egypt. Overjoyed to be presented with such an opportunity, Abigail and her husband, Daniel, travel to Paris to meet the Professor at his office in the Louvre to discuss plans. However, when Abigail goes to the appointment, she finds Flamand dead with a knife in his chest. In a whirl of confusion and despite her pleas of innocence, Abigail is arrested. Determined to prove that she has been framed for Flamand's brutal murder, Daniel and Abigail, the Museum Detectives, will delve far into the shadowy corners of the City of Light for the truth.

Historical mystery HC \$39.99

### Murder on the Home Front

WPC Billie Harkness mysteries

#### Ellicott, Jessica

*1940*. It's been a month since rector's daughter, Billie Harkness, left her rural village to make a fresh start, in the northern city of Hull. Now, she has a new home and an exciting new job as one of only two female police constables in the whole city. But Hull still feels like a foreign country, and some people are less than impressed by the idea of a woman doing a 'man's job'. Facing disrespect from her colleagues and suspicion from the public, Billie throws herself into her work. The tasks she's assigned might be menial, but she's determined to do her bit for the war effort. The chance to prove her worth comes

during a search for a missing air raid shelter inspector, when Billie makes a shocking discovery: his dead body, in a shelter that's been stripped of all its valuables. The officers summoned to investigate the scene believe it's an open and shut case, but Billie's not so sure. Asking questions means making enemies, though – and little does she know that vile rumours about her are spreading... with the power to erase everything, she's tried so hard to achieve...

Historical mystery TP \$42.95

### Fatal Proof

Benson & De Vere mysteries

#### Fairfax, John

*The Hither Green murder...* William Benson knows what it's like to be accused of something you didn't do – the fear, the vulnerability and the nightmare of watching your life unravel. Now, he speaks on behalf of those who have no voice, defending anyone who claims to be innocent. This time, it's Karmen Naylor, estranged daughter of a south London crime boss, fighting a murder charge and desperate to be believed. But Benson becomes trapped into a grudge match between two rival clans, endangering himself and those he loves. Tess de Vere is by Benson's side, but she's keeping something from him. A stranger on the trail of a secret death squad operating in Northern Ireland during the Troubles brings a terrible secret into the heart of her own life. And he won't go away. Can Tess and Will find their way through all the secrets and the lies? Should justice always be served – and, if so, at what cost? Our regulars love these suspenseful legal mysteries. Recommended.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$24.99

### Multo

Domingo the Bounty Hunter series

#### Fazzi, Cindy

His latest job is to catch the one that got away... three times. Filipino-American bounty hunter Domingo has made a career of catching criminal undocumented immigrants. He's the best in the business – and it isn't lost on him that he's so good because of his similarities to his targets. Despite Domingo's claims that he is unsympathetic to their plight... he spends his spare moments on stakeouts and, in between jobs, writing a book of advice for aspiring immigrants. Brash, funny, and candid, he compiles the names of all the people he's apprehended, documenting the hazards of his profession, and imparting advice to foreigners who dare to dream of life in America. Domingo's latest job is finding biracial Filipino woman Monica Reed – for the third time. Monica is the only fugitive who has ever escaped him, and the only one he's ever released, against orders. As he embarks on a third and final hunt for her, Domingo uncovers a dangerous truth that Monica was determined to publicise – even though it put her life in danger. And, as he chases her around the country, despite his agreement to arrest people like Monica, Domingo finds himself taking her side. Flushing out immigrants whose biggest crime was clinging to the American Dream pales in comparison to getting justice for a woman who he discovers was living in the shadows, but was only ever searching for the truth. The first in a series.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### Payment Deferred

Penguin Green Crime Classics

#### Forester, G S

A twisting psychological thriller of a family caught in a murderous trap of their own making. Mr Marble is in serious debt, desperate for money to pay his family's bills, until the combination of a wealthy relative, a bottle of cyanide and a shovel offer him the perfect solution. Slowly, the Marble family becomes poisoned by guilt, and caught in a trap of secrets, fear and blackmail. Then Mrs Marble ensures that retribution comes, in the most unexpected of ways... Discover the new Penguin Crime and Espionage Classics series.

Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Lover of No Fixed Abode

**Fruttero, Carlo & Lucentini, Franco**  
A passionate affair set in Venice between a Roman princess searching for undervalued paintings and a mysterious tour guide. Art shenanigans become unavoidable, but the guide's true identity is the mystery that drives the story. Their passion will last three days, long enough to be exposed to unscrupulous art dealers and scammers, passing off worthless paintings as part of a famous collection. She goes to cosmopolitan parties given by Venetian social and art *glitterati*. Mr Silvera, a guide whose erudition and distinction sharply contrast with his beat-up suitcase and stain-spotted raincoat, drags his shabby tourists from monument to monument. Around them are the canals and lagoons of Venice – a city which becomes a character, in the novel, in its own right.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### Game Without Rules

Penguin Green Crime Classics

#### Gilbert, Michael

Two secret agents living in the English countryside try – and fail – to live a quiet life, in these hugely enjoyable crime stories. Behrens and Calder are two secret agents living in the English countryside, desperately seeking a quiet life. But despite their best efforts, they find themselves repeatedly obliged to wipe out a host of brutal and ingenious traitors, Soviet spies and old Nazis. Discover the new Penguin Crime and Espionage Classics series.

Classic suspense PBK \$22.99

### The List of Suspicious Things

#### Godfrey, Jennie

*Yorkshire, 1979*. Maggie Thatcher is prime minister, drainpipe jeans are in, and Miv is convinced that her dad wants to move their family *Down South*. Because of the murders. Leaving Yorkshire, and her best friend Sharon, simply isn't an option, no matter the dangers lurking round their way; or the strangeness at home that started the day Miv's mum stopped talking. Perhaps, if she could solve the case of the disappearing women, they could stay, after all? So, Miv and Sharon decide to make a list: a list of all the suspicious people and things, down their street. People they know. People they don't. But their search for the truth reveals more secrets in their neighbourhood, within their families – and between each other – than they ever thought possible. What if the *real*

mystery, Miv needs to solve, is the one that lies much closer to home?

Mystery TP \$34.99

### Questions for a Dead Man

DSI William Lorimer mysteries

#### Gray, Alex

When a prominent MSP goes missing, DSI William Lorimer wastes no time in investigating. Robert Truesdale was fronting the controversial campaign to legalise drugs in Scotland, and his enemies were numerous. With every passing day, the chances of finding him alive grow slimmer. Then the worst happens. A car bomb explodes in a nearby village, and the blackened body pulled from the wreckage appears to be Truesdale's. Yet, there are details that don't add up and soon Lorimer is questioning whether the victim was all he claimed to be. Lorimer calls on the assistance of his friend, PC Daniel Kohi, who has infiltrated a local gang as part of a police initiative to crack down on drug-related crime in Glasgow. As their investigation draws them into the dark heart of Glasgow's criminal underworld, Lorimer and Kohi discover that danger is everywhere, and nobody is as they seem.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$24.99

### Norfolk

#### Griffiths, Elly

A stunning companion to Elly Griffiths' beloved crime series – the Dr Ruth Galloway mysteries – and a photographic journey through magical Norfolk. Norfolk, a land of peaceful broads, marshy fens, sprawling coastline and shady brecks, is the home of Dr Ruth Galloway, forensic archaeologist. A place steeped in folklore and history, visibly shaped by the lives of those who have come before, it has become an integral character in Elly Griffiths' bestselling crime series. In this book, Elly takes us through a year in the Norfolk landscape, featuring the fascinating locations that have inspired her series and her writing. From seascapes to farmlands, wetlands to woodlands, churches to cottages, this beautiful book captures Norfolk in all its glorious variety, and is the perfect gift for any Elly Griffiths fan.

Mystery companion HC \$75.00

### The Last Word

Harbinder Kaur mysteries

#### Griffiths, Elly

Natalka from Ukraine has quit her job as a carer and joined up with retiree, Edwin, to run a detective agency on England's south coast. Despite a steady stream of minor cases, Natalka is frustrated, longing for a big juicy investigation such as murder to come the agency's way. She is now living with dreamer, Benedict, who continues to run his coffee shack. Life gets complicated when her Ukrainian mother, Viktoria, joins them from her war-torn country – three's a crowd. Viktoria invades the tiny flat, cooking borscht and cleaning things that are already clean. To add to Natalka's irritation, Benedict and Viktoria get on brilliantly. Edwin is a big reader of obituaries, so when a local obit writer, Dan Haynes, dies, Edwin decides to look further, only to discover a series of unexpected deaths. Are the clues in the obits themselves? Edwin decides to write an obit to see what clues it throws up. Then he disappears. The chase to find him takes

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the team to London and back to the south coast, where the solution lies remarkably close to home. A cosy, twisty mystery that reintroduces the glorious characters we met in the bestselling *The Postscript Murders* (PBK, \$22.99) – shortlisted for the Gold Dagger.

Mystery TP \$34.99

### The Red Widow

The scandal that shook Paris and the woman behind it all

#### Horowitz, Sarah

Sex, corruption, and power: the rise and fall of the Red Widow of Paris... *Paris, 1889*: Marguerite Steinheil is a woman with ambition. But having been born into a middle-class family and trapped in a marriage to a failed artist, 20 years her senior, she knows her options are limited. Determined to fashion herself, into a new woman; Meg orchestrates a scandalous plan with her most powerful resource: her body. Amid the dazzling glamor, art, and romance of bourgeois Paris, she takes elite men as her lovers, charming her way into the good graces of the rich and powerful. Her ambitions, though, go far beyond becoming the most desirable woman in Paris; at her core, she is a woman determined to conquer French high society. But the game she plays is a perilous one: navigating misogynistic double standards, public scrutiny, and political intrigue, she is soon vaulted into infamy in the most dangerous way possible. A real-life *femme fatale*, Meg influences government positions and resorts to blackmail – and maybe even poisoning – to get her way. Leaving a trail of death and disaster in her wake, she earns the name the ‘Red Widow’ for mysteriously surviving a home invasion that leaves both her husband and mother dead. With the police baffled and the public enraged, Meg breaks every rule in the *bourgeois* handbook and becomes the most notorious woman in Paris. An unforgettable true account of sex, scandal, and murder, *The Red Widow* is the story of a woman determined to rise – at any cost.

True crime/History TP \$32.99

### Hidden in the Pines

Lew Ferris mysteries

#### Houston, Victoria

It's Lew Ferris' first day as the newly-elected Sheriff of McBride County, and already things are heating up in the Wisconsin Northwoods. The tragic drowning of a teenage girl draws an eerie parallel to the unsolved murder of another teen, 30 years earlier, but one of Lew's new subordinates – Alan Stern, Chief of the Deer Haven Police Department – has ruled it an accidental death by drowning. Neither Lew nor the girl's family accept the ruling, but Lew is up against a wall of sexism and subterfuge. Not only, is Stern belligerent and dismissive of Lew, but he takes the word of the local coroner, Ed Pecore – who, Lew believes, is completely unqualified for the job. Adding to Lew's headaches, an unwelcome interference in the case by a multimillionaire resident reopens a cold case that stretches back decades – and could lead to an anguished relative taking justice into his

own hands to avenge a crime the cops never solved. And when Lew's dear friend, Dr Paul ‘Doc’ Osborne, finds himself witness to a sophisticated money laundering scheme that could threaten the lives of his daughter and her close friend, Lew finally feels like she's reached the breaking point. The fish may be biting in McBride County – but now, Lew is on the line to uncover the long-buried secret that could ensnare a killer, once and for all.

Mystery/suspense TP \$49.99

### The Thirty-One Doors

#### Hulme, Kate

ScarpSide House is famed for its beauty, its isolation, and its legendary parties. Tonight, it hosts the Penny Club soiree. An annual gathering of lucky men and women from all walks of life, coming together to celebrate their survival against the odds. But, this year, their luck is running thin. Accidents do happen, after all... And some are long overdue...

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### A Quiet Contagion

#### Jesmond, Jane

Six decades. Seven people. One unspeakable secret.

*1957*. A catastrophe occurs at the pharmaceutical lab in Coventry, where 16-year-old Wilf is working for the summer. A catastrophe that needs to be covered up, at all costs.

*2017*. Phiney is shocked by the death of her grandfather, Wilf, who has jumped from a railway bridge at a Coventry station. Journalist Mat Torrington is the only witness. Left with a swarm of unanswered questions, Phiney, Mat, and Wilf's wife, Dora, begin their own enquiries into Wilf's death. It is, soon, clear that these two events, 60 years apart, are connected – and that Wilf is not the only casualty. But what is the link? And can they find out before any more lives are lost?

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### Gaslight

Philip Taiwo series

#### Kayode, Femi

Bishop Jeremiah Dawodu, pastor of a Nigerian megachurch, has been arrested and charged with the murder of his wife, Folasade, the ‘First Lady’ of the church. The arrest was public, humiliating, and sensational – sending shockwaves through Lagos – but, throughout it all, Bishop Dawodu maintains his innocence. Philip Taiwo, an acclaimed investigative psychologist, is asked by his sister, a member of the church's congregation, to clear the pastor's name. With no actual body, it looks to be a simple case and despite Philip's dislike of organised religion, he agrees to take it on as a favour to his sister. Then the First Lady's body is found in a nearby lake, just as Philip's beloved family come under attack from someone warning him off the case, and he realises that nothing to do with this investigation will be straightforward. Was it murder or suicide? Is someone framing the Bishop, or the First Lady? The sensational follow up to Femi Kayode's acclaimed debut, *Lightseekers* (PBK, \$19.99).

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### The Ghost Orchid

Alex Delaware series

#### Kellerman, Jonathan

Some secrets are worth killing for. In an upscale Bel Air property, two lovers are found dead in a swimming pool. The man is the playboy heir to a business empire, and the woman is his even wealthier married neighbour. An illicit affair is the perfect motive. But the house is untouched – no forced entry, no forensic evidence – and, so, LAPD homicide lieutenant Milo Sturgis and asks psychologist Alex Delaware to help unpick the case. It quickly becomes clear that both victims had troubled pasts. Now, Alex and Milo must confront LA's darkest side, as they unravel a trail of deadly secrets...

Thriller TP \$34.99

### The Lantern's Dance

Mary Russell mysteries

#### King, Laurie R

After their recent adventures in Transylvania, Russell and Holmes look forward to spending time with Holmes' son, the famous artist Damian Adler, and his family. But when they arrive at Damian's house, they discover that the Adlers have fled, from a mysterious threat. Holmes rushes after Damian; while Russell, slowed down by a recent injury, stays behind to search the empty house. In Damian's studio, she discovers four crates packed with memorabilia related to Holmes' granduncle, the artist Horace Vernet. It's an odd mix of treasures and clutter, including a tarnished silver lamp with a rotating shade: an antique yet sophisticated form of zoetrope, fitted with strips of paper whose images dance with the lantern's spin. In the same crate is an old journal, written in a nearly impenetrable code. Intrigued, Russell sets about deciphering the intricate cryptograph, slowly realising that each entry is built around an image – the first of which is a child, bundled into a carriage by an abductor, watching her mother recede from view. Russell is troubled, then entranced, but each entry she decodes brings more questions. Who is the young Indian woman, who created this elaborate puzzle? What does she have to do with Damian, or the Vernets – or the threat hovering over the house? The secrets of the past appear to be reaching into the present. And it seems increasingly urgent that Russell figure out how the journal and lantern are related to Damian – and, possibly, to Sherlock Holmes himself. Could there be things about his own history that even the master detective does not perceive? *This is the US hardcover edition of The Lantern's Dance. We expect the UK hardcover edition in April, priced at \$39.99.*

Sherlockiana HC \$65.00

### Sherlock Holmes and Mr Hyde

Classified Dossier 02

#### Klaver, Christian

A deftly-crafted, scintillating mash-up of Victorian mystery and horror – Sherlock Holmes and Mr Hyde encounter villains with unfathomable, terrifying abilities... *1903*. A darkness has descended on London. A series of grisly murders are uncovered, trophies taken, bodies arranged and soon there are whispers of Jack the Ripper's return. A new client arrives, at Baker Street, seeking

Sherlock Holmes' help: Dr Jekyll claims his friend has been wrongfully accused of the hideous crimes, a friend called Mr Edward Hyde, whose very existence relies on a potion administered by the doctor, himself. But the case becomes more complicated, more unsettling than simply proving Mr Hyde's innocence – for Holmes and Watson unearth beastly transformations, a killer who moves unseen, a secret organisation and then find a traitor in their midst... This second Classified Dossier follows *Sherlock Holmes and Count Dracula* (PBK, \$19.99).

Sherlockiana PBK \$19.99

### Deep Dark Blue

#### Kobler, Seraina

*Water washes away everything, even the bodies.* Lake Zurich is Rosa Zambrano's beat. Once a detective with the CID, she's traded in serious crimes for the serenity of the water, patrolling it daily as the first female officer in Zurich's maritime police force. But when the body of Dr Jansen – a renowned fertility doctor and successful biotech entrepreneur – is dredged up in a fisherman's nets, Rosa must call on her old training to solve his murder. This case hits close to home, for Rosa – she's a patient of Jansen's, and had her eggs frozen at his clinic, only days before he was killed. Her investigation leads her from opulent villas on Lake Zurich's shores to genetic research labs and a thriving escort service on the outskirts of the city – and to four women, each of whom in their own way have rejected the hand they have been dealt by biology or fate. An atmospheric, contemporary police procedural set on Lake Zurich, introducing detective Rosa Zambrano.

Mystery HC \$32.99

### Murder at Bletchley Park

Blind Detective mysteries

#### Koning, Christina

*Spring, 1941.* The Second World War has entered a dangerous phase, with British ships being torpedoed in the Atlantic and nightly bombing raids on major ports. At Bletchley Park, top secret home of the nation's code-breakers, the race is on to crack the German Enigma code and thus prevent further naval and military losses. This endeavour is suddenly very close to home for Frederick Rowlands, blind veteran of the Great War, when his daughter, Margaret, who works at ‘the Park’ as a cryptographer, is arrested on suspicion of betraying secrets to the enemy. Then a young woman is found murdered, and Rowlands is drawn into a deadly battle of wits where he must decode a series of clues that will lead him to the killer and enable him to discover the real traitor at Bletchley Park.

Historical mystery HC \$39.99

### The Kielbasa Killer

Kielbasa Queen mysteries

#### Krotow, Geri

Lydia Wieniewski can't wait to open her dream Polish-American café and bakery in Cheektowaga. But while her father recovers from a stroke, Lydia helps manage the family business, Wieniewski's Wieners & Meats, over the busy Easter holiday. She's soon preparing a huge amount of their famous kielbasa – and dealing with her father's rogue meat supplier, Louie McDaniel. When Lydia finds Louie dead next to the kielbasa in the family's private smoker, her great-great-

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grandpa's antique sausage pricker sticking out of his neck, her problems are about to get much worse – especially, as she seems to be the police's prime suspect! Who would commit such a terrible act? Lydia quickly enlists the help of her irrepressible grandma, Mary, to find out. Can the sleuthing duo catch the killer and prove Lydia's innocence, before more grisly deaths occur?

Mystery TP \$42.95

### 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 PBK \$22.99

### Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy

Penguin Green Crime Classics

#### le Carré, John

George Smiley faces his greatest challenge yet, unmasking a Soviet double agent at the heart of the British establishment. George Smiley, who is a troubled man of infinite compassion, is also a single-mindedly ruthless adversary as a spy. The scene which he enters is a Cold War landscape of moles and lamplighters, scalp hunters and pavement artists, where men are turned, burned or bought for stock. Smiley's mission is to catch a Moscow Centre mole burrowed 30 years deep into the Circus, itself. Discover the new Penguin Crime and Espionage Classics series.

Classic suspense PBK \$22.99

### The Apple in the Dark

Penguin Modern Classics

#### Lispector, Clarice

*'The best one', as Clarice herself described it – her great mystical masterpiece.*

In the mistaken belief that he has killed his wife, Martim flees the city and arrives, in a state of both fear and wonder, at a remote ranch. There, he will have to remake himself, emerging, from the beast-like state in which his crime has plunged him, to the fullness of a reinvented humanity. Along the way, he will mark the lives of the two women who run the ranch, brambly, authoritarian Vitória and her weepy cousin Ermelinda. But the real drama is interior – Clarice Lispector's most wrenching, and most intoxicating, exploration of how a man becomes a human – and of how language can transform a life into a destiny. A highly-sculpted, metaphysical book whose mysteries and allegories glow with a scintillating light. *Apple in the Dark* is a masterpiece by 'one of the hidden geniuses of the 20th century' (Colm Tóibín).

Classic mystery PBK \$24.99

### Sleeping Dog

Penguin Green Crime Classics

#### Lochte, Dick

A darkly-comic thriller following a cynical LA gumshoe, who makes the catastrophic mistake of helping a 14-year-old find her dog... Serendipity Dahlquist is a headstrong rollerblading teenager, living in LA, who has lost her dog. She asks private investigator Leo Bloodworth to help her find the missing pet. In what proves to have been a moment of madness, Bloodworth agrees to take on the case, unleashing an appalling – but also extremely entertaining – series of extremely homicidal events. *Sleeping Dog* remains, almost 40 years after its publication, one of the most wonderful crime debuts: by turns, charming, hilarious, and pathological. Lochte's novel is a great celebration of everything that is most deplorable and hair raising about California in the 1980s. Discover the new Penguin Crime and Espionage Classics series.

Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

### Sherlock Holmes and the Highgate Horrors

Cthulhu Casebooks

#### Lovegrove, James

It's 1929 and an ageing Dr John Watson, conscious of his imminent demise, finally sits down to write a fresh chronicle disclosing the true events behind his published accounts of Sherlock Holmes' exploits. In these pages, Sherlock Holmes, and his stalwart companion, encounter reanimated corpses in Highgate Cemetery; a very different, though ever elusive, Irene Adler; tales of madness and murder in the frozen wastes of the north; grotesque organic machines; and much more. Each case brings the illustrious pair ever closer to the dramatic and terrifying truth about the mysterious aliens, the Mi-Go, and their plans for Earth...

Sherlockiana HC \$37.99

### Moscow X

#### McCloskey, David

A daring CIA operation threatens chaos in the Kremlin. Its execution is foiled by a Russian woman with secret loyalties. CIA operatives Sia and Max enter Russia to recruit Vladimir Putin's moneyman. Sia works for a London firm that conceals the wealth of the super-rich. Max's family business in Mexico – a CIA front, since the 1960s – is a farm that breeds high-end racehorses. They pose as a couple, and their targets are Vadim, Putin's private banker, and his wife Anna, who is both a banker and an intelligence officer. As they descend further into a Russian world dripping with luxury and rife with gangland violence, Sia and Max's hope may be Anna, who is playing a game of her own. Careening between the horse ranch and the dark opulence of Saint Petersburg, *Moscow X* is both a gripping and a daring work of political commentary on the conflict between Washington and Moscow. Our suspense-loving customers were full of praise for McCloskey's debut novel, *Damascus Station* (PBK, \$24.99) – recommended!

Suspense TP \$32.99

### 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...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$24.99

### These Still Black Waters

Jess Lambert series

#### McDonald, Christina

After a violent home invasion, Neve Maguire returns with her daughter to Black Lake, her childhood summer home, hoping for a fresh start. But when the body of a woman is found floating among the reeds in the lake behind her house, she fears she has made a horrible mistake. Neve is hiding secrets, though. Detective Jess Lambert can tell. Recently back after her own personal tragedy, Jess knows what it's like to live with skeletons in your closet; and she's sure Neve has a few of her own. When another woman's body is found, Jess and Neve are forced to confront a horrible truth. Because one thing is clear: the darkness of the past is waiting. And the secrets of Black Lake are only just beginning to surface.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### Tippling Point

Detective Kate Miles mysteries

#### McKenzie, Dinuka

Weeks from Christmas, in the sweltering heat of summer, Detective Kate Miles' estranged brother, Luke Grayling, returns home to Esserton to farewell a childhood friend – Ant Reed, dead by suicide. Within days of the funeral, another young man, Marcus Rowntree, is found shot dead in the back paddock of his property. Almost 20 years ago, Luke, Ant and Marcus were best mates in high school and now two of the three friends are dead. A tragic coincidence? Or is there something more sinister connecting the three men? When Luke is identified as a person of interest in Marcus' death, Kate once again finds herself in the middle of a media storm, sidelined from the case and battling accusations of conflict of interest. As press attention deepens, and uncomfortable truths about Luke's personal life and past events come to light, Kate is forced to contend between loyalty to the police force, and the bonds of friendship and blood. The next in the Detective Kate Miles series by one of our faves, the award-winning Dinuka McKenzie. Recommended! Kate's first investigation is *The Torrent* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Darkness Runs Deep

McNeel, Claire

In the darkest hour, a blood-soaked teenager flees the rural Gerandaroo football oval. Eight months later, Bess, a young teacher, returns home to Gerandaroo. A childhood game of dare with her former best friend forces Bess to form a women's footy team to play against Denby, a rival town. Bess reluctantly recruits players, but the team has to contend with hostile locals – including Bess' own father. Will this help the small community to come back together – or will it be the final thing that blows everything apart? As tensions in the town boil over, so too do resentments and secrets and violence that have been previously held tight and close. Fiercely told and breathlessly compelling, *Darkness Runs Deep* is a striking new Australian crime novel about the best and worst of who we are.

Mystery/suspense TP \$34.99

### Rivers of Treason

Daniel Pursglove mysteries

#### Maitland, K J

*London, 1607.* As dawn breaks, Daniel Pursglove rides north, away from the watchful eye of the King and his spies. He returns, disguised, to his childhood home in Yorkshire – with his own score to settle. The locals have little reason to trust a prying stranger, and those who remember Daniel do so, with contempt. When a body is found with rope burns about the neck, Daniel falls under suspicion. On the run, across the country, he is pursued by a ruthless killer whose victims all share the same gallows mark. Are these the crimes of someone with a cruel personal vendetta – or has Daniel become embroiled in a bigger, and far more sinister, conspiracy? A new river of treason is rising, flowing from the fields of Yorkshire right to the heart of the King's court...

Historical mystery PBK \$24.99

### Needless Alley

William Garrett mysteries

#### Marlow, Natalie

*Birmingham, 1933.* Private enquiry agent William Garrett facilitates divorces for the city's male elite. With the help of his best friend – charming, out-of-work actor Ronnie Edgerton – William sets up honey traps. But photographing unsuspecting women in flagrante plagues his conscience and William heaves up his guts with remorse after every job. William's life changes, when he meets the beautiful Clara Morton and falls in love. Little does he know, she is the wife of a client – a leading fascist, with a dangerous obsession. Soon, what should have been another straightforward job turns into something far more deadly. The first in a PI series, set in 1930s Birmingham.

Historical noir PBK \$24.99

### The Stranger in Her House

Marrs, John

Paul's just here to help, or so he claims – sent by a charity for vulnerable people to do odd jobs for elderly widow Gwen. But for Gwen's daughter, Connie, there's just something about Paul that rings alarm bells from

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day one. He's a little *too* kind, a little *too* involved... Worse still, Gwen seems to have fallen under his spell. The last thing Connie wants is a stranger meddling in the safe routine she's built around Gwen. She loves being the one Gwen turns to for cooking, cleaning, and company. But the more Paul visits, the more Gwen is relying on him. By the time he conveniently finds himself between homes, and has no choice but to move in, Connie is certain he's trying to push her out completely. It's her word against his, though, and as her attempts to unmask him become ever more desperate she's not the only one left wondering if she's lost her grip on reality. But when events start spiralling rapidly out of her control, should Connie wage all-out war on Paul and risk losing Gwen forever – or has that been his plan, all along?

Thriller TP \$37.95

### Death at the Terminus

Inspector Colbeck mysteries

#### Marston, Edward

1865. A passenger train stands ready to depart amid the bustle at York station. The flurry of passengers and porters, the swooping pigeons and barking dogs are thrown into a state of turmoil when an explosion rips through the brake van of the train, killing guard Jack Follis. In response to a summons from the North Eastern Railway, Inspector Robert Colbeck and Sergeant Leeming are sent to investigate. Was it an accident, deliberate vandalism or targeted murder? The longer the investigation goes on, the more complex it becomes. With a dizzying array of suspects and motives, will the combined skills of the detectives be enough to identify and catch the culprit?

Historical mystery PBK \$24.99

### Death and the Conjuror

Joseph Spector Locked-Room mysteries

#### Mead, Tom

1936, London. A celebrity psychiatrist is discovered dead in his locked study. There seems to be no way a killer could have escaped unseen. There are no clues, no witnesses, and no evidence of the murder weapon. Stumped by the confounding scene, Inspector Flint, the Scotland Yard detective on the case, calls on retired stage magician, turned part-time sleuth, Joseph Spector. Spector has a knack for explaining the inexplicable, but even he finds that there is more to this mystery than meets the eye. As he and the Inspector interview the colourful cast of suspects, they uncover no shortage of dark secrets... or motives for murder. And when a second murder occurs, this time in an impenetrable elevator, they realise the crime wave will become even more deadly unless they can catch the culprit soon. An enthralling locked-room murder mystery – inspired by crime fiction of the Golden Age – this is the critically-acclaimed debut novel by Tom Mead. Selected as one of *Publishers Weekly's* Mysteries of the Year. The first in a series.

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Murder Wheel

Joseph Spector Locked-Room mysteries

#### Mead, Tom

When Edmund Ibbs, a young lawyer, defends a woman accused of shooting her husband dead, he finds himself drawn into a web of conspiracy and murder. Soon, Ibbs himself is accused of complicity in a killing, when a corpse unexpectedly appears as part of a magic act in a crowded theatre. Also present is Joseph Spector, former illusionist turned highly-respected, amateur sleuth. Spector comes to investigate the mystery, but when a second body is discovered later the same night, all the evidence points to Ibbs being guilty. With a host of hangers on having something to hide, can Spector find the true culprit, or will he and Inspector Flint of Scotland Yard conclude that Ibbs is guilty, after all? The sequel to the wonderful *Death and the Conjuror* (PBK, \$22.99).

Historical mystery HC \$39.99

### Winterland

#### Meadows, Rae

*Soviet Union, 1973*: There is, perhaps, no greater honour for a young girl than to be chosen for the famed USSR gymnastics program. When eight-year-old Anya is selected, her family is thrilled. What is left of her family, that is. Years ago, her mother disappeared without a trace, leaving Anya's father devastated and their lives dark and quiet in the bitter cold of Siberia. Anya's only confidant is her neighbour, an older woman who survived unspeakable horrors during her 10 years imprisoned in a Gulag camp – and who, unbeknownst to Anya, was also her mother's confidant and might hold the key to her disappearance. As Anya rises through the ranks of competitive gymnastics, and as other girls fall from grace, she soon comes to realise that there is very little margin of error for anyone and so much to lose.

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### Ghosts from the Library

Lost Tales of Terror and the Supernatural

#### Medawar, Tony

A brand-new anthology of previously unpublished and uncollected supernatural mysteries by some of the masters of the Golden Age – thrills, spills, and chills, perfect for Halloween. It is said that books are written to bring sunshine into our dull, grey lives – to show us places we want to escape to, lives we want to live, people we want to love. But there are also stories that can only be found in the deepest, darkest corners of the library. Stories about the unexplained, of lost souls, of things that go bump before the silence. Before the screaming. And some stories just disappear. Stories printed in old newspapers, broadcast live on the wireless, sometimes not even published at all – these are the stories you cannot find on even the dustiest of library shelves. *Ghosts from the Library* resurrects forgotten tales of the supernatural by some of the most acclaimed mystery authors of all time. From Arthur Conan Doyle and John Dickson Carr to Agatha Christie and Daphne du Maurier, this spine-chilling anthology brings together 13 uncollected tales of terror, plus some additional surprises.

Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

### Spoon to Be Dead

Shake Shop mysteries

#### Mentink, Dana

Trinidad Jones is starting the festive season with sugary confections and a heaping scoop of worry as her shake shop enters its first Oregon winter. With snow abound and tourists trickling through, she'll do anything to keep her milkshake dreams afloat, even if it means catering a holiday steamboat party for some new arrivals in town. But when her good-for-nothing ex crashes through her shop's door, claiming he's being charged with murder, things go sideways. With clues piling up like whipped cream on a sundae and motives abound, Trinidad and her fellow ex-wives must solve this murder before she's finally thrown for a scoop.

Mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Fury

#### Michaelides, Alex

This is a tale of murder. Or, maybe, that's not quite true. At its heart, it's a love story, isn't it? One spring morning, reclusive ex-movie star Lana Farrar invites a small group of her closest friends for a weekend away, on her small private island, just off the coast of Mykonos. Beneath the surface, old friendships conceal violent passions and resentments. And, in 48 hours, one of them will be dead. But that was just the beginning... You may think you know this story. Think again.

Mystery/suspense TP \$34.99

### The Blind Spots

#### Mullen, Thomas

In a world where a global event has blinded every person on the planet, one detective seeks a murderer who should not, cannot, exist. Seven years ago, everyone in the world went blind in a matter of months. Technology helped people adjust to the new normal, creating a device that approximates vision, downloading visual data directly to people's brains. But what happens when someone finds a way to manipulate it and change what people see? Homicide detective Mark Owens has been on the force since before The Blinding. When a scientist is murdered, and the only witness insists the killer was blinded out of her vision, Owens doesn't believe her – until a similar murder happens in front of him. With suspects ranging from tech billionaires to anti-modernity cultists, Owens must conduct an investigation in which he can't even trust his own eyes...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### Killing Moon

Harry Hole series

#### Nesbo, Jo

Two young women are missing – their only connection, a party they both attended, hosted by a notorious real-estate magnate. When one of the women is found murdered, the police discover an unusual signature left by the killer, giving them reason to suspect he will strike again. And exposing him calls for a detective like no other. But the legendary Harry Hole is gone – fired from the force, drinking himself to oblivion in Los Angeles. It seems that nothing can entice him back to

Oslo. Until the woman who saved Harry's life is put in grave danger, and he has no choice but to return to the city that haunts him and track down the murderer. He'll need to bring together a misfit team of former operatives to accomplish what he can't do alone: stop an unstoppable killer. But as the evidence mounts, it becomes clear that there is more to this case than meets the eye...

Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### The Eleventh Floor

#### Orr, Kylie

*Will one mother's lie cost another woman her life?* Sleep deprived, struggling and at breaking point, first-time mum Gracie Michaels books one night – alone – at the Maxwell Hotel. A king-size bed, all to herself. No demands. With time to recharge she'll be able to return to her family, more like the unflappable mother she pretends to be. Instead, she wakes in a room, she doesn't recognise, after an encounter with a man, who is not her husband. Then she sees something she wishes she hadn't. Being drawn into a crime was not something Gracie had planned for her hotel stay, but when a distraught family appeals for information and a police investigation heats up – she is trapped, in a maze of lies. To speak out jeopardises her marriage, but her silence threatens her son, her sanity, and her safety. Will Gracie destroy her own family by telling the truth or devastate someone else's by keeping her secrets?

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Devil's Chew Toy

Hayden & Friends mysteries

#### Osler, Rob

Seattle teacher and part-time blogger Hayden McCall wakes sporting one hell of a shiner, with the police knocking at his door. It seems that his new crush, dancer Camilo Rodriguez, has gone missing and they suspect foul play. What happened the night before? And where is Camilo? Determined to find answers, pint-sized, good-hearted Hayden seeks out two of Camilo's friends – Hollister and Burley – both lesbians and both fiercely devoted to their friend. From them, Hayden learns that Camilo is a 'Dreamer' whose parents had been deported years earlier, and whose sister, Daniela, is presumed to have returned to Venezuela with them. Convinced that the cops won't take a brown boy's disappearance seriously, the girls join Hayden's hunt for Camilo. The first clues turn up at Barkingham Palace, a pet store where Camilo had taken a part-time job. The store's owner, Della Rupert, claims ignorance, but Hayden knows something is up. And then there's Camilo's ex-boyfriend, Ryan, who's suddenly grown inexplicably wealthy. When Hayden and Hollister follow Ryan to a secure airport warehouse, they make a shocking connection between him and Della – and uncover the twisted scheme that's made both of them rich. The trail of clues leads them to the grounds of a magnificent estate on an island in Puget Sound, where they'll finally learn the truth about Camilo's disappearance – and the fate of his family. The first in a series.

Mystery TP \$49.99

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### Dead Before the End of the Road

Kara Heikkinen mysteries

#### Oslund, Christy

Kara finds the murdered man, while inspecting a farm for potential cattle-poaching evidence. She is immediately determined to solve the crime; because as, both, a sheriff's sergeant and an autistic woman, she requires a level of order in her world. Allowing the villagers in her Finnish-American town to kill each other and dump the bodies in cow ponds isn't orderly. Unfortunately, the job of solving the crime technically belongs to the State Detective. Not that any of the locals will communicate with him – they barely speak to each other. But she can use her connections to do what the detective cannot – talk to locals like the dead man's mother, a suspect's neighbour, and her own well-informed cousin who happened to employ the dead man. She learns of a well-hidden affair, a missing engagement ring, the victim's anger over drugs given to his cousin, and envy among 'friends' over the victim's girlfriend. Can Kara solve the murder and put her world back in order, before the murderer flees the small town on the shores of Lake Superior and is lost forever?

Mystery/suspense TP \$29.99

### For Our Sins

Inspector McLean mysteries

#### Oswald, James

The partial collapse of a disused Edinburgh church reveals a dead body in the rubble, his head badly smashed by falling masonry. Soon, identified as an old ex-con – Kenny Morgan – his death is put down to a heart attack and deemed non-suspicious. Tony McLean is approached by a notorious crime lord who suggests the police should be looking into Morgan's death more closely. Despite struggling with his recent retirement, he is reluctant to involve himself. But when a second man is found dead in another disused church, his forehead branded with a cross, this time it is clearly murder. There's a killer stalking the streets of Edinburgh. Is it time for McLean to get back to doing what he does best?

Mystery TP \$34.99

### The Raven Thief

Secret Staircase mysteries

#### Pandian, Gigi

Secret Staircase Construction just finished their first project, with Tempest Raj officially a part of the team – a classic mystery novel-themed home interior. Their client is, now, ready to celebrate her new life without her cheating ex-husband, famous mystery author Corbin Colt. First up, a party, and Tempest and Grandpa Ash are invited to the exclusive mock séance to remove any trace of Corbin from the property – for good. It's all light-hearted fun, until Corbin's dead body crashes the party. The only possible suspects are the eight people around the séance table – a circle of clasped hands that wasn't broken. Suspicion quickly falls on Grandpa Ash, the only one with actual blood on him. To prove her beloved grandfather's innocence, Tempest must figure out what really happened – and how – or Ash will be cooking his delectable Indian and Scottish creations, nevermore.

Mystery TP \$42.95

### Owning Up

collection

#### Pelecanos, George

Four blistering novellas, drawn together by themes of strife, violence, and humanity, from esteemed crime fiction writer George Pelecanos. After the Carusos family home is destroyed by police with a no-knock warrant, the family struggle to return to normal. Two former inmates reunite on a TV set. They're both back on the straight and narrow... until one sees the potential for an easy grift. A teenage boy must step into the man he'd like to be, as a hostage crisis grips his hometown. A woman adrift meets a man tied to her grandmother's past, and awakens to the bloody history of the place she grew up. Pelecanos' portraits are characterised by shades of grey, resisting the mould of heroes and villains, victims and perpetrators, good and evil. At once streetwise and full of heart, *Owning Up* grapples with random chance, the bind of consequence, and the forked paths a life can take.

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Other Paths to Glory

Penguin Green Crime Classics

#### Price, Anthony

A murderer targets British historians of the First World War in this 1970s' classic. Paul Mitchell spends his days researching the carnage of the First World War in the silence of the library. But his peace is shattered by an unexpected visit from a man with a fragment of a German trench map – and a lot of questions. Why does Dr David Audley of the MOD want to know what really happened during the Battle of the Somme in 1916? When Paul is attacked on his way home and a forged suicide note appears, it's clear that someone wants him dead. As he becomes deeper embroiled in Audley's case, it seems that Paul could hold the key to a dangerous mystery that has its roots in the horrors of the trenches... Discover the new Penguin Crime and Espionage Classics series.

Classic mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

### Last Seen in Lapaz

Emma Djan Investigations

#### Quartey, Kwei

Just as things at work are slowing down for PI Emma Djan, an old friend of her boss' asks for help locating his missing daughter in Accra. According to her father, Ngozi had a bright future ahead of her, when she became secretive and withdrawn. Suddenly, all she wanted to do was be with her handsome new beau, Femi, instead of attending law school in the fall. So, when she disappears from her parents' house in Nigeria in the middle of the night, they immediately suspect Femi was behind it and have reason to believe the pair has fled to Ghana. The case escalates quickly when Femi is found murdered at an opulent hotel in Accra, but there are no signs of Ngozi at the scene. Emma knows if she's to have any hope of finding Ngozi, she must learn more about Femi, so she digs into his past and discovers he was part of a network of sex traffickers operating across West Africa. Fearing the worst, Emma resorts to dangerous undercover work in a desperate attempt to track Ngozi down, before it's too late. The first Emma Djan Investigation is *The Missing American* (TP, \$37.95).

Mystery TP \$36.99

### The Clinic

Quinn, Gate

*This place will change your life... or end it.*

*Welcome to The Clinic.* The world's most exclusive rehab clinic offers treatment to the rich and famous. Meg's sister Haley was one of them – a troubled country singer running from a terrible addiction. Between the luxury spa, the ayurvedic yoga and the world-class therapy, the clinic is a perfect place to heal and brush shoulders with the world's most beautiful people. Safely locked in the secluded compound, its patients are 1,000 miles away from crazed fans and paparazzi... with no one to call for help. When Haley is found dead at the clinic, Meg checks in, under an alias, to find out why. Soon, she's confronting a whole lot more than her own addiction – there's a killer on the loose and anyone could be next...

Mystery/suspense TP \$34.99

### Up on the Woof Top

Chet & Bernie mysteries

#### Quinn, Spencer

Chet the dog, and his human partner Bernie Little, find themselves high in the mountains, this holiday season, to help Dame Ariadne Carlisle – a renowned author of bestselling Christmas mysteries – find Rudy, her lead reindeer and good luck charm, who has gone missing. At Kringle Ranch, Dame Ariadne's expansive mountain spread, Chet discovers that he is not fond of reindeer. But the case turns out to be about much more than reindeer – after Dame Ariadne's personal assistant takes a long fall into Devil's Purse, a deep mountain gorge. When our duo discovers that someone, very close to Dame Ariadne, was murdered in that same spot decades earlier, they start looking into that long ago unsolved crime. But as they reach into the past, the past is also reaching out for them. Can they unlock the secrets of Dame Ariadne's life before they, too, end up at the bottom of the gorge? Is Rudy, somehow, the key?

Mystery HC \$49.99

### Ashes in the Snow

Ramunno, Oriana

*Auschwitz, 1943.* It's snowing outside and Block 10 looks even bleaker than usual. Gioele Errera, a young Jewish boy imprisoned in the camp, finds the body of an SS officer. Hugo Fischer is sent to investigate the unexplained death of the renowned Nazi. But Hugo is hiding a secret – he is suffering from a degenerative disease. The only way for him to survive is to give his support to the Reich, and hide his condition. In Auschwitz, Hugo comes face to face not only with a complex murder, but with a truth – that, of the Final Solution. And he is forced to decide what is most important to him – and who, if anyone, he should try to save...

Historical mystery PBK \$22.99

### A Game Called Malice

a Rebus play

#### Rankin, Ian & Reade, Simon

A brand-new original Rebus play from the iconic bestseller – in which all is not quite what it seems, at an Edinburgh dinner party, full of secrets and lies... A delicious, and somewhat drunken, dinner party segues into a murder mystery game created by the hostess. However, the parlour game may

hold clues about the dark truths hiding just under the surface of this genteel gathering...

As suspects, clues, and red herrings are sifted – it seems one of the guests has an unfair advantage: John Rebus, an ex-detective who used to do this for a living. But is he playing another game – one to which only he knows the rules – that will soon be revealed? As the tension rises, one by one, all their secrets will come out – and there is a shocking discovery that awaits them all...

Mystery/suspense HC \$45.00

### A Spy for the Redeemer

Owen Archer mysteries

#### Robb, Gandace

*Wales, 1370.* Owen has completed his latest mission for the Duke of Lancaster, but his plan to return home is thrown into peril, when the young stonemason carving the tomb of Owen's late father-in-law, English knight Sir Robert D'Arcy, is discovered hanged. The Archdeacon of St David's wants Owen to find out whether Cynog was executed due to his support for the would-be Welsh redeemer, Owain Lawgoch's, rebellion against English rule. Prolonging his stay in Wales means that Owen will be unable to deliver the news of Sir Robert's death to Lucie in person, but can he really leave her father's tomb unfinished? As Owen investigates Cynog's links to Lawgoch, he finds himself questioning his own purpose and is tempted by an unthinkable proposal. While in Owen's absence, Lucie also faces a difficult dilemma... A reissue.

Historical mystery (reissue) TP \$42.95

### The Cross-Legged Knight

Owen Archer mysteries

#### Robb, Gandace

*York, 1371.* William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester, has made many enemies since York knight Sir Ranulf Pagnell died imprisoned in France, while Wykeham negotiated his ransom. After escorting Sir Ranulf's body back to the city, Wykeham realises that his own life is in grave danger. The bishop's woes increase when one of his properties in the city is set alight, with horrific consequences. Was it a thoughtless act of revenge or a deliberate murder? Why was someone searching for important documents in the house just before the fire, including those linked to the Pagnells? As Owen investigates, he uncovers a shocking secret linked to Sir Ranulf's terrible fate. A secret someone is prepared to go to any lengths to keep hidden... A reissue.

Historical mystery (reissue) TP \$42.95

### The Guilt of Innocents

Owen Archer mysteries

#### Robb, Gandace

*York, 1372.* When river pilot Drogo stole young Hubert's scrip, Hubert's friends swore they would get it back. But their worthy endeavour is brought to an abrupt end when Drogo is viciously attacked and left to drown in the River Ouse. Is Drogo's murder linked to the missing scrip? And where is Hubert? As the scrip is recovered and the river gives up a terrible secret, Owen becomes intrigued by a missing gold cross pendant Hubert carried in his scrip to remind him of his mother. Hubert's seemingly innocent act leads to dark revelations as Owen unravels a shocking chain of misfortune and murder



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linked to Hubert's precious possession. Can he discover the truth in time to prevent more deaths? A reissue.  
Historical mystery (reissue) TP \$42.95

### A Vigil of Spies

Owen Archer mysteries  
**Robb, Gandace**  
*York, 1373:* While the Archbishop of York, John Thorseby, lies gravely ill, the Princess of Wales visits him at Bishopthorpe Palace, with an entourage from the royal household. Princess Joan's presence, in York, gives the king's enemies an opportunity to strike; but it seems that danger lies closer to home, when one of her servants is discovered dead. Was it an accident, or does a murderer lurk among the guests? As Owen investigates the other members of the princess' travelling party, a heinous act is discovered in the palace woods. Someone is determined to influence the choice of Thoresby's successor... Can Owen Archer catch the culprit and ensure that the archbishop's final days are spent in peace? A reissue.  
Historical mystery (reissue) TP \$42.95

### Random in Death

Eve Dallas series  
**Robb, J D**  
*It's the best night of her life. It's the last night of her life.* Sixteen-year-old Jenna Harbough's parents had finally given in, and there she was, at a New York club with her best friends, watching the legendary band Avenue A, carrying her demo – in hopes of slipping it to the guitarist, Jake Kincade. Then, from the stage, Jake catches her eye, and smiles. Minutes later, Jake's in the alley getting some fresh air, and the girl from the dance floor comes stumbling out, sick and confused, and deathly pale. He tries to help, but it's no use. It's time to call Lt Eve Dallas. Who could want this level-headed teen, passionate about her music, dead? Was she targeted, or could she have been the victim of a random attack? And, if she was, who's next...?  
Thriller TP \$34.99

### The Good Dog

**Rowell, Simon**  
After gunshots echo through the summer night on Mount Macedon, Detective Sergeant Zoe Mayer, and her loyal service dog, Harry, race to the summit at first light. What they find looks like a grisly murder-suicide – an alleged fraudster named Piers Johnson, and his lawyer Antony Peterson, both dead from bullet wounds, a gun lying nearby. Something about the scene doesn't stack up. There are plenty of suspects, but no one seems to be telling the truth. Zoe's instincts are ignited, as the pressure to find and charge the culprit becomes intense. And that's when Peterson's teenage daughter Sarah is snatched off the street. This is Zoe's toughest assignment, yet; a murderous conspiracy of greed, deceit and violence. She knows that Harry may be her only chance to crack the case.  
Mystery TP \$34.99

### Fur Love or Money

Second Chance Cat mysteries  
**Ryan, Sofie**  
Sarah Grayson is taking a break from her bustling second-hand shop in small-town Maine to spend time with a friend and her dog. But their *purrr*-fect visit comes to an end when the dog leads them to a storm cellar on a nearby property, where they discover a dead body. The deceased turns out to be a sticky-fingered financial adviser, who swindled millions from investors and who has been presumed dead for almost three years. Unfortunately, suspicion falls on the owner of the property where the body was found – and that owner is a good friend of Charlotte's Angels', the senior citizen sleuths who work out of Sarah's shop. It's all paws on deck, as the Angels are determined to clear his good name. But with a tight-lipped widow, a possibly shifty sister, and a slew of unhappy investors in the mix, the list of murder suspects seems endless. Sarah, Elvis, and the Angels have a lot of webs to untangle before they can catch the culprit.  
Mystery PBK \$24.99

### The Lost Van Gogh

**Santlofer, Jonathan**  
For years, there have been whispers that, before his death, Van Gogh completed a final self-portrait. Curators and art historians have savoured this rumour, hoping it could illuminate some of the troubled artist's many secrets, but even they have to concede that the missing painting is likely lost forever. But when Luke Perrone, artist and great-grandson of the man who stole the *Mona Lisa*, and Alexis Verde, daughter of a notorious art thief, discover what may be the missing portrait, they are drawn into a most epic art puzzles. When, only days later, the painting disappears again, they are reunited with Interpol agent John Washington Smith in a dangerous and deadly search that will not only expose secrets of the artist's last days but draws them into one of history's darkest eras. Beneath the paint and canvas, beneath the beauty and the legend, the artwork has become linked with something evil, something that continues to flourish on the dark web and on the shadiest corridors of the underground art world.  
Mystery TP \$29.99

### The Consultant

**Seong-sun, Im**  
*Sometimes work can be murder...*  
The Consultant is very good at his job. He creates simple, elegant, effective solutions for... restructuring. Nothing obvious, or messy. Certainly, nothing anyone would ever suspect as murder. The 'natural deaths' he plans have always gone well: a medicine replaced here, a mechanism jammed there. His performance reviews are excellent. And it's not as though he knows these people. Until his next 'customer' turns out to be someone he not only knows, but cares about; and, for the first time, he begins to question the role he plays in the vast,

anonymous Company. And as he slowly begins to understand the real scope of their work, he realises just how easy it would be for the Company to arrange one more perfect murder... But how far will he go, to escape the Company? And how far will they go to stop him?  
Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Supper For Six

**Sherlock, Fiona**  
*Supper for six... but murder is on the menu...*  
When Lady Anderson invites five guests to her apartment in Bruton Square, Mayfair, none of the guests know why they have been summoned. And it isn't long, before dinner turns *deadly*. The mystery of Bruton Square has never been solved. On that infamous night in 1977, six strangers were invited for dinner at Lady Sybil Anderson's Mayfair apartment. Only five made it out alive. Welcome to *Supper for Six*, the true crime podcast. I'm your host, Felix. Together, we'll uncover what really happened that night... Let's dig in.  
Mystery PBK \$24.99

### Proof in the Pudding

Prudence Bulstrode mysteries  
**Shrager, Rosemary**  
Preparing a midwinter's feast, for all 100 residents of the little Yorkshire village of Scrafton Busk, is exactly the kind of challenge Prudence Bulstrode adores. A chance to show off her muffin-topped winter stew, lamb shank hotpot and Scarborough wool – and, of course, her famous figgy pudding – is just the thing to shake off the winter blues. But on the night of the feast, local vagabond Terry Chandler is found dead – his body entombed in the pristine snowman standing pride of place on the village green. Who could have wanted Chandler dead? Why would they stow his body in such strange circumstances? And what is the meaning of his last enigmatic message, directing his brother to Mystery Hills, a place of which no one has ever heard? Crime and cookery continue to collide as Prudence and her granddaughter Suki get drawn into another mystifying murder... The sequel to *The Last Supper* (PBK, \$24.99).  
Mystery PBK \$24.99

### Maigret's Revolver

Penguin Green Crime Classics  
**Simenon, Georges**  
Maigret goes to London, on the trail of a young man on the run. When Maigret's prized gun goes missing, he must travel to London on the trail of a troubled young man on the run. *Maigret's Revolver* is a wonderful picture of both London and Paris, and one of Simenon's most ingenious and satisfying stories. Discover the new Penguin Crime and Espionage Classics series.  
Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Private Life of Spies

**Smith, Alexander McCall**  
A marvellous collection of stories about intrigue and espionage, told in Alexander McCall Smith's inimitable style. *During WW2 there was a rumour that German spies were landing by parachute in Britain, dressed as nuns...*  
Conradin Muller was an unusual spy. He was recruited in Hamburg in June 1943, much against his will, and sent on his first, and only, mission in late September that year. He failed to send a single report back to Germany; and, when the War came to an end in May 1945, he fell to his knees and wept with relief. From a highly-reluctant German spy who is drawn to an East Anglian nunnery as his only means of escape, to the strange tale of one of the Cambridge spy ring's adventures with a Russian dwarf, these are Alexander McCall Smith's intriguing and typically-inventive stories from the world of espionage.  
Historical suspense PBK \$22.99

### Bad Blood

**Stacey, Lyndon**  
When freelance journalist Ben Copperfield hands his business card to a woman whose runaway horse he's helped recapture, he couldn't possibly predict the events that are triggered by this simple gesture... For the woman is the wife of none other than multimillionaire horse owner and businessman, Neville Manning. Manning has everything money could buy, but money can't solve his current problem. He's dying – and after the tragic death of his only child, there's no one he's willing to leave his business to. Manning has just one hope left: a grandchild, whose mother's name he doesn't even know. Ben has a reputation for solving impossible problems, and Manning's convinced he'll be able to track the child down. With the odds stacked against him, Ben accepts the challenge and sets out to find this mystery grandchild. But little does he know that the trail, to finding Manning's heir, is paved with murder, intrigue, and revenge... and it won't just be finding the heir to Manning's fortune that's the problem, it'll be keeping the child alive long enough to claim it.  
Mystery/suspense TP \$42.95

### The Monk

DS Cross mysteries  
**Sullivan, Tim**  
*To find a murderer, you need a motive...*  
DS George Cross is called to investigate when the body of a monk is found savagely beaten in a woodland near Bristol. Nothing is known about Brother Dominic's past. How can Cross unpick a crime when he doesn't know anything about the victim? And why would someone want to harm a monk? They learn that Brother Dominic had no enemies – or, at least, none that are obvious. But his past reveals that he was once a wealthy man, that he sacrificed it all for his faith. For a man who has nothing, it seems strange that greed could be the motive for his murder. But greed is a sin, after all...  
Mystery/suspense PBK \$22.99

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## Crime & Mystery February 2024 (continued)

### Twenty-Seven Minutes

**Tate, Ashley**

For the last 10 years, the small town of West Wilmer has been struggling to answer one question: on the night of the crash that killed his sister, why did it take Grant Dean 27 minutes to call for help? If he'd called sooner, Phoebe might still be alive. As the anniversary of Phoebe's death approaches, Grant is consumed by his memories and the secret that's been suffocating him, for years. But he and Phoebe weren't the only ones in the car, that night. Becca was there too – she's the only other person who knows what really happened. Or is she? Everyone remembers Phoebe, but local girl June also lost someone that night. Her brother Wyatt has been missing for 10 years and, now that her mother is dead, June has no one left – no family, no friends. Until someone appears at her door. Someone who knows what really happened that night. *And they are ready to tell the truth.*

Mystery/suspense TP \$32.99

### Brat Farrar

Penguin Green Crime Classics

**Tey, Josephine**

An imposter has a fortune to win and his life to lose in this gripping country house mystery. A stranger enters the Ashby family home posing as Patrick Ashby, the heir to the family's sizeable fortune. The stranger, Brat Farrar, has been carefully coached on Patrick's mannerisms, appearance, and every significant detail of Patrick's early life, up to his 13th year – when he disappeared, and was thought to have drowned himself. It seems as if Brat is going to pull off this most incredible deception – until old secrets emerge that threaten to jeopardise the imposter's plan and his very life... Discover the new Penguin Crime and Espionage Classics series.

Classic mystery PBK \$22.99

### The Beacon

**Thomas, P A**

Jack Harris, the disgraced son of Australia's most powerful business tycoon, has just been exiled to Byron Bay as a junior journalist at his father's smallest regional newspaper, *The Beacon*. His arrival coincides with the disappearance of the newspaper's editor, Patrick O'Shaughnessy, while out on his morning surf. When Patrick's body is discovered in the ocean, with a severed leg, it appears certain that he's fallen victim to a shark attack. But when rumours emerge that Patrick was about to publish an explosive article – its subject unknown – Jack begins to suspect his death is not what it seems. Although police aren't buying his murder theory, Jack joins forces with Patrick's daughter and investigates anyway, taking a sometimes less than lawful dive into the newspaperman's past. Together they discover plenty of Byron locals with a motive to kill, including a biohazardous dentist with a secret, a naturist with an undisguised grudge, and even the mayor of Northern Rivers Shire. But has Jack bitten off more than he can chew? Immensely entertaining, *The Beacon* is a murder mystery with a difference, bursting with humour, local colour, memorable characters and page-turning action. A debut murder mystery, set in Byron Bay.

Mystery TP \$32.99

### Gone

**Thomson, Glenna**

When Rebecca Bundy fails to return home, after the last day of school in 1984, her father reports her missing. But the teenager has run away before – and, recently, she's been bragging about going to Queensland – so, the police tell the family to wait it out. Days pass. Rumours swirl. A man seen loitering near the bus stop might have followed her. Was there something going on between Rebecca and a male teacher? What about the sheep farmer on Glen Lochan Road where she babysat? And why is her boyfriend, the rough cattle guy Bull Tennant, so sure something sinister has happened? Then a shocking murder-suicide at a local farm diverts police attention and Rebecca's disappearance, all too quickly, becomes a cold case. But her younger sister Eliza has never forgotten, and for almost 40 years she's been looking for answers. Once, she kept Rebecca's secrets. Now, she's ready to share her story...

Mystery/suspense TP \$34.99

### The Queen of Poisons

Marlow Murder Club mysteries

**Thorogood, Robert**

Geoffrey Lushington, Mayor of Marlow, dies suddenly during a Town Council meeting. When traces of aconite – also known as the queen of poisons – are found in his coffee cup, the police realise he was murdered. But who did it? And why? The police bring Judith, Suzie and Becks in to investigate – as Civilian Advisors – right from the start; so, they have free rein to interview suspects and follow the evidence to their heart's content, which is perfect because Judith has no time for rules and standard procedure. But this case has the Marlow Murder Club stumped. Who would want to kill the affable Mayor of Marlow? How did they even get the poison into his coffee? And is anyone else in danger? The Marlow Murder Club are about to face their most difficult case, yet... The next in the Marlow Murder Club mysteries, from the author of *Death in Paradise* – as good as, or better, than the Thursday Murder Club mysteries! ;) Start with *The Marlow Murder Club* (PBK, \$22.99).

Mystery TP \$32.99

### The Drift

**Tudor, G J**

Hannah awakens to carnage, all mangled metal and shattered glass. After she was evacuated from a secluded boarding school during a snowstorm, her coach careered off the road, trapping her with a handful of survivors. They'll need to work together to escape – with their sanity and secrets intact. Meg awakens to a gentle rocking. She's in a cable car stranded high above snowy mountains, with five strangers and no memory of how they got on board. They are heading to a place known only as 'The Retreat', but as the temperature drops and tensions mount, Meg realises they may not all make it there alive. Carter is gazing out the window of an isolated ski chalet that he and his companions call home. As their generator begins to waver in the storm,

something hiding in the chalet's depths threatens to escape, and their fragile bonds will be tested when the power finally fails – for good. The imminent dangers faced by Hannah, Meg, and Carter are each one part of the puzzle. Lurking in their shadows is an even greater danger – one with the power to consume all of humanity.

Thriller PBK \$22.99

### Suspect

**Tuwor, Scott**

Lucia Gomez is a female police chief in a man's world, and she's walked a fine line to succeed at the top. Now, a trio of police officers in Kindle County have accused her of soliciting sex for promotions and she's in deep. Rik Dudek is an attorney and old friend of Lucia's. He's the only one she can trust, but he's never had a headline criminal case. This ugly smear campaign is already breaking the internet and will be his biggest challenge yet. Clarice 'Pinky' Granum is a fearless PI who plays by her own rules. Her 4-D imagination is her biggest asset when it comes to digging up dirt for Rik, but not all locks are best picked. It's cops against cops in this hive of lies. And it will take more than honeyed words from the defence to change the punchline and save the Chief from her own cell.

Mystery/suspense PBK \$24.99

### The Other Half

**Vassell, Charlotte**

*The night before...* Rupert's 30th is a black tie dinner at the Kentish Town McDonald's – catered with cocaine and Veuve Clicquot. The morning after... His girlfriend Clemmie is found murdered, on Hampstead Heath. All the partygoers have alibis. Naturally. This investigation is going to be about Classics degrees and aristocrats, Instagram influencers and who knows who. *Or, is it whom?* Detective Caius Beauchamp isn't sure. He's sharply dressed, smart, and as into self-improvement as Clemmie – but as he searches for the dark truth beneath the luxury, a wall of staggering wealth threatens to shut down his investigation, before it's begun. Can he see through the tangled set of relationships in which the other half live, and die, before the case is taken out of his hands? Agatha Christie meets *Made in Chelsea* in this bitingly funny police procedural packed with the suspense, wit, and energy of *Knives Out*.

Mystery PBK \$24.99

### Otley Complete

omnibus

**Waddell, Martin**

Collecting four comedic spy classics, repackaged for a new generation: *Otley*, *Otley Pursued*, *Otley Victorious*, *Otley Forever*. Critically acclaimed on their original publication, and adapted to the big screen, these four near-parodies of the British spy novel feature the caddish anti-hero Gerald Otley, who finds himself uprooted from his life as common conman and dropped into the role of super spy. It starts, as it always does for Gerald Otley, a petty theft gone wrong. But when the bodies of

associates (Otley doesn't really have friends) start turning up dead, he suddenly finds himself caught in a much larger web than he imagined. Recruited by the alluring and enigmatic 'Grace' and blackmailed into service, Otley finds himself playing at spy in a realm he only half understands. As readers soon find, it turns out that being a fast-talking conman is all it takes to succeed, as a spy – as long as Grace is around, to break bones and generally pull you out of the fire.

Classic suspense TP \$34.99

### The Excitements

**Wray, G J**

*Revenge is a dish best served old...*

Meet the Williamson sisters, Britain's most treasured World War II veterans. Now in their 90s, Josephine and Penny are in demand – popping up at commemorative events all over the country. Despite their age, they're in great form – sprightly and sparky, and always in search of their next 'excitement'. This time, it's a trip to Paris to receive the *Legion d'honneur*, accompanied by their devoted great-nephew, Archie. Keen historian Archie believes his great aunts had minor roles in the Women's Royal Navy and the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, but that's only half the story. There's a reason sweet Auntie Penny can dispatch a would-be mugger with a broly. This trip to Paris is not what it seems, either. Scandal and crime have quietly trailed the sisters since the war. Now, armed with new information about an old adversary, these much decorated (but, admittedly, ancient) veterans intend to settle scores, avenge lost friends, and pull off one last heist before the curtain comes down on their illustrious careers. A charming, uplifting, and cosy mystery about two national treasures with official secrets and double lives.

Mystery TP \$34.99

### A Soul for a Soul

Detective Kate Young series

**Wyer, Carol**

DCI Kate Young never meant to shoot Superintendent John Dickson at the reservoir that night – even if, as a scheming corrupt cop and head of the shady syndicate, he probably had it coming. But, now, Kate has photographic evidence that someone else knows her terrible secret... Tormented by guilt and the voices of the dead, Kate is desperate to unmask the rest of the corrupt officers before her own sins catch up with her. When DI Harriet Khatri, awaiting trial for the murder of Kate's mentor, claims she was framed by Dickson's syndicate, Kate reluctantly agrees to help in the hope of finding answers. Meanwhile, DI Emma Donaldson finds herself on the hunt for a double murderer – a man who incapacitates his victims with a powerful narcotic called Devil's Breath. Desperate to measure up to her role-model boss, Emma finds herself hurled into the deep end in more ways than one... While Kate's grip on reality wavers and the syndicate closes in, and with the mystery killer taking a special interest in Emma, could this be the case that defeats both detectives?

Mystery/suspense TP \$37.95

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## Love and Murder in the Time of Covid

Inspector Chen mysteries

### Xiaolong, Qiu

The COVID crisis is at its height in China. Ex-chief inspector Chen Cao is horrified, by the way the Chinese Communist Party are using the pandemic as an excuse to put the Chinese people under blanket surveillance and by the soaring number of deaths caused not by COVID, but by the CCP's inhuman 'zero COVID' policy. Chen is debating whether to translate the 'Wuhan File' – a diary of life during the Wuhan disaster smuggled to him by a close friend – and expose the CCP's secrets to the world when to his surprise he is summoned by a high-level party cadre to help investigate a series of murders near a local Shanghai hospital. Under pressure, from the Party, to reach a quick conclusion and help maintain political stability, Chen investigates, aware that he too has been placed under omnipresent, omnipotent surveillance. And as he works, determined to uncover the truth, no matter what, he risks everything by deciding to translate the Wuhan Files. For one thing is true, in China: you must be absolutely loyal to the Party. Otherwise, you are considered absolutely disloyal, and the consequences are dark, indeed...

Mystery TP \$42.95

## The Meiji Guillotine Murders Yamada, Futaro

A classic Japanese mystery – a pair of sleuths investigate a series of bloody murders in 19th century Tokyo...

*Japan, 1869.* A time of reform and rebellion.

Detectives Kazuki and Kawaji are assigned to investigate a series of seemingly impossible murders. Together with the help of a mysterious shrine maiden, can they solve each gruesome death, and piece together the dark connection between them? Taking us deep into the heart of 19th century Tokyo, *The Meiji Guillotine Murders* is a fiendish murder mystery from one of Japan's greatest crime writers.

Classic mystery PBK \$24.99