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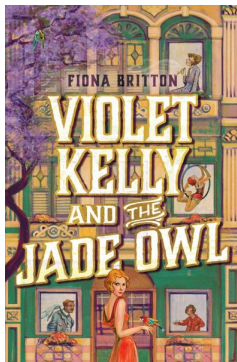
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Dead dead girls

by Nekesa Afia

After a raid on a Manhattan speakeasy in 1926 Harlem, Louise Lloyd is given the opportunity to avoid jail by helping to solve the murders of several local black girls, in the first novel of a new mystery series.

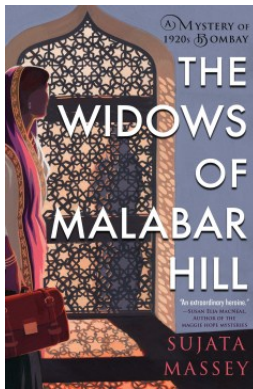


Violet Kelly and the Jade Owl

by Fiona Britton

Sydney, 1930: In the well-heeled suburb of Paddington, just a short distance from the razor gangs of Darlinghurst and Kings Cross, sits Maison des Fleurs, an upscale brothel run by the indomitable Madame. The star of Maison des Fleurs is Violet Kelly – beautiful, clever and determined to make something of herself in a world that has already taken so much.

When a former associate of Madame's emerges to claim a long-owed favour involving a kidnapped girl and an ancient curse, Violet is drawn into a dangerous game of cat and mouse that takes her from dangerous underworld dealings to raucous parties to untold stories about her own past, and, eventually, right into the heart of Maison des Fleurs. But how much is she willing to risk to save her friends, her home, and the life she's come to love? And will it be enough?



The widows of Malabar Hill

by Sujata Massey

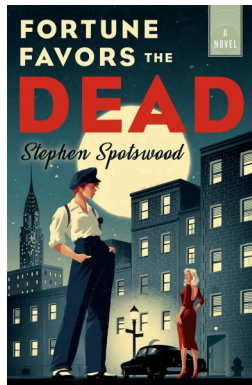
A debut entry in a new series by the Agatha Award-winning author of *The Sleeping Dictionary* introduces Bombay's first female lawyer, Oxford graduate Perveen Mistry, as she investigates a suspicious will on behalf of three Muslim widows living in strict purdah seclusion who become subject to a murderous guardian's schemes for their inheritances.



The fox wife : a novel

by Yangsze Choo

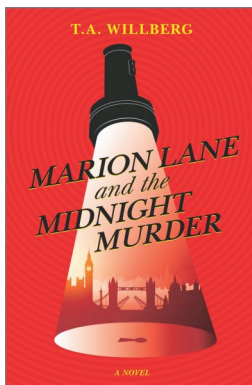
In 1908 Manchuria, Bao, a detective with an uncanny ability to sniff out the truth, is hired to uncover the identity of a dead courtesan, while a secretive woman named Snow, seeking vengeance for her lost child, navigates the myths and misconceptions of fox spirits to find a murderer.



Fortune favors the dead : a novel

by Stephen Spotswood

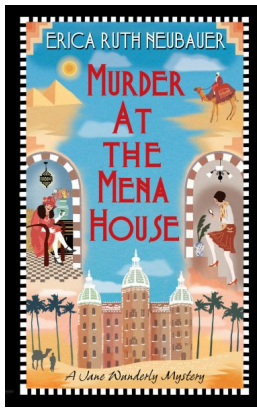
A wildly charming and fast-paced mystery written with all the panache of the hardboiled classics, *Fortune Favors the Dead* introduces Pentecost and Parker, an audacious new detective duo for the ages.



Marion Lane and the midnight murder

by T. A. Willberg

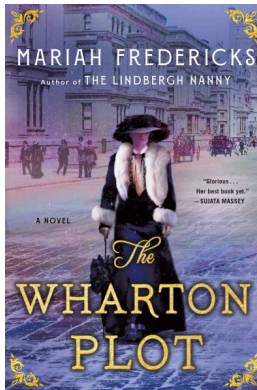
After a filing assistant at Miss Brickett's Investigations & Inquiries is murdered, her colleague and first year inquirer-in-training is framed for the crime and must sort through hidden alliances and WWII secrets to clear her name.



Murder at the Mena House

by Erica Ruth Neubauer

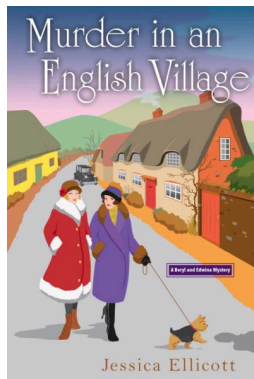
Determined to avoid her meddling aunt's matchmaking efforts during a trip to 1926 Egypt, independent American widow Jane Wunderly falls unexpectedly for a roguish banker, only to be implicated in the murder of a socialite rival.



The Wharton plot : a novel

by Mariah Fredericks

In 1911 New York City, acclaimed novelist Edith Wharton, when fellow writer David Graham Phillips is murdered, becomes obsessed with solving the crime when his sister believes he was killed by someone determined to stop the publication of his next book, which reveals the secrets of powerful people.

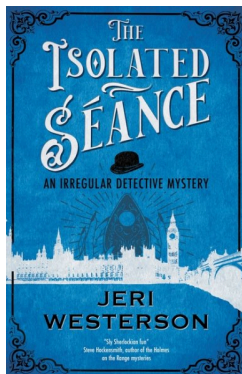


Murder in an English village

by Jessica Ellicott

The boisterous and brash American Beryl couldn't be less alike than the prim and proper British Edwina, but as sleuths in an England recovering from the Great War, they're the perfect match to catch a killer.

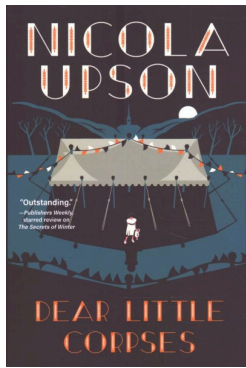
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The isolated séance

by Jeri Westerson

London, 1895. Former Baker Street Irregular Tim Badger is determined to follow in the footsteps of his great mentor, Sherlock Holmes, by opening his own consulting detective agency with his partner, Benjamin Watson. The intrepid duo are ready to make a name for themselves . . . if only they had clients! Their luck changes when Sherlock recommends his protégés to Thomas Brent. Brent is eager to find out who killed his master, Horace Quinn, during a seance at Quinn's house. What was Quinn desperately trying to find out from his deceased business partner, Stephen Latimer, before he was stabbed through the heart?

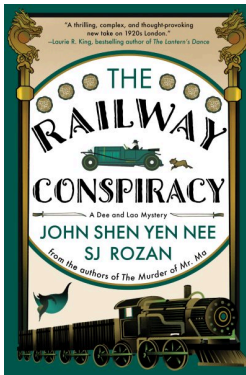


Dear little corpses : a Josephine Tey mystery

by Nicola Upson

During the mass evacuation from London in September 1939, a little girl vanishes without a trace and Josephine struggles with the chaos and uncertainty of war, in the 10th novel of the series following *The Dead of Winter*.

Also by John Shen Yen Nee



The railway conspiracy

by John Shen Yen Nee

London, 1924. Following several months abroad, Judge Dee Ren Jie has returned to the city to foil a transaction between a Russian diplomat and a Japanese mercenary. Aided by Lao She—the Watson to his Holmes—along with several other colorful characters, Dee stops the illicit sale of an extremely valuable “dragon-taming” mace.

The mace’s owner is a Chinese businesswoman who thanks Dee for its retrieval by throwing a lavish dinner party. In attendance is British banking official A. G. Stephen, who argues with the group about the tenuous state of Chinese nationalism—and is poisoned two days later. Dee knows this cannot be a coincidence, and suspects Stephen won’t be the only victim. Sure enough, a young Chinese communist of Lao’s acquaintance is killed not long after—and a note with a strange symbol is found by his body.

What could connect these murders? Could it be related to rumors of a conspiracy regarding the Chinese Eastern Railway? It is once again all on the unlikely crime-solving duo of Dee and Lao to solve the case before anyone else ends up tied to the rails.