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## A TRIO OF MURDEROUS MANITOBANS BY JACK

**"Bloody Jack" Krafchenko** was born in Romania in 1881 and came to Manitoba in the later 1880s, settling with his parents in Plum Coulee. Because of his subsequent notoriety, there are dozens of unsubstantiated stories about his early life. What we do know is that the young man was good-looking, bright, articulate, and very persuasive. He spoke a number of languages, including German, Ukrainian, Russian, and English. One tale has him as a boxer in the United States, supposedly married to a daughter of "Gentleman Jim" Corbett, the boxing champion. Another has him in Australia as a professional wrestler; although he was not very big (five feet eight inches tall, and about 160 lbs.), he was very strong, however. In 1902 he was reputed to have toured Manitoba as a temperance lecturer, passing bad cheques as he went. Caught, he was imprisoned in the Prince Albert Penitentiary, from which he escaped. Krafchenko made his way to New York City, then to Europe, where he robbed banks until his return to Canada in 1906.

Arrested in Winnipeg in 1908, he was sentenced to three years in Stoney Mountain Penitentiary. After his release from prison he apparently tried to go straight, settling in northern Ontario with a wife he had acquired in Europe and working as a blacksmith. He soon

tired of this life and was back into trouble. In December 1913 he robbed the Bank of Montreal in Plum Coulee, killing the bank manager in the process. Krafchenko escaped town by commandeering an automobile at gunpoint; the driver of the automobile later published a short booklet about his experience, probably full of exaggerations. The murder provoked a major manhunt for the culprit, who returned to Winnipeg and posed as a school teacher at St. John's College for a few days. This impersonation suggests that he could present himself as "respectable" if he so chose. He was eventually captured at his rooming house on College Street by heavily-armed Winnipeg policemen and held at the Rupert Street Police Station (later to be involved in the 1916 Winnipeg Riot). He escaped from this facility on 10 January 1914, seriously injuring his legs and back in the process of climbing down a rope. He was aided by several accomplices, including a police officer and a lawyer. Recaptured quickly, he was confined to a cell in the Vaughan St. Jail. The trial was held in Morden from 18 March to 9 April 1914 before a packed courtroom. Seventy witnesses testified. Krakchenko maintained his innocence until the end. He was executed on 9 July 1914. Many Manitobans were drawn into helping him in his escapades, and even more were struck during his lifetime and beyond with his energy, resourcefulness, and personability.

**Earl Leonard (“The Gorilla Strangler”) Nelson** was born in San Francisco on 12 May 1897. His parents soon died, and he was raised by his puritanical maternal grandparents. At age 10 he had a serious bicycle accident that left him with headaches and frequent lapses of memory. In May 1918 he attempted to sexually molest a twelve-year-old girl in her home, and he was sent to the Napa State Hospital for the Insane. Unfortunately, security was weak at the hospital, and he escaped so many times that he was eventually discharged. Nelson subsequently married, and when his wife sought protection from his rages he was returned to the Napa State Hospital. In October of 1925 Nelson began a deadly peregrination of destructive behaviour in the form of serial homicide around the United States and Canada that would last for three years. His pattern was always the same. He would rent a room as only guest in a strange city in a boarding house kept by a landlady living on her own. Soon he would assault her, bind her hands using a fairly distinctive knot, strangle her, sexually assault her, hide her under a bed, and then remove articles of clothing and other things from the house. He seldom used any weapon besides his bare hands. This *modus operandi* was relatively unusual, and the police community soon recognized Nelson’s signature methods right across the continent, from Philadelphia to Los Angeles to Santa Barbara to Chicago and eventually Winnipeg, with a half dozen intermediate stops along the way.

Nelson normally hitchhiked his way from one city to another, as he did not own a car. In Winnipeg, Nelson rented a room on Smith St., and soon lured a young female flower seller to it, following his usual pattern in murdering her. He then rented another room on Riverton Avenue, where he dispatched the young landlady, this time after an altercation which left him with scalp wounds. Nelson then left Winnipeg, ending up in Regina. The discovery of the bodies in Winnipeg produced a major press campaign to catch Nelson. The culprit left Regina, catching a ride as far as Boissevain over

rural roads, thus eluding a major manhunt on the main highways. He ended up in a store in Wakopa, Manitoba, where he was recognized. A Manitoba Provincial Police constable from Killarny rushed to Wakopa and arrested Nelson, locking him in a jail cell in Killarny from which he soon escaped. He was arrested fleeing for the border, having tried to catch a train carrying many police officers who were to join the manhunt looking for him. Taken to Winnipeg, it was discovered that he was still wearing clothing sold him earlier in the city. He was tried in early November 1927, and hanged on 13 January 1928. The total number of his victims will never be known, since he was probably blamed for deaths not his responsibility and not blamed for others that were. In any case, Nelson was one of the earliest known serial killers in North America, as well as being one of the most “successful”.

#### **A More Complicated Criminal Case: (Emily) Hilda Blake (1878-1899)**

Hilda was born in England, in the town of Chedgrave on the Norfolk Broads. Her father Henry was a former cottage tenant and farm labourer on the estate of Sir Reginald Beauchamp who had become a police constable in the Norfolk Constabulary. He had a history of alcoholism and died in 1883, probably of tuberculosis. Her mother Sarah died a few years later, leaving Hilda an orphan at the age of nine. She was sent briefly to the Heckingham Workhouse, but was in 1888 (along with her brother Tommy) sent to Canada as an emigrant, sailing from Liverpool to Montreal and then on to Elkhorn, Manitoba, where she ended up as an unpaid labourer on a prosperous farm owned by the Stewart family. Before long she had run away, and her host family instituted legal proceedings to return her from the family that had taken her in. In the course of the legal business, Hilda had testified that she was afraid of the males in the Stewart household. Returned to the Stewarts, she ran away again.

In the early 1890s, Hilda Blake moved to the

young city of Brandon, Manitoba, where she found employment as a domestic servant in the household of Robert and Mary Lane, a prosperous middle-class family with four children. Her main duties included child care, and she had a loving relationship with the children. She would later claim that she had been seduced by her employer and carried on a lengthy affair with him. In June of 1899 Hilda travelled by train to Winnipeg and purchased a gun, a .32 calibre revolver. On 5 July she used the gun to shoot and kill Mary Lane, subsequently claiming that she had seen a tramp who had intruded into the house and who had hidden a gun under a barrel. Her story provoked a wide-spread manhunt, but gradually the local police became suspicious of her. Soon after her arrest, she confessed She claimed to be jealous of Mary Lane's loving relationship with her children. Blake's situation engendered a good deal of sympathy in Brandon and beyond. She was young, pretty, and had no previous convictions, although she corresponded surreptitiously with a male while imprisoned. Above all, she was an orphan, whose life had always been one of vulnerability.

She came to trial in November 1899. Blake declined legal counsel, although several lawyers had volunteered their services. The trial was brief and she declared herself "guilty," subsequently fainting outside the courtroom. She was sentenced to be hanged. A later interview with the feminist Dr. Amelia Yeomans led to Yeomans arguing that Blake was insane, a diagnosis that contributed to a campaign to commute her sentence. That campaign was chiefly led by urban women, mainly from Winnipeg. The Laurier government refused to appoint a commission to enquire into Blake's mental health or to order a fresh trial. Despite Governor-General Minto's sympathy with Blake, he concurred in allowing the law to take its course. She was executed by hanging on 27 December 1899, the only female executed in Manitoba's history. Many of the court records connected with the case, including the file

employed by the Canadian cabinet in considering the affair, have not survived. The Blake case was clearly complex, not simply one involving a murderous criminal act. It could be viewed as a sad example of the lives of orphaned children sent as servants to Canada, as a tale of the evils wrought upon young female domestic servants by lustful employers, or as an illustration of how women were treated in nineteenth-century Canadian society.

## **BUMSTED PICKS OF 2014**

This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year of selecting our picks for 2014, and it's just as hard as picking your favourite Bumsted! Still, here's what we particularly loved this year. We hope you'll give them a try and come and tell us about your favourite book this year!

## **JACK**

*The Rossiter File* by Thomas Rendell Curran  
A few years ago I picked up a book from a pile of trade paperbacks we had recently purchased from a customer and began reading it. I had never heard of its author, a man named Thomas Rendell Curran, and did not know what to expect. To my delight, the book was a joy to read, a wonderful blend of historic (and somewhat exotic) setting, interesting characters, and a compelling mystery. The book, *Undertow*, was set in Newfoundland in the late 1940s, just prior to that dominion joining Canada. I sold a few copies to customers, and then assigned it as one of the Book Club books. Our book club is composed of readers of all ages, backgrounds, and tastes, united only by their interest in crime fiction. They seldom agree on anything, but they unanimously concurred that *Undertow* was a great book.

Since then we managed, with some difficulty, to acquire copies of Curran's third Eric Stride novel *Death of a Lesser Man*. We have also, I suspect virtually singlehandedly, lobbied successfully for the reprinting of the second book in the series, *The Rossiter File*. We were so anxious for it, in fact, that the publisher had

them sent directly to us from the printer. This book, which continues to follow Stride, and his work as a detective in a remarkably complicated world that is simultaneous inherently Canadian and remarkable not, is my book of the year, but try them all. They're great!

## WENDY

*The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith

Jack and I do not share a love for many books, but *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith (aka J.K. Rowling) has been one such example. I enjoyed the early Harry Potter books, but did not at all like *The Casual Vacancy*. Imagine my surprise when I discovered *The Cuckoo's Calling* to be such a delight. It is good news then that there will be seven books in total in the series and the film and tv rights are in demand!

## MICHAEL

*World of Trouble* by Ben H. Winters

Most of you will already have read, or heard me talk about how excited I am about the Last Policeman trilogy. The first book *Last Policeman* sucked me in, and while the second, *Countdown City* did not quite meet my expectations, *World of Trouble* more than made up for it with a stunning conclusion, twisting and turning all the way to the very end.

Armed with the simple, if outlandish, premise that the world is going to end after being struck by an asteroid, Winters has created a believable, heart-breaking look at living, and fighting crime, in the face of apocalypse. Hank Palace, his detective, holds the law, and the protection of his family, as paramount, despite the collapse of all real order around him. In doing so, Palace becomes a kind of bicycle-riding, badge-wielding Quixote; a character that you believe in, and want to succeed, while also knowing that his vision of the world (and in this case, literally, the very existence of that world) has passed him by.

Winters' prose sucks the reader directly into that world, and gives them the sense that it is near to destruction. I read *World of Trouble* in one sitting, worrying that if I put it down, that the asteroid would strike before I got to the end.

## SIAN

*An Old Betrayal* by Charles Finch

When we come to pick our books of the year, the rules are it needs to be a mystery published in trade paperback or mass market in 2014. But we hadn't thought to make any rules about picking the same author two years in a row. So when I scanned my GoodReads list and discovered the only mystery I'd given 5 stars too was Charles Finch's *An Old Betrayal*, I was in a pickle. Ultimately, we decided the purpose of the exercise was to tell you about the best books we'd read, it seemed unfair to punish Charles Finch just because he happened to have written my favourite book two years running. So there it is. Finch's Charles Lenox is a brilliant and likeable character, his wife is no shrinking violet, and the rest of the cast of characters in his world are fascinating. So, start with *A Beautiful Blue Death* if you're lucky enough not to have started the series yet, hop into the series where you left off, or just enjoy book #7 in a really witty and brilliant series.

## HANNAH

*An Air of Treason* by P. F. Chisholm

I first discovered Patricia Finney last December when I came across an Elizabethan spy novel called *Firedrake's Eye* in the used trade paperback section. I thoroughly enjoy her historical fiction. She makes Elizabethan London come to life beautifully. She doesn't duck the uglier side of the period, including complex issues of gender and religious inequality. All of her characters--including the lesser ones--are fully imagined, complex beings. *An Air of Treason* is number 6 in a series she writes under the pseudonym P.F. Chisholm

about a swashbuckling courtier named Sir Robert Carey. Carey is a real historical figure, who apparently wrote a memoir about his time as a Warden on the border between Scotland and England. The series begins with his adventures there. He is now back in England and is given the sensitive task of inquiring into what really happened to Amy Robsart, the wife of Elizabeth's favorite, who mysteriously fell down the stairs and died...

### **HENRY (age 6)**

*The Famous Five: A Lazy Afternoon* by Enid Blyton

I really liked this book. I liked the illustrations. The kids are good detectives and I really liked the dog, Timmy. My favorite character was Timmy. My favorite scene was when Timmy chased the bad guy up the tree. The thing I liked the least about it was that it was too short.

### ***Upcoming Events at Whodunit?***

#### **Writer's Group**

The writers will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of the month. Meetings start at 7p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The focus of the group remains mystery writing. Members are expected to be writing on a regular basis and be prepared to share their efforts with the group. All are welcome. Call Wendy at the store for more details.

Next Meeting Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Mystery Reading Club**

Winter theme is "Modern British":

January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - Olen Steinhauer, **36 Yalta Boulevard**

February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - Robert Galbraith, **Cuckoo's Calling**

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - Peter May, **The Blackhouse**

The group meets on the last Tuesday of the month. Books will be available for purchase at the store and feature a 10% discount. Questions for discussion will be available a few weeks before the meeting.

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## **FORTHCOMING BOOKS**

We are not sure of the reason, but the last few months a number of titles have been late arriving, had the format changed, or been cancelled. Some of this seems to be fallout from the amalgamation of publishing houses. Whatever the reason we are sorry and please appreciate that it is as frustrating for us as it is for you.

### **December Mass Market**

Aaronovitch, Ben - **Foxglove Summer**  
Alan, Isabella - **Murder, Served Simply**  
Alexander, Ellie - **Meet Your Baker**  
Archer, Jeffrey - **Be Careful What You Wish For**  
Blackwell, Juliet - **Keeper of the Castle**  
Brennan, Allison - **Notorious**  
Brown, Duffy - **Geared for the Gravy Train**  
Bryan, Mollie Cox - **A Crafty Christmas**  
Burdette, Lucy - **Death with All the Trimmings**  
Cavender, Chris - **The Missing Dough**  
Childs, Laura - **Eggs in a Casket**  
Conrad, Hy - **Mr. Monk is Open for Business**  
Copperman, E.J. - **Inspector Specter**  
Crawford, Isis - **Catered Christmas Cookie Exchange**  
Curtis, Waverly - **Chihuahua Always Sniffs Twice**  
Davis, Krista - **Ghost and Mrs. Mewer**  
Hale, Rebecca M. - **Aground on St Thomas**  
Harris, Sherry - **Tagged for Death**  
Hewson, David - **The House of Dolls**  
Hollis, Lee - **Death of a Christmas Cookie**  
Hunter, Stephen - **Sniper's Honor**  
Kelly, Diane - **Paw and Order**  
Knott, Robert - **Robert B. Parker's Bull River**  
Laukkanen, Owen - **Kill Fee**  
Lavene, Joyce & Jim - **Spell Booked**  
Levine, Laura - **Killing Cupid**  
Levine, Laura - **The PMS Murder (Re-issue)**  
Lotempio, T C - **Meow If It's Murder**  
Pressy, Rose - **If You've Got It, Haunt It**  
Purser, Ann - **Scandal at Six**  
Pyper, Andrew - **The Demonologist**  
Rollins, James - **The Kill Switch**

Rosen, Delia - **Fry Me a Liver**  
Van Lustbader, Eric - **Robert Ludlum's Bourne Supremacy**  
Wait, Lea - **Twisted Threads**  
Woods, Stuart - **Carnal Curiosity**

#### **December Trade Paperback**

Bennett, Vanora – **The White Russian**  
Bradley, Alan - **Dead in Their Vaulted Arches**  
Camilleri, Andrea – **The Brewer of Preston**  
Clements, Rory - **Revenger**  
Davis, Lindsey - **Enemies at Home**  
Fitzgerald, Conor – **The Memory Key**  
Gregory, Susanna - **Murder on High Holborn**  
Hartman, Rachel - **Seraphina**  
Holmberg, John-Henri - **Darker Shade of Sweden**  
Horowitz, Anthony - **Moriarty**  
Hunter, Alan - **Gently to Sleep**  
Japp, Andrea – **The Divine Blood**  
Jardine, Quintin - **Mathew's Tale**  
Lloyd, Catherine - **Death Comes to London**  
Marston, Edward - **Five Dead Canaries**  
McHugh, Laura – **The Weight of Blood**  
Mosse, Kate - **Mistletoe Bride**  
Nadel, Barbara - **An Act of Kindness**  
Neuhaus, Nele - **Bad Wolf**  
Oswald, James - **Natural Causes**  
Reid, Isabel - **Memory of Flames**  
Robertson, Michael - **Moriarty Returns**  
Scarrow, Simon - **Brothers in Blood**  
Sidebottom, Harry – **The Amber Road**  
Thomas, Donald - **Death on a Pale Horse**  
Thomas, Sam – **The Harlot's Tale**  
Tursten, Helene – **The Fire Dance**  
Zevin, Gabrielle - **Storied Life of A.J. Fikry**

#### **December Hardcover**

Chazin, Suzanne - **Land of Careful Shadows**  
Childs, Laura - **Scorched Eggs**  
Cleverly, Barbara - **Enter Pale Death**  
Coyle, Cleo - **Once Upon a Grind**  
Estleman, Loren D - **You Know Who Killed Me**  
Fowler, Christopher - **Bryant & May and the Bleeding Heart**

Gerritsen, Tess - **Die Again**  
Hall, James W – **The Big Finish**  
Hambly, Barbara - **Crimson Angel**  
Koontz, Dean - **Saint Odd**  
Lemaitre, Pierre - **Irene**  
Marston, Edward - **Deeds of Darkness**  
Purser, Ann - **Suspicion at Seven**  
Rickman, Phil - **Night After Night**  
Rowland, Laura Joh – **The Iris Fan**  
Vichi, Marco - **Death in the Tuscan Hills**

#### **January Mass Market**

Allen, Beverly - **For Whom the Bluebell Tolls**  
Barr, Nevada - **Destroyer Angel**  
Beaton, M.C. - **Death of a Policeman**  
Bell, Ted - **Warriors**  
Bourbon, Melissa – **A Seamless Murder**  
Carlisle, Kate - **This Old Homicide**  
Cook, J.J. - **In Hot Water**  
Fluke, Joanne - **Blackberry Pie Murder**  
Galenorn, Yasmine - **Panther Prowling**  
Guhrke, Laura Lee - **Catch a Falling Heiress**  
Haines, Carolyn - **Booty Bones**  
Hardy, Susannah - **Feta Attraction**  
Husom, Christine - **Snow Way Out**  
Hyzy, Julie - **All the President's Menus**  
Jaffarian, Sue Ann - **Ghost in the Guacamole**  
Laurie, Victoria - **No Ghouls Allowed**  
Lee, Elizabeth - **Snoop to Nuts**  
London, Colette - **Criminal Confection**  
Mckevett, G.A. - **Killer Physique**  
Patterson, James - **Private L.A.**  
Price, Cate - **Lie of the Needle**  
Silva, Daniel - **Heist**  
Simenon, Georges – **A Man's Head**  
Smith, Karen Rose - **Gilt By Association**  
Taylor, Mary Ellen - **Union Street Bakery**  
Wenger, Christine - **Diners, Drive-Ins, and Death**

#### **January Trade Paperback**

Bowen, Rhys - **City of Darkness and Light**  
Brekke, Jorgen - **Where Monsters Dwell**  
Chapman, Brenda - **Butterfly Kills**  
De Mariaffi, Elisabeth – **The Devil You Know**  
Egholm, Elsebeth - **Dead Souls**  
Ekback, Cecilia - **Wolf Winter**

Fox, Kathryn - **Fatal Impact**  
Hawkins, Paula – **The Girl on the Train**  
Hurley, Graham - **Touching Distance**  
Knight, Ali - **Until Death**  
Jones, Stephen Lloyd – **The String Diaries**  
Kaaberbol, Lene - **Death of a Nightingale**  
Macbride, Stuart - **Missing and the Dead**  
Marston, Edward - **Inspector Colbeck's Casebook**  
Massie, Allan - **Death in Bordeaux**  
Meyer, Deon - **Cobra**  
Oswald, James - **Book of Souls**  
Oswald, James – **The Hangman's Song**  
Patterson, James - **Unlucky 13**  
Pengelley, Nicholas - **Ryder**  
Pengelley, Nicholas - **Ryder: American Treasure**  
Pinborough, Sarah - **Mayhem**  
Prince, Bryan - **My Brother's Keeper**  
Roberts, I D - **Kingdom Lock**  
Shaw, William - **She's Leaving Home**  
Swanson, Peter - **Girl with a Clock for a Heart**  
Walker, Martin – **The Resistance Man**  
Williams, Andrew – **The Suicide Club**  
Wilson, Robert - **Capital Punishment**

#### **January Hardcovers**

Arlen, Tessa - **Death of a Dishonorable Gentleman**  
Bowen, Rhys – **The Edge of Dreams**  
Bradley, Alan - **As Chimney Sweepers**  
Carey, Peter - **Amnesia**  
Doherty, Paul – **The Book of Fires**  
Graves, Sarah - **Winter at the Door**  
Hall, Parnell - **Puzzled Indemnity**  
Hannah, Mari - **Killing for Keeps**  
Kava, Alex - **Breaking Creed**  
Khan, Ausma Zehanat – **The Unquiet Dead**  
Macgrath, Harold - **Million Dollar Mystery**  
Muller & Pronzini - **Body Snatchers Affair**  
Neuhaus, Nele – **The Ice Queen**  
O'Mara, Tim - **Dead Red**  
Patterson, James - **Private Vegas**  
Rowe, Rosemary - **The Fateful Day**  
Shaw, William – **The Kings of London**  
Thomas, Sam - **Witch Hunter's Tale**  
Todd, Charles – **A Fine Summer's Day**

Walton, Jo – **The Just City**

#### **February Mass Market**

Aames, Avery - **As Gouda As Dead**  
Arlington, Lucy - **Played By the Book**  
Berenson, Alex – **The Counterfeit Agent**  
Brightwell, Emily – **Mrs. Jeffries and the One That Got Away**  
Carmack, Amanda - **Murder in the Queen's Garden**  
Cleeland, Anne - **Murder in Retribution**  
Coben, Harlan - **Missing You**  
Collins, Kate – **A Root Awakening**  
Connolly, Sheila - **An Early Wake**  
Cook, J.J. - **Fry Another Day**  
Daheim, Mary - **Clam Bake**  
Deaver, Jeffery – **The October List**  
Ferris, Monica – **The Drowning Spool**  
Gates, Eva - **By Book Or By Crook**  
Gross, Andrew - **Everything to Lose**  
Haywood, B.B. - **Town in a Sweet Pickle**  
Hiaasen, Carl - **Bad Monkey**  
Hughes, Mary Ellen - **License to Dill**  
Jackson, Lisa - **Close to Home**  
Kappes, Tonya - **Ghostly Undertaking**  
Lackberg, Camilla - **Scent of Almonds & Other Stories**  
McHugh, Mary - **Flamenco, Flan, And Fatalities**  
Mckinlay, Jenn - **At the Drop of a Hat**  
Mclaughlin, Staci – **A Healthy Homicide**  
Round, Jeffrey - **The Jade Butterfly**  
Ryan, Annelise - **Stiff Penalty**  
Scottoline, Lisa - **Save Me**  
Sidebottom, Harry - **Throne of the Caesars**  
Staub, Wendy Corsi – **The Black Widow**  
Thoft, Ingrid - **Identity**  
Titan, Books - **Elementary: The Ghost Line**  
White, Randy Wayne - **Bone Deep**

#### **February Trade Paperback**

Atkins, Lucy – **The Missing One**  
Black, Benjamin – **The Black-Eyed Blonde**  
Brett, Simon - **Strangling on the Stage**  
Brody, Frances - **Murder in the Afternoon**  
Carr, Viola - **Diabolical Miss Hyde**

Furlong, Dayle - **Saltwater Cowboys**  
 Fyfield, Frances - **Casting the First Stone**  
 Harris, Gregory – **The Connicle Curse**  
 Harrod-Eagles, Cynthia - **Hard Going**  
 Herbert, A.L. - **Murder with Fried Chicken & Waffles**  
 Higgins, Peter - **Truth and Fear**  
 Kinnings, Max - **Baptism**  
 Kuhn, Shane – **The Intern's Handbook**  
 Lovesey, Peter - **Stone Wife**  
 Lustbader, Eric – **The Kaisho**  
 Nesbo, Jo – **The Son**  
 Rankin, Ian - **Oxcrimes: 27 Killer Stories**  
 Redfern, Jon - **Children of the Tide**  
 Rich, Roberta – **The Harem Midwife**  
 Smith, Alexander McCall - **Bertie's Guide to Life & Motherhood**  
 Smith, Tom Rob – **The Farm**  
 Veste, Luca – **The Dying Place**  
 Woodhead, Patrick - **Beneath the Ice**  
 Zander, Joakim – **The Swimmer**

#### **February Hardcovers**

Archer, Jeffrey - **Mightier Than the Sword**  
 Barbieri, Maggie - **Lies That Bind**  
 Beaton, M.C. - **Death of a Liar**  
 Brekke, Jorgen - **Dreamless**  
 Brody, Frances – **A Woman Unknown**  
 Clarkson, John - **Among Thieves**  
 Flanders, Judith – **A Murder of Magpies**  
 Gaiman, Neil - **Trigger Warning: Short Fiction and Disturbances**  
 Harrison, Cora - **Condemned to Death**  
 King, Laurie R. - **Dreaming Spies**  
 Lippman, Laura - **Hush Hush**  
 May, Peter – **The Chessmen**  
 Murphy, Shirley Rousseau – **The Cat, The Devil, the Last Escape**  
 Parsons, Tony – **The Slaughter Man**  
 Pyper, Andrew – **The Damned**  
 Sansom, C.J. - **Lamentation**  
 Tursten, Helene – **The Beige Man**

#### **January Children and Young Adult**

Doyle, Arthur Conan – **A Study in Scarlet**  
 Korman, Gordon - **Masterminds**

## **HOLIDAY SHOPPING AND WEBSTORE**

We just want to remind you that we can order any book commercially available for you (and you'll get stamps, even), so if you've got readers on your list who don't read mysteries (yes, we know they're out there), we can provide some one-stop shopping service. Be sure to ask what the ETA on titles are and please keep in mind we cannot guarantee delivery dates. As ever, we're available to make recommendations and we'll spend some time really thinking about where to point you in terms of "they like X, but they've read them all". We're also happy to drop a hint in Santa's ear if there is a book that you've particularly been coveting.

We've also got our webstore more or less operational. For most customers, this will just be a way to check before you leave the house whether we have something (you can of course continue to call or email as well). Sian will be putting together a video on how to use it, so look for that in the coming months. In the meantime, check it out here: [bookmanager.com/117455x/](http://bookmanager.com/117455x/).

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