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## **Grave Apparel** Rose Garden Press

Roxy Abruzzo stays one step ahead of trouble---especially now that her cash flow is less than stellar, and she's "doing favors" for her slippery uncle Carmine, one of the last old-time Mob bosses in Pittsburgh. With her sidekick, Nooch, and her thieving pitbull, Rooney, Roxy hustles the mean streets collecting debts for Uncle Carmine and keeping his customers in line. With her daughter's college tuition to pay, Roxy can almost convince herself that the shady jobs are legal. But when Carmine's consigliere offers Roxy a contract to kidnap someone, that's a line she won't cross. Trouble is the kidnapping happens anyway, and when the victim turns up murdered, Roxy's number one on the police hit parade. To protect herself, she investigates and soon learns

the victim had a big secret---or two. Add a rock singer with a penchant for dinosaur bones and throw in a pesky paleontologist, plus an ex-nun with a mustache problem---not to mention a sexy chef with a taste for whatever Roxy dishes up---and you've got a caper full of quirky characters and laugh-out-loud mayhem. Peppered as usual with Nancy Martin's sharp one-liners, *Sticky Fingers*---the second Roxy Abruzzo mystery---is even tastier than the first.

## **The Church of Dead Girls** Penguin

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*The Lives of Diamond Bessie* Henry Holt and Company (BYR)

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When a high society jewel thief winds up drowned at the bottom of a pool with a tacky garden gnome tied to her ankles, ex-debutante Nora, who cast aside her life of wealth and privilege to be a columnist for a Philadelphia newspaper, must swing into action to save her old flame, Flan Cooper, from a hasty murder charge.

**Three of Diamonds** Penguin

Undead girls begin re-entering the world of the living, emerging from refrigerators, in Sunny Moraine's Tor.com Original Eyes I dare Not Meet in Dreams. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Secret Agent Girl Penguin

THE INSTANT #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! “ I like to think of Not All Diamonds and Ros é as the ultimate reunion. I know readers will be surprised, entertained, and

even shocked at what ’ s in store.” - Andy Cohen  
Dave Quinn's Not All Diamonds and Ros é is the definitive oral history of the hit television franchise, from its unlikely start in the gated communities of Orange County to the pop culture behemoth it has become—spanning nine cities, hundreds of cast members, and millions of fans. What is it really like to be a housewife? We all want to know, but only the women we love to watch and the people who make the show have the whole story. Well, listen in close, because they ’ re about to tell all. Nearly all the wives, producers, and network executives, as well as Andy Cohen himself, are on the record, unfiltered and unvarnished about what it really takes to have a tagline. This is your VIP pass to the lives behind the glam squads, testimonials, and tabloid feuds. Life ’ s not all diamonds and ros é , but the truth is so much better, isn ’ t it? Includes Color Photographs

Dead Girls Minotaur Books

Society columnist Nora Blackbird is thrust into

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the world of celebrity tabloid gossip when a billionaire buys the farm.... Nora ' s assigned to write a profile on billionaire fashion designer Swain Starr, who recently retired to build a high-tech organic farm with his new wife, Zephyr, a former supermodel. But before Nora can get the story, the mogul is murdered. And now her boss wants her to snap up an exclusive on who killed Starr before the cops do. But solving this murder won ' t be easy with a family as colorful as Nora ' s. Mick, her sort-of husband, is associating with unsavory characters from his past. Her sister Libby is transforming into a stage mom for her diabolical twins. And Emma, the youngest Blackbird, is mysteriously kicked out of the house by Mick. Nora ' s home life may be hogging the spotlight, but there ' s also a matter of Starr ' s missing pig, which just might be the key to solving this mystery and the

way Nora can bring home the bacon....

Have Your Cake and Kill Him Too She Writes Press

A sleepy hamlet in upstate New York awakens to a nightmare when three young girls disappear in succession, inspiring a wave of suspicion among former friends as old rumors, old angers, and old desires rear their ugly heads. Reprint.

How to Murder a Millionaire Signet Book  
When the husband of a wealthy dog food heiress is found bludgeoned to death at an exclusive hunt club, Nora Blackbird is as surprised as anyone. Worse still, the evidence points toward a devious blackmail scheme-with Nora's sister, Emma, as the main suspect. Investigating with the help of friend and foe alike, Nora uncovers the

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secrets of some of Philadelphia's high-and-mightiest-and attracts the unwanted attentions of the real killer...

### Slay Belles Penguin

Nora Blackbird has made the society pages yet again. The impoverished Philadelphia heiress has agreed to wed Mick Abruzzo, son of New Jersey ' s most notorious mobster. Now Nora has to help him survive the Blackbird curse: Every time a Blackbird sister marries, the groom is bound to die. But Nora ' s superstitions are eclipsed by some ominous news. Penny Devine, ex-Hollywood starlet and daughter of the Philadelphia Devines, has disappeared, and strangely, her family is very eager to have her declared dead. When it ' s revealed that Nora has inherited Penny ' s extensive

couture wardrobe, eyebrows rise even higher. The only way for Nora to keep her name clear and save her sanity is to snoop among the snooty...until she sniffs out the truth.

### The Lonely Dead Simon and Schuster

“ What'll it be today? A knotty puzzle mystery? A fast-paced police procedural? Something more high-toned, with a bit of wit? With the British author Peter Lovesey, there's no need to make those agonizing decisions, because his books have it all. ”

—The New York Times Book Review In a Sussex town on the south coast of England, a widely disliked art teacher at a posh private girls ' school disappears without explanation. None of her students miss her boring lessons, especially since her

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replacement is a devilishly hunky male teacher with a fancy car. But then her name shows up on a police missing persons list. What happened to Miss Gibbon, and why does no one seem to care? Peter Diamond has been sent to Sussex on a Home Office internal investigation to look into breach of conduct by a fellow police officer—a failure to process DNA evidence related to a cold case. As he asks questions, he begins to notice unsettling connections between the cold case and the missing art teacher. Could the two mysteries be connected? How many other area disappearances have gone unnoticed and uninvestigated? Diamond and his hapless supervisor have stumbled into a web of related crimes. Will Diamond be able to disentangle them?

### Some Like it Lethal Penguin

Rich and flamboyant Honeybelle Hensley, the most colorful character in Mule Stop, Texas, dies a suspicious death and enrages the whole town by leaving her worldly fortune to the most undeserving recipient—her dog. The incorrigible Miss Ruffles is a Texas Cattle Cur, not a cuddly lapdog, and when Honeybelle was alive, Miss Ruffles liked nothing better than digging up Honeybelle's famous rose garden after breakfast, chasing off the UPS man before lunch and terrorizing the many gentleman callers who came knocking at cocktail hour. But now Miss Ruffles is in danger, and it's up to Sunny McKillip, the unwilling dogsitter, to keep her safe. Sunny is new to Texas, and sometimes she feels as if she's

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fallen into an alien world. If it isn't the pistol-packing football fans and the sweet-talking, yet ruthless ladies of the garden club who confound her, it's the rowdy rodeo hounds and the tobacco-spitting curmudgeon at Critter Control who have her buffaloed. With a killer on the loose and a cowboy lawyer keeping a suspicious eye on her every move, Sunny needs all the help she can get understanding how Texans think. There's more to Honeybelle's death than meets this Yankee's eye, and Sunny has Miss Ruffles to protect, too. It's a bucking bull ride of an adventure for Sunny, and if she's not careful she might just get killed . . . or her heart lassoed....in Nancy Martin's Miss Ruffles Inherits Everything.

Dead Girls Don't Wear Diamonds 1st World

Publishing  
Presents the the story of Primavera, a "dead girl"--a brand of engineered doll women who were once human--and her infected lover, who become caught up in a power war between the CIA and Far Eastern pornocrats. A first novel.

Dead Girls Don't Wear Diamonds Soho Press  
A classic Blackbird Sisters novella, available digitally for the first time! Whoever coined the phrase " Shop till you drop " certainly never meant " Shop till you drop dead. " But premier personal shopper Popo seems to have done just that—except this shopper ' s been murdered. After Popo ' s body is found on a display bed in the luxurious Haymaker ' s department store, Nora Blackbird is forced to put solving a murder before finishing her Christmas shopping. With sister Libby off on a spending spree and sister Emma checked into rehab, it ' s up to Nora to see who had a

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personal vendetta against this personal shopper—and to determine if a certain designer handbag was worth killing for. Includes a preview of *No Way to Kill a Lady*, out August 2012!

#### Holding Back The Tears Penguin

Not much is going right these days for once rich, now impoverished Nora Blackbird—what with her lover under house arrest and her best friend in the slammer. Then Nora and her sisters receive word of a million-dollar inheritance.... Great-aunt Madeleine Blackbird has died in a volcanic eruption on an Indonesian island and left her fabulous Bucks County estate to the three Blackbird sisters. But when Nora and her scandal-ridden sisters, Libby and Emma, go to claim their windfall, they find the house in decay and all of their aunt's to-die-for treasures gone. They also find a woman's body.... Nora feels compelled to seek out the truth, but even with help from her mobster

boyfriend, Mick Abruzzo, who provides distractions both dark and delightful, solving this case proves challenging. Relatives are circling to claim a share of Madeleine's property, the suspect list is growing, and Nora's wild and wacky sisters are adding one surprise after another. It's enough to put Nora's couture undies in a serious twist!

#### Dead Girls Don't Wear Diamonds Penguin

A killer is on the loose, and only one girl has the power to find him. But in this genre-bending YA thriller, she must first manage to avoid becoming a target herself. For Adele, the dead aren't really dead. She can see them and even talk to them. But she's spent years denying her gift. When she encounters her ex-best friend Tori in the woods and then realizes that Tori is actually dead in a shallow grave—that gift turns into a curse. Without an alibi, Adele becomes the prime suspect in Tori's murder. She must work with Tori's ghost to find the real killer. But what if the killer finds Adele first? In *The Lonely Dead*, master mystery



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writer April Henry adds a chilling paranormal twist to this incredibly suspenseful young adult novel.

Christy Ottaviano Books

Eyes I Dare Not Meet in Dreams Minotaur Books

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Penguin

When the tycoon owner of a spectacularly tacky sports bar is killed, Nora Blackbird suspects a secretive politician, a shady former rock star doubling as a pastry chef, and a dangerous aristocrat on the verge of stardom.

Not All Diamonds and Ros é Penguin

Dead Girls Don't Wear Diamonds Penguin

It's a Mod, Mod, Mod, Mod Murder Minotaur

Books

Born and raised in Judsonia, Arkansas—a place where indoor plumbing was a luxury, squirrel was a meal, and sex ed was taught during senior year in high school (long after many girls had gotten pregnant and dropped out) Beth Ditto stood out. Beth was a fat, pro-choice, sexually confused choir nerd with a great voice, an eighties perm, and a Kool Aid dye job. Her single mother worked overtime, which meant Beth and her five siblings were often left to fend for themselves. Beth spent much of her childhood as a transient, shuttling between relatives, caring for a sickly, volatile aunt she nonetheless loved, looking after sister, brothers, and cousins, and trying to steer clear of her mother's bad boyfriends. Her punk education began in high school under the tutelage of a group of teens — her second family — who embraced their outsider status and introduced her to safety-pinned clothing, mail-order tapes, queer and fat-positive zines, and any shred of counterculture they could smuggle into Arkansas. With their help, Beth survived high school, a tragic

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family scandal, and a mental breakdown, and then she got the hell out of Judsonia. She decamped to Olympia, Washington, a late-1990s paradise for Riot Grrrls and punks, and began to cultivate her glamorous, queer, fat, femme image. On a whim - with longtime friends Nathan, a guitarist and musical savant in a polyester suit, and Kathy, a quiet intellectual turned drummer - she formed the band Gossip. She gave up trying to remake her singing voice into the ethereal wisp she thought it should be and instead embraced its full, soulful, potential. Gossip gave her that chance, and the raw power of her voice won her and Gossip the attention they deserved. Marked with the frankness, humour and defiance that have made her an international icon, Beth Ditto's unapologetic, startlingly direct, and poetic memoir is a hypnotic and inspiring account of a woman coming into her own.

**Dead Girls Don't Wear Diamonds Penguin**  
**During a party at Merryweathers' Toy**

Shoppe, a vicious clown called Mr. Skidoo, who can't keep his foul mouth shut, is murdered, and totally mod special agent Bebe Bennett, discovering that she is a suspect, must employ her keen skills of detection to clear her fabulous name. Original.