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Blackthorn Winter Screech Owls

Tale of the trial for the murder of Patrick J. Quinlan, of Homer, New York.

The Dead of Winter Simon and Schuster

The true story of Barbara Hoffman is a tale of money, men, and the Madison, Wisconsin, massage parlor where a biochemistry major turned into a murderer. On a freezing Christmas morning, a distraught young man named Gerald Davies led Madison police to Tomahawk Ridge, where they found the body of Harold Berge, naked, bloody, and beaten. Davies insisted that he hadn't killed the man, but that he and his fiancée had simply buried the corpse in a snowbank. The investigation confirmed that the victim had died in the apartment of Barbara Hoffman—a young woman who had dropped out of the University of Wisconsin and had worked at Jan's Health Studio, a local massage parlor. She and Davies, whom she met at Jan's, had recently become engaged. The circumstances were suspicious already. But when the police discovered that Berge was Hoffman's ex-lover, that he had signed over his house and an insurance policy to her—and that Davies had also made her his beneficiary—they began to suspect that Davies might also be in danger. . . . The police kept him under watch, but eventually had to stop surveillance. Soon after, Davies turned up dead in his bathtub, a Valium bottle nearby, in an apparent suicide. But, an accomplished student of chemistry, Hoffman knew how tricky it could be to detect cyanide poisoning. It would take a dedicated effort by detectives to sort out the truth about the highly intelligent masseuse, her work in the shadowy local sex trade, and the real circumstances that led two of her clients to their deaths. *Winter of Frozen Dreams* is the full story of the case that would become a sensational televised trial and inspire a film of the same name starring Thora Birch. It's a "snappy read" by an author with a "talent for sleuthy description and psychological insight" (Kirkus Reviews).

*A Fatal Winter* Open Road Media

Like *HOMECOMING* (074346754X) did for *Star Trek Voyager* and *AVATAR* (074340050X) did for *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, *DEATH IN WINTER* picks up the *Star Trek: The Next Generation* story after the TV/movies are complete and tells all-new stories about favourite *Next Generation* characters and their subsequent lives. After the fall of Shinzon (as seen in the feature film, *STAR TREK: NEMESIS*) the elite of the Romulan Empire are battling over who will seize control. Caught up in this struggle are the Kevrata, a once proud people, now strangled under Romulan domination. When a biogenetic disease threatens to wipe out their race, Starfleet assigns its new Chief Medical Officer, Dr Beverly Crusher, to aid the populace. But when she

suddenly goes missing and is presumed dead, Jean-Luc Picard must race to try and locate Crusher and help find a cure for the disease that could kill millions.

*Murder on a Winter Afternoon* Emporium Press

*WISTING: THE MAJOR TV SHOW NOW ON BBC FOUR* Winner of the Norwegian Bookseller's Prize Ove Bakkerud, newly separated and extremely disillusioned, is looking forward to a final quiet weekend at his summer home before closing for winter but, when the tourists leave, less welcome visitors arrive. Bakkerud's cottage is ransacked by burglars and next door he discovers the body of a man who has been beaten to death. Police Inspector William Wisting has witnessed grotesque murders before, but the desperation he sees in this latest murder is something new. Against his wishes, his daughter Line decides to stay in one of the summer cottages at the mouth of the fjord. Wisting's unease does not diminish when they discover several more corpses on the deserted archipelago. Meanwhile, dead birds are dropping from the sky.

*Malice Poetic* Titan Books (US, CA)

A "haunting debut: suspenseful, atmospheric, and completely riveting" (Megan Miranda, *New York Times* bestselling author of *All the Missing Girls*) about a young woman who returns home to care for her ailing mother and begins to dig deeper into her sister's unsolved murder. Sixteen years ago, Sylvie's sister, Persephone, never came home. Out late with the boyfriend she was forbidden to see, Persephone was missing for three days before her body was found—and years later, her murder is still unsolved. In the present day, Sylvie returns home to care for her estranged mother, Annie, as she undergoes treatment for cancer. Prone to unexplained "Dark Days" even before Persephone's death, Annie's once-close bond with Sylvie dissolved in the weeks after their loss, making for an uncomfortable reunion all these years later. Adding to the discomfort, Persephone's former boyfriend is now a nurse at the cancer center where Annie is being treated. Sylvie has always believed Ben was responsible for the murder—but she carries her own guilt about that night, guilt that traps her in the past while the world goes on around her. As she navigates the complicated relationship with her mother, Sylvie begins to uncover the secrets that fill their house—and what really happened the night Persephone died. *The Winter Sister* is a "bewitching" (Kirkus Reviews) portrayal of the complex bond between sisters, between mothers and daughters alike, and "will captivate you from suspenseful start to surprising

finish" (Kathleen Barber, author of *Are You Sleeping*).

**The Dead of Winter** Penguin

When young and inexperienced constable Nicole Patterson discovers the body of a young woman in a snow-covered field, she decides to do what she can to contribute to the investigation, even though she is unauthorized and underqualified.

*The Necessary Death of Lewis Winter* Bookouture

When Melissa Craig arrives for a stay in Uphanger Manor in the Cotswolds, she walks straight into an atmosphere of hostility and suspicion, which alerts her crime-writer's mind. Why is the owner, Stewart Miles Haughan, so unpopular with his employees? What lies behind the tension between him and his wife? Who is the composer of the haunting poems that keep appearing among his correspondence, and why is he taking them so seriously? Haughan practically coerces Melissa into trying to track down the anonymous poet. Then things start to turn nasty . . . 'Full of sharp insights with an unexpected twist in the tail' Val McDermid

*The Secrets of Winter* Quercus

The detective story is a kind of intellectual game. It is more-it is a sporting event. And the author must play fair with the reader. He can no more resort to trickeries and deceptions and still retain his honesty than if he cheated in a bridge game. He must outwit the reader, and hold the reader's interest, through sheer ingenuity. For the writing of detective stories there are very definite laws-unwritten, perhaps, but none the less binding: and every respectable and self-respecting concocter of literary mysteries lives up to them. We are delighted to publish this classic book as part of our extensive Classic Library collection. Many of the books in our collection have been out of print for decades, and therefore have not been accessible to the general public. The aim of our publishing program is to facilitate rapid access to this vast reservoir of literature, and our view is that this is a significant literary work, which deserves to be brought back into print after many decades. The contents of the vast majority of titles in the Classic Library have been scanned from the original works. To ensure a high quality product, each title has been meticulously hand curated by our staff. Our philosophy has been guided by a desire to provide the reader with a book that is as close as possible to ownership of the original work. We hope that you will enjoy this wonderful classic work, and that for you it becomes an enriching experience.

The Winter Murder Case: Large Print National Geographic Books

No-nonsense Nantucket detective Merry Folger grapples with the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and two murders as the island is overtaken by Hollywood stars and DC suits. Nantucket Police Chief Meredith Folger is acutely conscious of the stress COVID-19 has placed on the community she loves. Although the island has proved a refuge for many during the pandemic, the cost to Nantucket has been high. Merry hopes that the Christmas Stroll, one of Nantucket's favorite traditions, in which Main Street is transformed into a winter wonderland, will lift the island's

spirits. But the arrival of a large-scale TV production, and the Secretary of State and her family, complicates matters significantly. The TV shoot is plagued with problems from within, as a shady, power-hungry producer clashes with strong-willed actors. Across Nantucket, the Secretary's troubled stepson keeps shaking off his security detail to visit a dilapidated house near conservation land, where an intriguing recluse guards secrets of her own. With all parties overly conscious of spending too much time in the public eye and secrets swirling around both camps, it is difficult to parse what behavior is suspicious or not-until the bodies turn up. Now, it's up to Merry and Detective Howie Seitz to find a connection between two seemingly unconnected murders and catch the killer. But when everyone has a motive, and half of the suspects are politicians and actors, how can Merry and Howie tell fact from fiction? This latest installment in critically acclaimed author Francine Mathews's Merry Folger series is an immersive escape to festive Nantucket, a poignant exploration of grief as a result of parental absence, and a delicious new mystery to keep you guessing.

*The Mystery of the Spirits* Penguin

When a beloved nun is murdered in a sleepy Catskill Mountain town, a grieving young widow finds herself at the center of the turmoil. Bianca St. Denis is searching for a job and seeking acceptance in her new home of Batavia-on-Hudson. Agatha Miller, the nun's closest friend and the ailing local historian everyone loves to hate, shares her painful personal history and long-buried village secrets with Bianca. Armed with this knowledge, Bianca unravels the mysteries surrounding the death while dealing with the suspicions of her eccentric neighbors. However, Bianca's meddling complicates the sheriff's investigation as well as his marriage. Can Sheriff Mike Riley escape his painful past in a town where murder and infighting over a new casino vie for his attention? Danger stalks Bianca as she gets closer to the truth. Can the sheriff solve the mystery before the killer strikes again? Can the town heal its wounds once the truth has been uncovered?

Murder at the Winter Games (#18) Gallery Books

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#### **Hunt in Winter** Weidenfeld & Nicolson

"[Rennie Airth's] meticulously detailed procedural mysteries are beautifully written . . . well worth reading, and rereading."—Marilyn Stasio, *The New York Times Book Review* Rennie Airth's *The Decent Inn of Death* is forthcoming. On a freezing London night in 1944, Rosa Novak is brutally murdered during a blackout. Scotland Yard suspects the young Polish refugee was the victim of a random act of violence and might have dropped the case if former police investigator John Madden hadn't been her employer. Madden feels he owes it to Rosa to find her killer and pushes the investigation, uncovering her connection to a murdered Parisian furrier, a member of the Resistance, and a stolen cache of diamonds. Delivering the atmospheric writing and compelling characters that have already established Rennie Airth as a master of suspense as well as style, this long-awaited third installment in the John Madden series is historical crime writing at its best.

#### Death in Winter Kensington Publishing Corp.

"A beautiful and brutal debut. Put Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* in a blender with Scott Smith's classic crime novel *A Simple Plan*, then watch as Gailey hits the switch and everything in this world spins dangerously out of hand. A wonderful fast-paced read." —Urban Waite, author of *The Terror of Living* As a powerful winter blizzard converges on a small Pennsylvania town, a local woman is found brutally murdered. All evidence points to Danny Bedford, the town outcast, when he is discovered cradling the bloody body. Danny manages to escape into the darkened woods, but he is pursued by the vindictive deputy sheriff, the victim's brothers, and distraught townspeople demanding justice. During the freezing night that follows, an intricate web of lies is uncovered, revealing that not everything in the town is quite what it seems, which sets off an unstoppable chain of events that changes the townspeople forever.

#### The Preserve Profile Books

A snow-covered cottage is nestled in the hills, all ready for Christmas... but inside a body lies dead upon the floor. Melissa Craig is enjoying her first winter in the Cotswolds, taking brisk walks through the snowy fields and basking in the winter sunshine. The only thing Melissa is plotting is her Christmas shopping. But after the unexpected death of local writer Leonora Jewell, Melissa is asked to complete Leonora's final book. However, on her first visit to the cottage, she finds a gruesome object overlooked by the police: a metal bar covered with dried blood. Terrified, Melissa rushes to the nearest telephone box to call the police. But by the time they reach Leonora's cottage,

the murder weapon has mysteriously vanished. With no murder weapon, the detective in charge of the case scoffs at Melissa's suspicions. Furious and frustrated, Melissa focuses on finishing Leonora's novel. But as she reads Leonora's notes for the book, she starts to wonder... did Leonora accidentally plot out her own murder? As Melissa does some investigating of her own, she uncovers some pretty suspicious local characters. But with the police unwilling to help, can Melissa solve this vicious crime alone? By hook, by crook, or by the book, Melissa must find the killers before they strike again... If you adore Faith Martin, Joy Ellis and P.D. James, you're in for a treat with this unputdownable mystery novel! This book was previously published as *Deadly Legacy*. What readers are saying about *Betty Rowlands: 'Hooked from the first pages... wonderful... fascinating, full of twists and turns... kept me guessing till the end.'* Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars '*Brilliant... I read this book in one sitting and could not put it down. I would highly recommend this book to anyone.'* NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars

#### **The Winter Murder Case** Independently Published

A snowy Christmas gathering on an island off the Cornish coast goes murderously wrong in this festive Golden Age mystery. December 1938, and storm clouds hover once again over Europe. Josephine Tey and Archie Penrose gather with friends for a Cornish Christmas, but two strange and brutal deaths on St. Michael's Mount--and the unexpected arrival of a world famous film star, in need of sanctuary--interrupt the festivities. Cut off by the sea and a relentless blizzard, the hunt for a murderer begins. Pivoting on a real moment in history, the ninth novel in the Josephine Tey series draws on all the much-loved conventions of the Golden Age Christmas mystery, while giving them the contemporary twist which has come to distinguish the books so far.

#### *The Winter Sister* Macmillan

With her parents on a trial separation, the last thing fifteen-year-old Juliana wants is to be dragged by her mother to an artists' colony in England. Halfway across the world, Juliana misses her father terribly. But soon she has bigger worries when the sleepy town of Blackthorn is set on its heels by the murder of one of its own. Juliana feels compelled to solve the crime, but she is shocked and frightened when she uncovers clues that have chilling parallels to her own mysterious past. Can she figure out who the murderer is before anyone else--herself included--gets hurt?

#### Murder on a Winter's Night Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

The Screech Owls have come to Salt Lake City for the Peewee Winter Games - with the championship game to be played on the same ice surface where the Canadian men and women won Olympic hockey gold! Nish has plans to run his own competition: the Gross-Out Olympics, featuring everything from taping players to dressing room walls with duct tape to the "Snot Shot" - seeing how far they can fire a jellybean using only their noses. He also has a

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team contest to see who can figure out the Great Nish Secret and guess what the nuttiest Screech Owl of all has buried at centre ice for good luck. But that secret pales once the Owls find out something strange - something terrifying - is going on in the tunnels deep beneath the magnificent hills surrounding the Olympic site.

**The Dead of Winter** DigiCat

In this stylish neo-noir set in the mountainous Central Asian republic of Kyrgyzstan, hard-bitten inspector Akyl Borubaev mourns the recent death of his beloved wife--the only humanizing force in his otherwise bleak life as a homicide detective in Bishkek. As he struggles to face his personal pain, Borubaev is assigned to investigate the murder of a young woman whose horribly mutilated body is found dumped in a public park. When Borubaev discovers the woman is the only daughter of Mikhail Tynaliev, the powerful and ruthless Minister of State Security, he realizes the case will probably destroy him, regardless of where the evidence leads. Borubaev begins making enemies everywhere he turns, even as he is aided by a motley assortment of dangerous cutthroats: his wife's uncle Kursan, whose cross-border smuggling is the stuff of local legend; the explosive police chief, who wants the case solved as soon as possible; Saltanat, a beautiful and deadly agent of the Uzbek Security Service; an entire police force of bent cops; and members of the Kyrgyz mafia. All of which would just be another day in the life of Akyl Borubaev--if the investigation didn't turn up a blood-chilling connection to multiple homicides across Kyrgyzstan--including one on a Russian military base.

**Blackthorn Winter** Sandstone Press Ltd

A killer is watching... Thirteen years ago, Winter Black came home early from a sleepover to find her parents brutally murdered and her little brother gone-taken by a serial killer called The Preacher. Now a rookie FBI agent assigned to her first murder case, Winter has returned to the small Virginia town where she grew up. But when bones found by a hunter lead to the discovery of a secret burial ground containing the remains of children, the investigation suddenly hits close to home as the past and future collide with each new shocking discovery. Will they find her brother's bones in the makeshift graveyard next? Only The Preacher knows, and he'll do anything to keep the past-and its secrets-buried until he's ready to make his final move. A masterfully conceived psychological thriller reminiscent of Lisa Jackson, Harlan Coben, and Karin Slaughter, Winter's Mourn will keep readers turning the pages-and watching the window-long past midnight.

*Death on a Winter Stroll* Bookouture

In the bleak midwinter ... murder awaits. The halls might be decked, and the mistletoe hung, but in these ten classic crime stories you're more likely to come across a corpse under the Christmas tree than a present. From a Santa Claus with a secret to a violent theft that

snowballs into something quite unexpected, pull up a chair, throw another log on the fire ... and let history's greatest crime writers surprise, delight and chill you to the bone.