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### **Powder and Patch** Springer

A lonely old man is murdered in a quiet country lane, apparently shot as he was driving home. The only witness to the crime is a pretty young woman with a loaded automatic gun in her pocket. Why indeed, shoot a butler unless he had seen too much.

The Grand Sophy Sourcebooks, Inc.

"What happens when a many-titled Duke decides to play hookey from his suffocating dignity..."—Kirkus Reviews

The Duke of Sale is out to prove himself The shy, young Duke of Sale has never known his parents. Instead, his Grace Adolphus Gillespie Vernon Ware, Gilly for short, has endured twenty-four years of rigorous mollycoddling from his uncle and valet. But his natural diffidence conceals a rebellious spirit. A mysterious beauty provides the perfect opportunity When Gilly hears of Belinda, the beautiful foundling who appears to be blackmailing his cousin, he absconds with glee. But he has no sooner entered this new and dangerous world than he is plunged into a frenzy of intrigue, kidnapping, adventure, and surprises at every turn. "Orphaned at birth, bullied by his well-meaning guardian, hemmed in by the affectionate ministrations of a small army of family retainers, His Grace of Sale had reached the age of 24 without ever making a decision for himself In all his life the titular master of Sale House, duke, marquis, earl, thrice baron, had never so much as selected a cravat for his own wardrobe ... One morning, in a moment of unaccustomed resolution, His Grace made up his mind. 'I shall try to discover,' he decided, 'whether I am a man, or only a duke.'"—New York Times Book Review

### **No Wind of Blame** Sourcebooks, Inc.

A beloved country house mystery from Georgette Heyer, perfect for readers of Agatha Christie and Dorothy L. Sayers! Who would kill the perfect gentleman? When Ernest Fletcher is found bludgeoned to death in his study, everyone is shocked and mystified: Ernest was well liked and respected, so who would have a motive for killing him? Superintendent Hannasyde, with consummate skill, uncovers one dirty little secret after another, and with them, a host of people who all have reasons for wanting Fletcher dead. Then, a second murder is committed, giving a grotesque twist to a very unusual case, and Hannasyde realizes he's up against a killer on a mission... Praise for Georgette Heyer: "Given the chance I could happily devour a stack of her novels one after the other."—A Work In Progress "A few things that you are guaranteed when you pick up a Georgette Heyer novel of any kind are unique characters and a fast-paced plot."—We Be Reading

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"Death in the Stocks is rare and refreshing."—The Times A Moonlit Night, a Sleeping Village, and an Unaccountable Murder... In the dead of the night, a man in an evening dress is found murdered, locked in the stocks on the village green. Unfortunately for Superintendent Hannasyde, the deceased is Andrew Vereker, a man hated by nearly everyone, especially his odd and unhelpful family members. The Verekers are as eccentric as they are corrupt, and it will take all Hannasyde's skill at detection to determine who's telling the truth, and who is pointing him in the wrong direction. The question is: who in this family is clever enough to get away with murder? "Miss Heyer's characters act and speak with an ease and conviction that is refreshing as it is rare in the ordinary mystery novel."—Times Literary Supplement

### **The Unfinished Clue** Sourcebooks, Inc.

"Georgette Heyer is unbeatable."—Sunday Telegraph A young and lovely runaway alone on the road to London Miss Charity Steane is running away from the drudgery of her aunt's household to find her grandfather. Not expecting her visit, the old gentleman is not in London but is away in the country. A scandal broth in the making When Viscount Desford encounters a lovely waif searching for her grandfather, he feels honor bound to assist her; but dashing about the countryside together, the Viscount must prevent his exasperating charge from bringing him ruin

upon herself...and him. In the end, his best idea is to bring Charity to his lifelong best friend Henrietta and that's when the fun and surprises begin... "It all begins when a chivalrous and rich young gallant takes pity on a pathetic poor relation in a neighboring family. Before long he is so entangled in his efforts to help her that every step he takes leads to some hilarious new confusion. The romantic conclusions are not what you may expect, but that adds to the fun."—Publishers Weekly "My favourite historical novelist—stylish, romantic, sharp, and witty. Her sense of period is superb, her heroines are enterprising, and her heroes dashing. I owe her many happy hours."—Margaret Drabble

[Envious Casca](#) Sourcebooks, Inc.

London is the scene for a card party given by a social-climbing hostess. Suddenly, the party is interrupted by murder, both victims strangled by the same sinister method.

### **Why Shoot a Butler?** Sourcebooks, Inc.

'Tis the Season—for murder... A colorful assortment of guests at a festive holiday house party discover there is a killer in their midst when their universally reviled host is found dead—in a room locked from the inside. For Inspector Hemingway of Scotland Yard, the investigation is complicated by the fact that every guest is hiding something—throwing all their testimony into question and casting suspicion far and wide. The clever and daring crime will mystify readers, yet the answer is in plain sight all along...

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Georgette Heyer wrote over fifty books, including Regency romances, mysteries, and historical fiction. Her barrister husband, Ronald Rougier, provided many of the plots for her detective novels, which are classic English country house mysteries reminiscent of Agatha Christie. Heyer was legendary for her research, historical accuracy, inventive plots, and sparkling characterization. "Georgette Heyer has given me such great pleasure over the years in my reading, and rereading, of her stories. —#1 New York Times bestselling author Nora Roberts "Sit back, slip away to a happier time and enjoy." —New York Times bestselling author Kasey Michaels "One never forgets one's first Heyer." —New York Times bestselling author Mary Jo Putney "The wittiest of detective writers." —Daily Mail "Miss Heyer's characters and dialogue are an abiding delight to me." —Dorothy L. Sayers

### **The Tiger Among Us** Sourcebooks, Inc.

When diplomat Sir Horace Stanton-Lacy is ordered to Brazil, he parks his daughter Sophy with his sister's family. Far from the blushing girl they expected, what turns up is a strapping, confident woman, complete with menagerie (horse, greyhound, parrot, and monkey), who sees that her cousins are in a sad tangle. Charles is betrothed to a pedantic blue-stocking almost as tiresome as himself; Cecilia is besotted with a beautiful but feather-brained poet; and Hubert has fallen foul of a money-lender. It looks like the Grand Sophy has arrived just in time to sort them all out!

### **A Companion to Crime Fiction** Sourcebooks, Inc.

The superlatively analytical Inspector Hemingway is confronted by a murder that seems impossible?no one was near the murder weapon at the time the shot was fired. Everyone on the scene seems to have a motive, not to mention the wherewithal to commit murder, and alibis that simply don't hold up. The inspector is sorely tried by a wide

variety of suspects, including the neglected widow, the neighbor who's in love with her, her resentful daughter, and a patently phony Russian prince preying on the widow's emotional vulnerability and social aspirations. And then there's the blackmail plot that may?or may not?be at the heart of the case? PRAISE FOR GEORGETTE HEYER: "Our Georgette Heyer display of the Sourcebooks reprints has been a huge success, not only to those early fans like myself, but to many new readers who appreciate her style and wit." Nancy Olson, Quail Ridge Books, Raleigh, NC "Reading Georgette Heyer is the next best thing to reading Jane Austen." Publishers Weekly "Wonderful characters, elegant, witty writing, perfect period detail, and rapturously romantic. Georgette Heyer achieves what the rest of us only aspire to." Katie Fforde

### **Friday's Child** Sourcebooks, Inc.

"Bright and effervescent."—The Times Literary Supplement What begins as an adventure soon becomes a nightmare... Locals claim it is haunted and refuse to put a single toe past the front door, but to siblings Peter, Celia, and Margaret, the Priory is nothing more than a rundown estate inherited from their late uncle—and the perfect setting for a much-needed holiday. But when a murder victim is discovered in the drafty Priory halls, the once unconcerned trio begins to fear that the ghostly rumors are true and they are not alone after all! With a killer on the loose, will they find themselves the next victims of a supernatural predator, or will they uncover a far more corporeal culprit?

### **A Beautiful Blue Death** Sourcebooks, Inc.

Georgette Heyer's first novel, *The Black Moth*, was written when she was just nineteen in order to amuse her convalescent brother. It was published in 1921 to instant success, and in the ninety years since then her work has been read and beloved by millions of readers and extolled by today's bestselling authors from writers of contemporary classics through to romantic comedies.

### **The Private World of Georgette Heyer** Random House

Meet the Matthews... before the next one dies It's no ordinary morning at the Poplars—the master is found dead in his bed, and it seems his high blood pressure was not the cause. When an autopsy reveals a sinister poison in his body, it's up to the quietly resourceful Inspector Hannasyde to catch the murderer in time to spare the next victim. But every single member of the quarrelsome Matthews family has a motive and none, of course, has an alibi. "The ingredients are so well and carefully mixed, the writing is so bright, and the solution so unexpected that the book achieves success and remains one no reader can fail to enjoy."—Manchester Guardian "A marvelous mélange of malice, murder, mystery, and mirth. Priceless!"—Saturday Review

### **The Reluctant Widow** Scholastic Inc.

Equal parts Sherlock Holmes and P.G. Wodehouse, Charles Finch's debut mystery *A Beautiful Blue Death* introduces a wonderfully appealing gentleman detective in Victorian London who investigates crime as a diversion from his life of leisure. Charles Lenox, Victorian gentleman and armchair explorer, likes nothing more than to relax in his private study with a cup of tea, a roaring fire and a good book. But when his lifelong friend Lady Jane asks for his help, Lenox cannot resist the chance to unravel a mystery. Prudence Smith, one of Jane's former servants, is dead of an apparent suicide. But Lenox suspects something far more sinister: murder, by a rare and deadly poison. The grand house where the girl worked is full of suspects, and though Prue had dabbled with the hearts of more than a few men, Lenox is baffled by the motive for the girl's death. When another body turns up during the London season's most fashionable ball, Lenox must untangle a web of

loyalties and animosities. Was it jealousy that killed Prudence Smith? Or was it something else entirely? And can Lenox find the answer before the killer strikes again—this time, disturbingly close to home?

**Envious Casca** Sourcebooks, Inc.

Discover the secret missions behind America's greatest conflicts. Danny Manion has been fighting his entire life. Sometimes with his fists. Sometimes with his words. But when his actions finally land him in real trouble, he can't fight the judge who offers him a choice: jail... or the army. Turns out there's a perfect place for him in the US military: the Studies and Observation Group (SOG), an elite volunteer-only task force comprised of US Air Force Commandos, Army Green Berets, Navy SEALs, and even a CIA agent or two. With the SOG's focus on covert action and psychological warfare, Danny is guaranteed an unusual tour of duty, and a hugely dangerous one. Fortunately, the very same qualities that got him in trouble at home make him a natural-born commando in a secret war. Even if almost nobody knows he's there. National Book Award finalist Chris Lynch begins a new, explosive fiction series based on the real-life, top-secret history of US black ops.

**The Talisman Ring** Severn House Publishers Ltd

A book lover's guide to the 50 most iconic and interesting 'cosy crime' novels. The perfect gift for book-loving friends and family, 50 Books to Read If You're an Armchair Detective will provide lots of inspiration for fans of cosy crime to discover lesser known books and revisit forgotten classics. Whether you're a Richard Osman fan or a Sherlock Holmes devotee, bibliophile and book blogger Eric Karl Anderson will introduce you to some new and unexpected novels. The book includes an interactive element with space for star ratings, lists of favourite reads, thoughts and dates for beginning and finishing books. The 50 recommendations encompass a range of authors and books, from classic to contemporary and from across the globe so as to offer the lucky reader plenty of scope. This is the start of a new series of gift books celebrating books and reading, so if cosy crime isn't your thing, don't worry! You can also indulge in some love stories with 50 Books to Read If You're a Hopeless Romantic.

**Why Shoot a Butler?** Sourcebooks, Inc.

This is a feminist study of a recurring character type in classic British detective fiction by women - a woman who behaves like a Victorian gentleman. Exploring this character type leads to a new evaluation of the politics of classic detective fiction and the middlebrow novel as a whole.

**Duplicate Death** Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG New York Times and USA Today Bestseller! Every family has secrets, but the Fountains' are turning deadly... On a dark night, along a lonely country road, barrister Frank Amberley stops to help a young lady in distress and discovers a sports car with a corpse behind the wheel. The girl protests her innocence, and Amberley believes her—at least until he gets drawn into the mystery and the clues incriminating Shirley Brown begin to add up... In an English country-house murder mystery with a twist, it's the butler who's the victim, every clue complicates the puzzle, and the bumbling police are well-meaning but completely baffled. Fortunately, in ferreting out a desperate killer, amateur sleuth Amberley is as brilliant as he is arrogant, but this time he's not sure he wants to know the truth... PRAISE FOR WHY SHOOT A BUTLER? "If genteel mysteries are your cup of tea, you have here a steaming teapot just waiting to be poured." Bestsellers "Georgette Heyer is second to none." Sunday Times "Heyer is an author to read - this means you!" New York Herald Tribune "Sharp, clear, and witty" New Yorker

**Foundling** Ballantine Books

A houseful of people he loathes is not Sir Arthur's worst problem? It should have been a lovely English country-house weekend. But the unfortunate guest-list is enough to exasperate a saint, and the host, Sir Arthur Billington-Smith, is an abusive wretch hated by everyone from his disinherited son to his wife's stoic would-be lover. When Sir Arthur is found stabbed to death, no one is particularly grieved—and no one has an alibi. The unhappy guests find themselves under the scrutiny of Scotland Yard's cool-headed Inspector Harding, who has solved tough cases before—but this time, the talented young inspector discovers much more than he's bargained for. PRAISE FOR GEORGETTE HEYER: "Miss Heyer has the delightful talent of blending humor with mystery." Boston Evening Transcript "Heyer is an author to read?this means you!" New York Herald Tribune "Miss Heyer's characters and dialogue are an abiding delight to me... I have seldom met people to whom I have taken so violent a fancy from the word 'Go.'" Dorothy L. Sayers

**Why Shoot a Butler?** Sourcebooks, Inc.

The definitive guide for all fans of Georgette Heyer, Jane Austen, and the glittering Regency period "Detailed, informative, impressively researched. A Heyer lover writing for Heyer fans." -Times Literary Supplement Immerse yourself in the resplendent glow of Regency England and the world of Georgette Heyer... From the fascinating slang, the elegant fashions, the precise ways the bon ton ate, drank, danced, and flirted, to the shocking real life scandals of the day, Georgette Heyer's Regency World takes you behind the scenes of Heyer's captivating novels. As much fun to read as Heyer's own novels, beautifully illustrated, and meticulously researched, Jennifer Kloester's essential guide brings the world of the Regency to life for Heyer fans and Jane Austen fans alike. "An invaluable guide to the world of the bon ton. No lover of Georgette Heyer's novels should be without it." -- Katie Fforde "Splendidly entertaining" -Publishers Weekly "Meticulously researched yet splendidly entertaining, Kloester's comprehensive guide to the world of upper-class regency England is a must-have." -Publishers Weekly Starred Review

**The Conqueror** Sourcebooks, Inc.

"Lively, amusing...done to a turn!"-Kirkus Reviews A fateful mistake... When Elinor Rochdale boards the wrong coach, she ends up not at her prospective employer's home but at the estate of Eustace Cheviot, a dissipated and ruined young man on the verge of death. A momentous decision... His cousin, Mr Ned Carlyon, persuades Elinor to marry Eustace as a simple business arrangement. By morning, Elinor is a rich widow, but finds herself embroiled with an international spy ring, housebreakers, uninvited guests, and murder. And Mr Carlyon won't let her leave ... What readers are saying about The Reluctant Widow "Delightful and purely entertaining. The plot involves comedy, intrigue, espionage, cloaks and daggers, and things going bump in the night - served with a sauce of witty repartee that is the Heyer hallmark. Unforgettable." "One of my favorites!" "A delightfully funny and mysterious romp." "Reading Georgette Heyer is the next best thing to reading Jane Austen." - Publisher's Weekly