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Meet Phryne Fisher, the 1920s' most elegant and irrepressible sleuth, in her first three adventures bound together in one great value volume. This is the perfect way to introduce your friends to your favourite and most stylish sleuth—or to catch up on some of Miss Fisher's earlier career. Our unflappable, unconventional and uninhibited heroine, The Honourable Phryne Fisher,

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leaves the tedium of English high society for Melbourne, Australia, and never looks back. In her first three adventures, she encounters communism, cocaine, kidnappers, and murderers. Phryne handles everything—danger, excitement and love—with her inimitable panache and flair, and still finds a little time for discreet dalliances and delicious diversions. This brilliant omnibus volume presents Cocaine Blues, Flying Too High and Murder on the Ballarat Train.

The Honourable Phryne Fisher - she of the Lulu bob, green eyes, Cupid's Bow lips, and

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diamant garters - is the 1920s' most elegant and irrepressible sleuth. This sparkling collection of Phryne short stories and other Phryne miscellany - including Phryne's favourite shoes and hats, delicious cocktail recipes, and her best tips for discouraging unwanted admirers - forms a gorgeously collectable treat for all Phryne fans.

Lavishly illustrated with divine color illustrations by Beth Norling, *A Question of Death* will bring joy to the hearts of Phryne Fisher fans everywhere.

The nineteenth Phryne Fisher murder mystery 1929: pretty little golden-haired girls

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are going missing in Melbourne. But they're not just pretty. Three of them are pregnant, poor girls from the harsh confines of the Magdalen Laundry. People are getting nervous. Polly Kettle, a pushy, self-important Girl Reporter with ambition and no sense of self preservation, decides to investigate - and promptly goes missing herself. It's time for Phryne and Dot to put a stop to this and find Polly Kettle before something quite irreparable happens to all of them. It's a tale of convents and plots, piracy, murder and mystery... and Phryne finally finds out if

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it's true that blondes have more fun.

A Fatal Glow

An Illustrated Phryne Fisher Collection

Raisins and Almonds

Murder on a Midsummer Night

Dead Man's Chest

Spunky Phryne Fisher leaves her adopted London for 1920s

Australia to investigate the desperate letters she has been receiving from well-bred Lydia, a young woman married to a low-down scoundrel

"One of the more complex and somber cases in the career of Greenwood's Australian Jazz Age amateur sleuth Phryne Fisher."

—Publishers Weekly Phryne

Fisher's contentment at the Jewish

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Young People's Society Dance is cut short when her dancing partner's father asks her to investigate the strange death of a devout young student in Miss Sylvia Lee's East Market bookshop. Miss Lee has been arrested for the murder, but Phryne believes that she is a very unlikely killer. The investigation leads her into the exotic world of refugees, rabbis, kosher dinners, Kadimah, strange alchemical symbols, Yiddish, and chicken soup. Picking her way through the mystery, Phryne soon finds herself at the heart of a situation far graver and more political than she expected. And all for the price of a song....

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In this heart-pounding YA mystery, teenager Claire Takata stumbles on a secret from the past and must race to outrun her father's dangerous legacy.

From the author of the bestselling Phryne Fisher Series comes Cocaine Blues, the first historical mystery featuring the sensual, posh, and intrepid murder detective Phryne Fisher... "Phryne can not get enough of adventure and the reader can not get enough of Phryne."—Deadly Pleasures

Looking for a riveting historical mystery series? This book is for you: Perfect for Fans of Rhys Bowen and Dorothy Sayers Inspired the Netflix show Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries,

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The London season is in full fling
at the end of the roaring 1920s,
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embroiled in mystery: poisoned wives, cocaine smuggling rings, corrupt cops, and communism—not to mention erotic encounters with the beautiful Russian dancer, Sasha de Lisse—until her adventure reaches its steamy end in the Turkish baths of Little Lonsdale Street. Tension and danger rise like steam, and Phryne must save herself and other young women before it's too late. Find these historical mystery series in Kindle books or in print—this lady detective will chase criminals to the end of the line!

*An Illustrated Phryne Fisher
Anthology
Death by Misadventure*

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The Spotted Dog

Flying Too High - TV tie-in

Unnatural Habits

"One of the most exciting and dangerous of the adventures into which Phryne's fabulous and risky lifestyle has led her" —Kirkus Reviews It's Christmas, and Phryne has an invitation to the Last Best party of 1928, a four-day extravaganza being hosted at the Werribee Manor House by the Golden Twins, Isabella and Gerald Templar. Phryne is of two minds about going. But when threats begin arriving in the mail, she promptly decides to accept the invitation. No one tells Phryne Fisher what to do. At the Manor House, she is accommodated in the Iris room. At the party she dallies with two polo-playing women, a Goat lady (and goat), a large number of glamorous young men, and an extremely rude child called Tarquin. The acolytes of the golden

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twins are smoking hashish and dreaming. The jazz is hot and the drinks are cold. Heaven. Until three people are kidnapped, one of them the abominable child. Phryne must puzzle through the cryptic clues of the scavenger hunt to retrieve the hostages and save the party from further disaster. In a mystery originally published in 1934, Scotland Yard's Inspector Roderick Alleyn arrives at Sir Hubert Handesley's country house party only to discover a real corpse has appeared during the guests' parlor game of "Murder." Reprint.

The seventeenth Phryne Fisher murder mystery Melbourne, 1929. The year starts off for glamorous private investigator Phryne Fisher with a rather trying heat wave and more mysteries than you could prod a parasol at. Simultaneously investigating the apparent suicide of a man on St Kilda beach and trying to find a lost, illegitimate child who could be heir to a

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fortune, Phryne needs all her wits about her.

"While memories of the Titanic linger among the ship's passengers, readers are treated to descriptions of sumptuous meals and snippets of Maori lore, along with a tantalizing mystery. Those who long to revel in a glamorous if imperfect past will be satisfied." —Publishers Weekly

The nice men at P&O are worried. A succession of jewelry thefts from the first-class passengers is hardly the best advertisement for their cruises. Especially when it is likely that a passenger is the thief. Phryne Fisher, with her Lulu bob, green eyes, cupid's bow lips, and sense of the ends justifying the means, is just the person to mingle seamlessly with the upper classes and take on a case of theft on the high seas—or at least on the S.S. Hinemoa—on a luxury cruise to New Zealand. She is carrying the Great Queen

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of Sapphires, the Maharani, as bait. There are shipboard romances, champagne cocktails, erotic photographers, jealous swains, mickey finns, jazz musicians, blackmail, and attempted murder, all before the thieves find out—as have countless love-smitten men before them—that where the glamorous and intelligent Phryne is concerned, resistance is futile.

Ruddy Gore

Murder in Montparnasse

Murder on the Ballarat Train

Death at Victoria Dock

Flying Too High

The divine Phryne Fisher returns to lead another dance of intrigue. Seven Australian soldiers, carousing in Paris in 1918, unknowingly witness a murder and their presence has

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devastating consequences. Ten years later, two are dead - under very suspicious circumstances. Phryne's wharfie mates, Bert and Cec, appeal to her for help. They were part of this group of soldiers in 1918 and they fear for their lives and for those of the other three men. It's only as Phryne delves into the investigation that she, too, remembers being in Montparnasse on that very same day. While Phryne is occupied with memories of Montparnasse past and the race to outpace the murderer, she finds troubles of a different kind at home. Her lover, Lin Chung, is

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about to be married. And the effect this is having on her own usually peaceful household is disastrous.

'Phryne Fisher is young, wealthy, beautiful, smart, confident and independently minded . and she has a knack for solving murders when she is not sipping a strengthening cocktail or planning another seduction.'

- The Australian's Review of Books

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Introducing Australia's most elegant and irrepressible sleuth. The London season is in full fling at the end of the 1920s, but the Honourable Phryne Fisher - she of the green - grey eyes, diamant garters and outfits that should not be sprung suddenly on those of nervous dispositions - is rapidly tiring of the tedium of arranging flowers, making polite conversations with retired colonels, and dancing with weak - chinned men. Instead, Phryne decides

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Miss Fisher's Murder

Mysteries Bundle

Cocaine blues and Flying too high. Volume one

Away with the Fairies

A Question of Death

A Phryne Fisher Mystery

(16pt Large Print Edition)

"Another Down Under

adventure that's definitely

a cut above." -Booklist The

redoubtable Phryne Fisher is

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holidaying at Cave House, a Gothic mansion in the heart of Australia's Victorian mountain country. But the peaceful surroundings mask danger. Her host is receiving death threats, lethal traps are set without explanation, and the parlour maid is found strangled to death. What with the reappearance of mysterious funerary urns, a pair of young lovers, an extremely eccentric swagman, an angry outcast heir, and the luscious Lin Chung, Phryne's attention has definitely been caught. Her search for answers takes her deep into the dungeons of the house and into the limestone

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Buchan caves. What will she find this time?

Sometimes even good luck can mean bad fortune. For Odessa Jones—reluctant psychic, part-time caterer, full-time realtor—an elegant affair turned deadly threatens her reputation, and her life . . .

. Recently widowed Odessa Jones is sure the exclusive catering job she's scored from wealthy businessman Casey Osborne will propel her catering career into the big leagues. So when Dessa's pesky second sight warns her that Osborne is bad news, she ignores it. She wishes she hadn't when he drops dead at his brunch after sampling her homemade

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preserves. Osborne's death is declared a homicide. Dessa and the friends who helped her cook are considered suspects . . . To clear her name and find the truth, Dessa delves into Casey Osborne's life. Everyone from his sinister business partner to his tormented ex-wife has reason to kill him—and the opportunity to do it. With the help of her spirited aunt, loyal co-workers and mischievous cat Juniper, she desperately searches for answers. Until a second murder leads Dessa down a frightening path filled with insidious hidden agendas—and someone poised to change her

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life forever. Praise for A Glimmer of Death "There's crispness in Wesley's plotting and sparkle in the supporting characters." -Los Angeles Times "Wesley perfectly captures her protagonist's emotions, including the lingering melancholy she feels for her late husband. . . . Readers will hope to see a lot more of kind, empathetic Odessa." -Publishers Weekly

"...the incomparable Phryne Fisher...beautiful, wealthy, sophisticated, but, above all, daring and intelligent..." -Library Journal Walking the wings of a Tiger Moth plane in full flight would be more than

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enough excitement for most people, but not for Phryne—amateur detective and woman of mystery, as delectable as the finest chocolate and as sharp as razor blades. In fact, the 1920s' most talented and glamorous detective flies even higher here, handling a murder, a kidnapping, and the usual array of beautiful young men with style and consummate ease. And she does it all before it's time to adjourn to the Queenscliff Hotel for breakfast. Whether she's flying planes, clearing a friend of homicide charges, or saving a child, Phryne does everything with the

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same dash and elan with which she drives her red Hispano-Suiza.

The 7 year wait is over—Miss Fisher is back in a new adventure! "The real star is Phryne with her Jazz Age fashions, devil-may-care attitude, and dry narrative wit."—Booklist Taking the waters has never been more delicious—or dangerous...

When a mysterious invitation for a spa vacation arrives for Miss Phryne Fisher from an unknown retired Captain Herbert Spencer, Phryne's curiosity is piqued. Spencer runs a retreat in Victoria's rural spa country for shell-shocked veterans of World War I. It's a cause after

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Phryne's own heart, but what can Spencer want from her? Phryne and her faithful servant Dot set out for Daylesford, viewing their rural sojourn as a short holiday. While Dot gets to know the remarkable women who run the hotel where they are lodging, Phryne enjoys an enticing meal—and dessert—with the attractive Captain Spencer. But their relaxation is short-lived as they are thrown into treacherous Highland gatherings, a mysterious case of disappearing women, and a string of murders committed under their very noses. Meanwhile, back at home, Phryne's three wards

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are busy solving a mystery of their own when a schoolmate is found floating facedown near the docks—and pregnant at the time of her death. Read the novels that inspired both the Miss Fisher Murder Mysteries and the Ms. Fisher's Modern Mysteries streaming series on AcornTV. Phryne Fisher Mysteries by Kerry Greenwood Cocaine Blues Flying Too High Murder on the Ballarat Train Praise for the Phryne Fisher Mysteries "Anyone who hasn't discovered Phryne Fisher by now should start making up for lost time."—Booklist "Phryne handsomely demonstrates once more that even a compulsion

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to explore every mystery
that comes her way needn't
interfere with her appetite
for life."—Kirkus Reviews
Death by Water

Phryne Fisher's Murder
Mysteries 3

Urn Burial

Death in Daylesford

The first four novels in the Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries series are now available for a limited time in a specially-priced bundle. Unflappable, unconventional, and uninhibited, the Honourable Phryne Fisher leaves the tedium of English high society for Melbourne, Australia, and never looks back. In her first four adventures, Phryne handles everything - danger, excitement, and love - with panache

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and flair, and still finds time for discreet dalliances and delicious diversions. This four book bundle includes: Cocaine Blues, Flying Too High, Murder on the Ballarat Train, and Death at Victoria Dock.

Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, now streaming on Netflix, starring Essie Davis as the honourable Phryne Fisher

"Like her heroine, Greenwood has never been more confident and confronting..." [Sydney Morning

Herald To the accompaniment of heavenly choirs singing, the fearless Miss Phryne Fisher returns in her 20th adventure with musical score in hand.

An orchestral conductor has been found dead and Detective Inspector Jack Robinson needs the delightfully incisive and sophisticated Miss Fisher's

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assistance to enter a world in which he is truly lost. Hugh Tregennis, not much liked by anyone, has been murdered in a most flamboyant mode by a killer with a point to prove. But how many killers is Phryne really stalking? At the same time, the dark curls, disdainful air and the lavender eyes of mathematician and code-breaker Rupert Sheffield are taking Melbourne by storm. They've certainly taken the heart of Phryne's old friend from the trenches of WWI, John Wilson. Phryne recognizes Sheffield as a man who attracts danger and is determined to protect John from harm. Even with the faithful Dot, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, and all in her household ready to pull their weight, Phryne's task is complex. While Mendelssohn's Elijah, memories of the Great War, and

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the science of deduction ring in her head, Phryne's past must also play its part as MI6 become involved in the tangled web of murders.

"Anyone who hasn't discovered Phryne Fisher by now should start making up for lost time." □Booklist Phryne Fisher is doing one of her favorite things□dancing to the music of Tintagel Stone's Jazzmakers at the Green Mill, Melbourne's premier dance hall. And she's wearing a sparkling lobelia-colored georgette dress. Nothing can flap the unflappable Phryne□especially on a dance floor with so many delectable partners. Nothing but death, that is. The dance competition is trailing into its last hours when suddenly a figure slumps to the ground. Phryne, conscious of how narrowly the

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weapon missed her own bare shoulder, back, and dress, investigates. Phryne follows the deadly trail into the dark smoky jazz clubs of Fitzroy, into the arms of eloquent strangers, and finally into the sky, as she uncovers a complicated family tragedy from the Great War and the damaged men who came back from ANZAC cove.

Betrayal is a bitter pill to swallow... Rising at four o'clock every morning isn't Corinna Chapman's favorite part of running her Australian bakery, Earthly Delights, and the glowing light of dawn starts to feel even harsher when a seemingly disturbed man collapses in her shop. When the man, a military veteran, comes around and reveals that his beloved ex-service dog is missing, Corinna and her longtime

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companion, Daniel, feel compelled to help. It soon becomes clear, though, that they have gotten involved in something much bigger and more complicated than they had bargained for... especially when threatening notes begin to appear in Corinna's apartment. Along with searching for the kidnapped dog and trying to stay out of range of the gang of drug runners who are probably responsible for his disappearance, Corinna has to make sure the delicious breads, muffins, and treats that she has become known for are still fresh and ready for her eager customers. Can she take the heat?

Queen of the Flowers

Ink and Ashes

A Man Lay Dead

A Roaring Twenties Mystery

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Death Before Wicket

The eighteenth Phryne Fisher murder mystery
Travelling at high speed in her beloved Hispano-Suiza accompanied by her maid and trusted companion Dot, her two adoptive daughters Jane and Ruth and their dog Molly, Phryne Fisher is off to Queenscliff. She'd promised everyone a nice holiday by the sea with absolutely no murders, but when they arrive at their rented accommodation that doesn't seem likely at all. An empty house, a gang of teenage louts, a fisherboy saved, and

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the mystery of a missing butler and his wife seem to lead inexorably towards a hunt for buried treasure by the sea. But what information might the curious Surrealists be able to contribute? Phryne knows to what depths people will sink for greed but with a glass of champagne in one hand and a pearl-handled Beretta in the other, no-one is getting past her.

"The appeal of this story is the glimpse it provides into the 1920s theater world and the opportunity it affords to observe Phryne and Lin

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Chung's romance from its inception." —Booklist

Running late to the Hinkler gala performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's Ruddigore, Phryne Fisher meets some thugs in a dark alley and handles them convincingly before they can ruin her silver dress. Phryne then finds that she has rescued the handsome Lin Chung and his grandmother and is briefly mistaken for a deity. Denying divinity but accepting cognac, she later continues safely to the theatre. But the unexpected continues as the

performance is interrupted by a most bizarre death onstage. What links can Phryne possibly find between the ridiculously entertaining plot of Ruddigore, the Chinese community of Little Bourke Street, and the actors treading the boards of His Majesty's Theatre? Drawn backstage and onstage, Phryne must solve an old murder, find a new murderer and of course, banish the theatre's ghost—who seems likely to kill again.

In Phryne Fisher's third

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adventure, Phryne is off to Ballarat for a week of fabulousness, but the sedate journey by train turns out to be far from the restful trip she was planning.

It's 1928 in Melbourne and Phryne is asked to investigate the puzzling death of a famous author and illustrator of fairy stories. To do so, Phryne takes a job within the women's magazine that employed the victim and finds herself enmeshed in her colleagues' deceptions. But while Phryne is learning the ins and outs of magazine

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publishing first hand, her personal life is thrown into chaos. Impatient for her lover Lin Chung's imminent return from a silk-buying expedition to China, she instead receives an unusual summons from Lin Chung's family, followed by a series of mysterious assaults and warnings.

A Phryne Fisher Mystery
Murder and Mendelssohn

The ultimate Miss Phryne
Fisher collection

Murder in the Dark

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*The elegant Miss Phryne Fisher
returns in this scintillating*

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collection, which features four brand-new stories. The Honourable Phryne Fisher - she of the Lulu bob, Cupid's bow lips, diamante garters and pearl-handled pistol - is the 1920s' most elegant and irrepressible sleuth. Miss Phryne Fisher is up to her stunning green eyes in intriguing crime in each of these entertaining, fun and compulsively readable stories. With the ever-loyal Dot, the ingenious Mr Butler and all of Phryne's friends and household, the action is as fast as Phryne's wit and logic. 'With Phryne Fisher, the indefatigable Greenwood has invented the

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character-you-fall-in-love-with genre.' *The Australian*

"Greenwood's stories are brief, but she holds her own, writing well-thoughtout plots starring the intelligent, sexy, liberated, and wealthy Phryne." —Library Journal *When the 1920s' most glamorous lady detective, the Honourable Miss Phryne Fisher, arranges to go to Ballarat for the week, she eschews the excitement of her red Hispano-Suiza racing car for the sedate safety of the train. The last thing she expects is to have to use her trusty Beretta .32 to save the passengers' lives. As they sleep, they are poisoned*

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with chloroform. Phryne is left to piece together the clues after this restful country sojourn turns into the stuff of nightmares with a young girl who can't remember anything, rumors of white slavery and black magic, and the body of an old woman missing her emerald rings. Then there is the rowing team and the choristers, all deliciously engaging young men. At first they seem like a pleasant diversion...

"Phryne's fans get everything they could possibly want from this installment in the long-running and ever more popular series: a fast-talking, tough

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heroine; an engaging cast of supporting players; a couple of really nifty mysteries; and plenty of fun." —Booklist Phryne Fisher is on holiday. She means to take the train to Sydney (where the harbour bridge is being built), go to a few cricket matches, dine with the Chancellor of the university, and perhaps go to the Arts Ball with that young modernist, Chas Nutall. She has the costume of a lifetime, and she's not afraid to use it. When she arrives there, however, her maid Dot finds that her extremely respectable married sister Joan has vanished, leaving her small

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children to the neglectful care of a resentful husband. What has become of Joan, who would never leave her babies? Surely, she hasn't run away with a lover, as gossip suggests? Then while Phryne is visiting the university, the very pretty Joss and Clarence ask her to find out who has broken into the Dean's safe and stolen a number of things, including the Dean's wife's garnets and an irreplaceable illuminated book called the Hours of Juana the Mad. An innocent student has been blamed. So Phryne girds up her loins, loads her pearl-handled .32 Beretta, and sallies

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forth to find mayhem, murder, black magic, and perhaps a really good cocktail before more crime erupts in Sydney.

"Those who like their heroines resourceful and their mystery plots leavened with humor will read this with pleasure."

—Publishers Weekly Driving home late one night, Phryne Fisher is surprised when someone shoots out her windscreen. She alights to finds a pretty young man with an anarchist tattoo dying on the tarmac just outside the dock gates. He bleeds to death in her arms...and all over her silk shirt. Enraged by the loss of the

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clothing, the damage to her car, and this senseless waste of human life, Phryne promises to find out who is responsible. But she doesn't yet know how deeply into the mire she'll have to go: bank robbery, tattoo parlours, pubs, spiritualist halls, and Anarchists. Then when someone kidnaps her cherished companion, Dot, Phryne will stop at nothing to retrieve her. The Lady with the Gun Asks the Questions
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Blood and Circuses
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The Green Mill Murder

The Honourable Phryne

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"Crime strikes close to home in this latest installment...The

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engaging cast of familiar supporting characters—including Phryne's maid, Dot, and her Chinese lover, Lin Chung—will delight longtime fans..."

—Publishers Weekly The circus is in town for St Kilda's first Flower Festival, which includes a parade. And who should be Queen of said Flowers but the Honourable Phryne Fisher? She has dresses to purchase, cinemas to visit, and agreeable cocktails to drink. However, one of her flower maidens is unstable and has vanished. So Phryne investigates, trudging through the underworld with the help of Bert, Cec, her little beretta, an old flame from Orkney, the owner of the most exclusive brothel in St Kilda, and several elephants.

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But when her own adopted daughter Ruth goes missing, Phryne is determined that nothing will stand in the way of her retrieving her lost child. Phryne Fisher is bored. Life appears to be too easy, too perfect. Her household is ordered, her love life is pleasant, the weather is fine. And then a man from her past arrives at the door. It is Alan Lee from the carnival. Alan and his friends want her to investigate strange happenings at Farrells Circus, where animals have been poisoned and ropes sabotaged. Mr. Christopher has been found with his throat cut in Mrs. Witherspoon's irreproachable boarding house and Miss Parkes, an ex-performer, is charged with

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his murder. Phryne must go undercover deeper than ever to solve the circus malaise. She must abandon her name, her title, her protection, her comfort, even her clothes. She must fall off a horse twice a day until she can stay on. She must sleep in a girls tent and dine on mutton stew. And she must find some allies. Meanwhile, in Melbourne, the young and fresh-faced policeman Tommy Harris has to solve his own mysteries with the help of the foul-spoken harridan Lizard Elsie, or Miss Parkes will certainly hang. Can Phryne uncover the truth without losing her life?

The second in the classic Phryne Fisher series from Kerry Greenwood, featuring the

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