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Still Life Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

Across the country, dozens of teenage girls have vanished. Authorities are convinced they're runaways with just the bad luck of the draw to connect them. It's the job of criminal profilers Dr. Tony Hill and Carol Jordan to look for a pattern. They've spent years exploring the psyches of madmen. But sane men kill, too. And when they hide in plain sight, they can be difficult to find... He's handsome and talented, rich and famous--a notorious charmer with the power to seduce...and the will to destroy. No one can believe what he's capable of. No one can imagine what he's already done. And no one can fathom what he's about to do next. Until one of Hill's students is murdered--the first move in a sick and violent game for three players. Now, of all the killers Hill and Jordan have hunted, none has been so ruthless, so

terrifyingly clever, and so brilliantly elusive as the killer who's hunting them... Val McDermid's *The Wire in the Blood* is "A superb psychological thriller" (Cosmopolitan).

Ritual The Distant Echo

Bestselling, award-winning author Val McDermid delivers her most stunning story yet in *The Distant Echo*---an intricate, thought-provoking tale of murder and revenge Four in the morning, mid-December, and snow blankets St. Andrews School. Student Alex Gilbery and his three best friends are staggering home from a party when they stumble upon the body of a young woman. Rosie Duff has been raped, stabbed and left for dead in the ancient Pictish cemetery. The only suspects are the four young students stained with her blood. Twenty-five years later, police mount a cold case review. Among the unsolved murders they're examining is that of Rosie Duff. But someone else has his own idea of justice. One of the original quartet dies in a suspicious house fire and soon after, a second is killed. Alex fears the worst. Someone is taking revenge for Rosie Duff. And it might

just save his life if he can uncover who really killed Rosie all those years ago.

A Novel Grove Atlantic

[Ahmad's] "introduction is fiery and charismatic... This book encompasses the diversity of experience, with beautiful variations and stories that bicker back and forth." --Parul Sehgal, *The New York Times* The first global anthology of migration literature featuring works by Mohsin Hamid, Zadie Smith, Marjane Satrapi, Salman Rushdie, and Warsan Shire, with a foreword by Edwidge Danticat, author of *Everything Inside* A Penguin Classic Every year, three to four million people move to a new country. From war refugees to corporate expats, migrants constantly reshape their places of origin and arrival. This selection of works collected together for the first time brings together the most compelling literary depictions of migration. Organized in four parts (Departures, Arrivals, Generations, and Returns), *The Penguin Book of Migration Literature* conveys the intricacy of worldwide migration patterns, the diversity of immigrant experiences, and the commonalities among many of those diverse experiences. Ranging widely across the eighteenth through twenty-first centuries, across every continent of the earth, and across multiple literary genres, the anthology gives readers an understanding of our rapidly changing world, through the eyes of those at the center of that change. With thirty carefully selected poems, short stories, and excerpts spanning three hundred years and twenty-five countries, the collection brings together luminaries, emerging writers, and others who have earned a wide following in their home countries but have been less recognized in the Anglophone world. Editor of the

volume Dohra Ahmad provides a contextual introduction, notes, and suggestions for further exploration.

The Torment of Others Hachette UK

The first novel in the bestselling Karen Pirie series The award-winning Number One bestseller and Queen of crime fiction Val McDermid carves out a stunning psychological thriller. The past is behind them, but what's still to come will tear them apart...

The Distant Echo Open Road + Grove/Atlantic

Critics are raving about this deliciously chilling new thriller from Scandanavian crime-writing sensation Camilla Läckberg. Named by major media outlets, such as USA TODAY, *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post*, as a main successor to Stieg Larsson, Swedish author Läckberg is on the rise. Her new novel, which *The Washington Post* has already named as one of their "Ten Books We Love This Year" and praised as "richly textured and downright breathtaking," continues the story of local detective Patrik Hedström and his girlfriend, Erica Falck, the beloved crime-solving duo whose first child has just been born. But while they celebrate this new life, a suspicious drowning claims a little girl they knew well. As the murder's implications widen, Patrik's investigation threatens to tear apart the rural fishing village of Fjällbacka, where a secret lurks that spans generations. A deeply satisfying third installment in her internationally bestselling series, *The Stonecutter* will establish Läckberg for the U.S. audience once and for all. As USA TODAY says, "If you haven't yet read the equally entrancing *Ice Princess* and *The Preacher*, what are you waiting for?"

Blood is the Sky HarperCollins

Unmarked graves are found on the grounds of an old orphanage

in this “riveting” British crime thriller by an Edgar Award finalist (Publishers Weekly, starred review). With profiler Tony Hill behind bars and Carol Jordan no longer with the police, he’s finding unexpected outlets for his talents in jail and she’s joined forces with a group of lawyers and forensics experts looking into suspected miscarriages of justice. But they’re doing it without each other; being in the same room at visiting hour is too painful to contemplate. Meanwhile, construction is suddenly halted on the redevelopment of an orphanage after dozens of skeletons are found buried at the site. Forensic examination reveals they date from between twenty and forty years ago, when the nuns were running their repressive regime. But then a different set of skeletons is discovered in a far corner—young men from as recent as ten years ago. When newly promoted DI Paula McIntyre discovers that one of the male skeletons is that of a killer who is supposedly alive and behind bars—and the subject of one of Carol’s miscarriage investigations—it brings Tony and Carol irresistibly into each other’s orbit once again in this masterfully plotted novel by “the queen of psychological thrillers” (Irish Independent).

Out of Bounds Atlantic Monthly Press

Forensic evidence leads to places a Scottish cop never expected in “a thriller as steely and superlative as its heroine” (O, The Oprah Magazine). When a teenage joyrider crashes a stolen car and ends up in a coma, a routine DNA test reveals a connection to an unsolved murder from twenty-two years before. Finding the answer to the cold case should be straightforward. But it’s as twisted as the DNA helix itself. Meanwhile, Inspector Karen Pirie finds herself irresistibly drawn to another mystery that she has no

business investigating, a mystery that has its roots in a terrorist bombing two decades ago. And again, she finds that nothing is as it seems. From a Diamond Dagger Award-winning author, *Out of Bounds* is a riveting cold case novel starring detective Karen Pirie, who’s been described by the Associated Press as “a formidable character worthy of her own series.” “I would like to see a great deal more of DCI Pirie.” —Irish Times

How the Dead Speak Macmillan

'One of the most surprising twists you'll read this year.

Outstanding' Irish Independent 'Engrossing . . . a colossal reminder of just why McDermid has been the queen of crime for three decades' Heat 'Murdered people don't kill themselves . . .' A quiet night on a country road. The stillness shattered by a car engulfed in flames, and a burned body discovered in the driver's seat. As the investigation unfolds, DCI Carol Jordan and psychological profiler Tony Hill quickly realise that this is more than just a tragic accident. And so begins the hunt for a truly terrifying killer, someone who believes he is invisible, untraceable and untouchable. As other victims are found to have met the same terrible fate, and with more women at risk, Tony and Carol are drawn into a dark and twisted web of fear and revenge that will force them to question their own ideas of justice . . . A pulse-pounding mystery from the number one bestseller. If you enjoyed *Insidious Intent*, don't miss the first in a new series from the Queen of Crime. 1979 is out now, introducing the unforgettable Allie Burns. _____ Praise for Queen of Crime Val McDermid: 'It grabs the reader by the throat and never lets go' Daily Mail 'So gripping it puts your life on hold' The Times 'As good a psychological thriller as it is possible to get' Sunday

Express 'One of today's most accomplished crime writers' Literary Review 'McDermid remains unrivalled' Observer 'No one can tell a story like she can' Daily Express

A Novel Penguin

A murder leads detective Jack Caffery into England's drug underground in this "brilliant, dense, scary" crime thriller in the Edgar Award-winning series (The Globe and Mail, Toronto). Nine feet under water, police diver Flea Marley closes her gloved fingers around a human hand. The fact that there's no body attached is disturbing enough—until the discovery of the matching appendage a day later. Both hands have been freshly amputated, and there are indications that the victim was still alive when they were removed. Newly seconded to the Major Crime Investigation Unit in Bristol, DI Jack Caffery soon establishes that the hands belong to a young man who has recently disappeared. As Caffery and Marley search for the rest of the victim—and for his abductor—they journey into the darkest recesses of Bristol's underworld, where drug addiction is rife, street kids sell themselves for a hit, and a disturbing occult ritual may be making an unexpected appearance. "Hayder . . . moves to another level in this spellbinder. With characters so complex, so fascinating that they could populate a dozen novels . . . Definitely one of the best crime novels of [the year]." —The Globe and Mail "Ritual moves from the eerie and dangerous to the downright ferocious as steadily as an oncoming train . . . You're going to love the ride." —Jack Ketchum, author of *The Lost* and *The Girl Next Door* "Superb . . . Hayder vividly evokes torture and drug abuse, but the violence is never gratuitous. Readers looking for visceral thrills need look no further than this gritty

English series." —Publishers Weekly, starred review "Hayder . . . outdoes herself, flip-flopping the supernatural and the explainable like a cycle of poison and antidote that will remain with the reader long after the final page." —Booklist, starred review

The Vanishing Point Simon and Schuster

Confined to a hospital bed after an attack by a mental patient, psychologist and profiler Dr. Tony Hill struggles to make sense of the fragmentary information that reaches him in the aftermath of two staggering crimes. A star soccer player has been poisoned and, shortly afterward, the local stadium is rocked by a bomb blast, leaving dozens dead and more injured. Meanwhile, his customary ally, Detective Chief Inspector Carol Jordan, is being pushed out of the investigation by government intelligence sources. Is it homegrown terrorism or could money—or something else—be involved? Bringing together two of crime fiction's richest characters, *Beneath the Bleeding* is a terrifying and absorbing addition to a bestselling series. Val McDermid's Tony Hill and Carol Jordan books—the basis for the acclaimed television show *Wire in the Blood*—have made her a favorite of readers in Canada and around the world, and confirm her status as a master of psychological suspense.

The Janus Stone Minotaur Books

Before *Blood Is the Sky*, the Alex McKnight series had already hit bestseller lists and won awards, but this novel took it to a whole new level. Set in the forests of northern Ontario, a land of savage beauty and sudden danger, *Blood Is the Sky* shows why Steve Hamilton is one of the most acclaimed crime novelists writing today. Alex McKnight isn't a man with many friends, but the few

he has know they're never alone in a fix. So when Vinnie LeBlanc asks for his help in taking a trip deep into Canada in search of his missing brother, he knows he can count on Alex. His brother had taken a job as a hunting guide for a rough crew of Detroit "businessmen." The group was due back days ago, yet there's been no sign of them, and there's mounting evidence of something odd about their disappearing act. The trackless forests of northern Ontario keep many secrets, but none more shocking than the one that Alex is about to uncover. And the more closely Alex looks for answers, the more questions there become.

A Novel Simon and Schuster

Read the award-winning and Number One bestselling Val McDermid at the top of her game in these three nail-biting crime thrillers.

The Last Temptation Hachette UK

Dead Man's Footsteps, the fourth novel in Peter James' award-winning Detective Superintendent Roy Grace crime series, now available in eBook. "Abby stepped in the lift and the doors closed with a sound like a shovel smoothing gravel. She breathed in the smell of someone else's perfume, and lemon-scented cleaning fluid. The lift jerked upwards a few inches. And now, too late to change her mind and get out, with the metal walls pressing in around her, they lunged sharply downwards. Abby was about to realize she had just made the worst mistake of her life ..." Amid the tragic unfolding mayhem of the morning of 9/11, failed Brighton never-do-well Ronnie Wilson sees the chance of a lifetime, to disappear and reinvent himself in another country. Five years later the discovery of the skeletal remains of a woman's body in a storm drain in Brighton, leads Detective

Superintendent Roy Grace on an enquiry spanning the globe, and into a desperate race against time to save the life of a woman being hunted down like an animal in the streets and alleys of Brighton.

Distant Echo Open Road Media

Psychologist Tony Hill and ex-DCI Carol Jordan—the UK crime fighting partners from the TV series *Wire in the Blood*—face down a serial killer. International bestselling crime writer Val McDermid's work speaks for itself: her books have sold millions of copies worldwide, won numerous accolades, and attracted a devoted following of readers around the globe. *Cross and Burn* picks up where *The Retribution* left off: following the best crime-fighting team in the UK—clinical psychologist Tony Hill and police detective Carol Jordan—who when we last saw them were barely speaking, and whose relationship will now be challenged even further. But just because they're not talking doesn't mean the killing stops. Women are being murdered—ones who bear an unsettling resemblance to Carol Jordan. And when the evidence begins to point in a disturbing direction, thinking the unthinkable seems the only possible answer. Cornered by events, Tony and Carol are forced to fight for themselves and each other as never before. "McDermid is as smooth a practitioner of crime fiction as anyone out there . . . She's the best we've got." —The New York Times Book Review

[Val McDermid 3-Book Crime Collection: A Place of Execution, The Distant Echo, The Grave Tattoo](#) HarperCollins UK

This was the summer he discovered what he wanted—at a gruesome museum of criminology far off the beaten track of more timid tourists. Visions of torture inspired his fantasies like a

muse. It would prove so terribly fulfilling. The bodies of four men have been discovered in the town of Bradfield. Enlisted to investigate is criminal psychologist Tony Hill. Even for a seasoned professional, the series of mutilation sex murders is unlike anything he's encountered before. But profiling the psychopath is not beyond him. Hill's own past has made him the perfect man to comprehend the killer's motives. It's also made him the perfect victim. A game has begun for the hunter and the hunted. But as Hill confronts his own hidden demons, he must also come face-to-face with an evil so profound he may not have the courage--or the power--to stop it... *The Mermaids Singing* is a chilling and taut psychological mystery from Val McDermid.

The Distant Echo (Detective Karen Pirie, Book 1) Minotaur Books When clinical psychiatrist Charlie Flint is sent a mysterious package of press cuttings about a brutal murder, it instantly grabs her attention. The murder occurred on the grounds of her old Oxford college—a groom battered to death just hours after his wedding. As Charlie delves back into the closeted, mysterious world that is academic life at Oxford, every step she takes toward the truth is a step closer to danger.

Christmas Is Murder and Other Stories Sphere

An Edinburgh detective encounters skeletal remains that may be connected to the brutal Balkan Wars of the 1990s in this “tightly paced mystery” (Los Angeles Times). In the center of historic Edinburgh, Scotland, builders are preparing to demolish a disused Victorian Gothic building. They are understandably surprised to find skeletal remains hidden in a high pinnacle that hasn't been touched by maintenance for years. Who do the bones belong to, and how did they get there? Could the eccentric British pastime

of free climbing the outside of buildings play a role? Enter cold case detective Karen Pirie, who gets to work trying to establish the corpse's identity. And when it turns out the bones may be from as far away as former Yugoslavia, Karen will need to dig deeper than she ever imagined into the tragic history of the Balkans: to war crimes and their consequences, and ultimately to the notion of what justice is and who serves it. “McDermid melds the political thriller with the police procedural for an intense novel.”—Associated Press

The Stonecutter HarperCollins Canada

From a USA Today–bestselling author: FBI profiler Karen Vail's hunt for a serial killer leads her into a dangerous criminal web—“relentless as a bullet” (Michael Connelly). After a colleague connects Vail with covert Department of Defense operative Hector DeSantos, who has a knack for uncovering difficult-to-locate information, the pair pries loose long-buried secrets and deceptions that reveal a much-larger criminal enterprise at work. As Vail squares off against foes more dangerous than any she has yet encountered, shocking personal and professional truths emerge—truths that may be more than she can handle. In keeping with Alan Jacobson's page-turning style, *Velocity* is a high-octane thriller, a memorable work rich in believable characters and an intricately plotted story that's well-researched and ripped from today's headlines. *Velocity* was named one of the Strand Magazine's top ten books for 2010, Suspense Magazine's top five thrillers of 2010, Library Journal's top five thrillers of the year, and the Los Angeles Times' top picks of the year. *Velocity* is the second installment of a two-part story that begins with *Crush*, book two of the Karen Vail Series.

Trick of the Dark Minotaur Books

Investigating the discovery of a murdered child on a demolition site, pregnant archaeologist Ruth Galloway teams up with Detective Harry Nelson to discern the victim's identity before realizing that she is being targeted by a dangerous assailant. By the author of *The Crossing Places*.

A Darker Domain PI Kate Brannigan

"Marked by [McDermid's] trademark stunners, including a climax that packs a vicious punch. And readers are again left to marvel at her ingenuity." —Jay Strafford, *Richmond Times-Dispatch* From one of the finest crime writers we have, *The Vanishing Point* kicks off with a nightmare scenario—the abduction of a child in an international airport. Stephanie Harker is in the screening booth at airport security, separated from Jimmy Higgins, the five-year-

old boy she's in the process of adopting, when a man in a TSA uniform leads the boy away. The more Stephanie sounds the alarm, the more the security agents suspect her, and the further away the kidnapper gets. It soon becomes apparent that nothing in this situation is clear-cut. For starters, Jimmy's birth mother was a celebrity—living in a world where conspiracy and obfuscation are excused for the sake of column inches. And then there are the bad boys in both women's pasts. As FBI agent Vivian McKuras and Scotland Yard Detective Nick Nicolaides investigate on both sides of the pond, Stephanie learns just how deep a parent's fear can reach. And the horrifying reality is that she has good reason to be afraid—for reasons she never saw coming. "[McDermid's] work is taut, psychologically complex and so gripping that it puts your life on hold." —*The Times* (London)