

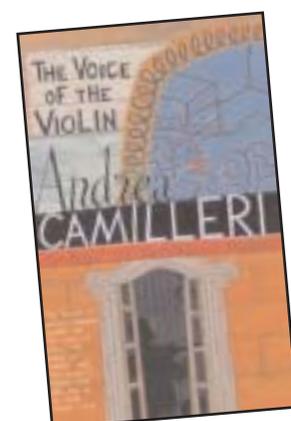
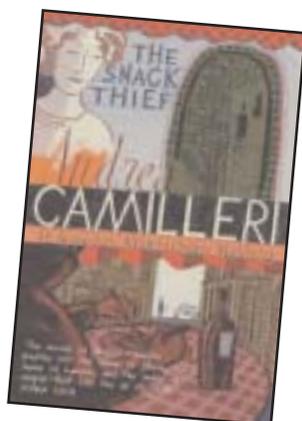
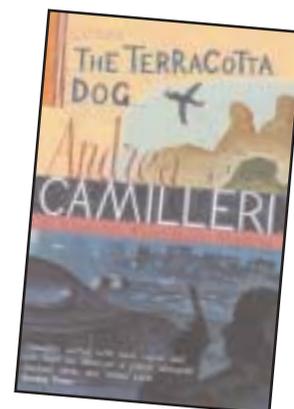
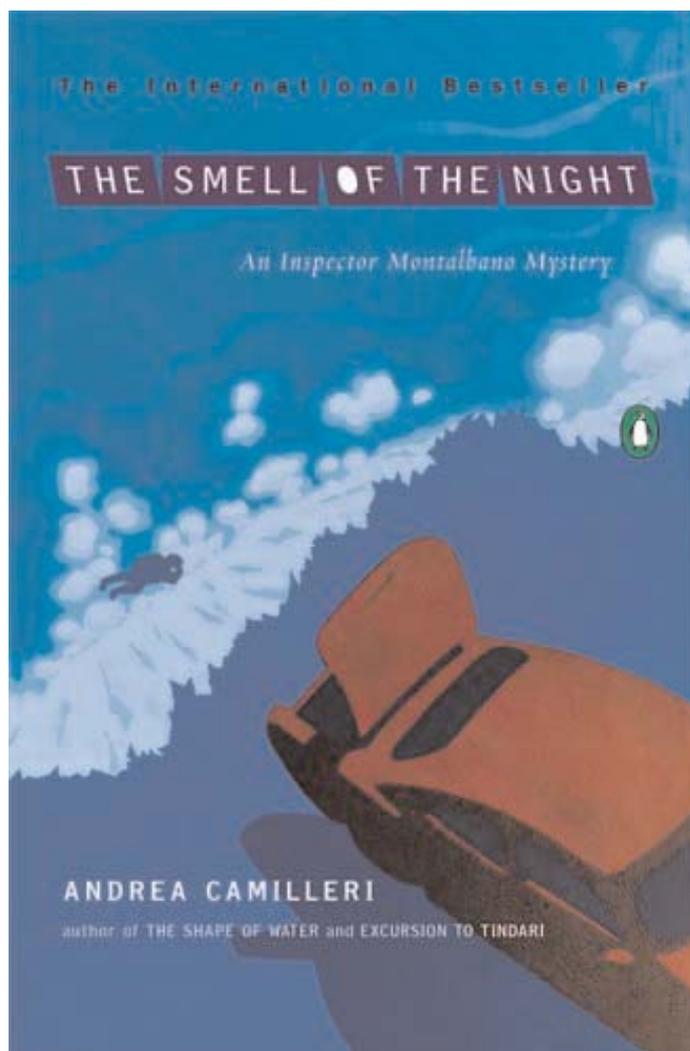
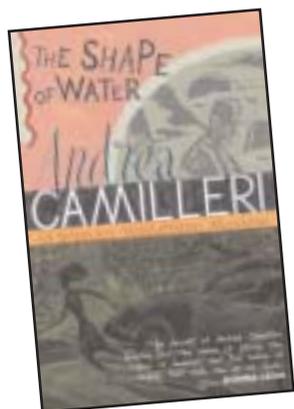
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AUTHOR OF THE MONTH
ANDREA CAMILLERI



THE SMELL OF THE NIGHT

(TP 229PP 27.00)

This is the sixth in this excellent mystery series. Half the retirees in Vigata have invested their savings with Emanuele Gargano, but now the financial wizard has disappeared, along with their money. Has he flown the coop or, this being Sicily, did he run afoul of the Mafia? This ingenious new novel in Camilleri's internationally bestselling series finds the earthy and urbane Inspector Montalbano investigating a labyrinthine financial scam, but at a serious disadvantage. A hostile superior has shut him out of the case, he's on the outer with his lover, Livia, and his cherished Sicily is turning so ruthless and vulgar that he wonders if any part of it is worth saving. Drenched with atmosphere and crackling with wit, this is Camilleri at his most addictive.

Donna Leon said of this series, "The novels of Andrea Camilleri breathe out the sense of place, the sense of humour, and the sense of despair that fills the air of Sicily", while *USA Today* opined, "Camilleri's mysteries offer quirky characters, crisp dialogue, bright storytelling and Salvo Montalbano, one of the most engaging protagonists in detective fiction."

The earlier books in the series, which should not be missed, are: 1. **The Shape of Water**, 2. **The Terracotta Dog**, 3. **The Snack Thief** (all Pb 19.95), 4. **The Voice of the Violin** (Tp 27.00) and 5. **Excursion to Tindari** (Tp 27.00).

- Peter



MODERN CRIME

Lyn **ABERCROMBIE**



The Body Box
384pp Pb 16.95

He calls it the Body Box. It's a space too small for his victims to sit up or lie down. But it's the perfect place to keep them for his games - the perfect place to watch them while they die. It's a case that has been 'cold' for a reason - someone wants it to stay closed. And two cops will risk everything - their jobs, their reputations, even their lives - to uncover the truth, no matter what it takes. (American)



Jake **ARNOTT**



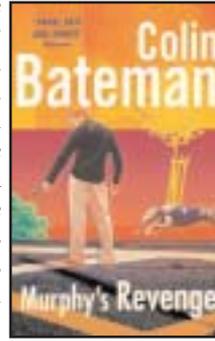
The Long Firm Trilogy
889pp Tp 39.95

The Long Firm, He Kills Coppers, truecrime. Harry Starks' barbarity and élan stand out, even among the firms (or mobs) of London's underworld in the 60s, where he is a major hoodlum and gay impresario. (English)

Colin **BATEMAN**



Murphy's Revenge
375pp Pb 19.95



If you found the person who brutally murdered a loved one, what would you do? Forgive and forget? Or take the law into your own hands? Detective Martin Murphy is the law and he's back with a vengeance... Someone has started killing the killers - who just happen to have been under the surveillance of Confront, a support group for relatives of murder victims who believe that therapy comes through 'empowerment'. Suspecting this group of revenge killings, Murphy goes undercover and joins them. Now he must bring the killers' killer to justice. The only problem is: he's starting to think that whoever is doing the killing may have a point. After all, revenge is sweet...isn't it? (Irish)

Simon **BRETT** (ed)

The Detection Collection
280pp Tp 29.95

A stunning collection of brand new British crime stories by bestselling authors, published to celebrate 75 years of The Detection Club. (British)

Marshal **BROWNE**



Rendezvous at Kamakura Inn
287pp Tp 32.95

Tokyo Detective Aoki is devastated when influence and power undermine a major investigation. Unwilling to let go, he is sent on vacation to a remote mountain retreat. His stay quickly becomes a hotbed of suspense as he realises that all the guests are harbouring secrets. A sudden snowstorm traps everyone just as he begins to piece together each guest's connection to an unsolved disappearance years prior. The retreat becomes a maze of stone walls, a geisha's seduction and bloody murders in the night. Aoki soon begins to understand that the unsolved disappearance and his earlier investigation are both part of a larger scheme. (Australian)

D W **BUFFA**



The Evangeline 296pp Tp 29.95

Blending the dramatic intensity and action of a shipwreck with a compelling courtroom drama, this is a gripping tale of a moral dilemma none of us would ever want to face. (American)

Alafair **BURKE**



Missing Justice 421pp Pb 19.95

Deputy DA Samantha Kincaid is back to work after an attempt on her life and a promotion into the Major Crimes Unit. When the husband of Portland judge Clarissa Easterbrook reports her missing, and Samantha is called out on the case, she assumes her only job is to make the district attorney look good until the judge reappears none the worse. But when the police discover evidence of foul play, Samantha finds herself unearthing secrets that Clarissa had wanted to stay hidden. She also discovers lingering personal tolls of a decades-old crime and corruption at the highest levels of power. Her quest for justice may cost her more than just her job... (American)

John **CASE**



The Murder Artist 504pp Pb 19.95

As a TV news correspondent, Alex Callahan has travelled to some of the most dangerous corners of the globe, covering famine, plague and war. He has seen more than his share of blood and death, and knows what it means to be afraid. But what he's never known is the terror that grabs him when, on a tranquil summer afternoon, he ceases to be simply an observer of the dark side and becomes enmeshed in it. (American)

Giles **BLUNT**



Black Fly Season
486pp Pb 19.95

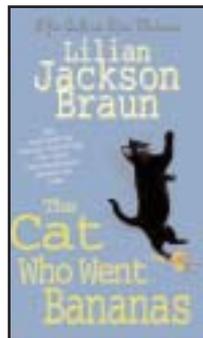
When a beautiful young woman stumbles into a rough Algonquin Bay tavern covered in black fly bites and with bits of leaves stuck in her curly red hair, the bartender thinks she is either high or stupid, since nobody in Algonquin Bay goes out unprotected in black fly season. It takes a full examination to discover that the woman's behaviour is not due to drugs or diminished mental capacity, but rather a bullet in her brain... (Canadian)

Lilian Jackson **BRAUN**



The Cat Who Went Bananas
304pp Pb 18.95

#27. The merry atmosphere in Pickax is dampened by the death of an out-of-town actor and the theft of a rare book. Qwill finds himself distracted from the events by his finicky pal Koko, who has been acting more fishy than feline. Has Koko gone bananas or is he trying to let the cat out of the bag to solve the dual mysteries? (American)



Shane **BRIANT**



Graphic 274pp Tp 29.95

Set in the Sydney underworld against a backdrop of a crime war between rival mobsters, Kings Cross hard man Tim Brierly is pitted against Cabramatta's Vietnamese crime identity Mr Chin. (Australian)

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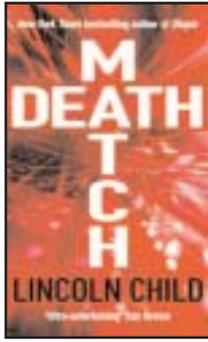
SUSPENSE/THRILLER



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**Lincoln CHILD** **Death Match** 368pp Pb 21.95

Lewis and Lindsay Thorpe were the perfect couple: young, attractive and ideally matched. But this veil of perfection masks many blemishes. When they are found dead in their tasteful Flagstaff home, after a double suicide, alarms go off in the towering Manhattan offices of Eden Incorporated, the high-tech matchmaking company whose spectacular success and legendary secrecy has inspired awe around the world. The Thorpes, few people knew, were more than the quintessential happy couple – they were Eden's first perfect match. (American)

**Agatha CHRISTIE****Agatha Christie:** **Murders to Die For** 1,160pp Tp 29.95

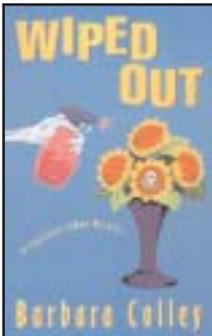
Contains: **The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, The Murder at the Vicarage, The Murder on the Links, Murder is Easy, Murder in Mesopotamia, Sleeping Murder and Murder on the Orient Express.** (English)

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A Charlotte *Mystery.* Running Maid for a Day keeps Charlotte La Rue plenty busy. But her latest job involves more than dusting and mopping. She's got to contend with a feuding gardening club, and things certainly aren't coming up roses... (American)

**Max Allen COLLINS** **CSI: Killing Game** 288pp Pb 14.95

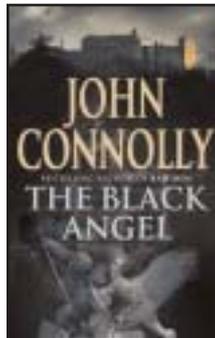
Another complex case tests all the skill and experience of the unsung heroes of the Las Vegas police force: the CSI team. Veteran Gil Grissom and his colleagues on the Criminalistics Bureau's graveyard shift combine cutting-edge science with old-fashioned savvy as they work to untangle the evidence behind the yellow police tape. (American)

Jodi COMPTON **Sympathy Between Humans** 384pp Pb 10.00

On the streets of Minneapolis, Sarah has worked everything from vice to missing persons. But six months after the death of a small-town criminal in Minnesota, she is still protecting the identity of a killer. And now a zealous DA's investigator has come to town, determined to make an arrest. With her ex-partner half a world away and her husband in prison, only Sarah remains to face the consequences of the past. Surrounded by colleagues who know her to be the suspect in a murder, she keeps her demons at bay by involving herself in the troubles of strangers. Available for a limited time at this special price. (American)

John CONNOLLY **The Black Angel** 624pp Pb 19.95

Charlie Parker #5. A young woman goes missing from the streets of New York. Those who have taken her think nobody cares about her and no one will look for her. They're wrong. She is 'blood' to the killer Louis, the man who stands at the right hand of private detective Charlie Parker, and Louis will tear apart anyone who stands in the way of his attempts to find her. (Irish)

**Beverly CONNOR** **Dead Secret** 389pp Pb 18.95

When forensic anthropologist Diane Fallon discovers a trio of decades-old skeletons, she also unearths the key to a mystery that reaches back 70 years in a legacy of love, greed, and murder - and an unearthed family secret that still holds the power to kill. (American)

John CONNOR **The Playroom** 352pp Pb 18.95

On her 13th birthday, the daughter of a Bradford judge is kidnapped. Knowing that the first 24 hours are crucial to her safety, a massive investigation is set in motion under Detective Chief Superintendent John Munro. (English)

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In Paris, a physicist dies after performing a laboratory experiment for a beautiful visitor. In the jungles of Malaysia, a mysterious buyer purchases deadly technology. In Vancouver, a small research submarine is leased for use in the waters off New Guinea. And in Tokyo, an intelligence agent tries to understand what it all means. (American)

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Driving alone on a rainy Melbourne night, Professor John Raymond suffers a stroke and is involved in a fatal accident. A week later, brilliant young scientist Breeanna Montgomery arrives home from work and is attacked by a black-clad stranger, disappearing without a trace. Then dive-boat operator Rogan McKay awakens at midnight with terrible pain tearing through his body. When he realises his identical twin Liam is missing, he flies to Melbourne to search for him. He discovers that Liam, a private investigator, had been hired to locate Breeanna. When Rogan finds Breeanna and confronts her, a shocking chain of events unfolds as he learns her dark family secrets. But nothing he comes to know about the woman he is falling in love with will be as astounding as the truth about the project that Professor Raymond was trying to hide... (Australian)

Barbara DELINSKY **Twilight Whispers** 403pp Pb 16.95

Katia Morrell grew up amid wealth, sharing the idyllic childhood enjoyed by America's aristocracy without ever really being one of them. The daughter of the housekeeper to the powerful Warren family, she never truly belonged. Now she is back at the Warren mansion, hoping to see the man she has always loved, Jordan Whyte, heir to the Whyte fortune. The occasion is the mysterious deaths of Jordan's brother and his brother's wife. (American)

Michael DiMERCURIO **Vertical Dive** 425pp Pb 18.95

During NATO exercises, the French navy unveils a nuclear submarine so advanced that it can elude any radar system in the water. But France's maritime marvel becomes its own worst enemy when a band of Algerian terrorists hijack the boat and threaten to wipe Paris off the face of the earth before turning their missiles against America and Russia. (American)

Jack DuBRUL **Vulcan's Forge** 372pp Pb 18.95

A nuclear bomb strikes at the fiery heart of Earth and, spewing molten lava, a volcano rises with unnatural speed from the ocean floor. It continues in hot spots around the globe - Hawaii, Washington DC and the Far East. Geologist Philip Mercer is the first to unravel the secrets of Vulcan's Forge. Debut novel. (American)

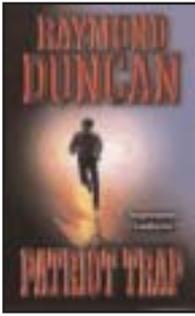


**Raymond DUNCAN** **Patriot Trap**

374pp Pb 16.95

Professor Neal McGrath finds himself in the middle of an international conspiracy involving Cuba's top-secret intelligence agency and two governments when a former CIA colleague asks him to contact

Elena Rodriguez, a dangerous woman from his past. Debut novel. (American)

**Marjorie ECCLES** **The Shape of Sand**

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Life at Charnley was blessed, or at least so it seemed to the Jardine children. But one night their dreams of a propitious future suddenly come crashing down when a family scandal catapults them into the headlines. (English)

James ELLROY **Destination Morgue!**

400pp Pb 24.95

Dig. The Demon Dog gets down with a new book of scenes from America's capital of kink: Los Angeles. 14 pieces, some fiction, some not, all true enough to be admissible as state's evidence, and half of it in print for the first time. Every one of them bears the Ellroy brand of mayhem, machismo and hollow-nose prose. (American)

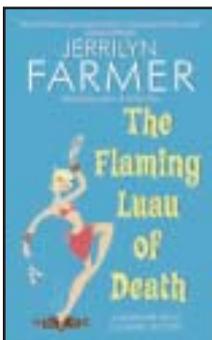
Howard ENGEL **Memory Book** 256pp Tp 29.95

A Benny Cooperman Mystery. Left for dead in a dumpster, private investigator Benny Cooperman becomes his own client in his most puzzling mystery yet. (Canadian)

Jerrilyn FARMER **The Flaming Luau of Death**

274pp Pb 16.95

A Madeline Culinary Mystery. Madeline Bean has planned phenomenal parties for Hollywood heavyweights of every ego size, but now she's cooking up something very special for one of her own - a hip, surprise-destination



bachelorette weekend at a fabulous-doesn't-do-it-justice resort in Hawaii for cherished employee and bride-to-be Holly Nichols. This hysterical riff on a luau has everything. Tiki lamps. Hula lessons. A dead body washing up on the warm island tides. Okay, that wasn't in the original party plan. (American)

G G FICKLING **This Girl for Hire**

220pp Pb 29.95

A Honey West Mystery. Honey West is the nerviest, curviest PI in Los Angeles (or anywhere else for that matter). A cross between James Bond and The Avengers' Emma Peel, she is a girl detective with the sleuthmanship of Mike Hammer and the measurements of Marilyn Monroe. This is the first in a series of darkly funny and innuendo-laden crime novels originally published in the 1950s and 60s. Here, Honey finds herself playing strip poker with four murder suspects... (American)

Joy FIELDING **Puppet**

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What Amanda Travis knows: Her mother has murdered a man she claims never to have met. What Amanda needs to know: Why? *New York Times* bestselling author Joy Fielding returns with a compelling drama that explores how a woman's search for truth in her present-day life leads her to discover the shocking reality that is her past. (American)

John FRANCOME **Cover Up**

320pp Tp 32.95

What is the worst way to die? At the end of a rope driven by your own shame and despair? Or savaged in the jaws of a black-hearted stallion who has hated you for years? If only the bankrupt gambler and the stable girl were alive to give us the answer... (English)

Yasmine GALENORN **A Harvest of Bones**

288pp Pb 16.95

Chintz 'n China Mystery. Emerald O'Brien, tea shop owner and psychic, has stumbled onto the ruins of a 50-year-old house rife with supernatural bounty, including a ghost and whispering plants. Now it's up to Em and her friends to delve into the past and lay the secrets of the dead to rest. (American)

Luiz GARCIA-ROZA **Southwesterly Wind**

256pp Pb 22.00

Chief of the Copacabana precinct Espinosa is more than happy to interrupt his paperwork when a terrified young man arrives at the station with a bizarre story. A psychic has predicted he will commit a murder and this prediction has become fact in the young man's mind. It is a case more appropriate for a psychiatrist or philosopher, but there is something that attracts Espinosa. As the weather changes and the southwesterly wind - always a sign of dramatic change - starts up, what at first seems like paranoia becomes brutal reality. Two violent murders occur and the only link is the lonely, clever man who sought Espinosa out a few days earlier for help. (Brazilian)

Lisa GARDNER **Alone**

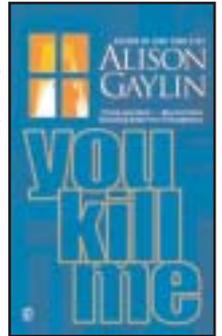
480pp Pb 19.95

Massachusetts State Trooper Bobby Dodge watches a tense hostage standoff unfold through the scope of his sniper rifle. Just across the street, in wealthy Back Bay, Boston, an armed man has barricaded himself with his wife and child. As the man's finger tightens on the trigger of his gun, Dodge has only a split second to react...and forever pay the consequences. (American)

Alison GAYLIN **You Kill Me**

304pp Pb 16.95

Samantha Leiffer is trying to get a grip on reality. Her live-in boyfriend, detective John Krull, isn't deeply troubled, he's just quiet. Her ex isn't a stalker, he's just trying to be friendly. And the nerdy stranger who gives Sam a note warning her of danger unless she calls him, is just hitting on her - until one-by-one, people vaguely connected to her start getting killed. Now Sam knows she's not imagining the murderer - and he's closer than she thinks. (American)

 **Elizabeth GEORGE****With No One as Witness**

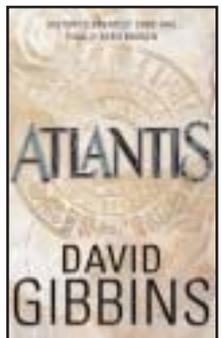
644pp Pb 19.95

Inspector Lynley #13. When the Metropolitan Police fail to realise a serial killer is at work, London ignites over the fact that the killer's victims are black and mixed race boys. Institutionalised prejudice is claimed by the community's activists and tabloids alike. Acting Superintendent Thomas Lynley is given the case and his Scotland Yard task force is soon handling more killings and a looming tragedy. (American)

 **David GIBBINS** **Atlantis**

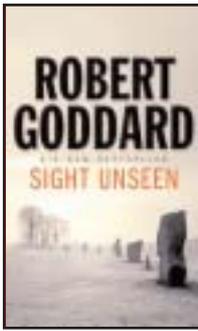
640pp Pb 19.95

Archaeologist Jack Howard is a brave, but cautious, man. When he embarked on a new search for buried treasure in the Mediterranean, he knew it was a long shot. But when he uncovered a golden disc that spoke of a lost civilisation more advanced than any in the ancient world, he started to get excited. When Jack and his intrepid crew finally get close to uncovering the secrets of the sea, nothing could prepare them for what they find... (English)



**Robert GODDARD****Sight Unseen** 448pp Pb 19.95

One summer's day in 1981, a two-year-old girl, Tamsin Hall, was abducted during a picnic at the famous prehistoric site of Avebury in Wiltshire. Her seven-year-old sister Miranda was knocked down and killed by the abductor's van.



Tamsin was never seen again and the Hall family fell apart under the strain. In the spring of 2004, retired Chief Inspector George Sharp receives a letter signed 'Junius' reproaching him for botching the 1981 investigation. (English)

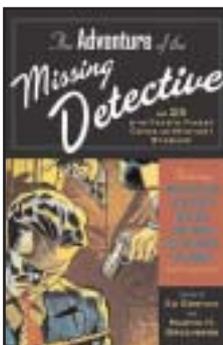
Jane GOODALL**The Visitor** 473pp Pb 19.95

It is 1974 and Detective Inspector Briony Williams, with her trademark directness and impatience with small talk, has just started a new job with the Thames Valley Police in Oxford. Briony and her team are called out to investigate the murder of a 17-year-old girl, whose hand is still holding a stone carved with the ancient cryptic message, "the busie fiend control". Convinced she has encountered no ordinary domestic crime, Briony finds herself in a world of vengeful gods, devilish creatures in search of prey and curses of the evil eye. A serial killer is roaming the prehistoric landscape of the White Horse Vale, inspired by local druid folklore about a demonic, supernatural visitor. In her search for evidence, Briony needs to steer a dangerous course between rationality and superstition during the autumn equinox, when the spirits are said to wander between worlds. (Australian)

Ed GORMAN & Martin GREENBERG

The Adventure of the Missing Detective: And 25 of the Year's Finest Crime and Mystery Stories! 565pp Tp 37.00

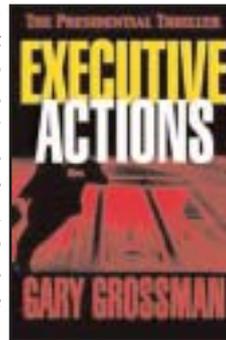
In this stunning collection of the year's best genre offerings, armchair detectives, suspense addicts and crime solvers can be thrilled in the unique way only mystery fiction can provide. Writers include Edward Hoch, Carolyn Wheat, Jeffrey Deaver, Stuart Kaminsky, Val McDermid, Laura Lippman, Joyce Carol Oates and Max Allen Collins. (various)

**Kerry GREENWOOD****Devil's Food** 288pp Pb 19.95

Corinna Chapman #3. If there's one thing that Corinna Chapman, baker extraordinaire and proprietor of the Earthly Delights Bakery, can't abide, it's people not eating well, particularly when there are delights like her very own, just-baked, freshly buttered sourdough bread to enjoy. So when a strange cult which denies the flesh and eats only famine bread turns up, along with a body found in a park, dead of malnutrition, Corinna is very disturbed indeed. But she has more than that to contend with: her hippie mother, Starshine, has turned up out of the blue, hysterical that Sunlight, Corinna's father, has absconded to Melbourne with all their money and a desire for a new young lover. Then someone starts poisoning people with weight loss herbal teas and odd things are happening at the nearby Cafe Vlad Tepes, which attracts a very strange clientele. Altogether, it's a delicious recipe for murder, mayhem and mystery. (Australian)

Gary GROSSMAN**Executive Actions** 746pp Pb 18.95

When an assassin takes aim at a presidential candidate during a primary stump speech, the outcome of the election is irrevocably changed. However, it's not candidate Teddy Lodge, an upcoming media sweetheart, who is killed, but his wife. Lodge emerges as the man to beat for the presidency and the greatest threat to the incumbent, President Morgan Taylor. Under a specific directive from the President, Special Agent Scott Roarke delves into the case and begins to unravel a deadly plot that has incubated for more than 30 years - a plot designed to alter America's allegiances in the Middle East. (American)

**James HALL****Forests of the Night** 369pp Pb 16.95

Policewoman Charlotte Monroe has an ability that borders on psychic - to read people's faces and body language, sizing up their intentions and acting before they do. It's a genuine talent that the FBI is trying to teach to its agents. But Charlotte is a natural with God-given skills and the Feds want her in the worst way, maybe even to the point of blackmail. All it takes is one look for her to recognise the face of a murderer... (American)

Patricia HALL**False Witness** 266pp Pb 22.95

A head-teacher is bludgeoned to death and a volatile black teenager is arrested: as far as DCI Michael Thackeray is concerned, that's it, case closed. But when his long-term girlfriend, Laura Ackroyd, begins looking into the investigation for a newspaper article she's working on, some disturbing facts come to light that cause the case against the accused teenager to quickly crumble. Could there be a sinister reason behind his speedy arrest? (English)

Mandasu HELLER**Charmer** 386pp Tp 32.95

Maria is an ambitious young graduate about to embark on a journey around the world with friends. Her life is a million miles from that of her early childhood in Manchester - a life she escaped when her mother was murdered. When she gets a letter that says she has inherited a property, it changes all her plans. Maria wants to sell as soon as she can, but then she meets charming, mysterious Joel, who has other ideas. When Maria starts delving into her lover's secrets, things start turning nasty. (English)

Jane Stanton HITCHCOCK**Social Crimes** 338pp Pb 24.95

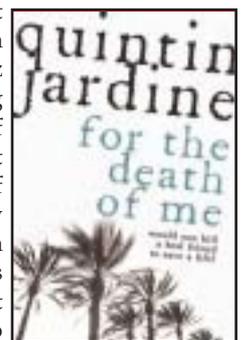
When her husband dies, New York socialite Jo Slater is shocked to learn that he left his sizable estate to a mysterious French countess. Obsessed with recovering her place as queen of New York, she concocts an audacious scheme of revenge. Can she pull it off? (American)

Maxim JAKUBOWSKI**The Best British Mysteries 2005** 686pp Pb 24.95

This edition includes stories of crime and treachery and previously unpublished cases by some of Britain's favourite sleuths, including Colin Dexter's Inspector Morse, Ian Rankin's Inspector Rebus and John Mortimer's Rumpole, along with stories by prize-winning writers. (British)

Quintin JARDINE**For the Death of Me** 384pp Tp 32.95

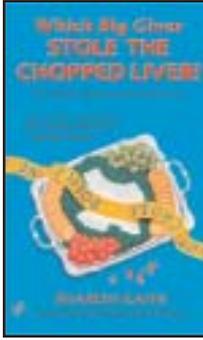
Oz Blackstone #9. It is summertime in Monaco and Oz Blackstone is sitting on the veranda of his opulent mansion - one of three homes - idly gazing at Roman Abramovich's luxury yacht as it gently cruises into the harbour. Life doesn't get much better than this. But somebody knows where he lives... (Scottish)



**Sharon KAHN****Which Big Giver Stole the Chopped Liver?**

240pp Pb 16.95

As a rabbi's widow, Ruby has lots to do, including attending a reception for her arch-nemesis, Essie Sue. When Essie Sue's Texas-shaped chopped liver mould is swapped for a body on ice, Ruby has one more obligation to meet - catching a killer. (American)

**Stuart KAMINSKY****CSI: NY Dead of Winter**

288pp Pb 14.95

Detective Mac Taylor is a dedicated and driven crime-scene investigator who believes that everything is connected and everyone has a story. He and his partner, Detective Stella Bonasera, lead a team of experts through the gritty and kinetic world of New York City. These skilled investigators, who see New York in a unique light, follow the evidence as they piece together clues and eliminate doubt to ultimately crack their cases. (American)

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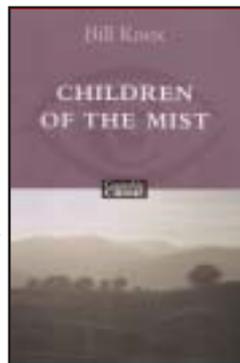
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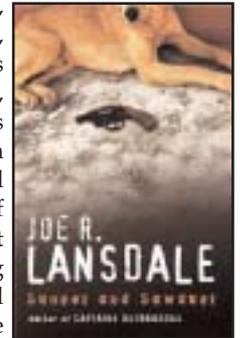
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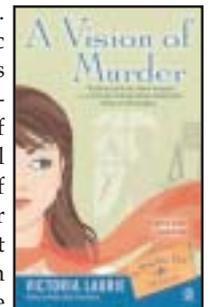
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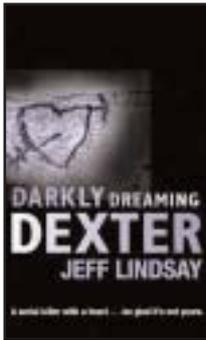
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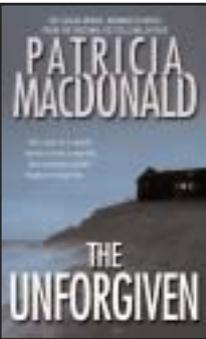
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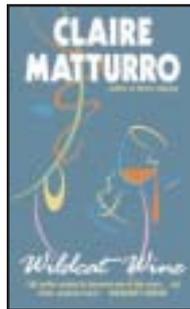
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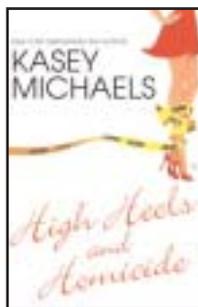
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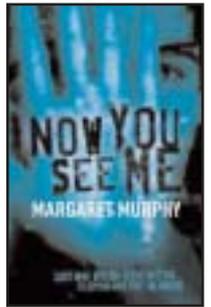
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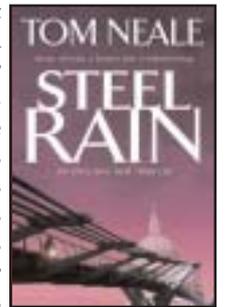
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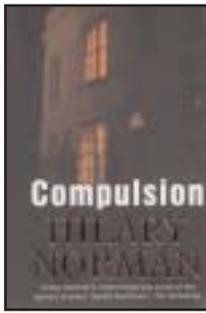
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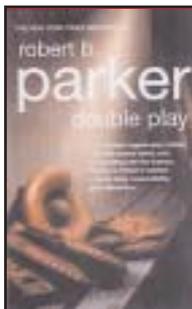
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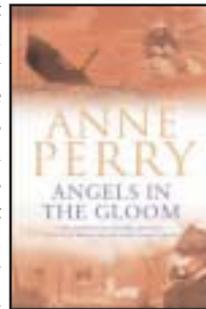
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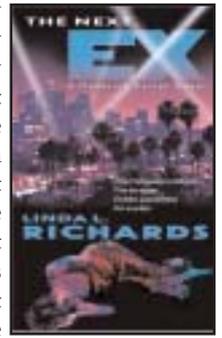
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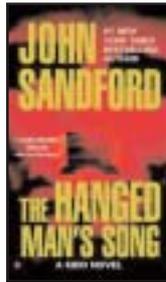
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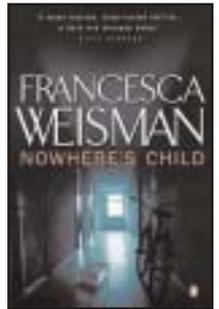
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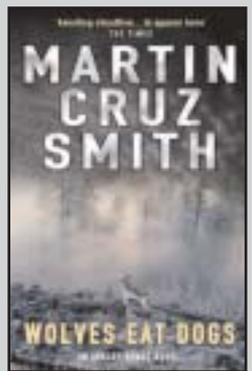
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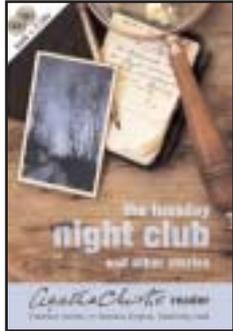
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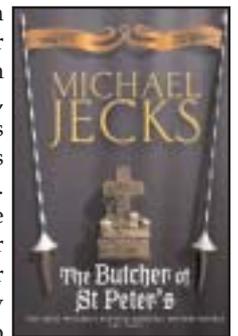
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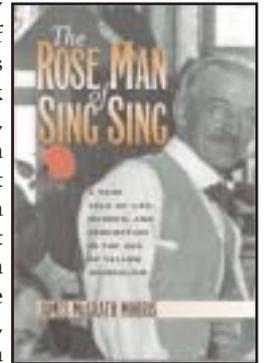
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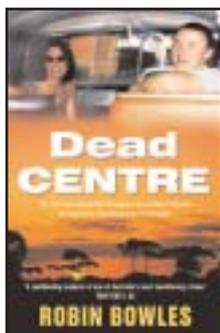
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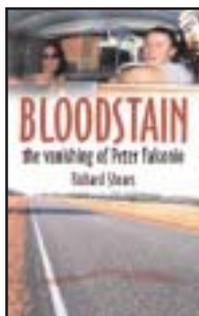


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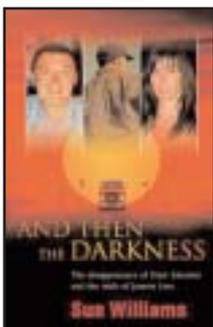
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