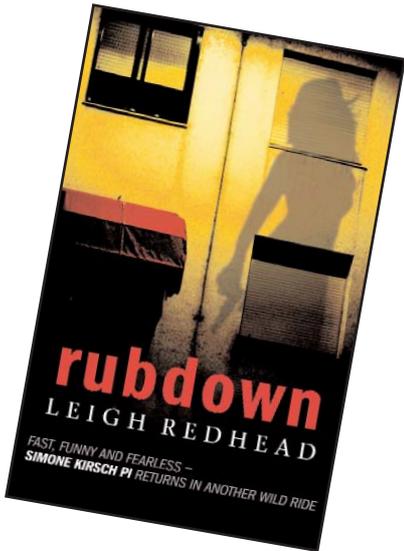


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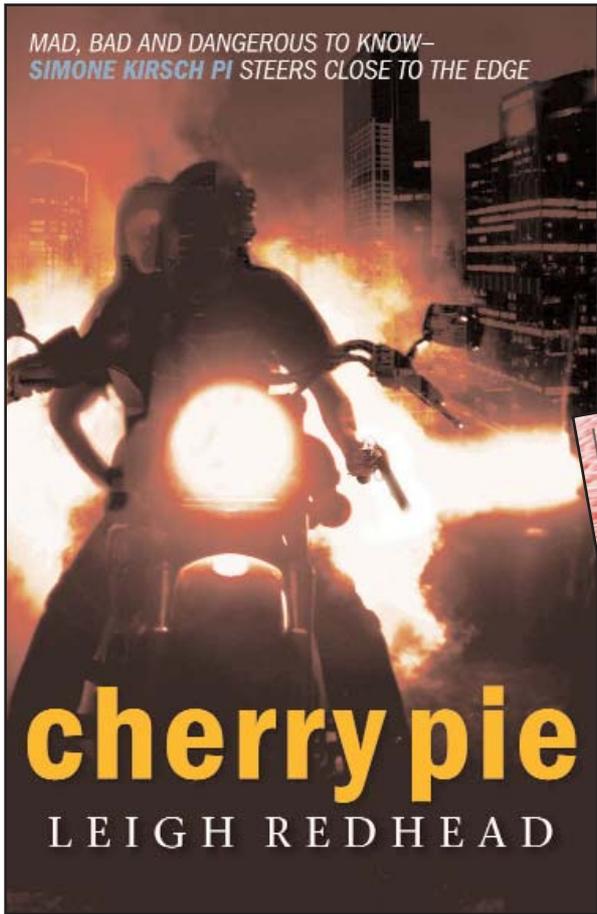
“WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL”

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AUTHOR OF THE MONTH LEIGH REDHEAD



“The best Australian crime novel this year has been Leigh Redhead’s Rubdown”
- Weekend Australian



Australian author Leigh Redhead’s first two novels were greeted with much acclaim and have now been reissued at the special price of \$12.95 each. The first was **Peepshow**, which introduced us to Simone Kirsch, followed by **Rubdown**. Now comes the third in the series, **Cherry Pie** (Pb 420pp \$19.95).

Simone Kirsch – ex-stripper, sex kitten, private investigator and drinker of more cheap wine than is good for her – is back, setting up her own PI agency and getting into more trouble with her clients, her lovers and the police. Just how much trouble can one girl get into? If it’s Simone Kirsch, then it’s a lot!

‘The Simone Kirsch Detective Agency’ – it has a nice ring about it, thinks Simone. And she’s willing to bump, grind and shimmy until she’s got enough money to make it happen. But nothing ever really runs quite to plan for Simone.

Andi Fowler, a childhood friend and now journalism student, turns up at the strip joint in need of a detective, yet unwilling to tell Simone anything more than that she’s got something explosively ‘big’ on someone in hospitality. And the whole frenetically fast, chaotically connected case starts right there.

By the next afternoon, Andi has mysteriously vanished. Restaurant corruption, an insane celebrity chef, an untraceable possum head, a conveniently absent boyfriend and a surprising amount of family history aside, Simone still has to deal with her continuing desire for Alex, her favourite policeman, while racing the clock in her desperate search for Andi.

With enough red herrings and jaw-dropping surprises to shake even Simone, this latest story is unputdownable. The series is great and I eagerly look forward to more adventures of Simone.

- Peter

PUBLIC HOLIDAY HOURS		
6	Good Fri	closed
7	Easter Sat	8:30am - 6:00pm
8	Easter Sun	10:00am - 5:00pm
9	Easter Mon	10:00am - 5:00pm
25	Anzac Day	10:00am - 5:00pm



MODERN CRIME

Jeff ABBOTT

Fear 416pp Tp \$32.95

Miles Kendrick is a federal witness hiding from the mob, constantly haunted by the horrifying memories of his best friend's death. While helping his psychiatrist with a mysterious favour, Miles stumbles into a murder - and an illegal medical research program that could free him and millions of others with post-traumatic stress disorder from their crippling fears. *Due Apr* (American)



Susan Wittig ALBERT

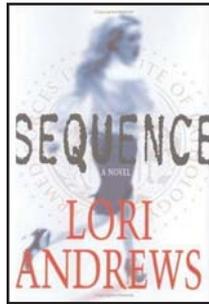
Bleeding Hearts 320pp Pb \$16.95

China Bayles Mystery #14. When local football coach and hero Tim Duffy is accused of improper behaviour, lawyer-turned-herbalist China Bayles investigates, following a trail of obsession and murder that may lead to her own doorstep. *Due Apr* (American)

Lori ANDREWS

Sequence 336pp Pb \$16.95

The case of a serial killer targeting military bases across the country falls under the jurisdiction of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. Geneticist Alexandra Blake and her colleagues know it's just a matter of time before the killer leaves traceable evidence. *Due Apr* (American)



Ace ATKINS

White Shadow 416pp Pb \$18.95

A stunning thriller based on the true story of the death of retired criminal kingpin Charlie Wall - and those who benefited from it. *Due Apr* (American)

Kathleen BACUS

Calamity Jayne Goes to College 368pp Pb \$16.95

Tressa Jayne Murder Mystery. When Tressa goes back to school for the fourth time, she finds yet another mystery and threat to her health, happiness, and the pursuit of that hot ranger guy who's been harassing her since he dubbed her 'Calamity' in the fourth grade. *Due Apr* (American)

Alex BARCLAY

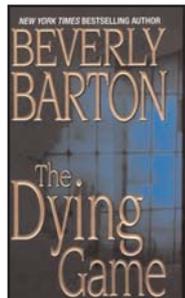
The Caller 432pp Pb \$20.00

NYPD Detective Joe Lucchesi is on the trail of a killer locked into a dark fantasy world that has come crashing into reality with devastating result and a rising body count. People are being murdered in their own apartments, their faces savagely beaten, their bodies discarded in their hallway for a loved one to find. Back on the job after a year out and a terrifying ordeal at the hands of a psychopath, Joe finds himself the reluctant lead in another high-profile investigation. *Due Apr* (American)

Beverly BARTON

The Dying Game 448pp Pb \$16.95

It's the ultimate game - the adrenaline surge of the hunt, the thrill of victory, the agony of defeat. For in this game, the rules are simple to win, you only have to kill. To lose, you have to die. The victims are former beauty queens found with a single rose beside their bodies. Lindsay McAllister has seen this signature before, when she was a rookie detective with the Chattanooga PD investigating the death of Judd Walker's wife, a murder that sent the handsome lawyer off the deep end. *Due Apr* (American)



Cynthia BAXTER

Right from the Gecko 352pp Pb \$16.95

Reigning Cats & Dogs Mystery #5. Surf's up - and so are the stakes when veterinarian and amateur sleuth Jessica Popper escapes to the land of hula, hibiscus, and geckos for a professional conference. The last time she and boyfriend Nick Burby touched down on the island of Hawaii, Nick caused a volcanic eruption when he unexpectedly popped the question to commitment-phobic Jess. But this trip proves just as dangerous when Jess befriends an ambitious young reporter whose body later washes up on the sand... *Due Apr* (American)

M C BEATON

Agatha Raisin and Love Lies and Liquor (#16) 256pp Pb \$19.95

Agatha Raisin thinks she's in for a treat when her old flame James Lacey invites her on a holiday, but to her horror, his idea of an exotic destination is a small, rundown town called Burryhill-on-Sea. Needless to say, the break doesn't go as planned. When a guest staying in the same hotel as Agatha and James is found murdered, Agatha quickly becomes prime suspect - and must solve this case from a prison cell! *Due Apr* (American)

Peter BLAUNER

Slow Motion Riot (1991) 512pp Pb \$18.95

Blauner's *Edgar Award*-winning debut novel is back in print. Probation officer Steve Baum struggles to hold on to his idealism in an urban battleground divided along racial lines. Then deranged teenage sociopath Darryl King drags Baum into an inescapable morass of terror and corruption. *Due Apr* (American)

Brian BOCK

Murder and Deception: Crime Stories with a Twist 221pp Tp \$24.95

18 cleverly constructed crimes stories, many with a uniquely Australian flavour, and a sting in the tale that will satisfy all readers of crime fiction, including getting away with murdering your mother-in-law or a violinist who wants to murder his beautiful star student. (Australian)

Lilian Jackson BRAUN

The Cat Who Had Sixty Whiskers #29 208pp Hb \$60.00

Moose County, 400 miles north of everywhere, is in an uproar following vast inheritances from wealthy old families. Only "Cool Koko" knows what's happening and he's not telling. Jim Qwilleran thinks it's because he has more whiskers than ordinary cats, but who's counting? *Due Apr* (American)

KEY

ACADEMIC



BANKING



CANINE DETECTIVES



CLERICAL



COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC



CULINARY/FOOD



FBI



FELINE DETECTIVES



FORENSIC



HORSE RACING MYSTERY



MEDICAL



MILITARY



NATIVE AMERICAN



POLICE PROCEDURAL



POLITICAL/LEGAL



PSYCHOLOGICAL



PRIVATE EYE



ROMANTIC SUSPENSE



SPORT



SPY



SUSPENSE/THRILLER



AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

**Gil BREWER** **Vengeful Virgin (1958)****256pp Pb \$16.95**

Hard Case Crime. This classic tells the story of a gorgeous 18-year-old and her lover who conspire to murder her rich, ailing stepfather, but jealousy and distrust soon sow the seeds of disaster. *Due Apr* (American)

Jeff BUICK **Shell Game** **384pp Pb \$18.95**

Nothing is as it seems in this non-stop thriller from the author of *African Ice* (Pb \$16.95), which begins when a husband and wife discover the company they've invested everything in has vanished. *Due Apr* (American)

Stella CAMERON **Target** **348pp Pb \$18.95**

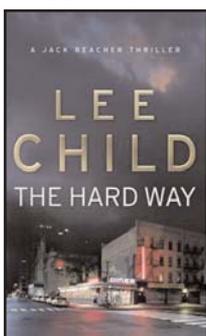
It's been 20 years since three children escaped a mass suicide which claimed the lives of dozens of families living under the power of a charismatic madman in California. Now living quietly in a small Louisiana bayou town, they are forced out of hiding when bodies from the massacre are uncovered. *Due Apr* (American)

Lee CHILD **Bad Luck and Trouble****396pp Tp \$32.95**

The events of 9/11 changed Jack Reacher's drifter life in a practical way. In addition to his folding toothbrush, he now needs to carry photo ID to get around. Yet he is still as close to untraceable as a human being in America can get. So when a member of his old Army unit manages to get a message to him, he knows it has to be deadly serious. *Due Apr*

The Hard Way **528pp Pb \$19.95**

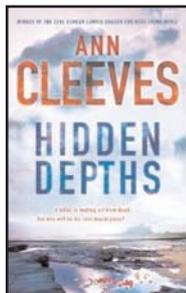
Late at night, in a New York cafe, Jack Reacher orders coffee in a cup made of foam, not china. So he can move on at a moment's notice. He owns nothing, carries less. He has never met a woman who said no or a case he couldn't solve. But now Reacher faces a new case so disturbing that the truth eludes him. Doing it the hard way, until what started on a busy New York Street explodes 3,000 miles away, in the sleepy English countryside. *Due Apr* (American)

**Mary Higgins CLARK** **Two Little Girls in Blue****416pp Pb \$18.95**

In this riveting *New York Times* bestseller, the Queen of Suspense brilliantly weaves the mystery of twin telepathy into a mother's search for a kidnapped child, presumed dead. *Due Apr* (American)

Ann CLEEVES **Hidden Depths** **320pp Tp \$32.95**

A hot summer on the Northumberland coast, and Julie Armstrong arrives home from a night out to find her son murdered. Luke has been strangled, laid out in a bath of water and covered with wild flowers. This stylised murder scene has Inspector Vera Stanhope and her team intrigued. But then a second body - that of beautiful young teacher Lily Marsh - is discovered laid out in a rock pool, the water strewn with flowers. *Due Apr* (English)

**Jane K CLELAND** **Consigned to Death****304pp Pb \$16.95**

After a price-fixing scandal at her prestigious New York auction house, Josie Prescott moves to the New Hampshire coast to restore her reputation - and perhaps a few antiques along the way. But when the owner of the collection is found stabbed to death, Josie's fingerprints are all over his possessions... and the murder weapon. *Due Apr* (American)

Beverley CONNOR **Dead Past** **320pp Pb \$19.95**

Diane Fallon Forensic Investigation #4. Fallon's crime scene unit is facing one of its worst ever cases: an explosion in a converted house has claimed many lives - from the students attending a party in one of the upstairs apartments to the junkies running a meth lab in the basement. Diane and her team will be sifting the evidence for days, searching the scene for any slight clue to the identities of the unrecognisable bodies. *Due Apr* (English)

John CONNOR **A Child's Game****400pp Pb \$19.95**

Friday 31 December, 1999. In the early hours of the morning in a luxury central Leeds penthouse, intruders douse a terrified victim with petrol, set him alight and throw him burning from the ninth floor roof garden. DS Pete Bains is on night duty with CID when the call comes in. *Due Apr* (English)

Patricia CORNWELL **At Risk** **240pp Pb \$19.95**

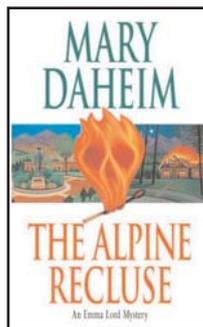
Moving between the chill of Cambridge, Massachusetts and the sultry humidity of Knoxville, Tennessee, Winston Garano, a police investigator, is instructed to look into a 20-year-old murder case. Although Win reckons there are many more pressing current cases which should have higher priority, he gets on with the task, unaware of the can of worms he will prise open... *Due Apr* (American)

Donn CORTEZ **CSI Miami: Harm for the Holidays: Heart Attack****304pp Pb \$14.95**

As winter's hold deepens in the dark days of February, Miami's hotels fill to the bursting point. In every other jurisdiction, as its citizens are driven indoors, there is a downturn in crime but not in Miami. Stretched to the breaking point, Lieutenant Caine is called to what appears to be a failed international terrorist incident: a botched arms-for-Afghani-heroin exchange. *Due Apr* (American)

Mary DAHEIM **Alpine Recluse** **336pp Pb \$16.95**

Emma Lord Mystery. In the middle of a hot midsummer night, Emma is awakened by fire trucks rushing to a blaze at the nearby home of newlyweds Tim and Tiffany Rafferty. At daybreak, Tiffany and her unborn child



are safe, but Tim, never blessed with good luck in all his 30-plus years, has perished in the fierce conflagration. Sheriff Milo Dodge suspects murder and arson, while Emma shifts into high investigative gear. *Due Apr* (American)

Robert DALEY **The Enemy of God****400pp Tp \$19.95**

Gabe Driscoll, chief of Internal Affairs for the New York City police department, stands in the city morgue, watching an autopsy. His interest is more than professional. The body is that of activist priest Frank Redmond, who along with Driscoll belonged to a championship swim relay team at a Jesuit high school in the 1950s. More than three decades later, Redmond has gone off a Harlem rooftop a few blocks from his church, and the surviving members of the team find themselves reunited in a bizarre new race to figure out how and why Redmond died. *Due Apr* (American)

Jo DERESKE **Catalogue of Death****336pp Pb \$16.95**

Miss Zukas Mystery #10. A diligent Dewey decimalist, Miss Wilhelmina Zukas believes in doing "everything" by the book. And if that means keeping the library open during the most blinding blizzard Bellehaven has ever experienced, so be it! But something more sinister than big snow transpires outside her window. While inspecting the site he's generously set aside for the town's new library, local billionaire Franklin Harrington is inexplicably blown to bits! *Due Apr* (American)

**Robert DOHERTY**

 **The Citadel** 336pp Pb \$18.95
At the awful dawn of a nuclear age - at the painful birth of the Cold War - the Citadel was constructed in secret beneath the Antarctic ice. Housing the most devastating weapon imaginable, it was a safeguard against an unseen threat far more potent than the growing Communist menace. Now, 60 years later, the Citadel has been breached... *Due Apr* (American)

Tim DORSEY

 **The Big Bamboo** 400pp Pb \$18.95
 The maniacal serial killer Serge A Storms goes Hollywood and finds himself caught in a web of murder, mayhem, and kidnapping in this hilarious, side-splitting novel from the outrageous author of **Torpedo Juice** and **Cadillac Beach** (both Pb \$18.95). *Due Apr* (American)

Carole Nelson DOUGLAS

 **Cat in a Quicksilver Caper** 384pp Pb \$16.95
Midnight Louie Mystery. Midnight Louie, Las Vegas' sassiest and fluffiest PI, finds himself literally walking a tightrope when a museum opening at one of the swankiest casinos is marred by a little thing like death. *Due Apr* (American)

Brendan DUBOIS

 **Dead of Night** 400pp Pb \$19.95
 Samuel Simpson is a young, idealistic journalist from Canada, and seeking adventure, volunteers to become a record-keeper for a UN war-crimes investigation team at work in upper New York State. Months earlier, a crippling terrorist attack against the US resulted in its cities emptied, its countryside set afire, and its government shaken to its knees. In the aftermath of this attack, a virtual civil war broke out, until UN peacekeepers arrived to establish an uneasy peace. While Samuel and his team travel through the countryside, searching for evidence of an atrocious war, he quickly realises that death is quick to strike from any farmhouse, road corner or rest area. *Due Apr* (American)

Paul EDDY

 **Flint's Code** 544pp Pb \$19.95
Undercover cop Grace Flint is cool, quick-thinking and fearless under pressure. Until an operation to trap international money-launderer Frank Harling goes wrong - and Grace is almost beaten to death. After reconstructive surgery, Grace is physically restored to an icy beauty. But inside, her superiors fear that she has been irreversibly damaged. So when she insists on returning to duty, there are those who are certain she's going to crack. (English)

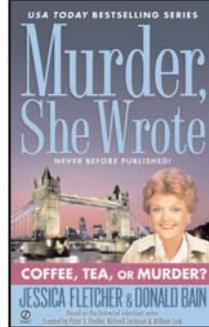
Kjell ERIKSSON

 **The Princess of Burrundi** 288pp Pb \$22.95
A week before Christmas a Swedish town is rocked by the brutal murder of John Jonsson, a local family man. Detectives, led by a very pregnant Inspector Ann Lindell, at first suspect a chillingly well-drawn psychotic, and they may be right. But if they are not right, that leaves a cunning and vicious murderer on the loose in their town... *Due Apr* (Swedish)

Jessica FLETCHER & Donald BAIN

 **Murder She Wrote #25: Coffee Tea or Murder?** 288pp Pb \$16.95

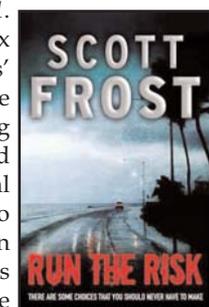
Ms Fletcher learns that the friendly skies aren't so friendly after all. When Cabot Cove's own Wayne Silverton debuts his new airline, he invites Jessica Fletcher and other locals on the inaugural flight from Boston to London. Jessica is thrilled for the opportunity to visit her dear friend, Scotland Yard Inspector George Sutherland. But the reunion hits turbulence when George is called to the airport to investigate the apparent murder of Wayne Silverton. *Due Apr* (English)

**G M FORD**

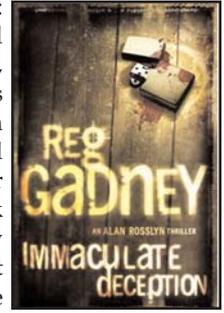
 **Cast in Stone** 300pp Pb \$19.95
In the wild days of Leo Waterman's youth, Henry 'Heck' Sundstrom was a god. But things haven't been going great lately for the PI's burly ex-hero. First came the honeymoon boating accident that killed Heck's son and new daughter-in-law, Allison. And now the big man himself is dying - struck down by a runaway truck at an ungodly hour, in a section of Seattle where no decent citizen should ever be caught after dark. *Due Apr* (American)

Scott FROST

 **Run the Risk** 448pp Pb \$19.95
Alex Delillo #1. Lieutenant Alex Delillo is at her wits' end, her teenage daughter is playing up and her workload is backing up. A local shopkeeper is shot to death and an explosion almost kills her partner. When the prime suspect in the homicide dies in an elaborate suicide car bomb, Delillo is led to one man, an elaborate and skilled bomber, eager to play a game with potentially devastating consequences. *Due Apr* (American)

**Reg GADNEY**

 **Immaculate Deception** 432pp Pb \$19.95
An assassin for hire: a monster of cold intellectual genius, his homicidal drives fuelled by a voracious sexual appetite, hungry for revenge, whose dark genius plagues law enforcement agencies world-wide



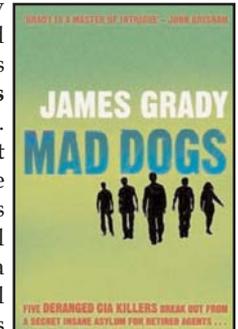
- the demonic Klaas-Pieter Terajima is back. The ruthless killer is hell-bent on the destruction of his arch-rival - the one man who knows him intimately and stands a chance of defeating him - private investigator Alan Rosslyn. *Due Apr* (American)

Christopher GOFFARD

 **Snitch Jacket** 272pp Hb \$32.95
 Goffard, a reporter for the *Los Angeles Times*, now lends his considerable talent to fiction, bringing to life the darker side of west coast counter-culture through a colourful array of bizarre, ribald characters. This will be a delight for fans of Elmore Leonard, Carl Hiaasen and Hunter S Thompson. *Due Apr* (American)

James GRADY

 **Mad Dogs** 352pp Pb \$26.95
James Grady revolutionised thrillers with his first novel **Six Days of the Condor**. Now, he breaks out of all genre limitations with this stunning novel launched from a totally original creation: the CIA's secret insane asylum for retired agents. Five deranged CIA killers, all of them dependent on their meds, and deep in the woods of Maine, are forced to break out when someone murders their psychiatrist. *Due Apr* (American)

**Michael GRUBER**

 **Night of the Jaguar** 432pp Pb \$18.95
 Deep in the jungles of Colombia, an American priest is shot dead in his makeshift church. A few weeks later an Indian shaman arrives in South Florida, armed only with a bag of totems and the fearsome power of his vengeful god. As a Miami Homicide Detective, Jimmy Paz saw terrible things that defied rationality. Now retired, he's put the darkness behind him. But suddenly he, his wife, and their young daughter are being haunted by horrific dreams - terrifying visions of a giant jungle cat. *Due Apr* (American)

**Stephen HALL****The Raw Shark Texts**

416pp Tp \$32.95
Eric Sanderson is jolted awake one morning to discover that he does not know who or where he is. All that he has to cling to is a series of letters and packages - which he is warned not to open - signed "with regret and hope" from the First Eric Sanderson. Attacked in his own home by a force he cannot see and memories he cannot ignore - including those of a perfect love now lost - Eric tears open the parcels and discovers he is being relentlessly pursued by a shark that may exist only in his mind, but which stalks him through the flows and streams of language and human interaction. Hunting the answers as he is hunted, Eric is led on a journey that will either bring the First Eric Sanderson back to life or destroy them both. *Due Apr* (Australian)

Denise HAMILTON**Prisoner of Memory**

448pp Pb \$18.95
Eve Diamond Mystery #4. LA's Russian community is about to pull *Los Angeles Times* reporter Eve Diamond, herself the daughter of Russian immigrants, into a stunning spiral of danger and intrigue. When Eve discovers the body of an émigré scientist's teenage son in Griffith Park, unravelling the execution-style shooting places her on the most personal - and dangerous - story of her career. *Due Apr* (American)

June HAMPSON**Trust Nobody** **432pp Pb \$19.95**

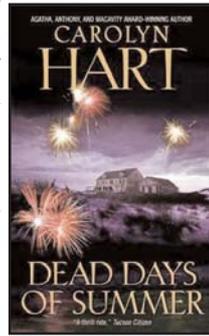
It is 1962 and Daisy Lane, whose husband Kenny is in jail for robbery, runs and lives over the family's cafe in Gosport with Kenny's older brother Eddie. When her visits to Kenny in jail become more and more difficult, it is Eddie she turns to for support. Then Eddie pulls a racket too far, venturing on the patch of a villain who is even harder and more territorial than he is. And Daisy discovers the hard way to trust nobody - especially not the man you love... *Due Apr* (English)

Cynthia HARROD-EAGLES**The Third Bill Slider Omnibus (Shallow Grave/Blood Sinister)** **544pp Pb \$24.95**

Shallow Grave: The Old Rectory is the kind of house DI Bill Slider would give anything to own. But the dead body of Jennifer Andrews, found in a hole on the terrace, rather spoils the view. **Blood Sinister:** Award-winning ex-Guardian hack, Phoebe Agnew, had a name for championing the underdog and for attacking the police in print. When her trussed and strangled body is found in her chaotic flat, Slider must demonstrate the impartiality of the law and find her killer. *Due Apr* (English)

Carolyn HART**Dead Days of Summer**

336pp Pb \$16.95
Death on Demand Mystery #17. Annie Darling, owner of the Death on Demand mystery bookstore, is understandably upset. It isn't like her PI husband Max to abruptly disappear - and homicide is definitely not his style. But when his car is found abandoned on a remote road with a brutally slain, once-beautiful young woman nearby and the murder weapon stashed in the trunk, Annie's worst fears seem justified. *Due Apr* (American)

**John HART****The King of Lies** **400pp Pb \$16.95**

Jackson Workman Pickens - known to most as 'Work' - mindlessly holds together his disintegrating life: a failing law practice left to him when his father Ezra mysteriously disappeared, a distant wife who shares their loveless marriage, and an estranged sister who bore the brunt of their childhood trauma. Then Ezra's body is discovered... *Due Apr* (American)

John HARVEY**Darkness and Light** **464pp Pb \$21.95**

A phone call intrudes on retired DI Frank Elder's solitary life in Cornwall. It's his estranged wife and she needs a favour. A friend's sister, Claire Meecham, an unassuming widow in her 50s, has gone missing. Elder agrees to return to Nottingham to try and track her down. Then, Claire is found, dead. *Due Apr* (English)

Robert HAWKE**Cold Day in Hell** **304pp Tp \$32.95**

Late-night TV sensation Marshall Fox is on trial after two women he knew well turn up dead. But it's when a third woman dies in a manner chillingly reminiscent of the first two murders that PI Fritz Malone starts to pay attention. *Due Apr* (American)

Sue HENRY**The Tooth of Time** **288pp Pb \$16.95**

A Maxine and Stretch Mystery. She's the Winnebago-driving, pistol-packing 60-something-year-old-and she's back, with her mini-Dachshund Stretch. She's Maxie McNabb - and criminals from the frigid Iditarod Trail to the scorching Southwest had better beware. *Due Apr* (American)

Joan HESS**Poisoned Pins (1994)** **272pp Pb \$16.95**

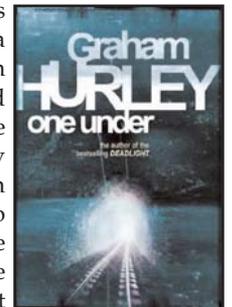
Claire Malloy Mystery. Claire Malloy loves her life. But how did it go by so fast? A bookstore owner, part-time sleuth, and full-time single mother, Claire is about to turn the big four-oh! Good thing her teenage daughter, Caron, has just been recruited to be a consultant for the cosmetics empire My Beautiful Self, Inc. At the very least, Claire can get a little help with those fine lines around her eyes - but at what cost? *Due Apr* (American)

David HOUSEWRIGHT**Pretty Girl Gone** **286pp Pb \$16.95**

A complicated cold case threatens the political ambitions of the governor of Minnesota in this third Mac McKenzie novel from an *Edgar Award*-winning author. *Due Apr* (American)

Graham HURLEY**One Under** **400pp Tp \$32.95**

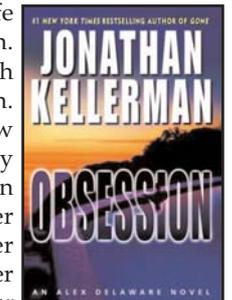
A man is chained inside a tunnel and then dismembered and scattered along the tracks by the early morning train from Portsmouth to London. The beginning of DI Joe Faraday's most gruesome case yet, but is it a bizarre suicide or the cruellest of murders? *Due Apr* (English)

**Lisa JACKSON****Absolute Fear** **432pp Tp \$32.95**

Eve Renner has returned to New Orleans hoping to forget the past - but it will not be so easily forgotten. The cold-blooded killings that culminated in a near-fatal attempt on her life three months ago have begun again. The crimes are bizarre, baffling, but all connected to Our Lady of virtues Hospital, the crumbling old asylum that was once the scene of unspeakable madness. Somewhere in its decaying rooms lies the key to a terrible crime. And the only man she can trust with the search is Cole Dennis, her former lover and, just possibly, a cold-blooded killer. *Due Apr* (American)

Jonathan KELLERMAN**Obsession** **368pp Pb \$32.95**

Where there is life there is devotion. Where there is death there is obsession. Patty Bigelow thought she'd finally figured life out. Then her wayward sister Leila abandons her child, Tanya, on her doorstep. *Due Apr* (American)



**Bill KNOX**

The Scavengers 224pp Hb \$49.95

Since Webb Carrick, of the Scottish Fishery Protection Service, had had trouble before with the crusty master of the Tecta, he isn't surprised that the Norwegian trawler has once again sliced through another boat's fishing nets. But among the masses of struggling fish in the Tecta's nets is a larger, darker, ominously motionless form - the body of a diver. *Due Apr* (Scottish)

William LANDAY

Strangler 400pp Tp \$32.95

Boston, 1963 - a city on the edge. On street corners, newsboys hawk the shocking headline: *Kennedy Is Dead*. In the city's underworld, a mob war rages. But what terrifies Bostonians most is the mysterious killer who has already claimed a dozen victims, a murderer whose name is indelibly linked to their city - the Boston Strangler. *Due Apr* (American)

Asa LARSSON

The Savage Altar 320pp Tp \$29.95

In a land of silence and snow, the killing has begun... Rebecka Martinsson is heading home to Kiruna, the small town she left in disgrace years before. A Stockholm tax lawyer, Rebecka is returning to her friend Sanna, whose brother has been horrifically murdered in the church of the cult he helped create. But to help her friend and to find the real killer of a man she once adored and is now not sure she ever knew, Rebecka must relive the darkness she left behind, delve into a sordid conspiracy of deceit, and confront a killer whose motives are dark and impossible to guess... *Due Apr* (Swedish)

Victoria LAURIE

What's a Ghoul to Do?

304pp Pb \$16.95

Ghost Hunter Mystery #1. MJ, her partner Gilley, and their client, the wealthy, delish Dr Steven Sable, are at his family's lodge, where his grandfather allegedly jumped to his death from the roof-although Sable says it was foul play. But the patriarch's isn't the only ghost around. The place is lousy with souls, all with something to get off their ghoulish chests. *Due Apr* (American)

Robert LITTELL

Vicious Circle: A Novel of Mutual Distrust 300pp Tp \$29.95

A well-known fundamentalist rabbi is taken hostage by a kidnapper who demands the release of several Palestinian prisoners. As Israel coaxes an aging Mossad officer out of retirement, the prisoner and captor find themselves building an extraordinary relationship. *Due Apr* (American)

Peter LOVESEY

The Secret Hangman 320pp Hb \$59.95

Peter Diamond Mystery. Peter Diamond, the Bath detective, is having woman trouble. His boss wants him to find a missing person, the daughter of one of her friends in the choir. He is not enthusiastic. Another woman, who calls herself his Secret Admirer, wants to set up a meeting in a local pub. Then there is sexy Ingeborg Smith, the ex-journo detective constable, distracting the murder squad from their duties. Murder becomes a possibility when a woman's body is found hanging from a playground swing in Sydney Gardens and a suspicious second ligature mark is found around her neck. *Due Apr* (English)

Jean MANCHETTE

Three to Kill 128pp Pb \$19.95

Late one night in Paris, travelling salesman Georges Gerfaut stops to help an injured motorist to hospital. Three days later, while Gerfaut is on holiday with his wife and daughters, he is attacked by two men. Quickly realising the duo's murderous intent, but perplexed as to their motives, Gerfaut goes on the run, communicating with his family by telegram. Terrified, yet exhilarated by this release from his humdrum life, Gerfaut resolves to turn the tables and track down his pursuers. *Due Apr* (French)

Paul McAULEY

Players 400pp Tp \$29.95

A teenage girl, naked and badly injured, is discovered by two fishermen in mountain forest in Macabee County, Oregon. Before lapsing into a coma, she asks for someone called Billy, but dies before reaching hospital. She is identified as Edie Collier, last known to be living on the streets of Portland after quarrelling with her mother. That's how Summer Zeigler, a newly qualified police detective in the Portland Police Bureau gets involved, as she arrested Edie for shoplifting six months before. *Due Apr* (American)

G A McKEVITT

Corpse Suzette 304pp Pb \$16.95

Savannah Reid Mystery #11. Despite New Year's resolutions to avoid irritating houseguests and nerve-wracking cases, California PI Savannah Reid finds herself playing host to her assistant's cranky cousin - in town for an unwanted makeover at a local spa - before the Christmas fudge is even gone. But when the spa's renowned plastic surgeon goes missing, murder's on the menu. *Due Apr* (American)

Susan Cummins MILLER

Quarry 320pp Pb \$18.95

Frankie McFarlane Geologist Mystery #3. Frankie is drawn into a police investigation when the remains of her ex-fiancé are found in the desert. And after a student and several of her colleagues are attacked, Frankie realises she may be the killer's next target. *Due Apr* (American)

Richard MONTANARI

Broken Angels 400pp Tp \$32.95

When the first body is found, mutilated and strangled on the riverbank, homicide detectives Kevin Byrne and Jessica Balzano suspect yet another case of random urban violence. Until it happens again... A ruthless killer is preying upon the citizens of Philadelphia. And someone else is killing the suspects. *Due Apr*

The Skin Gods

544pp Pb \$21.95

When a series of seemingly unrelated crimes shatter the restless silence of the city, Byrne and Balzano's worst fears are confirmed. A beautiful secretary is slashed to death in a grimy motel shower. A street hustler brutally murdered with a chainsaw. Piece by piece, a strange and sickening puzzle presents itself: someone is meticulously recreating Hollywood's most well-known and horrifying murder scenes, capturing them on film and inserting the clips into videos - for an unsuspecting public to find. *Due Apr* (American)

David MORRELL

Scavenger 320pp Tp \$32.95

Frank Balenger, the resolute but damaged hero of *Creepers* (Pb \$19.95), now finds himself trapped in a nightmarish game of fear and death as he leads a high-tech scavenger hunt for a decades-old time capsule. To save himself, and the woman he loves, Balenger must play by the rules of a god-like Game Master with an obsession for unearthing the past. But sometimes the past is buried for a reason... *Due Apr* (American)

Ryu MURAKAMI

Piercing 185pp Hb \$29.95

Following *In the Miso Soup* (Pb \$21.95), Kawashima Masayuki is a successful graphic designer living in Tokyo with his loving wife Yoko and their healthy baby girl. Outwardly, their lives are a picture of happiness and contentment. Every night, however, unable to sleep, Kawashima creeps from his bed and watches over the baby's crib while his wife sleeps. But this is no ordinary domestic scene; for on each of those nights, as he stands gazing at his newborn child, Kawashima has an ice-pick in his hand and an almost visceral desire to use it... (Japanese)

**Tim MYERS****Mold for Murder****240pp Pb \$16.95**

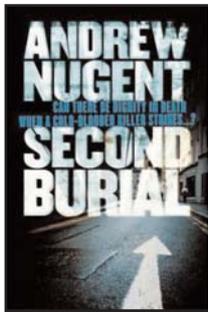
Soapmaking Mystery #2. When soap-making queen Contessa New Berne is murdered in Ben Perkins' family-owned custom soap shop, he discovers his girlfriend had a history with the Contessa - and a reason to want her dead. *Due Apr* (American)

Andrew NUGENT**Four Courts Murder****352pp Pb \$19.95**

A superbly entertaining and suspenseful debut crime novel from Irish Benedictine Monk, Andrew Nugent. When a Dublin High Court judge is found dead - slumped in his chair, his neck snapped by a well-aimed kick - many would say he got what he deserved. But Inspector Denis Lennon and Sergeant Molly Power soon unearth a far more dangerous and complex case than simple revenge. *Due Apr*

**Second Burial 384pp Tp \$32.95**

The strange and brutal murder of a young African man in Dublin reveals the dark practices of twisted killer... Shad, a young African man, is attacked and left for dead on the Dublin Mountains. He crawls to the nearest house and raises the alarm, but he later dies in hospital. Inspector Quilligan and Molly Power, of the Irish Police Force Murder Squad, launch an inquiry into this deeply disturbing murder. Was Shad the victim of a racist attack, sadism, a punishment, or some mysterious sacrificial ritual? *Due Apr* (Irish)

**Joyce Carol OATES****The Female of the Species****288pp Pb \$22.95**

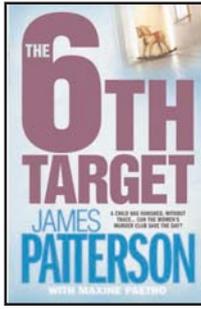
In these gripping and disturbing tales, women are confronted by the evil around them and surprised by the evil they find within themselves. With wicked insight, Oates demonstrates why the females of the species - be they six-year-old girls, seemingly devoted wives, or aging mothers - are by nature more deadly than the males. *Due Apr* (American)

Robert B PARKER**Dream Girl 304pp Pb \$26.95**

US title: *Hundred Dollar Baby*. When a mature, beautiful and composed April Kyle strides into Spenser's office, the Boston PI barely hesitates before recognising his once and future client. Now a well-established madam herself, April oversees an upscale call girl operation in Boston's Back Bay. Still looking for Spenser's approval, it takes her a moment before she can ask him, again, for his help. *Due Apr* (American)

James PATTERSON**The Sixth Target****320pp Tp \$32.95**

After a dramatic shoot out at a ferry dock, Detective Lindsay Boxer is called to scene to find that three people have been killed, and one of her closest friends, Claire, has been shot and lies bleeding. Lindsay promises Claire that she'll hunt down this killer and bring him to justice, but sadly, it doesn't prove to be so straightforward. *Due Apr* (American)

**Cathy PEARSON****Trouble in Paradise****321pp Tp \$32.95**

Cassie Grimes Mystery. Her business is in a lull, her husband's lost his job and her best friend is so depressed she's talking about suicide. Cassie Grimes is sure that things can only get better as she loads her dogs in the car and heads for Florida to work things out. Fat chance... (American)

Thomas PERRY**The Butcher's Boy (1983)****352pp Tp \$29.95**

Murder has always been easy for the Butcher's Boy - it's what he was raised to do. But when he kills the senior senator from Colorado and arrives in Las Vegas to pick up his fee, he learns that he has become a liability to his shadowy employers. His actions attract the attention of police specialists who watch the world of organised crime, but though everyone knows that something big is going on, only Elizabeth Waring, a bright young analyst in the Justice Department, works her way closer to the truth, and to the frightening man behind it. *Due Apr* (American)

Terri PERSONS**Blind Spot****352pp Tp \$32.95**

A killer wants vengeance. An FBI agent wants justice. Bernadette Saint Clare is an FBI agent with a difference: she has the uncanny ability to see murders through the eyes of killers. Because of this second sight, she has cracked some seemingly impossible cases, but her ability makes her a dangerous maverick in the staid environment of the FBI. *Due Apr* (American)

Amy PIRNIE**Lesser Creatures 228pp Hb \$45.00**

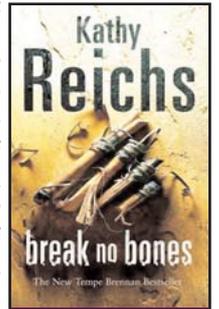
Sue Bennett Murder Mystery #1. Journalist Sue Bennett lends her car to a friend who is out on a job. It explodes, and Anil dies. Convinced she is the target of animal rights activists, Sue begins her own hunt for the bombers. *Due Apr* (English)

Ann PURSER**Secrets on Saturday****272pp Pb \$16.95**

Louis Meade Mystery. Lois usually steers clear of local gossip, but after tidying up the house that newcomer Reg Abthorpe claims to have inherited, she has more suspicions than she can keep to herself. The home's previous resident was known for his beloved terrier, robust nature, and deficiency of living relatives. So why is Reg presenting himself as the old man's nephew - and where could the sprightly geriatric (and his dog) possibly have gone? *Due Apr* (American)

Kathy REICHS**Break No Bones****480pp Pb \$21.95**

It's the second-to-last day of archaeological field school. Dr Temperance Brennan's students are working on a site of prehistoric graves on Dewees, a barrier island north of Charleston, South Carolina, when a decomposing body is uncovered in a shallow grave off a lonely beach. The skeleton is articulated, the bone fresh and the vertebrae still connected by soft-tissue; the remains are encased in rotted fabric and topped by wisps of pale, blond hair - a recent burial, and a case Tempe must take. *Due Apr* (American)

**Stella RIMINGTON****Secret Asset 448pp Pb \$21.95**

When MI5 Intelligence Officer, Liz Carlyle learns from one of her agents that there have been suspicious meetings in the Islamic bookshop where he works, she feels almost instinctively that a terrorist cell is at work. *Due Apr* (English)

Karen ROBARDS**Vanished****496pp Pb \$19.95**

Seven years ago, five-year-old Lexie Mason vanished and her mother Sarah was left to pick up the pieces of her shattered life. Then one hot August night Sarah picks up the telephone to hear a child's terrified voice whispering, "Mommy, help, come and get me..." *Due Apr* (American)

David ROBBINS**Assassin's Gallery****432pp Tp \$32.95**

What if Franklin Roosevelt didn't die of natural causes? What if FDR had been the victim of the 20th century's greatest cover-up? The assassin steps out of the Atlantic Ocean in the middle of a raging nor'easter. Cool and efficient, she's a weapon of war superbly trained in the ancient arts of subterfuge and murder. And even though she's outnumbered, she's got one major advantage - no one sees her coming. *Due Apr* (American)

**Natalie ROBERTS**

 **Tutu Deadly 256pp Pb \$16.95**
Jenny T Partridge Dance Mystery #1. Meet the dance instructor who puts criminals behind bars. Meet Jenny T Partridge, founder of Ogden, Utah's premier school for budding prima - and not-so-prima - ballerinas. When the obnoxious mother of Jenny's most talented student meets her maker - courtesy of poisoned cookie dough purchased through the Academy's fundraiser-Jenny must dance as fast as she can to clear her name. *Due Apr (American)*

Nancy Taylor ROSENBERG

 **Sullivan's Evidence #3 448pp Pb \$18.95**
 It's been 10 years since Carolyn Sullivan helped put vicious murderer and serial rapist Carl Holden behind bars. Forensic evidence had him nailed dead to rights. But in a stunning turn of events, Holden is once again a free man - and Carolyn is his probation officer. To the state, Holden has served his time. To Carolyn, he represents a heinous miscarriage of justice. Then a body is found in the same location where Holden buried his first victim... *Due Apr (American)*

Andrew ROSENHEIM

 **Keeping Secrets 400pp Pb \$23.95**
 It was his hideout, but now he did not feel safe at all. The birds had suddenly gone quiet, and the boy was certain the man was in the woods below him. And then a voice fractured the unnatural hush. "I know you're in there..." *Due Apr (American)*

Robert RYAN

 **Dying Day 352pp Tp \$32.95**
 1948: Europe is at peace, but a new war is just beginning. Laura McGill, a beautiful woman in her mid-20s, is waiting on a street corner in Piccadilly, London, with a Colt .32 in her handbag. She is desperate to find out what happened to her sister Diana. Both Laura and Diana were Special Operation Executive (SOE) spies during WWII. One night in 1944, Diana was flown into occupied France in a Lysander and never returned. Could she still be alive? *Due Apr (English)*

Barry SADLER

 **The Shooter 28pp Pb \$16.95**
 It's been decades since the US pulled their troops out of Vietnam, but many believe the POWs and soldiers listed as MIA still linger, prisoners of a maniacal regime who refuse to give up. Colonel Leonard Oates and army Major Robert Green have made the extraction of these remaining POWs their lifelong mission. When solid evidence emerges that at least two American soldiers are still being tortured and held prisoner at a camp nestled among the borders of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, Oates and Green are willing to take any measure to save them. *Due Apr (American)*

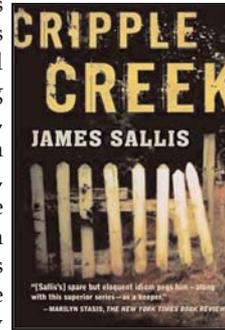
David M SALKIN

 **Crescent Fire 256pp Pb \$16.95**
 Agents Still and Hollahan are on a special assignment - neutralising a mysterious terrorist mission known only as Crescent Fire. The terrorists' weapon is a Scud missile - and their target is the White House. *Due Apr (American)*

James SALLIS

 **Cripple Creek 233pp Tp \$29.00**

When James Sallis introduced his complex and compelling protagonist, Turner, two years ago in *Cypress Grove*, many voiced the hope he would soon return. A year has now passed since Turner reluctantly helped to solve a baffling murder in the small town he now calls home, somewhere between Memphis and forever. He is still deputy sheriff, his relationship with Val Bjron has deepened, and his past as both big-city cop and ex-con is receding. Until a young man is arrested, Sheriff Don Lee assaulted, and Turner is compelled to go after the assailants. *Due Apr (American)*

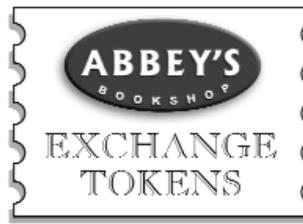
**Cyndy SALZMANN**

 **Crime and Clutter 288pp Tp \$29.00**
Friday Afternoon Mystery Club. A storage unit, a 1963 Volkswagen van, and tattered letters reveal shattering secrets from the 60s. *Due Apr (American)*

Theresa SCHWEGEL

 **Officer Down 224pp Pb \$19.95**
 Samantha Mack is a cop with a drink problem, a married lover and blood on her hands. On an impromptu sting operation, her ex-partner Fred Maloney is shot dead with her gun. Sam remembers firing her gun at the perp, a suspected child molester, until it was empty, but when she wakes up in hospital, there is no evidence that there was anyone besides her and Fred at the scene, alive or dead. *Due Apr (American)*

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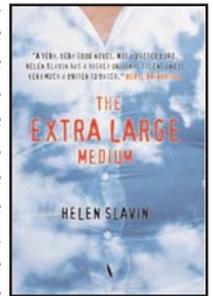
Lisa SCOTTOLINE

 **Daddy's Girl 496pp Tp \$32.95**
 Natalie Greco loves being a law professor, even though she can't keep her students from cruising sex.com during class. She loves her family, too, but as a bookworm, doesn't quite fit in. Then when a colleague talks Nat into teaching a class at a local prison, her comfortably imperfect world turns upside down. A violent prison riot breaks out and, in the chaos, Nat rushes to help a grievously injured guard. Before he dies, he asks her to deliver a cryptic message: "Tell my wife it's under the floor..." *Due Apr (American)*

Helen SLAVIN

 **The Extra Large Medium 256pp Pb \$22.95**

Ever since she was a kid, Annie Colville has been talking to the Dead. She knows they're dead because they're always dressed in chocolate brown. And they're hanging around where Annie can see them because they're worried about the things they left undone. Like where they left the key to the shed, or who should get the Crown Derby tea set. But Annie's grown up now, and things are getting serious. Especially after she falls for Evan Bees. It's hard enough to lose someone you love; but what if you know they could come back to you? And they just...don't? *Due Apr (Australian)*

**Wendy Corsi STAUB**

 **All the Way Home 300pp Pb \$11.95**
 Lake Charlotte and a quiet little town in upstate New York - the perfect place to raise a family. Or is it? People still talk about that summer 10 years ago when four teenage girls mysteriously disappeared. No one remembers that summer more vividly than Rory Connelly. Her older sister Carleen vanished from her bed in the middle of the night, never to be seen again. Now, 10 years later, Rory is returning to a family that is falling apart... (American)

Denise SWANSTON

 **Murder of a Botoxed Blonde 256pp Pb \$16.95**
Scumble River Mystery #9. A health spa complete with tofu turkey and "Dress for Sexcess" lectures is the last place school psychologist Skye Denison wants to spend Thanksgiving. But when her best friend Trixie Frayne convinces her to take a complimentary weekend at the new Scumble River Spa, Skye accepts her fate and prepares to be slathered, wrapped and roasted - until a murder ruins the good time. *Due Apr (American)*

**Virginia SWIFT** **Hello Stranger****288pp Pb \$16.95**

Mustang Sally Mystery #4. College professor Sally Alder returns to her office one cold, blustery afternoon to find Charlie Preston, a student in her women's history class, slumped in a chair outside her door. The girl has suffered a very recent, brutal battering, but she refuses to call the cops or her family, or go to the hospital. Sally helps Charlie, who then disappears and later becomes a murder suspect, but Sally's decides to investigate. *Due Apr (American)*

**Chad TAYLOR** **Departure Lounge****224pp Pb \$23.95**

Mark Chamberlain is a man who has everything: a job he loves; the criminal record to prove it; a cop on his trail and a houseful of stolen goods. All he's missing is Caroline May, and she's been gone for more than 20 years. Each time he breaks into a house, he sees Caroline in his head. But he knows she isn't there. Until one night when he walks into a room and discovers a collection of photographs, the blonde girl he remembers, looking back at him - smiling. *Due Apr (New Zealander)*

**D J TAYLOR** **Kept****496pp Pb \$23.95**

Egg-stealing in the Scottish highlands, fraud and felony on the streets of London, and strange goings-on in the fens - this is a captivating and ingenious Victorian mystery about the extreme and curious things men do to get what they want. *Due Apr (English)*

Peter TEMPLE **Shooting Star (1999)****240pp Tp \$32.95**

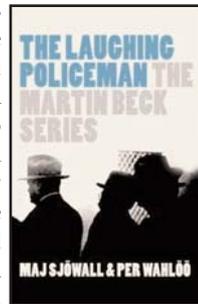
Frank Calder's career as a police negotiator is over and his new calling in mediation is looking shaky when property tycoon Pat Carson calls him in. Carson's grand-daughter has been kidnapped and he needs a go-between. No police - because this is not the first kidnapping in the Carson family, and hard lessons have been learned. But are the two events connected? And is there a motivation other than ransom at work? A young girl's life hangs in the balance and Frank needs information. But that can be hard to come by when money gets tangled up with secrets. *Due Apr (Australian)*

Lisa UNGER **Beautiful Lies** 234pp Pb \$19.95

What if your name was a lie? What if your whole life was a lie? In the split second freelance writer Ridley Jones saves a small child from being run over, her life changes forever. A newspaper photographer catches everything on film and Ridley becomes an instant media darling. But just as her life seems to be settling back to normal, an unmarked envelope slipped under her door - it contains the newspaper article, along with an old photograph of a man, a woman who looks eerily like Ridley, and a little girl. The accompanying note reads simply: Are you my daughter? *Due Apr (American)*

Per WAHLOO & Maj SJOWALL **The Laughing Policeman (1968)****288pp Pb \$20.00**

Martin Beck #4. This series pioneered the detective genre and inspired writers from Agatha Christie to Henning Mankell. On a cold and rainy Stockholm night, nine bus riders are gunned down by an unknown assassin. The press, anxious for an explanation for the seemingly random crime, quickly dubs him a madman. But Martin Beck of the Homicide Squad suspects otherwise... *Due Apr (German)*

**Robert W WALKER** **Shadows in the White City****352pp Pb \$16.95**

Inspector Ransom Mystery #2. A bloodthirsty fiend who nearly added Ransom to his list of slaughtered victims remains at large as Chicago hosts the 1893 Columbian Exhibition. To end the maniac's reign, Ransom refuses to play by the rules. However, his hatred and fury can blind him to a more terrible truth. *Due Apr (American)*

Jill Paton WALSH **The Bad Quarto****288pp Tp \$32.95**

Imogen Quy #4. Another foolhardy Cambridge college-climber has died attempting Harding's Folly. This time it's John Talentire, one of the brightest young dons at St Agatha's, and the verdict is accident, compounded by idiocy. But Imogen Quy - her name rhymes with 'why' - can't help wondering how such a clever young man died so stupidly. And when a wildly eccentric production of *Hamlet* is interrupted by a murder accusation, Imogen has to look into it, uncovering more crime than she expected. *Due Apr (English)*

Kate WHITE **Over Her Dead Body****464pp Pb \$16.95**

Bailey Weggins Mystery #4. White, the editor-in-chief for *Cosmopolitan*, delivers a sizzling-hot mystery that takes readers inside the cut-throat world of celebrity magazines. *Due Apr (American)*

Randy Wayne WHITE**(Writing as Randy STRIKER)** **Cuban Death-Lift (1981)****256pp Pb \$16.95**

When Fidel Castro allows thousands of Cubans to depart for America in the Mariel Boatlift, he exports the worst criminals and undesirables of his country along with them. To monitor the situation, the CIA sends infiltrators to Cuba - where they vanish without a trace. In desperation, the Agency turns to ex-Navy SEAL Dusky MacMorgan to go in and find out what happened. *Due Apr (American)*

D L WILSON **Unholy Grail** 448pp Pb \$18.95

A series of French articles-supposedly based on the writings of Jesus' brother James - has revealed that the descendants of Christ exist to this very day. Now, one man has taken the name of the archangel Gabriel and has embarked on a quest to protect Christianity's innocence by eliminating all who could expose the secrets of the gospel and its connection to the Holy Grail. *Due Apr (American)*

Don WINSLOW **Isle of Joy** 224pp Pb \$23.95

Walter Withers is a CIA spy in from the cold. He is assigned to look after a Presidential hopeful, Senator Jack Flynn, who may be a target for Soviet blackmail. This is a sometimes bleak portrait of the USA in the late 1950s, against the backdrop of the Cold War and anti-communist hysteria. *Due Apr*

 **The Winter of Frankie Machine****229pp Pb \$23.95**

Frank Machianno is a late-middle-aged ex-surf bum who runs a bait shack on the San Diego waterfront. He's also a retired hit man - and someone from the past wants him dead... *Due Apr (American)*

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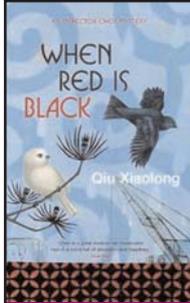
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Woods delivers a compulsively readable novel of crosses and double-crosses, featuring a shrewd criminal lawyer and his shamelessly sexy wife - a true black widow. *Due Apr* (American)

QIU XIALONG**When Red is Black** 320pp Pb \$22.95

When Inspector Chen Cao agrees to do a translation job for a Triad-connected businessman he is given a laptop, a 'little secretary' to provide for his every need, medical care for his mother. There are, it seems, no strings attached - then a murder is reported. Chen is loath to shorten his working holiday, so Sergeant Yu is forced to take charge of the investigation. The victim, a middle-aged teacher, has been found dead in her tiny room in a converted multi-family house. Only a neighbour could have committed the crime, but there is no motive. It is only when Chen returns and starts to investigate the past that he finds answers. But by then, he has troubles of his own. *Due Apr* (Chinese)

**A J ZERRIES****The Lost Van Gogh** 432pp Pb \$18.95

When Vincent van Gogh's Portrait of Monsieur Trabuc turns up unexpectedly at the Metropolitan Museum of Art - a \$50 million painting shipped from Argentina via UPS, like an ordinary package - the case goes to Clay Ryder, the NYPD Major Case Squad detective assigned to art theft. *Due Apr* (American)

**HISTORICAL
CRIME****Boris AKUNIN****Special Assignments** 336pp Pb \$29.95

Erast Fandorin #5. Fandorin faces two very different adversaries - one, a deft, comedic swindler and master of disguise, whose machinations send ripples spreading through the carefully maintained calm of Moscow in 1886, and the other a brutal serial killer, driven by an insane, maniacal obsession, who strikes terror into the heart of the Moscow slums in 1889. (Russian)

Lindsey DAVIS**Saturnalia** 284pp Tp \$32.95

Falco #18. It is the Roman Holiday of Saturnalia. Marcus Didius Falco and Helena have returned from Greece, only to find that Helena's brother Justinus' marital problems have exploded... (English)

Karen ESSEX**Leonardo's Swans** 432pp Pb \$23.95

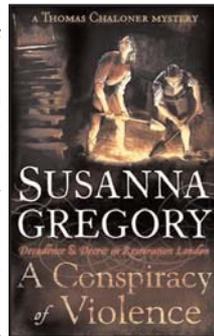
Sisters. Rivals. And the love of one man. Isabella and Beatrice d'Este are as different as night and day. Worldly and ambitious, Isabella's beauty and intellect are legendary across the courts of Europe, while her younger sister, a tomboy, prefers horses and the hunt. When Isabella is betrothed to the Marquis of Mantua, all her ambitions seem to come true - until Beatrice marries Ludovico, the powerful Duke of Milan. Suddenly, Isabella finds herself drawn to her sister's husband, a man as charismatic as he is dangerous. (English)

Ariana FRANKLIN**The Mistress of the Art of Death** 320pp Tp \$32.95

In Cambridge, a child has been hideously murdered and other children have disappeared. There are few female doctors in 12th century Europe, but Adelia Aguilar is one of them, having qualified at the great School of Medicine in Salerno. What's more, her speciality is the study of corpses; she is, in fact, a mistress of the art of death, a skill that must be concealed in case she's accused of witchcraft. Adelia's investigation takes her deep into Cambridge, its castle and convents and in a medieval city teeming with life, Adelia makes friends and even finds romance. And, fatally, the attention of a murderer who is prepared to kill again... (English)

Susanna GREGORY**Conspiracy of Violence** 512pp Pb \$22.95

Chaloner #1. The dour days of Cromwell are over. Charles II is well established at White Hall Palace, his mistress at hand in rooms over the Holbein bridge, the heads of some of the regicides on public display. London



seethes with new energy, freed from the strictures of the Protectorate, but many of its inhabitants have lost their livelihoods. One is Thomas Chaloner, a reluctant spy for the feared Secretary of State, John Thurloe and now returned from Holland in desperate need of employment. His erstwhile boss, knowing he has many enemies at court, recommends Thomas to Lord Clarendon, but in return demands that Thomas keep him informed of any plot against him. But what Thomas discovers is that Thurloe had sent another ex-employee to White Hall and he is dead... (English)

Giulio LEONI**The Third Heaven Conspiracy** 320pp Hb \$39.95

Florence, 1291. In a disused church on the outskirts of the city the disfigured corpse of a master mosaic artist sits at the foot of his latest - unfinished - creation. Young, ambitious Dante Alighieri, Prior of the City, is sent out to investigate. *Due Apr* (Italian)

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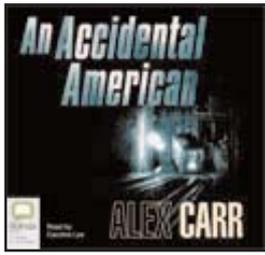


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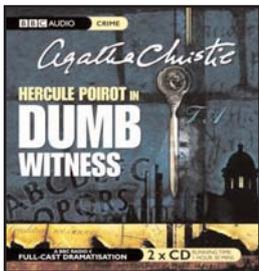
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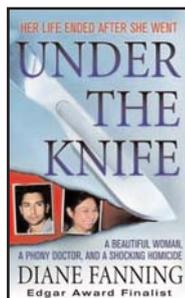
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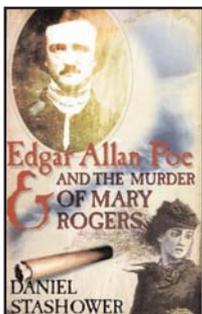
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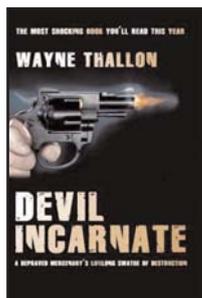
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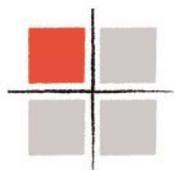
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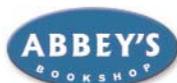
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