

CRIME CHRONICLE

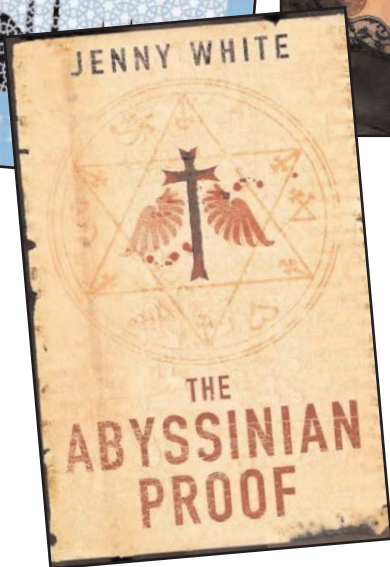
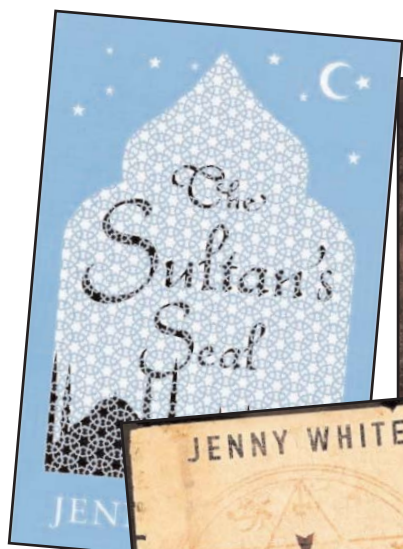
“WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL”

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AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

JENNY WHITE



Jenny White is a writer and social anthropologist. She has published two scholarly books on Turkey. Her first novel, **The Sultan's Seal**, was published in 2006 (Pb \$22.95) featuring the Turkish magistrate Kamil Pasha and set in 19th century Istanbul. It was shortlisted for the *Ellis Peters Historical Crime Award*.

Her second novel, **The Abyssinian Proof** (343pp Tp \$33), again features Kamil Pasha. In 1853, Pasha is plagued by thefts from mosques and churches of antiquities that appear for sale in Europe within days. In addition, there has been a series of murders in which the bodies all bear the same distinctive markings. Sources lead him to a community living in an abandoned cistern called Sunken Village and to a mysterious sect descended from Abyssinian slaves. Deep within the tunnels under the old city, a war is being waged and the re-emergence of a forgotten reliquary sets off a race between those sworn to protect it and those who will stop at nothing to exploit the secret contained within. A gripping tale of murder and mystery. Highly recommended.

- Peter

ABBEY'S TURNS 40 A Continuing Retrospective: Part 5



In August 1985, *Crime Chronicle* changed its format from the original double-sided foolscap sheet to a folded A4 sheet, with each issue in a different colour. The new format allowed me to put more titles in each issue.

In 1985, the *Edgar Allan Poe Awards* went to:

NOVEL

Briarpatch

by Ross Thomas

FIRST NOVEL

Strike Three, You're Dead

by R D Rosen

PAPERBACK ORIGINAL

Grandmaster

by Warren & Molly Murphy

FACT CRIME

Double Play:

The San Francisco

City Hall Killings

by Mike Weiss

CRITICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL

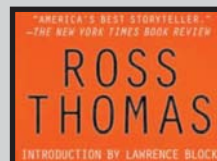
Novel Verdicts:

A Guide to Courtroom Fiction

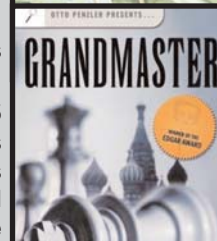
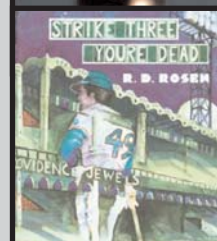
by Jon Breen

Unfortunately none of these titles are currently in print!

Titles featured in August 1985 included Isabelle Holland's **Death at St Anselms**, Nicholas Blake's **Smiler with a Knife** and J J Maloney's **I Speak for the Dead** (again, all out of print). Authors featured who are still writing today included Elmore Leonard, Earl Emerson, Robert Barnard, Amanda Cross, James Ellroy, J A Jance and Anne Perry. Other authors mentioned who still have titles in print included Rex Stout, Margery Allingham, Leo Bruce, Harry Kemelman and Ross MacDonald.



Briarpatch



NOVEL VERDICTS
A Guide to Courtroom Fiction
Second Edition
JON L. BREEN



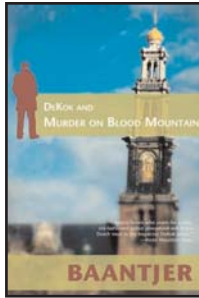
MODERN CRIME

A C BAANTJER



Dekok and Murder on Blood Mountain (2004)
208pp Pb \$26.95

The trail of a recent crime leads Inspector DeKok to Bloedberg (Blood Mountain), Belgium, a neighbourhood in Antwerp. It seems a man was fished from the Scheldt River and DeKok has been summoned to help with the investigation. (Dutch)

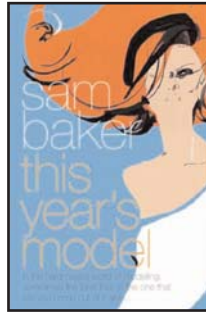


Sam BAKER



This Year's Model
352pp Tp \$33.00

When Lou McCartney, fashion reporter on *The Post*, finds out that her estranged half-sister Scarlett has gone missing in Japan, she's left reeling. Scarlett was catapulted to fame as a child model, but 10 years later her career has stalled. In a desperate bid for work, Scarlett decamps to Tokyo, where she survives on the dark edges of the industry. Then, suddenly, she disappears. *Due May* (American)



Linda BARNES



Flashpoint 384pp Pb \$13.95
Carlotta Carlyle Mystery. When six-foot redhead ex-cop and Boston-based private investigator Carlotta Carlyle agrees to help an elderly recluse burglar-proof her apartment, the last thing she expected was that the woman would turn up dead... *Due May* (American)

Lenny BARTULIN

Deadly Business 224pp Pb \$27.95
Jack Susko is trying for a quiet life in his second-hand bookshop in downtown Sydney. But when a wealthy businessman hires Jack to locate some books for him, he is plunged into a world he thought he had left behind. Making a play for the businessman's beautiful daughter doesn't help matters, and the bodies soon start piling up. *Due May* (Australian)

Colin BATEMAN

Orpheus Rising 384pp Tp \$33.00
Michael Ryan was the author of a runaway bestseller, *Space Coast*, but its publication coincided with his wife's murder in a bank raid. Ten years later, Michael returns to the scene of the crime to exorcise the ghosts of the past and try to write his second novel. But he discovers the grim truth behind his wife's murder and encounters the strangest of small-town behaviour... *Due May* (American)

C J BOX

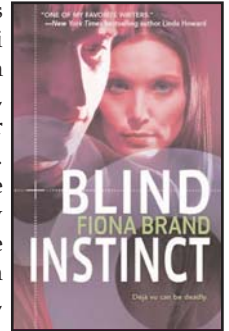
Blue Heaven 352pp Tp \$32.95
A 12-year-old girl and her younger brother go on the run in the woods of northern Idaho, pursued by four men they have just watched commit murder and who know exactly who William and Annie are and where their desperate mother is waiting for news of her children's fate. The kids soon find they don't know whom they can trust among their LA transplant neighbours, including hundreds of retired Southern California cops who've given the area its nickname, "Blue Heaven". As a group of dirty cops spearhead the search for William and Annie, one false move will stop these children from ever finding their way home. *Due May* (American)

C J BOX

Free Fire 352pp Pb \$15.95
Joe Pickett Mystery #7. In this newest mystery, former game warden Joe Pickett returns to investigate a murder in the wilds of Yellowstone National Park. Not only has the killer confessed, but he's gotten off free. The reason is an absolutely shocker. *Due May* (American)

Fiona BRAND

Blind Instinct 400pp Pb \$13.95
Within hours of finding a Nazi WWII codebook in her father's attic, librarian Sara Fischer becomes a target. Afraid for her life and chilled by memories that have nothing to do with her quiet, staid life, she calls in a debt. FBI agent Marc Bayard moves in the shadowy world that Sara has fallen into and may be the only one who can guide her out. *Due May* (American)



Robert Gregory BROWNE
Kiss Her Goodbye



352pp Pb \$13.95

Agent Jack Donovan has two ambitions: take down cult leader Alex Gunderson after years of violent mayhem, and reconnect with his daughter Jessie, who has somehow managed to slip from his life. But, none of Jack's experience as a stellar cop or an absent father has prepared him for the unthinkable way these two parts of his life are about to collide. *Due May* (American)

Edna BUCHANAN
Love Kills 352pp Pb \$15.95
Britt Montero Mystery #8. When a bulldozer in the Everglades unearths the skull of an infamous kidnapper, the Cold Case Squad is brought in to investigate. Reporter Britt Montero was the last person to see him alive, and the detectives have questions only she can answer. *Due May* (American)

Alex CARR
The Prince of Bagram Prison
320pp Tp \$33.00

It's September 11, 2004, three years after the attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon. In Washington, DC, Dick Morrow, retired spy chief and head of the Pentagon's Office of Special Plans, is grappling with his wife's imminent death. In London, former British special forces soldier Colin Mitchell is found dead in a train station bathroom, the victim of an apparent overdose. In Virginia, Colin's ex-lover, Katherine Caldwell, an Arabic specialist and Army Intelligence reservist, is unexpectedly called back to duty. Then another member of Colin's special forces team is found dead... *Due May* (American)

KEY

ACADEMIC



BANKING



CANINE DETECTIVES



CLERICAL



COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC



CULINARY/FOOD



FBI



FELINE DETECTIVES



FORENSIC



HORSE RACING MYSTERY



JOURNALISTS



MEDICAL



MILITARY



NATIVE AMERICAN



POLICE PROCEDURAL



POLITICAL/LEGAL



PSYCHOLOGICAL



PRIVATE EYE



ROMANTIC SUSPENSE



SPORT



SPY



SUSPENSE/THRILLER



PB = PAPERBACK

TP = TRADE PAPERBACK
(SLIGHTLY LARGER)

HB = HARDBACK

AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

**Alex CHANCE****Final Days** 496pp Tp \$32.95

It started with a child's letter. Karen Wiley, recently qualified San Francisco psychologist, thought she understood moral dilemma. A tormented past, an ugly divorce, and a troubled 11-year-old daughter have given her more life experience than she ever wanted. Now, somewhere out there, an anonymous child has begun to cry to her for help. No-one Karen knows is in trouble... *Due May* (American)

Mary Higgins CLARK**Where Are You Now?** 304pp Tp \$29.95

It has been 10 years since 21-year-old Kevin MacKenzie, Jr ('Mac') went missing. A Columbia University senior about to graduate and already enrolled in Duke University Law School, he walked out of his room and was never seen again. However, he does ritually call his mother every year on her birthday, on his birthday and on Mother's Day. Each time, he assures her he is fine, refuses to answer her frantic questions, then hangs up. Mac's sister Carolyn, now 26, sets out to discover what happened to him and why he has to hide from them. *Due May* (American)

Harlen COBEN**Hold Tight** 352pp Tp \$33.00

Tia and Mike Baye never imagined they'd become the type of overprotective parents who spy on their kids. But their 16-year-old son Adam has been unusually distant lately, and after the suicide of his classmate Spencer Hill, they can't help but worry. They install a sophisticated spy program on Adam's computer and within days they are jolted by a message from an unknown correspondent addressed to their son: "Just stay quiet and all safe." Meanwhile, browsing through an online memorial for Spencer put together by his classmates, Betsy Hill is struck by a photo that appears to have been taken on the night of her son's death. And he wasn't alone... *Due May* (American)

Max Allan COLLINS**Criminal Minds** 288pp Pb \$13.95

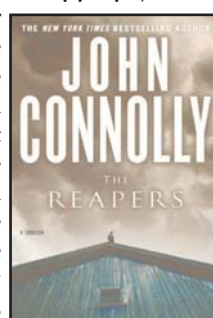
Killer Profile (TV Series). An elite team of FBI profilers is called in to help Chicago detectives investigate a series of bizarre murders. Though all are violent and disturbing, the crimes seem unrelated, until profiler David Rossi makes the connection. He recognises each grisly tableau as one modelled on the crime scenes of three of the country's most notorious serial killers: David Berkowitz, Ted Bundy, and Jeffrey Dahmer. Someone is taking the cult of true crime to terrifying extremes, and with so many killers left to emulate, Rossi wonders how he can possibly profile a killer who's hiding within the killer profiles of others... *Due May* (American)

Max Allan COLLINS**Strip for Murder** 272pp Tp \$27.95

Manhattan, 1953. Hal Rapp's *Tall Paul*, one of America's most popular comic strips, is now a Broadway musical, infuriating Rapp's long-time rival Sam Fizer, creator of the once beloved boxing strip *Mug O'Malley*. Adding insult to injury is the casting of Misty Winters, Fizer's wife, as one of Rapp's hillbilly gals. Then Fizer is found murdered, with all evidence pointing to Rapp. *Due May* (American)

John CONNOLLY**The Reapers** 480pp Tp \$33.00

Charley Parker #7. They are the Reapers, the elite among killers. Men so terrifying that their names are mentioned only in whispers. The assassin Louis is one of them. But now Louis, and his partner, Angel, are themselves targets. And there is no shortage of suspects. Thanks to former detective Charlie Parker, help is on its way. But can Angel and Louis stay alive long enough for it to reach them? *Due May* (American)

**Robin COOK****Critical** 350pp Pb \$19.95

Angela Dawson, MD, appears to have it all. At 37, she owns a fabulous New York City apartment, a stunning seaside house on Nantucket and enjoys the perks of her prosperous lifestyle. But her climb to the top was rough, marked by a troubled childhood, a failed marriage and the devastating blow of bankruptcy. Then a surge of drug-resistant staph infections in all three hospitals devastates her carefully constructed world. Not only do the infections result in patient deaths, but the fatalities cause stock prices to tumble. *Due May* (American)

Lesley COOKMAN**Murder in Midwinter** Pb \$19.95

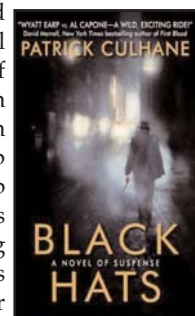
Libby Sarjeant Mystery #3. Fran is consulted by Bella Morleigh, who has been left a derelict seaside theatre by an unknown relative. Bella wants to know more about her family, particularly when a body is found in the theatre, and despite being deep in pantomime rehearsals at The Oast House Theatre, Libby and Fran are soon involved in another murder investigation. *Due May* (English)

Patricia CORNWELL**Front** 208pp Hb \$35.00

Winston Garano #2. Massachusetts State Investigator Win Garano is given one of his most challenging cases yet when he is asked to investigate the death of a young British woman murdered more than 40 years ago. *Due May* (American)

**Patrick CULHANE****Black Hats** 288pp Pb \$15.95

This is the untold story, rooted in factual speculation, of two of the most notorious men of the early 20th century, Wyatt Earp and Al Capone. Earp made his name in his younger days, serving as a lawman that was well known for bending the law where he saw fit, and shooting first and asking questions later. But it's a little-known fact that Earp spent the last 20 years of his life as a private detective in Los Angeles. So when his best friend, Doc Holliday's, mistress implores the aging lawman to track down her and Holliday's errant son in Manhattan, Earp takes the case. *Due May* (American)

**Jordan DANE****No One Left to Tell** 384pp Pb \$13.95

The life of homicide detective Raven Mackenzie is built on a foundation of the law. She'd been practically raised by the Central Station House after her father died in the line of duty. While investigating a grisly murder, she is drawn to a stranger - a man whose past holds the key to finding a killer. Called on to investigate businesswoman, and suspected crime boss, Fiona Dunhill, Raven finds herself drawn into a deadly game. And the one man who can help her is the one man she can't afford to trust... *Due May* (American)

Keith R A DECANDIDO**CSI: NY Four Walls** 352pp Pb \$14.95

Detectives Mac Taylor, Danny Messer, Sheldon Hawkes and Don Flack are called in to investigate a double-homicide at a medium security facility on Staten Island. The prison has been witness to a lot of racially-motivated tensions and it appears that things have finally boiled over in a lethal fashion. *Due May* (American)

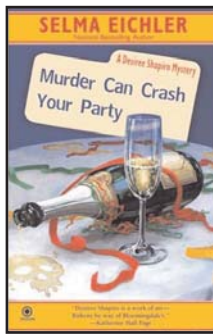
Jo DERESKE**Index to Murder** 272pp Pb \$13.95

Miss Zukas Mystery #11. When Ruth, Helma Zukas' artist friend, suffers from a broken heart and decides to paint a retrospective of her ample love life she stirs up worries in Bellehaven about exactly what she'll expose. Mysteriously, two of her paintings are stolen from her studio, each depicting a man who died under mysterious circumstances. *Due May* (American)



**Selma EICHLER****Murder Can Crash Your Party**
272pp Pb \$13.95

Desiree Shapiro *Mystery* #7. Full-figured Manhattan PI Desiree Shapiro doesn't like public speaking - so she's surprised when her talk at a mystery writers' convention is a hit. But she receives an even bigger surprise when eccentric author Belle Simone approaches her with a truly bizarre proposition. If Desiree can solve the mystery in Belle's yet unpublished novel, she'll be paid \$24,940. Desiree is engrossed by Belle's story of adultery and murder. But the real mystery is: why someone would pay her such an exorbitant sum to solve a homicide that exists only on paper? *Due May* (American)

**Anne EMERY****Sign of the Cross**

329pp Pb \$29.95

Monty Collins is a sharp-tongued public defender who just wants to represent an upstanding character for a change. A priest with something to hide isn't quite what he had hoped for, but when the literate, arrogant, and tight-lipped Father Brennan Burke is implicated in the strange murder of a young woman, Monty doesn't just take the case - the case takes him. *Due May* (American)

J F ENGLERT**Dog Among Diplomats**

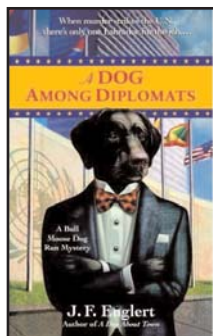
336pp Pb \$13.95

Bull Moose Dog Run Mystery #2. He reads Proust. Surfs the net. Is the soul of diplomacy. And when it comes to solving crime, Randolph is the dog for the job. Murder has come to Manhattan's East Village. And when detectives call 20-something artist Harry to the scene, his Labrador, Randolph, instantly smells a rat. *Due May* (American)

Joy FIELDING**Charley's Web**

448pp Tp \$29.95

A single mother who writes a controversial column for the Palm Beach Post, Charley Webb has spent years building an emotional wall against scathing critics, snooty neighbours and her disapproving family. But when she receives a letter from Jill Rohmer, a young woman serving time on death row for the murders of three small children, her wall slowly begins to crumble. *Due May* (American)

**Earlene FOWLER****Tumbling Blocks** Pb \$15.95

Benni Harper Mystery #13. Investigating the death of a local socialite, Benni Harper will need to crack an exclusive circle of suspects before one more gourmet goose gets cooked in the *Agatha Award*-winning series. *Due May* (American)

Claire FRANCIS**The Unforgotten**

368pp Tp \$32.95

After five years, lawyer Hugh Gwynnea's most difficult case has finally come to court. His client Tom Deacon is claiming damages for post-traumatic stress after a car accident in which he witnessed the death of his daughter. The case is going well; it seems certain Tom will win the compensation that will enable him to pick up the pieces of his shattered life. Then Hugh receives an letter that throws him into an impossible dilemma. To stay on the case is unethical, to withdraw will threaten its success, and Tom Deacon, revealing himself in an entirely new light, makes it clear that such treachery will not be forgiven. *Due May* (English)

**Scott FROST****Point of No Return**

320p Tp \$33.00

Cathy Salem is desperate for Lieutenant Alex Delillo's help. Her husband, Jason, an ex-LAPD officer now working for a private security firm, has officially been listed as missing after he failed to return home from an 11-month placement in Iraq. It is only when Cathy herself vanishes and Alex is nearly run off the road whilst following a lead as to Jason's whereabouts, that she realises that this goes far beyond a simple missing persons case... *Due May* (American)

Frances FYFIELD**Blood from a Stone**

320pp Tp \$33.00

Marianne Shearer is at the height of her career, a dauntingly successful barrister, respected by her peers and revered by her clients. So why has she killed herself? Her latest case had again resulted in an acquittal, though the outcome was principally due to the death of the prime witness after Marianne's forceful cross-examination. Had this wholly professional and unemotional lawyer been struck by guilt or uncertainty, or is there some secret to be discovered in her blandly comfortable private life? *Due May* (English)

David GIBBINS**The Last Gospel** 432pp Tp \$33.00

History is full of secrets. Secrets that have remained hidden for thousands of years. Enter Jack Howard, one of the greatest archaeologists of his day, a man who never stops believing, never gives up hope that out there might be the next big discovery. But when he and his best friend Costas are interrupted during a dive off the coast of Sicily that might possibly reveal the final journey of St Paul, Jack has no idea what lies in store... *Due May* (English)

Michele GIUTTARI**A Florentine Death**

352pp Pb \$23.00

Chief Superintendent Michele Ferrara knows that the beautiful surface of his adopted city, Florence, hides dark undercurrents. When called in to investigate a series of brutal and apparently random murders, his intuition is confirmed. Distrusted by his superiors and pilloried by the media, Ferrara finds time running out as the questions pile up. Is there a connection between the murders and the threatening letters he has received? *Due May* (Italian)

Friedrich GLAUSER**The Spoke (1937)**

165pp Pb \$24.95

Sergeant Studer. Why must the festive dinner in the Hirschen Inn be interrupted? A murder puts an end to the preparations for the wedding of Studer's daughter. A man is found with a sharpened bicycle spoke embedded in his back and a suspect is quickly arrested. Property speculation, usury and betrayed love find their way into this tightly written novel, the last outing for Bernese investigator Sergeant Studer. *Due May* (Austrian)

Melissa GLAZER**Cracked Pot** 224pp Pb \$13.95

Clay and Crime Mystery #2. When the body of a new potter with a mysterious past is found in Carolyn Emerson's raku firing pit, she calls upon her studio's pottery club, The Firing Squad, to dig up evidence and crack the case. *Due May* (American)

Nadia GORDON**Murder Alfresco**

272pp Tp \$25.95

Sunny McCoskey Napa Valley Mystery. Walking home late one night from a party, Napa Valley restaurant owner Sunny McCoskey happens upon the shocking sight of a murdered woman, bound and hanging from the tree of a local vineyard. Shortly before, she'd seen a truck leaving a local winery, driving without its headlights on. Was it the murderer? And did the murderer see her as well? *Due May* (American)

**Heather GRAHAM****The Death Dealer****304pp Tp \$29.95**

As a killer obsessed by Poe's macabre tales selects his victims from members of a literary society devoted to the master writer, author Genevieve O'Brien, fearing that her mother will be next, enlists the aid of PI Joe Connolly to stop the murders. (American)

Alex GRAY**The Riverman 320pp Pb \$20.00**

When the dead body of a man is fished out of Glasgow's River Clyde the morning after an office celebration, it looks like a case of accidental death. An anonymous telephone call and a forensic toxicology test, however, give DCI Lorimer reason to think otherwise. *Due May* (American)

Linda GREENLAW**Slipknot****288pp Pb \$13.95**

From the bestselling non-fiction author of *All Fishermen are Liars* (Pb \$27.95) comes her debut novel, a mystery that introduces homicide detective-turned-marine insurance investigator Jane Bunker, who investigates a murder in her newly adopted Maine town. *Due May* (American)

Simon HALL**Death Pictures 352p Pb \$19.95**

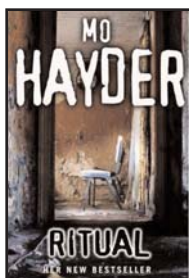
A dying artist creates a series of 10 paintings, *The Death Pictures*. They contain a mysterious riddle that leads the way to a unique and highly valuable prize. Thousands attempt to solve it. But before the answer can be revealed, the painter is murdered... *Due May* (English)

Steve HAMILTON**Night Work****320pp Tp \$33.00**

Joe Trumble is a probation officer with a tragedy in his past. Two years ago, his fiancée was brutally killed three days before their wedding. No one has yet been caught. Now Joe is heading for a blind date with Marlene, a jewellery designer, his first encounter with a woman since his fiancée's death. The evening is a success, but next day Marlene is reported missing. Two days later, her body is found. *Due May* (American)

Mo HAYDER**Ritual****352pp Tp \$32.95**

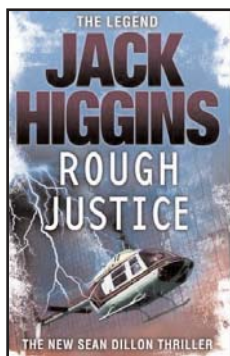
Just after lunch on a Tuesday in April, nine feet under water, police diver Flea Marley closes her gloved fingers around a human hand. The fact that there is no body attached is disturbing enough. Even more disturbing is the discovery, one day later, of the matching hand. Both have been recently amputated and the indications are that the victim was still alive when they were removed. *Due May* (English)

**Jarad HENRY****Blood Sunset 336pp Tp \$29.95**

In the grip of a blistering Melbourne heat wave, a teenager is found dead in a St Kilda loading bay with a syringe hanging from his arm. Is it an overdose or something more sinister? Assigned to the case, Detective Rubens McCauley soon finds himself up against a secret network of paedophiles, child abusers and underage prostitutes. Brilliantly plotted, this is witty, gritty crime writing. *Due May* (Australian)

Jack HIGGINS**Rough Justice****448pp Tp \$33.00**

The master of the game is back, with another pulse-pounding adventure featuring the unstoppable Sean Dillon. While checking up on the volatile situation in Kosovo, the US President's right-hand man Blake Johnson meets Major Harry Miller, a member of the British Cabinet. Miller is there doing his own checks for the British Prime Minister. When both men get involved with a group of Russian soldiers about to commit an atrocity, Miller puts and end to the scuffle with a bullet in the forehead of the ringleader... *Due May* (English)

**Jane HILL****Can't Let Go****384pp Tp \$34.95**

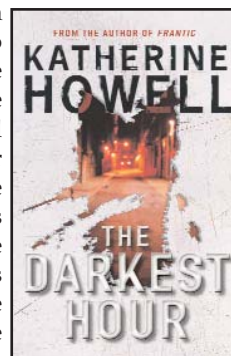
"I'm watching you. I know everywhere you go." When Beth Stephens opens the first mysterious note, she is terrified. Someone out there, someone who seems to be stalking her every footstep, has pried open the terrible secret she's been hiding for over a decade. And he is threatening to exact revenge... *Due May* (English)

Jane HITCHCOCK**Witches Hammer 400pp Pb \$15.95**

A rare book collector in New York City receives a grimoire, a medieval book of black magic; shortly afterward, he is murdered. His daughter, Beatrice O'Connell, believes that the grimoire is connected to the murder and vows to find out. She soon realises there is a powerful conspiracy connected to the grimoire, as well as to another tome, a 15th century book written to encode Christendom's eradication of witchcraft. As she grapples with the conspiracy, Beatrice also struggles with her long-dormant sexuality, now awakened to a fierce pitch. This provocative, compelling and unsettling novel brilliantly explores the misogyny of Western culture, particularly of the Catholic Church. *Due May* (American)

Katherine HOWELL**The Darkest Hour****400pp Tp \$32.95**

Paramedic Lauren Yates stumbles into a world of trouble the night she discovers a dead man in an inner city alley, for the killer still lurks nearby. When the murderer threatens to make her life hell if she tells the police, she believes him - he is Miles Werner, her sister's ex and father to Lauren's niece, and a very bad man indeed. But when a stabbing victim tells her with his dying breath that Werner attacked him too, she finds herself with blood on her hands and Detective Ella Marconi on her back. *Due May* (Australian)

**Declan HUGHES****The Dying Breed****320p Tp \$33.00**

Ed Loy #3. Even the best private eye needs more than a name to find a missing person, but that's all that Father Vincent Tyrrell, the brother of prominent racehorse trainer FX Tyrrell, will offer Loy when he comes to him for help. A dwindling bank account convinces Loy to delve into the deadly underworld of horse racing, but fortune soon smiles on him: while working another case, he discovers a phone number linked to FX on a badly beaten body left at an illegal dump. Loy's been around long enough to know that there's more to the Tyrrell family than meets the eye - and then a third body appears... *Due May* (Irish)

**The Colour of Blood****354pp Pb \$20.00**

Ed Loy #2. A reputable dentist from a venerable medical family, Shane Howard wants Loy to find his lost daughter after receiving a set of photographs featuring 19-year-old Emily in provocative poses. But a simple missing persons case rapidly devolves into something even more sordid and grisly when two of the players are savagely slain. And it's only the beginning... *Due May* (Irish)

Eve ISHERWOOD**Absent Light****410pp Pb \$19.95**

Helen Powers was once a 'scenes of crimes' officer for the West Midlands Police. It is four years since a case involving the death of a young teenage girl shattered her career. In an attempt to rebuild her life, she now works as a portrait photographer, but the past is not so easily left behind. *Due May* (English)

**Lisa JACKSON****Absolute Fear** 560pp Pb \$20.00

For three months, Eve Renner has struggled to remember the night she was nearly killed. She remembers getting the anxious call from a friend from her past; she remembers seeing that friend lying in a pool of blood. And she remembers a horrifying glimpse of her lover Cole Dennis's face as a gunshot plunged her into darkness. Now, her memory and emotions scarred, Eve has returned to New Orleans to forget the past just as a new series of killings begins... *Due May* (American)

Steve JACKSON**Judas** 400pp Pb \$20.00

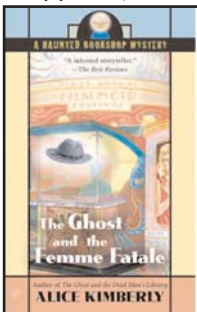
Steve Jackson does for MI6 what Chris Ryan did for the SAS. Four people can keep a secret if three of them are dead! In Rome, the severed hand of a retired MI6 head of station is found at one of the city's landmarks. The hand is holding a bag containing 30 silver pieces. Meanwhile, in London, MI6 agent Paul Aston is on the point of quitting. Once on the MI6 fast track, his career has stalled. He has been passed over for one promotion too many; his colleagues treat him like a leper. When he is approached to head up a new task force, he jumps at the chance. *Due May* (American)

Iris JOHANSEN**Pandora's Daughter** 384pp Pb \$15.95

For as long as she can remember, successful young physician Megan Blair has tried to silence the voices in her head that bring her to the edge of madness and terror. Megan possesses psychic powers that have been dormant for years, hidden deep in the past she's tried so desperately to forget. But now everything has come to a boiling point - someone is trying to kill her... *Due May* (American)

Alice KIMBERLY**The Ghost and the Femme Fatale** 256pp Pb \$13.95

Haunted Bookshop Mystery #4. The local Film Noir festival takes a dark turn when a legendary femme fatale is nearly killed. Now bookstore owner Penelope Thornton-McClure enlists the help of Jack Shepard, PI, even though he and his licence expired more than 50 years ago. *Due May* (American)

**Roberta KRAY****The Lost** 320pp Pb \$21.95

Private eye Harry Lind doesn't believe in ghosts. Little Grace Harper went missing over 20 years ago. Missing girls can't just reappear, can they? It takes a brutal murder to make him think again. *Due May* (English)

Julia KRISTEVA**Murder in Byzantium** 264pp Tp \$34.95

In this absorbing, suspenseful novel, Kristeva combines social satire, medieval history, philosophy, psychoanalytic theory and autobiography within a gruesome murder mystery. It deftly moves from 11th century Europe, wracked by the turbulence of the First Crusade, to the sun-dappled, cultural wasteland of present-day Santa Varvara, threatened by religious cults, gangs and a serial killer on the loose. (English)

Martin LANGFIELD**The Malice Box** 560pp Pb \$19.95

When Robert Reckliss is sent what seems to be a copper puzzle box, he has no idea his life is about to undergo violent transformation. That night, an acquaintance kills himself in curious circumstances; the following day, an old friend reveals the existence of an arcane weapon that could wipe the Western world from the face of the planet. And the responsibility for hunting down this weapon, this Malice Box, lies with Robert. *Due May* (American)

Jim & Joyce LAVENE**Perfect Poison** 304pp Pb \$15.95

Peggy Lee Garden Mystery #4. When drowned bodies start surfacing with an unusual plant caught in one of the victims' hair, forensic botanist and detective's widow Peggy Lee is on the case. *Due May* (American)

David LAWRENCE**Down into Darkness** 416pp Pb \$19.95

Stella Mooney #4. The naked body of a young woman is found hanging from a tree on a London roadside. Scrawled across her back, the words "Dirty Girl". Detective Sergeant Stella Mooney and the AMIP 5 squad are faced with a murder as baffling as it is chilling. *Due May* (English)

Elmore LEONARD**Up in Honey's Room** 336pp Pb \$19.95

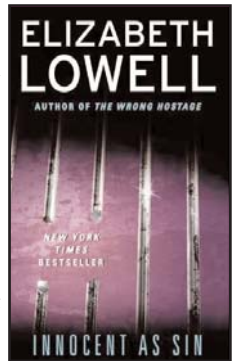
German-born Walter Schoen, now living in Detroit, is a dead ringer for Heinrich Himmler. Walter's American wife, Honey Deal, doesn't know he's a German spy, but she's tired of telling him jokes he doesn't understand - it's time for a divorce. Along comes Carl Webster, the hot kid of the Marshals Service. He's looking for a German officer who escaped from a POW camp in Oklahoma. Carl's pretty sure Walter is involved, so Carl gets to know Honey, hoping she'll take him to Walter. Honey likes Carl and doesn't much care that he's married. But all Carl wants is to get his man without getting shot. *Due May* (American)

Laura LEVINE**Death by Pantyhose** 256pp Pb \$13.95

Jaine Austen Mystery #6. When freelance writer Jaine Austen starts writing jokes for a stand-up comic, she soon sees the dark side of comedy after the comic's rival is found dead. It's up to Jaine to figure out whodunit. *Due May* (American)

Elizabeth LOWELL**Innocent as Sin** 432pp Pb \$15.95

Rand McCee just wants to be able to lose himself in his painting. After his twin brother is shot before his eyes while on a scouting mission for St Kilda Consulting, a Manhattan-based, global business that concentrates on the shadow world where governments can't go. He has finally come to terms with the fact that he will never be able to find the man who shot his twin, the man known as 'The Siberian'. Kayla Shaw is an Arizona banker. Little does she realise that as she has been helping a rich socialite plan how to finance an art exhibition she has been unwittingly caught up in a web of lies and money laundering. *Due May* (American)

**Stuart MACBRIDE****Flesh House** 480pp Tp \$30.00

A new Logan McRae thriller set in gritty Aberdeen. Aberdeen is panicking. It's been 18 years since Grampian Police caught the Flesher, the notorious serial killer who butchered people all over the UK, and seven years since he was released from Peterhead prison, his conviction overturned on appeal. But when a container full of joints of human meat turns up at Aberdeen Harbour, it kicks off the largest man hunt in Aberdeen's history. *Due May* (Scottish)

Paul McAULEY**Players** 544pp Pb \$19.95

A teenage girl found naked and fatally injured in a mountain forest 200 miles from her home. The mutilated corpse of a young man in the Nevada desert, his heart and eyes removed. The post-apocalyptic world of a role-playing computer game - and the murderous spree of a psychopathic killer driven by delusions of superhuman supremacy. And rookie detective Summer Zeigler, pitched headlong into her first major case. But even as she tries to unpick the killer's twisted logic, he lures her into a cat-and-mouse game with a spectacular climax of his own devising. *Due May* (American)

**Jame McLEAN****The Silver Dagger 224p Pb \$29.95**

Queensland's Gold Coast is holiday paradise to millions, the last place one would imagine as the hunting ground of a brutal but brilliant serial killer. A man filled with pain, and an agony that others must share. Robert Carrana doesn't have much pity and he certainly has no compassion. What he does have is a passion for vengeance, a brutal heart, and a long list of names. His promise is to keep going until all those on his list are dead. *Due May* (Australian)

David MEADOWS**Final Run****352pp Pb \$15.95**

In the Cold War, nuclear submarines lead the fight. But the *USS Squallfish* is one of the old school, as is her skipper, Captain Chad Shipley. While on a routine patrol, he is ordered to infiltrate the heart of the Soviet Northern Fleet to spy upon the enemy's nuclear sub capabilities. But the first Soviet nuclear sub is already under way, and has found its first prey - the *Squallfish*. *Due May* (American)

**Richard MONTANARI****Broken Angels**

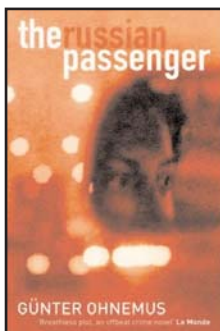
When the first body is found, mutilated and strangled on the riverbanks, Philadelphia homicide detectives Kevin Byrne and Jessica Balzano suspect yet another case of random urban violence. Then it happens again. And again... *Due May* (American)

Yxta Maya MURRAY**The Queen Jade 352pp Tp \$29.00**

For centuries, explorers and scholars of the New World have been captivated by a legend involving the tragic life of a King, a Witch and a giant blue jade stone whose beauty is intoxicating, a stone whose possessor is said to be granted a life filled with power. That stone is called the Queen Jade. (American)

Gunter OHNMUS**The Russian Passenger****260pp Pb \$24.95**

"At 50 the good Buddhist takes to the road, leaving all his belongings behind. His sole possession is a begging bowl. That's how it should be. The problem was, there were four million dollars in my begging bowl and the mafia were after me. It was their money. They wanted it back and they also wanted the girl, the woman who was with me: Sonia Kovalevskaya." *Due May* (German)

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Two weeks before the first female president of the US is up for re-election, her lover becomes the suspect in a murder case and embroiled in a plot to bring down the president herself. *Due May* (American)

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Funny how different lives can suddenly collide. A TV weatherwoman gets a stalker, so she hires PI Matt Stromsoe. Matt is a man in recovery. His best friend became a gang warlord and tried to kill him, but instead Matt's wife and son ended up dead. Now he hopes his first case since quitting the police force will help him move on. *Due May* (American)

Robert B PARKER**High Profile 304pp Pb \$19.95**

Jesse Stone #6. When the body of controversial talk-show host Walton Weeks is discovered hanging from a tree on the outskirts of Paradise, police chief Jesse Stone finds himself at the centre of a highly public case, forcing him to deal with small-minded local officials and national media scrutiny. When another dead body - that of a young woman - is discovered just a few days later, the pressure becomes almost unbearable. Two victims in less than a week should provide a host of clues, but all Jesse runs into are dead ends. (American)

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The scene is set for a huge funeral in St Patrick's Cathedral in New York. The rich and the famous from all over America and beyond have arrived to honour a former First Lady after her sudden, unexpected death. Then follows an attack that was three years in the planning... *Due May* (American)

Tom PICCRILLI**The Cold Spot 320pp Pb \$13.95**

Chase was raised as a getaway driver by his grandfather, Jonah, a con man feared by even the hardened career criminals who make up his crew. But when Jonah crosses the line and murders one of his own, Chase goes solo, stealing cars and pulling scores across the country. But then he meets Lila, a strong-willed deputy sheriff with a beguiling smile who shows him what love can be. Chase is on the straight and narrow for the first time in his life, until tragedy hits, and he must re-enter the dark world... *Due May* (American)

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Blanco County Mystery #5. It's just days before the National Weapons Alliance rally in Blanco County, and things couldn't be off to a worse start. First, an illegal immigrant is killed in a questionable hunting accident. Then, when local game warden John Marlin starts poking around for clues, he uncovers an astonishing secret - one that threatens to bring down the NWA. *Due May* (American)

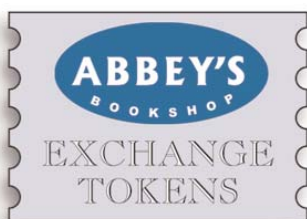
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Omar Yusef, teacher-turned-detective, is sent to the troubled Gaza Strip to carry out a routine school inspection. There he learns a fellow teacher has been arrested and, instinctively recognising the signs of grave injustice, he sets out to investigate. *Due May* (American)

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Temperance Brennan, like her creator Kathy Reichs, is a brilliant, sexy forensic anthropologist called on to solve the toughest cases. But for Tempe, the discovery of a young girl's skeleton in Acadia, Canada, is more than just another assignment. As Tempe draws on the latest advances in forensic anthropology to penetrate the past, Tempe's beau, Ryan hunts down a serial predator. *Due May* (American)

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One cold November night when Kat White was 15 years old, she and some friends held up a convenience store. In the heat of the moment, one of her friends shot and killed an off-duty cop moonlighting as a security guard. Kat and her pals fled in panic and no one was caught. 16 years later, Kat (now Kate) has built a new life for herself. Now a single mother, she works as a prosecutor in the Philadelphia DA's office. But her dark past rears its head when she walks into court one day and discovers she is to prosecute Mario Castellanos, one of her friends from that terrible night... *Due May* (American)

Natalie ROBERTS



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Jenny T Partridge Dance Mystery #3. Studio owner Jenny needs her girls to win the Ultimate Dancer Championship, and the prize money, to expand her business. But first she has to do some fancy footwork just to stay alive! *Due May* (American)

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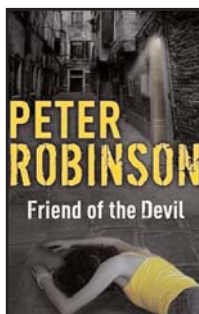
Peter ROBINSON



Friend of the Devil

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When Karen Drew is found sitting in her wheelchair staring out to sea with her throat cut one chilly morning, DI Annie Cabbot, on loan to Eastern Area, gets lumbered with the case. Back in Eastvale, that same Sunday morning, 19-year-old Hayley Daniels is found raped and strangled in the Maze, a tangle of narrow alleys behind Eastvale's market square, after a drunken night on the town with a group of friends. DCI Alan Banks is called in to investigate. *Due May* (English)



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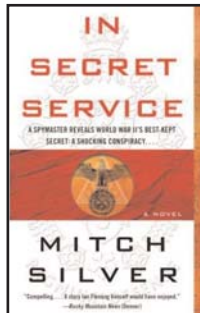
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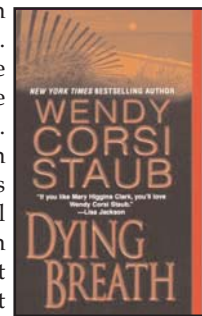
Detective Kubu #1. Poachers, witch doctors, diamond-smuggling and corruption: welcome to the world of Detective Kubu... They find the first body or what the hyena had left near a waterhole considered magical by the local bush people. A string of clues suggests that the victim was murdered and his identity hidden. For Assistant Superintendent David Kubu Bengu, its obvious from the start that sinister forces are at work. *Due May* (South African)

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A serial killer stalks young Navajo men and women. Police Special Investigator Ella Clah and her family may be next in his sights. Clues indicate that her father may have tried to stop this killer before his own murder 10 years ago. *Due May* (American)

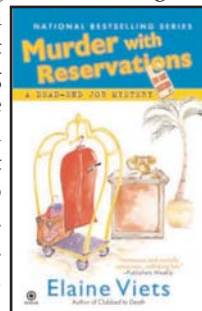
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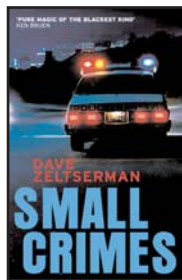
Brain surgeon Allen Wyler has written a thriller on the bleeding edge of new-millennium hospital technology. When a brain surgeon discovers that a revolutionary computerised medical-records system is responsible for a series of patient deaths, and threatens many more, he must navigate a treacherous maze of conspiracy. And risk his life to expose it. *Due May* (American)

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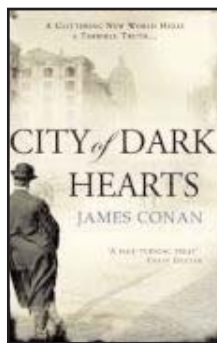
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Holmes and Dr Watson investigate the eerie tale of a devil-beast that haunts the moors around the Baskerville ancestral home after Sir Charles Baskerville is found dead - and the footprints of a giant hound are found near his body. *Due May* (English)

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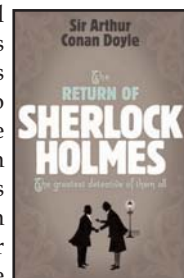
The title story of this collection refers to Holmes' emergence from retirement to help the government fight the German threat at the approach of the First World War. *Due May* (English)

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (1892) Pb \$14.95

In this first collection of Holmes's stories, the beloved detective uses his uncanny skills to rescue a king from blackmail, to capture an ingenious bank robber, and to save an innocent son accused of patricide. *Due May* (English)

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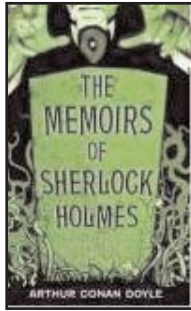
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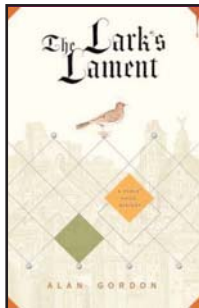
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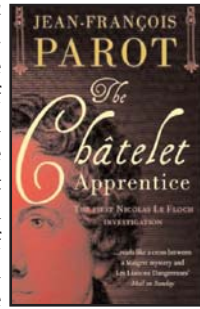
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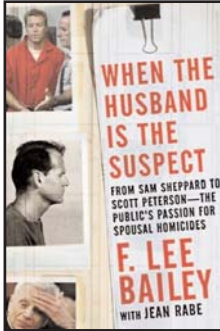
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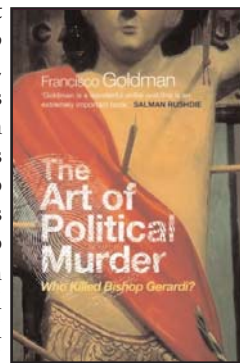
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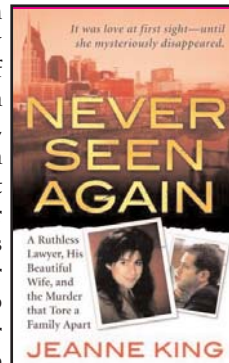
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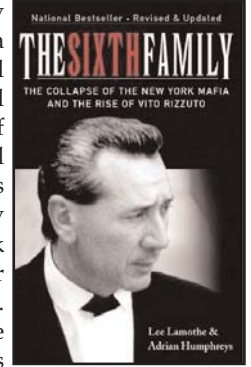
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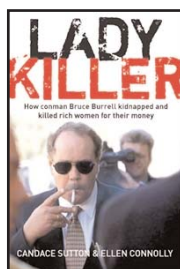
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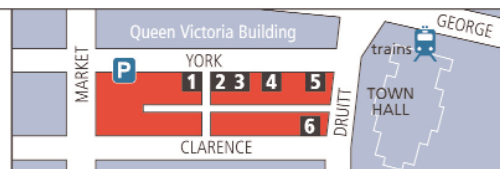
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