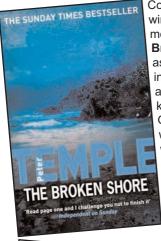
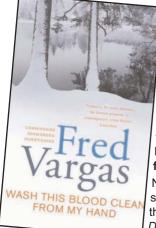
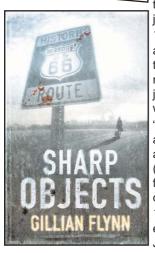


CWA DAGGER AWARDS 2007 PETER TEMPLE WINS DUNCAN LAWRIE DAGGER







Congratulations to Australian Peter Temple on winning the Duncan Lawrie Dagger, the world's most prestigious award for crime fiction for The Broken Shore (352pp Pb \$22.95). Formerly known as the Golden Dagger, past winners of this award include literary giants John le Carré, lan Rankin and Patricia Cornwell. Short-listed against wellknown writers James Lee Burke, Gillian Flynn and Giles Blunt, Temple thought his chances of winning were slim. "You're up against some of the world's best crime writers in English. I was proud enough just to be the first Aussie to make the shortlist, let alone win." The Broken Shore, Temple's 8th novel, was described by judges as "a well-written crime novel with excellent characterisation mingled with a subtle exploration of contemporary Australian landscape and mores. This is a first class read with a sympathetic, engrossing police protagonist." Until recently, it had not been printed in the UK as it was "too Australian". Temple has won five Ned Kelly awards and is the first Australian to win a Gold Dagger.

The Duncan Lawrie International Dagger for the best crime novel translated into English has for the second year running been won by the writer/translator team of Fred Vargas and Sîan Reynolds, this time for **Wash This Blood Clean** from My Hand (see page 9, Pb \$29).

Newcomer Gillian Flynn achieved remarkable success with **Sharp Objects** (Pb \$29), winning both the *Ian Fleming Steel Dagger* and the *New Blood Dagger*. It is a tribute to the broad appeal of her book that it was singled out by three separate panels of judges, acting independently.

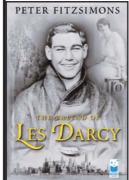
The CWA Dagger in the Library is awarded to "the author of crime fiction whose work is currently giving the greatest enjoyment to readers". Authors are nominated by UK libraries and readers' groups and judged by a panel of librarians. The winner this year was Stuart MacBride.

"His books tell of life in all its grim reality, but this only adds to the appeal of this truly impressive new author... the grimmest of subjects, but leavened (thankfully) with dashes of humour. He's bad news for the Aberdeen tourist industry, but great news for crime readers."

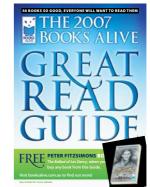
The Cartier Diamond Dagger, for sustained excellence in the genre of crime writing, was won by John Harvey.

BOOKS ALIVE 2007

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Books Alive is on again and Abbey's is celebrating by giving away a brand new free book! Just purchase any title from The 2007 Books Alive Great Read Guide between 25 July and 31 August and receive a free copy of Peter FitzSimons' new book, The Ballad of Les Darcy.



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Diamond Dove by Heather Rose (Pb \$24.95) Husband by Dean Koontz (Pb \$20) Rubdown by Leigh Redhead (Pb \$12.95)

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MODERN (RIME **Mark ABERNETHY Golden Serpent**

2 488pp Tp \$29.95 Alan McQueen was once a star of global the intelligence

community, renowned for being the Aussie spook who shot and killed Abu Sabaya, the world's most dangerous terrorist. But that was 2002. Now, during a routine assignment, McQueen discovers that Sabaya is not dead. Due Aug (Australian)

Simon BECKETT Written on the Bone

304pp Tp \$32.95

Dr David Hunter #2. Forensics anthropologist David Hunter is asked to examine a fire-death on a remote Hebridean island. Warned that it will be unlike anything else he has encountered, Hunter and the police go straight to the body. It is indeed unusual: almost totally incinerated except for one hand and both feet, which have been left untouched by the fire... Due Aug (Scottish)



CRIME CHRONICLE

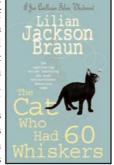
John BINGHAM 🇱 A Fragment of Fear

0 224pp Pb \$28.00 When elderly Lucy Dawson is found murdered during a trip to Italy, criminologist James Compton launches a personal investigation to find out who wanted the gentle old woman dead, only to discover that someone will do anything to hide the killing. Due Aug (American)

Lilian Jackson BRAUN

The Cat Who had Sixty Whiskers 240pp Pb \$19.95

#29. Moose County, 400 miles north of everywhere, is in an uproar (good and bad) following vast inheritances from wealthy old families. Only 'Cool Koko' what's knows happening - and he's telling. Jim not Owilleran thinks it's



because he has more whiskers than ordinary cats, but who's counting? Due Aug (American)

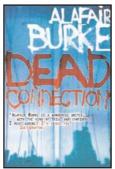
Ken BRUEN

Ammunition 272pp Pb \$29.00 Inspector Brant #7. Over the many years that Inspector Brant has been bringing his own patented brand of policing to the streets of southeast London, the brilliant, tough cop has made a few enemies. So when a crazed gunman, hired by persons unknown, pumps a magazine full of bullets into Brant in a local pub, leaving him in grasping at life (but ornery as ever), his colleagues on the squad are left wondering how to react. Due Aug (Irish) Alafair BURKE

Dead Connection

320pp Tp \$32.95

#1. Ellie Hatcher Alafair Burke (daughter of James Lee Burke) hits the ground running with her first standpulsealone pounder featuring a female cop in a New York City setting. "Burke handles the various threads of



her story with aplomb, her characters are believable, her plotting is right on the button." - Irish Times. Due Aug (American) James Lee BURKE

The Tin Roof Blowdown 384pp Tp \$32.95

Robicheaux #16. Burke's latest Dave Robicheaux novel is a powerful evocation of Hurricane Katrina and its devastating effects on his beloved New Orleans. Due Aug (American)

W J BURLEY

Wycliffe and the House of Fear (1995) 240pp Pb \$19.95

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After the mysterious disappearance of wealthy businesswoman Bridget Kemp, wife of Roger, old memories begin coming to the surface. Hadn't Roger's first wife also mysteriously disappeared? For detective Wycliffe, supposedly recuperating from an illness, it's all too intriguing for him to ignore. Due Aug

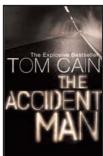
Wycliffe and the Redhead (1997)

256pp Pb \$19.95 Simon Meagor was a lonely middle-aged man. With a broken marriage behind him, his life was centred on his antiquarian bookshop. In his past was the memory of a murder trial where his evidence had resulted in the conviction of a man who subsequently killed himself. Now, to his horror, the daughter of that man was applying for a job in his shop and, almost mesmerised by her, Simon found he was agreeing to her employment. But when her body was discovered in a flooded quarry everything pointed to murder and, inevitably, suspicion fell on Simon Meagor. Wycliffe became increasingly disturbed by a case which grew more and more complicated as he explored many dark and murky secrets from the past. *Due Aug* (English)

Tom CAIN

🏁 The Accident Man 3

Meet 'the Accident Man'. Samuel Carver is a good guy who makes bad things happen to bad people. Ex-SAS, now freelance mercenary, he is the frontline weapon of 'the Consortium', a British black-ops government outfit. Or



384pp Tp \$32.95

is it? Carver is called to do a hit at verv short notice. Do this job for us and be paid very well. Refuse and you better run and hide. He believes the target to be a highranking Pakistani terrorist. The job is to organise a car crash in a Paris underpass. But Carver is being set up. When he discovers the real identity of his target, and more importantly the identity of the target's female companion, he knows one thing - his life is over. *Due Aug* (American)

Lindy CAMERON

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This is a superb collection of spinechilling crime fiction stories culled from the annual Scarlet Stiletto Awards. You'll find the whole gamut, from murder and mayhem to police procedurals, right here. Some will have your blood running cold, some will raise gooseflesh, as well as a chuckle, but all will have you on the edge of your seat, wanting more. (Australian)

John CARBONE Last of the Good Guys 0 320pp Tp \$32.95

All Marco wants is to be a stand-up guy; to make his way in the world without too much trouble. Right? But in 1970s New York, that's not so easy. Marco has the Mafia in his blood and, at only 16, he hears the streets calling. So he goes into business with a few guys, dealing a little pot. Then his ruthless Uncle Tony gets involved... Due Aug (American)

Stephen CARTER 🔆 New England White 3

576pp Tp \$32.95 Carter returns to the New England university town of Elm Harbor, where the murder of a renowned African-American economist opens a door on the racial complications of the town's past, on one family's secrets, and on the most hidden and powerful bastions of African-American political influence. Due Aug (American)

Jackie CHANCE

🔆 Death on the Flop 256pp Pb \$9.95 The First Poker Mystery. When Belinda Cooley agrees to go with her twin brother, Ben, to Las Vegas for an amateur Texas Hold 'Em tournament, she never expects to actually gamble - and definitely not with her brother's life. But after Ben mysteriously disappears from his hotel room, Belinda must take his place at the table and play her way to the final round. Due Aug (American)

Shane CHRISTOPHER

Nowhere 312pp Pb \$14.95 With their last near-death investigation behind them, Detective David Rodriguez and reporter Mari Kinsella must take on another bizarre case - his time a NYC killer who seems to be from another time and place. Due Aug the In Dreams 281pp Pb \$14.95 When five strangers are found tortured to death in the cellar of a seedy New York apartment, reporter Mari Kinsella makes a startling connection: the

strange dreams that bound the victims in life - and in death. Dreams that Mari herself is beginning to have. Due Aug (American)

Michael CONNELLY

Echo Park 400pp Pb \$19.95 Bosch #12. In 1993, Harry Bosch was assigned the case of a missing person, Marie Gesto. The young woman was never found - dead or alive - and the case has haunted Bosch ever since. Bosch's whole being as a cop begins to crack when he comes to realise that he and his partner missed a clue back in 1993 which could have led them to the killer and would have stopped the nine murders that followed the killing of Marie Gesto... Due Aug (American)

Thomas COOK The Murmur of Stones 0 336pp Pb \$22.95

Brilliant and intense, Diana grew up caring for her schizophrenic father, and when her own son, Jason, is diagnosed as suffering from the same affliction, she devotes herself to the quietly heroic responsibility of caring for a child who will never be ordinary - a fact that Mark, her husband, finds hard to accept. When Diana leaves Jason alone with his father for just a few hours and on her return finds her son has drowned, she just can't believe the coroner's conclusion that her son's death was accidental. Due Aug (American)

Vena CORK

🔆 Green Eye 512pp Pb \$19.95 The hedonistic lifestyle of University students can seem an enviable one. But right now Danny Thorn - enrolled at Billings College Cambridge - can see little to be jealous of. Danny's got woman troubles - his ex, Julie, won't leave him alone and the beguiling Stella doesn't seem to be interested in him. But as the term progresses, getting a date for the May Ball will be the least of his worries. A rapist, who has been preying on female students for months, is still at large. And a potentially deadly case of the greeneyed monster is about to rear its ugly head. Due Aug (English)

Avery CORMAN

🏁 The Boyfriend from Hell 3 256pp Pb \$29.00

Her life turned inside bv out а new relationship with a dazzling, charismatic man, freelance writer Veronica McBride becomes increasingly perplexed and then fearful of his dual nature, which is by

turns loving and supportive or noncommittal and manipulative. Due Aug (American)

Adrian D'HAGE

The Beijing Conspiracy Tp \$32.95 From China's western-most province, near its border with Pakistan, comes this deadly ultimatum. In the White House Situation Room, the President and his team dismiss it as one of thousands of threats made against the US every week. But CIA agent Curtis O'Connor isn't so sure. The man making the warning is Dr Khalid Kadeer, a brilliant Muslim microbiologist. As an expert on bioterrorism, O'Connor knows Kadeer isn't bluffing. So too does Kate Braithwaite. She works in a hot-zone laboratory, on the USA's own top secret biological weapons. If the results of Kate's research fall into the wrong hands, billions of people will die... Due Aug (Australian)

Michael DIBDIN Blood Rain (1999) 284pp Pb \$12.95



Aurelio Zen #7. The discovery of an unidentified, decomposed corpse in a railway wagon marks the beginning of Zen's most difficult and dangerous case. Set against the backdrop of the 3,000year-old city of Catalina, in the shadow of Mount Etna, this is Zen at his most desperate and driven. *Due Aug* (English) Ake EDWARDSON

Frozen Tracks 464pp Tp \$35.00 Eric Winter #3. It's autumn in Gothenburg. An anxious mother calls the police; it seems her little boy was lured into a car by a man offering sweets, then returned unharmed. The same happens with a little girl, then another... *Due Aug*

Never End 320pp Pb \$21.95 Eric Winter #2. It is late when 19year-old Jeanette bids goodbye to her friends and sets off for home. She takes a shortcut through a city park, a decision that will add hours to her journey. Next morning, the police come to question Jeanette about her rape but, in desperation, she has already scoured all traces of the crime away. Chief Inspector Erik Winter and his colleagues are reminded of a rape and murder case that remains unsolved after five years. Could this be the work of the same person? Due Aug (Swedish)

Nancy FAIRBANKS Bon Bon Voyage

304pp Pb \$15.95

Culinary Mystery #8. Even if she must share a cabin with her mother-in-law, food columnist Carolyn Blue admits it's a terrific Mother's Day present: passage on the Bountiful Feast, a gourmet cruise ship sailing to the Canary Islands. But when a female passenger disappears at a port stop and a corpse turns up on board, it's clear to Carolyn that the Bountiful Feast is sailing headlong into very dangerous waters. And if that's not enough, there's a terrifying shortage of double chocolate raspberry mousse. (American)

Dan FESPERMAN 😫 The Amateur Spy

432pp Tp \$32.95

Freeman Lockhart is working for his old friend Omar in Amman, Jordan, and is spying on him too. Hoping to prevent his own secrets from ever coming to light, Freeman has agreed to report back on his friend to a clandestine agency interested in Omar's finances. Meanwhile, in Washington DC, Aliyah Rahim is spying on her husband Abbas. A brilliant doctor, Abbas is crushed by the death of their daughter, which he blames on the post-9/11 mood of hostility towards Arab-Americans. Aliyah fears he may be planning a terrifying act of revenge. Due Aug (American)

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Dan FESPERMAN

The Prisoner of Guantanamo 512pp Pb \$19.95

Revere Falk is an FBI interrogator who believes it is possible to get more from a terrorist suspect by treating him decently than by using more 'robust' methods. He lives his life by a certain code of honour. This puts him in a minority at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. So when the body of a US soldier is found under mysterious circumstances on the beach, and a high-ranking investigative team is flown in, Falk should be above suspicion. But Falk has a secret, a secret he had hoped was dead and buried. Due Aug (American)

Joseph FINDER 🔆 Killer Instinct

480pp Pb \$19.95

Jason Steadman is a 30-year-old sales executive living in Boston. He's a witty, charismatic guy who's well liked at the office, but he lacks the 'killer instinct' necessary to reach the top. But all that changes one evening when Jason meets Kurt Semko, a former Special Forces officer just back from Iraq. Looking for a decent pitcher for the company softball team, Jason gets Kurt, who was once drafted by the majors, a job in security. Soon, good things start to happen for Jason - and bad things start to happen to Jason's rivals... Due Aug (American)

Allan FOLSOM

🔆 The Machiavelli Covenant 0

560pp Tp \$32.95 Nicholas Marten, ex-LAPD detective pursues an international conspiracy in this frenetic page-turner. When an old love of Marten's, Caroline Parsons, dies of a mysterious infection shortly after her congressman husband and son perish in a plane accident, her dying words set Marten on the trail of a South African bioterrorist. Due Aug (American)

Frederick FORSYTH

Afghai When Afghan 464pp Pb \$21.95 British and American intelligence catch wind of a major Al Qaeda operation in the works, they are primed for action - but what can they do? They know nothing about the attack: the what, where or when. They have no sources in Al Qaeda, and it's impossible to plant someone. Impossible, unless... Due Aug (American)

Joe GORES

💥 Glass Tiger 304pp Pb \$19.95 It's election night in the US. Gustave Walberg becomes leader of the free world and legendary Vietnam sniper Halden Corwin murders his daughter and son-inlaw before disappearing into the night. Driven by events that took place over 40

years ago, he now has the President's

head in his sights... Due Aug (American)

Batya GUR



Thomas HARRIS

violence. Due Aug (Israeli)

🔆 Hannibal Rising 336pp Pb \$21.95 He is one of the most haunting characters in all of literature. At last, the evolution of his evil is revealed. Hannibal Lecter emerges from the nightmare of the Eastern Front, a boy in the snow, mute, with a chain around his neck. He seems utterly alone, but has brought his demons with him. Hannibal's uncle, a noted painter, finds him in a Soviet orphanage and brings him to France. Hannibal lives with his uncle and his uncle's beautiful and exotic wife, Lady Murasaki, who helps Hannibal to heal. With her help, he flourishes, becoming the youngest person ever admitted to medical school in France. But his demons visit him and torment him. When he is old enough, he visits them in turn. He discovers he has gifts beyond the academic and, in that epiphany, Hannibal Lecter becomes death's prodigy. Due Aug (American)

John Twelve HAWKS

🔆 The Dark River

The Fourth Realm Hawks #2 introduced readers to a dangerous world inspired by the modern technology that monitors our lives. Under constant surveillance of 'the Vast Machine', a

sophisticated computer network run by a ruthless

group, society is mostly unaware of its own imprisonment. Gabriel and Michael Corrigan, brothers who were raised 'off the grid', have recently learned they are Travelers, just like their long-lost father. They are part of a centuries-old line of prophets able to journey to different realms of consciousness and enlighten the world to resist being controlled. Due Aug (American)

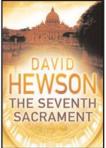
David HEWSON

🔆 The Promised Land

3 400pp Pb \$32.95 Ex-cop Bierce has been in prison for over 20 years for the murder of his wife and son. He has no memory of the tragedy and has never been able to say with certainty that he didn't do it, except he cannot imagine why on earth he would have. Due Aug

David HEWSON **W** The Seventh Sacrament 0 474pp Pb \$19.95

"There's an entire underground city down there - houses and temples, entire streets. I talked to a couple of the cavers Leo called in. They hero-worshipped Giorgio. The man had been to places the rest of them could only



dream about." Giorgio Bramante, a Roman archaeology professor, was master of the hidden world beneath the earth until the day he lost his young son, Alessio, to a group of students intent on re-creating a centuries-old ritual to a long-banished god. Due Aug (English)

Susan HILL

***** The Rise of Darkness Pb \$21.95 Simon Serrailler #3. Hill follows up the child abduction and explores the crazy grief of a widowed husband, a derangement that turns to obsession and threats, violence and terror. Meanwhile, handsome, introverted Simon Serrailler, whose cool reserve has broken the hearts of several women, finds his own heart troubled by a feisty female priest with red hair. Due Aug (English)

Joe HILLEY

The Deposition

256pp Pb \$19.95

Mike Connolly Mystery. In an attempt to force privileged information from Mike Connolly, attorneys serve Father Scott Nolan with a subpoena for a decomposition regarding the events he was part of in the days of the Panama Tanning Salon. Due Aug (American)

Jilliane HOFFMAN Plea of Insanity



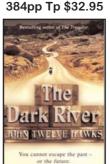
608pp Tp \$32.95

Julia Valenciano is a young, ambitious prosecutor facing a case that could launch her career. The defendant David Marquette is a successful Miami surgeon and devoted family man. The victims are Marquette's own wife and three small children. The plea is not guilty by reason of insanity. But the state suspects Marquette's insanity defence is being fabricated to disguise murders that were cold-blooded and calculated. Due Aug (American)

David HOSP

The Betrayed 432pp Pb \$19.95 Washington DC. A woman is found murdered in her own home; her throat slit, her corpse brutalised, subjected to the most appalling torture before she died. A piece of incriminating evidence leads to the swift arrest of a local drug dealer. Case closed. But local cop Jack Cassian has questions. Due Aug (American)

CRIME CHRONICLE



Linda HOWARD 🔆 Up Close and Dangerous

0 320pp Tp \$32.95 No sooner has Bailey Wingate buried her wealthy older husband than she learns that he has left the bulk of his estate to her - and not to his scheming grown children. A short time later, while flying from Seattle to Denver in a small plane, Bailey nearly dies herself when the engine sputters, then fails. Due Aug (American)

Peter JAMES Not Dead Enough -

400pp Tp \$32.95

Roy Grace #3. On the night Brian Bishop murdered his wife, he was 60 miles away, asleep in bed at the time. At least, that's the way it looks to Detective Superintendent Roy Grace who is called in to investigate the kinky slaving of beautiful young Brighton socialite, Katie Bishop. Soon Grace starts coming to the conclusion that Bishop has performed the apparently impossible feat of being in two places at once. Has someone stolen his identity, or is he simply a very clever liar? Due Aug

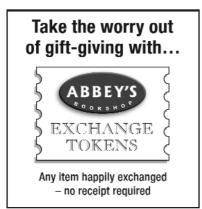
544pp Pb \$17.95 🗲 Truth Susan and John Carter are crazy about each other and life is perfect, but for one thing - they're on the brink of financial disaster. Surely being a surrogate mother to another man's child won't harm such a strong relationship? *Due Aug* (English)

Quintin JARDINE

Death's Door 416pp Pb \$24.95 #17. The nation's sharpest cop, DCC Bob Skinner, desperately wants to stop a serial killer... When two young female artists are murdered in what looks like ritualistic killings, the pressure is on to find a highly professional murderer. Due Aug (Scottish)

Paul JOHNSTON

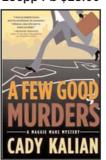
Writer's block is nothing compared The Death List 416pp Pb \$29.95 to the sinister assignment London-based novelist Matt Wells has just received. A chain of seemingly innocent emails from a devoted fan turns deadly when Matt discovers the correspondent is a coldblooded killer with an agenda for murder, and his family and friends are among the scheduled victims. Due Aug (Scottish)



Cady KALIAN 💥 A Few Good Murders

256pp Pb \$28.00 0

Maggie Mars is a struggling screenwriter whose big break is happening now. Her latest script is being filmed and Maggie is on the set. But Maggie thinks the lead actress playing her is character all wrong



and tells her. A screaming match ensues. So when said actress is found dead with her head bashed in (with her own Oscar!), Maggie is viewed as a 'person of interest'. And somewhere out there is a killer who thinks Maggie is just too clever for her own good. Due Aug (American)

Stuart KAMINSKY

CSI NY #3: Deluge

320pp Tp \$16.95 High-tech science comes to the Big Apple as Detective Mack Taylor (Sinise) and his partner, Detective Stella Bonasera (Kanakaredes), lead a team of dedicated, case-cracking experts in the gritty, kinetic city. Mack and his colleagues have no less than three pressing cases to solve: a series of grisly murders in which the victims all seem to have an unusual connection; the puzzling death of a teacher on the upper west side and the suspicious collapse of an entire building, which puts one of the team in deadly danger. Due Aug (American)

Gordon KENT

The Falconer's Tale

400pp Tp \$33.00

Jerry Piat has been on the run from the FBI for two years, but he's about to be made an offer he cannot refuse. Clyde Partlow an upper CIA executive needs him for a mission that involves a member of the Saudi ruling clique, a fearsome man who's been cheating his own associates out of their funding for terrorism against the West - and using the money for his own personal profit. Piat's job is to entice former agent Digger Hackbutt into working for the CIA again. Hackbutt will use his exemplary skills as a falconer as bait for the Saudi aristocrat, which in turn will hatch a daring plan for blackmail. Due Aug (American)

Jack KERLEY

The Broken Souls

544pp Pb \$20.00 Blood was everywhere, like the interior had been hosed down with an artery! The gore-sodden horror that greets homicide detective Carson Ryder on a late-night callout is enough to make him want to quit the case. Too late. Now he and his partner Harry are up to their necks in a Southern swamp of the bizarre and disturbing. Due Aug (American)

Simon KERNICK Severed

352pp Tp \$35.00

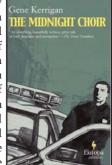
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Ex-soldier Sean Tyler wakes up in an unfamiliar room next to the headless corpse of a girl he's met only once. With his memory of the previous 24 hours wiped clean, he's hardly out of bed before he notices a note next to the TV telling him to press 'play' on the DVD player. The footage shows him stabbing someone to death! Tyler is confident it's fake, but will a jury see things the same way? Due Aug (English)

Gene KERRIGAN 🔆 The Midnight Choir 0

352pp Pb \$24.95

Tense and expertly plotted, this is a stunning portrayal of life on the edge of society. We enter a Dublin gritty landscape of characters with questionable and contrary ideals, all struggling to survive in a time and place



that is constantly knocking them back. Everyone has an axe to grind; criminals and police alike live by their own code, with both sides resorting to desperate measures as a means to an end. Due Aug (Irish)

Dean KOONTZ Husband

464pp Pb \$20.00

Landscape gardener Mitchell Rafferty was busy planting beds of impatiens for one of his clients when his phone rang. It was a voice he didn't know. "We have your wife. You can get her back for two million cash." Now he's standing in a normal suburban neighbourhood on a bright summer day having a phone conversation out of his darkest nightmare. Mitch thinks it must be some kind of a joke. But whoever is on the other end of the line is deadly serious. "See that guy across the street?" A gunshot shatters the stillness as the man goes down, shot in the head. "An object lesson," says the voice. Due Aug

 The Good Guy 400pp Tp \$33.00 CAfter a day's work hefting brick and stone, Tim Carrier slakes his thirst at The Lamplighter Tavern. Nothing heavy happens there. It's a friendly working man's bar, run by his good friend Rooney, who enjoys gathering eccentric customers. Working his deadpan humour on strangers is, for Tim, all part of the entertainment. But how could Tim have imagined that the stranger who sits down next to him one evening is about to unmake his world and enmesh him in a web of murder and deceit? Due Aug (American)

ABBEY'S BOOKSHOP

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John LE CARRE

The Mission Song 384pp Pb \$24.95 Interpreter Bruno Salvador, known to friends and enemies alike as Salvo, is the ever-innocent, 29-year-old orphaned love-child of a Catholic Irish missionary and a Congolese headman's daughter. Despatched to a no-name island in the North Sea to attend a top-secret meeting between Western financiers and East Congolese warlords, Salvo is obliged to interpret matters never intended for his re-awoken African conscience. *Due Aug* (English)

Laura LIPPMAN What the Dead Know

384pp Tp \$32.95

A middle-aged woman causes an accident on the Baltimore Beltway, flees the scene, then is picked up wandering on the shoulder of the interstate. The accident occurs just a mile from the former home of the Bethany family - Dave and Miriam and their daughters Sunny and Heather. 30 years before, 12-year-old Heather had persuaded her older sister Sunny to let her tag along on a visit to the mall. Neither girl has been seen since. Now the woman on the Beltway claims to be Heather Bethany! *Due Aug* (American) **Robert LITTELL**

The Amateur: A Novel of Revenge 256pp Pb \$29.00

In this "first-rate thriller" (*Chicago Tribune*), Charlie Heller is an ace cryptographer for the Company. He's a quiet man with a quiet job in a back office. But when terrorists shoot his fiancée in cold blood, and he learns the Agency has decided not to pursue those responsible, his life takes an abrupt turn. He was not a blackmailer, but he will force the CIA's hand. He was not an assassin, but he will penetrate the Iron Curtain with intent to kill. Driven by an obsessive need for revenge, and targeted for elimination by the CIA, Heller is an amateur with a one-in-a-million chance of success. *Due Aug* (American)

Sergei LUKYANENKO

544pp Pb \$24.95

Anton, a Night Watch agent, must patrol the streets of the city, protecting ordinary people from the vampires and magicians of the Dark. He comes across Svetlana, a young woman under a powerful curse, then saves an unfledged 'Other', Egor, and becomes involved in events that threaten the whole city... *Due Aug*

The Twilight Watch 448pp Tp \$32.95

Walking the streets of Moscow, indistinguishable from the rest of its population, are the 'Others', possessors of supernatural powers who are capable of entering the Twilight, a shadowy world that exists in parallel to our own. Each owes allegiance to either the Dark or the Light. *Due Aug* (Russian)

Barry MAITLAND

Spider Trap 368pp Pb \$19.95 Brock & Kolla #9. Skeletons are discovered in Cockpit Lane, a poor black area of inner south London, and DCI David Brock and DS Kathy Kolla of Scotland Yard's Serious Crimes Branch are called in to investigate. The discovery that the victims died on the day of the Brixton riots, over 20 years before, lead Brock and Kolla on a dark and dangerous journey into the heart of the West Indian community in London - a journey in which past and present come together in an intricate web of deception and intrigue, as Brock re-discovers the hand of a formidable old antagonist, Spider Roach. Due Aug (Australian)

P D MARTIN

The Murderer's Club Pb \$19.95 Sophie Anderson #2. FBI profiler Sophie Anderson is still trying to come to terms with the horrors she experienced six months ago. A vacation to Arizona is a welcome break. But then the bodies start appearing on the campus, crudely posed and inscribed with a vivid love heart on their chests. But she learns there is more than one killer. *Due Aug* (Australian)

Nigel McCRERY

Still Waters 352pp Tp \$2 Driving home from a 352pp Tp \$29.95 late businessman loses meeting, а concentration, crashes off the road and is flung through the windscreen of his car. His dying view is of what he thinks is the angel of death. The next morning, Detective Chief Inspector Mark Lapslie and Sergeant Emma Bradbury are called to the scene of the accident. Lapslie's investigations put him on the trail of a serial killer who, it soon becomes clear, has struck again and again, moving from victim to victim, stealing their lives, possessions and identities. But the detective is not the only one seeking the killer's true identity, for as she circles her latest victim, long-buried memories are beginning to surface... Due Aug (English) **Eoin McNAMEE**

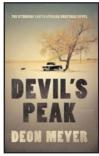
★ 12:23: Paris. 31st August 1997 ▲ 304pp Tp \$29.95

As the century grinds to a close, Diana Spencer and her Egyptian lover are visiting Paris. An international fixer puts a team in place to watch the Princess. Former Special Branch man John Harper is

recruited as part of the **EOIN MONAMEE** team. Ritz Hotel Deputy Director of Security Henri Paul and paparazzo supreme James Andanson are their surveillance targets. But they are not the only ones watching Spencer, and soon much more sinister forces are on the move... Due Aug (English) Deon MEYER

Nevil's Peak

Bennie Griessel may be losing his battle with alcohol but he still knows enough to head up the police team tracking 'Artemis', a vigilante killer who targets child murderers. The killer is in fact Thobela Mpayipheli, a former



416pp Tp \$32.95

freedom fighter robbed of everything by the murder of his son. And when Griessel's daughter is kidnapped, his world and Thobela's converge towards a devastating climax. *Due Aug* (South African)

Walter MOSLEY

Fear of the Dark 288pp Tp \$29.95 Fearless Jones and Paris Minton return in a high-velocity thriller about family, betrayal, and revenge. "I'm in trouble, Paris." Paris Minton has heard these words before. They mean only one thing: that his neck is on the line too. So when they are uttered by his lowlife cousin Ulysses S Grant, Paris keeps the door to his bookshop firmly closed... Due Aug (American)

Maya Yxta MURRAY

The King's Gold 320pp Pb \$29.00 A follow-up to the series that began with The Queen Jade (Tp \$29) finds bookstore owner Lola hired to investigate the exploits of a 15th century alchemist whose life was marked by the legend of the conquistador Hernan Cortes and rumours about his dual identity as a werewolf. *Due Aug* (American)

Barbara NADEL

A Passion for Killing 352pp Pb \$19.95

A serial killer is stalking the streets of Istanbul. A man is found dead in a hotel room, a single stab wound in his heart. Could he be a victim of 'the Peeper', a murderer whose targets until now have been gay men? Inspector Mehmet Suleyman finds himself under increasing pressure from his contact at the Turkish Secret Service to keep his findings to himself... *Due Aug* (English)

Sam NORTH

The Velvet Rooms

304pp Pb \$21.95 Fat-armed Wife and Call Girl meet in The Velvet Rooms in cyberspace. One is an overweight wife from Massachusetts, the other a tattooed, hard-living hedonist from Hull. They have fallen in love and now, at last, they will meet in 'the Velvet Dungeon' in the real world. Suddenly it's no longer safe behind the screen. The real world has broken in and what was a cruel flirtation, a joke, turns into murderous reality. *Due Aug* (English)





Jane O'CONNOR

👑 Dangerous Admissions: Secrets of a Closet Sleuth 384pp Pb \$29.00 Miranda 'Rannie' Bookman is a copyeditor and a 43-year-old, divorced mother of two. Her recent love life comprises a long string of embarrassingly brief encounters and she is beginning to feel like a dangling participle, connected to nothing. Her career is down the toilet and she has been forced to take any gig she can get. That means giving tours at the Chapel School, the ultra-exclusive, ultra-expensive, private academy that her children attend. Certainly not the most interesting employment, at least until someone stumbles across the dead body of the Director of College Admissions... Due Aug (American)

Martin O'BRIEN

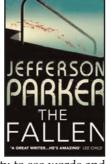
Jacquot and the Fifteen 416pp Tp \$32.95

#4. When dark jealousies surface on the French Riviera during Rugby team reunion, Chief Inspector Daniel Jacquot suspects that someone is out for revenge. Due Aug (English)

Jefferson PARKER

480pp Pb \$20.00

The Fallen What if you could tell someone was a killer just by looking at them? Detective Robbie Brownlaw can. A sixstorey plunge from a burning hotel leaves him with the usual broken bones. As well as something different



synesthesia - the ability to see words and emotions as colours. This makes Robbie a human lie detector. It's a condition that might have helped Garrett Asplundth. Hired to look into rumours surrounding a certain madam's Little Black Book, Garrett found a lot more than the usual round of losers and sad husbands. But the dirt came at a high price. Now he's dead and it's only when Robbie gets hold of the book that he finds out just why Garrett was so curious, and why others will kill to get it back! Due Aug (American)

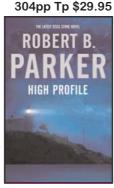
Robert B PARKER

ABBEY'S BOOKSHOP

Blue Screen 320pp Pb \$19.95 Sunny Randall #5. Buddy Bollen is a C-list movie mogul who made his fortune producing films of questionable artistic merit. When Buddy hires Sunny Randall to protect his rising star and girlfriend, Erin Flint, Sunny knows from the start that the prickly, spoiled beauty won't make her job easy. And when Erin's sister Misty is found dead in the lavish home they share with sugar daddy Bollen, there doesn't seem to be a single lead worth pursuing. Due Aug

Robert B PARKER

High Profile The murder of a notorious public figure places Paradise, Massachusetts, police chief Jesse Stone in the harsh glare of the media spotlight. When the body of controversial talkshow host Walton



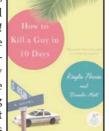
Weeks is discovered hanging from a tree on the outskirts of Paradise, police chief Jesse Stone finds himself at the centre of a highly public case, forcing him to deal with small-minded local officials and national media scrutiny. Due Aug (American)

James PATTERSON Judge and Jury

448pp Pb \$19.95 It's the trial of the decade - Dominick Cavallo, the modern-day Godfather, has finally been put in the dock and there's enough evidence to convict him. Heavy security surrounds the courtroom and Nick Pellisante, the FBI agent who helped nail him, keeps a close eye on proceedings. But things quickly start going wrong... *Due Aug* (American)

Kayla PERRIN & Brenda MOTT How to Kill a Guy in Ten Days 0 288pp Pb \$29.00

Hailey McGraw, Lexie Muller's best friend, is back in town - and Lexie is ready to party! These girlfriends have got a lot to celebrate shy Hailey is newly single, and wild Lexie is about to hit the big 30 - and they've got nothing on their minds



but fun, frosty drinks and the hot men hanging out at one of Miami's hottest clubs. But their night to remember turns memorable in a way they never expected when a hunk from the bar winds up stonecold dead in the parking lot, and not from natural causes. Due Aug (American)

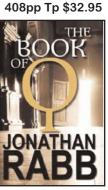
James POYER

🎉 The Threat 352pp Pb \$17.95 Dan Lenson #9. Medal of Honor recipient Dan Lenson has just been assigned to the White House military staff - a dubious honor, serving a president the Joint Chiefs hate more than any other in modern history. His new concern is counternarcotics and soon Lenson uncovers a troubling plot that involves a ruthless drug cartel, an assault on a nuclear power plant in Mexico, Islamic terrorists and a devastating weapon aimed at the heart of America. Due Aug (American)

Jonathan RABB

The Book of Q After the

mysterious death of one Vatican priest and the disappearance of another, Father Ian Pearse, an American working on early Christian texts in the Vatican, comes into possession of a mysterious scroll.



He discovers ingeniously coded letters and the text of an ancient prayer never before found in written form. These reveal a conspiracy, by a sect longthought dead, reaching deep into the present Vatican hierarchy. It becomes a race against a ruthless unknown opponent, which takes Father Pearse from the Vatican, via an ancient Greek monastery, to war- torn Bosnia. Due Aug (American)

Ian RANKIN

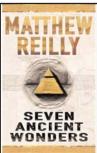
Naming the Dead 528pp Pb \$19.95

A murder has been committed, but as the victim was a rapist, recently released from prison, no one is too concerned about the crime. Until Detective Inspector John Rebus and DS Siobhan Clarke uncover evidence that a serial killer is on the loose... Due Aug (Scottish)

Matthew REILLY

🔆 Seven Ancient Wonders 0 480pp Pb \$19.95

A magnificent golden capstone sat atop the Great Pyramid of Giza. But then, in 323 BC, the capstone was broken into seven pieces and spread to the corners of the earth. Now, with the coming of a rare solar event, the time has



come to locate the pieces and rebuild the capstone. Due Aug (Australian)

Michael RIDPATH 🎄 See No Evil

Alex Calder #2. When an old college friend pays Alex Calder an unexpected visit he is drawn once more into the City's shady underbelly. For Kim is married to Todd, son of South African newspaper tycoon Cornelius van

Zyl. Todd wants Alex's help to investigate the murder of his mother 18 years ago. When an attempt on his life puts Todd in a coma, Alex vows to uncover the truth. Due Aug (English)



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Steven RIGOLOSI 💥 Circle of Assassins 0

240pp Pb \$29.00

Tales from the Back Page #2. Five desperate strangers answer an ad that promises to help them rid an unwanted person from their life. A criminal mastermind named 'A' makes each of them a provocative



offer via an advertisement in The Clarion, a community newspaper published on Manhattan's Upper West Side: Murder a complete stranger chosen by a fellow assassin, and in return have a stranger murder your chosen target. Due Aug (American)

Nora ROBERTS

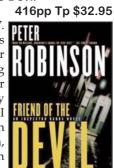
412pp Tp \$32.95

High Noon Police I Lieutenant Phoebe MacNamara found her calling at an early age, when a violently unstable man broke into her family's home, trapping and terrorizing them for hours. Now she's Savannahs top hostage negotiator, who puts her life on the line every day to defuse powder-keg situations. Phoebe knows when to reach out and when to pull back - and when to jump in and take action, even if it means risking everything. Due Aug (American)

Peter ROBINSON

Friend of the Devil

Inspector Banks #17. When Karen Drew is found sitting in her wheelchair staring out to sea with her throat cut one chilly March morning, DI Annie Cabbot, on loan to Eastern Area, gets lumbered with the case. Back in



Eastvale, that same Sunday morning, 19year-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, and DCI Alan Banks is called in. Due Aug (English)



James ROLLINS 🔆 The Judas Strain

0 400pp Tp \$32.95 (Hb \$55) Buried deep within a jungle, ancient ruins conceal a deadly secret. Buried in a tomb in Venice, a great explorer hides a truth

that could shatter history. Buried in our own genetic code, a mystery like no other. But nothing stays buried forever, and it's up to Sigma Force to face what will be unearthed: a plague beyond any cure, a scourge that turns all of Nature against mankind. Due Aug (American)

John SANDFORD

Invisible Prey 400pp Tp \$29.95

neighbourhood of Minneapolis, two elderly women lie murdered in their home, beaten to death with a metal pipe, the rooms ransacked, only small items stolen. It's clearly a random break-in bv

someone looking for money to buy drugs. But as he looks more closely, Davenport begins to wonder if the items are actually so small or the victims so random, if there might not be some invisible agenda at work. *Due Aug* (American)

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Bernhard SCHLINK

Self's Deception

256pp Tp \$32.95 Gerhard Self, the dour private detective, returns in this riveting crime novel about terrorism, governmental cover-up, and the treacherous waters where they mix. Leo Salger, the daughter of a powerful Bonn bureaucrat, is missing, and Self has been hired to find her. Due Aug (German) Adolf SCHRODER

Card Game 160pp Pb \$27.95 The young Markus Hauser takes a job with Selma Brunhs, a decidedly strange elderly lady who pays him to file hundreds of her letters in chronological order. For six days, Markus works conscientiously, all the while penetrating little by little the past of this woman who surrounds herself with cats and memories. On the last day, Selma proposes a bargain - a card game that will change his life forever. Due Aug (German)

Theresa SCHWEGEL Probable Cause

320pp Tp \$29.95 Officer Ray Weiss is a cop's son, a cop's grandson. All he's ever wanted is to follow in their footsteps. But when he finds out what the senior officers in Chicago's District 20 have in store for him and the other rookies as 'initiation' into their brotherhood, he has to make a choice. Due Aug (American)

Leonardo SCIASCIA A Simple Story

124pp Pb \$28.95

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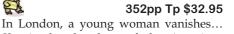
In a small Sicilian village, a young and inexperienced policeman receives a strange phone call retired from а diplomat. On investigating the matter, he finds the diplomat dead. What first at appears to be a



simple case of suicide turns into an intricate tale of corruption that involves the mafia, the head of police and the entire Sicilian establishment. Due Aug (Sicilian)

Daniel SILVA





She is the daughter of the American Ambassador - and goddaughter of the President of the United States - and the kidnappers' demands are at once horrifically clear and clearly impossible to meet. The President turns to Gabriel Allon, spy turned art-restorer, a man whose abilities he has depended on before...Due Aug (American)

Karin SLAUGHTER

Skin Privilege 416pp Tp \$32.95 It's no simple case of murder. Lena Adams has spent her life struggling to escape her past. She has only unhappy memories of Reece, the small town which nearly destroyed her. She's made a new life for herself as a police detective in Heartsdale, 100 miles away, but nothing could prepare her for the violence which explodes when she is forced to return. Due Aug

Triptych

In the city of Atlanta, women are dying at the hands of a killer who signs his work with a single, of chilling act mutilation. Leaving behind enough evidence to fuel a frenzied police hunt, this cunning madman 512pp Pb \$21.95



is bringing together dozens of lives, crossing boundaries of wealth and race. The people who are chasing him must cross those boundaries too. Among them Michael Ormewood, a veteran is detective whose marriage is hanging by a thread and whose arrogance and explosive temper threaten his career. Due Aug (English)

Boris STARLING

Visibility 496pp Pb \$23.00 London, 1952. As the fog rolls in, the chase begins! A stranger's approach offering highly sensitive information seemed routine to an ex-spy turned policeman. But when a body turns up instead of state secrets, Detective Inspector Herbert Smith finds himself in a race against time to solve the murder. Due Aug (English)

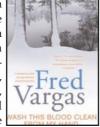
Frank TALLIS

Fatal Lies 320pp Tp \$32.95 Dr Max Lieberman #3. Vienna, 1903. In St Florian's military school, a rambling edifice set high in the hills of the City's famous woods, a young cadet is found dead, his body lacerated with razor wounds. Once again, Inspector Oskar Rheinhardt calls on his friend - and disciple of Freud - Doctor Max Liebermann, to help him with the investigation. In the closed society of the school, power is everything, and suspicion falls on an elite group of cadets, with a penchant for sadism and dangerous games. *Due Aug* (English)

Fred VARGAS

Wash This Blood Clean from My Hand 400pp Pb \$29.00

Chief Inspector Adamsberg #3. Between 1943 and 2003, nine been people have stabbed to death with a most unusual weapon a trident. In each case, arrests were made, confessed suspects their crime and were



sentenced to life. One slightly worrying detail - all the presumed murderers lost consciousness during the night of the crime and cannot remember whether they actually did it or not. Commissaire Adamsberg is convinced all the murders are the work of one person. Due Aug (French)

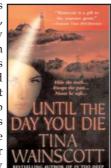
Bruce VENABLES 🔆 Two Tigers, One Mountain 0 Tp \$29.95

In Korea, two brothers fight on opposing sides in a war where black market profiteering is rife and patriotism and honour have lost their meanings. When they depart the battlefield, one is a hero, the other a traitor. Through China's turbulent years of the 1950s and 60s, Lee Kwan fights to protect his family from oppression, while in Hong Kong, James Merchant's family empire is in danger of disintegrating. Strong women, the lovers of powerful men, join in the fight for its preservation, and their own, as the Noble House of Merchant becomes a house divided - plagued with treachery and haunted by tales of a long lost fortune in gold, supposedly the bequest of an illegal, secret, triad society. Due Aug (Australian)

Tina WAINSCOTT 💥 Until the Day You Die 0

416pp Pb \$15.95

Maggie Fletcher's sister is murdered, presumably by stalker Colin Masters. Maggie is left devastated and furious. There isn't enough evidence to prove that Masters did it, unless Maggie falsely claims, under oath, that she saw



him leaving the scene of the crime ... (American)

Michelle WAN

The Orchid Shroud 272 416pp Pb \$29.00

Death in the Dordogne #2. Stumbling upon the body of a murdered infant, dead for more than a century, while restoring the home of wealthy Christophe de Bonnefon, designer Mara Dunn teams up once again with orchidologist Julian Wood to investigate the case, which may be linked to the modern-day killing of genealogist Jean-Paul Fourner. Due Aug (Chinese)

Kate WESTBROOK

Secret Servant Pb \$22.95 Moneypenny Diaries #2. Jane Moneypenny may project a cool, calm and collected image but her secret diaries reveal a rather different story. In the grip of an uncertain love affair and haunted by a dark family secret, the last thing she needs is a crisis at work. But the Secret Intelligence Service is in chaos. One senior officer is on trial for treason, another has defected to Moscow and her beloved James Bond has been brainwashed by the KGB. Only a woman's touch can save them. Due Aug (English)

560pp Pb \$21.95

Kit WHITFIELD 🔆 Bareback

lt is a world much like our own. with one deadly difference - 99% of the population is lycanthropic, and when the full moon rises. they transform into lunes, bloodthirsty beasts who cannot be reasoned with or

tamed. Those few who are born unable to change are disparagingly known as 'barebacks' and live as victims of prejudice and oppression. All too often, they are targets of savage mauling and death by lunes who break the law to roam free on full-moon nights. Debut. Due Aug (English)

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Mark WINEGARDNER 0

🗱 The Godfather's Revenge 592pp Pb \$21.95

The third instalment in Mario Puzo's epic chronicle of the Corleone crime family one of the most enduring lineages in American literature and cinema - achieves a stunning crescendo with a story that imagines the role of the Mafia in the assassination of a young, charismatic president. Due Aug (American)

Qui XIAOLONG

A Case of Two Cities 336pp Pb \$19.95

Inspector Chen #4. Inspector Chen Cao of the Shanghai Police Bureau is summoned by an official of the Party to lead a highly charged corruption investigation. Tentacles have spread through the police force, the civil



service, the vice trade and deep into the criminal underworld. The principal figure and his family have long since fled to the United States, beyond the reach of the Chinese government. Due Aug (Chinese)

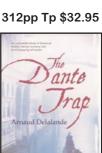
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Arnaud DELALANDE The Dante Trap

Venice, 1756. One of the city's brightest young actors has been murdered: nailed to a cross in the theatre where he was due to perform, with his eves put out, and lines of Latin verse carved onto his chest. The Doge, aware the city is



full of enemies of the Republic, launches a secret investigation into the murder, led by Pietro Viravolta, a dashing young adventurer, and seducer (the best friend of Casanova) and who currently awaits execution in the prison beneath the Bridge of Sighs. Due Aug (French)

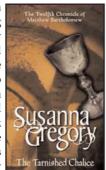
Jason GOODWIN

The Janissary Tree 352pp Pb \$22.95 A concubine is strangled in the Sultan's palace harem and a young cadet is found butchered in the streets of Istanbul. Delving deep into the city's crooked alleyways, and deeper still into its tumultuous past, the eunuch Yashim discovers that some people will go to any lengths to preserve the traditions of the Ottoman Empire. Brilliantly evoking Istanbul in the 1830s, this is a bloody, witty and fast-paced literary thriller with a spectacular cast. Due Aug (English)



Susanna GREGORY The Tarnished Chalice 512pp Pb \$19.95

Bartholomew #12. On a bitter winter evening in 1356, Matthew Bartholomew and Brother Michael arrive in Lincoln - Michael to accept an honour from the cathedral, and Bartholomew to look for the woman he wants to marry. It's not long before they



learn that the friary in which they are staying is not the safe haven they imagine - one guest has already been murdered. It soon emerges that the dead man was holding the Hugh Chalice, a Lincoln relic with a curiously bloody history. Bartholomew and Michael are soon drawn into a web of murder, lies and suspicion in a city where neither knows who can be trusted. *Due Aug* (English)

Claude IZNER Murder on the Eiffel Tower

304pp Pb \$19.95

Victor Legris #1. The brand new Eiffel Tower is the glory of the 1889 Universal Exposition. But one sunny afternoon, a woman collapses and dies on this great Paris landmark. Can a bee sting really be the cause of death? Or is there a more sinister explanation? Enter young bookseller Victor Legris. Present on the Tower at the time of the incident, he is determined to find out what actually happened. (French)

KNIGHT et al Sword of Shame

Medieval Murderers #2. From its first arrival in Britain with the Norman forces of William the Conqueror, violence and revenge are the cursed sword's constant companions. From an electionrigging scandal in 13th century Venice



416pp Pb \$19.95

to the battlefield of Poitiers in 1356, as the Sword of Shame passes from owner to owner in this compelling collection of interlinked mysteries, it brings nothing but bad luck and disgrace to all who possess it. *Due Aug*

House of Shadows400pp Tp \$32.95MedievalMurderers#3.Bermondsey

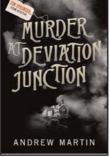
Priory, 1114. A young chaplain succumbs to the temptations of the flesh - and suffers a gruesome punishment. From that moment, the monastery is cursed and over the next 500 years murder and treachery abound within its hallowed walls. *Due Aug* (Various)

Edward MARSTON The Parliament House

318pp Pb \$21.95 It is London, 1670. Commissioned to design and build a new house for Francis Polegate, a merchant, Christopher Redmayne is pleased when the project is completed without a hitch. To celebrate the success of the venture, Polegate throws a party and invites Christopher as the guest of honour. But the party comes to an abrupt end when one of the guests is murdered upon leaving the house... (English)

Andrew MARTIN Murder at Deviation Junction 256pp Pb \$32.95

A train hits a snow drift in the frozen Cleveland Hills. In the process of clearing the line, a body is discovered, and so begins a dangerous case for s t r u g g l i n g Edwardian railway detective, Jim Stringer. Jim's new



investigation takes him to the mighty blast furnaces of Ironopolis, to Fleet Street in the company of a cynical reporter from *The Railway Rover*, and to a nightmarish spot in the Highlands. Jim's faltering career in the railway police hangs on whether he can solve the murder, but before long the pursuer becomes the pursued, and Jim finds himself fighting not just for his job, but for his life. *Due Aug* (English)

Pat McINTOSH

The Harper's Quine 320pp Pb \$21.95 At the May Day dancing at Glasgow Cross, Gil Cunningham sees not only the woman who is going to be murdered, but her murderer as well. Gil is a recently qualified lawyer whose family still expect him to enter the priesthood. When he finds the body of a young woman in the new building at Glasgow Cathedral he is asked to investigate, and identifies the corpse as the runaway wife of cruel, unpleasant nobleman John Semphill. With the help of Maistre Pierre, the French master-mason, Gil must ask questions and seek a murderer in the heart of the city. (Scottish)

Elizabeth PETERS Falcon at the Portal (1999)

320pp Pb \$21.95 w, Egyptian, husband

Her niece's new, Egyptian, husband stands accused of forging priceless antiquities. Is he guilty, or merely the fall guy for some unscrupulous villain? Meanwhile, matters are complicated by the arrival of Amelia's detestable nephew who begins an ardently amorous pursuit of her son's wife, Nefret. (American)

Javier SIERRA The Secret Supp

The Secret Supper 336pp Pb \$19.95

dangerous and tangled puzzle than the one I was called upon to solve in the New Year of 1497. "An anonymous Soothsaver has written to Rome suggesting that Leonardo da Vinci has



encrypted a secret, blasphemous code in his painting The Last Supper. Father Agostino Leyre, an Inquisitor and expert in cryptography, is dispatched by the Pope to the monastery of Santa Maria delle Grazie to decode the painting. Should he succeed, da Vinci will face trial for heresy and certain execution. *Due Aug* (Chilean)



Arthur Conan DOYLE The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes: Vol #1 4 CDs \$40.00

These six cases are among the last undertaken by Sherlock Holmes before he retired to the Sussex downs. Read by David Timson. (English)

Robert LUDLUM

The Bourne Ultimatum 6 CDs \$49.95 A death at a funfair - and Bourne must face his nemesis...The 3rd Jason Bourne novel read by Jeff Harding. *Due Aug* (American)

Alexander McCALL SMITH The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency: Vol #2: The Maid and Tears of the Giraffe 2 CDs \$29.95

McCall Smith himself adapted this immensely popular bestselling series of stories for radio. Vibrant music vividly evokes the sights



and sounds of the exotic Botswanian setting, superbly complimented by a cast of great characters. *Due Aug* (Scottish)

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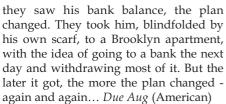


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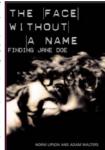
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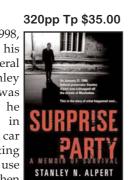
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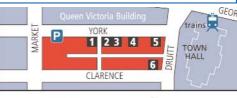
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