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2004 THE YEAR IN REVIEW

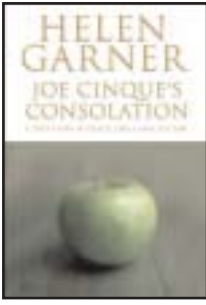
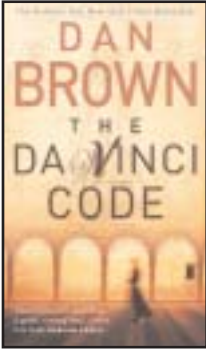
It has been a wonderful year for crime fiction, dominated undoubtedly by the Dan Brown phenomenon. I can't think of another author whose extraordinary success with one novel has led to all his earlier titles moving on to the bestseller lists and remaining there for most of the year. Only **Angels and Demons** was at all similar to **The Da Vinci Code** in that it had the same main character and involved conspiracy and the Vatican. Of course, not only has he had success with his own books, but he has started a whole industry of books explaining, debunking, decoding, etc the Da Vinci Code and no doubt tours to the various sites mentioned in the book. It will be interesting to see what he comes up with next.

Historical crime is again dominated by Elizabeth Peters with her Amelia Peabody mysteries (there are 16 in the series), now with Lindsey Davis not far behind.

Australian crime saw (in our shop, at least) the bestselling list dominated by Kerry Greenwood with six of her titles in our Top 10. Non-fiction saw Helen Garner's **Joe Cinque's Consolation** way out in front, followed by Peter Rees' *Ned Kelly Award*-winning **Killing Juanita**. Elizabeth Peters also made this list, but it was dominated by Australian titles. Our Top 10 lists are:

MODERN CRIME

1. **The Da Vinci Code** by Dan Brown (Pb 19.95)
2. **Rule of Four** by Ian Caldwell & Dustin Thomason (Tp 29.95)
3. **No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency** (*Ramotswe 1*) by Alexander McCall Smith (Pb 22.95)
4. **Angels and Demons** by Dan Brown (Pb 19.95)
5. **Digital Fortress** by Dan Brown (Pb 19.95)
6. **Tears of the Giraffe** (*Ramotswe 2*) by Alexander McCall Smith (Pb 22.95)
7. **The Cat Who Talked Turkey** by Lilian Jackson Braun (Pb 18.95)
8. **Doctored Evidence** by Donna Leon (Tp 32.95)
9. **In the Company of Cheerful Ladies** (*Ramotswe 6*) by Alexander McCall Smith (Hb 29.95)
10. **Deception Point** by Dan Brown (Pb 19.95)

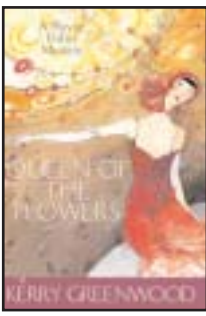


HISTORICAL CRIME

1. **Children of the Storm** by Elizabeth Peters (Pb 21.95)
2. **Scandal Takes a Holiday** by Lindsey Davis (Tp 32.95)
3. **Badger's Moon** by Peter Tremayne (Pb 18.95)
4. **Accusers** by Lindsey Davis (Pb 21.95)
5. **Templar's Penance** by Michael Jecks (Pb 18.95)
6. **Play of Isaac** by Margaret Frazer (Pb 16.95)
7. **The Mammoth Book of Roman Whodunnits** edited by Mike Ashley (Pb 21.95)
8. **Death at Glamis Castle** by Robin Paige (Pb 16.95)
9. **Death at St James' Palace** by Deryn Lake (Pb 19.95)
10. **Guardian of the Horizon** by Elizabeth Peters (Hb 44.95)

AUSTRALIAN CRIME

1. **Queen of the Flowers** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb 19.95)
2. **Earthly Delights** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb 19.95)
3. **Phryne Fisher Omnibus V1** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb 22.95)
4. **Coast Road** by Peter Corris (Pb 19.95)
5. **Ruddy Gore** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb 19.95)
6. **Raisins and Almonds** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb 19.95)
7. **Ambulance Chaser** by Richard Beasley (Tp 30.00)
8. **Degrees of Connection** by Jon Cleary (Pb 18.95)
9. **No Trace** by Barry Maitland (Tp 29.95)
10. **Murder in Montparnasse** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb 19.95)



CRIME NON-FICTION

1. **Joe Cinque's Consolation** by Helen Garner (Tp 30.00)
2. **Killing Juanita** by Peter Rees (Tp 29.95)
3. **Amelia Peabody's Egypt** by Elizabeth Peters (Hb 59.95)
4. **Bristow: Last of the Hard Men** by Kevin Perkins (Pb 24.95)
5. **Marching Powder** by Rusty Young (Tp 30.00)
6. **Gatton Murders** by Stephanie Bennett (Tp 30.00)
7. **Pointing from the Grave** by Samantha Weinberg (Pb 22.95)
8. **Cosa Nostra** by John Dickie (Pb 27.95)
9. **Forensic Casebook** by N E Genge (Tp 39.95)
10. **All Things Bright and Beautiful** by Susan Mitchell (Tp 30.00)

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**AUSTRALIA DAY
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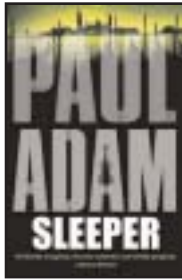
MODERN CRIME

Paul ADAM

Sleeper

320pp Tp 29.95

Rainaldi was a violin-maker and when he was discovered slumped over his workbench, murdered with one of his own chisels, both the police and his friends are at a loss to discover a motive. Then it comes to light that Rainaldi had believed he was on the track of an infamous Stradivarius - twin to the one housed in the Asmolean Museum and subject to 200 years of myth and rumour. With nothing else to go on, his two close friends pick up the search, plunging headlong into a world where great musical instruments change hands for millions, where forgery is an art form and where murder is often a dealer's chosen method of negotiation. (British)



Michael ASHER

Sandstorm **307pp Pb 18.95**

Morocco, 1943: 14-year-old Billy Sterling regains consciousness alone in the desert. Beside him is the wreckage of a light aircraft and the pilot's corpse. He does not see the human eyes, watching him from a distance. London, 1950: George Bridger Sterling is still experiencing profound anguish over the disappearance of his son, who has not been seen for seven years. His terrible feeling of guilt allows him to persist in the belief Billy is still alive. Then George is contacted by a mysterious stranger, who claims to be the co-pilot of the crashed plane. He has information that could lead to Billy - for a price! (British)

Mike ASHLEY (editor)

The Mammoth Book of Roaring

Twenties Whodunnits

533pp Pb 24.95

Ashley's brilliant new collection of whodunits presents stories that reflect all the excitement, escapism and eccentricity of the 1920s. The Roaring Twenties, the Jazz Age, the Age of Wonderful Nonsense - this was the decade when everyone went a little bit crazy with the euphoria of getting through the War, but beneath the dazzle and glitter lay a darker side. (British)

Marian BABSON

Retreat from Murder

192pp Hb 45.00

The quaint village of Brimful Coffers, colonised by a group of mystery writers, is viewed by them to be an ideal retreat from the stresses and harsh realities of the outside world. But sometimes tragedy can intrude even into paradise. First, a village child is killed; victim of a callous hit-and-run incident and then two visiting authors discover they are both using the same well-known Elizabethan lady as the heroine of their respective history-mystery series. The situation threatens to end in poisoned pens at dawn, unless cooler heads prevail. When one author falls victim to a fatal hit-and-run, is it accident or murder? (British)

Colin BATEMAN

Driving Big Davie **377pp Pb 18.95**

For many years, Dan Starkey has been a journalist of some repute, mainly ill. Now he is back with his wife Patricia and while they try for a baby he is aiming to keep himself out of trouble. Had he not been caught in a rather awkward position when he received a phone call from Big Davie Kincaird and had he not drunk too much in order to cover the awkwardness of seeing this friend he hasn't known for 25 years, he might not have found himself agreeing to go on honeymoon in Florida for three weeks with Big Davie. What else could possibly go wrong? (British)

Patti BERG

I'm No Angel **372pp Pb 14.95**

Easily Palm Beach's sexiest private investigator, Angel Devlin wears Jimmy Choo shoes and always gets her man; bad boy millionaire Tom Donovan is at the top of her Most Wanted list. Instinct tells her that drop-dead-gorgeous Tom has something wicked up his sleeve. She is the first to admit she is no angel, but that does not stop Tom from falling head over heels in love with the mischievous blonde. (American)

Ingrid BLACK

The Dark Eye **302pp Pb 18.95**

A Saxon novel #2. A hit man is on the loose, targeting men, seemingly at random, all over Dublin. Each time the victim is killed by a single shot, always from a different gun. When former FBI agent Saxon is drawn into the investigation she believes that the fourth victim, a photographer called Felix, holds the key to the killer's identity. As DCS Grace Fitzgerald and her team hunt for the hit man, Saxon is urged on by Felix's sister to delve deeper into his world and uncovers secrets that someone wants to remain buried... (British)

Nero BLANC

A Crossworder's Gift

187pp Tp 29.00

The irrepressible crossword editor Belle Graham and her PI partner, Rosco Polycrates, are back in more short stories from the bestselling authors. (American)

Anna BLUNDY

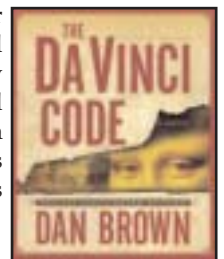
Bad News Bible **480pp Pb 18.95**

This is #1 in a planned sequence of novels featuring Faith Zanetti, war correspondent. Faith is not covering Israel out of some kind of altruism but because she got posted by the fat drunk who is her foreign editor. And she loves it. It is hot, it is complicated, there is always some action and her friends are there, slouched at the bar of Jerusalem's American Colony Hotel. But when Faith finds the naked corpse of her best friend Shiv hanging from the doorframe, she cannot keep her journalistic distance any more. (British)

Dan BROWN

The Da Vinci Code **466pp Lh 59.95**

Beautifully produced, this new illustrated large format hardcover allows the reader behind the scenes, incorporating over 150 photos and illustrations that show the rich historical tapestry from which the author drew his inspiration. Weighs 1.6kg. (American)



KEY

ACADEMIC



BANKING



CANINE DETECTIVES



CLERICAL



COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC



CULINARY/FOOD



FBI



FELINE DETECTIVES



FORENSIC



HORSE RACING MYSTERY



MEDICAL



MILITARY



NATIVE AMERICAN



POLICE PROCEDURAL



POLITICAL/LEGAL



PSYCHOLOGICAL



PRIVATE EYE



ROMANTIC SUSPENSE



SPORT



SPY



SUSPENSE/THRILLER



AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

**Sandra BROWN**

Unspeakable 488pp Pb 18.95
 Carl Herbold enjoys being bad. He graduated easily from juvenile delinquent to full-blown killer. Now he has carried out a daring escape from jail and is headed back to where it all began. Anna Corbett was widowed right before her son was born. Beset by debt and personal tragedy, she faces the toughest challenge of her life - holding on to the ranch that is her son's birthright - unaware that she is at the centre of Herbold's vengeful plan. (American)

John BUCHAN

The Four Adventures of Richard Hannay 672pp Tp 34.95
 As Robin Winks writes in the Introduction, Buchan invented the timeless formula for great spy fiction. Here are his four most famous books, (**Greenmantle**, **Mr Standfast**, **The Thirty-Nine Steps** and **The Three Hostages**), whose perilous situations, attractive hero and sheer excitement are as riveting today as when they first appeared. (British)

Joe BUFF

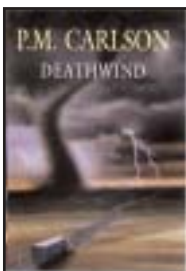
Tidal Rip 538pp Pb 18.95
 A new world war has begun. It is the year 2012 and extremists in Germany and South Africa have succeeded in staging simultaneous coups to forge the Berlin-Boer Axis, a cabal determined to take over the world. While the key instrument of this war is tactical nuclear weaponry, it will be won or lost by the men who command them. (American)

James Lee BURKE

Last Car to Elysian Fields 496pp Pb 19.95
 For Dave Robicheaux, New Orleans and the memories of his life in the Big Easy will always haunt him. When Robicheaux, now a police officer based in the somewhat quieter Louisiana town of New Iberia, learns that his old friend Father Jimmie Dolan has been the victim of a particularly brutal assault, he returns to investigate, if only unofficially. What he does not realise is that in doing so he is inviting into his life an ancestral evil that could destroy them all. (American)

P M CARLSON

Deathwind 246pp Hb 49.95
 A *Marty Hopkins* mystery. Deputy Hopkins is not pleased to be awoken in the middle of the night by a phone call from her boss. As tornado season hits southern Indiana, her small county sheriff's office finds itself with a perplexing puzzle to solve. The body of a young woman has been found in a bank lobby but, suspicious or not, the cause of death is unclear. (American)

**Caroline CARVER**

Dead Heat 393pp Pb 17.95
 Georgia Parish never regretted leaving Nulgarra in Far Northern Queensland to pursue her career. She did not miss the oppressive heat, the wet, the bugs or the deadly wilderness. But after a plane crash she finds herself back there, struggling to comprehend the fact her plane was sabotaged. Was it someone hoping to kill Ronnie Chen, the man who never turned up to take the flight? Or is it to do with the two other passengers, heroic Lee Denham and his frightened companion Suzie? After all, nobody could have reason to want Georgia dead. Or could they? (British)

Michael CRICHTON

State of Fear 600pp Pb 29.95
 Once again Crichton gives us his trademark combination of page-turning suspense, cutting-edge technology and extraordinary research. This is a superb blend of edge-of-your-seat suspense and thought-provoking commentary on how information is manipulated in the modern world. From the streets of Paris to the glaciers of Antarctica to the exotic and dangerous Solomon Islands, it takes the reader on a rollercoaster thrill ride, all the while keeping the brain in high gear. (American)

Harlan COBEN

The Final Detail 305pp Tp 29.95
 Myron returns from a sabbatical (recovering from the events of **One False Move** Pb 18.95) to investigate the murder of a client, a troubled New York Yankees baseball player called Clu Haid. Clu was apparently shot by Esperanza Diaz, who just happens to be Myron's best friend. Esperanza is hiding something, but Myron is not sure if it has to do with her job or with her private life. (American)

Peter CORRIS

Taking Care of Business 231pp Pb 19.95
Cliff Hardy cases. These 11 stories find Cliff pursuing white-collar crime with the same doggedness he applies to his more downmarket villains. He is minder for Thomas Whitney, a highly strung whistle-blower, whose company is siphoning money off through Vanuatu. He is hired by computer genius Charles Marriott, whose shady dot com partner wants control of the business and is letting nothing and no one get in his way. And ever keen for some spare cash, Cliff even takes a case from Spiro, his local florist, whose son seems to be involved in some very dodgy business involving tobacco and big bucks. This collection of stories featuring Australia's favourite PI is fast-paced and entertaining. It reads in the best Corris style. (Australian)

Jasmine CRESSWELL

Decoy 379pp Pb 12.95
 Art gallery owner Melody Beecham was raised in the elite social circles of her English mother Rosalind, and her American father Wallis Beecham, a self-made millionaire. But when her mother dies suddenly, a shocking truth is revealed: Wallis is not Melody's father and worse, he is a very dangerous man. Unaware that she is being monitored by members of a covert government agency known as Unit One, Melody is about to be recruited! (American)

Clive CUSSLER & Dirk CUSSLER

Black Wind 530pp Hb 49.95
 A *Dirk Pitt* novel. In the waning days of WWII, the Japanese tried a different kind of kamikaze mission; this one carried out by two submarines bound for the West Coast of the USA, their cargo a revolutionary new strain of biological virus. Neither sub made it to the designated target. But that does not mean they were lost. Dirk Pitt has faced devastating enemies before, but never has he looked upon the face of pure evil ... until now. (American)

Ed DEE

The Con Man's Daughter 416pp Pb 16.95
 Ex-NYPD detective Eddie Dunne must search his own past for clues when his 35-year old daughter Kate is kidnapped from her suburban New York home. Dunne is sure the disappearance has to do with his previous employment as a general fixer for Anatoly Lukin, legendary Brighton Beach crime boss. And while Lukin was involved in non-violent activities like Medicare fraud and gas gouging, his chief rival Yuri Burodenko engineered sales of Russian military weapons and was capable of extreme violence. The search turns more desperate when Dunne's former partner's head lands on his front yard. (American)

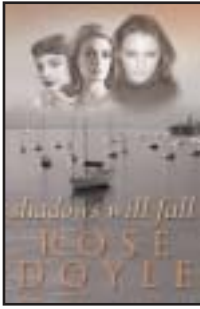
Nelson DEMILLE

Night Fall 488pp Hb 49.95
 Five years after the horrific crash of TWA Flight 800 over Long Island, John Corey is inadvertently caught up in the now closed case by his FBI lawyer wife Kate, who believes the government's findings of mechanical failure is wrong. The FBI is underwhelmed by John and Kate's findings and sends them off to the Yemen and Tanzania as punishment. On his return, John has 10 days' leave in which to avoid the FBI and to find that elusive video tape which may (or not) show a sea-to-air missile racing up to hit the TWA Flight 800. (American)

**Rose DOYLE****Shadows Will Fall**

416pp Tp 32.95

On her early morning walk, Frances Shaw comes upon the naked body of a young woman carefully laid out in the doorway of the hospital morgue in Dun Laoghaire. She later discovers this corpse shares in common parallel



murders committed 50 years ago: the victims were young women who were drowned, stripped naked and left in the doorway of morgues. As she gradually gathers more information, Frances cannot accept the police theory of copy-cat murders and embarks on her own investigation. (British)

Thomas FAHY **Night Visions**

304pp Tp 24.95

Samantha Ranvali hasn't slept in months. Haunted by memories of a brutal attack, she seeks an experimental cure which is a success - until she begins having nightmares of a violent murder strikingly similar to her own assault. The line between sleeping and waking blurs even further when she discovers the body of a friend in a scene that seems to have come straight from her dreams. A recording of Bach's 'Goldberg Variations' plays nearby, a sinister calling-card for a mystery that Samantha soon discovers spans more than 200 years. (American)

Elizabeth FLOCK **Me & Emma**

297pp Tp 24.95

In many ways, Carrie Parker is like any other eight-year-old. She plays make-believe, 'hates' school and dreams of faraway places. But even her naively hopeful mind cannot shut out the terrible realities of her home life or help her protect her younger sister. As the big sister, Carrie is determined to do anything to keep Emma safe from a life of neglect and abuse at the hands of their drunken stepfather - a situation her mother cannot seem to see, let alone prevent! (British)

Richard FORREST**Death in the Secret Garden**

182pp Hb 49.95

The new Lyon and Bea Wentworth mystery. The Spook is a retired and mentally unstable Vietnam Veteran. Wentworth, a writer of books for children, and his wife Bea, a Connecticut state senator, team up with long standing Police Chief Rocco Herbert to unravel a new mystery. But nothing is as simple as it seems; and the whole town, including the pastor and an influential congressman are involved, along with a fearsome female state governor hell-bent on revenge. (American)

John FRANCOME**Stalking Horse 405pp Pb 18.95**

Jockey Josh Swallow is about to retire. He has ridden over 1000 winners and landed all the big prizes in the sport - except one. Determined that this season the title of champion jockey will finally be his, but brilliant young Irish rider Ben O'Brien and leading trainer Leo Lovall stand in his way. There is also someone else with a keen interest in Josh. She's his biggest fan, though he has no idea she exists. And hers is the kind of obsession that will never be satisfied - not even by murder. (British)

Damon GALGUT**The Quarry 169pp Tp 28.00**

On a lonely stretch of road, a nameless man commits a murder. The victim is a religious minister on his way to take up a post in a nearby town. The murderer decides to steal the dead man's identity, only to discover that one of his first duties as the new minister is to bury a body that has just been found near the quarry. Although there is evidence linking young petty criminals to the crime, head of police Captain Mong knows it is the new minister who is guilty. Building to a climax that is almost too much to bear, the Captain is compelled to pursue the murderer across the veldt, while his exhausted quarry struggles to make good his escape. (South African)

Tess GERRITSEN**Bloodstream 512pp Pb 18.95**

The small resort town of Tranquillity in Maine seems like the perfect spot for Dr Claire Elliot to shelter her adolescent son Noah from the lingering memory of his father's death. But with the first snap of winter comes shocking news that puts her practice on the line: a teenage boy under her care has committed an appalling act of violence. Just the start of a chain of lethal outbursts, Claire uncovers a horrifying secret: twice a century, the children of Tranquillity rampage with deadly violence. (American)

John GILSTRAP **Scott Free**

359pp Pb 19.95

When Scott O'Toole accepts a lift in a Cessna to a late-night concert, the plane crashes in a storm, the pilot killed and Scott finds himself alone in a frozen wilderness. Miles from anywhere and anyone, at the mercy of the brutal elements, he must dig deep to survive. While his father frantically rallies the rescue workers, Scott stumbles on a remote, inhabited cabin and thinks his troubles are over. Arriving in the midst of a horrific crime only he can prevent, Scott soon discovers his terror has just begun. (British)

Robert GODDARD **Play to the End 441pp Pb 19.95**

Actor Toby Flood arrives in Brighton for the final week of a play when he is visited by estranged wife Jenny, who is being stalked by a strange man. She asks Toby to follow the man and get to the bottom of things. He discovers a legacy of industrial negligence and a sinister connection to Roger Colborn, Jenny's new partner. Spurred on by a desire to win her back, Toby asks probing questions and finds himself caught up in a dangerous tangle of family rivalries and murderous intent. (British)

Joe GORES**Interface**

224pp Pb 19.95

Crime Masterworks #39. Neil Fargo is a San Francisco PI hired by the wealthy Maxwell Stayton to find his missing daughter. Searching the very heart of the city's ugly underbelly, Fargo infiltrates the drug business at just about the same time as Docker, a Vietnam veteran linked to Fargo, is storming through San Francisco's criminal underworld on a murderous campaign of revenge. (American)

Ed GORMAN & Martin GREENBERG (editors) **The World's Finest Mystery and** **Crime Stories #5 460pp Tp 39.95**

A feast of more than 30 gripping tales from Jeff Abbott, Rhys Bowen, Judith Cutler, Brendan DuBois, Jeremiah Healy, Edward D Hoch, John Lutz, Sharyn McCrumb, Joyce Carol Oates, Peter Robinson, Kristine Rusch and more. (American)

Heather GRAHAM**The Presence 423pp Pb 14.95**

Toni MacNally and her friends think they have hit on the ultimate moneymaking plan: Buy an ancient run-down Scottish castle, turn it into a tourist destination, then sweep visitors into a re-enactment that combines fact and fiction, local history, murder and an imaginary laird. Soon the group is drawn into a real-life murder mystery. Young women are being killed, their bodies dumped nearby, while Toni is having sinister dreams in which she sees through the eyes of the killer... (American)

Jean-Christophe GRANGE**Empire of the Wolves**

374pp Tp 32.95

Anna Heymes, the wife of a senior government official, is suffering from amnesia and hallucinations. In Paris' 10th arrondissement, two police officers are trying to solve the mystery of the torture and murder of three clandestine Turkish women workers. They discover that the Grey Wolves, a group of far-right Turkish mafia members, might be responsible for these murders. Simultaneously, Anna finds out that she had highly complicated facial surgery and looks nothing like she did before. She has no choice but to face an astonishing truth. (French)

**John GRISHAM****The Last Juror 506pp Pb 19.95**

In 1970, Mississippi's more colourful weekly newspaper *The Ford County Times* went bankrupt. To the surprise and dismay of many, ownership was assumed by a 23-year-old college drop-out named Willie Traynor. The future of the paper looked grim until a young mother was brutally raped and murdered by a member of the Padgitt family. Traynor reported all the gruesome details and his newspaper prospered. The trial of Danny Padgitt came to a dramatic end when the defendant threatened revenge against the jurors if they convicted him. Nevertheless, they found him guilty and sentenced him to life in prison. But in Mississippi in 1970, 'life' didn't necessarily mean 'life', and nine years later the retribution began. (American)

David HAGBERG**By Dawn's Early Light****375pp Pb 18.95**

On the Bay of Bengal, a submarine blasts a civilian vessel out of the water and captures the lone survivor. Immediately, one of the USA's spy satellites becomes inoperative and seemingly disappears. With the USA blind, Pakistan announces an attack on India that would leave millions dead. The only witnesses to the plan are a CIA insertion team, headed by the President's own brother, former Navy SEAL Scott Hanson, but they have been captured and tortured. (American)

Raymond HAIGH**Cripplehead 222pp Hb 45.00**

PI Paul Lomax never wanted the case. Checking on errant wives wasn't his scene but Rex Saunders seemed a likeable guy and keeping an eye on his ex-fashion-model wife Mona promised to be all profit and no pain. Now Mona is terrified by sickening threats and the local morgue is filling up fast. When a hit man moves in and the police don't want to know, Lomax and Mona find themselves on their own. Will they be able to hide from the violence erupting around them? (British)

Denise HAMILTON**Sugar Skull 304pp Tp 29.95**

An Eve Diamond novel. The body count this weekend is 28 and rising fast. Across the city, people are killing each other in gruesome ways. And Eve Diamond is writing it all down in her routine roundup story for the *Los Angeles Times*. To complicate matters, Eve is assigned to cover a potentially huge story involving a mayoral candidate and his Italian wife Venus, whose body was discovered floating naked in her pool. Who killed Venus? And what is the significance of the sugar skulls - little confections for the Mexican Day of the Dead holiday - that Eve keeps seeing everywhere? (American)

Stuart HARRISON**Aphrodite's Smile****438pp Pb 18.95**

When his archaeologist father goes missing, Robert French travels to Ithaca where he meets Alex, a young woman in search of the truth about her grandmother's exile from the Greek island 60 years earlier. There is a link between an ancient treasure that Robert's father spent many years searching for and the tragic events surrounding Alex's grandmother. To find the truth Robert must come to understand his own past and learn to face the troubled relationships that have dominated his life. (English)

Erin HART**Lake of Sorrows 434pp Tp 32.95**

When workers at a vast peat extraction site in the bleak landscape of the Irish midlands uncover a long-buried corpse, they call in pathologist Nora Gavin. The body has been strangled, slashed and drowned; the ritual 'triple death' of Ireland's blood-soaked pagan past. After Nora arrives, a much more recent victim is discovered. Like the ancient body, this new corpse seems to have suffered the triple death. Nora and her archaeologist lover Cormac Maguire team up professionally once more. The danger mounts, fuelled by rumours of ancient gold, illicit liaisons and long-delayed revenge. Will they become a ruthless killer's next victims? (British)

John HARVEY (editor)**Men from Boys 428pp Pb 23.95**

What does it mean to be a father? What does it mean to be a son? What does it mean to be a man? Gathered together in this anthology are 16 short stories and a novella answering these questions in myriad ways. Again and again, but never two ways the same, the people who inhabit these stories are having to determine what is right, what will give them dignity, what will earn them self-respect. Mark Billingham, Reginald Hill, Jeffery Deaver, Dennis Lehane, George Pelecanos, Peter Robinson and other masters of crime fiction. (Various)

Mick HERRON**Down Cemetery Road (1984)****288pp Pb 24.95**

One quiet evening in Oxford, a house near Sarah Tucker's suddenly explodes. The cause is a gas leak, but when a child disappears in the aftermath, unhappily married Sarah becomes obsessed with trying to find her. What begins in this peaceful suburb comes to a compelling climax on a remote and unwelcoming Scottish island, as the hunt for the missing child takes Sarah out of her marriage and into a journey with a companion hunted by murderous and apparently official forces. This acclaimed first novel sets a cracking pace with a satisfying denouement. (British)

Lesley HORTON**On Dangerous Ground****448pp Pb 17.95**

An Inspector Handford Investigation #2. When a young boy and then a girl are cruelly murdered within a few days of each other, Handford and Ali uncover not only the desperate plight of children trapped in Bradford's harsh criminal underworld, but murderous corruption and twisted minds in the most respected sections of the community. (British)

Linda HOWARD**To Die For 320pp Pb 18.95**

After a painful divorce, Blair Mallory follows a dream and opens a health club. But Nicole Goodwin, a troubled member of the club, develops a strange fixation on Blair, imitating her style and dress, even the car she drives. Then Nicole is gunned down in the parking lot and Blair is the only witness. At first the police investigation concentrates on Nicole and her acquaintances, but then someone tampers with Blair's car, sabotages her home and business. The police, including Blair's old flame Lt Wyatt Bloodsworth, are baffled because these attempts, while serious, are very different in tone from Nicole's murder. Was Blair the intended victim after all? (British)

Graham ISON**Hardcastles Armistice #2****217pp Hb 49.95**

On Armistice Day 1918, DI Ernest Hardcastle finds himself on familiar territory when he investigates the murder of a prostitute whose body is found beneath Brighton's Palace Pier. Is it a casual robbery or are there more sinister motives for her death? A beach photographer and an army officer who was involved in the 1917 mining of the Messines Ridge in Belgium both feature high on Hardcastle's list of suspects. And, in a parallel enquiry, a Westminster alderman makes an allegation of blackmail. Is there a connection? (British)


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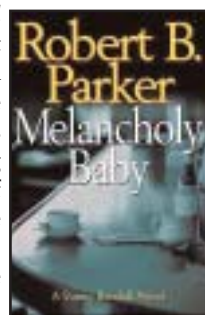
 A VI *Warsawski* novel #11. This is a story of secrets and betrayals that stretch across four generations. Secrets that are political, social, sexual and financial: all of them with the power to kill. Eager for something physical to do in the spirit-exhausting wake of 9/11, VI accepts a request from an old client to check up on an empty family mansion. She subsequently surprises an intruder in the dark and, giving chase, topples into a pond. Grasping for something to hold on to, her fingers close around a lifeless human hand. (American)


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 Love and betrayal complicate a robbery gone wrong in this edgy true-crime novel based on a 1965 Argentine bank robbery. There is the drama of the botched raid itself, followed by a blow-out after party, an attempted double-crossing of the corrupt local authorities and a final shootout where, as a last act of rebellion, the robbers burn all the loot. This gritty tale has been adapted for a major motion picture by renowned Argentine director Marcelo Pinyero. According the considerable rave reviews, people who liked Capote's **In Cold Blood** (Pb 17.95) or the film *Dog Day Afternoon* will love this book! (Argentinean)

Richard PITMAN & Joe McNALLY**Bet Your Life** 406pp Tp 29.95

 After a terrible accident on Everest, in which he lost his arm, former champion jockey Eddie Malloy is trying to rebuild his shattered existence. Employed by powerful conglomerate Makalu to mastermind their takeover of British racing, Eddie starts to attract enemies in important racing circles. When racing security advisor Frankie Houlihan is charged with ensuring Eddie Malloy's safety, danger also invites itself into his life. As the bond between the two lonely men strengthens, they must join forces in a race against time to uncover the identity of the individual who is so intent on stopping Malloy. (British)

Robert PRICE**Deadly Rose of Texas** 222pp Hb 45.00

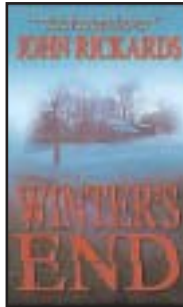
 Wynona has grown up yearning for something better, but the good life remains a dream until she takes up with Ricky. Together they plan and execute the robbery of a lifetime. As they flee south in triumph with the proceeds, little do they realise that the local Mafia boss had his eye on the very same jackpot. When the police close the case, it is left to the professionally sceptical PI Malec to recover the money for the insurance company. He has reason to believe Wynona is still at large and proceeds to investigate her former contacts. Meanwhile, the Mafia are also using their considerable resources to find Wynona. (British)

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The wild and rugged North York Moors remain one of the unexploited and least explored areas of England, and in deep winter it actually looks like a true wilderness. For Constable Nick of Aidsfield convincing the authorities there will be a devastating flood within hours, saving Greengrass from imminent death by double bass and apprehending a fake policeman who is fining people for traffic offences is all in a day's work. (British)

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As a violent storm rages over the small town of Winter's End, Sheriff Townsend comes upon a chilling scene - a young man, knives in his hands and the body of a woman at his feet. The enigmatic suspect refuses to answer questions, and bizarrely, there is no forensic evidence to link him to the crime. After an absence of 20 years, ex-FBI interrogator turned PI Rourke is called in to assist. But as a sense of evil descends upon the town, Rourke soon realises he is an integral part of the killer's game. (American)

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This is the sixth case for Merrily Watkins, diocesan deliverance consultant for Hereford. A redundant TV producer has taken on a Victorian mansion on the Welsh border to use for murder mystery weekends. Convinced that the mansion is the site of Conan Doyle's Baskerville story, he invites trouble when his meddling in the spiritual realm attracts an unwholesome force that is far from fictional. (British)

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Peter ROBINSON**Strange Affair** 356pp Tp 30.00

The new Inspector Banks novel #15. When he receives a mysterious and disturbing telephone call from his brother Roy, Banks heads off to London to search him out. Meanwhile, DI Annie Cabbot is called to a murder scene on a quiet stretch of road just outside Eastvale. A young woman has been found dead in her car, with Banks' name and address written on a slip of paper in the back pocket of her jeans. Banks stays in his brother's luxurious house, digging into his life and uncovering more and more surprises, while Annie tracks down the female victim's friends and colleagues. It seems that both trails are leading towards horrific conclusions and when the cases look likely to intersect, the consequences for Banks and Annie become terrifying. (British)

**Betty ROWLANDS****Deadly Obsession**
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When Arthur Soames is found with a broken neck at the foot of the iron staircase in his back garden, there seems little doubt that his death was accidental. But his estranged daughter Sabrina insists he was murdered and when the police refuse to take her seriously, she turns to Sukey Reynolds for help. Shortly afterwards, Sabrina announces she is following a line of inquiry but gives no details. And then she disappears. At about the same time, a headless torso is found in a ditch. (British)

Dorothy SAYERS**Strong Poison (1930)**
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A Lord Peter Wimsey mystery. Mystery novelist Harriet Vane knew all about poisons, and when her fiancé died in a manner prescribed in one of her books, a jury of her peers had a hangman's noose in mind. But Lord Peter Wimsey was determined to find her innocent, as determined as he was to make her his wife. (British)

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Art restorer Gabriel Allon is trying to put his secret service past behind him. But when his friend Benjamin Stern is murdered in Munich, he is called into action once more. Police in Germany are certain Stern, a professor well known for his work on the Holocaust, was killed by right-wing extremists. Meanwhile in Rome, the new Pope paces around his garden, thinking about the perilous plan he is about to set in motion. If successful he will revolutionise the Church. If not, he could very well destroy it. (British)

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Jason STARR **Tough Luck 222pp Pb 19.95**

Mickey Prada is a nice kid, perhaps too nice. He works in a neighbourhood seafood market in Brooklyn putting fish on ice. Fish store customer Angelo Santoro keeps getting Mickey to place bets for him and Angelo keeps losing. As Angelo gets further in the hole, his bad luck is turning out to be Mickey's too. So when his best friend Chris asks Mickey to join him on a no-lose caper, he decides to go along. But, sure-fire schemes often have a way of backfiring... (American)

Sarah STROHMEYER**Bubbles A Broad #4****278pp Tp 32.95**

Bubbles Yablonsky, everyone's favourite hairdresser/reporter/amateur sleuth, goes all the way in this latest wacky mystery. After a cat fight at a stuffy historical society meeting nearly kills her career, Bubbles is given one week to prove her worth to editors at the *News-Times*. To earn a real job on the paper she needs to crack her biggest story ever by finding out who really murdered Carol Weaver's steel-executive husband with cyanide-tipped fingernails. Gutsy, intuitive and delivering great one-liners along with beauty recipes, it is all in a day's work for a broad like Bubbles. (American)

William TAPPLY **Shadow of Death****321pp Pb 16.95**

A *Brady Coyne* novel. Suspicious that his candidate's husband might be having an affair, the campaign manager convinces Boston attorney Brady Coyne to hire a PI to find out what is really going on before the campaign is derailed. The normally reluctant Brady gets involved because the candidate is an old friend. But what appeared to be a simple situation quickly turns deadly when the PI is found murdered in a clearly staged car crash. Brady's quest to uncover the truth leads him to face the deadly consequences of a decades' old tragedy. (American)

Andrew TAYLOR **Call the Dying 436pp Tp 32.95**

A *Lydmouth* novel #7. It is 1955 and the influx of televisions does nothing to relieve the tensions in the deeply conservative town of Lydmouth. Mr Frederick, a television engineer, arrives to sell and adapt the new sets. He comes for two nights and apparently leaves. When eccentric Dr Bayswater is found dead with a gentleman's yellow kid glove found lying next to his body, DCI Thornhill is drafted in to investigate. (British)

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Anna and Paul are a mixed-race couple in the underground resistance in apartheid-riven South Africa. Bound by a love so deep and politics so dangerous, it seems nothing can come between them but one evening, Paul and a comrade set off for a meeting at which they never arrive. Their butchered bodies are found on the roadside next to their burnt-out car. 10 years later, the identity of Paul's killer is still a mystery, but Anna brings the case before the Truth Commission where she encounters James Kay, a hard-bitten, cynical journalist with information that turns her life upside down. She discovers that nothing is black and white. It never was. Everything is a thousand shades of grey. (South African)

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Commissaire Adamsberg investigates. Each day, in honour of a Parisian tradition, a town crier calls out the local news to all who will listen. Over the course of a few days a number of disturbing messages are slipped in to his box, messages of portentous and malicious intent referring to the Black Death. Strange marks have also appeared on the doors of several buildings: symbols once used to ward off the plague. Adamsberg senses a connection, even a grotesque menace. Then charred and flea-bitten corpses are found. The press seizes on their plague-like symptoms and the panic sets in... (French)

Fred VARGAS **Seeking Whom He May Devour****263pp Tp 32.95**

Commissaire Adamsberg investigates. Each day, inhabitants of a small community in the French Alps find another of their ewes with its throat cut. When one of the villagers is killed, people begin to wonder if it could be the work of a werewolf. Suspicion falls on villager Massart because of his beardlessness, who is pursued into the Alps. Thanks to his extraordinary intuition, Adamsberg unearths an astonishing truth, one that the villagers are going to find hard to believe. (French)

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"Innes? Innes. It's Isabella. Isabella Velasco ..." This is the simple message on her answer machine but one that made Innes Haldane's blood run cold. In 1977, both had spent a fateful year at an experimental home for dysfunctional teenagers in Edinburgh. Now, after almost three decades, Isabella is trying to make contact. But before she can reach her, Innes learns that Isabella has committed suicide. And shock quickly turns to fear when she hears that another former patient has also recently killed himself. Has some dark event from 1977 finally come back to haunt them all? (British)

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A *Javier Falcon* thriller. Mario Vega is seven years old and his life is about to change forever. In an exclusive suburb of Seville, his father lies dead on the kitchen floor and his mother has been suffocated under her own pillow. It appears to be a suicide pact, but Inspector Falcon has his doubts when he finds an enigmatic note crushed in the dead man's hand. (British)

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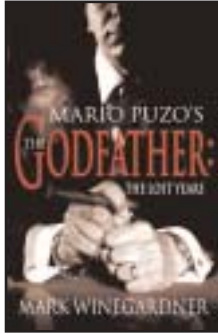
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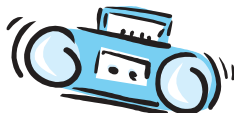
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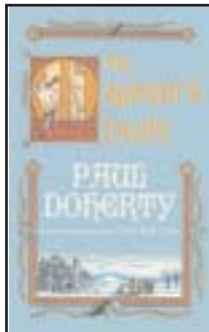
1910, Camden. A gruesome discovery has been made at 39 Hilldrop Crescent. Buried in the cellar are the remains of Cora Crippen, former music-hall singer and wife of Dr Hawley Crippen. But Dr Crippen and his mistress Ethel Le Neve have disappeared and a full-scale hunt for them has begun. Across the Channel in Antwerp, Captain Kendall gives the order for the *SS Montrose* to begin its two-week voyage to Canada. On board are 1,300 passengers. Slipping aboard almost unnoticed is a Mr John Robinson with his 17-year-old son Edmund. This is a beautifully drawn novel recreating the true story of the amazing escape attempt of one of history's most notorious killers. (British)

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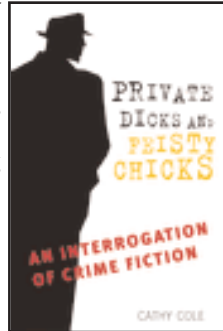
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Peter DONOVAN**The Trial of Mary Schippan 132pp Pb 19.95**

This book was produced by Donovan and Associates, a consulting firm based in South Australia, which specialises in matters relating to aspects of historical research, writing and historic conservation. This publication grew out of historical work undertaken in the Murray Flats area in the mid-1970s. Amateurish in design, the text chronicles the murder of Bertha Schippan in her own bedroom in 1902. (Australian)

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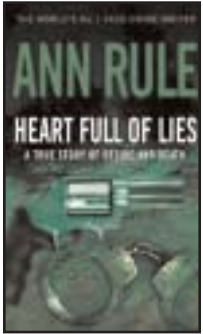
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Ann RULE
Heart Full of Lies

480pp Pb 19.95



A True Story of Desire and Death. On a sunny morning in October 2000, Chris Northon lay dead in a sleeping bag at a campsite beside a pristine river, while his wife Liysa drove four hours to a friend's house, sobbing inconsolably. She appeared to have been beaten and had a black eye. Was Chris' death a tragic accident or a deliberate homicide? Was Liysa involved? Questions arose that made Oregon State detectives suspicious, yet her family and friends stood staunchly by her, incredulous that anybody would ask such questions. This is an extraordinary character study, as well as a brilliant investigative report that will keep you enthralled to the very last page. (American)

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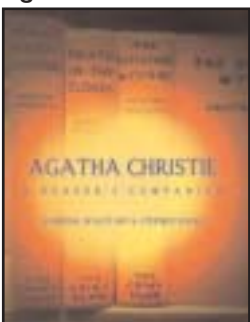
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Just before Christmas in 1984, a young nurse was found raped and murdered in her Wichita Falls home. Within weeks, a second woman was found dumped on a frozen Texas plain. Over the next 17 months, three more women would fall victim to a faceless evil, baffling authorities whose every lead came to a dead end. (American)

Vanessa WAGSTAFF & Stephen POOLE
Agatha Christie

224pp Lh 39.95



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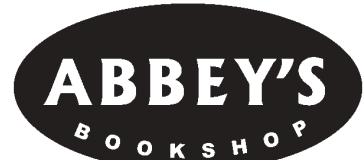
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The Senseless Murder of Kelly Ann Tynyes. The sensational trial and subsequent conviction of Robert Golub shocked America and tore a once-peaceful community apart. Neighbours took sides. So did the media. And no one who lived on Horton Road would ever be the same. (American)



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