

# CRIME CHRONICLE

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"WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL"

## 2005 THE YEAR IN REVIEW

It has been another good year for crime fiction, once again dominated by Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*, although Donna Leon and P D James gave him a run for his money.

Historical crime this year saw Laurie King take out the gong with *The Game*, with Lindsey Davis and Peter Tremayne not far behind. Australian crime was again dominated by Kerry Greenwood, who had 8 titles in the Top 10 - her new one, *Death by Water*, and the others reprints.

Crime non-fiction saw Helen Garner's award-winning *Joe Cinque's Consolation* come out on top, the same as last year. As we needed to go to press early this month, these results are only for sales up to 2 December, so some authors could come with a late rally!

Our Top 10 lists are:

### MODERN CRIME

- The Da Vinci Code** by Dan Brown (Pb 19.95)
- Blood from a Stone** by Donna Leon (Tp 32.95)
- Lighthouse** by P D James (Tp 29.95)
- Angels and Demons** by Dan Brown (Pb 19.95)
- The Number One Ladies Detective Agency** by Alexander McCall Smith (Pb 22.95)
- Excursion to Tindari** by Andrea Camilleri (Tp 27.00)
- Friends, Lovers, Chocolate** by Alexander McCall Smith (Tp 29.95)
- Deep Pockets** by Linda Barnes (Pb 16.95)
- With No One as Witness** by Elizabeth George (Tp 32.95 Pb 19.95)
- In the Company of Cheerful Ladies** by Alexander McCall Smith (Pb 22.95)

### HISTORICAL CRIME

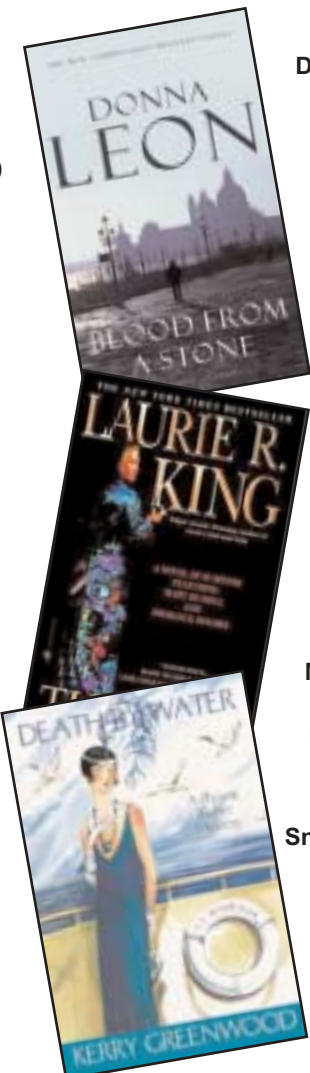
- The Game** by Laurie King (Pb 16.95)
- See Delphi and Die** by Lindsey Davis (Tp 32.95)
- Leper's Bell** by Peter Tremayne (Pb 18.95)
- Guardian of the Horizon** by Elizabeth Peters (Pb 21.95)
- Murder on the Leviathan** by Boris Akunin (Pb 19.95)
- Whispers of the Dead** by Peter Tremayne (Pb 18.95)
- Hunter's Tale** by Margaret Frazer (Pb 16.95)
- Turkish Gambit** by Boris Akunin (Tp 29.95 Pb 19.95 - Jan)
- Long Spoon Lane** by Anne Perry (Pb 19.95)
- Winter Queen** by Boris Akunin (Pb 19.95)

### AUSTRALIAN CRIME

- Death by Water** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb 19.95)
- Green Mill Murder** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb 19.95)
- Murder on the Ballarat Train** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb 19.95)
- Death at Victoria Dock** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb 19.95)
- Cocaine Blues** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb 19.95)
- Blood and Circuses** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb 19.95)
- Broken Shore** by Peter Temple (Tp 29.95)
- Heavenly Pleasures** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb 19.95)
- Flying Too High** by Kerry Greenwood (Pb 19.95)
- The Walker** by Jane Goodall (Pb 19.95)

### CRIME NON-FICTION

- Joe Cinque's Consolation** by Helen Garner (Tp 30.00)
- Mr Big: The True Story of Lennie McPherson** by Tony Reeves (Pb 24.95)
- Marching Powder** by Rusty Young (Tp 30.00)
- Heart Full of Lies** by Ann Rule (Pb 19.95)
- Kiss Me, Kill Me** by Ann Rule (Pb 18.95)
- Snowtown Murders** by Andrew McGarry (Pb 22.95)
- City of Shadows** by Peter Doyle (Hb 65.00)
- Phillip Island Murder** by Vikki Petraitis & Paul Daley (Pb 22.95)
- Private Dicks and Feisty Chicks** by Catherine Cole (Tp 29.95)
- Usual Suspect: The Life of Abe Saffron** by Duncan McNab (Tp 33.00)



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS		
January		
1	Sun (New Year's Day)	closed
2	Mon (Public Holiday)	10.00 - 5.00
26	Thu (Australia Day)	10.00 - 5.00

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### MODERN CRIME

Rennie AIRTH

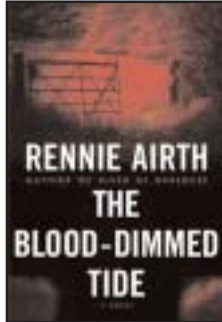


The Blood-Dimmed Tide

339pp Pb 19.95

Inspector Madden #2. It is 1932

and John Madden, former Scotland Yard inspector, is now a farmer in the peaceful Surrey countryside. Peaceful, that is, until he discovers the mutilated body of a small girl, Alice Bridger, hidden in a wood. Uneasy at the direction of police enquiries and convinced the killer has struck before, he quietly begins his own investigation. (South African)



Susan ALBERT



The Tale of Hill Top Farm

304pp Pb 16.95

Cottage Tales of Beatrix Potter. "This is a perfectly charming cosy, as full of English country loam, leaf and lamb as could be desired - no murder occurs, although the action begins with a death. What is a bit hard to take is the quasi-real historical setting, the Lake District farm in Near Sawrey that children's author and illustrator Beatrix Potter purchased soon after the death of her fiancé in 1905. The story is as full of pinched schoolmistresses, vicar's widows and good-hearted volunteers as any Barbara Pym novel, with the added fillip that the animals all talk to each other..." Grace Anne DeCandido, Booklist (American)

Karin ALVTEGEN



Betrayal

297pp Pb 23.00

Eva, a dynamic, successful young mother, is forced to reassess her marriage when her husband's apathy can no longer be ignored. Then she discovers he's been having an affair with her young son's day-care teacher and her grief and rage drive her into vengeful action. Fatefully, she comes across Jonas, an isolated young man burdened with his own sinister history of betrayal and his quest for acceptance. When Jonas and Eva react to redress their wrongs, the combination proves lethal. (Swedish)

Lawrence BLOCK

The Girl with the Long Green



Heart

151pp Pb 16.95

Two scam artists orchestrate a phoney real estate deal in this thriller, originally published in 1965. (American)

Suzanne BROCKMAN



Hot Target

560pp Pb 16.95

Like most men of action, Navy SEAL Chief Cosmo Richter never learned how to take a vacation. So when he finds himself facing a month's leave, he offers his services to Troubleshooters Incorporated. Founded by a former SEAL, the private-sector security firm is a major player in the ongoing war against terrorism, known for carrying out covert missions too volatile for official US military action. But the first case Richter takes on is anything but under the radar. (American)

Sandra BROWN



The Alibi

572pp Pb 19.95

Born into a fine old Charleston family, Hammond Cross is determined to be the city's next district attorney, without sacrificing his integrity. Prosecuting the sensational murder of a real estate magnate could be his ticket into the office. Yet while he anticipates his success, someone near him is plotting his downfall. (American)

Sandra BROWN



Chill Factor

400pp Tp 32.95

Suspense abounds in this gripping new thriller from New York Times bestselling author Sandra Brown. A successful magazine editor is trapped in her remote cabin with a man believed to be a serial killer. (American)

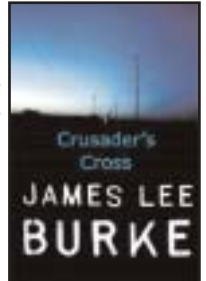
James Lee BURKE



Crusader's Cross

325pp Tp 29.95

Dave Robicheaux #14. A deathbed confession from an old schoolmate resurrects a story of injustice, the murder of a young woman and a time Robicheaux has tried to forget. With a series of horrifying murders and the sudden appearance of Valentine Chalons and his sister, Honoria - a disturbed and deeply alluring woman - Robicheaux is soon involved not only with the Chalons family, but with the murderous energies of the New Orleans underworld. (American)



Rachel BUTLER



Deep Cover

400pp Pb 16.95



Selina McCaffrey #23.

Tall, lithe Selena

McCaffrey turns heads on the streets - and hides an assassin's knife beneath her clothes. In another life, she would have chosen a peaceful career as a painter. But as a child, fate plunged her into a fight for survival - and a trusted father-figure forced her into a life of crime. Now the feds want her to go undercover. Her assignment: to break up the criminal empire once run by her protector and mentor. But playing a double-game threatens the first good thing she's ever had with a man, an honest Tulsa cop, and draws her into a high-stakes sting filled with deception and shocking violence. (American)



Lorenzo CARCATERRA



Paradise City

485pp Pb 18.95

Giancarlo Lo Manto is the toughest cop on the toughest beat in Europe - a detective in the Naples homicide squad, dedicated to bringing down the mob. But what hurts the gangsters in the old country hurts them in the new world too. In the highest towers of the most expensive streets in New York City, Lo Manto is becoming a problem. When he learns that his teenage niece has gone missing in Manhattan, the two worlds, the two cities, are set to collide. (American)

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AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

**Carolyn CARVER**

**Beneath the Snow** 304pp Tp 29.95

It's been a long, hard winter in the small Alaskan town of Lake's Edge - and things are about to get even tougher. Lisa McCall, a young and brilliant research scientist, has disappeared out in the Alaskan wilderness in the middle of a snowstorm. Her sister Abby, shaken by the news, flies out from England to join the rescue team. Lisa and Abby have been estranged for years, driven apart by a terrible row, both believing there would be time in the future for forgiveness. Now Abby must face up to the fact that her sister may be gone forever. (English)

**JILL CHURCHILL**

**A Midsummer Night's Scream** 272pp Pb 16.95

*A Jane Jeffry Mystery.* Suburban homemaker Jane Jeffry has a new interest - the theatre - even though her involvement only consists of tasting food that will be fed to the actors. Her friend Shelley is tired of the caterers she chooses for her husband's business meetings and has decided to test some new ones at the local theatre - with Jane's help. What an exciting scene it is, with off-stage feuds, ego trips and power struggles adding to the drama as the company busily rehearses a sure-fire stinker written by the troupe's clueless director. Then the plot takes a darker turn when a particularly rebellious young performer exits stage left - permanently - courtesy of a head-bashing killer. (American)

**Barbara CLEVERLY**

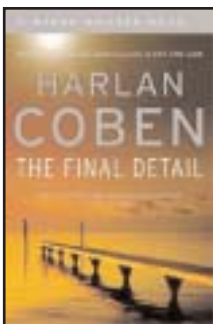
**The Bee's Kiss** 288pp Hb 44.95

A woman has been discovered bludgeoned to death in her suite at the Ritz. A broken window and missing emerald necklace suggest that it is a burglary gone wrong. But the corpse is that of a much-respected member of the British establishment, Dame Beatrice Joliffe, one of the founders of the Wrens. So Scotland Yard send Joe to conduct a swift enquiry. (English)

**Harlan COBEN**

**The Final Detail** 344pp Pb 19.95

Myron screwed up. His job was to protect someone. But he fell in love with that someone, then she died. End of story. So he's dropped out, run away to the Caribbean to escape his guilt. But now everything he left behind has come back to haunt him. A friend is in trouble, murder. And the victim is one of his own clients. In order to help his friend, he must battle for her freedom, against her own wishes... (American)

**Martina COLE**

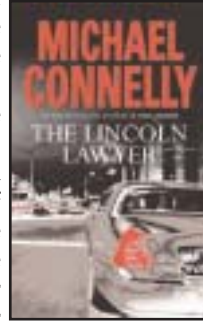
**The Take** 505pp Tp 32.95

Jackie Jackson is planning a party to welcome home her husband Freddie. Everyone is gathered at the party, including her sister Maggie. But after six years in prison, Freddie thinks he is the Essex equivalent of the Godfather. And he's going to make sure everyone knows it... (English)

**Michael CONNELLY**

**The Lincoln Lawyer** 404pp Tp 32.95

They're called Lincoln Lawyers: the criminal defence attorneys who operate out of the back of a Lincoln car, travelling between the courthouses of LA County to take whatever cases the system throws their way. Mickey Haller has been in the business a long time and when a Beverly Hills rich boy is arrested for brutally beating a woman, he has his first high-paying client in years. The evidence mounts on the side of the defence and he's sure this is going to be a slam-dunk. But when his case starts to fall apart and neither the victim nor the suspect are quite who they seem, he soon discovers how dangerous it is to swim with the sharks. (American)

**Tom CONTI**

**The Doctor** 288pp Pb 22.95

Nothing is what it seems in Tom Conti's passionate and exciting debut story of love, duplicity and retribution. Haunted by his past as a Secret Operations Pilot with the Intelligence Services, and in an attempt to shake off the ever-present shadow of his Controller, Hal flees England and the bed of the tempestuous Francesca for a new life in Africa, working as a pilot with the flying doctor service. But love and death launch him once again into a life of deception and danger. (English)

**Michael CORDY**

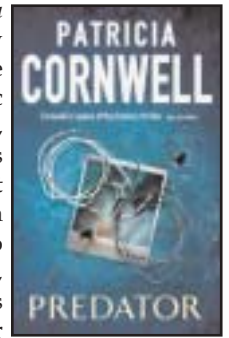
**The Messiah Code** 400pp Pb 19.95

In the volatile heart of the Middle East, amid the devastating secrets of an ancient brotherhood that awaits a new messiah, Tom Carter must search for answers to the mysteries that have challenged humankind since the death and resurrection of the greatest Healer who ever walked the Earth. Because suddenly his life, and the life of his little girl, together with the fate of the world, hang in the balance. After 2,000 years, the wait is over... (English)

**Patricia CORNWELL**

**Predator** 374pp Hb 49.95

*Kay Scarpetta #14.* Now freelancing with the National Forensic Academy in Florida, Scarpetta takes charge of a case that stretches from steamy Florida to snowbound Boston, one as unnerving as any she has ever faced. The teasing psychological clues lead her and her team - Pete Marino, Benton Wesley and Lucy Farinelli - to suspect they are hunting someone with a cunning and malevolent mind whose secrets have kept him in the shadows, until now. (American)

**Peter CORRIS**

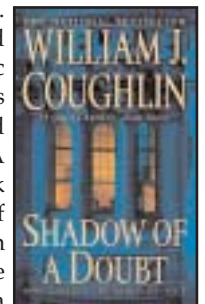
**Saving Billie** 228pp Pb 19.95

*Cliff Hardy #28.* When journalist Louise Kramer hires Cliff Hardy to find Billie Marchant, Hardy heads for the unfamiliar territory of Sydney's far south-western suburbs. Billie claims to have information about media big-wheel Jonas Clement - the subject of an incriminating expose by Kramer. Clement doesn't want Billie found and Clement's enemies want to find her first. (Australian)

**William COUGHLIN**

**Shadow of a Doubt** 416pp Pb 16.95

*A Charlie Sloan Novel.* Detroit attorney and former alcoholic Charley Sloan lost his practice, his wife and his fortune to booze. A chance at a comeback arrives in the form of his former lover, Robin Harwell. She is now the desperate widow of a multimillionaire - and stepmother of the teenage girl charged with his brutal murder. (American)

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**Deborah CROMBIE****Mourn Not Your Dead**

304pp Pb 16.95

Few in suburban Surrey mourn the violent passing of Division Commander Alastair Gilbert, bludgeoned to death in his own kitchen. His arrogance and cruelty were legendary in his village and in wider police circles, which only makes the job of Scotland Yard investigators Superintendent Duncan Kincaid and Sergeant Gemma James more difficult. (American)

**Clive CUSSLER****Dark Watch**

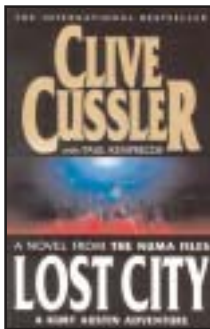
357pp Tp 29.95

*Oregon Files* #3. Cabrillo and his motley crew aboard the clandestine spy ship *Oregon* have made a very comfortable and very dangerous living working for high-powered Western interests. But the latest people to ask for Cabrillo's special brand of assistance come from the Far East - a consortium of Japanese shipping magnates whose fortunes are threatened by brutal pirates trolling the waters of Southeast Asia. Such attacks on the high seas are normally limited to smaller ships and foreign-owned yachts, which are easy targets on the open seas. But now, giant commercial freighters are disappearing. When Cabrillo confronts the enemy, he learns that the pirates' predations hide a deadly international conspiracy - a scheme of death and slavery that Juan Cabrillo is going to blow out of the water. (American)

**Clive CUSSLER****Lost City**

420pp Pb 19.95

*Numa Files*. An enzyme that will dramatically prolong life has been discovered 2,000 feet below the surface of the North Atlantic in an area known as Lost City. But why are the people attempting to harvest it getting killed? Why



are the scientists in a remote Greek laboratory disappearing one by one? What does this all have to do with a body found frozen in the ice high up in the Alps? To Kurt Austin, leader of NUMA's Special Assignments Team, and his colleague Joe Zavala, it is clear they have their work cut out for them, but it may be bigger than they think. (American)

**Patrick A DAVIS****Shattered Blue Line**

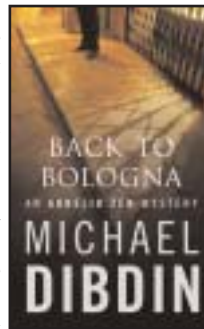
416pp Pb 16.95

Major Nathan Malone figured his DWI charge was about to get him fired from the Office of Special Investigations. Instead, he is pulled from his holding cell to take on a shocking case: during an ongoing Congressional investigation into a sex scandal at the US Air Force Academy, two female cadets are brutally murdered. Accustomed to living on the edge, and used to his chiselled looks opening doors, Malone finds his 'devil may care' attitude is shaken to the core as he and his partner, the uncompromising Marva 'Mother' Hubbard, track a sadistic killer intent on keeping the secrets of the past buried deep. (American)

**Michael DIBDIN****Back to Bologna**

223pp Tp 29.95

*An Aurelio Zen Mystery*. When the corpse of the shady industrialist who owns the local football team is found both shot and stabbed with a Parmesan knife, Zen is called to Bologna to oversee the investigation. Recovering slowly from surgery, and fleeing an equally painful crisis in his personal life, he is only too happy to take on what at first appears to be a routine and relatively undemanding assignment. But soon a world-famous university professor is shot with the same gun, immediately after publicly humiliating Italy's leading celebrity television chef... (English)

**Brian EASTMAN****And No Birds Sing**

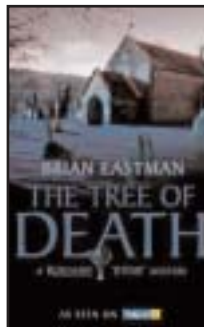
183pp Pb 16.95

*Rosemary and Thyme* #1. Meet Laura Thyme and Rosemary Boxer, two women who come together in the midst of life-changing crises, helping one another to get on and get ahead. The eagerly-awaited novel from the UK TV series starring Felicity Kendal and Pam Ferris. (English)

**Brian EASTMAN****Tree of Death**

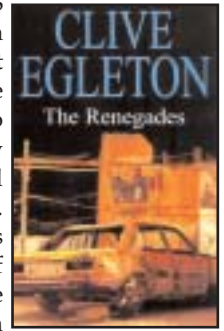
288pp Pb 16.95

*Rosemary and Thyme* #2. Rosemary and Laura are asked to bring the village churchyard at Baffington back to its former glory in time for a fair with a medieval theme. But when one of the villagers is shot with a wayward arrow, everyone is a suspect - even the local Vicar! (English)

**Clive EGLETON****The Renegades**

345pp Tp 27.95

When an SIS operative is killed in a London restaurant shoot-out, police initially suspect no more than a robbery with drug and gangster overtones. But it soon becomes apparent that one of the corpses has more than one name and a



cover-up is involved from within the depths of Britain's secret services. As British Council offices in Pakistan, then Russia, are attacked by suicide bombers, it becomes apparent there is a link between an apparently ordinary working lunch and world terrorism. (English)

**Kate ELLIS****A Cursed Inheritance**

361pp Pb 19.95

The brutal massacre of the Harford family at Potwoolstan Hall in Devon in 1985 shocked the country and passed into local folklore. When a journalist researching the case is murdered 20 years later, the horror is reawakened. (English)

**Barry EISLER****Choke Point**

430pp Pb 19.95

*John Rain* #3. Government assassin John Rain is a man trying to leave his violent past behind. But after tracking him down in Brazil, his former employers, the CIA, persuade him to take on a high-risk assignment - and one to which his particular skills are well suited: to terminate with extreme prejudice a man who deserves to die. But before he can get close, Rain has to draw on his formidable talents just to survive. It seems he's not the only killer closing in on the target. Could it be that the entire mission is just a cover for an elaborate set-up? (American)

**Loren ESTLEMAN****Retro**

288pp Pb 14.95

*An Amos Walker Mystery*. Walker has made a lot of friends - and more than a few enemies - in his years as a Detroit detective, but he finds more trouble than he expects when he agrees to grant the deathbed wish of Beryl Garnet, a successful madam, for her son to get her ashes after she has gone. Walker successfully locates her son in Canada, where he has been evading the law since protesting the Vietnam War in the 1960s. But no sooner has Walker settled back in Detroit than the news comes that Garnet's son is dead too - and Walker is the prime suspect. (American)

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**Liz EVANS****Cue the Easter Bunny****320pp Tp 29.95**

*PI Grace Smith #6.* Without a client in sight, the situation has become so desperate that Grace has taken a job with the town Tourist Board. Dressed as the Easter Bunny, she is supposed to promote the town's 'child friendly' image. Unfortunately, a series of encounters with kids who can't resist tormenting dumb creatures (albeit one that are six feet tall with fluffy pink ears) results in her being the first bunny in Seatoun to be nicked for Grievous Bodily Harm. So when a woman named Della comes calling and tells Grace that her son is receiving threatening letters and that she wants someone to trace the sender, Grace accepts with alacrity. It is a decision she will live (but only just) to regret most bitterly. (British)

**Sharon FIFFER****Buried Stuff 288pp Pb 16.95**

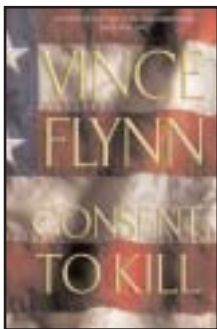
*A Jane Wheel Mystery #4.* An avid antique collector, Jane Wheel owns a lot of stuff. In fact, she owns too much stuff, which often gets her in trouble, so she finally agrees to do the unthinkable: hold her first garage sale. Thankfully, the sale ends almost before it begins, interrupted by a hysterical phone call from her mother Nellie. But Jane's relief doesn't last long. Nellie is calling to tell Jane about a mysterious discovery on a neighbour's property: bone fragments buried in his backyard. (American)

**Greg FLYNN****The Berlin Cross****328pp Tp 29.95**

Down and out New York PI John Docker has a past he'd rather forget. So when he finds himself in Berlin in 1948, just after the Russians have blockaded the city in a move that ultimately sparks the Cold War, it's against his better judgment. An extraordinary debut thriller by a gifted author with a great future. (Australian)

**Vince FLYNN****Consent to Kill 465pp Tp 29.95**

For years, Mitch Rapp's bold actions have saved the lives of thousands, but in the process his list of enemies has grown inexorably. There are even those within his own government who would like to see him eliminated. Thousands of miles away, the influential father of a dead terrorist demands retribution for the death of his son at the hands of the infidels. He wants Rapp dead and his hate-filled plea finds sympathetic ears. (American)

**Christopher FOWLER****The Water Room****368pp Pb 23.95**

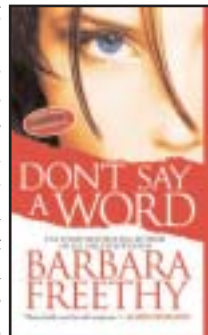
*Bryant & May #2.* They are detection's oddest couple: two cranky detectives whose professional partnership dates back half a century. Now Arthur Bryant and John May return in a case of multiple murder that twists through a subterranean course of the secrets, lies and extreme passions that drive even ordinary men and women to the most shocking crimes. (English)

**Anthea FRASER****Person or Persons Unknown****249pp Tp 27.95**

Rona Parish's latest assignment - a series of articles on the town of Buckford - is almost complete when she is approached by a young woman named Zara Crane with a request to help trace her natural parents. Rona's curiosity is aroused, especially when she discovers that Zara's birth mother was murdered in her bath 25 years earlier. (English)

**Barbara FREETHY****Don't Say a Word 416pp Pb 16.95**

While preparing for her wedding, Julia DeMarco comes across a famous photograph of a little girl in front of a Russian orphanage - and sees her own eyes staring back at her! Yet Julia is not an orphan, nor was she adopted. She knows where she comes from - or does she? Suddenly the people she has loved and trusted are tainted by suspicion. The one person willing to help is reckless photographer Alex Manning, who journeys with her toward the dangerous truth, while also trying to hide a secret of his own. (American)

**Pierre FREI****Berlin: A Novel 326pp Tp 29.95**

Frei uses history with a breadth and detail that is startling and convincing. Now that the mass murder has stopped, murder is once again a matter of individuals. (French)

**Joseph GARBER****Whirlwind 320pp Pb 18.95**

Charlie McKenzie is the best at what he does. And what he does best is the CIA's dirty work. At least, he did until his bosses double-crossed him. Jailed and disgraced to cover up a mammoth intelligence blunder, Charlie wants to get even. (American)

**Joseph GEARY****Mirror****353pp Pb 18.95**

Curator of the Modern Art Museum in New York, Ellen Lindz is troubled by the appearance of a stranger. An old man with an innocent question, curious about the dimensions of a painting. The last major work by martyr-suicide Franklin Koenig before his spectacular self-immolation in 1958, MIRROR only recently showed up in New York, where it sold for \$US23 million, the highest price paid for a piece of post-war art. The seller, Linda Carey, was Koenig's lover in his last tortured months. The buyer was the Modern Art Museum. Prompted by the stranger's doubts, Ellen asks questions of her own and discovers a doctored catalogue that puts the painting's authenticity in doubt - and her own reputation on the line. (British)

**Tess GERRITSEN****Under the Knife/ Whistleblower****495pp Tp 24.95**

*Under the Knife:* Had she condemned her patient to die? Or was it murder? For David Ranson, it begins as an open-and-shut case of malpractice. As attorney for a grieving family, he is determined to hang a negligent doctor. Then Dr Kate Chesne storms into his office, daring him to seek out the truth: that she's being framed. *Whistleblower:* One look at his fog-shrouded form told Cathy this sexy stranger needed her help. Victor Holland's story sounded like the ravings of a man on the brink of madness, but his status as a hunted man was supported by the haunted look in his eyes - and the bullet hole in his shoulder. (American)

**John GOODGER****The Druperman Tapes****336pp Pb 16.95**

Emmett Druperman needs help. He is the head of a confidential alliance of the most powerful casinos in Las Vegas and someone is holding his casinos hostage. He has received a videotape threatening violence against the casinos unless a ransom is paid and the criminals have made it painfully clear that they're deadly serious. As the casino owners dig in their heels and refuse to pay, Druperman braces for a fight. He calls in Steve Forrester, former LVPD detective, to find out who the extortionists are - and stop them at any cost. Debut. (American)

**Sue GRAFTON****S is for Silence****384pp Tp 32.95**

This is Kinsey Millhone's 19th excursion into the world of suspense and misadventure. S is also for surprises as Grafton takes a whole new approach to telling the tale. And S is for superb: Kinsey and Grafton at their best. (American)

**Ann GRANGER** **Mixing with Murder****Pb 19.95 320pp**

*Fran Varady Mystery #6.* Fran Varady isn't keen to help seedy club owner Mickey Allerton track down Lisa, a dancer who's done a bunk. But since Mickey is holding Fran's dog Bonnie hostage till the job is done, she doesn't have much choice. She quickly locates Lisa and they arrange to meet later, but when Fran gets there early, the first thing she sees is a body floating in the river. (English)

**Robert GREER** **The Devil's Red Nickel****350pp Tp 29.95**

*A C J Floyd Mystery.* When a beautiful woman hires C J Floyd to look into the death of her famed DJ father, she soon discovers that the death of Daddy Doo-Wop is part of a bigger story, one that reaches back to Chicago in the 50s when the Mob called the tune. From payola to pay checks, from the dirtiest of deals to some old tapes that still might be worth gold, she stumbles into a world where a great melody can lead to a deadly refrain and where someone has a murderous hit parade of their own. (American)

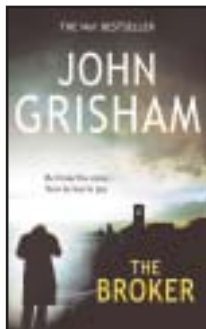
**James GRIPANDO** **Hear No Evil** **320pp Pb 18.95**

Miami attorney Jack Swytek is involved in the most explosive criminal trial of his career - a case that starts with a murder on a military base and concludes with a shocking surprise that will change Jack's life forever. (American)

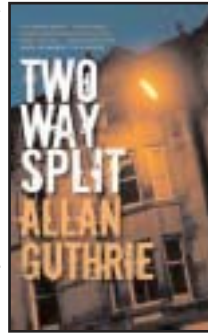

**John GRISHAM** **The Broker** **480pp Pb 19.95**

In his final hours in the Oval Office, the outgoing President grants a controversial last-minute pardon to Joel Backman, a notorious Washington power broker who has spent the last six years hidden in a federal prison. What no one knows is that the President issues the pardon only after receiving enormous pressure from the CIA. It seems that Backman, in his power broker heyday, may have obtained secrets that compromise the world's most sophisticated satellite surveillance system. Backman is quietly smuggled out of the country in a military cargo plane, given a new name, a new identity and a new home in Italy.

Eventually, after he has settled into his new life, the CIA will leak his whereabouts to the Israelis, the Russians, the Chinese and the Saudis. Then the CIA will do what they do best: sit back and watch. (American)

**Allan GUTHRIE** **Two-Way Split** **204pp Tp 29.95**


Robin Greaves is an armed robber whose professionalism is put to the test when he discovers his wife has been sleeping with a fellow gang member. Robin plans the ultimate revenge, but things go from bad to worse when the gang bungles a post office robbery, leaving carnage in their wake. Suddenly they are being stalked by the police, sleazy private eyes and a cold-blooded killer who may be the only one not looking for a cut of the money. (Scottish)

**Denise HAMILTON** **Last Lullaby** **368pp Tp 29.95**


Reporter Eve Diamond is sent on a suspense-charged investigation of the deadly criminal element in the city as colourful and unpredictable as Eve herself. Shadowing a customs official for a story, Eve is a witness when gunfire erupts at LAX. A beautiful Asian woman is killed and her little girl is swept away by the INS. Eve suspects the toddler is being used by smugglers who trade in human lives. With the return of her ex-lover, Eve has everything to lose as she races to protect the child from ruthless armed men. (American)

**Denise HAMILTON** **Sugar Skull** **400pp Pb 17.95**


When a distraught father breaks past security to beg for her help, *Los Angeles Times* reporter Eve Diamond can't refuse. His daughter, caught up in the rough 'squatter' lifestyle, is missing - and Eve, sensing a scoop, wants to know why a privileged teen from Pasadena would hook up with the dregs of Hollywood. When the girl is found dead, Eve suspects there is more going on than the tragic death of a rebellious youth. (American)

**David HANDLER** **The Burnt Orange Sunrise** **304pp Pb 16.95**

*A Berger & Mitry Mystery.* Everyone from Hollywood heavy-hitters and supermodels to rap music stars and high profile athletes attend a party to honour legendary film director Ada Geiger at the faux castle her husband built for her in Dorset, Connecticut. Then a snowstorm hits and the guest list starts to dwindle... (American)

**Kim HARRISON** **Every Which Way but Dead** **512pp Pb 16.95**

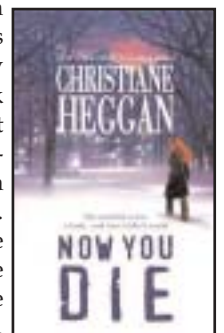
No witch in Cincinnati is tougher, sexier or more screwed up than bounty hunter Rachel Morgan, who has already put her love life and soul in dire jeopardy through her determined efforts to bring criminal night creatures to justice. Between 'runs', she has her hands full fending off the attentions of her blood-drinking partner, keeping a deadly secret from her backup and resisting a hot new vamp suitor. Rachel must also take a stand in the war raging in the city's underworld, since she helped put away its former vampire kingpin and made a deal with a powerful demon that could cost her an eternity of pain, torment and degradation. Now her dark 'master' is coming to collect his due. (American)

**Sparkle HAYTER** **Bandit Queen Boogie** **304pp Pb 24.95**

Meet Blackie and Chloe, two best friends who decide - over tequila shots at the campus bar - to spend the summer after graduation backpacking through Europe. Blackie wants to go a little crazy - drink, smoke, flirt, have a romance or two. Chloe wants to nurse her broken heart and bury her nose in a book. One is dark and boisterous, the other blond and quiet. Together, they are an irresistible combination to men - married men, to be exact. The girls upgrade their accommodation from hostels to hotels when they decide to let the men who have been wrecking their trip finance their fun instead. Accepting these cheaters' invitations to their hotel suites, Blackie and Chloe beat them at their own game and make off with cash and whatever valuables are at hand while the men sleep it off. It's the perfect crime until their latest 'victim' turns up dead... (Canadian)

**Christine HEGGAN** **Now You Die** **384pp Pb 16.95**

When cartoonist Zoe Foster stumbles across a woman's lifeless body in an alley beside her New York office, she does what any good, civic-minded citizen would do: calls 911. But when the police arrive, there's one small problem - the woman is gone. (American)



**Lesley HORTON****Devils in the Mirror****368pp Tp 29.95**

It is almost midnight on Halloween. Firefighters following up a fourth hoax call to Druids Altar, a local beauty spot high on Harden Moor, discover the body of Shayla Richards, a young black girl. The post-mortem shows she was suffocated and sexually assaulted, while photographs of her body at the crime scene suggest a ritual sacrifice. DI John Handford and DS Khalid Ali soon discover that Shayla's past is anything but straightforward. (English)

**Maddy HUNTER****Hula Done It? 310pp Pb 16.95**

*Passport to Peril Mystery #4.* For travel escort Emily Andrew and her fellow Iowans, 'aloha' means 'hello' to all the sun, surf and scrumptious cuisine that their Hawaiian cruise has to offer. But for Professor Dorian Smoker, renowned expert on the legendary Captain Cook, aloha also means 'goodbye' - as in 'man overboard'. (American)

**Serge JONCOUR****UV****219pp Pb 23.95**

When a handsome blonde stranger interrupts a family holiday to introduce himself as an old school friend of their son, Philip, there is nothing to suggest his intentions may be malign. Philip has been away on holiday in America for 18 months and is due to arrive in Brittany any day, so his family, eager to meet any friend of their son, welcome Boris with open arms. A chillingly quiet thriller with a persistent sense of tension simmering beneath the surface of a beautiful, elegant holiday among the French elite. (French)

**Stephanie KANE****Seeds of Doubt****363pp Pb 18.95**

Rachel Boyd was just a child when she was found guilty of killing her little playmate, Freddie Gant. After 30 years in reform school and adult prison, she is finally free, until another young boy is found dead in Denver - and Rachel seems to be the likely suspect. Enter criminal attorney Jackie Flowers. Convicted child killers are not her favourite clients, yet everyone deserves a good defence. (American)

**Alex KAVA****One False Move****379 Pb 18.95**

Melanie Starks and her 17-year-old son Charlie have been running one con job after another for as long as she can remember. But now she's getting sick of that life, concerned that Charlie enjoys being a thief just a bit too much. Then Jared Barnett reappears in her life, claiming he has the perfect plan for a bank robbery... (American)

**Lee Charles KELLEY****Twas the Bite before Christmas****384pp Pb 16.95**

Maine kennel owner and ex-cop Jack Field was hoping to spend a quiet evening in front of the fire with his canine pals and his sexy ladylove, state medical examiner Dr Jamie Cutter. But his plans go up in smoke when a young housemaid is found murdered in the Bright mansion a few nights before Santa's big day. Jack, Jamie and their canine cronies are soon sniffing around something that could very well come back to bite them or, even worse, take them on a doggone Christmas slay ride! (American)

**Nicholas KILMER****Lazarus, Arise 213pp Tp 32.95**

Arriving from Paris at Boston airport, Fred Taylor, agent for an eccentric art collector, unwittingly grabs a smuggled treasure flung into the air by a dying passenger. Not until much too late does Fred understand that the treasure - a medieval work of art whose subject is Lazarus - is in his hands. And now he must undertake to discover the identity of the work, as well as the identity of its smuggler and rightful owner. He must also fend off the increasingly aggressive attentions of both institutional and private collectors, not least among them his own employer. (American)

**Harley Jane KOZAK****Dating Dead Men****326pp Tp 29.00**

Los Angeles greeting-card artist Wollie Shelley is dating 40 men in 60 days as research for a radio talk show host's upcoming book, *How to Avoid Getting Dumped All the Time*. Wollie is meeting plenty of eligible bachelors but not falling in love, not until she stumbles over a dead body en route to Rio Pescado - a state-run mental hospital - and is momentarily taken hostage by a charismatic 'doctor' who is on the run from the Mob. (American)

**Rita LAKIN****Getting Old is Murder****336pp Pb 16.95**

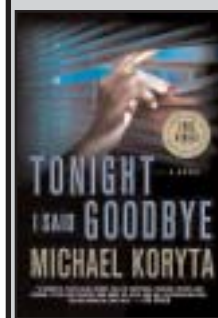
She's not Miss Marple. And her friends are no Charlie's Angels. Nevertheless, 75-year-old Gladdy Gold and her gang of eccentric Fort Lauderdale retirees are out, about and hunting down a killer - one who is silently stalking them. (American)

**Stephen LANG****An Accidental Terrorist****336pp Pb 22.95**

The very topical issues of terrorism and environmental activism act as a backdrop for this literary thriller set on the breathtakingly beautiful south coast of NSW. Through the unlikely relationship between Kelvin, a former runaway, and Jessica, a lawyer, we see the complexity of the political/ environmental debate. As the couple struggle to make sense of life-changing events and the consequences of their actions, deep in these southern forests, the story builds to a tragic climax. (Australian)

**Elmore LEONARD****The Hot Kid 312pp Tp 29.95**


Set in Oklahoma during the 1930s, the author introduces Carl Webster, one of the coolest lawmen ever to draw on a fugitive felon. At 21, Webster is on his way to becoming the most famous Deputy US Marshal in America. He has shot and killed notorious bank robber Emmet Long and is now tracking Jack Belmont, the no-good son of an oil millionaire with dreams of becoming Public Enemy #1. Writer Tony Antonelli is following the story and this one is big, full of beautiful women, tommy guns and a former lawman who believes in vigilante justice. (American)

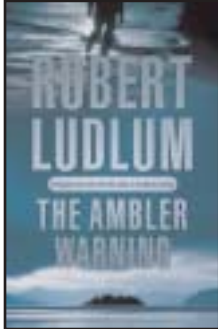
**RECOMMENDED READING****Michael KORYTA****Tonight I Said Goodbye****304pp Pb 16.95**


Investigator Wayne Weston is found dead of an apparent suicide in his home in an upscale Cleveland suburb and his wife and six-year-old daughter are missing. Weston's father insists that private investigators Lincoln Perry and Joe Pritchard take the case to exonerate his son and find his granddaughter and daughter-in-law. As they begin to work, they discover there is much more to the situation than has been described in the prevalent media reports.

There are rumours of gambling debts and extortion, and a group of Russians with ties to organised crime. Then they are warned off the investigation by a millionaire real estate tycoon and the FBI. Just when they feel they are closing in on a possible source of answers, another murder forces them to change direction in the case. When Perry travels to a resort town in South Carolina, he finds more than one game being played and the stakes become personal. A remarkable debut mystery from the winner of the 2003 *St Martin's Press / Private Eye Writers of America Prize for Best First Private Eye Novel*. With its edge-of-your-seat pacing, finely drawn characters and rock-solid prose, this seems more like the work of a grizzled pro. The fact that the author is just 21 makes it all the more amazing. (American)

**Robert LUDLUM****The Ambler Warning**

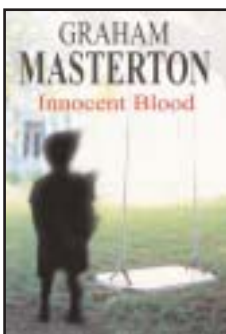
 **528pp Tp 32.95**  
On Parrish Island, a restricted island off the coast of Virginia, is a little-known and never-visited psychiatric facility. Far from prying eyes, the government stores former intelligence employees whose psychiatric state makes them a danger to their own government, people whose ramblings might endanger ongoing operations or prove dangerously inconvenient. One of these employees, former Consular Operations agent Hal Ambler, is kept heavily medicated and closely watched. But there is one crucial difference between Hal and the other patients - Hal isn't crazy. (English)

**John LUTZ****Fear the Night 479pp Pb 16.95**

 "On a warm evening in Manhattan, a sniper's bullet kills a lowly shop owner in the theatre district. It is the first of several killings in what becomes a twisted cat-and-mouse game between the Night Sniper, so-called because he only strikes after sunset, and retired New York detective Vincent Repetto in Lutz's fast-moving crime thriller. Although the beleaguered detective is straight from central casting and the sniper's motivation is hinted at, but never satisfactorily explained, Lutz skilfully brings to life the sniper's various victims." - *Publishers' Weekly* (American)


**Graham MASTERTON****Innocent Blood 281pp Tp 27.95**

 When a terrorist bomb devastates an exclusive junior school in Hollywood, killing the sons and daughters of many famous actors and producers, all hell breaks loose. Among the many dead is Danny Bell, the son of successful comedy writer Frank Bell. Responsibility for the blast is claimed by a group called Dar Tariki Tariqat, who say they want to put the decadent Western media out of business for good. But when Frank meets up with another survivor of the blast, the strange and alluring Astrid, he begins to question if this was a terrorist attack at all. (American)


**Ed McBAIN****Fiddlers**

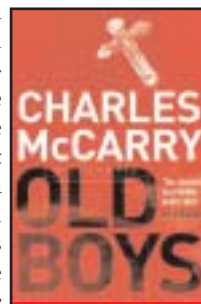
 **272pp Tp 29.95**  
*An 87th Precinct Novel.* A blind violinist taking a smoke break, a cosmetics sales rep cooking an omelette in her own kitchen, a college professor trudging home from class, a priest contemplating retirement in the rectory garden, an old woman out walking her dog - these are the seemingly random targets shot twice in the face. But most serial killers don't use guns. Most serial killers don't strike five times in two weeks. And the victims of most serial killers share something more than being over 50 years of age. Now it falls to Detective Steve Carella and his colleagues in the 87th Precinct to find out what else the victims had in common before another body is found. (American)


**Alexander McCALL SMITH****The Number One Ladies****Detective Agency Collecton**

 **4-vol Slipcase Pb 49.95**  
Wayward daughters. Missing husbands. Philandering partners. Curious comment. If you've got a problem and no one can help you, then pay a visit to Precious Ramotswe, Botswana's only - and finest - female private detective. Her methods may not be conventional and her manner may not be Miss Marple, but she's got warmth, wit and canny intuition on her side, not to mention Mr J L B Maketoni, the charming proprietor of Tlokweng Road Speedy Motors. Includes *The Number One Ladies Detective Agency*, *Tears of the Giraffe*, *Morality for Beautiful Girls* and *The Kalahari School of Typing for Men*. (Scottish)


**Charles McCARRY****Old Boys 482pp Pb 21.95**

 Paul Christopher, a crack ex-intelligence agent, has disappeared. Months later, his ashes are delivered by a Chinese official to the American consulate in Beijing. But Horace, also an ex-agent, is not convinced his cousin is dead, and decides to enlist the help of four other retired colleagues. Beginning with a photograph of a woman's hand holding a centuries-old scroll - once in the possession of the Nazis and now sought by the American government - the old boys' search takes them around the globe in their hunt for the truth. (American)


**Andy McNAB****Aggressor**

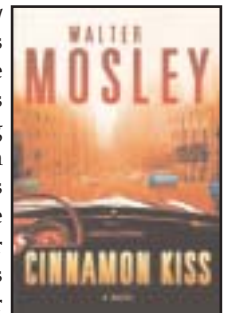
 **395pp Tp 32.95**  
Nick Stone seems to be living his dream, not a care in the world as he steers his camper van around the surfing and parachuting centres of Australia. But when he witnesses on TV the massacre of children in a terrorist siege on the other side of the world, long-suppressed memories are triggered and he finds himself catapulted once more into working for the American secret services - only this time, of his own free will. (English)


**Lynn MONTANA****Running on Empty 375pp Pb 14.95**

 "Greetings from the Road! Just a quick note to let you know I'm alive (for the moment!). I had to leave my rich beau Tyler and his sixth marriage proposal in the lurch when my ex-partner, ex-hubby Pardee (Remember him? Bounty hunter?) asked for help rescuing his kidnapped kid. Now we're running for our lives. Having an exciting time, wish you were here. Wish the bad guys weren't. Or the cops. (They're after us too. Don't ask!). Love, Josie." (American)


**Walter MOSLEY****Cinnamon Kiss 320pp Tp 29.95**

 *An Easy Rawlins Novel.* It is the Summer of Love and Easy Rawlins is contemplating robbing an armoured car. This is further outside the law than he has ever travelled, but his daughter Feather needs a medical treatment that costs far more than he can earn or borrow in time. And his friend Mouse tells him it's a cinch. Then another friend, Saul Lynx, offers a job that might solve his problem without risking jail time: track the disappearance of an eccentric prominent attorney. (American)

**Marcia MULLER****The Dangerous Hour 320pp Pb 17.95**


 *Sharon McCone Mystery #25.* When one of her investigative operatives is arrested for major credit card fraud, McCone's efforts to prove the woman's innocence are complicated by evidence that supports her guilt and points to a larger conspiracy. (American)

**Martin O'BRIEN****Jacquot and the Angel #2 544pp Tp 32.95**


 Daniel Jacquot is on the case again, this time in a Provencal village with a crime going back to the war. (English)

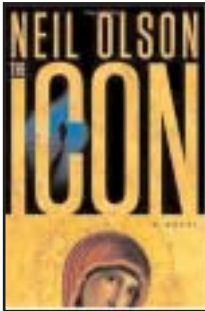



**Carol O'CONNELL**

 **Winter House** 368pp Pb 21.95  
A reclusive senior citizen kills an intruder, but there is more to the story. New York City Officer Kathleen Mallory purges a woman of her mysterious past - and the flesh-and-blood ghosts of a violent family legacy. (American)


**Neil OLSON**

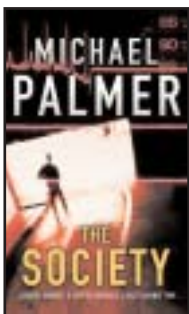
 **The Icon** 353pp Tp 32.95  
In a remote Greek village, guerrillas in the resistance are engaged in battle with the Nazis. A church burns to the ground in an act of betrayal and several people die trying to protect a religious icon hidden there. What happens that day lies shrouded in mystery until, 60 years later, the icon surfaces on the New York art market, generating keen - and possibly deadly - interest from a variety of interested parties, each wanting it for different reasons. (American)

**Sister Carol Anne O'MARIE**

 **Requiem at the Refuge** 288pp Pb 16.95  
*A Sister Mary Helen Mystery.* "How do you make God laugh? Tell Him you've got a plan." That's what Sister Mary Helen reminds herself when she sets out to start a new life as a volunteer in a women's homeless shelter. A savvy octogenarian with an adventurous streak, she is no stranger to the shady side of San Francisco's hilly streets. So when a young resident at the refuge shelter is found dead, she makes it her business to solve the murder. (American)


**Michael PALMER**

 **The Society** 483pp Pb 21.95  
The wealthy and powerful CEO of a large healthcare company is found brutally murdered. She is not the first to die, nor will she be the last. A vicious serial killer is on the loose and the victims have one thing in common: they are all high-profile executives in the managed care industry. Dr Will Grant seeks to reclaim the profession of medicine from the hundreds of companies profiting wildly by controlling the decisions that affect delivery of care. But the doctor's determination has attracted a dangerous zealot who will stop at nothing to make Will his ally. Soon Will is both a suspect and a victim, a pawn in a deadly endgame. (American)


**Julie PARSONS**

 **The Hourglass** 304pp Tp 32.95  
Beyond high iron gates fastened shut with a length of chain lies the stark, beautiful Trawbawn. Haunted by a dark, mysterious past and largely ignored by the villagers of nearby Skibbereen, lives the frail Lydia Beauchamp. But old Ma Beauchamp's private existence is interrupted when a stranger arrives, a young man called Adam who wanders into the vast grounds of Trawbawn and becomes one of Lydia's most welcome contacts with the outside world. Soon the unlikely friends are entwined in a deadly game. A pursuit born of an old lady's desire for peace mutates into a terrible, relentless need for revenge. (Irish)


**Louise PENNY**

 **Still Life** 288pp Tp 32.95  
As the early morning mist clears on a crisp Thanksgiving Sunday, the picturesque village of Three Pines slowly comes to life. To residents, it's a safe haven. No one can even remember the last time they needed a policeman. So when the body of a local woman is discovered that day, lying in the woods, the community is shocked and bewildered. (Canadian)


**Lewis PERDUE**

 **The Da Vinci Legacy** 400pp Pb 18.95  
The Da Vinci Codex is a priceless collection of Leonardo's original work, or is it? When Da Vinci scholar Vance Erikson discovers that several of the Codex's pages are forgeries, the search is on for the genuine documents, which may hold startling secrets and revelations. But Erikson is not the only one seeking the missing pages. He soon finds himself the target of a murderous conspiracy that dates back to the dawn of Christianity itself. (American)


**Robert RANDISI**

 **Cold Blooded** 354pp Pb 16.95  
NYPD Detective Sergeant Dennis McQueen has his hands full with a very bizarre case. A series of dead bodies have been found, all frozen - killed by various methods, but disposed of in the same manner. Just a coincidence, or is there a serial killer at work? (American)


**Ruth RENDELL**

 **End in Tears** 328pp Tp 32.95  
*A Chief Inspector Wexford Mystery.* A lump of concrete dropped deliberately from a little stone bridge over a relatively unfrequented road kills the wrong person. The driver behind is spared. But only for a while... (English)

**Peter ROBINSON**

 **Not Safe After Dark: And Other Works** 352pp Pb 18.95  
This collection comprises all Robinson's short crime tales, including four stories featuring Inspector Banks, a private-eye story set in Florida and a romantic mystery set in Paris. One of these stories, *Innocence*, won the *Crime Writer of Canada's Best Short Story Award*. (Canadian)

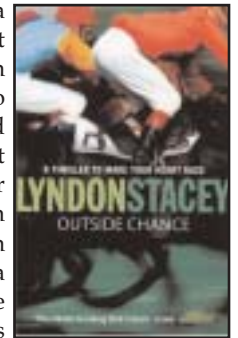
**Bernard SCHLINK & Walter POPP**


 **Self's Punishment** 293pp Pb 19.95  
*A Gerhard Self Mystery.* 68 years old, smoker of Sweet Aftons, dedicated drinker of Aviateur cocktails and owner of a charismatic cat named Turbo, Gerhard Self is an unconventional private detective. When Self is summoned by his long-time friend and rival Kortzen to investigate several incidents of computer-hacking at a chemical company, he stumbles upon something far more sinister. (German)

**Lyndon STACEY**

 **Outside Chance** 342pp Tp 32.95

Ben Copperfield is a freelance journalist who specialises in all things equine, so when he is called with the news that the hot favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup has been kidnapped just a few weeks before the race, he wastes no time in following up the story. This could be the racing scoop of a lifetime. But as the date of the Gold Cup draws ever closer, it is unclear whether the missing horse is still alive. Where could a valuable racehorse be hidden for so long? And what is the secret from the owner's past that he is keeping from the police? (British)

**Sarah STROHMEYER**

 **Bubbles a Broad #4** 288pp Pb 18.95  
A high-profile murder has landed at Bubble's pretty feet. The victim: a local steel executive. The accused: his lovely wife. The weapon: cyanide-laced fingernails. If anyone can solve a well-manicured slaying like this, it's Bubbles. And nothing's going to stop her. Not even hunky photojournalist Steve Stiletto, who vows that this time he's getting everything he wants from Bubbles. But how far is the amateur sleuth in spandex willing to go to get what she wants? (American)

**William TAPPLY****Bitch Creek** 292pp Tp 29.00

This is a steamy, perfectly crafted mystery introducing Stoney Calhoun, an unlikely hero. Stoney is a man without a past. A lightning strike obliterated his memory and, as so many might like to do, he was given a chance to completely reinvent himself. In a riveting process of revelation, he begins investigating the murder of a friend and learns, to his surprise, that he is a trained investigator. The process of discovering the murderer is also a process of self-discovery. (American)

**Margaret TRUMAN****Capital Crimes Omnibus** 994pp Tp 37.00

The compelling, intriguing stories from former first daughter and master storyteller Margaret Truman have delighted legions of fans. Now in one thrilling volume, here are three classic suspense novels in the acclaimed *Capital Crimes* series: **Murder in the Supreme Court**, **Murder in the CIA** and **Murder in the House**. (American)

**Margaret TRUMAN****Murder at Union Station** 384pp Pb 16.95

A *Capital Crimes Novel*. When Washington's splendid Union Station opened its doors in 1908, the glorious structure epitomised capital stylishness. Now restored and refurbished, the station is again a hub of activity where the world's most famous and infamous people meet - and often collide. The landmark locale becomes the scene of a sensational shooting whose consequences ricochet from seedy bars to the halls of Congress. (American)

**Minette WALTERS****The Devil's Feather** 416pp Tp 29.95

Amidst the turmoil of Sierra Leone's vicious civil war, the brutal murder of five women is of little consequence and no one questions the 'confessions' that were beaten out of three child soldiers. Except Reuters correspondent Connie Burns. She makes the hazardous decision to attempt a third unmasking of a serial killer - knowing he will come looking for her. (English)

**Marianne WESSON****Chilling Effect** 349pp Tp 25.00

A *Lucinda Hayes Mystery*. When attorney Lucinda Hayes reluctantly agrees to represent the mother of a brutally slain child, she must convince the court that the makers of a pornographic film are liable for the murder. As the case unfolds, Lucinda calls upon all her personal strength and legal talent, facing down her own ghosts, as well as the star lawyers of the powerful entertainment industry. (American)

**Kate WESTBROOK****The Moneypenny Diaries: Guardian Angel** 272pp Tp 32.95

"My heart breaks for James" - so begins the explosive, true, private diaries of Miss Jane Moneypenny, Personal Secretary to Secret Service chief M, and colleague and confidante of James Bond. From her childhood in wartime Kenya to her death in 1990, Jane Moneypenny led an extraordinary life. At the heart of British intelligence, she had a ringside seat at the political intrigues that shaped world history. However, she was not simply a bystander while James Bond saw all the action. Unbeknownst to anyone, she kept a secret diary, but it should never have been released... (English)

**Kate WILHELM****The Unbidden Truth** 448pp Pb 16.95

The large retainer offered by a client who asks for complete anonymity is not the only thing that intrigues Barbara Holloway. The defendant, Carol Fredricks, is a gifted young pianist charged with killing the manager of a piano bar. But Carol is as much of a mystery as the details of the murder for which she is accused. She can't remember anything about her life before the age of eight and she has been having haunting nightmares about a woman she can't identify. Before long, she becomes convinced that her client is innocent and is being framed by an enemy who will stop at nothing to keep the past buried. (American)

**Michael WILLIAMSON****Confirmed Kill** 384pp Pb 16.95

Army Rangers Kyle Monroe and Wade Curtis are the best at what they do: eliminating their nation's enemies from a distance with one well-placed bullet to the head. When Intelligence catches wind of a terrorist plot unfolding in the jungles of Indonesia, Monroe and Curtis are the snipers assigned to take the killers out. Failure is not an option, since al Qaeda-linked fanatics plan to blow an oil-rich province sky high, taking hundreds of innocent lives, many of them American. But when the mission goes all to hell, two crack snipers are suddenly transformed into targets caught out in the open, facing an army of terrorist murderers pouring out of the trees and with nowhere to run. (American)

**Mark WINEGARDNER****The Godfather: The Lost Years** 672pp Pb 19.95

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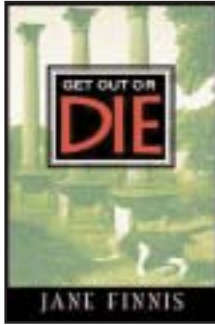
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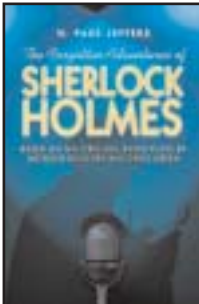


seize any chance to harass the Roman settlers who are flocking in to colonise the new province. Tension is especially high in the north, where Aurelia Marcella, a young innkeeper from Italy, runs the Oak Tree Mansio on the road to York. A string of savage murders disrupts her peaceful life and she and her Roman friends find themselves under attack from a secret native war-band, the Shadow-men, whose aim is to drive all Romans out. (English)

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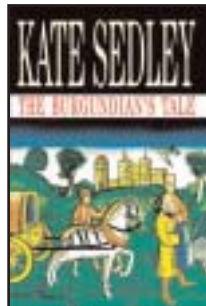
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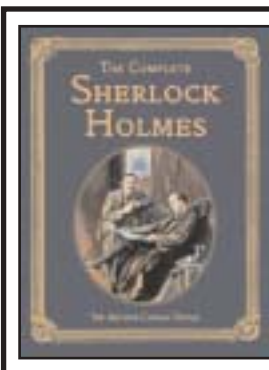
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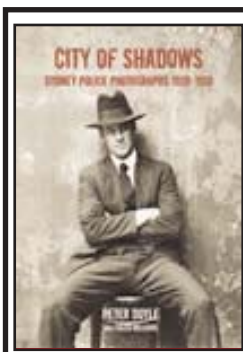
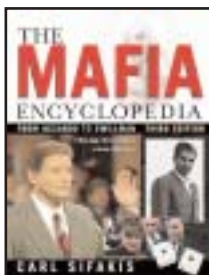
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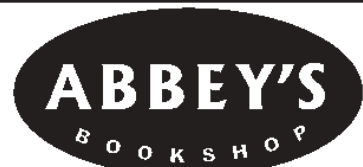
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