



ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH GOOD HUSBAND OF ZEBRA DRIVE HB 224PP \$29.95

Here it is - #8 in the No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency series. *Due Mar*

Precious Ramotswe, the ample and good-natured owner of the No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency, is experiencing staffing difficulties. Her relationship with her assistant, Mma Makutsi, is strained. But the work of the agency must continue. Mr J L B Matekoni becomes involved in the agency's work when he investigates an errant husband. But can a man investigate such matters as competently as one of the ladies? Mma Ramotswe has her doubts. One thing, though, that she does not doubt is the good nature of Mr J L B Matekoni, who stands for all that is solid and true in a shifting world.

The 7th in the series, **Blue Shoes and Happiness**, comes out in paperback in February (\$22.95). The earlier titles in the series are: #1 **The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency**, #2 **Tears of the Giraffe**, #3 **Morality for Beautiful Girls**, #4 **The Kalahari Typing School for Men**, #5 **The Full Cupboard of Life**, #6 **In the Company of Cheerful Ladies** (all Pb \$22.95).

If you've not had the pleasure of reading any of this series, I urge you to make 2007 the year to take up the adventures of Precious Ramotswe. The stories are absolutely delightful and I'm sure you won't be disappointed!





MODERN CRIME Lynn ABERCROMBIE Blind Fear

384pp Pb \$16.95 *Cold Case Thriller*. Detective Mechelle Deakes of the Atlanta Police Department Cold Case

Unit wakes up to discover she is blind. Worse, once she stumbles out of bed, she realises she is not in her own room ... His partner missing, Lt Hank Gooch looks into her most recent investigation, a case involving a young blind woman who came in to report an old, unsolved murder. Her evidence - a tape recording of a voice she got off the radio... Mechelle has the unmistakable feeling that someone is in the house with her someone she can hear breathing and moving, but won't speak a word to her. Somehow she must find a way to make a connection with her captor, if she expects to get out of the house alive. (American)



384pp Pb \$18.95 When aspiring novelist Savannah Blum is asked to write the history of the Hawthornes, a prominent New York family, it's a dream come true. But as her research exposes secrets that go back generations, a mysterious figure shadows her every move - following, watching and waiting to strike. (American) *Due Feb*

Michael ASHLEY (Ed) The Mammoth Book of Perfect Crimes and Impossible Mysteries 512pp Pb \$24.95

The delight in these stories is unravelling the puzzle and trying to work out what happened. Stories include a man alone in an all-glass phone booth, visible on CCTV... killed by an ice pick; a man sitting alone in a room shot



by a bullet that was fired only once...over 200 years ago; and a man entering a cablecar carriage alone and visible the entire journey... found dead when he reaches the bottom. This anthology includes several new stories not previously published, plus a range of extremely rare stories, many not reprinted since their first appearance. (English)

Lori AVOCATO

Nip Tuck Dead 304pp Pb \$16.95 *Pauline Sokol #5.* Ex-nurse-turnedinsurance fraud investigator Pauline Sokol is willing to risk anything to put a bad doc out of business, even her best friend Goldie's near-perfect proboscis! And if she's not careful, she'll be the next one who goes under the knife. (American) Donna BALL

Rapid Fire 240pp Pb \$16.95 *Raine Stockton Dog Mystery* #2. What with her kennel business and her part-time job with the forest service, Raine Stockton is having a hectic summer. Then the FBI drop in to see her about her old flame Andy Fontana, who disappeared from her life when he was connected with an act of sabotage that left several people dead. Now he's an eco-terrorist on the Ten Most Wanted list and the feds think Raine can help them reel him in. (American)

Jefferson BASS

Carved in Bone 343pp Pb \$18.95 There is a patch of ground in Tennessee dedicated to the science of death, where human remains lie exposed to be studied for their secrets. The real-life scientist who founded the Body Farm, broke cold cases and revolutionised forensics now spins an astonishing tale inspired by his own experiences. (American)

M C BEATON Death of a Dreamer



eath of a Dreamer 288pp Pb \$16.95

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Hamish Macbeth Mystery. Hamish is on the trail of a killer with a penchant for poison in this novel of murder in the Scottish Highlands. When Effie Garrand is found poisoned by hemlock, it's up to him to find her killer before more nightmares unfold. (American)

Steve BERRY

384pp Tp \$32.95 *Cotton Malone #2.* A heart-stopping adventure that places Malone and his family in grave peril and puts him faceto-face with a baffling truth long ago pulled from the shelves of the legendary Library of Alexandria. Malone's son is kidnapped and his bookshop attacked, all because he's the only man alive who knows the whereabouts of the Alexandria link, the conduit for locating the missing library. (American) *Due Feb*

Jonathan BLAINE

Unwound 320pp Pb \$18.95 There, on the edge of the crowd, he always sees her. She not only looks like Angel, she embodies the desperate creature he created. Everywhere Peter goes, she goes, obsessed with everything about him. What could she possibly want? Soon, curiosity will get the best of him. So will the girl with the haunted eyes. Because what she's really after is something that will explode Peter's world. (American)

Victoria BLAKE

Skin and Blister 320pp Tp \$32.95 When a student is found dead in his rooms at St Barnabas College, Oxford, it looks nothing more than an unfortunate suicide. A week later, when Sam Falconer's brother disappears, Sam begins to see a disturbing connection between the events. Sam begins desperately trying to trace her brother's last movements, and behind it all is the nagging fear it could be connected to her father and the murders he committed in Northern Ireland in the 70s. As the trail leads from Oxford to Iraq and back to the troubles in Ireland, Sam learns just how strong blood ties can be. (English) Due Feb

James BORN

Escape Clause

336pp Pb \$18.95

Florida Department of Law Enforcement agent Bill Tasker's boss sends him to investigate an inmate homicide at Manatee Correctional Prison where, it turns out, a whole lot is going on. The psych ward misplaces mental patients, the prison inspector carries a number of secrets, and something very bad is about to happen. (American) *Due Mar*

CRIME CHRONICLE

Sam BOURNE 🔆 The Righteous Men 576pp Pb \$20.00 ϵ

A high-concept serial killer thriller combined with religious conspiracy theory. There is a series of killings in every corner of the globe, from the crowded slums of India to the pristine beaches of Cape Town. There can't possibly be a connection, can there? That's the hunch of Will Monroe, a British-born reporter for The New York Times. Then his beautiful wife Beth is kidnapped. (English) Due Feb

Rhys BOWEN

Oh Danny Boy 336pp Pb \$16.95 35 Molly Murphy Mystery #5. While immigrant Molly Irish Murphy contemplates giving up PI work in New York to move west, she is determined to avoid the handsome but deceiving NYPD captain Daniel Sullivan. That is, until Daniel is accused of accepting bribes and lands himself in the Tombs, the notorious city jail. When Daniel asks Molly to help prove he was framed, she finds herself drawn into the case and to the case of a serial killer who has already murdered five prostitutes. (American) Due Mar

Rita Mae BROWN

Sour Puss 272pp Pb \$16.95 Mrs Murphy Mystery. In this latest whodunit, Rita Mae Brown and her feline partner-in-crime-detection, Sneaky Pie Brown, return to the scene of their bestselling crimes - picturesque Crozet, Virginia. Love is in the air as spring comes to the small town, but no sooner has Mary Minor "Harry" Haristeen remarried than she is rudely interrupted-by murder. And no sooner does the trouble start than curious cats Mrs Murphy and Pewter, along with corgi Tee Tucker, sink their claws into the case... But how can they show the humans what they've learned? And how can they - or anyone - stop the killing? (American) Due Mar

Ken BRUEN

🔆 The Dramatist 256pp Tp \$29.00 Seems impossible, but Jack Taylor is sober - off booze, pills, powder and nearly off cigarettes. But his dealer is in jail, which leaves Jack without a source. When that dealer calls him to Dublin and asks a favour in the soiled, sordid visiting room of Mountjoy Prison, Jack wants to tell him to take a flying leap. But he can't, because the man's sister is dead and the guards have called it "death by misadventure". But he says that can't be true and begs Jack to have a look around and see what he can find. Jack has a bad feeling growing in his gut, but agrees to the favour, though he can't possibly know the shocking, deadly consequences to which this simple request will lead. But Jack will understand sooner than he knows, in this dark, lethal, fast and furious novel from the new master of crime fiction. (Irish) Due Mar

Jonathan BUCKLEY So He Takes the Dog 600 336pp Tp \$33.00

Buckley, in his best novel yet, unpicks the emotional subtleties, fears, prejudices and desires of the inhabitants of a town somewhere on the south coast of England in the aftermath of a brutal murder. A dog, out for a walk on the beach, returns to its owner with a human hand in its mouth. The hand belongs to Henry, the homeless eccentric who has wandered the south-west for the last 30 years, most recently living rough in the town. The local policeman and his accomplice, in piecing together his movements prior to his death, talking to those who knew and watched him, uncover an extraordinary life. But their investigations tellingly shed light on the town itself. The story of Henry and those who tell it begins to affect the narrator-policeman's own life in ways he never expected. (British)

Richard BURKE

Redemption 352pp Pb \$19.95 Matthew's wife Charlotte is kidnapped. There are no demands made for her release, just a threat that if he calls the police, she will lose the baby she is carrying, then Matthew will lose her. Matthew is paralysed, haunted by the gloating phone calls of her captor. A prison governor, he obviously feels the abduction is related to his job. Unable to talk to anyone in authority, he resorts to the only help he can find - Monk, an exprisoner who appears to have gone straight since his release, but still has underworld contacts. (English) Due Feb

Dana CAMERON et al

Sugarplums and Scandal 336pp Pb \$17.00

This brings together the best of romance and mystery in one delightful collection of Christmas tales. In the expert hands of six of the genre's best storytellers, each author brings their own voice and characters to the collection. (American) Due Feb

Massimo CARLOTTO The Master of Knots

192pp Pb \$19.95

Alligator #2. Alligator - former blues singer, ex-convict, now private detective finds himself pulled into a dark, unsettling case that uncovers an Italy known to very few. When Helena Giraldi is abducted, her husband approaches Alligator and his friends for help. Helena and Mariano lead a secret double life involving Italy's clandestine S&M scene. But Mariano seems more worried about his job and reputation than about seeing his wife again. As Alligator begins to investigate, he uncovers a secretive and dangerous world in which brutality, duplicity and passion go hand in hand. (Italian) Due Feb

Avon CASEY The Chick and the Dead

336pp Pb \$16.95

Pepper had a comfortable lifestyle until her doctor father was sent away to prison for Medicare fraud. Needing to pay bills, she took a job as a tour guide at the Garden View Cemetery. While leading a tour, she tripped and hit her head on the marble steps of a mausoleum. Now she can see and talk with the dead as she did with Mafia Gus, whose murder she solved. Now she sees the ghost of Didi Bowman, who died in the 1950s and claims she wrote a bestseller that her sister took credit for authoring. Didi wants Pepper to prove that she wrote the book so her grand-daughter in foster care will get the royalties and have a chance for a good life. But Pepper doesn't realise that a killer is watching her every move... (American) Due Mar

Kate CHARLES & Evil Intent

Life in the clergy is quiet, respectful, peaceful, or so Callie Anson believes when she begins her new job as curate at All Saints' Church in Paddington. Little does she realize how wrong she



could be. When Father Adimola is found strangled to death and Callie's friend, Frances, is suspected of the crime, Callie must call upon her faith to steer her through the troubling and violent times and help prove her friend's innocence. And it's not long before the ecclesiastical facade is chipped away to reveal the ugly truth of hidden secrets. (English) Due Feb

Laura CHILDS

Blood Orange Brewing

304pp Pb \$16.95 Tea Shop Mystery #7. Social darling Delaine Dish is throwing a lavish Candlelight Concert to raise funds to restore a run- down Victorian home - and Theodosia Browning is more than happy to help out with tea and tasty treats from the Indigo Tea Shop. Unfortunately, the unveiling of Theo's opulent spread proves to be far from grand after retired CEO and beloved politico Duke Wilkes falls to the floor with a jagged piece of metal protruding from his neck. When the Widow Wilkes begs Theo to apply her sleuthing skills, she can't refuse. But her investigation opens up a simmering pot of shady politics and personal payback, and Theo soon finds herself in a situation stickier than any jam she's ever served. (American) Due Mar

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Barbara COLLEY Married to the Mop 288pp Pb \$16.95

Charlotte LaRue #4. As owner of Maid for a *Day*, Charlotte LaRue is cleaning up New Orleans house by house. When it comes to hired help, she's the best there is especially if murder runs in the family as Charlotte answers a desperate plea the weekend before Mardi Gras. (American)

Kate COLLINS

Acts of Violets and the

320pp Pb \$16.95

Flower Shop Mystery #5. During the annual Pickle Fest, Abby's boyfriend Marco inexplicably disappears for a day. When he returns, he's the main suspect in the death of a clown. It seems the cops have found Snuggles pushing up waterspurting daisies - and Marco was the last person seen leaving Snuggles's house. Although Marco is still a mystery to her, Abby knows he's innocent. Now she has to find a way to prove it. (American)

Vena CORK

斄 Green Eye 352pp Tp \$32.95 Rosa Thorn is in Cambridge filming for the BBC, but there is tension in Billings College, where she is staying. Bizarre and frightening things are happening every day. Then a body is found on the night of Billings College May Ball and what follows is an incredible and shocking series of episodes that reveal the dark heart beneath the genteel facade of prosperous middle England. (English) Due Feb

Catherine COULTER

Point Blank 432pp Pb \$18.95 FBI agents Lacey Sherlock and Dillon Savich face the most dangerous case of their careers in Catherine Coulter's explosive new thriller. (American)

Patrick DAVIS

US Colonel Ed Coffin is sent to South Korea, the land of his birth, to lead the most important and grim investigation of his career: a secret U2 spy plane has crashed under highly suspicious circumstances. (American)

Jeffery DEAVER

656pp Pb \$19.95

🗶 The Cold Moon *Lincoln Rhyme* #7. It's the night of the full Cold Moon. A young man is found dead in lower Manhattan, the first in a series of victims of a man calling himself the Watchmaker. The killer's obsession with time drives him to plan



the murders with the precision of fine timepieces. The victims die prolonged deaths while an eerie clock ticks away their last minutes on earth. Lincoln Rhyme and the rest of the crew are assigned the case. (American) Due Feb

David DICKINSON Death Called to the Bar

288pp Pb \$19.95

Lord Francis Powerscourt #5. Lord Powerscourt is summoned to discreetly investigate the matter of murdered barristers. His inquiries take him into the heart of legal London, where the wills of the dead can reveal the crimes of the



living. It takes him to the heart of a troubled marriage, where lack of children imperils everything. And it takes him to Calne, a mysterious house in the country where the glorious past is boarded up and the treasures of generations hide beneath the dustsheets. (English) Due Feb

Deborah DONNELLY Bride and Doom

304pp Pb \$16.95 If anyone can make a bride happy, it's wedding planner Carnegie Kincaid. There's only one problem - this time she's the planner and the bride. With baseball, bimbos and one explosive secret threatening her safety, this wedding planner needs a new plan, or the bride could be next to die. (American)

Robert DUGONI

The Jury Master

496pp Pb \$18.95 David Sloane is the best 'wrongful death' attorney in San Francisco. He is a lawyer who can make juries do anything, but he is plagued by a nightmare of a childhood that he cannot consciously remember. When he receives a package from a White House confidant, who then turns up dead by apparent suicide, the contents reveal a history he never could have imagined. (American)

Carola DUNN

Fall of a Philanderer E 37

352pp Pb \$16.95 Daisy Dalrymple #14. Daisy Dalrymple Fletcher's long-awaited seaside vacation with her husband, Detective Chief Inspector Alex Fletcher, is interrupted by the discovery of the broken body of the philandering local innkeeper. (English)

Barry EISLER 👑 Choke Point 🐌 (US title: Rain Storm, 2004)

480pp Pb \$19.95

John Rain #3. Government assassin John Rain is a man trying to leave his violent past behind. The CIA, however, persuade him to take on a high-risk assignment to terminate a man who deserves to die. But before he can even get close, Rain will have to draw on his formidable talents just to survive. He's not the only killer closing in on the target. And the entire mission could be a cover for an elaborate setup. (American)

Kate ELLIS The Bone Garden (2001) 30

320pp Pb \$19.95 Wesley Peterson #5. The ancient gardens of Earlsacre Hall are being excavated, but the dig is called to a halt when two bodies are discovered under a stone plinth. Over 300 years old, there is every indication that one of the corpses had been buried alive. But DS Wesley Peterson has little time to indulge in his hobby for archaeology for he has a rather more recent murder case to solve. (English) Due

Feb Kate ELLIS

The Marriage Hearse The

320pp Pb \$19.95

Wesley Peterson #10. When Kirsten Harbourn is found strangled and naked on her wedding day, DI Wesley Peterson makes some alarming discoveries. Kirsten was being pursued by an obsessed stalker and she had dark secrets her doting fiancé knew nothing about. But Kirsten's wasn't the only wedding planned to take place that July day in South Devon. A few days later, a bridegroom is found dead in a seedy seaside hotel. (English)

Janet EVANOVICH

Plum Lovin' 208pp Pb \$19.95 A Stephanie Plum 'Between the Numbers' Novel. Annie Hart is a 'relationship expert' who is wanted for armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. Stephanie Plum needs to find her, fast. Diesel knows where she is. So they make a deal: he will help her get Annie, if Stephanie plays matchmaker to several of Annie's most difficult clients. But someone wants to find Annie even more than Diesel and Stephanie. Someone with a nasty temper and 'unmentionable' skills. (American) Due Feb

Liz EVANS

Cue the Easter Bunny 336pp Pb \$19.95

Grace Smith #6. Easter is approaching, the weather is surprisingly mild and Vetch's Investigations is buzzing with clients which is making Grace Smith feel particularly depressed because she's the only one 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. So when a woman named Della comes calling and informs Grace that her son is receiving threatening letters and she wants someone to trace the sender, Grace accepts with alacrity. She lives - only just - to regret it most bitterly. (English) Due Feb



Jon EVANS

▶ Invisible Armies 384pp Pb \$19.95 ■ Danielle Leaf thought she was performing an innocent errand. Then she was kidnapped and imprisoned, a victim of the ongoing war between anticorporate activists and the Kishkinda titanium mine that poisons thousands of poverty-stricken farmers in rural India. Her daring escape is only the beginning... (Canadian) *Due Feb*

Nancy FAIRBANKS

French Fried 304pp Pb \$16.95 Culinary Mystery with Recipes #10. Carolyn Blue and her husband Jason are in Paris for his lecture tour and she plans to enjoy the city's culinary delights. But delight turns deadly when a poisonous recipe appears on the local menus. (American)

Joy FIELDING

Mad River Road 5

After spending a year in prison, Ralph Fisher has plans for his first night of freedom: tonight, someone will be held accountable. He goes to murderous lengths to obtain the address of his former wife, the woman he blames for his fate and against whom he



has sworn vengeance. His next step is to travel from Florida's sandy beaches to Dayton, Ohio, where his ex-wife is struggling to make ends meet on Mad River Road. (American)

Gillian FLYNN

*** Sharp Objects** 272pp Tp \$32.95 When two girls, aged 9 and 10, are abducted and killed in Wind Gap, Missouri, Camille Preaker is sent back to her home town to investigate and report on the crimes. Self-described "white trash from old money", Camille is the daughter of one of the richest families in town. Long-haunted by a childhood tragedy and estranged from her mother for years, she suddenly finds herself installed again in her family's Victorian mansion, reacquainting herself with her distant mother and the half-sister she barely knows, a precocious 13-year-old who holds a disquieting grip on the town and surrounds herself with a group of vampish girls. As Camille struggles to remain detached from the evidence, her relationship with her neurotic, hypochondriac mother threatens to topple her hard-won mental stability. Working alongside the police chief and a special agent from out of town, she tries to uncover the mystery of who killed these little girls and why. (American)

Paul FOSTER Discordant Vices

413pp Pb \$22.95 Set in Australia, this violent and disturbing crime story deals with rape, murder, corruption and the underworld. It tells the story of Fred Jenkins, a psychopath who believes he has been having sex with his mother since he was 12. She is now in hospital dying of cancer, and his guilt and self-loathing, combined with his inability to attract a girlfriend, set him on a quest to exact revenge on the women he believes have slighted him. The graphic accounts of torture and violence make this a novel that will appeal to fans of violent crime stories. (Australian)

Nicci FRENCH

Losing You 320pp Pb \$19.95 Nina Landry is supposed to be taking her two children on a Christmas holiday, but the road away from Sandling Island seems littered with obstacles. Most pressing of all, her 15-year-old daughter Charlie has yet to return from a night out. Minute by minute, Nina's unease builds to worry, then panic. Has Charlie run away? Or has something more sinister happened? And why won't nobody take her disappearance seriously? (American) *Due Feb*

Stephen FREY

The Power Broker

416pp Pb \$18.95 Exposing high-level governmental corruption, conspiracy, and murder has garnered plenty of attention for Christian Gillette, the young dynamo chairman of the famous New York private equity firm Everest Capital. Now the reputation that he built taking Everest to the top has been noticed beyond the boardrooms of high finance by powerful people with potentially devastating agendas. (American) David FULMER

Rampart Street

352pp Tp \$29.95

Rampart Street

Valentin St Cyr #3. Just returned to New Orleans and only recently having solved the case of the jass murders, Creole detective St Cyr is reluctantly drawn into the investigation of a new murder - that of a well-to-do



Francis FYFIELD Let's Dance (1995)

288pp Pb \$22.95

Isabel Burley returns to her childhood home to look after her mother who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease. There she finds a bemused, angry, charming old woman, prey to the threats of failing memory, the inability to run her own home - and the local villains who are eyeing her isolated home. As the villains inexorably move in, Isabel finds herself struggling with another threat from within. (English) *Due Feb*

Joseph GANNASCOLI

272pp Pb \$14.95

Benny Lacoco is a 'food fence'. If a load of frozen shrimp falls off a truck or a few cases of olive oil come into your possession, Benny is the guy to move it for you, no questions asked. He's a gourmet cook who has been summoned to cook a special meal for some of his associates on the occasion of the big man being sent up the river. This gives Benny the chance to prepare the meal of his life. (American) *Due Feb*

Lisa GARDNER

320pp Tp \$32.95

At the Boston State Mental Hospital, a multiple grave is discovered - six young girls left to die in an underground chamber decades ago, while their captor looked on. When her original name appears in the paper, wrongly identifying her as one of the dead girls, Annabelle finally understands her transitory upbringing. This was the work of the monster her father fled from. But the killer is still on the loose. (American) *Due Feb*

David GIBBINS

🔆 Crusader Gold

The elusive Crusader Gold: the greatest prize missing from the final bloody conflict Crusades. of the Nobody knows where it is now. Some think it survived and is concealed in the Vatican. Some think

it took an altogether more extraordinary turn, at the beginning of history itself. Jack Howard is the only man who can find out, but the clock is ticking. (English) *Due Feb*

Christine GOFF Death Shoots a Birdie 224pp P

224pp Pb \$16.95

When renowned birder Guy Sazby's protégé is killed and he becomes the prime suspect, Rachel Wilder wonders if, like the painted bunting, Saxby really did kill another male who was encroaching upon his turf. (American) *Due Mar*

ABBEY'S BOOKSHOP



480pp Pb \$19.95



Martha GRIMES

Old Wine Shades 416pp Pb \$22.95 Richard Jury Mystery #19. Over three successive nights, stranger Harry Johnson sits in the London pub The Old Wine Shades and tells a story to Scotland Yard Superintendent Richard Jury about a good friend of his whose wife and son (and dog) disappeared one day in Surrey. They've been missing for nine months no trace, no clue, no lead. Except the dog came back. When Jury investigates, all seems to be just as Harry described it,

until they find the body... (American)

Charlaine HARRIS

No.

Last Scene Alive (2002) 256pp Pb \$16.95

Aurora Teagarden #7. Aurora has never forgotten her first case: a serial killer who terrorised suburban Lawrencetown. Now that story is about to hit the small screen. Even if she wanted to, Aurora can't help getting involved. Her ex, Robin, wrote the TV movie's screenplay and her stepson, Barrett, has a starring role. Then there's Celia - the catty actress portraying Roe who also happens to be Robin's latest squeeze. But when Celia is murdered and Barrett is accused, the real-life script takes a deadly turn.

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Shakespeare's Champion 224pp Pb \$16.95

Lily Barc Mystery. When Lily stumbles upon the well-built corpse of a local body builder - his neck broken by a barbell - the town's underlying racial tension begins to boil over. The white victim was somehow connected to two unsolved murders of black residents of Shakespeare - and a dogged policeman is determined to stop the killing.

Sweet and Deadly

200 304pp Pb \$18.95 Catherine Linton has returned to her hometown of Lowfield, Mississippi, unconvinced that the death of her parents in a car crash six months earlier was an accident. And her suspicions are confirmed when she stumbles upon the dead and beaten body of her doctorfather's long-time nurse. There are secrets being kept in Lowfield. And the town where Catherine grew up may be the same place where she is sent to her grave... (American) Due Mar

Joan HESS

Malpractice in Maggody 384pp Pb \$16.95

Arly Hanks #15. When the beautiful young receptionist found drowned in the garden pool is identified as a local girl from nearby Farberville, it's clear the case may not only involve the suspicious characters who have recently moved to town, but also some of the citizens of Maggody, who may have a secret or two to hide themselves. (American)

David HEWSON The Lizard's Bite

474pp Pb \$19.95 Nic Costa #4. Things are looking up for Costa and Peroni - their humiliating exile in Venice is nearly at an end. So when they are ordered to investigate an apparently open-and-shut case, a fire in a glass foundry that has claimed two lives, all they want is to wrap it up quickly. However, as they dig more deeply into the insular glass-making region of Murano and the strange Arcangeli family, things are not so transparent. Due Feb

The Seventh Sacrament 360pp Tp \$32.95

Nic Costa #5. Back in Rome after their dramatic adventures in Venice, Costa, Peroni and Leo Falcone are rebuilding their lives. But they team up once again when faced with the sudden appearance of fresh bloodstains on a missing young boy's T-shirt in a small museum exhibit displaying supposed evidence of communication from souls in Purgatory. Soon they find themselves embroiled in a mystery involving both the ancient cult of Mithras and a sinister ossuary, the House of Bones... (English) Due Feb

Russell HILL

🗱 Robbie's Wife 256pp Pb \$16.95 Whard Case Crime. Jack Stone fled Los Angeles, a failed marriage and a failing career as a screenwriter to spend six the remote months in English countryside, hammering out the new script that would put him back on top. But what he found wasn't solitude and peace - it was temptation. Because Maggie Barlow, the wife of the man putting him up, had something irresistible about her. Something that could drive a man to kill... (American)

David HILTBRAND Dying to be Famous

224pp Pb \$16.95 McNamara Mystery. Private Iim investigator McNamara has made a name for himself hunting killers in the world of rock 'n roll. Now he's diving into TV to discover who slew a young man with a million-dollar voice. He finds something rotting beneath the glitz and excitement of America's hottest on-screen obsession. (American) Due Feb



Lesley HORTON

Hollow Core 304pp Tp \$32.95 Detective Inspector Handford #4. Behind closed doors, every family has its secrets. The Ingleby family must look to theirs, when Diane Ingleby is shot after a family outing. DI John Handford and DS Kahlid Ali are called in to investigate and it soon emerges that Diane's husband is widely suspected to be the money behind the local branch of the far-right British National Party. He's been on the receiving end of threats before and it seems his wife might have been caught in the middle. (English) Due Feb

Declan HUGHES

The Wrong Kind of Blood 352pp Pb \$18.95

Ed Loy hasn't been back to Dublin for 20 years, but now his mother is dead so he returns home to bury her. He soon realises that the world waiting for him is very different from the one he left behind. "Tommy said you found people who were missing" says Linda Dawson on the evening of his mother's funeral. Linda's husband has disappeared. She doesn't want the police involved. Reluctantly, Loy agrees to investigate. And suddenly, among the Georgian houses, Victorian castles and modern villas of Castlehill, Loy finds himself thrown into a world of organised crime, long-hidden secrets, corruption, violence and murder. (Irish) Due Mar

Alexa HUNT

Corrupts Absolutely

352pp Pb \$16.95

An action-packed thriller about the *next* war on terror... First came 'the Slaughter'. The Colombian drug cartel launched a massive attack on American soil, assassinating thousands of federal judges and law enforcement officers in an attempt to stop the crackdown on drugs. Then came public outrage: Congress created a new, super-secret agency, the Bureau of Illegal Substance Control (BISC), whose operatives short-circuit due process, acting as judge, jury and executioner for drug traffickers. When she loses her kid brother to a drug OD, Leah Berglund is recruited by BISC, becoming one of their finest agents and a skilful assassin. For every guilty verdict, she has a perfect kill record. Then she is assigned to a special case. (American) Due Mar

Robert ISLEIB

Endly Advice 272pp Pb \$16.95 OAdvice Column Mystery. As a clinical psychologist and author of an online advice column, Dr Rebecca Butterman is supposed to help people resolve their internal conflicts, not stir up her own. But when her next door neighbour allegedly commits suicide, Rebecca's investigative instincts make it hard to maintain appropriate boundaries. (American) Due Mar

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Bill JAMES 🔆 Girls

224pp Hb \$44.95 For years Ralph Ember and Mansel

Shale have run profitable drugs empires in peaceful cooperation with each other. But this happy arrangement is threatened by foreign dealers moving in and offering punters not just drugs, but exploited girls from Eastern Europe. And bloody gang warfare looms as a scrabble for territory ensues. (English) Due Feb

Joseph KANON 🌺 The Good German (2001) 0

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