

# CRIME CHRONICLE

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## 2007: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Our bestselling crime novel in any category this year was Peter Temple's **Broken Shore**. Although published in 2006, this won the CWA Duncan Lawrie Dagger for Best Crime Novel and subsequently got rave reviews on the Tuesday Book Club in the UK, giving it a new lease of life. Kerry Greenwood came in a creditable second with **Trick or Treat**, while Ian Rankin took out third spot with **Exit Music**.

### TOP 10 AUSTRALIAN CRIME

1. Peter Temple: **Broken Shore** Pb \$22.95
2. Kerry Greenwood: **Trick or Treat** (Corinna Chapman #4) Pb \$19.95
3. Peter Corris: **Appeal Denied** (Cliff Hardy #30) Pb \$19.95
4. Shane Maloney: **Sucked In** Tp \$32.95
5. Kerry Greenwood: **Question of Death** (Illust Phryne Fisher) Pb \$26.95
6. Peter Corris: **Undertow** (Cliff Hardy #29) Pb \$19.95
7. Leigh Redhead: **Rubdown** Pb \$12.95
8. Peter Temple: **Shooting Star** Tp \$32.95
9. Leigh Redhead: **Cherry Pie** Pb \$19.95
10. Kathryn Fox: **Skin and Bone** Tp \$32.95

### TOP 10 MODERN CRIME

1. Ian Rankin: **Exit Music** (Rebus #17) Tp \$32.95
2. Donna Leon: **Suffer the Little Children** (#16) Tp \$32.95
3. Alexander McCall Smith: **Good Husband of Zebra Drive** (#8) Hb \$29.95
4. Martha Grimes: **Old Wine Shades** (Richard Jury #20) Pb \$19.95
5. Alexander McCall Smith: **Blue Shoes and Happiness** (#7) Pb \$22.95
6. Reginald Hill: **Death of Dalziel** (#21) Tp \$33.00
7. Andrea Camilleri: **Patience of the Spider** (#11) Tp \$32.95
8. Ruth Rendell: **Not in the Flesh** Tp \$32.95
9. Martha Grimes: **Dust** (#21) Pb \$19.95
10. Lilian Jackson Braun: **Cat Who Had Sixty Whiskers** (#29) Pb \$19.95

### TOP 10 HISTORICAL CRIME

1. Elizabeth Peters: **Tomb of the Golden Bird** (#18) Pb \$19.95
2. Lindsey Davis: **Saturnalia** (#18) Tp \$32.95
3. Peter Tremayne: **Prayer for the Damned** (#17) Pb \$19.95
4. Bernard Knight: **Noble Outlaw** (#11) Pb \$19.95
5. Margaret Frazer: **Sempster's Tale** (#15) Pb \$15.95
6. Carrie Bebris: **North by Northanger** (#2) Pb \$15.95
7. Rosemary Rowe: **Coin for the Ferryman** (#9) Pb \$19.95
8. Michael Jecks: **Malice of Unnatural Death** (#22) Pb \$19.95
9. David Wishart: **In at the Death** (#10) Pb \$19.95
10. Boris Akunin: **Special Assignments** (#5) Tp \$29.95

I'll provide Top 10 bestsellers for Audio, Non-Fiction and Anthologies next month.

- Peter

## ABBEY'S TURNS 40 A Continuing Retrospective



After some years of offering checklists of individual authors for our customers, I decided to start a newsletter entitled *Crime Chronicle*. The first issue came out in August 1984 on one double-sided foolscap page.

Titles listed included: Gladys Mitchell: **Saltmarsh Murders**, John Buchan: **Courts of Morning**, Adrian Alington: **Amazing Test Match Crime**, Manuel Vazquez Montalban: **Murder in the Central Committee**, Josephine Bell: **A Question of Inheritance**, Mark Hebdon: **Pel and the Bombers**, Hilda Lawrence: **Blood Upon the Snow**, S S Van Dine: **Benson Murder Case**, Bishop Murder Case and **Greene Murder Case**, Mignon Eberhart: **Another Man's Murder**, Nicolas Freeling: **Arlette**, Joseph Hansen: **Gravedigger** and Ross MacDonald: **The Doomsters** Tp \$25.95. There was also an announcement that Umberto Eco's **The Name of the Rose** (Pb \$24.95) was due out in paperback soon (at the price of \$7.95!).

The success of the *Crime Chronicle* and our mailing list was helped along enormously when Professor Stephen Knight, then crime reviewer for the *Sydney Morning Herald*, gave the newsletter a mention in his column. Now, 24 years (and many thousands of books) later, we're up to issue #265!



Stephen Knight (right) with Peter Corris at the launch of a Chatto series of classic crime at our store at 66 King Street.



**MODERN CRIME****Jeff ABBOTT****Run 416pp Tp \$33.00**

One balmy Texas evening, widowed financier Ben Fosberg answers the door to two Homeland Security agents. From the minute he lets them in, his life spirals out of control. A businessman has been killed in a hit gone wrong and Ben's card is in the dead hitman's pocket. The agents have a thousand questions for which he has no answers, but the evidence is still piling up against him when a mysterious stranger, known as Pilgrim, snatches him away from the agents and sets them both on a dangerous journey. *Due Feb* (American)

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(SLIGHTLY LARGER)****HB = HARDBACK**

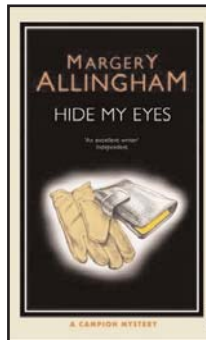
AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

**Megan ABBOTT****This Song is You 256pp Tp \$27.95**

On 7 October, 1949, dark-haired starlet Jean Spangler kissed her five-year-old daughter good-bye and left for a night shoot at a Hollywood studio. "Wish me luck," she said as she crossed her fingers, winked, and walked away. She was never seen again. Drawing on this true-life missing person case, Abbott tells the story of Gil "Hop" Hopkins, a smooth-talking Hollywood publicist whose career, despite his complicated personal life, is on the rise. Two years after Jean Spangler's disappearance Hop finds himself unwillingly drawn into the still unsolved mystery by a friend of Jean who blames Hop for concealing details about Jean's whereabouts the night she vanished. *Due Feb* (American)

**Margery ALLINGHAM****Hide My Eyes  
(aka Tether's End) (1958)****224pp Pb \$23.95**

A quiet, ruthless killer strikes in London's theatre-land. Superintendent Luke thinks he has seen the pattern before. Mr Campion wonders what became of the old couple in the country bus who must have witnessed the crime.



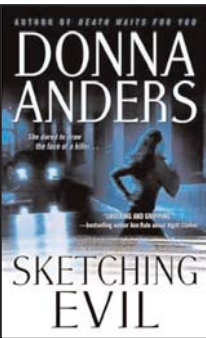
The trail leads to an eccentric museum in west London, and to a scrap yard in the East End. *Due Feb* (English)

**The China Governess (1962)****256pp Pb \$23.95**

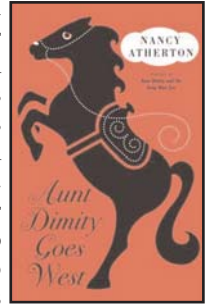
Violence, deception and death bedevil the post-war housing estate that has grown from the ashes of the notorious Turk Street Mile, and the shadow of a long-forgotten murder hangs over it all - until Luke and Campion are finally able to dispel the darkness. *Due Feb* (English)

**Donna ANDERS****Sketching Evil 389pp Pb \$18.95**

When an attempted rape in her city apartment leaves artist Abby Carter deeply shaken, she flees to the beautiful Victorian house she recently inherited in a tiny town on the upper Hudson River. But while rumours of ghosts from generations past and an unsolved murder are unsettling, handsome local homicide detective Bud Williams investigates a brand-new rash of violent crime. *Due Feb* (American)

**Nancy ATHERTON****Aunt Dimity Goes West****304pp Pb \$15.95**

#12. Lori Sheppard barely survived her last adventure in Scotland before she's off on her next. This time in the mountain town of Bluebird, Colorado. No sooner than she's arrived do things start to go amiss. Someone has mysteriously disappeared, a charming and charismatic man seems to know more than he's letting on, and the whole town is hiding a dark secret. With Aunt Dimity's help, Lori sets out to solve a 100-year-old mystery and discovers in the process that sometimes the strangest places can seem the most like home. *Due Feb* (American)

**Sandi AULT****Wild Indigo 304pp Pb \$13.95**

*Jamaica Wild Mystery.* Bureau of Land Management Agent Jamaica Wild has witnessed the death of a Tanoah Pueblo man who was trampled by buffalo. After the tribal government and local paper make allegations that Jamaica caused the stampede, she is determined to solve this mystery. But what is revealed is a greater secret regarding Tanoah Pueblo, one that threatens its future and its past. *Due Feb* (American)

**Martin BAKER****Meltdown 400pp Tp \$32.95**

Samuel Spendlove, one of the brightest young academics at Oxford, has given it all up to work undercover for William Barton, owner of a massive media empire. His reasons are complicated, but he's finding he gets a thrill out of working for Khan, the legendary market trader, working out of the Paris office of Ropner's Bank, whose dealings have been known to bring nations to their knees. Barton wants information about Khan. Spendlove enjoys both sides of this game, until it all unravels and he finds himself simultaneously accused of almost bringing down the global economy... *Due Feb* (English)

**Ingrid BLACK****Judas Heart 432pp Pb \$19.95**

Marsha Reed was just another aspiring young actress trying to make it in Dublin. But now, she's found fame for all the wrong reasons - as victim of a brutal murder, her body left tied to her bed. With former FBI agent Saxon now living in Dublin, the murder squad has the perfect expert to call on, particularly when it turns out Saxon once knew the victim. However, Saxon is already in the middle of another, more personal, mission - to track down her ex-colleague, Agent Leon Kaminski, who bizarrely seems to be hiding out in the streets of Dublin. *Due Feb* (Irish)





## Alice BLANCHARD

### Life Sentences



560pp Pb \$20.00

Daisy Hubbard is a genetic researcher with a mission in life - finding a cure for the rare condition that killed her brother at the age of six. But it's her schizophrenic sister, Anna, who concerns Daisy now. Anna has gone missing from her home in Los Angeles, and bloodstains have been found in her apartment. Daisy flies from Boston to meet LAPD detective Jack Makowski, and learns that a serial killer has confessed to Anna's murder... *Due Feb* (American)

## Chris BOHJALIAN

**The Double Bind** 384pp Tp \$29.95

In his new literary thriller with references to (and including characters from) *The Great Gatsby*, Bohjalian takes readers on a haunting journey through one woman's obsession with uncovering a dark secret. (American)

## James BORN

**Field of Fire** 336pp Pb \$15.95

Since returning from Bosnia, ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms) agent Alex Duarte has been re-acclimating to life in South Florida. But when a gunrunner's car explodes, Duarte's life kicks into overdrive in a high-profile hunt for a suspected serial bomber. *Due Feb* (American)

## Andrew BRITTON

**Assassin** 640pp Pb \$13.95

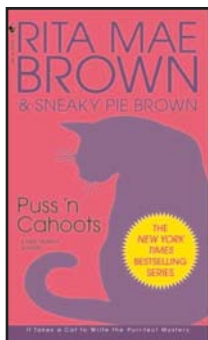
When a high-level intelligence source reveals that Iranian agents are planning to bomb the United Nations, US Intelligence begins desperate counter-measures. Only maverick CIA agent, Ryan Kealey, sees it as a smokescreen for another, far more terrifying plot. But no-one is prepared to follow his hunch. *Due Feb* (American)

## Rita Mae & Sneaky Pie BROWN

**Puss 'n Cahoots**

352pp Pb \$15.95

*Mrs Murphy Mystery.* Instead of a proper second honeymoon, the newly remarried Harry and Fair Haristeen leave cosy Crozet, Virginia, for Shelbyville, Kentucky, site of the famous saddle-bred horse show. But soon after they arrive, events veer mysteriously and murderously off course. First, Joan's ruby and sapphire horse-head heirloom pin is stolen from her private box at the fairgrounds. Then a body is found flagrantly murdered and it's obvious to Harry that someone at Shelbyville is sending a strong message: winning is only secondary, first prize is survival. *Due Feb* (American)



## Claudia Mair BURNERY



**Murder, Mayhem and a Fine Man** 320pp Tp \$25.95

*Amanda Bell Brown Mystery.* All Amanda Bell Brown wanted for her 40th birthday was to watch CSI on television, but what she got was a couple of corpses, a hunk of a detective, and a drop-dead gorgeous red dress. What's a girl to do when a cult madman is on the loose? Save the day, of course, and maybe snag a good man. *Due Feb* (American)

## Stella CAMERON

**Marked Man** 432pp Pb \$15.95

After Max Savage opens his practice in a remote bayou town, he hopes it is the start of a new life. He soon discovers he can't escape a past riddled with accusations of murder and the faces of two dead women, especially since another woman is missing, and he had been the last to see her alive. *Due Feb* (American)

## John CARBONE

**Last of the Good Guys**

320pp Pb \$23.00

All Marco wants is to be a stand-up guy; to make his way in the world without too much trouble. Right? But in 1970s New York, that's not so easy. Marco has the Mafia in his blood and at only 16 years old he hears the streets calling. So he goes into business with a few guys - dealing a little pot. Then Marco's ruthless Uncle Tony gets involved. Uncle Tony is the man Marco most looks up to, but he wants Marco and his friends to help him out. Just a little cocaine, a few more deals, and then Marco'll be set for life... *Due Feb* (American)

## Jackie CHANCE

**Hold 'em Hostage** 288pp Pb \$13.95

*Poker Mystery #3.* Poker is a game of chance and mystery. Texas Hold 'em champ Belinda 'Bee Cool' Cooley is back in Vegas for the World Series of Poker. But a sinister stranger has kidnapped Bee's goddaughter and threatened to kill her if Bee doesn't win the tournament and hand over the pot. *Due Feb* (American)

## Noah CHARNEY

**The Art Thief** 304pp Tp \$29.95

The disappearance of a priceless Caravaggio in Rome and the famous 'White on White' by Russian painter Kasimir Malevich in Paris heralds the start of a series of seemingly unconnected art crimes across Europe. Fitting the pieces together as they follow a trail of bluffs and double-bluffs, bizarre clues and intellectual puzzles, Inspector Jean-Jacques Bizot in Paris and Harry Wickenden of Scotland Yard come to realise that what at first appears a spate of random thefts is all part of a single master plan, and that they are being led ever deeper into a baffling conspiracy. *Debut. Due Feb* (English)

## Beverly CONNOR



**Dead Hunt: A Diane Fallon Forensic Investigation**

384pp Pb \$15.95

Clymene O'Riley is in prison for killing her husband - though Diane Fallon is sure she killed another, and suspects she may have left a veritable graveyard of dead men in her wake. Either way, Diane was happy to help put her behind bars. So when Clymene informs her that one of the prison guards may be in danger from a serial killer, Diane is suspicious. And when Clymene escapes from jail, Diane becomes the prime suspect in a bloody murder that puts her in the path of an angry killer who wants her dead... *Due Feb* (American)

## Robert CRAIS

**The Watchman** 384pp Pb \$20.00

A long time ago, Joe Pike asked for help. In return, he would, one day, be called upon to return the favour, no questions asked. That day has come. Joe Pike is asked to protect the life of Larkin Conner Barkley, a spoiled rich girl who happens to be a federal witness in a major case. But someone is leaking information about their whereabouts, and the killers are getting all too close. So Pike he hatches a plan - disappear into the anonymous underbelly of Los Angeles, turn the tables, and hunt down the hunters. *Due Feb* (American)

## Judith CUTLER

**The Chinese Takeout**

320pp Pb \$19.95

It's morning service in a quiet village church. Josie Welford, wealthy widow of one of the country's most wanted criminals and now licensee of the White Hart gastro-pub, is daydreaming during Father Tim Martin's sermon. Suddenly the peace is shattered when a filthy Chinese youth flings himself into the church and demands sanctuary. Should the Church accede to the request for protection that no longer has legal standing? Or should it hand Tang over to the authorities? Josie supports Tim's decision to protect Tang, but not all the congregation agree, taking their grievances to the Church hierarchy. (English)

## Mary DAHEIM

**The Alpine Scandal**

320pp Pb \$13.95

*Emma Lord Mystery #19.* Welcome to mystery lovers' favourite destination: Alpine, Washington, Mary Daheim's picturesque old logging town in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. From the Venison Inn to the Upper Crust Bakery, Front Street is jumping-and the nerve centre of the community is the office of *The Alpine Advocate*, Emma Lord's weekly newspaper, which keeps folks up to speed on everything from joyous weddings to sudden, violent death. *Due Feb* (American)



**Robert DALEY****Pictures****352pp Pb \$19.95**

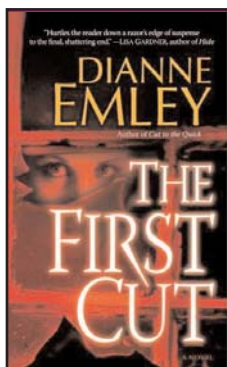
Vince Conte was a New York cop until he punched the senior officer having an affair with his wife. Forced to resign, he's bored by his work for a private security firm. Tony Murano was a tennis player dating the daughter of royalty. Then his career faltered and his girlfriend got pregnant. Now Murano is under his father-in-law's thumb, unable to find the investors he needs to become a businessman in his own right. When tabloids all over Europe publish pictures of his poolside tryst with an anonymous woman on the day his wife gave birth to the royal heir, Murano's father-in-law is all too glad to dismiss him. His young wife is heartbroken, though, and her mother decides to investigate. *Due Feb* (American)

**Robert DUGONI****Damage Control****304pp Pb \$15.95**

Attorney Dana Hill is used to managing a stressful life: she's one of the most successful lawyers at Strong & Thurmond, mother to a young daughter, wife to a busy, self-involved man. But when she is diagnosed with breast cancer, and her twin brother is beaten to death in an apparent robbery-gone-wrong in the same week, the careful balance of Dana's life is sent into flux. *Due Feb* (American)

**Dianne EMLEY****The First Cut****368pp Pb \$12.95**

For two minutes she was dead. The assailant was vicious, the attack brutal-and it left her lifeless - until her pulse fluttered and she jolted awake. Now, a year later, detective Nan Vining is still questioning her strength, her safety, even her sanity. Can she ever again be the cop, and mother, she was before? And will her attacker someday return to finish the job, before she can track him down herself? Shaky but determined, Vining rejoins the Pasadena PD, only to confront a murder case that strikes close to home. A slain policewoman has been discovered beneath the Colorado Street Bridge, her body bruised, her throat slit. *Due Feb* (American)

**Janet EVANOVICH****Plum Lucky****203pp Pb \$19.95**

Diesel makes an appearance just after Valentines Day in order to turn Stephanie's world upside down. *Due Feb* (American)

**Linda FAIRSTEIN****Killer Heat****416pp Tp \$33.00**

Success can never be guaranteed in every case Alexandra Cooper prosecutes, but for once the odds are with her; she is able to put away a serial rapist for a crime he committed over 20 years previously. Outside the courtroom another predator is at large. His first victim was a call-girl, a cat-o-nine-tails discovered near her body, and it seems as though Detectives Mike Chapman and Mercer Wallace need to look amongst her clients for the killer - but the discovery of other corpses, the modus operandi remarkably similar to the first, turns the investigation into a hunt for a random and viciously sadistic murderer. *Due Feb* (American)

**Bill FLOYD****The Killer's Wife****304pp Tp \$33.00**

Six years after her ex-husband is sentenced to death for a series of gruesome murders, Leigh Wren has almost succeeded in putting her life back together. But now her new life is in danger as the father of one of her ex-husband's victims begins to stalk her and her son, and a new killer appears, with methods which are frightening familiar. *Due Feb* (American)

**Joanne FLUKE****Key Lime Pie Murder****352pp Pb \$13.95**

Hannah Swensen #9. "Yummy... Fluke has developed a charming supporting cast - all feel like friends by the time the murder is solved. The dozens of tempting recipes Fluke includes are an added treat." - *Publisher's Weekly*. *Due Feb* (American)

**Patry FRANCIS****Liar's Diary****320pp Tp \$27.95**

Answering the question of "what is more powerful, family or friendship?" this riveting debut novel unforgettably shows how far one woman would go to protect either. *Due Feb* (American)

**Tess GERRITSEN****Thief of Hearts (1995)****360pp Tp \$29.95**

He was a gentleman bandit, she was a cat burglar. And they caught each other in more ways than one. But their desire was as strong as their distrust, and Jordan Tavistock began to fear that Diana Lamb was more than just a thief of hearts... (American)

**Never Say Die/ Call after Midnight****528pp Pb \$19.95**

**Never Say Die:** 20 years after her father's plane crashes in the jungles of Southeast Asia, Willy Jane Maitland is finally tracking his last moves. **Call after Midnight:** A ringing phone wakes newlywed Sarah Fontaine to tell her that her husband has died in Berlin. But Sarah is unconvinced and sets out on a dangerous journey to find him. (American)

**Brent GHELFI****Volk's Game****352pp Tp \$24.95**

Two men are massacred in an expensive Moscow bar. But the bullets miss their target - Alexei Volkovoy - Volk for short. He's a deadly, battle-hardened veteran of Russia's brutal war in Chechnya, and he serves two masters: Maxim, a psychotic mafia kingpin; and a military man known only as the General. By his side is Valya, an exotic beauty and the most dangerous weapon in Volk's arsenal. Together they are commissioned to steal a long-lost masterpiece from St Petersburg's Hermitage Museum. Volk must choose which powerful man he will betray in order to escape with the painting and with his life. *Due Feb* (American)

**Margaret GRACE****Murder in Miniature****256pp Pb \$13.95**

*Miniature Mystery.* Geraldine Porter thought that being the chairwoman of the local Dollhouse and Miniatures Fair would give her leisure time to spend on her favourite craft. That was before a fellow miniatures aficionado is suspected of murder, leaving Gerry to prove the woman's innocence - or die trying. *Due Feb* (American)

**Andrew GREELEY****Irish Linen****384pp Pb \$15.95**

*Nuala Anne McGrail Mystery.* After an idealistic young man from Nuala and Dermot's West Side Chicago neighbourhood goes missing in Iraq, the US government denies any knowledge of his whereabouts, and his grieving family has all but written him off as dead. Nuala, however, is convinced that there's more to the story. *Due Feb* (American)

**John GRISHAM****The Appeal****368pp Hb \$49.95**

In a crowded courtroom in Mississippi, a jury returns a shocking verdict against a chemical company accused of dumping toxic waste into a small town's water supply, causing the worst "cancer cluster" in history. The company appeals to the Mississippi Supreme Court, whose nine justices will one day either approve the verdict or reverse it. The chemical company is owned by a Wall Street predator named Carl Trudeau, and Mr Trudeau is convinced the Court is not friendly enough. With judicial elections looming, he decides to try to purchase himself a seat on the Court. *Due Feb* (American)



**Steven HAGUE****Justice for All 336pp Pb \$29.95**

☀️ Zac Hunter has crossed the line one too many times. His life and career are in ruins, sacrificed to put away a child-killer and wasted when a slick defence lawyer talks a jury into finding his quarry innocent. With nothing to lose, Hunter sets out to ensure justice is done. But will he be too late... *Due Feb* (German)

**James HALL****Magic City 336pp Pb \$13.95**

☀️ A simple black and white photograph taken during the 1964 Cassius Clay-Sonny Liston fight on Miami Beach may hold the key to a horrific, politically motivated crime 42 years earlier. After it mysteriously reappears, the photo is burned in an act of arson that sets off a modern-day killing spree reaching from the quiet neighbourhoods of Miami to the back corridors of the White House. What the killer did not know is that a copy of the photograph still remains. When it falls into Thorn's hands, he and everyone he close to him, including his beloved Alexandra, become the targets of madmen and trained hit men, each of whom has a powerful motive to see the photograph destroyed - and will go to murderous lengths to make it disappear forever. *Due Feb* (American)

**Patricia HALL****By Death Divided**

⚖️ Laura Ackroyd, the journalist girlfriend of DCI Michael Thackeray, becomes drawn into the plight of Jenny Holden and her daughter Anna when she writes an article about domestic abuse. Suffering violence at the hands of her husband, Jenny takes flight to a women's refuge. But her dreams of a safety are shattered when young Anna goes missing. Meanwhile, Mohammed Sharif, is finding it increasing difficult to keep his balance on the tightrope he walks between his family's traditional Muslim beliefs and his job as a policeman. When his newly married cousin Faria Aziz disappears, Mohammed tries to trace her to ease the worry of his family. But his unofficial inquiry soon becomes a police matter when a bloated and badly lacerated corpse is pulled from the river. *Due Feb* (English)

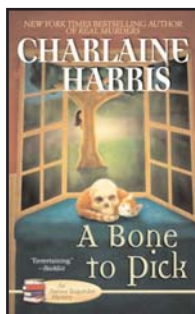
**Karen HARPER****Below the Surface 400pp Pb \$13.95**

☀️ Diver Briana Devon knows her twin sister would never deliberately leave her, but when she emerges from underwater, Darla and their boat have vanished. Fighting rough waves and a fast-approaching storm, Bree barely makes it to a tiny barrier island, where Cole De Roca, who has also taken shelter, revives her. *Due Feb* (American)

**Charlaine HARRIS****A Bone to Pick**

☀️ 272pp Pb \$15.95

Aurora Teagarden *Mystery*. Death comes calling on a small-town librarian whose life is passing her by. Aurora "Roe" Teagarden's fortunes change when a deceased acquaintance names her as heir to a rather substantial estate, including money, jewellery, and a house complete with a skull hidden in a window seat. Roe concludes that the elderly women had purposely left her a murder to solve. So she must identify the victim and figure out which one of her new, ordinary-seeming neighbours is a murderer-without putting herself in deadly danger. *Due Feb* (American)

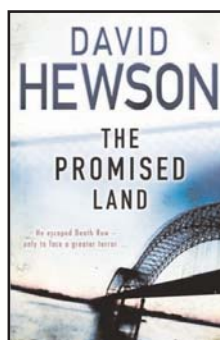
**John HART****Down River 336pp Tp \$33.00**

☀️ Adam Chase has spent the last five years in New York trying to wipe out the memory of his family's rejection. Until a phone call from his best friend summons him back to Red Water Farm. When he left North Carolina, Adam left for good. Now he has no choice but to return, and being remembered as a murderer doesn't help. Within hours of arriving, Adam is beaten up, accosted and has to face the hostility of those closest to him, including Grace, the young woman he cannot forget. Nothing has changed. And then people start turning up dead... *Due Feb* (American)

**David HEWSON****The Promised Land**

☀️ 400pp Pb \$19.95

Bierce was a happily married cop with a bright future. Then one day his wife and their young son were savagely beaten to death. Bierce was convicted of their murders. Languishing on Death Row 23 years later, he still has no memory of the incident. Unexpectedly released just seconds before his execution, he teams up with the beautiful, feisty, half-Chinese Alice Loong, who guides him through the confusing new world of the 21st century. Pursued by mysterious enemies who are convinced that Bierce knows more than he is telling about his wife's death, the pair is forced into a dangerous race against time to uncover the truth about the events of that fateful day. *Due Feb* (English)

**David HEWSON****The Garden of Evil**

☀️ 360pp Tp \$32.95

In a hidden studio in an area of Rome, where the Vatican liked to keep an eye on the city's prostitutes, an art expert from the Louvre is found dead in front of one of the most beautiful paintings that Nic Costa has ever seen - an unknown Caravaggio masterpiece. But before long, tragedy will strike Nic far closer to home. The main suspect's identity is known, but he remains untouchable protected in his grand palazzo by a fleet of lawyers and a sinister cult known as the Ekstasists. If Costa and his team can crack the reasons for the cult's existence, he may well stand a chance of nailing his wife's killer. But the mystery will take him right back to Caravaggio himself and the reasons he had to flee Rome, all those centuries before... *Due Feb* (American)

**Carl HIAASEN (Ed)****Best American Mystery Stories**

☀️ 2007 352pp Pb \$29.95

Here are 20 of the year's stand-out crime short stories, showcasing not only the very best of the genre, but also the very best American writing full stop. *Due Feb* (American)

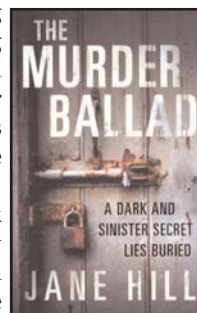
**Philip JENNINGS****Goodbye Mexico 352pp Pb \$15.95**

☀️ Having survived the Vietnam War's wildest secret mission, Jack Armstrong is happily working for the CIA in Mexico City, until an unexpected reunion has him wishing he were back in Nam, face down in a rice paddy. The incorrigible Gearheardt - evidently, not as dead as Jack thought - arrives with the daftly righteous mission of saving the world's prostitutes by handing them a country of their own. And he's sure he can trick 'the Company' into helping him do it. *Due Feb* (American)

**Jane HILL****The Murder Ballad**

☀️ 480pp Pb \$21.95

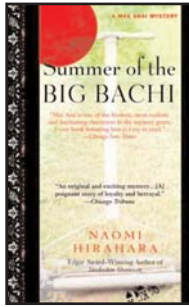
☀️ Stumbling headlong into a passionate fling and an impromptu marriage to music star Trey, Maeve's life is about to change beyond recognition. Trey wants to whisk her off to his country house in North Carolina and Maeve follows him without a backward glance. But when she first lays eyes on her new home, a dilapidated old cabin in the middle of nowhere, she begins to feel uneasy. Nothing quite matches up to what she's been led to expect and, below the surface, a dark secret lies buried that has never been resolved. Too late, Maeve realises that she is all alone in a strange country, sharing a life with a man she hardly knows. *Due Feb* (English)





**Naomi HIRAHARA****★ The Summer of the Big Bachi**  
**368pp Pb \$13.95**

In the foothills of Pasadena, Mas Arai is just another Japanese-American gardener, his lawnmower blades clean and sharp, his truck carefully tuned. But while Mas keeps lawns neatly trimmed, his own life has gone to seed. His wife is dead.



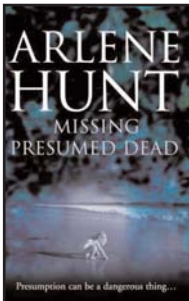
And his livelihood is falling into the hands of the men he once hired by the day. For Mas, a life of sin is catching up to him. And now bachi, the spirit of retribution, is knocking on his door. It begins when a stranger comes around, asking questions about a nurseryman who once lived in Hiroshima, a man known as Joji Haneda. By the end of the summer, Joji will be dead and Mas's own life will be in danger. Debut. *Due Feb* (Japanese)

**Joyce HOLMS**

**Missing Link 288pp Pb \$19.95**  
**★ Fizz & Buchanan Mystery #9.** Fizz Fitzgerald finds it hard to hide her impatience when elderly Mrs Sullivan is shown into her office. Genteel and motherly, Mrs Sullivan can only spell one thing: boredom. Fizz is more than shocked, therefore, when Mrs Sullivan asks Fizz to help prove her guilty of murder... Could this story be too good to be true? Fizz is determined to get to the bottom of this mystery and ropes in long-suffering partner-in-crime Tam Buchanan. However, Buchanan is reluctant to accept an old lady's money on a case that can only prove to be a waste of time. But is it? This new case for dynamic detective duo Fizz and Buchanan is as puzzling as ever. (Scottish)

**Arlene HUNT****★ Missing Presumed Dead**  
**320pp Pb \$20.00**

It is 1980. MPD, missing presumed dead, that's what everybody thought when Katie Jones, a beautiful blonde toddler, vanished while playing on the water's edge one hot summer's day. 2006: a young woman arrives on a Dublin doorstep wielding a gun. She shoots the man who opens the door, then turns the gun on herself. The woman is Katie Jones, and soon a lot of people, especially her family, are looking for answers. Where was she? Who took her all those years ago? And why did she shoot Walter Hogan, a retired GP, straight between the eyes before shooting herself? *Due Feb* (Irish)

**Gwen HUNTER****★ Sleep Softly 384pp Pb \$13.95**

Four little girls, each blond, each on the verge of adolescence, are stolen from their families. Their bodies are discovered months later in shallow graves, surrounded by trinkets they never owned, and each clutching a scrap of paper bearing a cryptic verse... *Due Feb* (American)

**J A JANCE****★ Web of Evil 368pp Tp \$29.95**

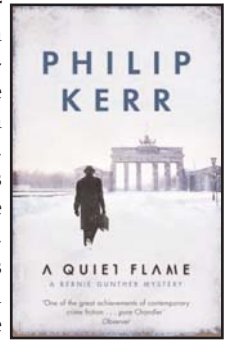
**Ali Reynolds #2.** The highway from Los Angeles to the Palm Springs desert is parched, unforgiving and deadly. In the suffocating stillness of a car trunk, a man - his mouth and hands bound with tape - waits to learn his fate. Fortunately for him, he'll never know. What possible enemy could be bitter enough to commit such a heinous crime? And when will the monster make another move? Ali Reynolds is travelling that same blistering, lonesome highway, looking forward to putting her past behind her. But her cheating husband is in a hurry for a divorce; his very young and very pregnant fiancé has a wedding planned for the next day. As she passes the site of a horrifying accident, she thanks goodness it's no longer her job to report the news. Until she finds out the news is her own. *Due Feb* (American)

**Iris JOHANSEN****★ On the Run 400pp Pb \$15.95**

For eight years, single mother Grace Archer has been living a picture-perfect life raising her daughter on a horse farm in the small town of Tallenville, Alabama. Watching Frankie grow into a talented and confident young girl has made Grace as happy as any mother could hope to be. Happy enough, even, to forget the past. But the past never quite goes away. Which is why a certain charismatic man also moved to Tallenville eight years ago to watch over her. But when violence threatens to shatter Grace and Frankie's idyllic home, the waiting is over. The ghosts of the past have returned. And they're hungry for blood. Now Grace must resume an identity she thought she had cast off forever, and match wits with an opponent as deadly as he is cunning. The prize: an extraordinary secret that only she can unfold. (American)

**Philip KERR****★ A Quiet Flame 368pp Tp \$29.95**

**A Bernie Gunther Mystery.** Posing as an escaping Nazi war-criminal Bernie Gunther arrives in Buenos Aires and, having revealed his real identity to the local chief of police, discovers that his reputation as a detective goes before him. A young girl has been murdered in gruesome circumstances that resemble Bernie's final case as a homicide detective with the Berlin police during the dog days of the Weimar Republic. A case he had failed to solve. Circumstances lead the chief of police in Buenos Aires to suppose that the murderer may be one of several thousand ex-Nazis who have fetched up in Argentina since 1945. And, therefore, who better than Bernie to help him track that murderer down? Reluctantly Bernie agrees to help the police and discovers much more than he, or even they bargained for. *Due Feb* (English)

**Diane KETCHAM****★ The Vanishing A List**

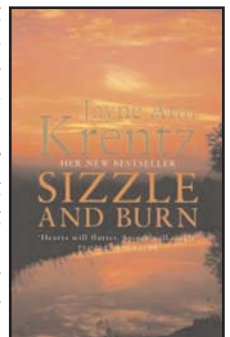
**336pp Tp \$29.95**  
From the Hamptons to Naples, Florida; LA to Palm Beach, the beautiful people are disappearing... *Due Feb* (American)

**Kenzo KITAKATA****★ City of Refuge**

**256pp Tp \$29.95**  
He killed two gangsters for the woman he loves, Makiko. The sensation of the murder on Koji's hands is still fresh. Now he's running from the police as well as the mob. Unlike your ordinary hero, Koji kidnaps a boy during his getaway. On his trail is "the Old Dog" Detective Takagi... *Due Feb* (Japanese)

**Jayne Ann KRENTZ****★ Sizzle and Burn 368pp Tp \$33.00**

Whilst clearing out her Aunt Vella's house, Raine Tallentyre's highly-developed sensitivity leads her to a horrifying discovery: a young woman, bound and terrified in the basement. The victim has survived, but the culprit is still on the loose. And suddenly, a new man enters Raine's life, investigator Zack Jones. Within hours of their meeting Raine experiences an intense, thrilling intimacy - mental, emotional, and physical - she never dared to expect. *Due Feb* (American)



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**Chris KUZNESKI****Sword of God** 432pp Tp \$32.95

In a secret bunker, one of the world's most dangerous terrorists is under interrogation - until he is rescued, and his captors are slaughtered. Ex-MANIAC honcho Jonathan Payne vows revenge, but there is more to the bloody atrocity than terrorist reprisal. There is a plot in motion that will burn the world in the fires of holy war. *Due Feb* (American)

**Stieg LARSSON****The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** 572pp Tp \$32.95

40 years ago, Harriet Vanger disappeared off the secluded island owned and inhabited by the powerful Vanger family. There was no corpse, no witnesses, and no evidence. But her uncle, Henrik, is convinced that she was murdered by someone in her own family, the deeply dysfunctional Vanger clan. Disgraced journalist Mikael Blomqvist is hired to investigate, but when he links Harriet's disappearance to a string of gruesome murders from 40 years ago, he needs a competent assistant. He gets one, computer hacker Lisbeth Salander, a tattooed, truculent, angry girl who rides a motorbike like a Hell's Angel and handles makeshift weapons with the skill born of remorseless rage. This unlikely pair form a fragile bond as they delve into the sinister past of this island-bound, tightly-knit family. *Due Feb* (Swedish)

**Stephen LEATHER****Dead Men** 320pp Tp \$33.00

Former SAS trooper turned undercover cop Dan 'Spider' Shepherd knows there are no easy solutions in the war against terrorism. But when a killer starts to target pardoned IRA terrorists, Shepherd has to put his life on the line to protect his former enemies. Whilst he is undercover in Belfast, a grief-stricken Saudi whose two sons died under torture in the name of the War on Terror is planning to avenge their deaths by striking out at two people close to Shepherd. As the Muslim assassin closes in on his prey, Shepherd realises that the only way to save lives is to become a killer himself. *Due Feb* (English)

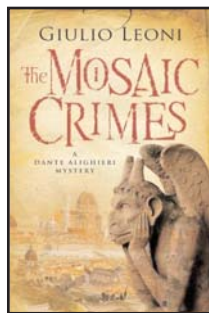
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**Giulio LEONI****The Mosaic Crimes** 321pp Tp \$27.95

*Dante Alighieri Mystery.* Florence, June 1300. The body of an artist, his face covered in quicklime, is discovered next to the mosaic he had almost completed. Dante Alighieri, the newly appointed prior of the city of Florence (and the man who will one day write that exhaustive treatise on criminology, "The Inferno"), is on the case. It is his first official investigation. Obscure clues lead him up and down the streets of Florence, following a trail full of intrigue and mystery. Why have seven scholars, each a master of his art, assembled in the city? *Due Feb* (Italian)

**Gabrielle LORD****Shattered** 558pp Pb \$20.00

The new Gemma Lincoln novel, with cops killing cops, romance and intrigue. A brother and sister-in-law are shot dead in the hallway of their family home. The dead man, Bryson, was a police superintendent, his wife is a former detective. *Due Feb* (Australian)

**Peg MARBERG****Decorated to Death** 224pp Pb \$13.95

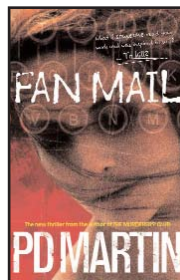
*Interior Design Mystery.* Patterns of a deadly kind emerge when the wealthy new client of decorator Jean Hastings is murdered. *Due Feb* (American)

**Kate MARSH (Katie MACALISTER)****Ghost of a Chance** 288pp Pb \$13.95

Karma Marx exorcises haunted houses, sending troublesome poltergeists and other spirits to the ever after. But one assignment traps Karma, her foster child, her sleazy soon-to-be-ex husband, Spider, and his crooked partner under one roof. And when Spider turns up dead, it's a locked house mystery, and Karma's determined to reveal the truth, even if it means tackling all of the mansion's inhabitants-mortal and otherwise. *Due Feb* (American)

**P D MARTIN****Fan Mail** 400pp Tp \$32.95

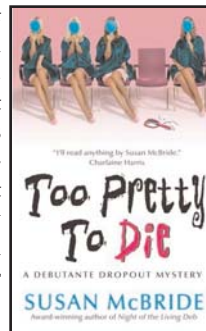
*Sophie Anderson #3.* On her first day in her new job in Los Angeles, FBI profiler Sophie Anderson finds herself investigating the murder of a bestselling crime writer who was just strangled with a pair of stockings, just like the character in her last book. Sophie needs to get inside the mind of 'the fan' before another writer dies. *Due Feb* (Australian)

**Tom MARTIN****Pyramid** 400pp Pb \$19.95

An eminent Oxford professor is murdered but the authorities are calling it a suicide. Beautiful young don Catherine Donovan refuses to believe the official verdict especially after she receives a cryptic note sent just before the professor's death, along with a collection of priceless antique maps. Teaming up with classicist James Rutherford, she embarks on a journey which takes them from the dreaming spires of Oxford to the ancient wonders of Peru and Egypt. With a shadowy organisation determined to stop them, can Catherine and James unlock the mystery of the ancients before they become the killers' next victims? And can it really be possible that these clues are warning of an imminent cataclysm one that puts even more than their lives in peril? *Due Feb* (English)

**Susan McBRIDE****Too Pretty to Die** 336pp Pb \$13.95

*A Debutante Dropout Mystery.* They call them "pretty parties", and they're the latest rage among Dallas debutantes - get-togethers with light refreshments, heavy gossip, and Dr Sonja Madhavi and her magic Botox needles. Former socialite



Andy Kendricks normally wouldn't be caught dead at such an event, but she's attending as a favour to her friend Janet, a society reporter in search of a juicy story. And boy does she find one when aging beauty queen Miranda DuBois bursts into the room, drunk, disorderly and packing a pistol. *Due Feb* (American)

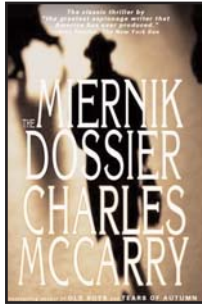
**Alexander McCALL SMITH****The Good Husband of Zebra Drive** 240pp Pb \$23.00

As winter turns to spring across the red earth, acacia trees and slow green rivers of Botswana, all is not quite as it should be on Zebra Drive, home to Mma Ramotswe and her beloved husband Mr J L B Matekoni. At the No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency there is the usual number of cases to be pursued, from persistent theft at Teenie Magama's printing works to the rather more serious case of three suspicious deaths at the Mochudi hospital, but there is discontent among the ranks. It is bad enough that Mr Matekoni's apprentice Charlie is off on another escapade and Mma Makutsi's impending marriage threatens her happy working relationship with Mma Ramotswe. And when, in trying to prove himself a worthy husband, Mr J L B Matekoni himself decides to try a little detective work, disaster looms. *Due Feb* (Scottish)



**Charles McCARRY****The Miernik Dossier****256pp Tp \$32.95**

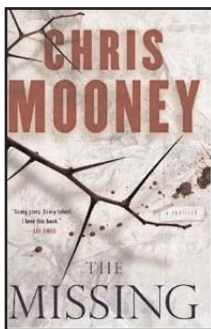
Introducing master spy Paul Christopher, an unlikely touring party of five friends embark on a road trip to deliver a brand new Cadillac, from Switzerland to the Sudan. All five are attached to the UN in Geneva, and all five are more than they claim to be. *Due Feb* (American)

**Hope McINTYRE****How to Marry a Ghost****368pp Pb \$20.00**

Ghost-writer Lee finds she has serious competition in her ghosting assignments from her agent's latest client, the well-heeled and well-connected Bettina Pleshette. Bettina could not be less like Lee. 11 years younger than Lee, sexier, firmer and with thicker hair, the publicity savvy Bettina has coasted to the top by ghosting fluff stuff, diaries of MTV chart toppers and someone hailed as the next Paris Hilton. Determined to fight back, Lee flies out to Long Island, going head to head with Bettina for the lucrative assignment of ghosting the autobiography of controversial former rock star Shotgun Marriot. But the stakes are suddenly raised when two people are found dead. One is wearing a wedding dress and washed up onto the sand, and the other in the nearby woods. As the investigation unfolds, Marriot appears to be the prime suspect even though the young man in the wedding dress is his son. *Due Feb* (English)

**Chris MOONEY****The Missing****416pp Pb \$19.95**

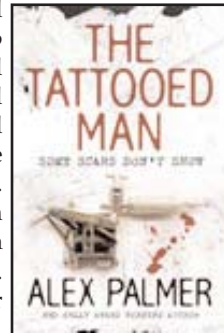
When Boston CSI Darby McCormick finds a raving and emaciated woman hiding at the scene of a violent kidnap, she runs a DNA search to identify the Jane Doe. The result confirms she was abducted five years earlier and has somehow managed to escape from the dungeon in which she's been caged. With a teenage couple also missing and Jane Doe seriously ill, the clock is ticking for Darby as she hunts for the dungeon before anyone else disappears or dies. And when the FBI takes over the investigation, it becomes clear that a sadistic serial killer has been on the prowl for decades - and is poised to strike again at any moment - a killer with links to horrors that Darby has desperately tried to bury in her past. *Due Feb* (American)

**Barbara NADEL****Pretty Dead Things****416pp Tp \$33.00**

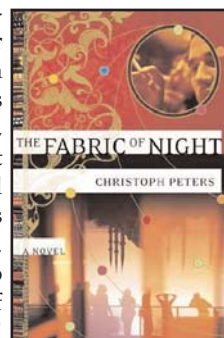
*Cetin Ikmen #10.* When Emine Aksu, the middle-aged wife of an Istanbul style guru, suddenly goes missing, Ikmen looks into her past for clues. As a youngster Emine was a hippie and associated with the Europeans who flooded Istanbul in the 60s and 70s. Meanwhile, Suleyman is called to a bizarre scene at the art deco Kamondo Stairs in the old banking district of Karakoy. A skeleton has been discovered in one of the large plant containers. Could these two incidents be linked? As both policemen delve deeper into the Old City's past, the trail of elderly 'heads' eventually leads them to a quiet little shoe shop in Balat. But appearances can be deceiving... *Due Feb* (English)

**Alex PALMER****The Tattooed Man****Tp \$30.00**

Paul Harrigan is a top cop who has survived the corruption and political manoeuvres of the NSW police so far. Until he is called to a grisly murder in Sydney's north. Here he finds four people, all dead. One is a senator's ex-wife, another is a missing corrupt detective. *Due Feb* (Australian)

**Christopher PETERS****The Fabric of Night****320pp Tp \$29.95**

Albin Kranz, a 28-year-old sculptor and the son of an abusive father, is melancholic, alcoholic, and beset by painful memories of his childhood. Although he tries to make sense out of what has happened to him, his consciousness frequently becomes altered and he seems to be hallucinating. At her wits end, Livia, a photographer with whom he has lived for five years, suggests that they go to Istanbul to give their love one last chance. Their vacation gets off to an ominous start. One morning as he is standing on the roof terrace of his hotel, Albin witnesses the murder of Miller, an American gem dealer, at the hotel across the way. But like some desperately misunderstood character in a Hitchcock film, Albin can't persuade anyone of what he saw, nor can he find any proof. *Due Feb* (American)

**Christopher PIKE****Falling****416pp Pb \$15.95**

Love hurts. While FBI agent Kelly Feinman is recovering from an attack by a serial killer called the "Acid Man," her husband leaves her. Physically and emotionally scarred by the murderer, Kelly feels she will never be the same. She is cut off not only from her husband and child, but also from her fellow FBI agents, who see her as a rogue for going after the Acid Man alone. Love is hell. Matt Connor's love for his girlfriend, Amy, is so intense that he feels he is in heaven when he is with her. When Amy leaves him for another man, Matt is shattered. In agony, he plans a diabolical scheme that first calls for him to disappear from the face of the earth. *Due Feb* (American)

**Rhonda POLLERO****Knock Off****320pp Pb \$13.95**

*Finley Anderson Tanner #1.* Meet Finley Anderson Tanner - FAT to her enemies. This West Palm Beach paralegal hates the gym, still rents her condo, and loves two-hour lunches with her friends almost as much as she loves shopping for deeply discounted designer goods. Investigating murder isn't her style, until Finley's boss asks her to look into the "accidental" death of a client's husband. The deeper Finley digs, the stranger things get. Meanwhile she's dealing with the hot, hunky PI assigned to the case, Liam McGarrity. Who knew crime could be this much fun? But if Finley wants to bring home the real goods, she'll have to work hard to keep from becoming a killer's total knock off... *Due Feb* (American)

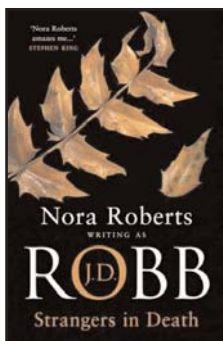
**R Scott REISS****Black Monday****352pp Tp \$29.95**

When the first planes go down - in Europe, in California, in Asia - authorities blame terrorists. All flights are grounded as world leaders try to figure out how the global assault has been coordinated. And when cars, ships and factories stop running too, it becomes clear that the common link is oil. Somehow a microbe, genetically engineered to destroy petroleum, has infected the world supply. The world descends into a new dark age. Dr Gregory Gillette, an epidemiologist with the Centre for Disease Control, is a disease hunter specialising in microbes that attack human beings. When the Pentagon taps him to be part of the Rapid Response Team assembled to track and kill the devastating Delta-3 bacteria, he quickly discovers that his expertise is ignored, his presence meaningless. The leader of the task force is an old nemesis who sidelines Gillette. Gillette returns home to Washington, where he watches in horror as food becomes scarce, neighbour attacks neighbour, and government collapses. *Due Feb* (American)



**J D ROBB****Strangers in Death****320pp Tp \$33.00**

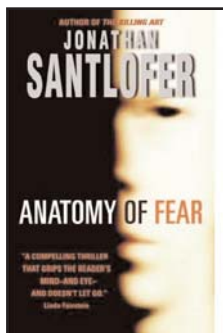
In *Death* #26. Technology may be different in 2060 New York, yet the city is still a place of many cultures and great divides. But as ever, some murders receive more attention than others, especially those in which the victim is a prominent businessman, found in his Park Avenue apartment, tied to the bed and strangled with cords of black velvet. It doesn't surprise Lieutenant Eve Dallas that Thomas Anders' scandalous death is a source of titillation and speculation to the public and of humiliation to his family. But while all those in the city are talking about it, people close to Anders aren't so anxious to do the same. With some help from her billionaire husband, Roarke, Eve is soon knocking on doors, or barging through them, to find answers. *Due Feb* (American)

**Karen ROSE**

**Nothing to Fear** 544pp Tp \$33.00  
Sue Conroy is out of control. Recently released from prison she is determined to find the people responsible for putting her there and to give them a taste of what she has had to endure. When Sue kidnaps an 11-year-old deaf boy it's only the first stage in an elaborate plan. Running to Chicago, Sue poses as a battered woman and it leads her to Hanover House, an inner-city women's shelter, run by Dana Dupinsky. Distracted by the presence of a new man in her life, Dana only realises the danger when those around suddenly start dying and she is thrust into the middle of Sue's dangerous and evil game. *Due Feb* (American)

**Jonathan SANTLOFER****Anatomy of Fear****352pp Pb \$15.95**

NYPD sketch artist Nate Rodriguez possesses a remarkable gift. From the smallest clues - an off-hand comment, a brief flash of fear in a victim's eyes - he is able to create an uncanny likeness of the assailant. Now Detective Terri Russo needs his help to solve a particularly shocking series of murders, perpetrated by a psychopath who enjoys drawing pictures of his crimes before committing them. *Due Feb* (American)

**Mary SAUMS****Thistle and Twig****304pp Pb \$13.95**

*Thistle & Twig Mystery.* Jane Thistle was happily married to a career military officer whose job took her all around the globe. But now that he's passed, she's happy to call the quaint town of Tullulah, Alabama, her new home. Her new best friend, Phoebe Twigg, is also a widow, and has lived in Tullulah all her life. Phoebe is about as different as could be from the worldly and refined Jane. But Phoebe's warm, welcoming Southern nature wins her over, and the two women end up making quite a pair. Especially when they stumble over a dead body while on a walk in the woods... *Due Feb* (American)

**Michele SCOTT****Tacked to Death****272pp Pb \$13.95**

*Horse Lover's Mystery.* Prime Crime trots out the third Horse Lover's mystery. It's a big day for horse trainer Michaela Bancroft: the opening of her tack shop, a gala fashion show, and now the murder of a polo rider. *Due Feb* (American)

**Terry SHAW****The Way Life Should Be****295pp Pb \$24.95**

Newspaper editor John Quinn and his wife have returned to his hometown to raise their son, but real estate prices have soared and natives are being pushed out. Then a popular politician and family man is murdered at a well-known gay pickup spot. The victim was Quinn's childhood friend, Paul Stanwood. Quinn insists Paul was only investigating a police crackdown at the park. When the police chief and others seem to ignore and downplay obvious clues, Quinn takes matters into his own hands. Even though his wife's car is vandalised and a source is severely beaten after he speaks out on the hidden violence against gays, Quinn refuses to stop looking for answers. *Due Feb* (American)

**Yrsa SIGURDARDOTTIR****Last Rituals****432pp Tp \$33.00**

A young man is found brutally murdered, his eyes gouged out. A student of Icelandic history in Reykjavik, he came from a wealthy German family who do not share the police's belief that his drug dealer murdered him. Attorney Thora Gudmundsdottir is commissioned by his mother to find out the truth, with the help, and hindrance, of boorish ex-policeman Matthew Reich. Their investigations into his research take them deep into a grisly world of torture and witchcraft both past and present, as they draw ever closer to a killer gripped by a dangerous obsession... *Due Feb* (Icelandic)

**Maj SJOWALL & Per WAHLÖÖ****Cop Killer (1974)****288pp Pb \$20.00**

*Martin Beck* #9. A woman is found murdered in Anderslöv, near Trelleborg in southern Sweden. Martin Beck is called in to investigate the crime. Meanwhile, a couple of youth criminals kill a policeman when they're stopped driving a stolen car. While Martin Beck investigates the murder of the woman, Gunvald Larsson takes command of the hunt for the cop killers. *Due Feb* (Swedish)

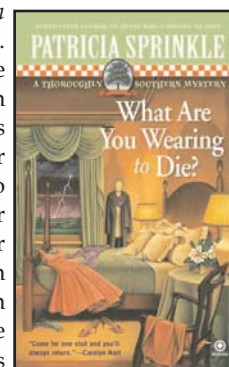
**The Terrorists (1975)****288pp Pb \$19.95**

*Martin Beck* #10. Martin Beck leads a team of policemen to prevent a presumed terrorist attack on a highly unpopular American senator who is paying an official visit to Sweden. *Due Feb* (Swedish)

**Patricia SPRINKLE****What Are You Wearing to Die?****288pp Pb \$13.95**

*Thoroughly Southern Mystery* #10. Georgia magistrate Mac Laren

Yarbrough has never believed her husband's threat to shackle her to her desk to keep her from 'meddling in murder'. But when Starr Knight, the taxidermist's daughter, is found dead, that's just what Joe Riddley does, despite Mac's protest that she has no intention of getting involved. She just has one question; why did the flamboyant young mother dress so sedately on the day she died? *Due Feb* (American)

**P J TRACY****Snow Blind****400pp Pb \$19.95**

Minneapolis, winter's first white flakes, a park full of snowmen; but the layers of packed snow hide a ghoulish surprise. First, the bodies of two cops are found inside the snowmen and then a day later, in the countryside to the north, Sheriff Iris Rikker makes a similarly shocking discovery. Soon Detectives Gino and Magozzi are sent north through the worst blizzard Minnesota's seen for years to find what else links the investigations. But some secrets you don't want to uncover. And as the cases unravel, it seems snowmen are not the only ones with something to hide... *Due Feb* (American)





**Fred VARGAS****This Night's Foul Work**

416pp Tp \$32.95

On the outskirts of Paris, two men have been found with their throats cut. It is assumed that this is a drug-related incident of the kind so often uncovered in that area of town. But Adamsberg is convinced that there is more to it. Anxious to keep control of the case, he must call in a favour from the pathologist Ariane Lagarde, someone he had come up against 23 years previously. The trail also leads Adamsberg to a cemetery, where a grave has been disturbed with no apparent motive. Could this be the work of the elderly nurse, a serial killer caught by Adamsberg two years ago and recently escaped from prison? *Due Feb* (French)

**Nury VITTACHI****Mr Wong Goes West**

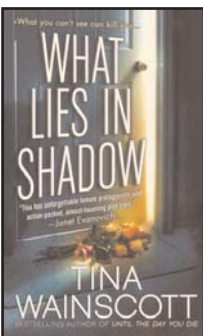
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The world's biggest and most expensive aircraft, Skyparc's 'office in the sky' which apparently runs on 'green' fuel, flies into Hong Kong. The Europeans want to sell the plane to the Chinese and Mr Wong is hired to make sure there is nothing on the plane that might upset visiting Chinese aviation officials. But things go wrong. An oil company executive is murdered and a young greenie, who happens to be a friend of Mr Wong's assistant, Joyce McQuinnie, is arrested. Mr Wong is delighted. The fact that a murder has taken place means that his job is now far more important and he can charge a much higher price. But as he flies to London to confer with officials, Skyparc's wheel assemblages are blown off and it's revealed there is a bomb on board. Wong must not only solve the mystery, but land the plane himself. *Due Feb* (Chinese)

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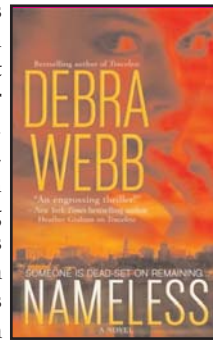
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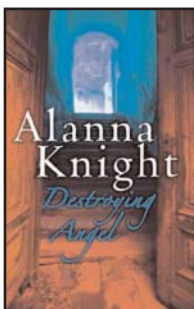
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Astonishment Hall, a country estate on the border between Durham and Cumbria, is full of weird and wonderful exhibitions. It is truly a place of wonder. But when a valuable exhibit is stolen from the hall, it is only the first in a series of unpleasant and seemingly unconnected events. A bell tower is burnt to the ground, trapping a young boy inside, an outbreak of thefts plagues the valley, and a man is violently murdered and left to the crows and the snow. When his own investigations come to a dead end, the owner of Astonishment Hall, the Major, sends to London for help. And so Whilbert Stroop journeys north to try and find the answers to both his own search for a missing glass-worker, and the perplexing events at Astonishment Hall. Before long, Stroop finds himself embroiled in one man's terrifying and warped desire for vengeance against ancient wrongs, and another man's fight for survival. *Due Feb* (English)



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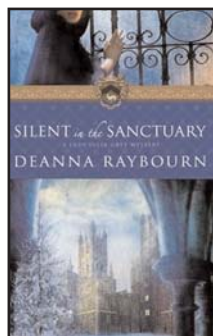
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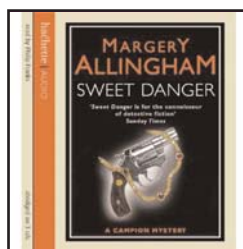
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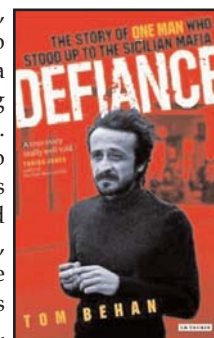
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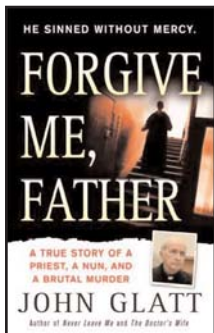
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