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We have quite a collection of crime DVDs – both movies and TV series. Some of the TV series I seem to have missed on free-to-air TV (or maybe they never made it). Anyway here are some of the TV series now available on DVD to whet your appetite:

Wycliffe, based on the novels by W J Burley and starring Jack Shepherd as the meticulous and clever Detective Superintendent Charles Wycliffe. Series 1 (2 DVDs) \$35, Series 2 (2 DVDs) \$35, Series 3 (2 DVDs) \$35, Series 4 (3 DVDs) \$40

Cadfael: The Complete Series, based on the novels by Ellis Peters and starring Derek Jacobi as Brother Cadfael. 8 DVDs \$80

Wallander, based on the novels by Henning Mankell and starring Krister Henriksson as Kurt Wallander. Swedish with English subtitles. Volume 1 (3 DVDs with 6 episodes) \$51.95, Volume 2 (4 DVDs with 7 episodes) \$50.95

Hetty Wainthropp Investigates starring Patricia Routledge as the redoubtable Hetty. Complete 2nd Series (2 DVDs) \$39.95, Complete 3rd Series (3 DVDs) \$49.95

Cracker: The Ultimate Collection, starring Robbie Coltrane and written by Jimmy McGovern. Complete series 1, 2 & 3, plus 2 movie-length specials (9 DVDs) \$80

Danger Man: The Complete 1964-66 Series, starring Patrick McGoohan as John Drake. All 47 x 50-minute Danger Man adventures remastered, complete and uncut, with guest stars including Paul Eddington, Susan Hampshire, Warren Mitchell, Peter Bowles and Sylvia Sims. 13 DVDs \$119.95

Taggart: The Classic Collection contains all episodes starring Mark McManus as DCI Jim Taggart. Volumes 1 to 7 (21 DVDs) \$100

Blue Murder: The Complete Collection, starring Caroline Quentin as detective Janine Lewis. Series 1, 2, 3 & 4 (7 DVDs) \$80

We also have Jeremy Brett as Sherlock Holmes, David Jason in A Touch of Frost, Helen Mirren in Prime Suspect (The Complete Collection), Luca Zingaretti as Inspector Montalbano (Italian with subtitles), David Wenham as Murray Whelan in The Brush Off, plus Inspector Rex, Midsomer Murders and many, many more to help you while away a summer's evening.



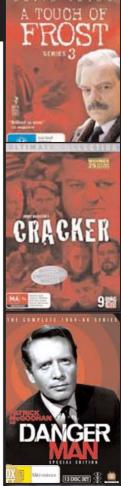












MODERN (RIME

M C BEATON



Agatha Raisin and a Spoonful of Poison 206pp Hb \$59.95

Agatha Raisin #19. In the quiet village of St Twadey, tragedy strikes at the annual jam-making competition. Someone has injected LSD into all the homemade jams and mayhem ensues. Some of the more frail villagers who took the jams home end up either dead from heart attacks or from wandering in front of cars. The youth of the village are the first suspects, along with the few who have criminal records. Only Agatha suspected the vicar's wife, but it will take all of her detective skills to prove the woman guilty! (English)

ACADEMIC



BANKING



CANINE DETECTIVES CLERICAL



COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC



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HORSE RACING MYSTERY



MEDICAL



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PSYCHOLOGICAL



ROMANTIC SUSPENSE



SPORT

SPY



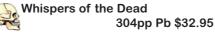
SUSPENSE/THRILLER

PB = PAPERBACK TP = TRADE PAPERBACK (SLIGHTLY LARGER)

HB = HARDBACK

AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

Simon BECKETT



Dr David Hunter #3. Still suffering effects of a near fatal attack, David Hunter has returned to the Body Farm in Tennessee, where he learned his trade as a forensic anthropologist. In a cabin in the hills a body is found, tortured and decomposed beyond recognition. Fingerprints found at the scene seem to identify the killer, but it soon becomes clear that nothing about this case is quite as it seems. Hunter agrees to help a colleague on the investigation. Then a second body is found. The trail left by the killer begins to point to an impossible conclusion and Hunter finds that nothing he's experienced before has prepared him for where it will lead... Due Feb (English)

Anna BLUNDY



My Favourite Poison 256pp Pb \$23.00

Faith Zanetti Thriller #5. Faith Zanetti, war correspondent and now a mother, is sleeping with a Russian who lives on the seedy side of ex-pat London. When he gets poisoned and suspects the Russian security services of targeting him, Faith is sucked into a drama that transports her to the swelter of Cairo and into a breathtaking and terrifying world she barely knew existed. Due Feb (English)

Karna Small BODMAN

384pp Pb \$18.95 Gambit American planes are being shot out of the sky and no one knows how or why. Dr Cameron Talbot, am expert on missile defence systems, believes that a new stealth technology is being used. The White House orders her to protect America's airways, placing her in jeopardy as she finds herself stalked by nameless assassins. As she races against time to develop a defence against the mystery weapon, she comes to suspect that the downed planes are only the opening gambit in an ambitious campaign of conquest that could change the world's balance of power forever. Due Feb (American)

Andrew BRITTON

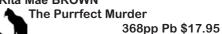
The Invisible 448pp Pb \$16 Ryan Kealey #3. Tensions between 448pp Pb \$16.95 Pakistan and India are at an all time high. As the conflict escalates, the US Secretary of State's motorcade is ambushed on the outskirts of Islamabad. Seven diplomatic security agents are killed and the Secretary of State has vanished. In the wake of the attack, CIA agent Ryan Kealey's operation goes into high gear and Naomi Kharmai, is on his team again. But Kharmai is becoming increasingly unpredictable and as they work their way toward the target, it becomes clear to Kealey that anyone is fair game, and no one can be trusted. Due Feb (English)

Suzanne BROCKMANN

Into the Fire 656pp Pb \$16.95

Troubleshooter #13. Vinh Murphy, onetime operative for a security firm has been MIA ever since his wife was killed. Murphy blames the neo-Nazi group known as the Freedom Network for her death. Now, years later, their leader Tim Ebersole has been murdered and the FBI suspects Murphy. Murphy can't be sure what he did during the years he spent lost in an alcohol induced fog. He does know he sought solace from Hannah Whitfield, a former police officer. He believes that the Freedom Network has targeted him and Hannah to avenge their leader's death and he's faced with a choice.. surrender his life to save Hannah, or risk everything to salvage whatever future they may have together. Due Feb (American)

Rita Mae BROWN



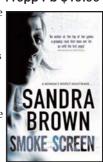
Mrs Murphy #16. Mrs Carla Paulson is one of the diamond-encrusted set that has descended on Crozet. She's determined to make her new house the envy of all and she's hired architect Tazio Chappers to build it. Then Mrs Paulson is found stabbed to death at a fundraiser with Harry's friend, Tazio, standing over her, holding the knife. Now Harry must solve what seems to everyone else an open and shut case. Due

Feb (American) Sandra BROWN

Smoke Screen

416pp Pb \$19.99

Five years ago a fire gutted the police headquarters. Seven people died but thanks to four brave men, most were rescued. Forever after they would be known to the world as heroes. Now, one of them has called Britt Shelley, a hotshot



newswoman, offering her the scoop of her career and asks her to meet him. The next morning she wakes up naked in his bed to find him lying beside her, dead. She remembers nothing of the evening before but the police don't believe her. As the finger of blame points to her, she realises that she is the next intended victim. Due Feb (American)



Robert Gregory BROWNE

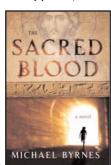
Whisper in the Dark 368pp Pb \$18.95

Naked. Incoherent. Covered with blood. That's how Detective Frank Blackburn finds a beautiful Jane Doe brandishing a pair of scissors near the scene of a brutal murder. Is she the perpetrator? Or is she the only eyewitness to the handiwork of Vincent Van Gogh, a twisted serial killer? To find out, Blackburn takes her to psychiatrist Dr Michael Tolan. But Tolan has problems of his own. One year ago, his wife Abby was savagely slaughtered by the very same serial killer. Now Jane Doe is saying things that only Abby could know. It's up to Frank Blackburn to find the connection between Jane, Tolan and Vincent before the killer strikes again. Due Feb (American)

Michael BYRNES

The Sacred Blood 416pp Pb \$29.95

A group of archaeologists in the Judean desert stumble upon a secret room inside a cave. Its walls are covered in Egyptian hieroglyphs and the curious image of a dolphin wrapped around a trident. They discover an old



clay jar containing an ancient scroll. Meanwhile, a ruthless sect called The Sons of Light is planning to turn the world upside down. Their ancient secret safe beneath Egyptian sands, they need the DNA from a human skeleton, 2,000 years old, stolen from beneath Temple Mount. When they discover that American scientist Charlotte Hennesey actually shares this DNA, the race begins to kidnap the girl and prepare for the final battle. *Due Feb* (American)

Tom CAIN The Survivor (Aka No Survivors) 544pp Pb \$21.95

Samuel Carver makes bad accidents happen to worse people. But one of his targets has gotten away. Now the world faces a new age of conflict driven by religious fanaticism. In Russia, the government have admitted they no longer know the whereabouts of 100 small nukes. In Afghanistan and Kosovo, terrorists plot the downfall of their enemies. In Texas, a dying billionaire plots his own personal Armageddon. When Carver awakes in a Swiss sanatorium he discovers that the woman he loves has vanished. Carver's hunt will take him deep into the heart of a conspiracy in which the lives of millions are at stake. As the clock ticks down to doomsday, who will survive the final, explosive conflagration? Due Feb (English)

Duncan CAMPBELL

The Paradise Trail 438pp Pb \$23.00 Calcutta 1971. A city in black out as India declares war on Pakistan. Even so, backpackers who end up in the Lux Hotel are determined to have a good time, until two mysterious deaths amongst them change their lives forever. Is it possible that one of them is behind the deaths? And why will it take more than three decades and three continents to find out? (English)

Karen CAMPBELL

The Twilight Time 352pp Pb \$22.99

Anna Cameron is a new Sergeant in the Flexi Unit. On her first day she discovers she'll be working with her ex, Jamie. In at the deep end emotionally, she's also plunged headlong into the Galsgow's violent underworld. Cath Worth, Jamie's wife, watches jealously from the sidelines, having given up police work to raise their child. Anna's life could have been hers, hers could have been Anna's. When Cath attempts to get involved in a situation she is no longer equipped or entitled to tackle, the consequences for both women could be far-reaching. *Due Feb* (Scottish)

Kate CARLISLE

Homicide in Hardcover 304pp Pb \$16.95

Bibliophile Mystery #1. The streets of San Francisco would be lined with hardcovers if rare book expert Brooklyn Wainwright had her way. And her mentor wouldn't be lying in a pool of his own blood on the eve of a celebration for his latest book restoration. With his final breath he leaves Brooklyn a cryptic message and gives her a priceless and supposedly cursed copy of Goethe's Faust for safekeeping. Brooklyn finds herself accused of murder and theft when she if found kneeling over the body. Now she has to read the clues left behind by her mentor if she is going to restore justice... *Due Feb* (American)

Leslie CHARTERIS

The Best of the Saint Vol 1 800pp Pb \$25.00

Simon Templar, aka the Saint. On the side of the law and yet outside it, the Saint lives for adventure. Here he is at his ebullient best, spreading terror among London's drug dealers, rescuing a lady crook from distress and much, much more. *Due Feb* (English)

Leslie CHARTERIS

The Best of the Saint Vol 2 496pp Pb \$25.00

Exciting, debonair and ever so slightly disreputable, the Saint is ready to mete out justice in a way that only he can. These adventures take him all over the world. Sir Roger Moore, star of the Sixties TV series, introduces this collection of post war stories. *Due Feb* (English)

Robert CLARK

Mr White's Confession 341pp Pb \$23.00

St. Paul, Minnesota, 1939. On a hillside, the body of a beautiful dime-a-dance girl is found. Assigned to the case is Police Lieutenant Wesley Horner, a man with his own demons. He soon narrows his sights on Herbert White, a hobby photographer with a fondness for snapping suggestive photographs. White is also a man with no memory, who must record his life in detailed journal entries and scrapbooks. For every interrogation Horner has, Herbert White has few answers, pushing the murder investigation into unknown territory and illuminating the complex relationship between truth and fiction, past and present, faith and memory. (American)

384pp Pb \$19.95

It has been 10 years since 21-year-old Mack went missing. Every year he calls his mother on her birthday, on his birthday and on Mother's Day. He assures her he is fine, refuses to answer her questions and then hangs up. Even the death of his father does not bring him home. Mack's sister, Caroline, has now endured two family tragedies. Determined to solve the mystery surrounding her brother's disappearance, she sets out to discover the truth. But with it comes a secret that someone will do anything to protect.. *Due Feb* (American)

Kate COLLINS

Evil in Carnations

336pp Pb \$16.95

Flower Shop Mystery #8. Determined to help her roommate Nikki out of her singles slump Abby Knight encourages her to give speed dating a try. Of course, Nikki wants the guy at the very bottom of Abby's list, Jonas Treat and figures just one date with him couldn't hurt. But then Jonas is found dead and evidence points to Nikki as his killer. To clear Nikki's name, Abby enlists the help of her hunky ex-Army Ranger boyfriend, Marco. But Marco's extended family turns Abby's hectic life into a disaster zone. With her patience seriously wilting and a killer on the loose. Abby is determined to dig herself out of this mess before someone buries her instead... Due Feb (American)

Susan CONANT & Jessica CONANT-PARK Turn Up the Heat

288pp Pb \$18.95

Gourmet Girl #3. Chloe Carter is helping her chef boyfriend with his new restaurant on Boston's posh Newbury Street, when a crabby waitress is found dead in a fish truck. Was this a prank gone awry? Or did somebody want her to sleep with the fishes? *Due Feb* (American)

Beverly CONNOR Scattered Graves

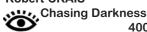
368pp Pb \$18.95

Diane Fallon Forensic Investigation #6. Local politics get nasty when Rosewood, Georgia, elects a new mayor and Diane Fallon is replaced with an incompetent crony as head of the crime lab. But just as she's adjusting to life



without murder, the newly appointed chief of police and the mayor are shot dead. Back on the job, Diane realises that no one is safe, least of all her. Due Feb (American)

Robert CRAIS



400pp Pb \$23.00

Elvis Cole #11. The hills of LA are burning. As the Police evacuate the inhabitants, they find the corpse of a recluse who apparently committed suicide. Clutched in his lap is a photo album containing photographs of seven young women who have been murdered. Taken only moments after the women were killed, they could only have been taken by the killer. LAPD homicide detectives had never connected the seven murders, but with this discovery there is now a link. Only one suspect had been charged in any of those cases but, with evidence supplied by Elvis Cole, he walked free. That suspect was the suicide discovered in the fire and now the police are out for Cole... Due Feb (American)

Neil CROSS

304pp Pb \$29.95 Nathan has never been able to forget the worst night of his life, the party that led to the shocking death of a young woman. Only he and Bob, an old acquaintance, know what really happened. But one rainy night, years later, Bob appears at Nathan's door with terrifying news and old wounds are suddenly reopened, threatening to tear Nathan's whole world apart. Because Nathan has his own secrets now. And Bob doesn't realise just how far Nathan

will go to protect them.. Due Feb (English)

Jeffrey DEAVER



The Broken Window 528pp Pb \$20.00

Lincoln Rhyme #8. Rhyme's cousin has been arrested for murder. The evidence clearly shows he did it, but Rhyme agrees to check things out. It turns out that the cousin along with other people, has been wrongly convicted because the true killer knows every single detail about the lives of the victims he kills and the men he sets up to take the fall for those crimes. Due Feb (American)

Ted DEKKER Adam

In the mind of FBI behavioural psychologist Daniel Clark, there is no Good and no Evil. All that possesses him is the pursuit of the serial killer known as 'Eve'. A pursuit that will lead Daniel to his own death. But he is miraculously resuscitated 21 minutes after flatlining and it soon becomes clear that the only way to stop Eve is to recover those

missing minutes by dying again. Soon he

will find himself re-evaluating everything

he ever believed. Due Feb (American)

384pp Pb \$22.99

William DIETRICH

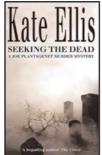
The Rosetta Key 384pp Pb \$18.95 Ethan Gage #2. A scroll of wisdom may have been carried by the Jews to Israel some 3,000 years ago and whoever holds it will have the power to dominate the world. Napoleon's henchmen seize the Book of Thoth from Gage in Syria and upon his return to France Bonaparte seizes power in a coup using a hurried translation of key passages to bewitch the French Assembly into approving his accession. Gage wrests the book back before Bonaparte can use its powers to assure his conquest of the world. It's then off to America. Where will Gage go from here? *Due Feb* (American)

Kate ELLIS



Seeking the Dead 336pp Pb \$20.00

Joe Plantagenet #1. A killer, who binds and asphyxiates his victims before leaving their naked bodies in churchvards, is on the prowl. Carmel Hennessy is paired with DI Joe Plantagenet, who, faces the unenviable



task of identifying the killer before he claims another victim. The victims appear to have nothing in common but the manner of their deaths, but as Joe's investigations forces him to consider that the case may have occult connections. Due Feb (English)

Hans FALLADA

Alone in Berlin 576pp Hb \$49.95 lt is Berlin, 1940, and the city is filled with fear. At the house on 55 Jablonski Strasse, its various occupants try to live under Nazi rule in their different ways. Working class couple Otto and Anna Quangel receive news that their son has been killed fighting in France. Otto is provoked into an action and begins to drop hundreds of anonymous postcards attacking Hitler all over the city. If they are caught, they will be executed. The cards come to the attention of the ambitious Gestapo inspector Escherich and a deadly game of cat and mouse develops. Due Feb (German)

Robert FERRIGNO

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💥 Sins of the Assassin

480pp Pb \$18.95

Assassin #2. The year is 2043. Nuclear bombs have levelled New York and Washington, DC. The United States no longer exists. To the west stretches the Islamic Republic. To the east and south lies the Christian Bible Belt. What stability exists is threatened when the president of the Islamic Republic discovers that a Bible Belt warlord is searching for a super weapon hidden inside a remote mountain by the old United States regime. Rakkim Epps, is sent to steal or destroy the weapon. Meanwhile a rich Muslim fanatic, who seeks to rule both American nations. realises Rakkim must be stopped, controlled, or killed. Due Feb (American)

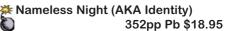
Joanna FLUKE



Carrot Cake Murder 352pp Pb \$16.95

Hannah Swensen #10 At her business partner's family reunion, a long lost uncle makes a surprise appearance and is immediately the hit of the reunion. He's almost as popular as Hannah's scrumptious carrot cake. The next morning Hannah finds Gus' corpse with an ice pick jutting out of his chest. Now Hannah's got to sift through a long list of suspects to find a killer, even if it could mean a recipe for her own demise... Due Feb (American)

G M FORD



Paul Hardy has spent the past seven years living in a group home for disabled adults, his identity and his past seemingly lost forever. Then, after a car accident, he awakens with his face reconstructed and his mind shadowy with memory. With only a name and a vaguely remembered scene to guide him, he goes on a quest to find out who he really is. But his search makes a lot of people uncomfortable, from the DA's office to the highest levels of government. Paul finds himself at the centre of a government cover up that has claimed too many innocent lives. Due Feb (American)

Mark GATISS

Black Butterfly 204pp Tp \$29.95 Lucifer Box #3. With Queen Elizabeth newly established on her throne, the now elderly secret agent Lucifer Box is reaching the end of his scandalous career. Despite his approaching retirement, events leave Box unable to resist investigating one last case. Why have pillars of the Establishment started dying in bizarre accidents? Who are the pay masters of assassin Kingdom Kum and who or what is the mysterious Black Butterfly? Can Lucifer Box save the day before the dying of the light? (American)

Elizabeth GEORGE

Careless in Red

576pp Pb \$24.99

Inspector Lynley #14. Thomas Lynley is determined to walk the length of the South West Coast of Cornwall to distract himself from the death of his wife. On the 43 days of this walk, he sees a cliff climber fall to his death. Shortly afterwards, he encounters a young woman whose personal history is a blank before her 30th year. These events propel him into a case that brings Barbara Havers from London and thrusts both detectives into a world where revenge is only one of the motives they must sift through to identify a killer. Due Feb (American)

Mark GIMENEZ

The Perk 512pp Pb \$19.9 Beck Hardin returns to his Texas 512pp Pb \$19.99 hometown after the death of his wife leaves him with two children to raise. The town is reeling from the murder of 16-year-old Heidi, whose father asks Beck to help him find her killer. Meanwhile, Beck is pushed into becoming town Judge and he makes some powerful enemies amongst the rich white landowners when he refuses to condone their treatment of the Mexican workers of the town. As events escalate, the landowners carefully plot their revenge...Due Feb (American)

Lee GOLDBERG

, Mr Monk Goes to Germany 275pp Pb \$18.95

Adrian Monk is on a roll solving murders as fast as they come. But when his therapist, Dr Kroger, leaves for Germany, Monk can't tie his shoes, forgets how to swallow and loses track of his blinking. Desperate, he follows Dr Kroger to Germany where he sees a man with six fingers. The man responsible for his wife's death, or was it just his imagination? (American)

Margaret GRACE

Malice in Miniature 304pp Pb \$16.95

Miniature Mystery #3. Miniaturist Geraldine's nephew arrests a local for murdering her boyfriend. Enlisted to help find the real culprit, Gerry comes upon criminal artists who wish she'd mind her own tiny business. *Due Feb* (American)



Ian GRANT

Death Between the Lines 196pp Pb \$19.95

Within 20 minutes, three folders arrived on his desk. Pymble stared at their labels: Riley. Homicide 27.4.1928. Inquiries suspended August 1928. Case Open. Donniker. Homicide 4.10.1924. Inquiries suspended May 1925. Case Open. McPhipps. Homicide 11.6.1927. Inquiries suspended December 1927. Reopened May 1928. Suspended July 1928. Looking inside the covers, he noticed that a different inspector handled each case. No link had ever been made among the three. Leaning back on his chair, Pymble reached for the file marked Riley and began to read... (Australian)

448pp Pb \$20.00

Alex GRAY



Pitch Black
Lorimer and

Brightman #5. When Kelvin FC's new midfielder is found stabbed to death and his wife is apprehended trying to leave the country, a seemingly straightforward new case begins. But with

the murder of a referee after a Kelvin match and when the latest signing to the club becomes the latest victim in a string of killings, Lorimer knows there's a serial killer on the loose, one that's only beginning to show his true colours. Due Feb (Scottish)

Ginna GRAY

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The Prime Objective 384pp Pb \$16.95

When Kate Mahaffey receives a hysterical phone call from her sister Colleen - a plea to run, hide and not to contact the police - Kate reaches out to the one man who can help, her exhusband, CIA operative Jackson Prime. Jack may have signed divorce papers, but his heart still belongs to Kate. He'll do anything to keep her safe. Dodging hit men and bullets, they must track down Colleen before their mission changes from run and hide to turn and fight. Due Feb (American)

Andrew GREELEY

Irish Tiger 336pp Pb \$18.95 Nuala McGrail #11. Problem solver Nuala Anne McGrail comes to the aid of John Patrick Donlan and Maria Angelica Connors, both grandparents when they met, and their passionate connection took them by surprise. But Dolan's family opposes the match and someone will stop at nothing to destroy their marriage, and maybe even their lives. It may be up to one gifted woman and a pair of retired police dogs to prevent a love story from ending in unspeakable tragedy. Due Feb (American)

Andrew GREIG

🔆 Romanno Bridge 307pp Pb \$22.95 A motorcyclist with a stolen ring finds a quiet place to die. A woman with an eventful past has signed the Official Secrets Act. A man with a long blade in a tan holster under his suit has taken a commission to retrieve an object that might not exist. The hunt for the crowning stone of the Dalriadic kings, the Stone of Scone, worth enough to make life cheap for some and dear to others, has begun. (Scottish)

John GRISHAM

The Associate 384pp Hb \$49.95 Kyle McAvoy is one of the outstanding legal students of his generation, but he has a secret from his past that threatens to destroy his fledgling career. That secret catches up with him in the form of some bad men with a compromising video. Kyle must do as they tell him, or the video will be made public. He is to take a job as an associate at the largest law firm in the world. But he will be passing on the secrets of the company's biggest trial, a dispute between two defence contractors worth billions. Now Kyle is caught between the forces manipulating him and the FBI, who would love to unmask the conspiracy... Due Feb (American)

Rosemary HARRIS



Pushing Up Daisies 320pp Pb \$16.95

Dirty Business Mystery #1. Meet Paula Holliday who trades her stilettos for garden clogs when she makes the move to the suburbs to start a gardening business. Paula can handle slugs and the occasional "human" pest but she's not prepared for the body she finds while restoring the gardens at a local landmark. Things turns serious when a body is impaled on a garden tool and one of Paula's friends is arrested for the crime. Aided by an aging rocker, a former colleague and a sexy Mexican labourer, Paula digs for the truth and unearths dirty business the town has kept buried for years... Due Feb (English)

Joan HESS



Mummy Dearest 336pp Pb \$16.95

Claire Malloy #17. Claire Malloy and Peter Rosen are on their honeymoon in Luxor, with her daughter Caron, and her best friend Inez. Claire is intent on a quiet, uneventful stay involving shopping, and tourist sites. But despite her determined efforts to avoid trouble, the tenor of the trip quickly switches from sleepy to creepy. First, Caron and Inez are chased through darkened alleys by persons unknown. Then a recent acquaintance is kidnapped by two young men on horseback. Something is clearly afoot and now Claire will stop at nothing to find out what. Due Feb (American)

Tobias HILL

368pp Pb \$32.95 the Hidden In Sparta, southern Greece, a close knit group search for the buried traces of an ancient power. Ben Mercer finds himself drawn to them, the double edged friendship of Jason, the unsettling beauty of the women, Natsuko and Eleschen, and the menace of Max and Eberhard, who idealise the extremes of the ancient Spartans. Ben wins his way into the circle, but there is more to the group than he understands and he finds out too late that some things should remain hidden. He must decide where his loyalties lie, before the decision is taken for him. Due Feb (English)

Gwen HUNTER

Rapid Descent

384pp Pb \$16.95

The kayak trip was to be a honeymoon for Nell and Joe Stevens, but Nell is swept under and loses consciousness. She awakes on shore, finding a note from Joe, explaining that he has gone for help. He never returns. The search that follows raises more questions. About the family he never mentioned and an enormous inheritance. And worse, is Nell responsible? Eventually, she takes to the river again in search of the truth and finds that jealousy, desperation and deception can pull you under faster than churning water and you may never resurface. Due Feb (American)

Lisa JACKSON & Nancy BUSH Wicked Game 480pp Pb \$18.95

🕽 20 years ago, Jessie Brentwood vanished. Most of Jessie's friends believed she ran away. Few suspected that Jessie was hiding a shocking secret that brought her into the crosshairs of a vicious killer. 20 years later, a body is unearthed on school grounds and Jessie's old friends reunite. Most are sure that the body is Jessie's. But soon, Jessie's friends begin to die in freak accidents. Becca Sutcliff has been haunted for years by visions of Jessie. She senses that an evil force is shadowing her. Is it coincidence or has Jessie's killer returned to finish what was started years ago? Due Feb (American)

Peter JAMES

Dead Man's Footsteps 400pp Pb \$19.99

Detective Superintendent Roy Grace #4. Abby stepped in the lift and it jerked upwards before plunged sharply downwards. Amid the mayhem of the morning of 9/11, failed Brighton businessman Ronnie Wilson sees the chance to disappear and reinvent himself in another country. Six years later, the discovery of the remains of a woman's body in a storm drain in Brighton, leads Grace into a desperate race against time to save a woman being hunted like an animal in the streets and alleys of Brighton. Due Feb (English)

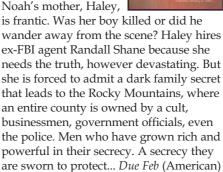
Quintin JARDINE

544pp Pb \$20.00 **Aftershock** Bob Skinner #18. It's the second

week of July Trades Holiday in Edinburgh when Deputy Chief Constable Bob Skinner gets a call informing them that the body of a young woman has been found on a golf course. The body has been 'composed', just like the bodies of three other young women in a previous case. Could it be the work of a copycat killer? The murder victim is an art teacher whose ex-boyfriend is a policeman with a reputation as a serious womaniser. Due Feb (Scottish)

Chris JORDAN

Torn
A deranged 400pp Pb \$16.95 man holds over 100 schoolchildren hostage. After a long police stand-off, the gymnasium suddenly explodes into flames. All the students escaped except 10year-old Noah Corbin.



Jose Luis de JUAN

🎉 This Breathing World

231pp Pb \$22.95

Chris Jordan

Two stories are placed in front of one another like mirrors. The first of this pair of thrillers is set in first century Rome and relates the rise and fall of Mazuf, a homosexual Syrian scribe and renowned man of letters who is driven to kill. The second is a confession by a present day American named Laurence. We soon find out that there is a lot more to his tale as Laurence is a murderer too. These mysteries are constructed as reflections of each other enveloping readers in the stories of the young murderers told through their own eyes. (Spanish)

Philip KERR

A Quiet Flame 448pp Pb \$22.95

Bernard Gunther #5. Bernie arrives in Buenos Aires and discovers that his reputation as a detective goes before him. A young girl has been murdered in circumstances that resemble Bernie's final case as a homicide detective with the Berlin police, a case he failed to solve. The chief of police in Buenos Aires thinks the murderer may be an ex Nazi and who better than Bernie to help him track that murderer down? Due Feb (English)

Jayne Ann KRENTZ

Running Hot 352pp Pb \$32.99 Arcane Society #5. Grace Renguist has been hired as an aura reading consultant in the quest for a murder suspect, but has zero field experience. Her bodyguard, Luther Malone isn't good with a gun. So the last thing they expect is for romantic sparks to fly between them. When rogue operatives for an underground group pour into the resort Grace recognises the dark spikes in their auras. The criminals in their midst aren't just high level sensitives, they've enhanced their talent with a potent drug. And as Grace knows, if you don't control your powers, your powers will control you. Due Feb (American)

Chris KUZNESKI

The Lost Throne 422pp Pb \$32.95 In the cliffs of central Greece, the Metéora monasteries are all but inaccessible. The Holy Trinity are the guardians of a long forgotten secret. One night, warriors carrying ancient weapons attack, hurling the monks and their secret from the cliff top. In Europe, academic Richard Byrd has nearly uncovered the location of one of the Seven Ancient Wonders, the statue of Zeus and his mighty throne. But his search has also uncovered a conspiracy and that some would do anything to conceal. Due Feb (American)

Stieg LARSSON

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo 533pp Pb \$22.95

Millennium Trilogy #1. 40 years ago, Harriet Vanger disappeared from a family gathering on the island owned by the powerful Vanger clan. Her uncle is convinced it was murder and that the killer is a member of his own family. He employs disgraced financial journalist Mikael Blomkvist and the truculent computer hacker Lisbeth Salander to investigate. When the pair link Harriet's disappearance to a number of grotesque murders they begin to unravel a dark family history. But the Vangers are a secretive clan and will do almost anything to protect themselves. (Swedish)

Pam LEWIS

The Perfect Family

406pp Pb \$23.00

When Pony Carteret is found drowned in the waters of Lake Aral her family accepts a verdict of accidental death, but something doesn't seem to fit. How could Pony, an experienced swimmer, die within feet of their holiday home while her toddler son played on the shore? Who was the man seen arguing with her before she died? What had she meant to tell William, her older brother, whom she had summoned to the house that day? As William challenges the official version of events he makes a devastating and very personal discovery. (American)

J LYONS

🙀 Warning Signs 368pp Pb \$18.95 © On rotation at Pittsburgh 's Angels of Mercy Hospital and struggling to finish medical school, Amanda Mason can't afford to make any mistakes but mysterious symptoms that defy diagnosis have been affecting her performance. But when one patient showing the same strange symptoms dies and another slips into a coma, Amanda realises the clock is ticking on her own survival. With the help of her friends she must solve this mystery before she becomes the next victim. Due Feb (American)

P D MARTIN

The Killing Hands

400pp Pb \$32.99

Sophie Anderson #4. FBI profiler Sophie Anderson is an expert, however her latest case is like nothing she's seen before. The victim is Jun Saito, son of the first Korean Yakuza godfather and research has uncovered other



similar deaths. A serial killer is using Kung Fu's Ten Killing Hands and another hit could strike at the heart of investigating team. Due Feb (Australian)

Andy McDERMOTT

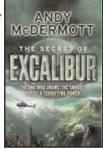
🎇 The Tomb of Hercules 3 616pp Pb \$20.00

Nina Wilde and Eddie Chase #2. An ancient text has convinced archaeologist Nina Wilde that a tomb containing the remains of legendary warrior Hercules may actually exist. As Nina and Eddie Chase, her ex SAS bodyguard and now boyfriend, begin their search it's clear that others want to find the tomb and the riches contained within. Nina and Chase are soon following a violent trail around the globe. It's a race against time to find the Tomb of Hercules before it falls into the most evil of hands... (English)

Andy McDERMOTT

The Secret of Excalibur 506pp Tp \$33.00

Nina Wilde and Eddie Chase #3. Said to make whoever holds it unstoppable in battle, the sword Excalibur has been coveted across the ages, and thought lost for over a 1,000 years. Historian Bernd Rust believes he can locate

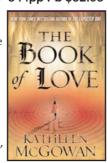


Excalibur and that the sword is the key to harnessing an incredible source of energy. Nina is sceptical until she and Rust are attacked by mercenaries. Nina and Eddie are soon propelled into a deadly race to find Excalibur... (English)

Kathleen McGOWAN

The Book of Love 544pp Pb \$32.95

Magdalene Line #2. Cultures throughout Europe believed there was once a gospel written in Christ's own hand referred to by the Cathar culture in France, who claimed to be descendants of Christ, as The Book of Love.



But the teachings in the book were contrary to the political agenda of the Church. Papal forces launched a crusades against the Cathars to wipe out their 'heresy' and to gain the original manuscript. Maureen Paschal continues her journey of discovery, following clues left 800 years ago by the ancient architects of the great Gothic cathedrals of Europe. As Maureen and her team get closer to the truth, they find themselves locked in the battle between good and evil. Due Feb (American)

Catriona McPHERSON



Dandy Gilver #4. When a circus comes to spend the winter at the neighbouring estate, Dandy's sons are not alone in their excitement. But when Dandy is asked to investigate a series of nasty tricks taking place in the circus she discovers a hotbed of passion and resentment. Then one of the artistes dies and she must find answers in a world where nothing is as it seems. Due Feb (Scottish)

Ryu MURAKAMI

💥 Audition 208pp Hb \$29.95

Documentary-maker Aoyama hasn't dated anyone since the death of his wife. When his best friend comes up with a plan to hold fake film auditions so that Aoyama can choose a new bride, he goes along with the idea. Of the thousands who apply, Aoyama only has eyes for Yamasaki Asami, a young, talented ballerina with a turbulent past. But there is more to her than Aoyama can see, and by the time he discovers the terrifying truth it may be too late. Due Feb (Japanese)

Derek NIKITAS

💥 Pyres 320pp Pb \$22.99

Lucia Moberg turns 16 in a week. But adolescence ends fast when her father is shot dead in an apparent stickup. The killer flees, and so ignites an inferno that will engulf all the women it touches. A mother whose life is shrouded in darkness, a pregnant outlaw desperate for a secure life, a family cop atoning for her own family's collapse and Lucia herself, caught in the peril and violence that surrounds her. Due Feb (American)

Carol O'CONNELL

416pp Pb \$32.95 **Bone by Bone** Two teenage brothers go into the woods, but only one comes back. No one knows what happened to the younger brother until 20 years later, when the older brother, Oren, now an exinvestigator for the Army Criminal Investigations Department, returns home. His first morning back, he hears a thump on the front porch. It is a human jawbone. It is not the first such object, his father tells him. Coventry is a town full of secrets and the greatest secret of all belonged to his brother, and it is only by unravelling it that Oren can discover the truth that has haunted them all for 20

Anthony O'NEILL

The Unscratchables

years. Due Feb (American)

256pp Pb \$32.95

All Crusher McNash wants is a decent tin of Chumps, to watch the ballgame and a good lie down, but when you're one of the toughest detectives on the force you've rarely got time to scratch yourself. There's been another murder, this time down in Fly's Picnic, two dead 'weilers and too few clues. Due Feb (Australian)

Robert B PARKER

Rough Weather

294pp Tp \$29.95

Spenser #36. Heidi Bradshaw, a notorious gold digger recently separated from her latest husband, recruits the Boston PI to accompany her to her private island to attend her daughter's wedding as a sort of stand in husband and protector. It should be a straightforward job, but when his old nemesis Rugar arrives, Spenser realises that something is amiss. A storm, a kidnapping and murder tear apart what should be a joyous occasion. The sloppy kidnapping is not Rugar's style. With six dead bodies and more questions than he can process, Spenser begins a search for answers. (American)

T Jefferson PARKER

🌺 L.A. Outlaws 448pp Pb \$23.95

Allison Murrieta is a modern day Jesse James with the compulsion to steal beautiful things and the conscience to donate much of her bounty to charity. Nobody ever gets hurt until a job ends with ten gangsters lying dead and a half million dollars worth of diamonds missing. Rookie Deputy Charlie Hood prevents an eyewitness named Suzanne Jones from leaving the scene and begins an intense affair with Suzanne. Hood must choose between his honour and passion. With a killer in relentless pursuit, Suzanne and Hood continue their desperate dance around the secrets that brought them together, unsure whether each new dawn may signal the day their lies catch up with them. Due Feb (American)

Richard North PATTERSON

Eclipse 400pp Pb \$32.99 American lawyer, Damon Pierce, attempts to save Bobby Okari, the West African leader of a protest movement, from execution by the country's corrupt leader. As the trial, involving terrorism and the geopolitics of oil and the whims of a lawless country unfolds, bodies fall and fates dangle. Complicating matters further is Okari's wife, with whom Pierce had a relationship with years before. Due Feb (American)

Otto PENZLER (ed)

The Big Book of Pulps: The Best Crime Stories from the Golden Age of the Pulps - The 20's 30's and 40's 1141pp Tp \$45.00

Containing over 47 stories and two novels, here are the best stories and every major writer who ever appeared in celebrated Pulps like Black Mask, Dime Detective, Detective Fiction Weekly and more. This is crime fiction at its gritty best. It features three stories each by Raymond Chandler, Cornell Woolrich, Erle Stanley Gardner and Dashiell Hammett, a never-before-published Dashiell Hammett story and complete novels from Carroll John Daly and Frederick Nebel, masters of the form. (American)

Thomas PERRY

🗶 Runner

🐌 Jane Whitefield #6 For ten years, Jane Whitefield helped people escape from their enemies and become runners, for whom she created new identities that would never be uncovered. Until she got married and



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384pp Pb \$29.95

promised her new husband that she would give up her job and settle into a quiet life. But when a bomb explodes in the middle of a hospital fundraiser, Jane finds herself face to face with a young girl, who's pregnant and has been tracked across the country by a team of hired hunters. Jane has to revisit old skills and old contacts but saving one last victim is going to send Jane off on a mission that could be a rescue operation or a chance for revenge. Due Feb (American)

Emilie RICHARDS A Lie for a Lie 320pp Pb \$18.95

Ministry is Murder #4. When the ex-wife of a local celebrity is charged with his murder, minister's wife Aggie Sloan-Wilcox seeks divine inspiration to help clear her name. Due Feb (American)



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Phil RICKMAN

To Dream of the Dead 471pp Tp \$29.95

Merrily Watkins #10. The village of Ledwardine has until now never been flooded. Only one man feels safe, an atheist author who has been moved into a secluded house just outside the village. Meanwhile, archaeologists, assisted by Merrily Watkins's teenage daughter, Jane are unearthing an ancient row of standing stones which some people would prefer stay buried. It looks to be a cold and complex Christmas for Merrily Watkins. (English)

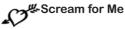
J D ROBB



Promises in Death 352pp Pb \$33.00

In Death #29. Every cop gets angry when a police officer is killed and Lieutenant Eve Dallas is no exception. But Amarylis Coltraine was also in a relationship with one of Eve's colleagues, so Eve throws every resource she has into finding the killer. When she finds a link to the son of a criminal she and her husband had put behind bars, the case heats up. Eve puts herself in danger to get to the truth but she can't prevent another death before she learns who betrayed both the criminal's son and the police officer he loved... Due Feb (American)

Karen ROSE



672pp Pb \$20.00

Daniel Vartanian #2. Daniel Vartanian discovers photographs taken and hidden by his brother years ago, showing a group of unidentifiable teenage boys raping young girls. With his brother now dead, Vartanian is determined to find the girls and bring the rapists to justice. Alex Fallon is unable to forget her past. Her family fell apart when her sister was murdered and now her step sister Bailey has disappeared. Daniel and Alex will have to confront their pasts head on if they are find the missing woman before it's too late. Due Feb (American)

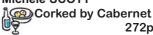
Karen ROSE

Kill for Me 448pp Pb \$33.00 Daniel Vartanian #3. For years District Attorney Susannah Vartanian has refused to allow anyone close to her. Her life changed overnight when as a teenager she was brutally raped. Detective Luke Papadopoulus is a detective working on sex crimes against children. Monica Cassidy was kidnapped and held with 11 other girls, all victims of a paedophile ring started by Susannah's rapists. She barely escaped with her life when her kidnappers panicked and fled. Now Monica is the only one who can identify the ring's members and they know where she is. Will Luke and Susannah be able to keep Monica safe and crack the ring before the remaining girls disappear forever? Due Feb (American)

Robert ROTENBERG

Mall City Hall 416pp Pb \$32.99 74-year-old Mr Gurdial Singh is on his newspaper round, looking forward to his daily exchange with Kevin Brace, popular radio talk show host on the 12th floor of the luxury Holmes Tower in central Toronto. But this time his customer is not waiting to greet him and when the door is eventually opened to Mr Singh's tentative knock, Mr Kevin is standing there, covered in blood. Due Feb (Canadian)

Michele SCOTT



272pp Pb \$16.95

Wine Lovers Mystery #5. Nikki Sands, manager of the Malveaux Estates in Napa Valley, and girlfriend of the owner is blissfully happy. Until a guru's devotee is killed on the famous Napa Valley Wine train and ruins her peace of mind. Due Feb (American)

Kitty SEWELL

Bloodprint 448pp Pb \$29.95

Following the death of her husband, Madeleine Frank has fled to Bath. But as a psychotherapist she knows that it's impossible to recover from some losses. Just as she's starting to forget the scars of her past, Madeleine is thrown off balance by the arrival of a new patient. Madeleine is disturbed to discover that strains of her patient's childhood eerily echo her own darkest secret. The increasingly complex relationship between Madeleine and her client will unleash a terrifying series of events which neither could have predicted. And at the heart of the terror lies the fate of a child. Due Feb (Sweden)

James SHEEHAN



The Law of the Second Chances 586pp Pb 586pp Pb \$21.95

When a rich man gets out of his expensive car, he is surprised to see a young man in front of him, holding a gun. No need to panic. It's surely about money, and therefore negotiable, isn't it? There's a sharp crack of a gun and then silence. A week later a small time crook has been arrested for murder. Two eye witnesses have put him at the scene of the crime, but did he pull the trigger? He's facing death row and he needs a good lawyer fast. (American)

Yrsa SIGUROARDOTTIR

Last Rituals 432pp Pb \$22.99
A young man is found brutally murdered. A student of Icelandic history in Reykjavik, he came from a wealthy family who do not believe his drug dealer murdered him. Attorney Thora Gudmundsdottir is commissioned by his family to find the truth, with the help of ex-policeman Matthew Reich. Their investigations take them deep into a grisly world of torture and witchcraft, as they draw ever closer to a killer gripped by a dangerous obsession. Due Feb (Iceland)

Child 44

Michael STANLEY

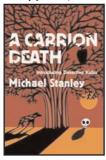
A Carrion Death

555pp Pb \$22.99

In Stalin's Soviet Union, crime does not exist. The mere suspicion of disloyalty to the State can send an body near a innocent person to his execution. Officer Leo Demidov believes he's building a perfect society. But after witnessing the interrogation of an innocent man, his loyalty begins to waver. Then the impossible happens. A murderer is on the loose, killing at will. Exiled from home with only his wife by his side, he must risk everything to find a criminal that the State won't admit even exists. On the run, Leo soon discovers the

512pp Pb \$22.95

Detective Kubu #1. They find the first waterhole considered magical by the local bush people. The victim was murdered and his identity hidden. For Assistant Superintendent David Kubu Bengu, it's



obvious that sinister forces are at work. Kubu is a resourceful lawman, well versed in Botswana's deadliest secrets. As he follows a blood soaked trail he uncovers a chain of crimes linked to the most powerful figures in the who will stop at nothing to remove those who stand in their way... (South African)

Dana STABENOW

Prepared for Rage

danger isn't from the killer he is trying

to catch, but from the country he is

trying to protect. Due Feb (English)

336pp Pb \$18.95

A terrorist, an FBI analyst, a coast guard captain assigned to keep watch on that very American of symbols and an astronaut who takes her job very seriously. The paths of these characters converge. NASA is preparing to



launch the space shuttle, this time with a high paying visitor on board, and the FBI and the coast guard are doing everything they can to help the launch go off without a hitch. But one Pakistani man with a grudge and the commitment of many zealous men behind him is determined to strike back at the most visible target he can find... Due Feb (American)

Sam STALL 🗯 Dracula's Heir: An Interactive Mystery 79pp Hb \$36.95

In 1897, the publishers of Bram Stoker's Dracula cut the first chapter from the book just weeks before publication. Here it becomes the central clue in a spinechilling mystery. Dracula's Heir begins 10 years after the events in the original novel. Jonathon and Mina Harker are happily married and enjoying life in England. Meanwhile, their friend Dr John Seward is tracking a string of crimes including two "accident victims" found drained of their blood. All the evidence points to Jonathon Harker, who spent several months imprisoned in Castle Dracula. Has the English solicitor spent the last 10 years as a nosferatu? Or is someone (or something) else getting away with murder? Dracula's Heir features an original mystery novella, plus 8 removable clues. Once you've solved the mystery, you can open the final signature (sealed at the printer) to test your sleuthing skills. (American)

Fred VARGAS



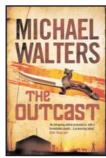
Chief Inspector Adamsberg #1. Jean-Baptiste Adamsberg is not like other policemen. His methods appear unorthodox in the extreme but in spite of this his colleagues are forced to admit that he is a highly successful cop. When strange blue chalk circles start appearing on the pavements of Paris, the press take up the story with amusement and psychiatrists trot out their theories. Adamsberg is alone in thinking this is not a game. He insists on being kept informed of new circles and the increasingly bizarre objects which they contain. Soon a circle with decidedly less banal contents is discovered, the body of a woman with her throat savagely cut. Due Feb (French)

Michael WALTERS

The Outcast Inspector

Nergui #3. Ulaan Bataar bakes in the heat of an unseasonably hot summer. But the city is facing a series of crises, an apparent suicide bomber shot down by police, a

dead body in the City



340 Tp \$29.95

Museum re enacting an incident from ancient Mongolian history, an explosion at a political rally. Then one of Doripalam's, own team is arrested. Worst of all, Nergui, now an influential figure in the Ministry of Security, appears to be pursuing an agenda all of his own. The roots of all this trouble lie in the history of the Mongol nation, as well as in the more recent legacies of the communist state. A chilling figure from Nergui's past... an outcast who has returned to exact revenge on both Nergui and the nation that rejected him. (English)

Melinda WELLS

Death Takes the Cake 304pp Pb \$18.95

Della Cooks Mystery #2. To help boost ratings for her show, Della Carmichael agrees to enter a televised cake competition sponsored by Reggi-Mixx, even though the company's owner, Regina Davis, is an old college nemesis. When she finds Regina drowned in a mixing bowl of batter, Della realises solving this murder will be no cakewalk. Due Feb (American)

Andrew WILLIAMS

The Interrogator Pb \$32.99 Spring, 1941. Hitler's submarines prey on the Atlantic convoys that are Britains lifeline. Lieutenant Douglas Lindsay is amongst just a handful of men picked up when his ship is torpedoed. He becomes an interrogator with naval intelligence, questioning captured U-Boat crews. He is convinced the Germans have broken British naval codes, but he's a lone voice and his superiors begin to wonder can he really be trusted? Lindsay becomes increasingly isolated and desperate. Lindsay decides to risk all in one last throw of the dice, setting a trap for his nemesis, U Boat Commander Jrgen Mohr, the man who sent his ship to its doom... Due Feb (English)

R D WINGFIELD

A Killing Frost 576pp Pb \$21.95 Iack Frost #6. In Denton Detective Inspector Jack Frost is called to the site of a macabre discovery in the woods. Meanwhile a multiple rapist is on the loose, the local supermarket reports poisoned stock and a man claims to have cut his wife up into little pieces. But it is when two young girls are reported missing that the crime wave reaches terrifying heights. As the exhausted Frost staggers from case to case, something nasty arrives at the station in the form of Detective Chief Inspector Skinner. Skinner clearly has his eye on the Superintendent's office, but his first job is to manipulate the transfer of Frost to another division. Will Frost find the missing girls before his new nemesis forces him away from Denton once and for all? Due Feb (English)

Jacqueline WINSPEAR An Incomplete Revenge 352pp Pb \$22.99

Masie Dobbs #4. 1931. Maisie's new case takes her to the village of Heronsdene, where acts of arson, theft and vandalism have gone suspiciously unreported. An old friend wants her to uncover the truth behind these crimes, before he can buy part of the magnificent Sandermere estate at the heart of the village. She has less than a month to find out why no one has been brought to justice and why secrecy shrouds the village. Due Feb (English)

Inger Ash WOLFE

The Calling 512pp Pb \$21.95

Hazel Micallef Mystery #1.

Detective Inspector Hazel Micallef of Port Dundas, Ontario, is making her way toward retirement with something less than grace. But when a woman is found murdered in her home with no sign of resistance and her mouth sculpted into a strangely meaningful shape, Hazel's bickering department springs to life. And as more bodies are found, Hazel must confront a clamouring press and the town's rumour mill whilst she edges ever closer to this terrifying, gruesomely inventive serial killer. *Due Feb* (Canadian)

Roger ZELAZNY

The Dead Man's Brother 256pp Pb \$16.95

Hard Case Crime. Once an art smuggler, now a respectable art dealer, Ovid Wiley awoke to find his former partner stabbed to death on his gallery floor. When a CIA agent showed up to spring him from custody, things got a lot stranger. The CIA is offering to clear up the murder charge in return for a favour: They want Ovid to fly to Vatican City and trace the trail of a renegade priest who has gone missing with millions in church funds. The connection is the priest's lover, a woman Ovid knew in his smuggling days... Due Feb (American)

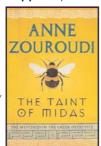
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* The Taint of Midas

288pp Pb \$32.95

The ruined Temple of Apollo has been in the care of the old beekeeper Gabrilis. But when the value of the land soars, he is persuaded to sign away his interests, and hours later he meets a violent death. When Hermes



Diaktoros finds his friend's battered body, the police make him the prime suspect. But there are many who stand to gain from Gabrilis's death. Hermes resolves to avenge his old friend and find the true culprit, but his methods are, as ever, unorthodox. *Due Feb (English)*

HISTORICAL CRIME



Boris AKUNIN Pelagia and the Red Rooster 407pp Tp \$33.00

Sister Pelagia #3 Pelagia finds herself investigating a self-proclaimed Russian prophet, Manuila and his followers, who deny Jesus Christ and the Church. Her investigation is guided in part by ancient manuscripts and involves murder, deception, miracles, romance and a crisis of faith for our inimitable heroine. (Russian)

Boris AKUNIN

The State Counsellor304pp Pb \$23.00

Erast Fandorin #6. General Khrapov, newly appointed Governor General of Siberia and soon to be Minister of the Interior, is murdered in his official saloon carriage on his way from St Petersburg to Moscow. The killer, disguised as Fandorin, leaves a knife thrust up to the hilt in his victim's chest and escapes through the window of the carriage. Can Fandorin escape suspicion? Due Feb (Russian)

Gyles BRANDRETH Oscar Wilde and the Ring of Death 432pp Pb \$22.99

Oscar proposes a game of 'Murder' in which each of his Sunday Supper Club guests must write down those whom they would like to kill. The 14 'victims' then begin to die mysteriously, and in the order in which their names were drawn. Wilde and his confidantes Robert Sherard and Arthur Conan Doyle, realise that one of their guests that evening must be the murderer. Wilde will need all his powers of deduction and knowledge of human behaviour before he himself, the 13th name on the list, becomes the killer's next victim. *Due Feb* (English)

Susanna GREGORY The Butcher of Smithfield 512pp Pb \$25.00

Chaloner #3. Thomas Chaloner, just returned from a clandestine excursion to Spain and Portugal on behalf of the Queen, finds many things changed in London including the Government slapping a tax on printed newspapers. And it seems that a number of citizens who have eaten cucumbers have come to untimely deaths. It is one such death, that of a lawyer with links to the Butcher of Smithfield, which Chaloner is despatched to investigate. Chaloner has to untangle the devious means of how news is gathered and he has to put his personal safety aside as he tries to penetrate the rumour mill surrounding the Butcher of Smithfield and discover his real identity. Due Feb (English)

Jean-Francois PAROT The Phantom of Rue Royale 342pp Pb \$29.95

Nicholas Le Floch Mystery #3. At the firework display marking the Dauphin's marriage to Marie Antoinette, hundreds of people have been injured or crushed to death. Yet not all the victims died accidentally. The tragic incident yields a new case for Commissioner Le Floch when a strangled woman is found amongst the other corpses. The investigation takes him to the home of a furrier on Rue Royale where he must deal not just with its curious residents but also face the terrifying forces of the supernatural. Due Feb (French)

Anne PERRY

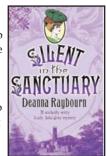
Buckingham Palace Gardens 480pp Pb \$20.00

Thomas Pitt #25. Early one morning, Inspector Thomas Pitt is awoken by a message from his boss, Narraway. A maid at Buckingham Palace has been murdered and Narraway needs his most trusted man to deal with the investigation. The suspects are narrowed down to a group of guests meeting with the Prince of Wales to discuss the funding for a huge project. If the murderer isn't found, the Queen will veto royal support for the scheme. Pitt must solve the murder and reconcile his own concept of justice with those who feel it is within their right to make their own laws, whatever the consequences. Due Feb (English)

Deanna RAYBOURN Silent in the Sanctuary

528pp Pb \$16.95

Lady Julia Grey #2. Lady Julia returns from Italy to Sussex to find her father's estate crowded with family and friends. Much to her surprise, the one man she had hoped to forget, the compelling Nicholas Brisbane is among her father's



houseguests, and he's not alone. Not to be outdone, Julia introduces him to her devoted, Italian count. But the celebrations take a turn when a guest is found murdered, and Lady Julia's cousin confesses to the crime. Certain of her cousin's innocence, Lady Julia resumes her intriguing partnership with Nicholas Brisbane, setting out to unravel a tangle of deceit before the killer can strike again. *Due Feb* (American)

David ROBERTS No More Dving 258pp Hb \$59.95

Lord Edwin Corinth and Verity Browne #9. It is 1939 and it is clear that Britain will soon be at war and MI5 has learnt that an assassin has been dispatched to kill Winston Churchill. The assassin's identity is unknown and Lord Edward, pursuing one line of enquiry, goes to Cliveden. Verity Browne is also at Cliveden. She has been ordered by her superiors to get as close as possible to one of the Astor's guests, Joseph Kennedy, the American Ambassador in the UK. When the body of a man is found in the grounds, Verity recognises the dead man as a former colleague. The race against time to identify Churchill's would be assassin and the murderer of Verity's friend takes the intrepid duo to Switzerland and a nail biting climax on St Moritz's icy Cresta Run. (English)



John Maddox ROBERTS

Oracle of the Dead 240pp Hb \$39.95 SPOR #12. Decius Caecilius Metellus is living the good life in southern Italy, happy to be away from Rome. He takes a party to visit the Oracle of the Dead, a pre Roman cult site located beneath a temple of Apollo. He quickly learns that there is a bitter rivalry between the priests of Apollo and those of Hecate, who guard the oracle. When the priests of Apollo are all killed, the countryside looks to explode in violence. Decius is caught in the middle, desperate to find a way out that will pacify the district and save his own skin. (American)

Steven SAYLOR The Triumph of Caesar

271pp Hb \$44.95

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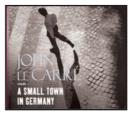
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"The Germans mustn't know. Not on any account. They mustn't know he's gone, they mustn't know there's been a



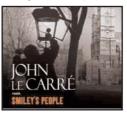
leak." The missing man is Harting, from the British Embassy in Bonn. The missing files, 43, all Confidential or above. London's security officer Alan Turner is sent to Bonn to find the missing man and files as Germany's past, present and future threaten to collide in a nightmare of violence. Due Feb (English)

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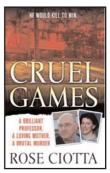
CRIME **NON-FICTION**



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Ian FERGUSON

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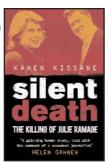
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Red Centre, Dark Heart

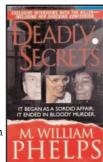
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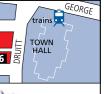
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