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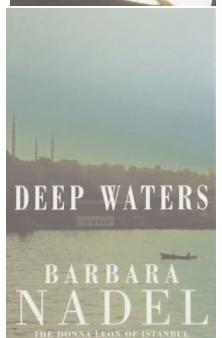
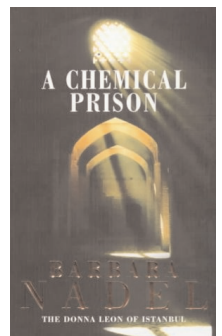
Two of my favourite authors whose popularity is slowly growing are Alan Furst and Barbara Nadel. If you haven't tried either, they come with my heartiest recommendation.



BARBARA NADEL

Barbara Nadel has published four novels to date with a fifth due in April 2003. She trained as an actress and is now a public relations officer for the National Schizophrenia Fellowship's Good Companions Service. Her previous job was a mental health advocate in a psychiatric hospital. She has also worked with sexually abused teenagers and

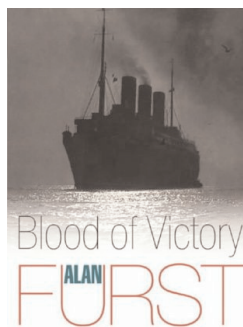
taught psychology in both schools and colleges. Born in the East End of London, she has been a regular visitor to Turkey for over 20 years. Her five books all are set in Istanbul and feature Inspector Cetin Ikmen, Sergeant Suleyman, later Inspector, and a host of others. The exotic locale and the interesting characters of different nationalities add up to an accomplished series of mysteries. The titles in order are **Belshazzar's Daughter** (Pb 18.95), **A Chemical Prison** (Pb 18.95), **Arabesk** (Pb 18.95), **Deep Waters** (Pb 18.95) and the new title due in April, **Harem** (Tp 32.95).



ALAN FURST

Alan Furst describes the area of his interest as 'near history'. His novels are set between 1933 – the year of Adolf Hitler's ascent, with the first Stalinist purges in Moscow coming a year later – and 1945, which saw the end of the war in Europe.

His research is comprehensive, delving into books written at the time, autobiographies, histories and also period newsreels, films, newspapers



and music of the period. The end result is a series of spy novels that are intelligent, absorbing, haunting and seductive. Some of his earlier novels are difficult to obtain, however we have managed to get some special trade paperback editions with notes. The titles in order are **Night Soldiers** (Tp 36.00), **Dark Star** (Tp 36.00), **Polish Officer** (Tp 34.00), **World at Night** (Pb 22.95), **Red Gold** (Tp 34.00), **Kingdom of Shadows** (Pb 17.95) and **Blood of Victory** (Tp 29.95).

- Peter

**MODERN CRIME****Lydia ADAMSON****A Cat on the Bus****198pp Pb 17.95**

An *Alice Nestleton* mystery. On a cross-town bus, Alice finds herself the witness to a senseless multiple homicide, perpetrated by a bizarre killer who leaves her cat behind. (American)

Susan Wittig ALBERT**Bloodroot****303pp Pb 18.95**

Herbalist China Bayles returns to the Deep South, where her family's legacy of silence is at last broken and the past finally, unforgettably, speaks the truth. An ancient property deed to China's family's Mississippi plantation has surfaced and the man who unearthed it has gone missing. (American)

Conrad ALLEN**Murder on the Minnesota #3****270pp Pb 23.00**

Temporarily forsaking the Cunard Line to work as private detectives aboard the Minnesota, shipboard sleuths George Dillman and Genevieve Masfield are eagerly anticipating the prospect of a cruise bound for the Far East. Once aboard, the two begin to establish separate social circles in order to keep an eye on as many passengers and crew as possible. Their luck turns quickly as a fiery Catholic missionary is murdered in what proves to be the first in a series of crimes that will stretch them to their limit. (English)

**Donna ANDERS****In All the Wrong Places****420pp Pb 19.95**

Her home-shopping fans adore Carolyn Langdon because she makes them feel as if they are her friends. But Carolyn may have shared too much. She is receiving strange phone calls at home and has the feeling she is being watched. (American)

Susan ANDERSEN**On Thin Ice 315pp Pb 19.95**

Unable to forget the loss of her skating partner despite her success as a single performer, ice champion Sasha Miller becomes passionately drawn to Mick Vinicor, a man who is not who he seems to be. (American)

Sarah ANDREWS**Fault Line****324pp Pb 17.95**

An *Em Hansen* mystery #7. Forensic geologist Emily Hansen finds herself in a heavenly situation for a geologist. Salt Lake City, on the verge of hosting the Olympics, is hit with a major earthquake, Em's first. The disaster already has local government types edgy, and a murder at the height of the emergency gets even the governor's attention. Em must use all the investigatory tools in her arsenal to uncover what in the dead geologist's life - earthquake related or not, professional or personal - could have made her the target of a killer. (American)

Campbell ARMSTRONG**The Last Darkness****360pp Tp 29.95**

It is winter in Glasgow and someone is killing prominent members of the city's business community in this haunting, atmospheric new thriller. In this city of icy pavements and Christmas street decorations, the body of a well-dressed man is found hanging from the girders of a railway bridge. Investigating the case is Lou Perlman, a detective whose idea of a good suit is anything that fits him. Perlman is a man with secrets of his own and, as one death follows another, the hunt for the killer takes him into a territory of deceit and greed, a world of old allegiances that are lethal to reawaken. (Scottish)

Jo BANNISTER**Echoes of Lies 381pp Pb 19.95**

Debuts a new series. Brodie Farrell, a single mother and professional finder of lost things (from antique china to missing persons), is hired to track down a man. Daniel Hood is subsequently tortured by order of those who wanted him found. Brodie assuages her guilt by taking him in while his scars heal. They join forces to determine why he was targeted and end up deeply involved in a wealthy family's kidnapping crisis, avoiding police involvement, much to the irritation of the inspector assigned to Daniel's case. (English)

Jo BANNISTER**True Witness 263pp Hb 49.95**

A teenage boy is beaten to death on an abandoned pier. The police are convinced they have the murderer; they just need a positive identification to lock him up for good. Neil Cochrane was the prime suspect in a serial killer investigation 10 years ago and only a travesty of justice allowed him to walk free. This time he will not escape. That is what DI Jack Deacon believes and he is a determined man. But Daniel Hood is the eyewitness and he is not prepared to bow to pressure and identify Cochrane when he is not convinced that this is the man he saw. (Irish)

William BAYER**The Dream of the Broken****Horses****447pp Pb 19.95**

One of America's most elegant and commanding writers of psycho-erotic suspense, Bayer has crafted a riveting, sharp-edged psychological thriller, perhaps his finest, most compelling work to date. Forensic sketch artist David Weiss continues his father's investigation into a notoriously unsolved double murder, which occurred 25 years before. (American)

M C BEATON**Agatha Raisin and the Love****from Hell****251pp Pb 17.95**

Recently married to James Lacey, the witty and fractious Raisin quickly finds that marriage, and love, are not all they are cracked up to be. Rather than basking in marital bliss, the newlyweds are living in separate cottages and accusing each other of infidelity. After a particularly raucous fight in the local pub, James suddenly vanishes - a bloodstain the only clue to his fate - and Agatha is the prime suspect. (English)

M C BEATON**Death of a Celebrity****274pp Pb 18.95**

A *Hamish Macbeth* mystery. Blonde, glamorous BBC reporter Crystal French has blown into Lochdubh with "Highland Life", a hard-hitting TV show that has more than just the heather shaking. Roaring into town in her bright yellow Porsche, her arrival is heralded by a speeding ticket from Constable Hamish Macbeth, in spite of her attempts at bribery and seduction. Out of revenge, her show first bumps off Felicity Pearson's Countryside program, then insults the shopkeepers to the outrage of the entire village, and finally targets Hamish Macbeth for public humiliation. But when Crystal turns up dead, an apparent suicide that turns out to be murder, the entire village becomes suspect. (English)

Mark BILLINGHAM**Sleepyhead****420pp Pb 19.95**

It is rare for a young woman to die from a stroke and when three such deaths occur in short order it starts to look like a murder epidemic. The police are not making much progress in their hunt for the killer until he appears to make a mistake: Alison Willetts is found alive and DI Tom Thorne believes the murderer has made a mistake, which ought to allow them to get on his tracks. But it was the others who were his mistakes: he does not want to take life, he just wants to put people into a state where they cannot move, cannot talk, cannot do anything but think. (English)

**Gary BIRKEN****Plague****344pp Pb 19.95**

At Franklin Hospital, a disease is reaching terrifying proportions. One by one, the patients of paediatrician Annick Clement are dying. Tracing it to a killer virus, she has made a chilling discovery: it is the work of a bio-terrorist possessed by a diabolic compulsion to kill. (American)

Norman BOGNER**The Deadliest Art****401pp Pb 21.95**

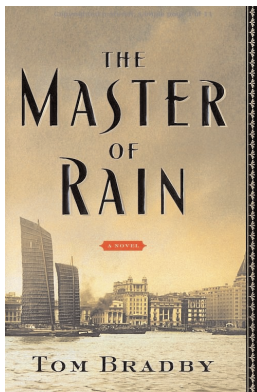
This sequel, to the author's tremendously exciting *To Die in Provence* (1998 & out-of-print), finds French detective Michel Danton investigating the murder of a young American girl whose body washed up on the beach of a popular resort near Aix-en-Provence. The investigation takes him across the world, to sunny California, where once again he comes face-to-face with the most hideous kind of thrill-killers. (American)

Janie BOLITHO**Killed in Cornwall****201pp Hb 49.95**

Despite being busy with a new exhibition, artist Rose Trevelyan is always there to offer her friends support if they need her; lately, it seems as though everyone has a problem to share. Meanwhile, Rose's sometime boyfriend DI Jack Pearce is investigating a series of burglaries and a spate of vicious attacks on young women in the area. As secrets get shared and the crimes become more serious, should Rose betray her friends' confidences or will Jack just accuse her of interfering? (English)

Tom BRADBY**The Master of Rain****589pp Pb 21.95**

Shanghai. 1926. Exotic, sexually liberated and pulsing with life, it is a place and a time where anything seems possible. For policeman Richard Field, it represents a brave new world away



from the past he is trying to escape. His first moment of active duty is the brutal and sadistic murder of a young White Russian woman, Lena Orlov. The key to the investigation seems to be Lena's neighbour, Natasha Medvedev. But can he really trust someone for whom self-preservation is the only goal? (English)

Suzanne BROCKMANN**Into the Night****461pp Pb 19.95**

It was supposed to be "a dog and pony show", an elaborate demonstration of SEAL rescue techniques, to celebrate a presidential visit to a California naval base. Professional, no-nonsense White House staffer Joan DaCosta arrives early to scope out the area. Assigned to be her SEAL liaison is Mike Muldoon, a born leader. Against her better judgment, she finds herself drawn to the handsome officer. Skilled at being "one of the guys" in the mostly male world of politics, she is dismayed when Muldoon breaks through her defences. While tension mounts between them, fuelling their growing attraction, a far more sinister danger is lurking, as terrorists plot a daring attack against the president. (American)

Christopher BROOKMYRE**The Sacred Art of Stealing****410pp Tp 28.00**

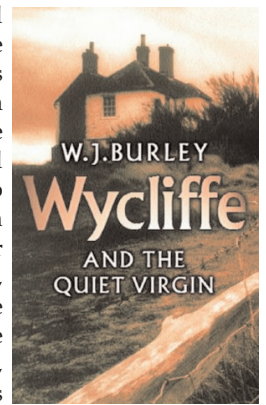
Their eyes met across a crowded room. She was just a poor servant girl and he was the son of a rich industrialist. Er, no, this is a Christopher Brookmyre novel, although the eyes meeting across a crowded room part is true. Where it differs from the fairy tales is that the room in question was crowded with hostages and armed bank-robbers, and his eyes were the only part of him she could see behind the mask. He is an art-thief par excellence and she is a connoisseur of crooks. Her job is to hunt him to extinction; his is to avoid being caught and he also has a secret agenda more valuable than anything he might steal. There are risks he can take without jeopardising his plans. He can afford to play cat-and-mouse with the female cop who is on his tail; it might even arguably be necessary. What he cannot afford is to let her get too close: he could end up in jail or, even scarier, he could end up in love! (Scottish)

W J BURLEY**Wycliffe and the Last Rites****(1992) 220pp Pb 17.95**

A bizarre murder shakes the Cornish village of Moresk. Arriving at church on Easter morning the vicar discovers the body of a woman sprawled across the chancel steps. Has the church been desecrated by a Satanist ritual? Wycliffe sees the crime more as an expression of hatred directed at others in the community besides the dead woman. His investigation, however, is frustrated at every turn, and when another horrific murder is committed Wycliffe thinks he knows who the killer is. But can he prove it? (English)

W J BURLEY**Wycliffe and the Quiet Virgin****(1986) 205pp Pb 17.95**

Wycliffe doubted whether he would enjoy his Christmas. With his wife away, he rashly accepted an invitation to stay with a Penzance lawyer and his family, but when he arrives the weather is awful, the house miles



from anywhere, and the family less than welcoming. Then a young girl goes missing. Wycliffe had seen her playing the part of the Virgin in the local nativity play, but when he asks around he discovers the girl was difficult and unpopular in the neighbourhood. Even her parents seem indifferent to their daughter's disappearance. So Wycliffe instigates a search and soon finds himself caught up in a major criminal investigation. (English)

W J BURLEY**Wycliffe in Paul's Court (1980)****207pp Pb 17.95**

Paul's Court is a quiet corner in the heart of the city: an oasis of peace and safety until the night when two of its inhabitants meet violent deaths. Old Willy Goppel, a German who specialises in making period doll's houses, is found hanging from a beam in his home; and 15-year-old Yvette Cole, with a wild reputation, is strangled and thrown half-naked over the churchyard hedge. Wycliffe has the aid of a local detective, Kersey, but even in co-operation they find this a difficult case to crack. Was Willy's death really a suicide? Or could it be that the two deaths are connected? As the investigation continues, they uncover a complex network of antagonisms in quiet Paul's Court. (English)

Gwendoline BUTLER**Coffin Knows the Answer****187pp Hb 49.95**

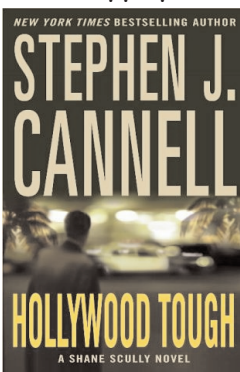
A package containing disturbing pornographic material is sent anonymously to Chief Commander John Coffin's wife, Stella. So he enlists the help of a trusted colleague and the search for the stalker is on. Meanwhile, Coffin is investigating a spate of brutal murders across London. Is there a serial killer on the loose? Similarities between the two cases soon emerge and a chilling discovery is made in the grounds of the theatre where Stella is working. Suddenly, it seems as though all Coffin holds dear is under threat. (English)

**Andrea CAMILLERI****The Shape of Water (1994)****220pp Pb 17.95**

An Inspector Montalbano mystery #1. Camilleri's novels starring the Inspector have become an international sensation and have been translated from Italian into eight languages, ranging from Dutch to Japanese. This is the first book in this sly, witty and engaging series with its sardonic take on Sicilian life. Early one morning, Silvio Lupanello, a big shot in the village of Vigàta, is found dead in his car with his pants around his knees. The car happens to be parked in a rough part of town frequented by prostitutes and drug dealers, and as the news of his death spreads, the rumours begin. With his characteristic mix of humour, cynicism, compassion and love of good food, Montalbano goes into battle against the powerful and the corrupt that are determined to block his path to the real killer. This funny and fast-paced Sicilian page-turner will be a delicious discovery for mystery aficionados and fiction lovers alike. (Sicilian)

Stephen CANNELL**Hollywood Tough****345pp Tp 29.95**

A Shane Scully novel. LAPD investigator Scully agrees to return a favour to former snitch Nicky Marcella, a street hustler turned shady movie producer. He wants Shane to find Carol



White, his former New Jersey high school classmate and an aspiring actress. What Shane finds is that she has abandoned her dreams for an abyss of drugs and prostitution, but her core of inherent decency touches him. When she is murdered, he refuses to allow her to be dismissed as just another dead whore. (American)

Stephen CANNELL**The Viking Funeral****387pp Pb 17.95**

A Shane Scully novel. Driving along the freeway, Scully glances over and sees Jody Dean, his oldest friend and LAPD colleague, at the wheel of an adjacent car. Why is Scully so surprised? Because it has been two years since Jody committed suicide in the Rampart Division parking lot by blowing his brains out with a service revolver. Shane served as a pallbearer at the funeral. What Scully will discover is that Jody and five other cops who are supposed to be dead are anything but; originally sent deep undercover to bust an extremely violent criminal network, they have become the LAPD's worst nightmare: rogue cops who know how the system works. (American)

Agatha CHRISTIE**The Collected Short Stories****458pp Tp 26.95**

This is a brand new bumper omnibus gathering together 30 classics of murder and suspense. Comprising stories from five different individual volumes, this edition contains masterpieces of short story writing, including Philomel Cottage, The Hound of Death, While the Light Lasts and Witness for the Prosecution. (English)

Harlan COBEN**Gone for Good 387pp Pb 17.95**

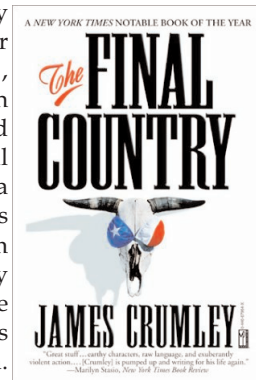
As a boy, Will Klein had a hero: his older brother, Ken. Then, on a warm suburban night in the Kleins' affluent New Jersey neighbourhood, a young woman - a girl Will had once loved - was found raped and murdered in her family's basement. The prime suspect: Ken Klein. With the evidence against him overwhelming, Ken simply vanished. Now, 11 years have passed. And Will has found evidence that Ken is alive, even as he is struck by another act of betrayal. His girlfriend suddenly disappears; leaving behind compelling evidence that she was not the person Will thought she was. As two dark dramas unwind around him, Will is pulled into a violent mystery. (American)

Barbara COLLEY**Maid for Murder 286pp Pb 16.95**

A Squeaky Clean Charlotte LaRue mystery. Charlotte cleans houses in New Orleans, often in the wealthy Garden District. Having become friendly with Jeanne Dubuisson, who cares for an elderly mother, Charlotte tries to help out after someone kills Jeanne's well-known (but philandering) attorney husband. Unfortunately, his death echoes the unsolved murder of Jeanne's father some 15 years previously. Charlotte does a little sleuthing on her own, taking a few tips from a detective niece. (American)

James CRUMLEY**The Final Country****310pp Tp 38.00**

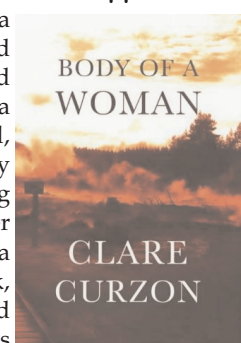
Milo Milodragovitch is back in Texas, running the bar of his dreams and trying to do a little private investigating on the side. His relationship with his woman is on the rocks ever since his overnight fling with the classy, scotch-drinking Molly McBride. Now, she has persuaded Milo to help her search for and bring to justice the lowlife who raped and murdered her sister. A simple stakeout turns hideously violent when it is discovered that Molly's prey is no ordinary miscreant, but a brute with major political connections. Soon Milo is calling on connections of his own, including shady computer geniuses, taciturn bodyguards, and his old pal Sughrue, in a plot that takes him from sweaty, dusty Mexico to the frigid mountains of Montana. (American)

**Sandy CURTIS****Deadly Tide 330pp Pb 18.95**

When her father is arrested for murder, Sam Bretton takes over as skipper of his fishing trawler, determined to clear his name. Brisbane cop Chayse Jarrett, guilt ridden by the death of a young woman on his last assignment, goes undercover on the vessel, and soon realises that Sam is hiding secrets that could implicate her father in more than murder. Secrets that scare Chayse so much, he becomes reluctant to uncover them. (Australian)

Clare CURZON**Body of a Woman****260pp Hb 49.95**

When Leila Knightley's dead body is discovered dumped in a nearby wood, dressed vampishly in a striking evening dress, her face covered by a feathered mask, both family and friends are at a loss to find any kind of explanation. Her husband, Professor Aidan Knightley, an eminent academic, had recently been offered a promotion and to many their life was a source of envy. A sensitive and powerful exploration of cause and effect, this novel is the latest in the popular series featuring Superintendent Mike Yeadings and his team. (English)

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**Claire DANIELS****Body of Intuition****290pp Pb 19.95**

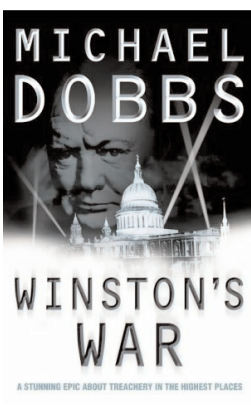
A *Karma Crime mystery*. Alternative healer Cally Lazar's sensory skills help her soothe her clients' auras. But once in a while, what she finds will make her jump out of her skin. (American)

William DIEHL**Eureka****495pp Pb 19.95**

The year is 1941. Verna Wilensky has been electrocuted in her bathtub, leaving a lower-middle-class life, no survivors and a bank account packed with almost \$100,000. Mysterious cheques have consistently come to her for more than 20 years, most drawn from a bank in San Pietro, a town once known as Eureka. As Bannon digs deeper into Wilensky's demise, he unearths a decades-old secret that starts in a shootout, builds to a bloodbath and could end up within the upper echelons of California's elite, forever changing the destiny of a state. Rich in historical detail, complex in its connection between past and present, and filled with non-stop action, this is an epic achievement of storytelling and suspense. (American)

Michael DOBBS**Winston's War****485pp Tp 27.95**

This novel is a masterful blending of imagination and compelling fact that places the reader at the right hand of the most momentous events in our history. Saturday, 1 October 1938.



Winston Churchill has reached his lowest point. Reviled, mocked and accused of being nothing more than a drunken warmonger, now his archrival, Neville Chamberlain, has done a deal with Hitler that destroys everything Churchill has fought for. But the world is about to change. Churchill is visited by a young and unkempt BBC journalist who rebukes him for being defeatist. It proves to be a turning point. Churchill grows to like his young visitor, who rekindles his determination to fight on. What Churchill does not know is that the man from the BBC is also a leading Soviet spy. His name is Guy Burgess. (English)

Jack Du BRUL**River of Ruin****540pp Pb 18.95**

At a Paris auction house, geologist Philip Mercer's bid for a rare diary makes him the target of three ruthless assassins. Why? The answer is in the diary and a mystery buried in the Panamanian jungles. (American)

Margaret DUFFY**A Hanging Matter****285pp Hb 49.95**

A brand new novel featuring Patrick Gillard and Ingrid Langley, a duo connected to MI5. No longer working for the secret service, this gripping story sees Patrick's new life shattered as he is first under suspicion and then under arrest. Complex plotting, thrilling secrets and dramatic action with a winning mix of violence, revenge and danger, it is a book to keep you hooked. (English)

Martin EDWARDS**Take My Breath Away****275pp Hb 49.95**

Lawyer turned writer Nic Gabriel is intrigued when his friend Dylan Rees starts to tell him a cryptic story about the connections between some strange and sudden deaths. But at a glitzy party, Nic watches in horror as an ex-girlfriend, who is meant to be dead, murders Dylan. Stunned by the brutal attack, Nic vows to discover the meaning behind his friend's enigmatic tale. Meanwhile, young human rights lawyer Roxanne Wake has got a secret, something she dare not tell her new employers and she is determined to keep her past hidden at all costs. Packed full of twists and turns, this novel will leave you gasping. (English)

Penelope EVANS**First Fruits****253pp Pb 19.95**

Kate Carr is the luckiest girl in the world. Everyone at school envies her because her father is such a charmer, the most mesmerising minister in Edinburgh. The clever new girl Lydia envies her most of all. Sometimes Kate wonders what it would be like to have a mother like Lydia's, or even a doting grandmother like stupid Moira's, but she knows what she has is better. She is special. She is Keith Carr's 'first fruit', his only child, his offering. He is training her up in his image, to have "It", his special power, the ability to manipulate people and she practices what he has taught her with devastating effect. (English)

Barbara FISTER**On Edge****276pp Pb 19.50**

Konstantin Slovo knows his way through the dark. He knows what it is like to live on the edge of tragedy, of sanity and of humanity. A Chicago cop, Slovo's own life had come violently apart with the shooting death of his partner. Here on the picture-perfect Maine coast, he thought he could outrun his past. But amid the crying of gulls, he has found something even worse. 20 years ago in Brimsport, police investigated a ring of sexual predators and left behind a town seething in secrets and rage. Now, children are disappearing from Brimsport, in ways that buckle the knees of hardened investigators. (American)

J F FREEDMAN**Bird's Eye View****421pp Pb 19.95**

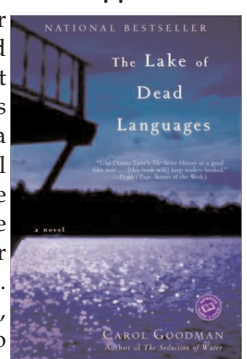
While photographing birds at dawn, maverick risk-taker and onetime star professor Fritz Tullis sights a plane with his telephoto lens as it touches down on an airstrip across the bay. It is an open secret that this area, with its multitude of hidden waterways, is becoming a hub for illegal arms and drug trafficking. Three people emerge from the plane. As Fritz watches, two of them start arguing. Suddenly and without warning, one shoots the other. The killer and his accomplice then throw the body into the plane and take off. Fritz learns that the airstrip belongs to a wealthy and elusive man with a long history of connections to the CIA. (American)

Frances FYFIELD**The Nature of the Beast****375pp Pb 19.95**

It seemed out of character for Douglas Petty to sue a tabloid newspaper for libel when it printed a scurrilous story about him. His lawyers told him he had a good chance of winning the case, mainly because his wife's testimony would clearly refute the story. But then Amy is involved in a horrendous train crash and while the authorities assume she died in the resulting fire, there is no body to prove it. In a story of mesmerising suspense, Amy slowly reveals why she cannot return to her beloved home, and why she can never escape from the lies she was told as a child. (English)

Carol GOODMAN**The Lake of Dead Languages****436pp Pb 21.95**

Jane Hudson never thought she would return to Heart Lake. Her years there as a scholarship girl ended in a double tragedy: the drowning of her two roommates. Now she is back, struggling to adjust to her new life teaching Latin and as a single mother. But the events that haunted her memories for so many years begin to recur in front of her eyes. It seems she alone can see what is happening, and only she will be able to prevent a second catastrophe. (American)

**Ed GORMAN****Will You Still Love Me****Tomorrow? 196pp Pb 17.95**

A *Sam McCain mystery* #3. When a McCarthy-era writer with Communist sympathies turns up dead, Sam has to prove that, this time, it is personal and not political. (American)

**Tim GREEN****The Letter of the Law****339pp Tp 29.95**

Casey Jordan is a young Texas attorney with the brains and the beauty to make it big. Now, Casey has been handed a case that can make her career: the defence of her brilliant, former law professor against a horrific murder charge. But while the ambitious advocate does her job flawlessly, the aftermath of the trial blows up in her face. Suddenly, Casey is caught between two dangerous men: the grief-stricken father of a young murder victim, and a cunning serial killer who plots to strike again. For Casey, following the letter of the law has put her career in jeopardy. Fulfilling the spirit of the law may cost her her life. (American)

Janis HARRISON**Lilies that Fester****251pp Pb 19.50**

A *Gardening mystery*. When Flower Shop owner Brettia Solomon leaves her hometown of River City, Missouri, and heads for a florist convention in Branson, she is surprised to find a letter from Vincent and Mabel McDuffy slipped under her hotel room door, begging for help. The McDuffys seem to know of Brettia's success as an amateur sleuth around River City, and that, coupled with their admiration for her late husband, a police officer, has inspired them to ask her to find out what happened to their daughter, who died of a heart attack a few months ago. (American)

Christiane HEGGAN**Deadly Intent****394pp Pb 17.95**

Abbie DiAngelo finally has the life she has always wanted. Her restaurant is making money and she is being heralded as the hot new chef. Then, her stepbrother re-enters her life. Straight out of prison, Ian MacGregor shows up at Abbie's door claiming to have proof that implicates her mother in a 25-year-old murder. When she arrives to pay Ian off, she finds his murdered body. Homicide detective John Ryan quickly realises there is more to the murder of this ex-con than he originally thought. And no one, especially Abbie, is telling him the truth. (American)

Libby HELLMAN**An Eye for Murder****322pp Pb 19.50**

When single mom Ellie Foreman tries to find out why her phone number was in a dead man's pocket, she unveils startling secrets about World War II, Chicago's Jewish community and her own family. (American)

Richard HERMAN**The Last Phoenix****479pp Pb 18.95**

It is the start of the new century and the world is still a very dangerous place. Fully aware that the US cannot fight two Major Theatre Wars at the same time, China and the radical Islamic states attack simultaneously. Maddy Turner, the embattled president, is forced to focus on the Middle East while fighting a holding action in Asia. She sends a ragtag collection of A-10 Warthogs to Malaysia, led by daredevil pilot Matt Pontowski. It will only be a matter of days before their base is overrun. But there is a wildcard. Victor Kamigami is a legend in the world of special operations. He is past his prime, but when Chinese guerrillas destroy his village and murder his family he sets out on a quest of retribution. (American)

Metsy HINGLE**Behind the Mask****379pp Pb 19.00**

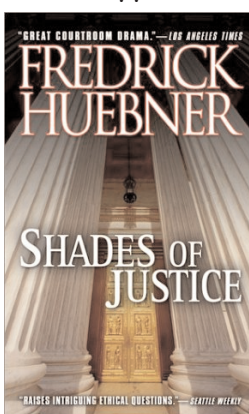
Bounty hunter Michael Sullivan is offered a cool million to find his client's wife and son. Only after he has made the call to his client does he begin to realise he has just written Lucy Webster's death sentence. And how is he going to convince her to trust him? Set in New Orleans. (American)

Hazel HOLT**Mrs Malory and Death by Water****248pp Pb 16.95**

Mrs Malory is given the unenviable task of sorting through her dear departed friend Leonora's voluminous estate. Death by polluted water seems an unfitting end for a former investigative journalist whose life was the stuff of novels. But as questions about the will arise and strangers come out of the past, Mrs Malory begins to doubt that the cause of the pollution, or Leonora's death, were due to natural causes. (English)

Fredrick HUEBNER**Shades of Justice****377pp Pb 18.95**

A forensic psychiatrist who has built a career disproving insanity claims is shattered by the implications of a highly personal murder case. The accused is a woman from his past. To prove her innocence, he must produce evidence locked deep within her mind. His biggest opposition: the suspect herself, who already confessed to killing her husband. (American)

**Stuart KAMINSKY****Retribution****248pp Pb 19.95**

A *Lew Fonesca novel*. Lew's young runaway finally seems to be turning her life around, but when she becomes involved with a reclusive bestselling author and several valuable manuscripts disappear, he knows that young Adele is in way over her head. (American)

Jack KELLY**Mobtown****308pp Pb 21.95**

Kelly packs a punch in this novel set in the deceptively quiet neighbourhoods of 1950s Rochester, New York. Ike Van Savage's latest case starts out simply enough: a threatening husband and a beleaguered wife. But before he knows it, he is pulled into a serpentine mystery that involves the town's most notorious gangster, a dead heiress and one too many accidents. Described by one critic as "adrenaline in words". (American)

Susan KELLY**Little Girl Lost****279pp Hb 49.95**

A *Superintendent Gregory Summers mystery*. When a young girl Emilia Troy goes missing, rumours about what has happened spread through the Peabody estate. The case is handed over to Summers who must solve Emilia's disappearance by trawling through his suspects' murky lives: the over protective social worker, the lonely nurse and the jilted foster parents. As his investigations progress, he is led on a manhunt for Salem through the BSE infected countryside of Newbury accompanied by a ghost from his own past, Chief Inspector Megan Davies. (English)

Susan KELLY**Killing the Fatted Calf****326pp Pb 19.95**

A *Superintendent Gregory Summers mystery*. Summers is co-operating with the National Crime Squad on Operation Cuckoo, intended to crack down on illegal immigrants. The Thames Valley is a prime target for modern day slave traders, who make the unfortunate 'slaves' pay their own fare to the Promised Land. (English)

Harry KEMELMAN**Monday the Rabbi Took Off (1972)****357pp Pb 14.95**

A *Rabbi Small mystery*. On a private exodus to Israel for a much needed rest, Rabbi Small is followed by trouble. While his congregation at home is busy plotting his dismissal, the Rabbi is up against the Wall in an international incident involving a young American student, Israeli intelligence and a group of Arab terrorists with murder on their minds. (American)

**Kate KINGSBURY****Dig Deep for Murder****198pp Pb 17.95**

A *Manor House mystery* #4. Elisabeth Hartleigh Crompton, lady of the Manor House, stubbornly insists that life must go on despite the harsh rationing of World War II England. She wants to turn a plot of her lawn into a victory garden for Sitting Marsh villagers. When they turn the earth, they find one of her tenants buried in a shallow grave. (American)

Stephen KYLE**The Experiment****383pp Pb 21.95**

This novel revolves around experiments performed in Nazi concentration camps. The story opens in 1945 with SS medical officer Dr Viktor Schiller in a frantic race to beat the American troops to Otzenhausen, the camp holding the female prisoners he used in his genetic experiments. His visions of bettering mankind by enabling knowledge and memories to be passed from mother to child has gone bad and, instead, given rise to a mutant gene that causes its carriers to be born without a conscience. (American)

Jane LANGTON**The Escher Twist****238pp Pb 18.95**

A *Homer Kelly mystery*. An exhibit of the work of the Dutch artist MC Escher is being held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, home to amateur sleuths Homer and Mary Kelly and their friend Leonard Sheldrake. At the exhibit, Leonard, an avid Escher fan, falls instantly in love with a woman in a green coat, who is equally enthralled by Escher's brilliance. To Leonard's dismay, she hurriedly leaves the exhibit, hinting to him that if he knew her better, he would not love her. Homer and Mary offer to help a now desperate Leonard find the woman but end up in an Escher-like labyrinth of their own. Enhanced with Escher illustrations throughout, Langton creates a world where every line, curve and angle leads to murder. (American)

Jose LATOUR**Havana Best Friends****378pp Tp 26.95**

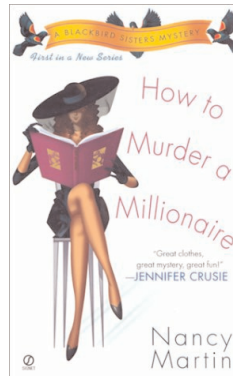
Years ago, a fleeing Batista supporter reportedly stashed an incredibly valuable collection of diamonds in a Havanan apartment. Now, a pair of Americans (posing as Canadians) has come to Cuba to find the jewels on behalf of the man's blind son, who promised them a share of the fortune if they can make it back to New York. Arriving at the apartment, they have to negotiate its present occupants, a mismatched brother and sister. Added to this is a hitman who now wants a piece of the action himself, and the pressure is on to find the diamonds and get out of Havana before someone else gets their hands on them. (Cuban)

Michael LEDWIDGE**Bad Connection 261pp Pb 19.95**

New York City telephone repairman Sean Macklin inadvertently taps into a secret conversation between an investment banker and a dot-com entrepreneur, and before his conscience can tell him otherwise, he turns his insider information of an imminent merger into a tidy profit through day trading. Repeating the offence and hearing more than he should, he calls on his brother, NYPD officer Ray, for help. In a world where nothing is as it sounds, the Macklin brothers become the bait in a cutthroat game of blackmail, corruption and violence. (American)

Nancy MARTIN**How to Murder a Millionaire****260pp Pb 19.50**

A *Blackbird Sisters mystery* #1. When Nora Blackbird's parents skipped town and left her with a property tax bill for \$2m, she found herself in dire need of a pay cheque. So the former debutante finds work as the society page columnist for a Philly paper. She is happy to reclaim her place within the city's elite until her first party assignment sends her stumbling upon the murdered body of the host. Nora's sisters, sexy Emma and flaky Libby, complicate matters as she investigates. And meanwhile, the son of a rumoured New Jersey crime boss is pursuing Nora with bone-melting come-ons she can barely resist. (American)

**S K McCLAFFERTY****Don't Tell a Soul****352pp Pb 16.95**

In the Bayou des Canes, Louisiana, bad things happen. For successful attorney Clare Sumner this case is not just professional, it is personal. It was her best friend who was pulled from the murky depths long ago, her father who was convicted for a crime he did not commit. With her father on death row, Clare returns home, seeking justice. (American)

G A McKEVETT**Peaches and Screams****300pp Pb 19.50**

A *Savannah Reid mystery*. When her sister Marietta gets married again, PI Savannah Reid revisits her Southern roots. The arrest of their baby brother for murdering a philandering judge postpones the event, however, until Savannah can make things right. (American)

Benjamin MILLER**Zero Hour****372pp Pb 18.95**

A *Technology Versus Nature* novel. Antarctica. Deep below the frozen surface of the Ross Sea, a sub-glacial volcano erupts. Above it, a geothermal power plant faces certain destruction. Heading the disaster-relief team is USAF Colonel Tom Reed, who must use every technological tool at his disposal to keep environmental conditions under control. But as the waters heat up, a global disaster of apocalyptic proportions is brewing: a hurricane that could literally tear the earth apart. Between technology and nature, it is war. For Colonel Reed and his crew, it is a suicide mission. (American)

Denise MINA**Sanctum****300pp Tp 29.95**

Why do some women find criminals irresistible? Why do some marry convicted murderers while they are in prison? These are some of the issues Mina addresses in her fourth thought-provoking novel, which combines acute psychological insights with great writing and a page-turning narrative. (Scottish)

Lisa MISCIONE**Angel Fire****293pp Pb 17.95**

The bloody murder of her mother when she was a teenager made Lydia Strong into a woman obsessed with bringing brutal killers to justice. Now, at 30-years-old, she is a reclusive bestselling true crime writer and investigative consultant whose intuitions never lie. The latest case to capture her attention is the disappearance of three adults, each the kind of loner whose sudden absence is not missed because they have no family and few friends. The Santa Fe Police do not see a pattern, but when another woman goes missing, her apartment streaked with blood, even the police have to admit that something is wrong in their usually quiet town. (American)

Chris MOONEY**World Without End****500pp Pb 17.95**

The CIA is facing an unknown enemy. His genius: the ability to steal prototype weapons with unimaginable destructive powers and leave no trace of their whereabouts. Top-secret operations know the next target: a company in Texas, which has developed a military combat uniform that renders a soldier virtually invisible. Optical camouflage offers limitless possibilities and no one knows that better than Steve Conway. But as Conway and his team set the trap for the elusive thief, things go terribly wrong. (American)



Tara MOSS



Split 402pp Pb 18.95

Mak has returned to Vancouver, eager to finish her studies in forensic psychology. The campus, however, is gripped by fear and students are fair game for a killer. (Australian)

Tamar MYERS



Gruel and Unusual Punishment 257pp Pb 16.95

A *Pennsylvania Dutch mystery with Recipes #10*. When an imprisoned conman meets his maker after sampling a bowl of gruel laced with arsenic, it is cruel and unusual punishment indeed. And since Dutch Inn owner Magdalena Yoder provided the last supper, she is convinced that one of his many visitors must have added the sinister secret ingredient. (American)

Andrew NEIDERMAN



Under Abduction 310pp Pb 19.95

In broad daylight, Anna Gold is abducted at gunpoint in a supermarket parking lot. Her kidnappers drive off with her and hold her captive, shackled in a basement. Recently estranged from her orthodox Jewish family, Anna had just begun a new life in upstate New York, testing the world outside her restrictive upbringing. Her passionate love affair with a married man was one of her new freedoms and now Anna, carrying her lover's child, may be paying the price. For it is not Anna her captors want, but her baby. (American)

Leslie O'KANE



Death of a PTA Goddess 262pp Pb 19.95

A *Molly Masters mystery*. Everybody agrees that talented mom Patty Birch is the perfect president to lead the Carlton Central School PTA to new accomplishments. Under her steady stewardship, the organisation verges on winning a prestigious award. Her skills, however, are sorely tested when angry board members assemble to discuss a secret video that reveals their pettiness and ineptitude. Not long after the meeting adjourns, a knife-wielding killer cuts Patty's tenure short. (American)

Perri O'SHAUGHNESSY



Unfit to Practice 420pp Tp 29.95

It is every attorney's nightmare. And now the worst has happened: the secrets are being revealed, one by one, in ways that will cause the greatest harm. Nina Reilly's own clients complain to the State Bar of California, and suddenly Nina is fighting for her license and her livelihood in a legal proceeding that may ultimately lead her to disbarment. In desperation, Nina turns to her ex-husband, celebrated San Francisco lawyer Jack McIntyre, to represent her. (American)

Barbara PARKER



Suspicion of Vengeance 415pp Pb 21.00

12-years ago, the brutal murder of a young wife and mother rocked the quiet coastal town of Stuart, Florida, and a local troublemaker was sentenced to death for the crime. Now, new evidence has come to light, and Miami attorney Gail Conner agrees to take the case against the wishes of her fiancé, top criminal defence lawyer Anthony Quintana. One look at the trial transcript convinces Gail that her client was wrongfully convicted but to save his life, she will have to push the law to the breaking point. (American)

P J PARRISH



Thicker than Water 379pp Pb 18.95

On a hot night in Florida, a beautiful woman is brutally raped and murdered. 20 years later, the man convicted of her slaying is released from prison, only days before another horrific slaying is committed. Now, Louis Kincaid must follow a trail of death that leads him into a web of secrets and lies surrounding a twisted killer. (American)

Thomas PERRY



Pursuit 397pp Pb 21.00

Roy Prescott's job is to hunt people down and then to kill them. Now, he has been hired to find a monster: a man who is as alone as he is, as smart, as methodical, as deadly, and even more arrogant. Prescott knows that to find this monster he must get inside his head, get him angry and force him to come after him. Soon he gets his wish. (American)

Chris PETIT



The Human Pool 406pp Tp 27.95

An epic thriller, spanning six decades and three continents, tracing a history of secret deals dating back to WWII. In the war, Willi Schmidt was a Swiss shoe salesman who dealt black-market leather for Nazi boots and information for US intelligence. When Joe Hoover saw him fall into a freezing river in 1945, no one asked any questions. 50 years later, Hoover receives a call and a package. The call is from an old SS contact convinced Willi is alive. Falling in with a journalist investigating contemporary Neo-Nazis, Hoover is drawn back into the past. At each step, he finds the shadow of Willi Schmidt and the spectre of WWII's most grotesque and enduring legacy, a trade in people. (English)

Michael PRESCOTT



Next Victim 372pp Pb 19.95

FBI agent Tess McCallum closes in on the serial killer who murdered her lover just as he gets his hands on a chemical weapon that could raise the body count to thousands of victims. (American)

Mary Roberts RINEHART



The Man in Lower Ten (1909) 250pp Pb 17.95

Lawrence Blakely was not taking any chances with the briefcase. It held evidence that would convict a powerful figure in Washington of forgery. He had required great cunning to get hold of the documents but that would prove nothing to the task of holding onto them. (American)

Karen ROBARDS



To Trust a Stranger 422pp Pb 21.95

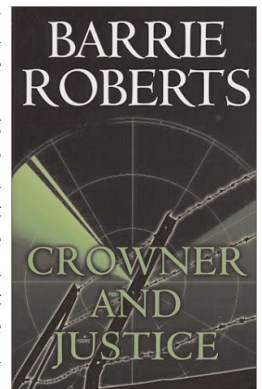
Suspicion. It burned through every nerve and fibre of Julie Carlson. It was the heartbreaking, infuriating suspicion that her husband was having an affair. To the rest of the world, Sid Carlson was a wealthy contractor with friends in highly influential places. But to Julie, he was a man who had cheated on their marriage vow and she knew she had to take desperate measures. Who can she trust? Heartbroken by her husband, Julie turns to a handsome stranger. (American)

Barrie ROBERTS



Crown and Justice 229pp Hb 49.95

Chris Tyroll is a busy litigation lawyer in the West Midlands. One morning three clients come to him with totally different problems. The first, an Employment Tribunal case against British Defence Systems,



looks complicated. The company put their staff at risk when they were at work on a potentially lethal seek and destroy weapon, The Retaliator. Then Tyroll deals with a distraught mother who cannot accept her son's death and wants to get the coroner's verdict changed from suicide to murder. And finally, why won't a local farmer let his field be used to graze ponies? As Tyroll investigates these cases a chance comment by a witness reveals that all three cases are somehow connected. (English)

Michael SLADE



Death's Door 368pp Pb 19.95

When Chief Superintendent Robert DeClercq and his team follow a clue to an underground snuff film operation, they believe they have encountered man's sickest desires. They are wrong! Something even more cunning and depraved is waiting for them. (Canadian)

**Susan SLOAN****Act of God 469pp Tp 29.95**

In an unthinkable act of violence, someone has made the Seattle Family Services Centre the target of their rage. Now, nearly 200 innocent men, women and children are dead, and Naval Officer Corey Dean Latham has been arrested. In the court of public opinion, he is sentenced to death. Now, attorney Dana McAuliffe must construct a defence for the most hated man in America, a situation that forces her to question everything she believes about the law, about truth and about herself. With a fever-pitched debate about abortion swirling around her, McAuliffe attempts to defend a man whose acquittal, by all accounts, will take a miracle. (American)

Patricia SPRINKLE**Who Left That Body in the Rain? 291pp Pb 17.95**

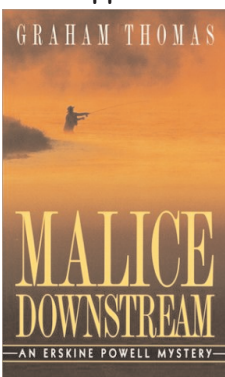
A *Thoroughly Southern mystery*. Georgia magistrate, MacLaren Yarbrough, investigates the murder of a dear family friend and uncovers more dark secrets about their lives than she ever wanted to know. (American)

James THAYER**Force 12 389pp Pb 18.95**

For world-famous software billionaire Rex Wyman, winning the Pacific Winter Challenge, an arduous race over some of the world's most treacherous seas, may be the only thing that can save his crumbling empire. And aboard the *Victory*, his \$75 million computer-operated yacht, the odds are in his favour. But unbeknownst to Wyman and his girlfriend, Gwen, someone wants to win even more, by any means necessary. (American)

Graham THOMAS**Malice Downstream 227pp Pb 19.95**

An *Erskine Powell mystery*. For the Detective-Chief Superintendent, the invitation to visit an old friend in the small idyllic town of Houghton Bridge is too good to pass up. With superb fishing on the River Test, the trip will give him a much-needed chance to rest. Still, Powell cannot seem to unwind. Then the body of a potential member of the Mayfly Fishing Club turns up one morning, tangled in the weeds along the bank. Powell has no choice but to step into the investigation. In a town where gossip is the only thing more popular than a rod and reel, there will be a lot of deep secrets to wade through before he can catch a killer on his line. (Canadian)

**Carlene THOMPSON****Black for Remembrance (1991) 322pp Pb 19.95**

20 years after Caroline Webb's five-year-old daughter Hayley was kidnapped and murdered, Caroline finds her life with her new husband and daughter threatened by bizarre events that lead her to believe that Hayley wants revenge. (American)

Brad THOR**The Lions of Lucerne 506pp Pb 14.95**

When the President is kidnapped during his ski holiday in Colorado, disavowed Secret Service Agent Scott Harvath is his only hope of rescue. As the FBI and CIA chase a string of dangerously false clues across the Middle East, Harvath's investigation leads him to Switzerland. With only the ambitious Claudia Muehler of the Swiss Federal Attorney's Office to assist him, the pair is forced to go it alone as they realise the kidnapping plot reaches some of the highest levels of the Swiss Intelligence community. (American)

Margaret TRUMAN**Murder at Ford's Theatre 321pp Hb 72.00**

A *Capital Crimes novel*. It was the site of one of the most infamous assassinations in American history. Now, Truman premieres a new murder at Ford's Theatre, one that is hot off today's headlines. The body of Nadia Zarinski, an attractive young woman who worked for senator Bruce Lerner is discovered in the alley behind the theatre. (American)

K WISHNIA**Red House 280pp Pb 19.50**

Sharp-tongued Ecuadorian Filomena Buscarsela is back for her 4th appearance, keeping the peace on the mean streets of New York City. Former cab driver Fil is now working as an underpaid underling at a PI firm while studying to receive her own PI license. Setting out to show her bosses that she can pull in high-paying cases, she succeeds with a mysterious murder linked to all kinds of wrongdoing. (American)

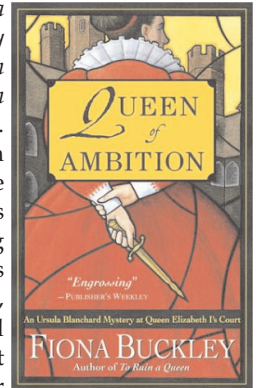
James WOULFE**Against all Enemies 392pp Pb 18.95**

This is the story of a war that started small and escalated. When the South American country of San Selva began burning Amazon rainforests, Washington applied pressure to appease popular opinion. Soon, the US found itself in a fully-fledged war against an enemy it was not prepared to fight. What started as politics will have to end on the battlefield. An active Major in the US Marine Corps wrote this novel. (American)

HISTORICAL CRIME

**Fiona BUCKLEY****Queen of Ambition 354pp Pb 19.95**

An *Ursula Blanchard Mystery at Queen Elizabeth I's Court #5. 16th century, England*. Assigned as a harbinger for the Queen's upcoming Summer Progress to Cambridge, Ursula is placed in charge of not only Her Majesty's comfort but also her safety. When a handsome young student's all-too-conveniently timed death rouses her suspicions, Ursula applies her superior powers of observation to untangling a mystifying jumble of oddities, and discovers ominous signs of treason. (English)

**Carole Nelson DOUGLAS****Another Scandal in Bohemia (1994) 467pp Pb 18.95**

A *Novel of Suspense Featuring Sherlock Holmes and Irene Adler. 1888, Prague*. This novel was originally published as "Irene's Last Waltz". The American diva returns for a rematch with Holmes when the murder of a humble bead girl in Paris spirals into an international plot to reshape the map of Europe. (American)

Margaret FRAZER**The Clerk's Tale 310pp Pb 19.95**

A *Dame Frevisse Medieval mystery. 1446, Berkshire Downs*. St Mary's infirmary garden was a place for the growing of healing herbs and a place of quiet for those nuns who had been ill. The fact that it was designed for serenity and comfort made it doubly wrong to find Master Montfort sprawled out on the grass there. Dead. That he had died violently was neither a surprise nor a distress to Dame Frevisse. Her past dealings with him when he was crowner had not been pleasant. And as royal escheator in charge of determining the rightful heirs of important properties, Monfort had enemies enough. In fact, his death seemed directly related to his work. Montfort was to settle an inheritance dispute between a wealthy woman and her supposed nephew. If he is actually her dead sister's son, he stands to inherit an estate. Frevisse must step in and untangle the fortunes and felonies in this complicated case of political and familial rivalries. But her real challenge is to put aside her feelings and serve justice for the murder of an unjust man. (American)

**Michael JECKS**

The Devil's Acolyte 395pp Pb 18.95
A Medieval West Country mystery #13. 1322, Devon moors. Amidst the myth and folklore of Tavistock, one tale above all others strikes fear into the hearts of the town's inhabitants. It is the murders on the Abbot's Way, whereby a young acolyte paid the price for stealing his abbot's wine when the devil himself led him to his death on the treacherous Devon moors. Now it looks as though history may be repeating itself. Abbot Robert has found his wine barrel empty and a body has been discovered on the moors. Sir Baldwin Furnshill and Bailiff Simon Puttock are called upon to investigate but it soon becomes apparent that it is not just wine that has gone missing from the abbey, and the body on the moor is not the last. (English)

Michael KURLAND

The Great Game 296pp Tp 39.00
A Professor James Moriarty novel. 1891, Europe. Labelled the "Napoleon of Crime" by an obsessed Sherlock Holmes, Moriarty is a prominent scientist, a keen analytical mind and a dabbler in less than savoury doings. In Vienna, the younger son of a British nobleman (indulging in what was then known as the "Great Game" of amateur spying) finds himself framed for the murder of his paramour and the assassination of an Austrian Duke. What Moriarty uncovers is a cabal, which seems to be using assassination to destabilise the rule of the crowned heads of Europe. But he also senses that there is something even bigger than this operating (a conspiracy behind the conspiracy) and detects the workings of a mind quite possibly as clever as his own. (American)

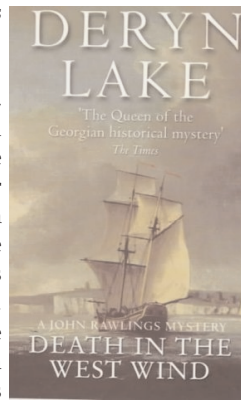
Deryn LAKE

Death at St James's Palace 286pp Hb 49.95
A John Rawlings mystery. 1761, London. Famous magistrate John Fielding is to be honoured with a knighthood. As the invited audience eagerly crane for a first glimpse of the new queen, a terrible accident occurs when a crowd-member tumbles down the great staircase to his death. But not one person *saw* him begin to fall; even those standing closest to him had their eyes fixed on the royal entrance. The only person to witness anything untoward was Fielding, a blindman. A whispered sentence, an exhalation of breath: these are the only clues available to suggest the fall was no accident. Apothecary Rawlings sets out to investigate and is soon drawn into a very intriguing mystery, in which suspicious characters abound. (English)

Deryn LAKE

Death in the West Wind 386pp Pb 19.95

A John Rawlings mystery. Devon, April 1759... New l y w e d s , Rawlings and Emilia, are spending their h o n e y m o o n touring the m y s t e r i o u s county of Devon. The gruesome discovery of a young girl's body, badly beaten and bruised and draped over the figurehead of a schooner draws the Apothecary into the investigation. He recognises the dead girl as Juliana van Guilder, and when her brother, Richard, goes missing too John realises that, honeymoon or no, he is deeply involved in something rather sinister. Soon the Flying Runners are on the scene, but although they know the identity of the dead girl, they are still no further towards finding her killer. And where does the violent gang that has been terrorising Exeter, the mysterious Society of Angels, fit in to all this? John Rawlings is determined to solve this case...even if it means putting himself in danger. (English)

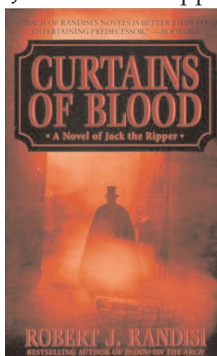
**Sharan NEWMAN**

To Wear the White Cloak 366pp Pb 18.95

A Catherine LeVendeur mystery #7. Medieval France. Catherine's faith is sorely tested when she and her family return to France after a long absence, and discover a Knight Templar has been brutally murdered. Also, someone is threatening to reveal her closely held secret about her family's Jewish roots. Ultimately, it falls upon her to discover who would kill a soldier of God. (American)

Robert RANDISI

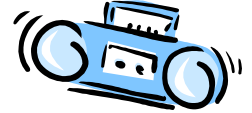
Curtains of Blood 353pp Pb 17.95
A Jack the Ripper novel. 1888, London. The reign of terror has captured the imagination of a young writer and theatre manager named Bram Stoker. The police have closed his production of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde and suspect its star of being Jack the Ripper. His livelihood



endangered, Stoker sets out on his own to find the real killer. But Jack wants just as badly to get Bram. When the madman and the author meet face-to-face, a new chapter will be written in annals of horror. (American)

Harold SCHECHTER

The Hum Bug 493pp Pb 14.95
Spring, 1844, New York. Barnum's American Museum on Broadway is packing them in, especially the Hall of Crime and Punishment. The problem is that the murder of a young woman exactly replicates one of the most famous crime scenes (the murder of Ellen Jennings) in the wax museum. Barnum seeks Edgar Allan Poe's amateur-detective expertise in clearing his name and finding the murderer. (American)

**CRIME
AUDIO****Agatha CHRISTIE**

Radio Mysteries Collection Vol 1 & 2
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Patricia Routledge and Julia McKenzie are amongst the all star cast in these six classic short stories: Philomel Cottage, Swan Song, Magnolia Blossom, Witness for the Prosecution, The Gate of Baghdad and The Hound of Death.

Raymond BENSON

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Based on the screenplay by Neal Purvis and Robert Wade. Read by Samantha Bond.

**CRIME
NON-FICTION****Herbert ASBURY**

The Gangs of New York (1927)
 363pp Pb 21.95

Long out of print and a cult classic, this book is a tour through a now unrecognisable city of abysmal poverty and habitual violence. A film tie-in edition. (American)

George BAKER

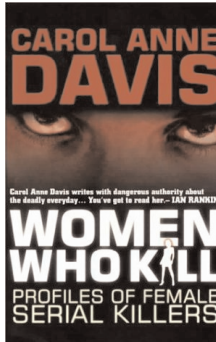
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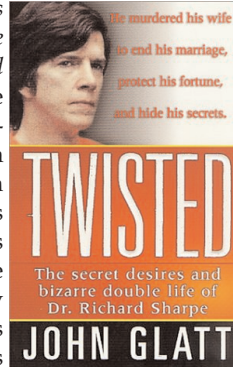
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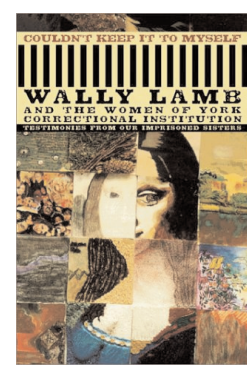
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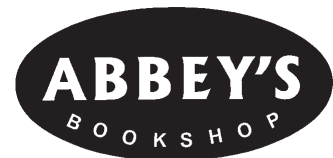
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